

EASTERN ORE. RICH COUNTRY

LA GRANDE HAS LARGE AND VALUABLE TERRITORY.

Natural and Industrial Center of a Vast Inland Domain.

(Contributed.)

If asked what keeps up La Grande, most people would respond that La Grande is the payroll city and it is due to such payrolls that La Grande enjoys such a steady business and healthy growth. While this is doubtless true, what is that keeps up the payrolls in La Grande? What brought the payrolls to this city? What is it that is constantly bringing more payrolls?

Capital doesn't play favorites. There must be some intrinsic merit in a place to secure the expenditure of

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money that must precede and accompany any payroll. What is it then that augurs a bright future for La Grande? It is clearly nothing but its location, that is, its surrounding territory. The utility of any thing is judged entirely by its relations to other things. If it were not for the tributary country, the transportation advantages, the natural resources, etc., any city, no matter how well constructed, could not last any time at all.

Now, if a city's worth is estimated by its relation to other things we should determine what are our relations with the rest of the world. It is from this point of view that one can understand the advantages of La Grande and can better appreciate the value of our great diversified country.

Take down a map of Eastern Oregon and study it for a while. Geographically considered La Grande is in the very center of that vast territory. Likewise, La Grande is in the center of population of Eastern Oregon. Also it is just the right distance from Portland to possess the great advantage of being a railroad division point.

From La Grande a water grade has been built into the great Wallowa county, thereby making it the outlet of that great producing section. Other railroads are being planned for Eastern Oregon and these, most of them, center in this city. New people, new enterprises, new institutions already promised to La Grande indicate that this city will soon take a distinctive lead as the metropolis of all Eastern Oregon. But let us not forget the farmer and stockman, and their products, which are really the maintaining factors in the development of any country.

Our hills are covered with timber

and filled with minerals. Our valleys produce all the ranges and meadows raise the choicest of cattle and horses. This Eastern Oregon is a large country and there is plenty of room for many more people than we have. All of the little towns and cities will enjoy a good growth for many years, our large farms will be subdivided, and our farming will become intensified as well as diversified.

La Grande must learn to appreciate the value of this surrounding territory, especially Union and Wallowa counties. It is our lumbermen, our miners, our stockmen, and our farmers that are the real producers. It is these together with the manufactures that bring wealth among us. It is these who make the payrolls a possible source of income.

Surely the day is past when La Grande is jealous of other communities. There is no benefit possible to any section of Eastern Oregon that will not benefit La Grande. The citizens of Elgin, Union, North Powder, Cove, the Wallowa towns, etc., and the farmers are all neighbors of La Grande. La Grande is a great advantage to them, and they are a great help to La Grande. No community can isolate itself from the world and prosper, for it must keep up its relations with the rest of the earth to be of any value.

Come, now, let us all take in Union's stock show, Cove's cherry fair, Elgin's Fourth of July celebration, the Wallowa county fair, La Grande's chautauqua, and the Union county fair and any other good times that may be planned for us. Let us all work for the upbuilding of Eastern Oregon.

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'JIM' RIGGS SUMMONED

PIONEER OF ELGIN PASSES AWAY.

Personal News and Mention From and About Elgin Community.

Elgin, May 29.—(Special)—James H. Riggs, a pioneer of this section, died May 23. Mr. Riggs, commonly known as "Jim" was well known and liked by all who knew him.

James H. Riggs was born in Rochdale, Lancashire, England, December 18, 1837, therefore 75 years, five months and five days old. The deceased leaves numerous relatives and numberless friends to grieve his death. The remains were interred in the Summerville cemetery, the funeral services being held in the city hall at 12 o'clock Sunday.

Miss June Herlock, one of the class of 1913 of Elgin High school, left for Portland Monday evening to spend the summer months with her mother and other relatives.

Miss Lillian Morse, who for the past year has been living in Seattle, is in Elgin visiting with relatives and friends.

Miss Lillian Hansen of Haines visited with her folks in Elgin Monday, returning on the evening train. L. Denham was a business visitor

FALLOW WORK SEASON ON

FARMERS DEVOTING ATTENTION TO FARMS.

Sunshine Needed in Red Pepper District—Other News Items.

Red Pepper District, May 27.—(Special)—Most of the farmers are busy summer following now. Burl Conley has four big teams running. A nice little rain once in a while is all we need to make things grow and look fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Tuck Conley were La Grande visitors Saturday evening.

Mrs. Ernest Miller and son, Gilbert, attended the birthday party Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Puckett of Riverside school district, in honor of their son, Owen, who was 12 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Conley and son, Lester, and Mrs. Conley's mother, Mrs. Heryford, and Elton Heryford all went to North Powder Sunday, the day was fine, the roads were extra fine, and they all had a fine time. They made the trip in an automobile.

Ernest Miller was a La Grande visitor Thursday.

The river is just about the same as it has been for the past two weeks, but more than 10 hard rains will bring another rush of water and raise the river.

in La Grande Monday evening.

Miss Hortense Smith, who has been attending school at St. Helens Hall at Portland for the past winter, is home for the summer vacation.

George Atherton of Wallowa passed through Elgin Monday en route to Wichita, Kansas, where he will visit with his relatives. He will return in the fall.

George Lindgren of La Grande is in Elgin visiting with his many friends.

Miss Verna Fleming left Monday evening for Portland where she will spend the summer with her aunt.

James Flemming is visiting with his relatives, Thos. Flemming and family, who live on their ranch south of Elgin.

IMBLER ITEMS.

Imbler, May 28.—(Special)—Walter Stingham has purchased a new Overland automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Waddell are the parents of a ten pound boy, born May 21st.

Miss McKelvey, the high school teacher, left for her home in Portland last Friday evening.

School closed with a program and a picnic at Mr. McCullough's grove, which caused everybody that went to have a good time.

The ball game between Imbler and Alicel was a grand speed-imbler game. Alicel thought that the game was theirs till R. Hudson got warmed up, and then it went the other way. He was relieved by Jeff Bell at the latter part of the game. The banker's arm was rather strong at the first of the game but he soon cooled down. Ted Conklin got his hand badly hurt, but he was there with the goods. The game stopped with a score of 18 to 7. The winner's prize was a new ball and bat.

There was a social play party at Harry Ruhls' last Saturday night. Every body had a good time.

Ray and Wayne Keown are very busy riding on the streets of Imbler on their new velocipedes.

A good many Imbler people went on the Saturday morning train to Elgin to take in the sights and scenes, but they all returned at 6:15.

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