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A \$40,000 BONUS.

Theodore Roosevelt was given \$40,000 as a prize for his services in promoting world peace by helping to end the Japanese-Russian war.

He has been trying to give it away to found a fund to further the world peace movement.

He might offer it as a prize to the man or woman who would end the present war.

WESTERN MAN PROMOTED.

Fred J. Wilson, formerly city editor of the Journal, and recently Pacific coast manager of the Pacific News Service, has been made general manager of the International News Service, a Hearst concern, with headquarters in New York City. Mr. Wilson is an able newspaper man, and his friends in Oregon will be glad to learn of his promotion. Mr. Wilson like all competent western newspaper men who go east will make good, just as Will Irwin, Wallace Irwin, James J. Montague, Wex Jones, John Fleming Wilson, Charles E. Van Loan and a host of others have.

PORTLAND'S HORSE SHOW.

Portland is to have a horse show October 20 and 21. This is a movement to be commended. No event is

more interesting as an exhibition of fine horse flesh but also as a social gathering and as an opportunity for displaying horsemanship. It will do the men and women of Portland no harm to honor for two nights man's best friend.

CITY'S DUTY TO FARMER

By David F. Houston, Secretary of Agriculture, who urges Businessmen to Cooperate in Promoting Rural Prosperity.

Article II—Shortsighted Attitude of Cities.

"Agriculture is the greatest single line of industry of the Nation. Its annual contribution to the Nation exceeds ten billions of dollars, while the total value added to raw materials by manufacturing does not exceed nine billion, and on at least two occasions the outpouring of products from the farms and their exports have saved the nation's finances. The largest cities in the land are intimately dependent upon agriculture, and vast numbers of cities and towns owe their existence and well-being practically exclusively to it. The amazing thing is that so few recognize this fact, or if they recognize it, act accordingly. In not a few cases the relation of the town to the surrounding country is one of hostility, and, in many cases, in effect, amazingly selfish. In a few there are indications of a spirit of enlightened selfishness, and, in still fewer, of a wise, constructive, helpful attitude. Illustrations of the truth of these assertions are not far to seek. They are found not only in nonaction on the part of cities, but also in positive resistance to participation in plans and legislation essential for the upbuilding of country districts. They are found in struggles over apportionments of school taxes and road funds and against better sanitary arrangements. They are rooted in the shortsighted attitude of bankers and business men toward not only the needs and programs of the rural population, but also legislative proposals designed to remedy prevailing general conditions. There has been for too long a time in too many localities a nice balancing of benefits and burdens of government, just as there is beginning to appear too nice a balancing of the benefits and burdens in the national field. In both directions such attitudes are as blind and destructive to community and national interests as they are unpatriotic. The town and the country are in the same boat; and what is best for the one is in the long run highly likely to be conducive to the welfare of the other. "It was my fortune not many months ago to have an opportunity to speak to the chamber of commerce of

one of our thriving cities. I had made same study of its problems and progress. I had certain views as to its relations to the surrounding country and the direction of progress. Before speaking, I asked if someone would not tell me what made the city, and the answer came, 'the back country,' and this I knew to be true. I then innocently observed that, of course, as prudent business men, they had taken steps to inform themselves of the best ways to foster a balanced agriculture and to promote its well-being, that their bankers had intelligent views as to the credits which should be extended and for what, that they had taken pains to see that good roads radiated into the country districts, and that they had assisted the farmers in solving their difficult problems of marketing and distribution. I then asked if they would tell me what had been done; and a deep and significant silence prevailed the room. This is one of many experiences and could, I believe, be duplicated in many parts of the Union. That there should be a change or that the change which is beginning to appear should be rapidly made, I am sure you will agree. (To Be Continued.)

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.

Will Dunn left today for Enterprise where he takes temporary charge of George Gilbert's new laundry.

Kenneth McKenzie, a druggist of Wallowa, is here with his family and will return today. They came by auto and report Wallowa roads fine and smooth. They came out in three and one-half hours.

