

Kind Words From Oregon's Prominent Men On The Old Oregon Trail Edition

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Mr. Bruce Dennis, La Grande, Oregon.—Dear Mr. Dennis: Permit us to add our mite in the way of complimentary comment, on the recent issue of the Old Oregon Trail addition of the Observer.

In all candor, it is deserving of favorable comment and you and your force are entitled to an unqualified praise for the results of your efforts, and we can well appreciate the amount of work incident to an issue of that sort.

Makes us feel a bit proud to know the Editor, and to be doing business in a town that can boast of such an enterprise.

With our very best wishes, we would like to be remembered at Sincereby.—Eastern Oregon Poster Advertising Co., B. L. Harvey, (of Baker.)

Tourists Get Trail Edition.

Reviewing the work of the Sportsman and Tourist's show at Spokane, the Enterprise Record-Chief, after mentioning the parts taken by Prof. H. M. Bullock and David B. Heavis, said:

"The Wallowa county men had a stock of leaflets telling in brief form the resources and attractions of their home land. These were distributed judiciously, with the idea of reaching all inquirers who seemed interested. Thus few were wasted and there were enough for all needs.

"Supplementing these, were a thousand copies of the Wallowa county section of the Oregon Trail edition of the La Grande Observer, which Bruce Dennis kindly sent to Spokane for use in the booth. This supplement is well illustrated with pictures furnished entirely by the Record-Chief and Wallowa Lake Park. These pictures enabled the Observer to produce such attractive Wallowa county matter. The Record-Chief has the largest collection of half tone pictures of scenery in its territory than any other country newspaper in the whole northwest or perhaps in the United States.

Time Boost For County.

Because of lack of space last week The News failed to mention the splendid booster edition of the La Grande Observer, Saturday, May 26.

The edition was truly a fine boost for Union county and the people of the county should avail themselves of a copy and "read up" on the various opportunities existing in this section of the state. Copies can be secured from Judge Sencerbox, at his office.

We congratulate Editor Bruce Dennis and his working staff on their success in "getting out" such a creditable edition.—North Powder News.

Sees Historical Value.

Planning in the Old Oregon Trail's completion and the forthcoming celebration at the top of the Blue mountains, an opportunity to bring the resources and advantages of La Grande and Union county before the Northwest, Editor Bruce Dennis of the La Grande Evening Observer has issued a special "Old Oregon Trail" edition of eight sections and sixty-two pages.

Special articles and illustrations appealing to the Oregon vacationist, the Eastern tourist and the prospective settler are contained in the booster issue. Agriculture, small fruit raising, sheep and cattle raising, mining and industrial opportunities of the region adjoining the trail in Eastern Oregon are described fully in specially prepared stories.

A section of the paper is devoted to Wallowa and Baker counties, with descriptive articles on Joseph, Wallowa and other points.

In line with the historical basis of the edition, stories have been contributed by pioneers dealing with travel in the early days and subsequent growth of the trail section.

Schools, churches, sports and industrial life of La Grande, North Powder and other points are given special mention and an entire section is devoted to subjects that appeal to the motorist. No resource has been overlooked by Editor Dennis in his aim to publish an authentic description of the great Eastern Oregon country.—Portland Telegram.

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"Faith in Eastern Oregon." One of the finest special editions that has come to our attention in a long time is the 62-page issue gotten out in commemoration of the completion of the Old Oregon Trail. It is full of information about Eastern Oregon and makes one wonder where the Weeping Willow of the Grande Ronde got the inspiration. The Observer edition should make every Blue Mountain resident in Eastern Oregon feel that the Old Oregon Trail is a summer in a desperate effort to stem the tide of adversity that was apparently about to overwhelm the republican party in this state, we toured by auto all over it in company with State Chairman Walter L. Toole, Jr. One leg of the trip took us through the Blue mountain region, and if any one who reads this should go to Eastern Oregon to the celebration, we urge him to take a trip by auto from Mitchell to Prineville through the forest reserve in the Blue mountains. We have seen few miles of scenery to compare with it, even in Oregon.—Claude Ingalls, Corvallis Gazette Times.

