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I HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT. I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness.—2 Timothy 4:7.

The prophet usually gets his bumps in his own country.

We are assured a warm summer this year. All the vacation literature admits it.

There was a time when many a man prided himself on being able to tell when a woman was well dressed.

To the man who falls from an airplane it makes little difference whether it was the Newton or the Einstein theory that brought him down.

On his seventy-first birthday former Vice President Marshall said "the sum total of all my observations is that there's more good in the world than evil." He's out of politics and can take an unbiased view of the election returns.

Australia has enacted a compulsory voting law with a penalty of \$50 for failure to appear at the polls. That ought to make voting worth while even for those who can't find any other reason for performing the duty of a good citizen.

On his return from his forthcoming trip to Argentina the Prince of Wales will select a wife, it is announced from London sources. If he's as deliberate in the selection after this trip as he has been previously, the Prince should enjoy a long and weary stay at home in England.

YOUR BACK YARD.

Back yards are something big city dwellers long for and small town dwellers long to get rid of. But back yards are a geographical condition the yearning is about as close as a cityite ever gets to one, while the small townite finds it hard to dispense with for want of something to take its place.

A back yard in the spring of the year is not exactly an object of beauty. Paintless fences are in a more or less acute state of unrepair, tin cans, old shoes and worn-out brooms have somehow eluded the garbage can. Already there are signs of the weed crop soon to make its appearance.

Why not get busy tonight and give the back yard a thorough spring house-cleaning? The exercise will do you good, and the neighbors will rise up and acclaim you.

WALLOWA WONDERLAND WEEK.

Starting today this week is to be devoted toward making a greater Wallowa Lake Wonderland, toward boosting it as a vacation land, toward advertising it as a scenic gem and mecca for those seeking the beautiful and unusual in mountains and lakes. Wallowa has no superior on this continent. That is a truth that is realized not only by the people of Eastern Oregon who know its grandeur but by all who have visited it no matter where they hail from. It is worth all the development and popularization effort that can be expended on it.

Actually Wallowa Lake and the beautiful region back of it make up one of the greatest concrete assets of the city of La Grande and of these two counties. It can mean tremendous things in dollars and cents to the business interests of this section. The ever-increasing stream of tourists and vacationists that will be attracted into Wallowa will stimulate of wealth whose value we cannot minimize. Every citizen of the La Grande community is going to be a direct or indirect beneficiary of this vacation playground development. No personal or petty prejudices can detract from this fact.

This week in The Observer's news columns we will present many interesting features relating to Wallowa and its possibilities for the future. We urge all sincere citizens to cooperate in securing a greater knowledge of Wallowa and a greater appreciation of its advantages on the part of every member of this and other adjacent communities. You are urged to follow Wallowa's development, to boost Wallowa locally and with your friends and acquaintances over the nation. It's an activity that can pay vast returns in community growth and prosperity.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By Stanley



A man can be boss of his own home, snaps a La Grande husband when all the rest of the family is away.

LOVE LYRICS
Of all the foaming form of life, That this fair land encumber, No one has greater lessons than Thou hast, O thou encumber.

The lowly cabbage teaches us Democracy at length; The cauliflower of fighters' ears The onion speaks of strength.

In summer days, in Volstead days, Thou hast this word for me, That thou are always, always cool And pickled frequently.

There is little peace of mind for the man whose wife is forever giving him a piece of hers.

Window cleaners aren't the only ones whose occupation is hazardous. We were told the other day about a certain editor who dropped eleven stories in the waste basket.

"What," asked the girl who had secured the crossword puzzle section first, "is a drink in three letters?" The family answered simultaneously as follows: Grandma said tea; big brother said gin, father said rye, grandfather said rum and the mother said etc.

A La Grander says the woman of today should be covered fully by insurance. "Yes," agrees Junius, "insurance or something."

Three New Yorkers who believed what a bootlegger told them, were buried the other day.

"Do you love me, John?" asked the bride. "What have you burned now?" asked the rather grouchy husband.

Some styles of undressing are perilous. A young La Grande gentleman kissed a girl on the forehead and got a bang in the mouth.

It is only natural for a girl to become highly incensed when one throws perfume on her.

An Optimalist—A cross-eyed man who is thankful that he is not low-legged.

AVIATION IN AUSTRIA REPORTS GOOD YEAR

VIENNA (AP)—Aviation in Austria experienced considerable development in the past year. The number of flights recorded on the routes Vienna-Munich, Vienna-Prague and Vienna-Budapest increased 29 per cent, and the mileage flown was greater by 80 per cent. The carriage of passengers showed a like increase, while the transportation of goods doubled. The distance flown by the various companies last year over Austrian territory was equivalent to 14 times around the world.

