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SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

A TALE OF TWO CITIES.

Any one that was present when the Spokane excursion arrived a year ago and witnessed the arrival of the Walla Walla excursion Sunday, could not but note the contrast between the two sets of visitors—a difference that tells the story of the two cities plainer than words.

The Spokane excursionists were full of enthusiasm and animation. They crowded about the exhibit building, cheered Judge Colvig for his address of welcome. Several orators of their own responded, graciously complimenting Medford upon its energy and hustle. They waded through the streets then recking with mud to size up the city; they cagerly seized literature and fruit and went away praising Medford and its pople.

The Walla Walla excursionists acted like a lot of dead ones. A few had life enough to come out of their cars to hear the address of welcome, but most of them were too listless and too lacking in energy to even leave their cars. And there was no response to the welcoming address. Though the streets are now paved, no one used them. About a dozen visited the exhibit building. There was no energy, no enthusiasm displayed.

It was a pleasure to entertain the excursionists from Spokane. One felt that efforts made in this direction were appreciated. It was dismal work trying to do anything for the people from Walla Walla—they were too much like our own Oregon mossbacks—unappreciative and man-

Walla Walla is a much older place than Spokane. It is no fault of its inhabitants that it now numbers nearly 20,000 population. It has grown because it couldn't help it—the center of a rich agricultural district that has never known a failure, the development of its territory forced its growth, even against the wishes of its many mossbacks. Spokane, on the other hand, has been created by the energy of its people, who have made a city of over 1(3),000 where there seemed but slight excuse for one.

Spokane enthusiasm and the Spokane spirit have be come almost synonymous with progress, and would make a city anywhere. Starting years after Walla Walla had the population and the commerce, Spokane has completely distanced the "town that never had a boom," and boasts of it. Spokane has had several of them-the last continuing now for many years.

Medford is the Spokane of Southern Oregon. Founded long after other towns were established, she has passed all rivals and with an energy and enthusiasm born of progress, has grown and is bound to grow as no other city in this region ever grew before. Rival cities, with their conservatism, are its Walla Wallas, and will bear the same relative position to Medford that the prison town bears to Spokane.

IN TRIBUTE TO LINCOLN.

On February 12 the wheels of industry will be stilled for five minutes throughout the great cities of the United States as a tribute to the memory of Abraham Lincoln, the greatest American. As the clocks strike the noon hour, streetears will step, railway trains will halt, the throbbing wheels of countless factories will cease their revolutions and the strenuous life of modern commercialism will be suspended on the hundredth anniversary of the birth of the least commercial of all heroes—the plainest, simplest, noblest man his country has produced.

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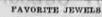
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