Cairns' Western Trip.

We wrote our last from Lewiston, Idaho, now we are at Seattle. We are on the go all the time and it is difficult to find time to write. Lewiston is about 150 miles south of Spokane. The country south of Spokane, for about twenty miles, is none of the best. It is some hilly and rocky and scraggy pines. We went down a valley for some distance where the cow seemed to be monareh of all she surveys; hundreds of them, great dairies. Guess the hired men will have to milk in that neighborhood. They begin milking at one o'clock in the morning and milk till six, then begin again at one p. m. and milk till six, each man milks about thirty cows at each milking, sixty each twenty-four hours. South of this is what is known as the Palouse country, noted for its grain raising and justly so we think from what we saw. For seventy-five miles, on both sides of the railroad, as far as we could see, were grain fields, much of the grain in shocks; harvesters every where. From the thickness of the shocks we judge that the crop is an excellent one, in fact we were told that it was. But the country where this fine grain grows is a queer one. Is it rolling? It's too blamed peaked to roll. Is it broken? Well, we guess that is the best word to describe it. Yes, it's broken. It is the roughest country, as a whole, we ever saw cultivated, for it is all cultivated. It is all rolls and little hills, and ridges everywhere. Don't see how they keep their binders right side up in many places. Here and there, low Gown, are small ledges of rock, but above this all is clear sailing, neither rock nor fint. All is cultivated over the tops of the highest hills. The soil is a gray color resembling ashes. They tell us it is of voicanic origin. Notwithstanding its steepness there is no appearance of wash, or gully, for the reason, perhaps, that there are few heavy rains. If we had passed through that country a few years ago when it was a wilderness, we would never have thought of settling in such a place, but It is

a few years ago when it was a wildserness, we would never have thought of settling in such a place, but it is worth from \$50 to \$75 per acre now. We reached Lewiston late at night, and were met at the station by our good friends, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Taylor, at whose hospitable home we remained most of the time we were in Lewiston. We were also most kindly entertained at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Need-ham. Dan. was Grant county's superintendent of schools in the early nineties, when Cieveland and Peck's bad boy and John Oswald, and M. V. Burris, the whole democratic horde, went in scooting. Mr. Taylor is a machinist, and has a large shop full of fine machinery, and can do any kind of a joh, either repairing or making new. He not only can make a machine but can make the machine that makes it. Miles is a genius when a machine but can make the machine that makes it. Miles is a genius when a machine lot control of the machine of the machine is on the program. In speaking of Miles and Dan it won't do to overlook their good wives. Effic and Susie. Lots of people in Grant Co. know them and love them, two jolly, kind, hospitable ladies. "In heaven itself we'll ask no more than just a Lewiston wel-come."

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Lewiston is a place of six to eight thousand people, at the confluence of the Snake and Clear Water rivers. It didn't impress us very favorably, it suggeste to us retrogression; it has agreat many empty houses. Real estate is held at such fabulous prices that few care to invest. The business part of the city is on the low land near the river; back of the business part there is an abrupt rise of a hundred or more feet, to a beautiful level tract above; here are located many of the best residences of Lewiston. Here also is time high school, as tate normal school, many nice churches, and a fine Catholic hospital. Still up another rise, and you reach a fine reasonably level country, stretching away for miles, east and south, to the mountains. On this upper bench are located the famous Lewiston orchards. This orchard tract was bought several years ago by a company. They brought water to it from the mountains adozen miles awily and are selling it off in small tracts for orchards and gardens, at very faney prices. These orchards look very fine, but they tell us that fruit growing even in this fruit paradise is quite an uncertain business, it is so often killed by unfavorable weather in spring. We were also over the Snake river into Washington, and saw the great peach orchards to and vineyards of Clear or the substitute of the substitute of

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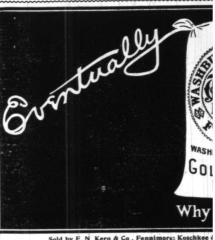
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grain is carried to the binder at home. Is the best country on earth or not, we followed one of those machines for a while. It was drawn by a large statem engine, and cut a swath twenty two feet wide. It took five men to run it, nor man to guide it, one to keep the thresher level, a freman, a sacker, and one to see that everything is going right. When the grain is heavy it keeps tife sacker very busy. He sews the sacks instead of tying thent, and throws them on a platform; when four or five are on they are dropped like bundles from a binder. Great rows of sacks are seen all over large fields. Most of the machines we saw were drawn by horses, about thirty horses on each machine. All the grain here is handled and shipped in sacks.

While we were at Lewiston one evening in company with Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, we called on Theodore Day, a brother of the late R. M. Day of Mt. Hope, Mr. Day lives on the banks of Snake river six miles above Lewiston. He is a Grant County old timer, was raised by Johnson Me Kentie near Lancaster. He has a few acres where he raises fruit and vegetatels, and seems to be comfortable of him in the state of the sack was sent of the best country on earth or not, but the best country on earth or not, but the best country on earth or not, but this ke is living on the very fairest bits but those Lewistonians are sure it is too the best mand happy, and can be best cannot be dealer. The but have been dealer to the best country on earth or not, but this ke is living on the very fairest but the best country on earth or not, but this ke he level fallen, and one to see that every him this has been done of the best one of the late of the same and the proper him the best country on

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