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Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.—Nehemiah 9:17.

Was Born In La Grande

Several years ago when the State Federated Women's clubs met in La Grande a movement was launched to provide a fund which would be used to assist worthy girls in obtaining a college education. It was planned to arrange finances so that girls running short of the necessary means to finish their college courses could borrow from the state federation without interest and wholly upon the honor of the borrower.

That it is a magnificent idea no one can doubt. That it is doing a great good is plainly shown when we state that 360 girls have been added in this honorable manner. At the state university, at O. A. C., at Monmouth and at some of the business colleges can be found direct proof of this splendid movement.

It is also to the credit of La Grande that since the movement was launched the Neighborhood club of this city has been one of the strong resources financially speaking for this federation fund. In other words La Grande, through her Neighborhood club, has always come forward with more than her quota.

In order to keep that standing the Neighborhood club will give an entertainment and dinner in Honan hall next Tuesday evening, the entire proceeds of which will go to the girls' loan fund.

Does the Evening Observer need say more to the generous people of La Grande for such a cause? Your presence Tuesday evening will speak your endorsement of this worthy movement.

Time To Provide A Park

Is La Grande going to face the tourist season again without a municipal camp ground for the tourists?

That is a question that deeply concerns the Chamber of Commerce and the city commission.

The park we have is too small and no one has even anticipated that it would be permanent. Pendleton has seen fit to take care of this municipal need in the right manner, Baker has a municipal park that is a going concern and capable of handling the automobile guests, but La Grande is sleeping on her rights during the time of year when all preparations and arrangements should be thought out ready to take action with early spring.

We cannot afford to enter this season without a suitable park—one that can be made a permanent and municipal concern.

The Roosevelts

The principle which caused Theodore Roosevelt to become a leader and remain a leader of the people of this nation has been handed down to his sons. This was shown when Archie Roosevelt took the stand before Teapot Dome investigation in congress and told the story of the Sinclair company's connection with the whole transaction.

If the father could have heard that boy testify no doubt it would have been the proudest moment of his entire existence.

The Roosevelts ring true, clear down the line.

Girls and Athletics

Discussion of what girls should or should not do never loses its interest, and one of the most relentless phases of such discussion is that in regard to athletic sports. Following the decree by a few doctors, both men and women, that girls should avoid strenuous games, there now comes strong endorsement of such games by the Affiliated Gymnastic society.

Horrible consequences are predicted by a woman teacher at the English College of Fuzedown if girls are restrained from sports—they will become catty and shrewish, or barring these, they may become flirts or develop morbid tendencies.

This teacher attributes to women an instinct usually believed possessed only by men, the fighting instinct, and for it she must have an outlet or develop the unpleasant qualities mentioned.

Another teacher declared that girls who play do not have time to powder their noses; they do not snoop along the road with young men so much, and when they marry they have more children than girls not addicted to sports.

Meanwhile, although the popularity of athletic sports for girls is growing all the time, it is a little soon to prove

Archery Expert Confident
In Flight of His Arrow—SHERIDAN, Wyo. (AP).—W. H. HUBB, Goldens, famous as Wyoming's "swiftest arrow," plans to shoot his game this year with bow and arrow, as did the Indians who are the subjects of some of his pictures.

The artist became interested in archery a year ago and has become so skilful that he can pull and shoot a 55-pound bow, thus making things interesting for a rabbit or grouse within reasonable limits. With his tipped arrows

he is confident he will be successful in his hunt for big game.

An arrow, shot accurately and under favorable conditions, will pass directly through the body of a large animal, while in many cases a bullet from a rifle will flatten out before completely penetrating Mr. Goldens makes his bows of imported lemon wood and his strings. The ends are tipped with cow horn. The arrows he fashions from hardwood and turkey wings, tipping them with army rifle cartridges from which the contents have been removed.

THE OLD HOME TOWN



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WHERE IS DORION SPRINGS

The Editor of the Observer, before the meeting of the Oregon Trail Association, I trust that it may be possible for one of your readers to locate the famous Dorion Spring near La Grande since it is a locality which should be of great interest to tourists who pass through this country.

