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TAKEN IN LIFE'S PRIME

The untimely death of Miss Donna Geddes brings us all face to face once more with the uncertainty of life. She was in the pink of young womanhood, useful to her relatives and friends because of her splendid character and sterling womanly qualities, yet she was taken from those who loved her, taken from the family circle which she made complete with her presence. To the parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Geddes, the Observer can but extend the earnest, heartfelt sympathy of this entire community, knowing at the same time that words from human lips count for but little when the heartstrings are torn by grief and the happy home that this young lady so gracefully adorned is today but a meeting place for those who loved her dearly.

THE FARMERS' CONVENTION

La Grande will take on the aspect of a convention city when the Farmers' Union meets here on the second of December. That this meeting will be an important one needs no mention. That the association of farmers and La Grande residents must mean much to both is equally as evident. That the farmer is the factor of last resort in the maintenance of society as we know it, all right minded people admit. That the business man is a needed factor in the business of farming is also too true for much comment. But the farmer lives on his farm and does not come in direct communication with his town brother oftener than once a week. The resident of the city sees the same faces day after day and is not always conscious of the fact that he is but one member of a large family and that he is reliant upon some one else for things to eat and wear. It is only on rare occasions that they associate for the interchange of thoughts and feelings that go together to link the world into one big family. The problems of the business man are common with those of the farmer. More intimate than casual thought would lead one to think that the necessary feeling which acts like the lubricant for the harmonies and smooth interchange of relations, must come from these big meetings.

Feeling creates feeling. It was once said that if you want a man to fight you must arouse him to anger by a like feeling in yourself. If you want co-operation among men you must show them that they will gain by it. It is a law of our being that all strive to acquire as much as we can. But there is another law as important as the one just enunciated and that is that virtue lies midway. It is the equalizer of all of our aims and feelings and in the end brings all of us to the same common level. These principles applied to the coming meeting ought to instill into the minds of both farmers and citizens that they are necessary to each other and that harmonious working together is the first requisite to the accomplishments of the aims of either.

The reason why a good many things never assume any volume or importance is this lack of mutual feeling. If one is of the opinion that the other is getting the better of a deal it is likely to kill the enthusiasm of the other. If both come to an understanding that they are necessary to each other and agree to the terms, the only remaining requisite is that both of them repose the necessary confidence in each other's honesty. The farmer is keen for the knowledge that will enable him to increase the yield of his fields, and for an opportunity that will enable him to market his goods to the best advantage. He is satisfied with a reasonable price for his produce. The dweller in the city is satisfied to get what he needs at reasonable figures. But feeling is not always spontaneous, does not come alone by thinking. Men are not dealing in abstract things alone and for that reason there is need of doing something visible to the eye, something that will reach the mind through the sense of hearing. In other words it behooves the citizens as well as the farmers to make such preparations as the conditions and the aims to be reached demand. To create the spirit of helpfulness and co-operation we must work with the spirit to please and never falter in doing an assigned task.

Men of great learning are to be the guests of the city. To meet them and make friends of them is the duty and pleasure of everyone of the community. Gradually, but surely, the art museums of the United States are becoming the possessors of the most priceless paintings and other works of art. And it is not altogether beyond the possibilities that some day art students will find it necessary to visit this country before their education is completed, even as they now feel it necessary to go to Europe in order to become acquainted with the greatest works of the greatest masters. We have made a wonderful beginning in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, in the Corcoran gallery at Washington and in the art institutes of Boston, Baltimore and Chicago, as well as in the smaller

collections in the other large and small cities of this country. The late J. Pierpont Morgan left a wonderful collection, which in time is almost sure to become the public's. And now Benjamin Altman, the New York department store owner, who died only a few days ago, has left his collection valued at \$15,000,000 to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. In this collection alone there are fourteen Rembrandts. Besides, there are portraits of King Philip IV and Olivares, by Valasquez, which alone cost Mr. Altman \$1,000,000. Mr. Altman was a bachelor, and collecting works of art was his hobby. What more endearing monument to his memory could have been left a grateful public than this most valuable series of paintings? With such splendid spirit shown by so many of our very wealthy men, the only thing that stands in the way of America as the world's art center is the hard and fast law laid down by old-country governments, that paintings and statuary by the great masters shall not be permitted to be shipped out of those countries.

AMERICA, ART CENTER

NOTICE FOR PROPOSED STREET IMPROVEMENT. To whom it may concern: You are hereby notified that the commissioners appointed by the common council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, to make an examination of the property, upon which assessments are to be of the street improvement hereinafter described, as to the valuation and extent, if any of the benefits to be derived by said property by reason of said improvement, have made their report in writing to said council, which levied to pay the costs and expenses report has been received by said council, and is on file in the office of the recorder of said city, and is open for your inspection. That it is the intention of said council to levy a special assessment against all the property hereinafter described for the purpose of paying the costs and expenses of improving Second street from the north property line of Spring avenue to the south line of the culvert ex-

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tending over the irrigation ditch or canal crossing said Second street, through lot 3 in block 18 and lot 4 in block 5, Grandy's Addition to said city, by laying thereon Gravel Bitulithic Pavement according to the plans and specifications therefor heretofore adopted by said council and on file in the office of the recorder of said city.

That the real property included in and the boundaries of the district benefited by said proposed improvement are as follows: Commencing at a point in the center of the alley in block 18 in Grandy's Addition to the city of La Grande, due west of the northwest corner of lot 3 in said block 18, running thence south along the center line of the alley in blocks 18, 17, 16, 15, 14 and 13, in Grandy's Addition to said city to the north property line of Spring avenue, thence east to a point due south of the center of block 10, Grandy's Addition to said city, thence north along the center line of the alley in blocks 10, 9, 8, 7, 6 and 5, Grandy's Addition to said city, to the south line of the right of way of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company, thence northwest along the south line of said right of way to the north line of lot 4 in block 5, Grandy's Addition to said city, thence west along the north line of said lot 4 and the north line of lot 3 in block 18 of Grandy's Addition to said city to the place of beginning, said Improvement District, consisting of and including the following described parcels of real property, to-wit:

The east half of blocks 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, and the west half of blocks 10, 9, 8, 7 and 6, in Grandy's Addition to said city, and lots 1, 2 and 3, in block 18, and lots 4, 5 and 6, in block 5 in Grandy's Addition to said city, all in the city of La Grande, Oregon, and the estimated cost of said proposed improvement is \$16,311.60. You will further take notice that said city council will meet at the council chamber in the city building of said city on the 19th day of November, 1913, at 8:00 o'clock p. m. of said day to consider

making said proposed levy and will then and there grant a hearing to any and all persons feeling aggrieved against, or on account of, said proposed assessment. Dated at La Grande, Oregon this 6th day of November, 1913. CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON, LEE WARNICK, Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon. 11-7 10 t.

Luther Burbank says the cactus will soon become a very common dish. Then we may look for the cactus trust almost any time now.

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