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COUNTY CLEAN-UP DAY.

A few years ago the Farmers' Progressive Association of Allen County, Ohio, inaugurated a "county clean-up" day. The movement was an outgrowth of a city clean-up day in the town of Lima. The schools, churches, cemetery trustees, road supervisors—in fact, every one—were interested. On the appointed day the whole countryside—country, village and city—devoted its energy to cleaning up.

This movement was inaugurated without the aid of a county agent, though one man filled with the divine fire of enthusiasm and in love with the beautiful was the leading spirit. Now is the time of the year, and the county agent is particularly well fitted to boost such a movement in Union county.

THE MAKERS OF WAR.

Dr. Carl Liebknecht, Socialist deputy in the German reichstag, holds that the international movement for peace is likely to be sidetracked and nullified unless the nations do something to break up the international business in the manufacture and sale of war equipment and ammunitions, ranging from battle-ships and guns to small arms and powder.

Had he made such changes in the American congress a national scandal

would have resulted. For he named many high German government officials who, he alleged, are on the interlocking directorates of the Krupp gun company and other great firms in Germany, England, France, Belgium and Austria. These men, he affirmed, are on the one hand deciding the policies of nations with regard to war and peace, and at the same time looking for dividends from corporations as strong as Standard Oil, whose business consists in promoting war, in order that their goods may be bought in vast quantities. He adds that great banks are involved, furnishing the financial sinews of this sort of war encouragement.

But he might have included the United States. Here, for years, has been the center of the powder trust. Henry A. DuPont of Delaware represents the Du Pont powder monopoly, which has made countless millions in the business. Since 1896 Mr. DuPont has been a United States senator. Further he has been chairman of the committee on military affairs. He also has been a member of the committee on expenditures in the war department. In the language of the common citizen, "Can you beat that?"

Yes—here is the rest of the story. The United States gets its smokeless powder made by the DuPont firm according to a "secret" government process. Our many regulations are very exact in declaring that the specifications shall not be revealed to the outside world. Why? In order that no foreign nation may acquire the secret. Yet the Du Pont Powder company makes no secret of the fact that it sells quantities of this same powder to any other nation that wants to buy.

Do these facts have anything to do with war scares? Are the makers of powder, armor plates and fire-arms so highly patriotic and moral in their distinctions that they can put forth the means of war and then turn a deaf ear to the jingoes who demand war at every little ruction?

An English scientist has declared that mosquitoes are inexcusable. We never heard one asked to be excused.

A Baltimore man lost a dog. It seems the dog became stage struck and followed the dog and pony show away.

Sir Lionel Carden tells the English to leave Mexico. They probably will leave just as little of it as possible.

Some men merely carry a bank book, and draw on their imaginations.

CONTENTS OF Y. M. C. A. CORNERSTONE BOX.

Copy of La Grande Evening Observer of May 17, 1913, telling of successful raising of \$40,000 for a Y. M. C. A.; Copy of La Grande Evening Observer of May 23, 1914, containing program for the cornerstone laying; Copy of Pacific Semaphore of May 7, 1914, containing an article by J. L. Robertson on the La Grande R. R. Y. M. C. A.; Copy of the January issue of "Association Men" official magazine of the Y. M. C. A.; Booklet used in campaign; Copy of articles of incorporation of the Y. M. C. A. of La Grande; Letter-head containing names of Board of Directors, Building Committee, General Secretary, Architect, General Contractor, Maker of Stone, Maker of Box in Stone, State Executive Committee, the Bible which was used by the mother of the General Secretary, Letter head containing names of officers of Junior Board; coin of the realm; copy Dr. J. D. Gillilan's prayer, The Union Signal.

PERSONALS

J. D. Casey, of Meacham, was an arrival from that city this noon.

Dr. Tape, of Hot Lake, was in the city this morning between trains.

Miss Norton, of Cambridge Idaho, left this morning after transacting business in the city a number of days.

A. E. Robinson, of Baker, is in the city looking over the business situation.

L. J. Bibler, of Elgin, left for home this morning after a visit with relatives in Pendleton.

John Collier, vice-president of the Commercial club has been spending a few days in Walla Walla.

Professor Prince was as outbound passenger on the branch this morning.

Mrs. L. Wetzel of this city left this morning for Joseph, where they will visit with Mrs. Wetzel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Wells.

Carie Marie, of this city, left yesterday noon for Weiser to be the guest of college friends for two weeks.

F. B. Hooper and wife of Tacoma, passed through the city today on their way to Elgin where they will be the guests of Mr. Hooper's parents.

J. A. Russell, of the Grande Ronde meat company, went to Boise yesterday where he will transact real estate business.

Mrs. Ada Goff, of Union, returned to that place yesterday noon after several weeks at the local hospital, where her baby was operated on. She reports it convalescing.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Boswell, of Cove, left this noon after stopping off on their return from Portland, where they visited with relatives for some time.

S. S. Thompson is in the city with his wife who was operated on at the local hospital for gall stones. He states that the operation was successful and that she is convalescing.