Madame Dorion was the wife of Pierre Dorion whose father was a Frenchman who acted as interpreter for the Lewis and Clark expedition. When the American emporium of the northwest was established at Astoria in 1811 an expedition made its way across the continent under the leadership of William Price Hunt, who subsequently became governor of Missouri Territory.

Pierre Dorion was engaged as interpreter with this expedition, but he would only consent on condition that his wife and two children be allowed to accompany him. Although the party suffered great hardships, Madame Dorion and her two children were able to keep up and endure the suffering without any complaint and her heroism and fortitude are warmly praised.

In 1812 Pierre Dorion with his family again passed through the site of La Grande on their way to the Boise river where an American trading post was established by John Reed, which caused the Boise to be formerly known as Reed's river. This post was attacked by Indians and all the white men murdered in January 1814.

Madame Dorion and her two children managed to escape, and fled to the Blue Mountains, but since the snow prevented their crossing until the spring they spent the winter at some point near where La Grande is now situated.

In March they crossed the mountain where the dancing snow caused Madame Dorion to be stricken with snow blindness, but after she had recovered sufficiently to travel she succeeded in reaching the hunting camp of some friendly Indians who accompanied her to the Columbia river where she died in the arms of an Indian. The death of the ten white men who had composed the garrison of the trading post on the Boise river.

Madame Dorion subsequently married a Frenchman and settled in the Willamette valley where she was still living in 1859. Her son Baptiste Dorion became a prominent and successful interpreter, and during the Cayuse war was a lieutenant in the Ninth regiment.

The spring where Madame Dorion and her boys spent the winter was probably near La Grande, because the Hunt expedition is reported to have passed up Millmont Creek along the old Indian trail which has since become so famous in song and story. It was from near Union that the Indians had pointed out a gap in the mountains, and this gap is the only one which answers the description. When Reed's party returned over the route the following year they would naturally have taken the same trail they had previously traveled and Madame Dorion would of course attempt to return along the same route by which she had twice crossed the mountains.

Being afraid of the Indians who had murdered the rest of the party, she appears to have turned aside so as to find a secluded place to spend the winter, which would be far enough from the trail to escape observation from passing Indians, and yet be near enough for her to easily resume her journey as soon as the snow had melted sufficiently to do so.

The place is described in Astoria by Washington Irving "At length she reached a range of the Rocky Mountains... here she chose a wild lonely ravine, as her place of winter refuge. She fortunately had a buffalo robe and three deer-skins, of these, and of pine bark and cedar branches she constructed a rude wigwam, which she pitched beside a mountain spring. Having no other food, she killed the two horses and smoked their flesh. The skins aided to cover her hut. Here she dragged out the winter with an other company than her two children. Toward the middle of March her provisions were nearly exhausted, she therefore backed up the remainder, along it on her back, and with her helpless little ones, set out again on her wanderings.

Gabriel Franchers, who wrote

orphans dragged out a miserable existence during a severe season. Toward the latter end of March she had nearly consumed the last of her horse-flesh, in consequence of which she found it necessary to change her quarters. During the whole of this period she saw none of the natives, or any indication of human habitation. Having dried up as much covering and dried meat as she could carry, she placed it and her younger child on her back, and taking the elder by the hand, she bade adieu to her wintry encampment."

Alexander Ross who also was a member of the American expedition gives this account in his interesting book: "I packed up all, loaded my horse, and putting my children on top of the load, set out again on foot leading the horse by the halter as before. In this sad and hopeless condition I traveled through deep snow and rugged woods, and rocks and rugged paths for nine days, till I and the horse could travel no more. Here I selected a lonely spot at the foot of a rocky precipice in the Blue Mountains intending to pass the remainder of the winter. I killed the horse and hung up the flesh on a tree for my winter food. I built a small hut with pine branches, long grass, and moss, and packed it all around with snow to keep us warm, and this was a difficult task, for I had no axe, but only a knife to cut wood. In this solitary dwelling I passed fifty-three lonely days. I then left my hut and set out with my children to cross the mountains, but I became snow blind the second day and had to remain for three days without advancing a step; and this was unfortunate, as our provisions were almost exhausted. Having recovered my sight a little I set out again, and got clear of the mountains, and down to the plains on the fifteenth day after leaving my winter encampment."

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