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FARM PRODUCES REAL MANHOOD.

La Grande will today see assembled some of the best citizens of the state.

It is known to every man of letters that most of the big men of the country either grew up on the farm or were the direct descendants of the same hardy stock of agriculturist. It is estimated that 75 per cent of the world's financiers are men who had gotten their breadth of vision on the farm. The world's greatest orators and preachers are men who in their early youth imbibed the secret of greatness out on the fields following the plow and listening to the early music of nature at sunrise.

There is no doubt that the life on the farm, removed from the enervating haste of the city is one of the greatest boons that can befall any young man, or young woman. True they may not be versed in the latest creations of style or know the latest show, but they are storing up something of more value than all of these glittering things. They are learning one of the best things in life and that is the faculty to tackle one thing and stick to it until finished. They are learning to look at things in the light of nature's laws and that is one of the things which this generation of hosts is fast forgetting. They are cultivating the faculty for bigness without which our present system of business would not be on a competitive basis with the rest of the world. The farmer is usually a man of cool reasoning. He deliberates a long while and then puts into execution in a quiet way the matter that has come to a focus in his mind. It is nothing other than doing things, not on the spur of the feelings, but following out the experience which years of mature contemplation has brought him. He is primarily a man of reserve force. This was brought in the Boer war when the sturdy Dutch withstood for so long the onslaughts of the entire English army. And it is safe to assume that this reserve force is the secret of many a farm lad's rise to fame when he strikes the city.

Close contact with nature has made the farmer naturally frugal and abstemious. There is not that necessity for stimulant, and, as a consequence, there is little crime as the result of everindulgence of intoxicants. Being compelled to deal with nature he is more less of the single frame of mind, which means that he is rarely of a double nature. This

is no other than the old virtue of honesty and is one of the most prized. Nature is simple and single. That does not mean that the men who follow her closely are simple, or silly, far from it. It means that a man's conduct is usually what he makes it appear. And in this age of duplicity, this old virtue of seeming to be just what you are is somewhat of a curiosity, when as a matter of fact it ought to be the backbone of every human being. The farmer is a sturdy man and we are glad to have him as our guest during this week.

Scratched 40 Years

Used D. D. D.,
All Itching Gone!

This is the actual experience of Anne Croman, Santa Rosa, Cal., with the wonderful D. D. D. Prescription. D. D. D. is the proven Ecsema Cure the mild wash that gives instant relief in all forms of skin trouble. Cleanses the skin of all impurities—washes away blotches and pimples, leaving the skin as smooth and healthy as that of a child. Get a 50c bottle of this wonderful Ecsema Cure today and keep it in the house. We know that D. D. D. will do all that is claimed for it.

HILL'S DRUG STORE.

Trial by Jury.

The establishment of the trial by jury runs back even prior to the time of Alfred the Great. He is said to have organized juries of twelve men as now in practice, but even earlier six Welsh and six Anglo-Saxon freemen acted as a jury where there was a dispute between Welsh and Saxons.

Clear Inference.

"Jim told me a riproaring joke that was played on some member of your club last evening. Were you there?"

"Yes, I was there! It was an abominable, farfetched!"

"O-oh! Jim did not tell me that you were the man it was on."—Houston Post.

Strangeness of the Sex.

A woman can become highly excited over the fact that a bride is starting out in married life with machine hemmed napkins.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Weight of Snow.

A cubic foot of newly fallen snow weighs five and one-half pounds and has twelve times the bulk of an equal weight of water.

I wasted time, and now time doth waste me.—Shakespeare.

Courtier and Poet.

Louis XIV., having shown Boileau some verses of his own composition, demanded his candid opinion about them.

"Sire," answered the poet, "your majesty wished to write poor lines and you did it so well that you proved that nothing is impossible to your majesty!"

Changes.

"You will admit a wise man sometimes changes his mind?"

"Yes," replied Senator Sorghum. "He also changes his wardrobe. But in doing so he avoids popular attention as much as possible."—Washington Star.

Storms of Life.

As storm following storm and wave succeeding wave give additional hardness to the shell that incloses the pearl, so do the storms and waves of life add force to the character of man.

Flag Bunting Test.

The United States government's test for color in bunting is six hours' immersion in salt water and six hours' exposure to the sun.

He is not many who yields to fits of anger, but he who yields composure and kindness.—Marcus Aurelius.

La Grande National Bank

Organized in 1887.

DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.
 UNITED STATES POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITORY.

Capital \$100,000.00
 Surplus \$130,000.00
 Total Resources \$1,000,000.00

For twenty-six years, in all kinds of financial weather, we have successfully catered to the monetary wants of the people of La Grande and the Grande Ronde Valley.

We respectfully solicit your business.

La Grande National Bank

La Grande, Oregon

A Wonderful Array of Charming Gifts Now on Display At La Grande's Best

CHRISTMAS STORE

We can't begin to tell you of the many Xmas offerings now being shown in every department—you must come and see them for yourself to appreciate the careful thought given by our buyers to select appropriate and useful gifts.

CHIEF JOSEPH INDIAN BLANKETS

"The gift that will please everyone." Many beautiful patterns to select from, all bound in heavy felt.

