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A GOOD PROGRAM.

"The development of shipping in this port, especially liner services.

"The development of industries within the city and state to give an increased pay roll.

"The placing of people upon the land of this region as rapidly as possible by working with those who are actually on the land to secure an improved and a more profitable market and taking up specific development problems that arise anywhere within our territory."

The foregoing is the program outlined by W. B. D. Dodson, the new secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. It is a good program. Portland needs shipping. It needs industries and enterprise. It needs the people on the land to raise products for sale. As a distributing center it needs to provide markets for products raised in its territory. Let us understand clearly that the whole state suffers when Portland lags. No one need think for a minute that the outside territory would not profit if Portland were running ship lines to the Orient and Alaska. More commerce for Portland, better markets for the interior. So we hope Portland will follow Mr. Dodson and fulfill its responsibilities of being the commercial center of the state. Portland needs payrolls. The fortunate and prosperous condition of La Grande today is due to the fact that it is a payroll city. We should keep our eyes open for more industries. Patronize our local enterprises, and encourage settlement in our surrounding territory. Where is a better country for a settler to come than Union or Wallowa counties?

THE RETURN OF THE TROOPS.

We are glad the Oregon troops are home. When they left it gave us a taste of what war means. Mothers and wives, sisters and sweethearts bore the brunt of the hardships of this expedition to the Mexican border. They always do. The men themselves were well cared for. The ten weeks drill did them good. They returned bronzed and in good health. The regiment reflected credit upon the

people of the state, upon Adjutant General George A. White and Col. Cleland McLaughlin. When the Oregon militia is reorganized, La Grande should have a company of militia. The live, active young men of this community will be glad to join. A state armory would be a fine addition to the public buildings of this city.

AN UNTIMELY END.

Leland Hendricks, the brilliant young editor of the Salem Daily Statesman, was drowned in the Willamette river Friday. He was a graduate of the University of Oregon, trained in journalism, a writer and a poet. His father, R. J. Hendricks, is proprietor of the Statesman. His family has our sincere sympathy; only a father or mother can understand this great loss.

ASTORIA RATE IN EFFECT.

After a long battle Astoria now has Pacific coast terminal rates on commodities moving from the interior. Astoria is to be congratulated upon finally winning this concession. It is an illustration of what communities can do to advance themselves. It was worth the effort. Already Astoria is feeling the quickening effects of its new position in the commercial world. Capital is flowing to Astoria. New residents are going there. New houses are building, new enterprises springing up. Astoria helped itself and is reaping the reward.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

WE LOSE TWO BRIGHT JOURNALISTS.

(The Portland Spectator.) By resignation this week, the Journal lost two of its best known and brightest young men, Clarke Leiter, city editor, and Rex Lampman, wit and philosopher, and the writer of the Alibi and the Once Over, are in pastures new.

Mr. Leiter has become editor of the La Grande Observer, and takes to that paper the very best wishes of a host of friends. Notwithstanding that Mr. Leiter is still in the land of the living—and very much alive—it can be said of him that he was one of the best and most popular newspaper men that ever came to Portland. Statements of this sort are usually reserved for ephitaphial service; but, despite their use at this time, they are quite true.

After graduating from Stanford University, Mr. Leiter began work on the news staff of the Oregonian, and in a few years was promoted to the city editor's desk. He remained at the head of the city staff until August, 1914, when he resigned to become campaign manager for William Hanley, who was candidate for United States Senator.

In January, 1915, Mr. Leiter became city editor of the Journal. J. L. Wallin, better known as Count Wallin, and a clever writer on many topics, succeeds him.

Mr. Lampman is a writer of ability, and had added to the gayety of the

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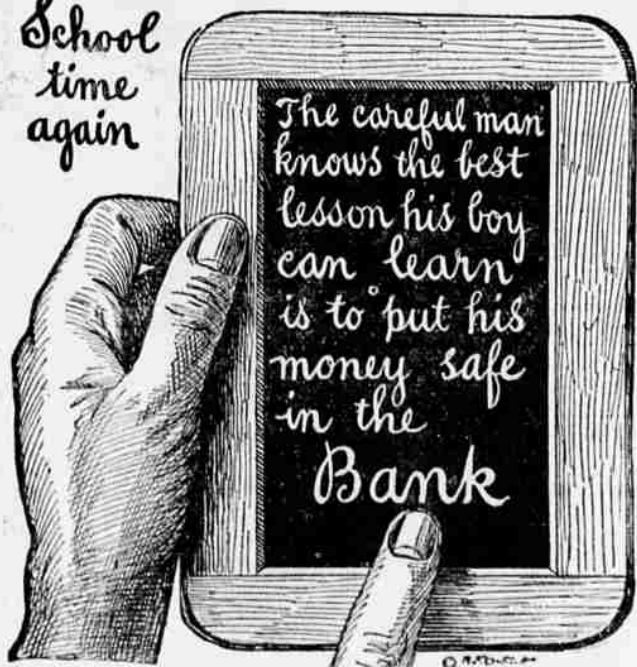
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city through the Once Over and the Alibi, which for some time have been highly interesting features of the Journal. His very sweet and lovable disposition expressed itself in a charmingly kindly way in his writings, which greatly entertained a large circle of readers without causing anyone a pang of pain. And that is hard work. The tongue is a very useful member, but it is a docile and tractable instrument when compared with the pen. Mr. Lampman has gone to Eastern Oregon to enjoy a vacation with Bill Hanley.

