

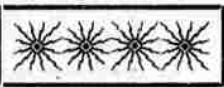
# LA GRANDE MORNING OBSERVER.

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**The Chicago Store**  
We sell GILBERT'S  
CELEBRATED DRESS SUITS



**SPRING GOODS ARE  
ARRIVING DAILY**

**THE DESIGNS ARE ALL  
NEW**

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We will be pleased to show them.

**THE CHICAGO  
STORE**

## THERE ARE FIVE REASONS



Why we can sell goods cheaper than any firm in La Grande.  
1st We buy and sell for cash.  
2nd Our rent is only one-fourth what others pay.  
3rd We do our own clerking.  
4th We sell only the best goods.  
5th We carry eight lines of goods as follows:  
Shoes, the best in town, made by Selz Schwab & Co., Chicago.  
Sweet Dempster & Co., Hats. A

complete line of ladies and gents furnishings. Dress goods, notions and a full line of jewelry and the best line of Millinery in Union County. If we only sold one line our expenses would be the same as when we sell eight. Therefore we can save you money. Remember we have an expert Jeweler who does all kinds of repairing.

**RAINBOW STORE**

## DO YOU WANT CHOICE TIMBER CLAIM?

If so, we can locate you on some fine claims in Willowa County.

**McDaniel & McDonald,**  
WALLOWA, OREGON

## MOST GIGANTIC FIRE THE WORLD EVER SAW

City of Baltimore is Swept by the Most Destructive Fire in the History of the World. Losses Now Reaches Three Hundred Million Dollars. Fire Not Yet Under Control. Thousands Are Left Destitute. Martial Law Declared.

Baltimore, Feb. 8.—At 9 this morning the flames were still beyond control. The wind is blowing a gale.

Practically all the wholesale and a large part of the retail district is swept—about 40 blocks, stretching a mile in one direction.

Fresh relays of engines, men and horses are being rushed by special train from Jersey City, New York and Brooklyn.

**ONE HUNDRED FORTY ACRES**  
The geodetic survey, in giving out the above statement of area, says it includes 140 acres.

**ONE COMPANY LOSES \$60,000,000.**

The militia is now in full charge in the district assisted by regulars.

One New York insurance company at 10 o'clock figures its losses at \$60,000,000.

**HOSPITALS ARE FILLED**

Hundreds of firemen succumbed during the forenoon to the terrific heat, and the emergency hospitals are filled. There places in many cases are taken by citizens.

The body of fireman Eigenfriz who came with a relief crew from York, Pa. was found at noon in the Equitable building, where he tried

to carry a line of hose. President Hood of the Baltimore street railway, is missing.

**A SEETHING FURNACE**

At 1:30 the water front is now a seething furnace. Great mills, steamships, wharves, long rows of cotton and great warehouses filled with merchandise are entirely adrift. With the water front goes great shipping interests of this seaport making a complete destruction of Baltimore's business district.

**FROM OTHER CITIES**

More than 50 engines, trucks and crews have been brought from other cities to augment the local fire department yet should the wind change probably this great force of firemen and modern appliances will prove inadequate to save the residence section.

Two hundred and fifty extra police have arrived from Philadelphia.

**STILL BEYOND CONTROL**

At 2 this afternoon the flames again threaten to break beyond control. Now that the water front is destroyed the estimated loss reaches \$300,000,000, the greatest single loss in the history of the world. A solid mile of

water front is ablaze. Hundreds of vessels have been pulled out to new anchorages.

**FIFTY THOUSAND DESTITUTE**

At least 50,000 are thrown out of employment. Citizens this afternoon are arranging plans to care for the destitute.

Governor Fairfield, after a conference with the mayor, declared a legal holiday. He has called a special session of the legislature, and necessary legislation will be introduced at Annapolis tonight, to suspend all business for a week or 10 days until the city's affairs can be straightened out.

**MARTIAL LAW DECLARED**

Baltimore, Feb. 8.—Martial law was formally declared at noon.

**IN THE LUMBER DISTRICT**

At 3 o'clock borne on the winds, flaming brands from the lumber yards, have carried the conflagration across Jones' Falls, which the firemen predicted, might be the limit of the fire-swept area. Other lumber yards are in line and offer good material for the spread of the flames. Back of the lumber, in a densely populated tenement district, the inhabitants of which are now fleeing carrying all possible worldly goods.

## Gets \$10,000

Colfax, Wash., Feb. 8.—Mrs. Guy De Penier of Colfax has received a telegram from Toronto, Ontario, stating that the court has awarded her \$10,000 damages against the Grand Trunk railroad for the death of her husband, who was killed about one year ago in a collision on that road, in which nearly a hundred lives were lost. Mr. DePenier was well known throughout Whitman county, having lived in and near Colfax many years. He was returning to Colfax from a visit with his parents and was killed less than 100 miles from their home. In Oregon the greatest damages recoverable for taking a human life is \$5,000.

## FIGHTING BEGUN

War Has Not Been Declared But Japan Captures Russian Trading Vessels off the Korean Coast. Port Arthur Will be Scene of First Battle.

London, Feb. 8.—The Central News Bureau reports a strong Japanese fleet has gone to Chumulpo, Korea and several Russian trading steamers have been seized.

