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OUR FRIEND, THE HORSE

The horse has been the medium for much advertising of Grande Ronde for many years. In his speech at the fair grounds at La Grande four years ago the redoubtable Roosevelt paid a tribute to the class and character of the horses which came from this section. The famous rough rider said that during the time he was engaged in the ranching business many of their horses came from the coast and he said, "We always knew when we had an Oregon horse that it was a good one."

People from this locality who have been in Denver and Butte declare that they could distinguish the Grande Ronde horses from all others in the difference in size, action and other characteristics and the distinguishing features were as plainly visible as they would have been if each individual animal had borne a placard: "I am an Oregon horse."

The horse was indispensable to the early settlers—their motor power for practically all purposes. Interest in the horse was manifest at a very early date. Some fairly good animals were brought into Grande Ronde by the immigrants and these as well as the native Indian horse began at once on an evolution of improvement. One of the first men to import to this section horses of exceptional breeding was George Coggan, an early day liveryman and stock dealer. He brought from England not only Clydes but a turf horse called, "Osceola." The speed of this galloper on a mile track was never accurately known. He was erratic and some days he would run and at other times he wouldn't. He was likely to distance all competitors at the half-mile post and then obstinately walk the balance of the way or "fly the track" altogether. He had the speed but couldn't be regulated. Mr. Coggan's best work, however, was in the breeding of horses of the draft class. Sometime before this a man name Delaney had a horse from which a number of the settlers got a start of good colts for general work. W. C. Myres, a stock importer of the early times with headquarters at Ashland, Oregon, came to Grande Ronde with a pair of Percheron mares and a stallion which he had reared from imported stock. These were purchased by John Ladd for \$2500 in gold. This was the first big money to be paid out by a Grande Ronde settler for blooded horses. While much larger prices have been more recently paid for horses the purchase by Mr. Ladd at that time when the country was sparsely settled was a staggering sum to be staked on the future of the Grande Ronde horse.

One of the early day equines of royal strain was a horse known as "Anvil" and owned by M. Sterling. He was a handsome black, with heavy proportions but wonderful action as a roadster. For years Grande Ronde glories in the get of this great horse. A peculiar characteristic aside from the regal style and action of the "Anvil" colts was their placidity of disposition. A colt from this old sire could be relied upon to do about anything but talk. All these attempts to improve the horse preceded the great enterprise of "Bud" McAllister, who in the 70's went to Kentucky and brought out Dead Shot, a black, and Lemont, a sorrel, both of the speedy class. To Mr. McAllister more than to any other man belongs the credit of producing a string of track stars that have had their share in sustaining the reputation of the Grande Ronde horse. Since these early days the improve-

ment in this class of stock has gone steadily forward, of which the records of the state and district fairs of the northwest give sufficient proof.

GERMANY AND PEACE

Germany is hoping for peace but at the same time preparing to build a wall of "iron and blood" around their country.

The Allies seem determined to force the war to a conclusion, evidently proceeding on the theory that they have everything to gain and nothing to lose—except human lives and treasure which seem to them as small compared with the loss of prestige and the blocking of national aims if the war ceases now before they are attained.

There is a good deal of talk now about the moral issues in the war. War is essentially immoral. There is nothing right about war. It is an ancient and barbarous method of settling disputes. Both sides are attempting to stand in good favor in the Court of Public Opinion of the World.

It is a rule in court of equity that those who come there for justice should come in with clean hands. Can any of the parties to this war do so?

Russia stirring up strife in Serbia, Austria looking with lust on the Balkan States, Bulgaria eager for expansion, Turkey slaying the Armenians, Roumania eager to sell her birthright for a mess of pottage. Germany dreaming of a place in the sun and expansion as a world power, Italy feigning loyalty to the triple alliance while clandestinely flitting with the triple entente, Great Britain persuading Belgium to fortify against Germany and allying herself with the leader of the yellow race, France joining in the continental madness of militarism and underground diplomacy.

No one can persuade us that this is a holy war. We cannot believe that either of the great groups of powers have a just cause whose triumph will benefit humanity.

Nor can we sympathize with the efforts of the European press—and of some of the procured press of the United States—to cast slurs upon this country for not being on one side or the other of this world war.

