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Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.—Psalm 51: 14.

THE GARDEN OF THE GRANDE RONDE

Urban and rural interests alike are watching developments of truck and small fruit marketing problems in Union county. It is a vital struggle. Prime movers are enthusiastic, and even skeptical bystanders are warming up to the prospects of lifting these soil products out of the ruck, that they may bring a modicum of profit to those who raise them — more than a little perhaps, and possibly large returns if the leaders don't falter.

To date this has not been true. Discouraged and disorganized, producers are bogged down; they grumble disgruntled objection while the consumer is compelled to send his money to organized white producers in Milton-Freewater, or to Chinese growers in Walla Walla, contrary to every rule of reason. This annual waste, of which local retailers retain but a painfully small margin, is foolish because it can be corrected by means of rational leadership. Snarly problems lie in the way, to be sure, but they are not insurmountable.

Probably the greatest danger ahead will be an easily discouraged group of producers, some of whom now think they have hit upon a panacea for all their marketing ills in the form of a public market. But they will learn, sooner or later, that only a beginning has been made. A public market alone will not suffice; it meets but one phase of a complicated problem.

There will be ups and downs for the growers until they catch the knack of dressing their wares and displaying them in appealing fashion; until the consumers fully appreciate the double satisfaction of keeping all and not merely a small fraction of the dollar at home by purchasing succulent vegetables and luscious berries from our own valley; until there are wholesale facilities available to local retailers—for how else can the store keeper replenish his stock without buying from the highly organized and skillful producers over the hill?

There will be ups and downs for the growers until market management is perfected; until the strategic location is found; until these producers plant in as orderly fashion as they now plan to market — in order to prevent overproduction and underproduction; until facilities for the barrelling and freezing of surplus products are made available; until car-lot shipments are made possible through orderly planting with that goal in view, and through co-ordination with institutions like the Pacific Fruit company; until — and this is most important — until the producers have organized themselves to prevent a glutted market one day and meager supplies the next.

But a beginning has been made. Let's unite to hasten progress, overcome discouragements, and avoid petty differences. Let's think of a public market and far beyond that. It is not mere emotional enthusiasm to say that this thing can be done in a big way. And the development of the garden of the Grande Ronde may mean the economic salvation of this valley. Big stakes are at issue. Will we continue to hope forlornly or will we hop to the job with fortitude as producers and consumers acting in unison with vision?

Other Papers Say:

MILITARY TRAINING PROBLEM

It is proposed by the committee on military training of the state board of higher education (Mrs. Pierce, chairman) to abolish upper division military training at the University of Oregon. Junior and senior courses leading to reserve officer commissions would be given only on the Corvallis campus. In both schools, mass training for freshmen and sophomores would be retained, but on the voluntary rather than the compulsory basis as at present.

This report (not yet adopted by the board) seems to be in line with the general effort to eliminate duplications. Reading it over, we get the impression that in the rush of more important matters it was not given the careful preparation it deserved and we hope it will not be adopted, because it rests on certain misunderstandings.

It would NOT save any appreciable sum on money to abolish the upper division training at the University and it might cost the state considerable money. At the University the state contributes only \$3,287 toward maintaining the R. O. T. C.; the students contribute \$2,260 in fees (about half the amount at O. S. C.). The rest of the expense is paid entirely by Uncle Sam. Only 55 students each year are allowed to take the advanced courses which lead to commissions. These men help to officer the corps and Uncle Sam pays each one of them \$100 a year, a sum which in many cases is very badly needed.

If the upper division training were abolished, the lower division work would probably have to go with it because Uncle Sam probably would balk at the expense of sending in enough regulars to officer the entire corps.

With the idea of making the military work voluntary instead of compulsory at both schools, we have no quarrel, although we know of no work more badly needed by the average strapping entering college. There is no better discipline in physical and mental co-ordination, self-control, courtesy and it does NOT turn

youth into a blood-thirsty, war-minded barbarian. When it comes to huge standing armies, navies and blatting patriotism we are as pacifist as some of the peace organizations which have been hammering at Mrs. Pierce's committee, but we can still see sound virtue in military training. The main point, however, is that the present proposal would not be good business. It would be destroying a course which attracts some 600 students and helps many to be self-supporting. Uncle Sam carries most of the expense. The state would have to pay the entire bill of substitute training. — Eugene Register-Guard.

