

EDITORIAL PAGE

Our Labor Day Celebration

Tomorrow will be one of the biggest days La Grande has ever seen. It will be the first real Labor Day celebration in the history of the city.

Tomorrow is significant to La Grande, for it means, plainly speaking, that organized labor has become a factor in this community for good.

That organized labor is in the nation to stay no one will doubt. That it is a great factor for the uplift of humanity for the promotion of the square deal among men, all students of economics readily agree.

But there is yet another side that does not deal in money, for after all, real men and women do not think always in terms of money. The other side that is decidedly in accord with organized labor is the determination to make the lives of all brighter and better.

Labor has more to say today about national affairs than ever before and it will continue to have more to say. As their responsibility fastens itself more firmly upon the workmen they will feel the urgent need of attending to civic matters.

As the Labor Day parade passes you tomorrow bear in mind that all over the United States in every city there are similar parades. There are hundreds of thousands of men and women whose capital is their labor marching, not for the purpose of overthrowing a government, as some erroneously believe, but for the purpose of doing their part in making the world a better place to live in.

The great principles of organized labor should never be condemned because of the mistakes of individuals. It is impossible to collect thousands of people together without securing in that aggregation some who fail to measure up to standard.

La Grande welcomes Labor Day and its celebration. And when we say La Grande welcomes, we mean that a great portion of the population of this city and community is in some way directly connected with organized labor and it is in fact a La Grande celebration.

The old adage, "Where there is so much smoke there must be a little fire," seems to hold true relative to the spruce division for the investigating committee has already found enough irregularities to fasten considerable blame on John D. Ryan, who was one of the government's dollar-a-year men during the war.

With hogs suffering in a decline and the government pounding hard on various lines of business to reduce prices there is hope that the high cost of living might be shaded a wee bit before the snow flies.

The government has just issued a very important bulletin on the Loew weed disease. The bulletin is No. 2651 and was issued by the United States department of agriculture. Loew weed has for years been a serious pest among the stock raisers and the bulletin will be found of great benefit to all rural sections.

Andrew Carnegie was never accused of being much of a ladies' man during his lifetime but he did remember the widows' hands in his will.

Julius's Well - A Theme For The Poet.

Some fellow grew famous when he wrote the poem on the old oak bucket but that was a long time ago when people could grow fatuous if they did something worth while.

This well has long been in use. When things were different from the present and a large portion of the people believed beer to be wholesome and good for the stomach's sake, this old well furnished the water that made pure beer and caused the reputation of that beer to spread far and wide.

No Place For Barbarians In New Regime.

The conduct of Roumania in Hungary has been of such nature as to fill Americans with disgust and almost obliterate the admiration and friendship hitherto felt for that ally.

Up to Everyone to Ease the Burden.

What President Wilson has said to the railroad shop workers applies to every industry and to every form of economic activity in America.

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Conflicting Thoughts



The Mutual Plan On House Building.

Connersville, Ind., is going at its housing problem in a rather interesting manner, but after one reviewer's "from one's management at the newness and the daring of the plan, one cannot help but admire its simplicity and wonder that it has not been done before.

Transforming a Myth to Reality.

Shakespeare's Ariel has long been outdoors by the wireless telegraph, which puts a globe about the earth in much less than forty minutes.

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JOHNSON WILL TRAIL WILSON

OPPOSITION TO LEAGUE WILL TOUR THE COUNTRY.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Republican Senate leaders today discussed plans for sending speakers behind President Wilson during his tour of the west.

In preparation for the task before him, President Wilson has been advised by Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson to give most of his time before Wednesday to recreation and rest.

Night Fly Fishing.

The question as to whether or not trout will rise to flies by moonlight is one that has long been discussed in the Adirondacks.

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There are at least 20,000 acres of arid lands in Grande Ronde Valley which, under existing conditions, do not produce profitable crops of any kind.

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