We are very well out of it, have no business to be in it and all this talk of protesting against the violation of the neutrality of Greece and Belgium is rot. We should avoid entangling alliances in the future, should not dilly dally about this theoretical dream of a world peace court or an International League to Enforce Peace and should attend strictly to our own business. In the meantime we should look a little to perfecting our own defenses so that if the Allies attempt to reward Japan by making her a present of Mexico, we can defend the American Monroe doctrine about which we talk so much and know so little.

THE MANN ACT UPHELD

Whenever a moral issue is put up to the supreme court of the United States the justices may be expected to legislate for morality and decency. That is what the judges did in the Diggs-Camenetti case when they upheld the Mann act.

There was no doubt that this act was passed to check the traffic in white slaves, to prevent the transportation of immoral women from one state to another. It was argued that the law did not apply to non-commercial vice, that is when men and women took trips together clandestinely as in the Diggs-Camenetti case and the women were not engaged in commercial vice for a livelihood.

But how could this distinction be drawn.

The supreme court brushed it aside and as our supreme legislature passed a law holding such traffic in women also illegal.

So men who travel over the United States with female consorts may do so now knowing what the law is.

Even the decision of the supreme court will not deter some of the lawless ones.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

GYMNASTICS AND MILITARISM

A 17-year-old high school student at New Rochelle, N. Y., has won fame by leaving school rather than submit to the "military training" now required by law in the high schools of the Empire State.

The storm thereby raised has brought out the fact that the "militarism" which this young person so sternly condemns is a system of gymnastics work out jointly by the state commissioner of education, a prominent Y. M. C. A. physical exercise specialist and the state commander of the National Guard. It consists of "setting-up drills," various gymnastic exercises, supervised recreation, organized play and athletics together with medical inspection and hygiene talks and recitations. There is probably a little marching with simple "military" formations, though no stress is laid on them. The obvious purpose of the system, and the obvious result that it will accomplish if carried out faithfully, is the improvement of the health, physique and bearing of school boys. They give five or six hours a week to it.

That the boys will be better soldiers for having had this training, in case they should ever be called for military service, goes without saying. That they will be better students, better accountants, better salesmen,

Clean-Up and Clearance Sale. Reductions in Every Department Throught the Entire Store. LADIES' DEPARTMENT: Your choice of any Ladies' Coat or Suit in the store, at \$6.49. Silk Dresses, Wool Dresses, the season's newest styles, all sizes and most all colors, at a reduction of 33 1-3 per cent. One lot of Ladies' Coats, Suits and Dresses. Your choice \$1.98. Entire stock of Skirts Reduced 25 per cent. Silk, Lawn and Crepe de Chene Waists, the latest winter styles at 1-4 off. MEN'S DEPARTMENT: Clean-Up Sale of Men's Suits and Overcoats. \$15.00 Suits and Overcoats \$10.00. \$17.50 Suits and Overcoats \$11.65. \$20.00 Suits and Overcoats \$13.35. \$25.00 Suits and Overcoats \$16.65. \$30.00 Suits and Overcoats \$20.00. One Lot Men's Suits and Overcoats. Small Sizes, values to \$22.50, your choice \$6.90. Your choice of any Boys' Suit at a Reduction 33 1-3 per cent. Broken lines of Underwear, reduced 33 1-3 per cent. Entire Ladies' Shoe Stock at Reduced Prices. N.W. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE.

better druggists or doctors of lawyers or preachers because of the physical development thus obtained, also goes without saying.

Picked Up By The Stroller

F. E. Stilwell paid \$22 a ton for hay the other day. If I had two tons of hay, I know what I'd do with it and just where I'd spend the money. I'd save \$2 for Thrift Day too.

I'm still hankering for a job, but there's one job we wouldn't have and that's proof reading on the Congressional Record. That would be too exciting.

Society News

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Loney, nee Miss Lydia Jaehne, who were married in Portland last week. Mr. Loney is an employe of the O. W. R. & N. company, and a member of the La Grande band. Mr. and Mrs. Loney are making their home in the George Small house.