ITS GASH IN THE EARTH

La Grande, Oregon, shiretown of Union county, plans an airport a particular feature of which would be its use by airplanes to carry people to see Snake River canyon, one of the deepest gashes in the earth in the known world.

The canyon is little known but is one of the wonders of the Northwest. Because of its extraordinary depth it is called Hell's canyon, Box canyon and other unusual names. Its accessibility from La Grande makes it a feature that was the subject of recommendation last Tuesday in the annual address of the president of the La Grande Chamber of Commerce.

In some places the Snake river gash in the earth is deeper and narrower than the widely known Grand Canyon of the Colorado. An incomplete geological survey of the Snake River canyon shows that between Bear mountain, on the Oregon side, and He Devil butte, on the Idaho side, a distance of 7.8 miles, the surface of the river is 6748 feet, or over a mile, below a line connecting the tops of these peaks.

At one of the most spectacular spots in the Grand Canyon the depth is only 4500 feet, or 2248 feet less than the depth of the Snake River gash.

One of the striking differences between the Snake river gorge and the Colorado slash is that the Colorado is cut through a fairly level plateau, while the region all around Snake river canyon is criss-crossed into peaks, ravines and ridges, giving a picturesque effect that in its wild beauty is one of the unmatched wonders of the world.

With its historic background and its story of pioneers and Indians, La Grande is in a valley of picturesque beauty. World travelers and globe-trotting sightseers frequently proclaim that the view of the Grande Ronde valley from the summit of Mount Emily is among the great agricultural pictures of any coun-

try. Mount Emily is 6000 feet high, and a convenient road to the summit is under construction. Toward the construction of the road the La Grande Chamber of Commerce last year raised \$2500. The forest service, Union county and the chamber of commerce were financially responsible for the building of this scenic highway, eight miles long and all on an 'easy grade'. From this vantage point the traveler or tourist may see the entire valley in a beautiful panorama of fields resembling a huge checkerboard stretching over the floor of the big valley. It is said that no drive in the Pacific Northwest is superior in drama and beauty.

In the midst of such pictures, why do not Oregon people try to sell their own scenery, if not to the world, at least to their own people? — Oregon Journal.

Liberty School Directors Elect 1932-33 Teacher

By Mrs. Charles Spencer (Observer Correspondent)
GRAND HALL (Special) — The school board of district 18 met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. C. B. Spencer, chairman, and elected Mrs. Mary B. Kall to teach the school again next year. The patrons of the district are greatly pleased with Mrs. Kall's work. Also, they feel quite elated over the fact that Liberty school is one of the schools in the county recently chosen by Mr. Miller, of the E. O. N. faculty, who specializes in class room control, as a typical rural school to be used by pupils of his advanced classes, as a means to note first hand methods in conducting a rural school in an efficient manner. The E. O. N. students are to spend a stipulated number of hours each week with Mrs. Kall, observations to begin as soon as the conditions of the roads are improved.

A St. Patrick's game, a spelling match and a news writing contest were the program features when the Countrywomen's club met Friday with Mrs. Albert Hamann. Mrs. Dollic Taa's side won in the game. Mrs. Wesley Bond and Mrs. Lena Gekeler received first and consolation prizes, respectively, in the spelling match and Mrs. R. A. Masterton and Mrs. Ernest Ragain won first in the writing contest. A short business session presided over by the president, Mrs. Reece McAllister, was held preceding the program of which Miss Minnie Holman and Mrs. William Taylor had charge. A St. Patrick's motif was carried out in the refreshments Mrs. Hamann and her assist-

ant hostess, Mrs. Taylor, server at the close of the afternoon. Mrs. Loren Turner and son, of Baker, and Mrs. Stewart were visitors. The club will meet again March 25, with Mrs. R. A. Masterton, Mrs. Bert Grout and Mrs. C. B. Spencer will have charge of the program.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gekeler entertained the members of the Liberty Sunday school Sunday 4: dinner, preceding dinner, the Sunday school classes were held at the Gekeler home.

Ernest Ragain, who left the middle of last week to hunt a new business location in Washington, spent a few days with his sister, Mrs. George Hughes and family, before his departure. Mrs. Ragain is visiting relatives here and in La Grande for a short time and then she plans to join her husband.

The school children are busy now preparing for their exhibition of club work, manual training articles and school work which they expect to have ready by the second or third week in April. They finished their English club contest a week ago and celebrated the occasion with a weiner roast Friday afternoon.

