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JUDGE CARLISLE'S EARNEST REMARKS.

Thursday afternoon something happened at Union that should be remembered by every resident of Eastern Oregon. It was the speech Judge Carlisle made from the judges' stand at the show.

When Judge Carlisle told the large crowd that the show at Union is the best local stock show on the North American continent he means every word of it, and a research will prove the statement abundantly correct.

When he paid a tribute to the men who had stayed with the show and nursed to its present remarkable size and to its high state of perfection, he uttered a sentiment that exists in every man's heart who knows the details of the long career of constant work by the people of Union and this county.

When he said the Union stock show has been primarily the cause of bettering the livestock in Eastern Oregon, he uttered a patent fact. The stock show has done more to assist in breeding better livestock than any other one agency.

It was a graceful thing for Judge Carlisle to make the speech he did. It was an inspiring talk—a talk that made the pride of Grande Ronde people tingle.

All honor to Union and her people who have specialized on this event and brought it forth from a small beginning to a show that outclasses any similar effort on the North American continent.

THE FELLOW WHO NEVER QUILTS.

Persistence, thou art a jewel. The man who never quits, who never knows a pause in his work is the man who gets results. No better illustration of this can be given than to call attention to the untiring energy of Giles Harnden as an advocate and booster of the Union Live Stock Show.

Mr. Harnden travels over Eastern Oregon. He recognizes the merit of the great stock show held each year at Union and months before the event he begins talking Stock Show to everyone he meets. Then he tacks up cards and signs telling of the dates of the show. This is followed with lithographs and interviews in local papers. Then he makes up window exhibits in the different towns, placing the stock show as the centerpiece. Recently the writer was in the interior of Oregon, only to find the handiwork of Giles Harnden. He is on the job at all times and the Union boys surely appreciate that kind of ceaseless work.

LA GRANDE'S GOOD FORTUNE.

Those who choose to be despondent and look on the dark side of things, locally should search for the cloud's silver lining, for it has one.

With the business of the country in a depressing condition, let us see just how lucky this city has been.

When paving costs were the lowest, some twelve years ago, La Grande did her paving. She had the years of cheap money and high prices on everything to pay the bonded debt and most of it has been wiped out. Her present school buildings were erected when costs were low and they are well along toward being in the clear.

Our water system is the only public improvement that has failed us, and we are now forced to build a new one. But it held out until the peak of high prices had passed and we will build the proposed system at a reasonable cost.

So, why be too gloomy—there are a lot of things to be thankful for.

KEEPING UP A CAMP GROUND.

Automobile travel is here to stay and each year will witness more tourist travel. Already this season there have been many cars go through La Grande, and they have taken advantage of the public camp grounds.

It is but proper to mention that a public camping ground is a mighty fine thing. But it should be kept up. We mean by this, if the tourist wants to buy wood there should be wood for him to buy. If the city intends to have electric lights on the ground those lights should be looked after. One cannot lay out a camp ground and expect it to take care of itself, and a camp ground poorly kept gives the town a black eye. It is told by one tourist to another and soon the story goes along the line that La Grande has poor camping facilities.

ENJOYING THE RUNNING HORSE.

Tastes became educated in the days of horseracing, to the extent that the running horse took a rear place in the minds of race lovers. All eyes were turned upon the harness horse, while the galloper held a minor place in the program. But, since people have been denied horse racing almost entirely, the running horse is coming into its own again.

Milton Wins 500-Mile Classic



Tommy Milton, winner of many auto races, drove an American car to victory in the 500-mile international automobile classic at Indianapolis, Memorial Day. He is shown here with his mechanic, Harry Franck, surrounded by his admirers after the finish.

interest. People raved and yelled, and this is what a good race is intended to create—a feeling that makes people forget themselves. The galloper did that very thing, so, hereafter, keep a little admiration in store for the running horse. If racing ever comes back the running horse will be the first to give entertainment.

SERIOUS TALKS BY MR. SPENCE

Charley Spence of the Grange says the farmer of this country is facing peonage or revolution. Perhaps so. But it is not peonage, Mr. Spence. If it is to be either, it will be revolution. America can never let the farmers fail to be the backbone of the country. When that happens there is no more America. We will admit that America has been drifting rapidly into monarchy of late, with money as the king; we will admit that royalty in this nation has been marked by the money a man possesses, but there is underlying sentiment—a sentiment expressed by the founders of this government that will come forth and prevent American farmers from ever becoming peons. The stars and stripes will never waive over America with the agricultural population in serfdom.

PROPOSED REDUCTION IN DELEGATES.

The Republican party has always suffered nationally from the heavy representation of the southern states in Republican convention. Usually the delegations are composed of negroes and no end of trouble arises from the contests. That is what split the party in 1912, primarily, and is always a danger zone prior to and during a national convention. The proposed reduction of representatives for the states south of Mason and Dixon's line is proper and it should be brought about. With the wiping out of seventy delegates from the south, as proposed, the Republican party will be left with delegates from the states that do the Republican voting, thus enabling nominations to be brought about without so much conniving.

No one wishes to take from the black race what it is entitled to have, but the politics of the south means only one thing and that is the Democratic party. It is well the nation recognize that fact and that the Republicans of the country confine their delegate strength to states that really vote the ticket and have a population composed of white people.