Our Special
\$5.00

The Chief
\$7.50

Pappoose Blanket
\$1.50 and \$2.00

Sale of Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Continued. Entire Line Sacrificed—None Reserved.

Here is an opportunity you must not overlook to save on a new suit, Coat, Dress or Waist.

GORDON FURS
ALL REDUCED

West
THE QUALITY STORE

TRIMMED MILLINERY
HALF PRICE

Twenty-three
Days to
Christmas

Dec. 2

Take Time by the Forelock and Do Your Christmas Shopping Now.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the friends who so kindly helped us during our late sorrow.

J. R. TOWNER,
MR. AND MRS. W. D. CAMPBELL.

Wkly & Dly lt.

Dirigible Balloons.

The dirigible balloon is by no means a modern invention, as many people seem to think. As a matter of fact, as long ago as 1784 General Meunier proposed the construction of an elongated balloon which might be propelled through the air. Experiments were made with it by two brothers named Robert, who made several ascents and attained a speed of three miles an hour, though the method of propulsion was only aerial oars worked by hand. Nothing further was attempted until 1852, when Henri Giffard built dirigibles which, by means of a light steam engine, he propelled at nearly seven miles an hour, and since then various experiments have been made which ultimately ended in the wonderful triumph of Zeppelin.—New York Press.

Borax in the Laundry.

The uses of refined borax are manifold. It is infinitely better than soda for washing purposes. It may be used in the proportion of a large handful to ten gallons of boiling water, and will effect a great saving in soap. If you are about to wash delicate laces or cambric use an extra quantity of powder. The effect of borax is to soften the hardest water, and, being a neutral salt, it does not in the slightest degree injure the texture of linen or any other delicate material washed with it.—New York Globe.

COFFEE

A roasted bean is as porous as a sponge; it can't keep in its aroma, or keep out odors, if exposed to air. Leaving it whole to be ground as used doesn't keep it fresh.

The modern, scientific way, as used with Schilling's Best, is to granulate it promptly after roasting and preserve it in aroma-tight cans.

1-lb, 2-lb, 2½-lb cans—and money-back.

HAIR DOESN'T DIE

IT HAS TO BE KILLED

Hair often continues to live and grow long after the death of the body. But it is often killed through neglect or misuse. Almost always the woman or man whose hair is falling, or is stringy, lifeless and dull-looking, is entirely to blame because of not giving it the proper care. It

LOPEZ IS SILENT.

Tappings On Shaft Go Unanswered After Two This Morning.

Salt Lake, Dec. 2.—Although dense clouds of smoke, sulphur and other fumes were sent into the Utah Apex mines for more than 14 hours, Ralph Lopez, the sextuple murderer was still alive and working at 2 a. m. today. He was heard hammering on the shaft that leads into the mine, in response to tappings from without on the part of the besiegers. To later rappings, however, he made no response.

Oregon Agricultural College Farmers' Week

DECEMBER 8 to 13, 1913

This will be a notable event in the educational history of Oregon. Farmers' Co-operation will be the leading topic of a stimulating series of lectures. The week will be crowded with discussions, and demonstrations in everything that makes for the welfare of the farmer and home-maker.

Winter Short Course

JANUARY 5 to 30, 1914

The College has spared no effort to make this the most complete short course in its history. A very wide range of courses will be offered in General Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Poultry, Farmers' Business Courses by Correspondence Without Tuition. Keeping, Mechanic Arts, Domestic Science and Art, Commerce, Forestry, and Music. Numerous lectures and discussions on FARMERS' CO-OPERATION, at home and abroad, will be a leading feature. Make this a pleasant and profitable winter outing. No tuition. Accommodations reasonable. Reduced rates on all railroads. For further information address

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is easy to take care of the hair—easy to make it more beautiful. Use Harmony Hair Beautifier to make it glossy, soft and silky, and Harmony Shampoo to keep hair and scalp thoroughly clean.

Harmony Hair Beautifier, delightfully perfumed with true rose, is very easy to apply—simply sprinkle a little on your hair each time before brushing it. It contains no oil, and will not change the color of the hair, nor darken gray hair.

To keep your hair and scalp dandruff free and clean, use Harmony Shampoo. This pure liquid shampoo is most convenient to use, giving an instantaneous rich, foaming lather that immediately penetrates to every part of the hair and scalp, insuring a quick and thorough cleansing. It

is washed off just as quickly, the entire operation taking only a few minutes. Contains nothing that can harm the hair, and leaves no harshness nor stickiness—just a sweet cleanliness.

Both preparations come in odd-shaped, very ornamental bottles, with sprinkler tops. Harmony Hair Beautifier, \$1.00. Harmony Shampoo, 50c. Both guaranteed to satisfy you in every way, or your money back. Sold in this community only at our store—The Rexall Store—one of the more than 7000 leading drug stores of the United States, Canada and Great Britain, which own the big Harmony laboratories in Boston, where the many celebrated Harmony Perfumes and Toilet Preparations are made—Hill's Drug Store.



Just come in and see what WE have for suitable, acceptable presents for your family and friends. Our line of present goods "draws a ring around" any other line in town. Our drug store is the place to buy presents which show taste and refinement in the selection, but which won't cost a world of money.

We can make your Christmas money go farther. Come to OUR Drug Store.

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