Mrs. Emma Gross of Starbuck, Washington, passed through the city this morning on her way to Allouez where she will visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. L. May.

Miss Viola Alt of Enterprise, passed through La Grande today on her way home from Grossmere, Washington, where she has been teaching this summer.

Mrs. E. Houston of Tacoma, passed through today on her way to Elgin, where she will be the guest of her sister Mrs. S. S. Hooper for several months.

C. W. Wright, W. B. Gosset, H. L. Deane, R. M. Wright, E. F. Reuter, E. E. Orant, L. L. Fenton of Union and W. D. Burton and wife of Wal-

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Chalmer Porosknit Underwear

All over the United States this popular summer underwear will be featured in the greatest window contest ever held—pointing out the extraordinary advantages this underwear offers in service, fit, and finish.

Our stock of Chalmers Porosknit offers all sizes for boy's and men—Also every style in Union Suits and separate shirts and drawers.

Men's Union Suits

\$1.00

Boys' Union Suits

50c

Men's Shirts and Drawers

50c each

Boys' Shirts and Drawers

25c each

Free Demonstration O-CEDAR-MOPS

N. N. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE

Iowa were registered at the Foley last night.

W. R. Rhinehardt, traveling for the Marshall Wells Hardware company left this morning for western points on the O-W.

J. Gorbett and granddaughter Edith Buckner, of Oregon City, passed through today on their way to Walla where they will visit Mr. Gorbett's son for an indeterminate time.

Mrs. Hilda Elliot, and children Maxine and Ross of Lostine, returned to that place this morning after a visit with their mother and sister, Mrs. Hogan and daughter, in Pendleton.

Mrs. Elmira Mason, of Union, returned to that city yesterday after transacting business at the land office. Mrs. Mason recently made entry on a homestead at North Powder and will soon move to that place.

Mrs. Geo. Stoddard, of this city, left for Baker yesterday noon to attend the funeral of an employee of the Geo. Stoddard lumber company, who lost his life in an accident Sunday.

Walter Johnson, ticket agent for the Northern Pacific at Everett, Washington is the guests of his cousins, Bert and Misses Jennie Anderson. He will remain two or three days.

Mrs. Oscar Hopper who went to Great Falls, Mont., recently, to spend several weeks, is forced to return at once on account of ill health brought on by the high altitude there. Mr. Hopper expects her to return late this week some time.

J. C. Kilpack, field officer for the Boy's & Girl's Aid society of Portland came in from Huntington last night and left today for Enterprise, where he is to take charge of an unfortunate young girl of twelve years of age.

J. M. Hursh, of Union, left for that city yesterday after a three-weeks' visit at the homes of his daughters, Mrs. Lillie Neiderer and Miss Ethel Hursh. He will return in a few days enroute to Joseph, where he will get his youngest daughter, Mrs. Wm. Rush and son Harrison Hurch, who is a prominent mill man in that section. Mr. Hursh is a resident of this section 23 years and is spending

the remainder of his life with his children.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton of Wallowa, left this morning for Walla Walla, where they will be the guests of relatives for an indefinite time.

Mrs. M. Lay of Hood River who has been in Joseph visiting with relatives for some time, passed through this morning on her way home.

Wm. Hammond, manager of the Baker Electric Light and Power company, arrived in the city to inspect local operations.

Mr. and Mrs. McMillen of Mist, Oregon, who have been in the city

visiting with friends and relatives returned home this morning.

Harold Simpson of La Grande, left this morning for Pendleton where he will spend the summer with his uncle Henry Hendrickson.

Irwin Hess, Aubrey Smith of Union, S. J. Warren of Joseph, L. Denham of Elgin, and H. C. Bauer of Enterprise, were registered at the Sommer last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Prober arrived in the city this morning to visit with relatives for an indeterminate stay. Their home is in Warren, Nebraska.

Read the advertisements too.

Advertisement for Supreme Sodas featuring an illustration of a woman and a box of sodas. Text includes 'Ask your Dealer for Supreme Sodas' and 'With 12 end labels from "Supreme" baked crackers or cakes of any kind mailed direct to us, a free surprise package containing a complete assortment of "Supreme" Baked Dainties (illustrated below) will be sent at once by parcel post, absolutely free.'

Advertisement for The City Grocery and Bakery. Text includes 'WE HAVE THE CHOICEST Swift's Premium Hams and Bacon THAT ARE SOLD ON MERIT. Full Line of Fresh Vegetables. Strawberries ..... 2 for 25c Pie Plant ..... 6 lb. for 25c The City Grocery and Bakery E. POLACK, Proprietor. Phone Main 75'

Advertisement for La Grande National Bank. Text includes 'La Grande National Bank Organized in 1887. DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. UNITED STATES POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITORY. Capital .....\$100,000.00 Surplus .....\$140,000.00 Total Resources .....\$1,000,000.00 For twenty years, in all kinds of financial weather, we have successfully catered to the monetary wants of the people of La Grande and the Grand Ronde Valley. We respectfully solicit your business. La Grande National Bank La Grande, Oregon'