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DOES YOUR BOY NEED TO HAVE THE DOOR OPENED?

By Mrs. Max West

Child's Expert of the U. S. Children's Bureau (Written for the United Press)

Thin arms and legs, putty colored skin and listless manner in a child usually indicate that he needs to have the door opened for him. He needs to play in the sunshine.

He ought to have some pets—chickens, or pigeons or rabbits; he should have a garden plot and tools all his own, with some one to show him how to use them. He should have a swing, a teeter board, a sand pile, a ladder to climb if there are no trees available.

He should play out summer and winter, in the rain and in the snow if he wants to. He is starving for fresh air and exercise and if you will open the door to him you will do more for him than any doctor in the land could do. His appetite will come up.

You must give him plenty of good food to eat, and let him sleep till he wakes, put his bed out on the porch if there is one, and if not perhaps you can have one built.

Give him a good bath all over with warm water and soap at least twice a week, and rub-down every morning with a towel wrung as dry as you can make it out of cold water.

If you do these things for a year you won't know him for the same boy.

OUTLOOK GOOD FOR CATTLE AND HORSE RAISERS' CONVENTION.

Baker, Oregon, March 7.

To the Editor La Grande Observer:—Enclosed find clipping from the Idaho Farmer, of date March 1, 1917.

I am pleased to report that practically every stockman whom I have been able to see, or from whom I have received a communication states that he will be at the Annual Meeting. I firmly believe that you will have a very large gathering of people.

Your truly, S. O. CORRELL.

Secretary Oregon Cattle and Horse Raisers' Association. The clipping follows:

Already the indications are that the annual meeting of the Cattle and Horse Raisers' Association of Oregon, to be held at La Grande, Ore., April 24 and 25, will be a great meeting. Secretary S. O. Correll has the program practically completed. The speakers will include T. W. Tomlinson, secretary of the National Live Stock association; Professor E. L. Potter, animal husbandman of the O. A.

O'Neill Trains Daily For John Berg Match

Jack O'Neill is working out at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium every evening in preparation for his match here with John Berg, March 23. The lack of heavyweight wrestling material in this community serves as a handicap to O'Neill's training for he should be mixing with some big grapplers instead of playing with the lighter boys who have volunteered their services to the training camp. Pat Foley, 210 pound local strong man and admirer of O'Neill, is wrestling with the champion every evening and seems to be picking up the finer points of the game readily as it was pretty difficult for O'Neill to solve Pat's style in the earlier trials on the mat. But in last night's workout Pat lost the first two falls in just three seconds.

O'Neill and Jack O'Neill Jr., the clever 15-year-old rope spinner, are members of the local Y. M. C. A.

May Ship Auto By Express.

Alpha Christly of Baker, Marmon agent for Eastern Oregon, has taken up with the American Express company, the matter of shipping a Marmon exhibition automobile by express to the La Grande auto show.

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appeared in. The merchandise that is arriving daily makes one gasp with astonishment, its beauty is positively captivating; and the girls, I just can't say things too nice about them."

Men Not Overlooked.

Even the men have not been overlooked. Director Allen and the local stores who are participating in La Grande's first annual show have been on a still hunt for men models "to make a background for the beautiful girls" as one of the merchants expressed it. Every good looking young man in La Grande has been approached and five have accepted the invitation.

So, this afternoon, both the young ladies and the young men will rehearse. The girls who have one day's lead over the men, are expecting to have a lot of fun, but the men declare that they will fool them. Some of the young ladies suspect that the men have had secret rehearsals with Mr. Allen. Everybody is awaiting the appearance of the men with expectancy.

Campaign Is Organized.

When rehearsal was over Wednesday night the local girls immediately started out to organize their cam-

aign committees in the contest for the most popular local model. Friends and acquaintances who were responsible for nominations were notified that they would be held responsible if every candidate did not win. It looks like there will be a merry battle. All of the girls entered are favorites in La Grande and have a wide circle of friends. And every girl wants to win the complete spring outfit that will be

C.; George C. McMullen of the live stock commission firm of Witherspoon-McMullen, Kansas City, the man who sold more cattle last year than any other man in America; W. B. Webster of the Kansas City stock yards; A. D. Dunn, the silver-tongued orator and Shorthorn breeder of the Yakima valley, and Ephraim Barnes of the United States forest service. Governors Lister of Washington and Alexander of Idaho have been invited, and are expected to address the meeting, and Governor Withycombe of Oregon will be in attendance during the entire session. Letters received indicate a big attendance. La Grande citizens will have charge of the entertainment features. Two thousand dollars has been guaranteed for expenses, and gigantic plans have been made. Probably a cowboys' breakfast will be given the second morning, moving pictures and other entertainment will be provided, and a banquet the last night will close the meeting. Besides this, a purebred stock show will be given and the fine beef cattle and horses will be on parade.

THE RAILROAD SITUATION.

The average freight rate per ton per mile on the railroads of the United States was lower in 1916 than it ever was before and the average wage per employee for the year was greater than ever before, says the Railway Age Gazette in an editorial.

"The preliminary summary of returns for the roads earning over \$1,000,000 a year just issued by the Bureau of Railway Economics, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, shows that the average receipts per ton mile were 7.07 mills, as compared with 7.22 mills for the million-dollar roads for 1915, and that the average compensation per employee, excluding officers, was \$840.62 as compared with \$813.17 in 1915. The returns, which are compiled from the annual reports of the roads to the Interstate Commerce Commission, represent roads having approximately 89 per cent of the entire railway mileage of the country and 97 per cent of the operating revenues. The average receipts per ton mile for all of the roads in the country will slightly exceed the figure for the larger roads, but the complete figures can hardly fail to show an approximately similar reduction. In 1915 the average for all roads was 7.32 mills, which was lower than for any other recent year except 1913, when the average was 7.29 mills. In 1906 the average was 7.48 mills. The decrease is probably to be accounted for by a greater proportion of low rated commodities, because there was an increase in the tonnage of products of mines from 507,000,000 in 1915 to 616,000,000 in 1916, while the increase in other classes of tonnage was far less in proportion. This doubtless represents the increased movement of coal. The average wage per employee has, of course, been steadily increasing for several years."

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