VOTING FOR CITY WATER

The Observer regrets as much as any other property owner that it is necessary for La Grande to issue more bonds in order to have good city water and plenty of it. If anyone will show this paper how a supply of water can be secured without a bonded debt, we will join them in their plans. But we see no other way than to build the system and pay for it with bonds running over a period of years.

La Grande must have a dependable water system. It is the main artery of city life and cannot be neglected. In order to have this it will be necessary for the city to vote water bonds.

When the pioneers meet here on June 20th, it has been suggested that the pioneers do the talking. A good suggestion. And it has been further suggested that the old chaps tell the funny things that happened when they crossed the plains. Hardships leave their impression and too often only the hardships are told. If the program this year will bristle with the funniest thing Dunham Wright and a number of others experienced it would be better than a vaudeville show.

Is it worth while to speak of drainage again? We think not. The Grande Ronde has had a great opportunity for irrigation and also for drainage in years gone by, and we refused both so it is hardly worth while to discuss the matter now. The reason for rejection is that almost every year a good crop is raised here and with a good, fair crop, people are not inclined to take on debt for drainage and irrigation.

Somehow every speech President Harding makes has a good old fashioned ring to it. He may not have the English language down to a point that suits England, but he is uttering some mighty patent facts.

If wheat sells for a dollar this fall, farmers may be able to pay their first installment of this year's taxes. It is a cinch they cannot do it on the present price of butterfat.

Ham and eggs have gotten back to "normalcy" and the Grande Ronde valley hen keeps right on at work.

If the shipping board is reeking with grief now, what was it a year ago before the spotlight got fairly turned upon it?

THE OFFICE CAT



By JUNIUS

A Harding Romance
"Coelia" begged the ardent swain.
"Unto my pleadings lend thine ear;
Don't tell me that my suit is vain;
I swear to always love you, dear!"

The lady murmured tenderly.
"I know no nobler fellow lives—
But I can never wed," said she
"A man who spits infinitives!"

Our Own Hall of Fame.
H. M. DuBois appears to have rounded up some worthy candidates at Rushville, Ind. They are Ed U. Cator, Will E. Tipp, and Will E. Race. Gentlemen, be seated.

Thanks Are Due.
(From the Owen, Ind., Leader.)
I wish to thank the voters of Owen county who supported me in the recent election, in electing me to the office of county commissioner.
FRANK MUGG.

Among the world's most conscientious voters was William Shakerpear, who, it is averred, never repeated.
"Marriage," says an eminent sob sister, "is the school of life."
Yaas—and of those earn-while-you-learn institutions.

Tragedy.
A high-bred young puppy from Snye searched long and in vain for his eye. For his mistress with care had combed his long hair. O'er the apiece where these orbs ought to be.

And in the rooster the hen has the most industrious and most capable press agent in the world.
We agree with the American adroit who says, "It was a fine old hen that hatched the 'American Eagle'."

No All-Round Girl Need Apply
WANTED—Girl for housekeeping; flat.—Ad in Stour City Journal.

That and the Heat.
This world wouldn't be such a bad place after all if it had decent people in it.—New Idea.
Hell's the same way.

Come Up Out of That.
Since prohibition went into effect, man has come to occupy a new place in the home.—American Issue.
The cellar?

Gizzardless Arcanians.
Chew your food; you have no gizzards.—Royal Arcanum Bulletin.
Is this a health note, or an insult?

White Tarrad



White Tarrad, pastor of the Church of the Social Revolution, in New York, followed him of marriage and... (text is partially obscured)

Eight Awards



The Knights of Columbus say Edward L. Hearn of New York, their European commissioner, is the most decorated welfare worker in the country. He has received eight high honors, the last being the Order of Isabella of Spain, awarded by King Alfonso.

There were exclamations loud and deep from the occupants of the car, but they all piled out and made their way to cars ahead. The smile on the young man's face increased as he took possession of a seat and appropriated another for his luggage.

"Ah," he murmured, "It's a grand thing to be born clever! Now I wish they'd start."

By and by the stationmaster put his head in the door: "Are you the smart young man who said this car wasn't going?"

"Yes," said the clever one, smiling.

"Well," said the stationmaster, with a grin also, "it isn't. The brakeman heard what you said, and he un-coupled it. He thought you were a director."

Not Possible.
When a lady who was "burning up the road" on the Hot Lake-La Grande highway was overtaken by a traffic officer and motioned to stop, she indignantly asked:

"What do you want with me?"

"Forty miles an hour?" Why, officer, I haven't been out an hour," said the lady.

"Go ahead," said the officer. "That is a new one on me."

Depends Somewhat.
The old saying—"If you want anything done, do it yourself," is all right if you do not want too many things done.

How True!
A Philadelphia capitalist says too much money is a bad thing. However, there is this consolation: Not many are afflicted with it.

STAR Today Sunday

Advertisement for the movie 'The Jockey' featuring Clyde Cook. Text includes: 'humaner than ever HARRY CAREY', 'In a new and different western', 'if only Jim', 'Lookout kid, that's loaded!', 'Here's a wide open Western picture that will make you giggle and gasp - it's the actionful story of an easy going bachelor-father who had to fight a whole town to prove his right to love - it Don't miss it', 'Directed by Jacques Jaccard', 'ALSO Clyde Cook IN "The Jockey" TWO GREAT REELS OF FUN.'

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