BRUCE DENNIS' RETIREMENT.

(Pendleton Tribune.) Oregon journalism will miss the brilliant editor of the La Grande Observer, who has just disposed of his newspaper, and whose future plans are not disclosed. Today he makes his parting bow to the press and people of the state and prints his valedictory.

Dennis came from Kansas and brought with him the common sense, the courage, the vision, the independence of the race who settled the Sunflower state.

He has fitted into the business, social, civic and political life of this commonwealth, and has favored our conservatism with the genial radicalism of his native state.

A Republican born, he liked the straight blows of Roosevelt, the mugwumpism of Victor Murdock, the propaganda for social justice proclaimed by Beveridge, Hiram Johnson and Jane Addams, and he joined the Progressive party. Disgusted with the wabbling of Woodrow Wilson and imbued with sterling patriotism, he returned to the party of his early years and unfurled the banner of Charles Evans Hughes.

The influence of Dennis has been felt in the civic life of the city of La Grande, in the business uplift of the state, in the politics of the Pacific Northwest. The Tribune expresses the hope that the lure of the effete East is not upon him, and that he will long remain a citizen of Oregon.

MR. LEITER'S JUDGMENT.

(Pendleton East Oregonian.) The field of country journalism is not so bad when a man like Clarke Leiter gives up a responsible position on the Portland Journal to take the editorship of the La Grande Observer. Mr. Leiter is welcome to Eastern Oregon and is to be complimented on the judgment shown by him in getting into a field where, according to authority, mental ability is more essential than in the city. In a town with La Grande's progressive spirit and great possibilities, Mr. Leiter should meet with success. Whether he does or not he can at least have a lot of fun because one of the beau-

ties of country editorship is that a man can run with the ball (football term) to the extent of his heart's desire.

STATE NEWS

Car Shortage Not Relieved.

The Southern Pacific car shortage was 1478 last Thursday as compared with about the same number for the three preceding days.

New Military Instructor at O. A. C.

Major Vernon A. Caldwell of the Twenty-third infantry, U. S. A., has been appointed commandant of the cadet regiment at the Oregon Agricultural college.

Will Vote on Site Purchase.

Klamath Falls people will vote on the proposition of purchasing a site containing six acres for public school purposes. The price asked is \$18,000.

Kerosene Will Kill Trees.

A Salem man has discovered that kerosene will kill borers in fruit trees and will also kill the trees. He has lost a third of a prune orchard in the experiment.

Husband Would Not Pay Bills.

Ruby E. Olsen, aged 16, of The Dalles, has brought divorce proceedings against her husband, Julius H. Olsen, aged 35, alleging that he re-

fused to pay medical bills she was forced to contract on account of illness.

Will Ask Recall of Judge.

Petitions for the recall of County Judge Peal of Polk county have been prepared and will be circulated in the near future.

Can't Beat Oregon Hens.

The pen of ten "Oregonians," belonging to O. A. C., again headed the list for the 44th week of the fifth annual international egg-laying contest at Storrs, Conn. Their record was 55 eggs, as against 50 for their nearest competitors.

Editor Guilty of Libel.

Frank B. Cameron, editor of the Agitator, was found guilty of criminal libel in the circuit court after a trial of four days. The paper had criticized the management of the county poor farm.

Woman Pioneer of 1852 Passes Away.

Mrs. Sarah Goltra, an Oregon pioneer of 1852, and who has lived in Linn county the past 64 years, died at her home in Albany Saturday, aged 79. Her brother was Judge O. N. Denny, who was consul general to China, and another brother was John Denny, who introduced Chinese pheasants into the United States.

School books, new and second hand for every grade and department of the school. Tablets, inks, pencils and school supplies of all kinds at Silverthorn's—Adv. 9-15-16.