Col. E. Hater Likes Edition. The La Grande Observer celebrated the completion of the last link of a modern paved and graded highway along the line of the famous Old Oregon Trail over the Blue mountains, every mile of which can now be traveled by motor car at the limit of speed, 20 miles an hour. The general public misses the significance of this event—the tribute to modern journalism to the Old Oregon Trail—which in opening up the country to its original settlement and again opening it to through travel on modern lines of paved highways, is an important step in the breaking of the original trail or of the first transcontinental railroad in its day. The route of the Old Oregon Trail that brought the sturdy ox team argonauts and the later gold-seekers through from the Mississippi valley to the Pacific coast, started at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and converging, united on the Platte river, some distance west of Grand Island. Then it went on west through Nebraska, across Wyoming, skirting southern Idaho along the Snake river, over the Blue mountains into Oregon, and out onto the sands of the Pacific to Astoria. The empire known as the Grande Ronde valley of what is now Union county, was noted by the pioneers as one of the most tempting, beautiful and mountain-enclosed valleys on the entire 3,000 miles, and it is to this day a perfect agricultural paradise. Senator Bruce Dennis takes eight eight-page sections of his fine daily paper to show this wonder-region to the world and in a broad way tries to picture its resources of grain and cattle, farming, fruit and alfalfa, fine towns and cities, its industries and payrolls and has pictured a magnificent country with a magnificent monument in the publishing line. Civilization has taken a huge leap in half a century since the prairie schooners, drawn by bull-teams, pierced the mountain passes and with great sacrifices of life and treasure opened the Oregon country to the world. A country that fairly started in 1811 and is still open to millions of enterprising people who can better their conditions by turning their faces to the prosperous fields of enterprise and adventure still lying open in the west.—Col. E. Hater's "Manufacturer," Salem.

Old Oregon Trail Special. The latest special edition to come to the desk of the Herald is the Old Oregon Trail edition of the La Grande Observer. The edition comprises 62 pages, one of the largest ever printed in Eastern Oregon. The typographic make-up of each page is a compliment to the mechanical finish of the paper and a feature of the issue worthy of praise, but it is in the subject matter of the edition that the greatest excellence is to be found. The pages are full of facts regarding La Grande, Union county and the entire Eastern Oregon. There is also much matter of historical value contained in the pages. The issue is one to be preserved and saved for the future. In Baker, where Bruce spent several years in the newspaper game, we know him as one who strives to excel, and in this issue he has done much toward accomplishing this desire. It is a pleasure to read the Observer.—Baker Herald.

Accepted. The La Grande Observer put out a most creditable Oregon Trail Edition Saturday the 26th, covering the field from every angle. Our neighbor is to be congratulated.—Union Republican.

"Good Work," says Recorder. The La Grande Observer's Old Oregon Trail edition is something for all the Grande Ronde valley to look upon with more than usual interest. The broadcasting of copies among friends and relatives will develop a great deal of interest in this part of Oregon. It is the kind of work that advertises the country well and should be continued in various ways. Good work, La Grande Observer.—Elgin Recorder.

Herald Liked Edition. The La Grande Evening Observer is not given to "preaching" journalism, the paper following conservative measures in its daily routine. When other papers in the district have from time to time given space to touting the resources of their respective districts in special editions, the Observer commented favorably and continued to boost La Grande and Union county in every day stories. But when the Old Oregon Trail association decided to celebrate the completion of the new Old Oregon Trail in fitting manner, Editor Dennis decided to give the celebration a boost by issuing a special number of the Observer. The special was issued Saturday—62 pages of fine news, interesting articles and intelligence concerning Eastern Oregon. The Old Oregon Trail and the work of the state highway commission. A special 62-page

La Grande Enterprise. The La Grande Observer, of which State Senator Bruce Dennis is the able editor, has put out a 62-page special edition in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the crossing of the Blue mountains by the first wagon train and in observance of the forthcoming celebration of the opening of the new Old Oregon Trail, at which President Harding will make the main address.

The Observer's feat is one of which any metropolitan newspaper could well be proud. Noting that might truthfully advance the interests of the Grande Ronde valley has been overlooked. Natural resources and institutions are portrayed in picturesque and entertaining detail.

Nor have tributary and surrounding communities been forgotten. The paper displays large vision in recognizing that La Grande, Union county's county seat, is but one of the big links in the closely welded chain of public welfare. There is no selfishness about such a viewpoint. It is such sentiment that attracts and convinces, and bespeaks harmony and understanding.

HOKAIDO MAKES FARMERS OFFER

TOKIO, Japan, June 15.—The administration of the Hokaido, the northern island of the Japanese

group, which although very fertile, is still sparsely populated, has devised a scheme to induce Japanese from the over-populated islands to emigrate thence. Selected emigrants will be given twelve to twenty-five acres of tillable land, which, if prop-

erly cultivated, will become their property within five years. In addition they will be assisted in getting to their destination and