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SHOWS THAT DO HARM.

A theatrical company is playing "The White Slave" in Eastern Oregon towns. Defendants of such a show contend it is to teach the young the horrors of such life, but in reality it is to get money for the promoters of such a show.

Flaunting white slavery in a play even though it bears the stamp of disapproval is a good deal like permitting pictures of the underworld to be run through slot machines and claiming the pictures do good for they show the horrible side of such a life.

Human curiosity is very pronounced in both old and young minds. When boys can have their gaze insulted by dropping a nickel in the slot, thus seeing the seamy side of life they are too apt to try it "just once." And so it is with such plays as "The White Slave." People buy tickets to see the show not because they want the alleged horrible lesson it presents but because they want to see debauchery which leads to white slavery.

Why should a show promoter prosper when such prosperity is obtained by feeding the young mind on immortality?

WHEN WE SAY GOODBYE TO WHEAT.

The greatest day in the history of the Grande Ronde valley will be when we, as a community, say good-bye to wheat. Not that we wish to belittle the ladder by which this valley has achieved its present commercial standing but because when wheat raising ceases it will mean smaller farms, better and more advanced agriculture, more homes, more schools and a thickly populated country.

Yes, that day is coming. Large holdings will gradually be disposed of for the land is far too valuable now for wheat land.

But to assist the farmer can do more than anyone else, and this does not necessarily mean local land owners for farmers are not always land owners and land owners are very frequently not farmers.

The railroad company can be a big factor toward a more thickly settled Grande Ronde valley and every town in the valley can aid.

It needs some figuring to show the large land owner and farmer where they are losing money by raising wheat and it does not require an expert at figures to show this either.

DISCRIMINATION.

The express will have cream from Joseph to Portland at much less expense proportionately than it will have the same cream to La Grande. As a result Joseph's cream has been shipped for some time to Portland and Seattle, passing two creameries

in Wallowa, two creameries in La Grande, one at Pendleton and others down the line.

A movement is now on to procure an investigation by the Inter-state Commerce Commission to the end that the long haul shall not receive such material advantage over the short haul.

It can readily be seen that the present discrimination will directly build up the large creameries of the cities at the expense of the smaller localities like La Grande. To keep the rush of people from cities which is now the admitted problem before this nation, the smaller towns and their industries must not suffer from corporate discrimination such as now exists.

If the metropolitan press can make business better by making loud acclaims this country is about to enter the most prosperous era ever known. But somehow the winds through the sighing pines say, "make considerable allowance for the pretty picture stories now being printed."

Tom Kay, present state treasurer, announces he is a candidate for renomination and makes no excuses whatever. He says he has made good and can prove it, thus giving him claim to another term as "bulldog of the state treasury."

But "Bob" Stevens of Portland, did not wear his high hat in the picture run when he announced his candidacy for governor.

The Portland Journal says, "the unemployed held a business meeting." And what was the business considered?

Who was unkind enough to say that Dr. Smith moved from Pendleton to Portland in order to break into state politics?

AROUND THE VALLEY.  
Part III.

The homelike appearance of Cove is reflected in the people. They are happy and loyal to their community. Few places are for sale and all admit a living is made there easier than most anywhere else.

The present open winter has been taken advantage of by the farmers in that section and it was no uncommon sight to see teams in the fields turning over the soil. So, it will be seen that Senator Pierce is not the only early bird in the Grande Ronde valley.

In the Conley holdings many teams were at work and there was activity on every side. This probably is the largest well tilled area of land handled by any one family in the northwest, and the only success is achieved by keeping busy even on such a magnificent land tract.

Conleys raise good wheat and they raise good horses. The Conley horse has a reputation among all buyers for they bred good stock and know how to develop them. On the day the writer was in the Cove country a horse buyer tried to buy a handsome 1300 pound mare from one of the brothers. His offer was around \$100 and Mr. Conley without bandying words led his mare into the barn. That's the way they do business. If the price does not suit that ends the transaction. The horse buyer could have stayed at the Conley ranch a week and he would have been treated with the utmost hospitality, in fact he would have been their guest, but they never would have talked horse to him again after he made his price.

On the way from Cove to Union a seemingly large number of Chin pheasants was to be seen indicating that the other side of the valley is the natural home for these birds. Now, this is no hunch for La Grande sportsmen as Charlie Orsi and his "real estate" salesman make that

country very often and they always go armed with the state law and all it demands.

Our train picked up three carloads of hogs at Conley's siding which represented \$4200. Think of that for a few minutes. Fourteen dollars each for light weight hogs and a hundred head to the car. Of course Warren Chandler, the La Grande hog buyer, was not far away and when the train started he showed himself along with Tom Johnson, who happened to own a car of the hogs and was making a pleasure trip to Portland while he sold them. Tom and Warren discussed the scientific feature of the hog and finally drifted into the commercial value of the porker, both finally agreeing that it is hard to beat a hog as a money getter. Tom kills and smokes his own meat every year, hence he appreciates a hog more than the ordinary man who buys the packing house product. Discussing the possibility of hog cholera in this section both experienced hog men agreed there was nothing to make this section of the country immune and that cholera might infest the Grande Ronde at any time. It is now in Idaho and in Washington with occasionally a report of a slight attack in Umatilla county.

