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Sunday Morning Observer—A Long-Standing Hope.

Beginning with the Sunday issue a week from tomorrow The Observer will undertake an experiment which we have long hoped to try and that is the issuing of a Sunday morning paper and dropping the Saturday evening issue.

There is reason for desiring to do this. The branch line towns get no Sunday paper, until Monday and the people of La Grande, we believe, will appreciate a resume of the week's happenings in the Sunday issue. It will be a great paper to send to friends at a distance, and people removing from La Grande can keep well posted on Eastern Oregon events by taking the Sunday issue, whereas they would not feel like taking the daily each day.

The Associated Press report, which will begin next Monday morning is also an addition that we have long anticipated adding. This report, with the Sunday morning issue, will give Union and Wallowa counties complete news service for the entire week, for on Saturday the telegraphic news will reach The Observer regularly all day and if anything of extraordinary importance happens a special edition will be issued.

This paper appreciates the support of the people to the extent that it is willing to reciprocate by making the paper better and better.

Union County Stockmen Are Made Right.

"Well, I'll be hanged," said O. M. Plummer. "Who would have thought that the Union county live stock growers had me catalogued and were really playing in advance my efforts to build the big exposition in Portland and inaugurate the Pacific International Live Stock show?"

This is exactly the situation, Mr. Plummer came into La Grande yesterday and he was met by a number of live stock growers and other business men. The result was astonishing. Plummer expected it to be necessary to have a revival meeting and set down his collar to make the men gathered together see things as he did. Chairman Townley knew that Plummer was overworking himself, but he thought the practice would be good for Plummer, so when a breathing spell

came in the well-delivered speech Mr. Townley asked for ten men who would guarantee Union county's subscription of \$5000 to the new building. Billy Sunday never had men hit the trail faster in one of his revivals. Before the subscription paper could scarcely be produced ten of our substantial citizens stood ready at the chairman's desk to make the pledge.

It speaks volumes for this county. It tells of the intensity of purpose that every live stock grower feels. Union county has long had the reputation for the best breeding county in the northwest and it was but proper that this county should make the first start on the big live stock undertaking. With the \$5000 subscribed yesterday the pace has been set. The building will be erected, for the remainder of the state will follow the Union county lead and the northwest will have a show that will bring the good stock out from the whole western country just as the Denver show collects the stock of the middle west.

We are glad Mr. Plummer came; we are glad of the idea of a great show and we are especially glad that Union county growers were first in delivering the start to the great enterprise.

The Father of Our Country—What Would He Do?

This is a day slightly different from other days for it is the anniversary of the birth of George Washington. As we think of the American boy raised very much as our boys are raised, of the crisis that came in national affairs, of the wonderful ability he exhibited as a leader, of his military success and then the remarkable career he led as our first president the thought comes to us—what would Washington have done if he were president at the present time? Would he have stuck to his ever-present principle of keeping aloof from old world affairs, would he have refused to help lick the kaiser?—no, for Washington was a warrior and no warrior would lay down and let a kaiser trample upon him or his. But after the act had been given, what would have been Washington's attitude? Would he have held to the belief that a league of nations is feasible to prevent war, or would he have contended that war is a thing which comes about so often and cannot be prevented? Would he have refused to take part in European reconstruction and European politics, and insisted that Europe be turned over to Europe?

All of these questions present themselves when thinking of our first great statesman. One thing is certain, he would not be in bad hands with a Washington in command, and it may be that things will shake out all right yet. But we are wading in very deep water and the life protectors are few and far between. There is great chance for entanglements in the future. But let us hope the great American nation is being guided by Providence now as it was when Washington whipped the English and established this great country.

Bob Withycombe, the experimenter of the experiment station, in the live stock meeting yesterday said: "I have no shorthorn cattle to exhibit, neither have I any horses to put before the people, but if you will add a baby section to that big show I will be there with the bells." Fine, Bob, fine.

Guess Conductor Grady has a right to feel proud of his pony. Two passenger coaches now, if you please, and both very well filled. It is a comfort now to ride on the evening train.

Good roads. We must have them. The county without them is slow. The county with them forges ahead fast. Whenever and wherever you get a chance plug for them.

LITTLE GEORGE WASHINGTON DOWN TO DATE.



AROUND THE EDGES

Harry Snodgrass is surely the "son of his daddy," for he plays the clarinet in the O-W band with the same accuracy that has marked his daddy's career as a musician.

At the tree planting yesterday at the high school O. M. Plummer claimed he planted a walnut tree seven years ago and it is now fifteen feet high and measures seven feet through. Some tree, some Plummer.

One La Grande man who attends all social functions wanted to don his dress suit a few days ago when the social world opened again in La Grande and he found it was eaten up by moths. That goes to show just how long La Grande was quiet.

That automobile tax is beginning to sink in, for it will take about \$35 next year to pay license on an ordinary car. What a rush there will be to drive the small-powered car once more, is the

belief of the deniers who handle the little fellows.

Engineer Lou Given has a black and blue spot on one cheek and G. M. Curtis explains it to everyone by saying "We were down in Umatilla the other night together and Lou drank a glass of cider." And then Mr. Curtis will call attention to the old adage about the sour apple.

Fred Hamilton, the trader of Summerville, is always on the go. It is said he can take out a Ford car and drive back a string of cattle, so adroit is he in the trading game. But Fred stoutly denies this and says if he makes another trade or two he will go broke, for he claims to be the easy mark of the valley. Trade with him once and find out.

Ole Rogers has great faith in his associate in the taxi business, Pat Foley, but there is a lurking feeling in Ole's gizzard that Pat might not have walked the straight and narrow path while he was gone to Camp Pike. This is the way Ole feels about the matter: "I ain't making no accusations against Pat, but somehow he did

a lot better than any other soldier who left La Grande, for he stayed down there in the south a while and then he comes home with a big Packard limousine. There is nothing on the car that would indicate it ever belonged to Uncle Sam, but somehow I have a feeling that when the quartermaster goes to check up those officers' cars he will find there is one big Packard short."

FROM ABROAD IN THE STATE.

The reconstruction bond bill provides \$150,000 for the Pendleton hospital.

The Pendleton city council passed a resolution endorsing the action of Mayor Ole Hanson of Seattle during the recent strike trouble. Copies of the resolution will be sent Mayor Hansen.

A number of The Dalles' best singers met Tuesday night at the high school for the purpose of organizing a chorus. Much enthusiasm was shown and steps were taken to form a permanent organization.

The school board at Umatilla has voted to extend the term a month longer in the spring to make up part of the time lost while the school was closed during the winter because of the influenza epidemic. This will close the school about the middle of June.

The Elk lodge in Roseburg is taking it upon itself to see that no returning soldier boy, who are members of the Roseburg lodge, need go without a job. A committee of prominent business men of the city has in charge a bureau which will soon locate soldier members of the order in good positions.

W. A. Bayless, who early Tuesday morning either accidentally or with suicidal intent shot himself through the head with a rifle, died at his home at Oak Creek Tuesday evening. It is the opinion of his wife that the shot was accidental. Bayless was recently discharged from the army service and, aside from ill health, no cause for suicide is known.

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