D. L. Wyld and wife of Hood River have come to La Grande to join their son, B. F. Wyld, of the Abstract & Title company. They will live in the Dr. Hall residence on Second street.

John H. Rudd spent yesterday and last night in La Grande in the interest of boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. in Oregon and other northwest points. While here he took occasion to visit his former scene of business, the Y. M. C. A., and to call on his many friends in this city. He announces a big boys' conference at Baker, December 8, 8 and 10.

Obituary. Alice, Or. Oct. 11.—Rhoda Jane Alford was born in Missouri, February 13, 1849. She was married to Datus M. Conklin about 50 years ago and the couple resided in Kansas till they emigrated to this vicinity 22 years ago. Mr. Conklin died two years after coming to Imbler and the widow has made this her home ever since. She was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church until feeble health compelled her to remain away from the services. Mrs. Conklin departed this life Wednesday, October 4, 1916. She is survived by the following relatives.

Two sisters, Miss N. Alford, of Portland; Mrs. Bell Gilbert, of Wyoming; six sons, John W., Frank E., George E., Don A., of Imbler; Datus M., of Wallowa; Fred E., of Washington.

Besides these relatives she is mourned by a host of friends whose lives have been brightened by her companionship and love. The funeral was held in the Methodist Episcopal church on Friday, Oct. 6. The Rev. H. J. Richards of Alice preached a sermon appropriate to the memory of this good and worthy woman.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Williams sang a beautiful duet and the choir rendered other splendid music.

Birth Record. Born, Oct. 11 to Mr. and Mrs. William Seierist of this city, a daughter. The little baby weighed eight pounds.

MEN AND YOUNG MEN

Another Shipment Has Just Arrived of Fall and Winter-----

SUITS and OVERCOATS AT \$15.00

These suits and overcoats at \$15.00 represent the highest worth it is possible to put into clothes at this price, all wool, good tailoring, perfect in fit and finish. Satisfaction always assured. A big Portland store sells these suits at \$16.50. Come in and see them—All sizes are here in desirable Fall and Winter weaves, mixtures, checks, stripes and blue serge. Priced \$15.00



"Nettleton" Shoes "Tilt" Shoes "Interwoven" Socks

N. K. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE

"The Home of Hart Schaffner Marx Clothes"

"Gordon" Hats "Stetson" Hats "Manhattan" Shirts

A "NEST EGG"

Misfortune is liable to overtake you in money matters. Then it is that a good sized "Nest Egg" in the Bank comes in "powerful handy."

Over and over again have we seen comforting relief come to those who had accumulated a fund in this bank. If you haven't started an account, now is the time to do it.

In seasons of prosperity, place a part of your income in our bank. Some day this fund may carry you over a rough and rocky road.

La Grande National Bank

Capital Surplus \$250,000 Deposits \$950,000

New Directory

If you wish your name to appear in our System Directory soon to be printed, or if you wish some change made in your name let us know at once.

HOME INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE CO.

G. A. R. VETERAN PASSES AWAY

N. J. Underwood Dead—Wife and Two Sons Survive Him

N. J. Underwood, aged 78, G. A. R. member, died last night, and his funeral will be held October 13th at 2 o'clock from the J. C. Henry chapel.

Deceased is survived by his wife and two sons, one of whom, John, lives in La Grande.

Mr. Underwood was born in Tennessee, August 17, 1838, and was married August 19, 1858.

He has been feeble of late on account of his advancing years, but always was a prominent figure in G. A. R. circles.

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"SPECIAL SALE"

Announcement to the Public

I have in transit the finest line of pianos ever shipped to the City, and upon the arrival of the goods will conduct a special Factory to customer sale. To those contemplating buying a piano or player piano, it will be to your interest to see this fine array of goods before selecting or buying elsewhere. You will take no chances of getting worked-over, culled pianos shipped from town to town to peddle off upon the unsuspecting public.

SPECIAL SALE

Richey Piano House

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Opposite Sommer House