The other day Tom Johnson came to a realization that his three boys were men, and that they might want to do something in an individual way besides working in a community manner as they had at the old home place near Cove. He called his boys around him and the first thing he said was: "Well, boys, you are men, and it makes me feel darned old when I look you over. But the important thing I wanted to say is that we have all been working here together. You have leased ground and profited by it, to be sure, but we ought to make a different deal now. I am going to suggest that we all be partners; that the old farm be run by Tom Johnson & Sons in the future." The boys thought it over and agreed that the "old man" was doing the square thing, just as he had always done by them, and they agreed, so in 1914 the Johnson ranch will be run by Tom Johnson & Sons. The writer suggested to Tom that the "sons" would do most of the work and the answer was, "yep."

People still do their own butchering on the east side of the valley. They do not depend on the packing trust for their meat. And best of all they neighbor back and forth just as we used to do years ago before everyone got under high pressure and began living out of a market basket. George Chadwick will kill a hog and cut in halves. He keeps one half and cuts the other up for his neighbors. "Messes" of spare ribs and dish pans full of sausage are sent around by George Chadwick in the good old fashioned way. At about the right time another neighbor will kill a hog and do just as George Chadwick did. As a result the whole community mingle backward and forward. They go to see each other when sickness appears in the neighborhood and do not dismiss their interest in the sick by calling over the telephone to know how they are getting along. If one man needs a wagon that his neighbor owns he hitches onto it without asking and there is no warrant asked of the sheriff for return of the wagon.

Cove will have a new mill on the site of the one that burned. At least E. Reynolds contemplates the erection of one in early spring where he can again utilize a fine water power that is now going to waste.

Many many swear at Bob England's little railroad—and perhaps it needs chastisement, but it surely is a handy convenience when you want to go to Cove during the season when roads are bad.

New School Building Needed.

Cove, Ore., Jan. 29.—(Staff Correspondence.)—From the heavy enrollment in the Cove schools at the present time there is no longer doubt as to the needfulness of another school building for the coming year. All classes are crowded and each teacher has more pupils than are usually found under one supervision.

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PERSONALS.

L. J. Wells of this city, went to Wallowa this morning on business.

Colon Eberhard returned this morning from Baker, where he prosecuted a land office case.

J. D. Kerr, who has been sojourning in Los Angeles for two months is back in the city.

S. W. Wycoff of Pendleton, passed through the city this morning on a business trip to Enterprise.

W. E. Lewis of this city, went to Imbler this morning to load a car of spuds for the Cash company.

Mrs. Wm. Henry of Imbler, who has been at the local hospital for some time, returned to her home this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hall of Wallowa, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Scranton of this city returned home today.

Earl Rogers of Wallowa, who was down on business returned this morning. During his stay here he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lindsay.

C. E. Keiffer, former proprietor of the Model bakery, spent yesterday in Cove with friends. He returned last night.

Frank Hambleton of Enterprise, returned to that place today after a lengthy visit in the cities of Garfield, Elberton, Okla., Arlington and other Oregon places. He says he is glad to get back.

J. J. Southwick of Hamilton, Mont., passed through the city this morning on his way to Wallowa, where he will be the guest of his cousin, Emmet Southwick. On his trip he will visit relatives in Bellingham, Wash.; Arcadia, Portland and other places. From here he goes to Lewiston and home.

Mrs. F. S. Bramwell has suffered a severe setback and little hope is entertained for her recovery. Her fever has been at 104 for two days and her pulse has risen. Continued fever has robbed her of her strength and little nourishment is taken. She has been making a brave struggle for health and much wonder prevails that she has been able to hold out as long as she has.

Greek Under Charge.  
Hercules Georges, a Greek who is working in the vicinity of Kamela, was apprehended today on a charge

of stealing a revolver, and brought to this city for trial. As the case will not come up until tomorrow it is not known what the defense will be. The case is called for 9 A. M. tomorrow.

Perry News Items.  
Perry, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Wednesday night Rev. Drahn of the Lutheran church held services here. Quite a large number of people were present and listened to his masterful sermon.

Ed. Bean, superintendent of the logging camp arrived home this morning. Mr. Bean has been on a vacation for the past couple of months, visiting relatives in Florida and also he made an extensive trip to the Panama Canal. Mr. Bean said that when he arrived in Florida he found the weather much colder than in Oregon. He said business conditions are very dull in the south and very few saw mills are running. Mr. Bean had a very enjoyable time while away.

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No Families Needy.  
Cove, Jan. 29.—(Staff Correspondent.)—"Not a needy family in Cove," is the expression used by Cove people in speaking of their community. It is a section where everyone gets along well—where nature responds nobly to the touch of labor, and where any person disposed to work even in reasonable proportion, can make good. Cove does not want to be called a town or a city. The people over here choose to be called a community, for such it is, with the many small tracts and varied resources.

Excellent for Stomach Trouble.  
"Chamberlain's Tablets are just fine for stomach trouble," writes Mrs. G. C. Dunn, Arnold, Pa. "I was bothered with this complaint for some time and frequently had bilious attacks. Chamberlain's Tablets afforded me great relief from the first, and since taking one bottle of them are running. Mr. Bean had a very I feel like a different person." For sale by all dealers.