The opening up of new routes, namely Vienna-Berlin, Vienna-Cracow and Vienna-Trieste, are in contemplation.

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Old Oregon Trail Route Outlined by Dan Fruit

(By Jack Hunter)
Dan Fruit was one of the earliest pioneers to view The Park here before any cabins were built. He has farmed, hunted and trapped and done much mining all over Eastern Oregon and parts of Southern Oregon. He now lives with his son Dan Fruit Jr., in Boise, Idaho, and has taken up a placer mining claim at Idaho City, which he intends to work in the near future.

This is how I saw Uncle Dan for the first time: A man of medium stature, which I would have taken for about 55 years of age at the most, if I had not known that he claimed to be 79 years young. His hair and small beard which are full growth are sprinkled with grey. His eyes are not too large with a smiling twinkling clear blue. When amused at something his eyes and forehead have the peculiarity of undulating in a quick succession, his voice then has a soft treacherous tone and he finishes with a shooting sparkle in his eyes denoting that the lights therefrom emanate from within. He has the forehead of a poet and the hands of a scholar. As he tells himself to be, I found him a man that was fit for "a jack of all trades and a master of them all." But his modesty prevents him of boasting much of himself and he tells that "I never amounted to much, I believe, for I never was much of a politician or advertiser." Of the past his admiration is for Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses Grant. Of the living he is greatly in friendship with the noted octogenarian pioneer Dunham Wright of Medical Springs. His tale of crossing the plains in 1852, in this way: "I was born in Illinois in 1846. My father with my mother's brother, Uncle George Cusick, father of the late William Cusick and Frank who now lives near Union on Catherine creek, went to California during the rush in 1849. My father died there in the gold fields, Uncle George came back to Illinois and took care of our family. In 1852 I believe he organized a caravan of covered wagons drawn by oxen and was made captain of the outfit. With him and the large caravan at seven years of age I looked upon where old La Grande is situated.

"The trip was one continuous succession of wonderful experiences for my young mind. Trouble with Indians we had none. Uncle Cusick had an effective plan to scare the 'red skins away, if they at any time were considering a raid upon us. It was this: The men, women and children riding were provided with guns in full display. Besides each wagon had one, two and some three muskets strapped in full view on its side. When camping all these arms were slacked up the most displaying fashion possible. With this demonstration of many arms and the

great number of men composing our company the Indians thought best not to molest our outfit. Tells of Trail. "Now there seems to be a friendly controversy of the exact location of the Old Oregon Trail, since the construction of the highway. I will give you the exact trail as I traveled it in 1852; and again in 1854 when we came from Linn county to La Grande. "I will start at Fort Hall. Fort Hall I remember well that we did not pass through the place, for my uncle showed it to us at a distance. From there we made a long detour around part of the Lavas to the right, or north; and left or south of Big Butte—between Big Butte and the Lavas. Then on to Olds Ferry. From there to Burnt river passing where Durkee is now. Then on to where the place was called the 'Old Straw Ranch.' Then to what is known now as the Virgine Mine, over the hill into the valley, crossing Baker valley and dropping where North Powder is situated. Then on the Ladd hill between Ladd creek and Hot Lake, here being the worst grade on the whole trail. Then right through where Old Town of La Grande is situated. Now here we were told of another trail called the 'Old Fox Road.' I remember that well. Perhaps some went around by that old road not striking La Grande. But I remember well the incident in our case. We went through the place where Old Town of La Grande is. Then over the hill to Rock creek. Here again they told of the 'Old Rock Creek Road.' Then on to Unmatta and there we saw the first house since we had left Fort Hall. From there we proceeded to The Dalles. There we sent the cattle over the hill by land while we all piled into a boat and we met the men and cattle below. We passed Oregon City. I remember well that place for an old man gave us each two nice peaches. Those peaches looked the nicest thing I had seen for a long time and they tasted just as good. Then we passed through Salem and into North Santiam and we settled in Linn county.

"In 1854 we came to La Grande. We camped right in the Old Town of La Grande. My uncle bought some beef from a French butcher and when my uncle remarked that there was much bones in his meat, the fellow laughed and returned: 'I have killed and sold buffalo meat, I have killed and sold elk meat, I have killed and sold deer meat and lots of bull meat and all of them had bones in it!'"

A woman tells us her husband won't buy a washing machine because he thinks he married one. Actors do as well as they do in the movies because they can't hear the music.

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