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BAND PICNIC? SURE!

What's the matter with a rousing Union county band concert at Riverside Park?

Nothing that we can see.

In fact such a scheme has so much merit in it that the Observer feels justified in saying that it is but a matter of shaping the details to encompass successful fruition. There are good bands in Union county, and why not let them all get together at least once a year for a day, bringing their friends with them for a genuine picnic, well supplied with music and good cheer? Supposing every man and woman in Union county who can blow a horn or tap a drum meet at a given point for a picnic; let each community send in a generous quota of visitors. The combined band of say 50 or 60 pieces would not only enjoy itself but the public would likewise share in the amusement. Elgin's crack band, the Elks' band at La Grande, the Union band, Thompson's band at Island City, the Olsen family at North Powder, and all the individuals of the entire county who can play an instrument would form a mighty good united band, we think.

Then here is another and by no means meagre feature of such a day. Union County people are unneighborly as a rule. Why not cast off the old garments and acquire new ones? Why not have a day of this sort, now in La Grande, next in Elgin, then Un-

ion and so on down the list of towns, in which neighbor meets neighbor in neighborly fashion? Let's all be neighborly! We can think of no better means toward the end than a rousing band concert.

Such a function must not be a one-ring show. It must have three full-grown rings—a sure enough good picnic; full blast, no hanging back variety. On numerous occasions during the year the towns intermingling but it is usually upon an occasion when conditions make it necessary to charge admission of some sort, and the entertaining town is too busy with other matters to be neighborly. These conditions can't be helped on such occasions, but the Observer proposes that for once a stunt be "pulled" where there is no admission and where "Hello Neighbor" is the password and only fee to the portals. We venture the guess that if this scheme were tried once, it would instantly become a lasting practice, sure to cement the county tighter socially and positive relief for present unneighborly rushes after a living with no time to say "Hello" to Elgin, Union and the rest of them.

A united band might hit an untrue note during a concert of this sort but it would be neighborly music for a' that and a' that. Over in Wallowa County last Sunday, several bands met under such conditions and it was a great stunt. A few weeks ago the Union-Wallowa counties' K. of P. band at the Portland conclave found itself one day on an excursion boat with a K. of P. band from Hubbard. In a jiffy the two were playing under one leader, and we don't mind proclaiming it fine music. Talk it up! you band men, and let commercial clubs of the county support it, and Tom, Dick and Harry get in the band wagon to inaugurate an annual custom distinctly and solely purposed to promote greater democracy and friendship one with another.

THE CENSOR PROBLEM.

There is a fresh outbreak of censure for censors. As the allies seem to be taking the offensive into their own hands, the people of France, England and America demand, with varying degree of insistence, the truth. Brit-

ish newspapers complain bitterly that they cannot give the people good news or bad because of the indiscriminate smothering of information from the front.

It has been said that if business men were to be as free in discussing their plans as have the leaders of the British army, failure would be inevitable, yet the plain stories of troop movements and of trench fighting are not permitted to be told in the past tense with any detail.

The people of nations at war require news if they are to feel that they are vitally concerned with the success or failure of military operations. If they are kept in the dark for no good reason at all, they are likely to become disinterested, sullen and indifferent. Great Britain's frank excuse has been that intelligent men were needed for other military offices and that the censoring has been left to those whose willingness to slash news wholesale is their chief qualifications for the post.

Censorship in the United States army is delegated to high army officers. For every other military duty, men are specially trained and there is no duty more vitally important to the success of a nation at war than that of sorting news material so that the home country may have news without profit to the enemy. Why not a censor trained in the rudiments of news handling? It is not too late for England to do away with silly blunders in that department.

HONESTY IN FOREIGN TRADE.

"Above all, the highest standard of business morals should be adhered to in all trade relations with the people of this republic."

That is the advice given by Consul Henry M. Wolcott of Havana. Evidently it would not be offered if it were not needed by the American exporter.

Similar injunctions come from other consuls of Spanish America. They say that importers complain that goods shipped from the United States are not according to sample. They say that substitutions are made in their orders without their consent. And as the American merchant often demands cash before delivery, the importer is unable either to refuse or to withhold pay for it.