Lyman Huff, who has been in the Grande Ronde hospital for a couple of weeks with a badly fractured arm, was released Friday and visited at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Spencer. Mr. Huff is a former resident of this neighborhood but now resides in town.

Mrs. Arthur Golden was one of the regular attendants at the "Kitchen Chautauqua" held in La Grande last week.

Mrs. Kall was recently called to the Grande Ronde hospital to be with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Diehl, who underwent a major operation. Mrs. Diehl who formerly taught the Liberty school, is said to be convalescing nicely.

Next Saturday is to be a real red-letter day for Blue Mountain growers. The day is to be observed as the subordinate's birthday anniversary and Mrs. Victor Ragain, lecturer, has arranged for an appropriate program for the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sherwood, who have been with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Sherwood for several months, have moved into the Lyman Huff house on K avenue in La Grande. Mr. Sherwood is employed in the railroad shops.

BRAZIL FEARS BOLL WEEVIL
FORTALEZA, Brazil (AP) — Importation from the United States of cotton to be used in manufacturing here, has been protested by the commercial association on the ground that it may bring the boll weevil to this cotton growing section.

Imbler Juniors Present Comedy Friday Evening

By Mrs. Ray Wilson (Observer Correspondent)
IMBLER (Special) — The junior class presented "Lighthouse Nan," a three act comedy-drama, in Wade hall Friday night to an audience that filled the hall almost to capacity. The players and the coach, Miss Cannon, are receiving highest praise for its fine production.

"Mary Richeson took the part of Nan, the little 'harum-skarum' fare-free wail of the seacoast. She made the most of her opportunities, humorous and dramatic, with splendid acting. Raymond Munson as Ned Blake, Nan's sweetheart played in a manner worthy of a talented veteran. Lynn Anderson enacting the role of Ichabod Buzzer, proved himself to be a real comedian by playing his part so naturally and effectively that his audience responded with hearty roars of laughter. Bobby Huron as the banker, John Enlow, gave a fine performance with a dignified bearing of a man of affairs. Marjorie Perry as Hortense Inlow interpreted her part in a way deserving of the highest praise. Lyle Sanderson took the part of Sir Arthur Choche, British nobleman, with a makeup and accent depicting the better class Englishman as we real-

ly know him and not the overdrawn characterization of the old time melodrama. Blanche Billings, in the role of Sarah Chumley-Choche, Sir Arthur's sister gave a stellar performance by fine acting and the haughtiness and dignity required by the part.

The girls' glee club entertained with several numbers between the acts and Clifford Westenskow played two saxophone solos.

Grover Hardy was stage manager and Dwight Conklin was business manager. Warren Dennison also entertained with fine exhibitions of tap dancing.

A wire received here from Chicago Saturday said the fruit crop of that section is thought to be severely damaged and the damage may extend over the middle west and the east and possibly south as far as the great Georgia peach belt. They have had unusually warm weather there this winter and the sap is said to be flowing in practically all the eastern and middle western sections. Last week these sections experienced extremely cold weather. It will be probably 30 days or more before the

damage can be definitely ascertained. The auxiliary will meet this Monday night in the Legion hall. Mrs. Stella Witty, of Egin, has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Harold Bingham, since Friday. William Westenskow has rented the tract of the Miller orchard which he had last year.

Teachers of the M. E. Sunday school report their membership is increasing and that they now have 52 children enrolled. A number of young people of Imbler attended the M. I. A. conference held in La Grande Sunday night. C. A. Allington, formerly agent of the Union Pacific at Mosier, Ore., arrived today to take up his new duties as Union Pacific agent here.

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GEORGE ARLISS

brought a new interpretation of the word "great" to those who saw him. Every great motion picture of the past was forgotten as fame bestowed her highest laurels on

THE MAN WHO PLAYED GOD

A modern drama of real life.

with Violet Heming, Bette Davis. A Warner Bros. Picture directed by John Adolf.

Starting Tomorrow

ZOWIE!!!

Philo Vance Steps out of Character ... And Does He

Step!

Watch This Man!

Compared to him, Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford was a piker and Raffles, a Sunday school teacher!

WILLIAM DOWELL

You'll need an asbestos lining for your heart when you meet him in

HIGH PRESSURE

with EVELYN BRENT GEORGE SIDNEY EVALYN KNAPP

Oh-Oh! Look Who's Coming!

Joe Brown