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Mr. Bruce Dennis, La Grande, Oregon.—Dear Bruce: May I express to you my sincere congratulations upon the excellence of the special issue of the Observer. I am indeed surprised to learn that it is within the power of your publication to put out an issue which compares favorably with the special editions of the metropolitan press. All things are possible in Eastern Oregon.—Wm. G. Hays, (Senator, Hillsboro.)

Hon. Bruce Dennis, La Grande, Oregon.—My dear Mr