The United States is now engaged in trying to secure a larger share of the trade of the Spanish-American countries. It is succeeding slowly. The tonnage to South America for the last fiscal year was 12 per cent greater than in 1914, in spite of Europe's heavy demands for our exports and the tremendous high freight rates. But to gain and keep a larger portion of South America's trade, our merchants must so conduct themselves that these consular warnings about honesty as the best policy will be unnecessary.

Vocational Courses Proposed.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Uncle Sam will put a vocational course of training in every high school in the country if a bill has just passed the Senate also passes the House of Representatives. Indications today are that the bill will become a law soon. The bill was introduced simultaneously in both houses by Senator Hoke Smith and Representative Hughes, both of Georgia. It is an elaboration of the federal aid system by which the United States government annually contributes nearly \$100,000 to each state for the maintenance of agricultural colleges and experiment stations, as well as four million, one hundred thousand dollars to carry on the rural extension system of vocational instruction for farmers throughout the country. The proposed law is the result of a steadily growing conviction that the prospective farmer, or nowadays, scientific agriculturist, should be extended the opportunities of an agricultural school at an early age and not be compelled to attend the agricultural college education and need high school credits for college entrance anyhow. Eighteen states now extend aid to their high schools for courses in agriculture, the mechanic arts and home economics. Minnesota annually appropriates \$300,000 for this work. To standardize and nationalize the high school aid work the Smith-Hughes bill provides that the United States shall share in the payment of salaries to state teachers, inspectors and directors in state high schools. It also provides for a Federal Board of Vocational Education. This board, which would consist of the Commissioner of Education of the United States as Chairman and four members to be appointed, (not more than two from any political party) by the president. This board and state educational authorities would cooperate in outlining courses. The States Relations service of the Department of Agriculture has pursued the system still further by preparing a comprehensive system of courses in agriculture. These have been offered to the states for use in their grammar schools, in the rural districts. Alabama, Mississippi, Wisconsin, Maryland and Vermont have installed the course in all their elementary schools since the initiation of the plan a year or so ago.

Cigarettes Made Under Most Modern Methods

From all indications it will be but a short time before the smokers of La Grande will cease to "ASK DAD"

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N. K. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE

about the quality of SWEET CAPORAL Cigarettes.

The representatives of the manufacturer are making this quite unnecessary. Special demonstration crews full of pep and enthusiasm are in town and it is only necessary for you to listen to them before you begin to experience a desire to try this old-time cigarette.

SWEET CAPORALS were first manufactured in 1873 and one of the arguments used by the demonstrators is the fact that these cigarettes have stood the test of 40 years. A most interesting talk is given by the demonstrators. They show you first for your inspection the actual tobacco used in the manufacture of this cigarette, and maybe they don't know all about their product from A to Z! Their confidence in the quality of SWEET CAPORALS almost convinces one of its merit and a trial does the rest.

Great stress is laid by the manufacturers upon the sanitary conditions under which the SWEET CAPORALS are made. It is the demonstrator's boast that if the smoker could only look into the SWEET CAPORAL factory and see for himself the high grades of tobacco and paper used and the care in manufacturing this cigarette, he would never cease to be a SWEET CAPORAL smoker.

In connection with the manufacture of cigarettes, Mr. Alfred McCann, the pure food expert, of the New York Globe has written a long article contrasting the sanitary methods used in the making of cigarettes and the making of food. He tells of a trip through a factory of The American Tobacco Company, in New York where the greatest care is taken to secure cleanliness, where the handling of the tobacco itself is done by scrupulously clean machinery, is entirely opposite to the rumors which he had heard concerning the conditions of the tobacco factories.

BUT SAY—The demonstrators are in town—Go see them yourself and be convinced.—Adv.

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Give it attention, avoid exposure, be regular and careful of your diet, also commence taking Dr. King's New Discovery. It contains Pine-Tar, Antiseptic Oils and Balsams. Is slightly laxative. Dr. King's New Discovery eases your cough, soothes your throat and bronchial tubes, checks your cold, starts to clear your head. In a short time you know your cold is better. It's the standard family cough syrup in use over 40 years. Get a bottle at once. Keep it in the house as a cold insurance. Sold at your druggist.

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Do the right thing at the right time. Act quickly in time of danger. In time of kidney danger Doan's Kidney Pills are most effective. Plenty of La Grande evidence of their worth.

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