WEDNESDAY AT THE HOME OF MRS. ROSENBAUM

Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Rosenbaum, the new members of the M. I. A. state board tendered a social evening to Mrs. Rosenbaum and Robt. E. Baird, who are retiring from the board. About 25 were present and enjoyed a pleasant social evening. Delicious refreshments were served.

HARLEY G. KIRK OF WALLA WALLA

Harley G. Kirk of Walla Walla and Miss Sylvia Searle of La Grande were married Saturday afternoon at 2, Rev. G. L. Clark officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Kirk left that evening for Walla Walla where they will make their future home.

GEORGE CARNES AND MISS GLADYS SCOTT

George Carnes and Miss Gladys Scott, both well known young people of North Powder, were married at the Methodist parsonage Saturday afternoon by Rev. C. E. Edwards.

MR. AND MRS. C. D. PUTMAN

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Putman delightfully entertained the Monday Evening Bridge club at their home this week. Mrs. Harry Bouvy won the honors and Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Poarch were guests. A dainty two-course luncheon was served.

THE PYTHIAN SISTERS' SOCIAL CLUB

The Pythian Sisters' Social club of Rowena Temple No. 9, Pythian Sisters was entertained by Mrs. Muriel Bull and Mrs. Louise Landrum at the home of Mrs. Bull, Tuesday afternoon. A majority of the club members, also a number of invited guests, were present and a most delightful afternoon was passed in discussions of social and altruistic work after which the hostesses served a dainty luncheon.



Andrew Loney, Cornetist, Married Last Week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wattenburg entertained about twenty young people at their home last night at 1605 Oak in honor of Miss Thelma Lefell, who leaves next week for Monmouth. Games, music and taffy-pulling were the enjoyable entertainments for the evening.

Wednesday, January 31, is Red Letter day for the Neighborhood club. The program is in charge of the committee of which Mrs. M. B. Donahue is chairman. State Forester Elliot of Salem will show Oregon forestry pictures which represent the timber and lumber industry from the earliest to the present time. This is open to the public and will be held in the club rooms. A free will offering will be taken for the scholarship loan fund. The following resolution making this a part of the club program has been

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The Ludwig Piano. Will add a touch of richness and refinement to any home. It is sold exclusively in La Grande by The Wiley B. Allen Co. Established 1873. R. F. Peters, Manager. Foley Hotel Bldg Phone Red 451.

The La Grande National Bank Issues Booklet "BANKING MADE PLAIN". Educating the public in a practical knowledge of the simple methods of banking is a mission to which enterprising banks all over the country are more and more devoting themselves, and as a means of service to the community, one of the latest booklets along this line entitled "Banking Made Plain" is now being distributed by the La Grande National Bank. The booklet is noteworthy because of condensing into a small space a really remarkable amount of practical information, concisely yet readably stated, and typographically attractive. The forepart of this booklet gives in a concise manner the preliminary requirements of banking in relation to deposits, checks, and accounts. There are fifteen sub-heads under the heading "Accounts", thirty sub-heads under the heading of "Checks", fifteen sub-heads under the heading of "Deposits" and other main headings followed by various sub-titles are "Identification", "Overdrafts", "Banking by Mail" and how a "Clearing House" operates. A few of the Sub-heads will serve to indicate the nature and scope of the booklet, as follows: "How to Open an Account", "Forms of Accounts which can be Opened", "How to Balance Your Account", "Bank Statement", "Deposits for Collection", "Deposits by Mail", "Deposits of Husband and Wife", "Death of Depositor", etc. We find more good information under "Checks" such as "How to Draw a Check", "Altered Check", "Lost Check", "Undated", "Post Dated", "To Stop Payment", etc. The latter part of the booklet deals with what every borrower should know and gives a similar wealth of information and includes brief and adequate treatment of such subjects as "Notes", "Collateral", "Discounts", "Note Made by Minor", "Note Made by Married Woman", "Negotiability" and many others. Under the head of "Drafts" and "Bills of Exchange" are "Acceptance", "Acceptance for Honor", "Due Date", "Joint Drawee", "Notice", etc. Then follows "Indorsements", giving an explanation of many kinds and liability of indorsers, following this up with the important subjects of "Protest", "Collections", "Lost Paper", and some very useful "Bank Don'ts". Any one who wishes a copy need only apply at the bank where they will be distributed free.

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