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A Proper Movement

On Tuesday of next week the Ad club will "take a day" and go to see their neighbors.

This is the proper spirit and something that should happen often. The club members will go to North Powder, where they will not only say hello and shake hands, but will visit with the merchants and people of that thriving little city, learning if possible of any co-operation that La Grande can give to the North Powder people. From there they will go to Union and then to Hot Lake, where they will have the same mission.

That is the way to do things. Personal acquaintance with your neighbors and the people you do business with is the greatest thing known to level down difference and ripen friendships.

At Hot Lake many members of the Ad club will be surprised to learn what an institution the sanatorium is for La Grande. While located twenty minutes away by automobile, it is nevertheless a decided part of La Grande's commercial life. Every dollar earned by that institution is like new money to this valley. The people come from great distances to benefit from the sanatorium and the money they bring is circulated in La Grande for the supplies needed for the institution, for taxes, for general overhead costs which every business has. The payroll of Hot Lake, which is always large, is to a large extent spent right here in La Grande.

The business men who take that Tuesday trip will come home realizing more fully than ever what a splendid country they are living in.

At Union they will find many things worth while, for Union is the safest town financially in the northwest. By that we mean there is less speculation and more safe production than elsewhere. It is a rich community and it will be richer. The people are friendly to La Grande and the Tuesday meeting should bring forth strong ties for the future.

North Powder is fighting ground for business. There the people can go either to Baker or to La Grande as they see fit as the distance is almost equal. The highway will make it a toss up as to which city they will visit, except for the inducements offered by merchants here and the general friendly intercourse that comes itself with the commercial life of that community.

Communal Hospitality

An automobile tourist, driving east from Salt Lake City, tells an Ohio newspaper: "All along the way, until we struck this section, we found public camping grounds in the towns, equipped with cookstoves, free fuel, electric lights and shower baths. I wonder why you don't have public camping grounds like that out here."

The West has been very quick to accept and supply the need of camping facilities for this new mode of travel, but other sections have been strangely slow about it. A town here and there has established camping grounds, though seldom so well equipped as those of the West. In many places private individuals have provided camps or cabins, for whose use a charge is made. For the most part, there is no provision whatever for the motor tourist in most states except that of the regular hotels, which does not appeal to those who like camping. Eventually, there will be adequate, comfortable, municipal camps everywhere. Cities and towns will be driven to it, for self-protection if for no other reason, as the tide of traveling campers swells. A community cannot have strangers camping indiscriminately all over the place. It is much better, from the standpoint of order and sanitation, to regulate and regulate the camping. But as the western cities have found, it really pays to furnish such facilities. Travelers need supplies, and have money to spend. They add to the city's business. If they are well treated they go away singing the praises throughout the land—and that is excellent advertisement.

It is no more fair that a moderate charge be made for the use of a public camp place, but few western cities are disposed to insist on that. And in offering free shelter, food and light, they are really inviting one of the oldest and finest of human institutions, communal hospitality. The western civilization at last is taking itself as generous as the Orient, which has always held the entertainment of strangers a sacred duty.

It may be all right to teach the Constitution in the schools, no various patriotic recitation, but isn't a pretty radical document?

First we need lawyers to make the laws, and then we need lawyers to find defects in them.

While Congress is seeking new modes of taxation, why not put a war tax on alimony?

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



THE OFFICE CAT



MR. SMART

A reply from "the great man's secretary"

To the little pome light and airy,
By the Office Cat of the Daily Observer,
(Ain't there a law against letting it loose).

There's a certain mad, bold man, we know
He has a rep for not being so slow.
He's editor of a truly wondrous sheet
And his whimsies really can't be bent.

Well, anyway, this secretary woe,
When judging from this editor's replies

Would say that he would give up some repose
To find how much she really knows.

The moon has her quarters and halves,
but there are whole dollars in moonshine.—Washington Post.

There is but one make of automobile—your own. All others are bunks-o'-tin, bunches-o'-junk, two-wheeled-atrocities, run-rocks, and so on.

The other day I was talking to my 26-year-old son and urging him to get some pep into him.

"Why," I said, "look at George Washington. He was a surveyor when he was your age."

"Yes," my son came back at me, "And when he was your age, he was"

President of the United States."

JUST SO

"We should," declared the uplifter, "teach our boys control."
"You're right," answered the sandlot bystander. "Speed ain't nothing without it."

YOU SAID SOMETHING

(From Chicago Journal of Commerce.)

The modern ladies should devote less energy to making permanent waves and more to making permanent wits.

CANDOR

There was once a verdant young fellow

Who took a maid to a dance in Onkash.

When he said, "won't you gimme a look at the shimmy?"

She replied, "I can't sir, 'sin the wash."

Any person who owns one in La Grande should be content with their LOT.

WHAT EVERY MARRIED MAN KNOWS

"Old Batch Elder waited a long time to get a wife, didn't he?" asked Holt.

"He surely did," replied Nut, and he will continue to wait for her the rest of his life."

FOOL QUESTIONS

D. P. desires to know if a towel can shimmy, can a fish run?

Candy Day Specials.

Candy Day Specials are on every Saturday at Silverthorn's. A candy for 25c a pound sounds like it used to when we were kids. One would think it nearly impossible but it is true. We all know sugar costs almost 10c a pound and much candy contains nuts worth 30c a pound and yet this pure sugar and nut candy is selling at 25c at Silverthorn's.

A wise Frenchman has said that the worse of luck is to have too little wit to talk well, and too little judgment to keep still.

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