

offices in the state is located there. Three hotels do a thriving business and there is need for another. The public schools are well equipped and efficiently managed. There is a large brick college building which was erected by the Methodists for a denominational institution of higher education but it was never opened because of a lack of funds. A movement is on foot, however, to put this institution in condition for service, and it will be an important addition to the city's attractions. Preparations are now being made for the construction of a new water works plant having a great deal larger capacity than the present water service, the pressure to be supplied from a reservoir three hundred feet above the city. An electric light and power plant is now being erected. The city at present covers an area of nearly two

square miles. It is in a thriving condition and is experiencing faster growth than ever before. LaGrande certainly has a rosy future.

There is a hot lake a few miles southeast of LaGrande that is coming to attract a good deal of attention for its curative properties. The water as it boils from the earth has a temperature of one hundred and ninety-two degrees and will cook an egg in eleven minutes. An analysis of the water shows it to be unusually rich in minerals. A syndicate has been formed to improve the lake and erect a hotel for the accommodation of invalids. There is no similar natural cure in the country that exceeds this in merit and it is sure to attract wide attention. The benefit of this lake, if the proper attention is given it, can hardly be overestimated.

THE DAY IS HUSHED.

The heated, clamorous day is hushed
 At last, in moonlit eve,
 It joy imparts to happy hearts,
 And peace to those who grieve.
 Of all the days by poets sung,
 Can one with eve compare?
 How still and white the moon's soft light!
 How steeped in calm the air!
 Oh, tell us not of any clime
 Where day doth ever shine;
 Give us the bliss of eves like this,
 The full-orbed moon divine.

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