Minister Hayashi this morning says that as a state of war actually exists it is possible there will be no further declaration.

The British foreign office receives a constant stream of cablegrams. The British navy is preparing for mobilization on a moment's notice.

**OFF PORT ARTHUR**

Tokio, Feb. 8.—It is expected here the first battle between Russia and Japan will occur off Port Arthur, where the harbor is inadequate to protect the entire Russian fleet. The Japanese fleet is now believed to be proceeding there from Nagasaki.

The Japanese plan a great torpedo campaign in the coming war.

**RUPTURE REPORTED**

London, Feb. 8.—Secretary Douglas in the house of commons today announced that he had officially received news that all diplomatic relations between Russia and Japan are broken off.

## POPE PIUS REPORTED BLIND

London, Feb. 7.—A dispatch to Dailiel's news agency from Rome reports on the authority of a person having constant contact with the pope that the latter is practically blind. His sight has been failing ever since his accession to the papacy owing to the extremely damp air of the Vatican, and two celebrated oculists have ordered that he refrain entirely from reading.

## IN CIRCUIT COURT.

Union, Ore., Feb. 8.—(Special to the Observer) D. Sommer vs G. M. & S. Co. judgment in favor of Plaintiff. Thomas Walsh et al vs C. H. Finn and T. H. Crawford judgment in favor of Finn and Crawford.

F. H. Tatman vs Union Co. verdict in favor of Tatman and judgment awarded in the sum of \$125.

E. S. McComas and wife vs Hutchinson Bros. verdict in favor of McComas.

The Gray case will come up for trial again in the morning.

## VAUDEVILLE AND SPECIALTIES

The Beaty Bros. Vaudeville and specialty show will open a weeks engagement in the Red Front Store room this evening. This is said to be a high class Vaudeville company. Their show is refined in every particular and all the members of the company are stars in their line. Frederick the Great is admitted to be the peer of any magician before the public today, and his clever tricks are alone worth the price of admission. He is highly spoken of by the press of Portland, San Francisco and other large cities. The price of admission is 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children.

## Full Stock

The City Coal Co. have now a full stock of Pleasant Valley, and Castle Gate, Nut and Lump coal, on hand, call in and see us.

## Some Clever Tricks

Frederick the Great, the magician who is with Beaty Bros. Vaudeville and Specialty show, was a pleasant visitor at the Observer's office last evening, and very kindly entertained the force for some time with some very clever tricks. Judging from the manner in which he deceived the eye of those present, turning silver to gold and other seemingly impossible feats with money, cards, etc., we would pronounce him a wonder in his line, and certainly entitled to the title of Frederick the Great.

## ROBERTS' BONDS ARE APPROVED.

This Information is Contained in a Telegram Received by A. B. Thomson Last Evening. Business Will Soon Resume at the Local Land Office.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 8

A. B. Thomson,  
La Grande, Oregon,

Bonds of your successor approved. Deliver to him at once all property pertaining to the Receiver's office as per instructions of the 21st.

(Signed) J. H. FIMPLE,  
Acting Secretary.

The above is the copy of a telegram received by Ex-Receiver A. B. Thomson last evening, which indicates that business at the local land office will be resumed in a very short time. It is expected that Mr. Roberts will arrive in the city sometime today and will promptly enter upon the duties of his office. This will certainly be gratifying

to the citizens of La Grande and the patrons of the office throughout the district as the suspension of business has become very irksome. That the business at the land shall proceed without further interruption is a consummation greatly to be desired.

## Pleasantly Surprised

Engineer Henry Hensen was very pleasantly surprised at his home last evening, when the members of Grande Ronde Division B of L. E. made a raid on the premises. The evening was enjoyed by all with Mr. Hensen and before the members of the order dispersed, he was presented with a handsome Morris Chair as a token of the affection and esteem in which he is held by his brother engineers. Mr. Geo. Hansen, on behalf of the members of the order, in a few well chosen remarks, presented the chair to Mr. Hensen, who was highly pleased with

the spirit manifested. He expressed his appreciation of the feelings that prompted the expression of esteem and thanked the boys for their kind and thoughtful remembrance.

Mr. Hensen has been assistant Engineer in the Brotherhood for a number of years and is held in the highest esteem by the entire membership of the order.

## OREGON TREES FOR FOREIGN CLIMES

Salem, Feb. 6.—The breadth of Oregon's market for fruit trees is shown by shipments made in the last few days by the Oregon Nursery Company, of this city. Japan, England, South Africa and Australia were among the places purchasing fruit trees grown in Oregon. It is conceded among fruit men that Oregon nursery stock is unsurpassed.

J. J. LILLIS

PRACTICAL  
UPHOLSTERER....

Phone 1223

Shop: P. St. between 3d and 4

## THE GREATEST OF WHITE CARNIVAL

As announced in Sunday's Observer our White Carnival opened promptly Monday morning. We placed our order for these white goods with the best known mills and manufacturers months ago, with the object of making this White Carnival the

## The Greatest Carnival of Bargains of the Season

This is making-up season. Come now and get what you need—it is a safe prediction that you will pay more later. Participate in our offer of refunding the money for all cash purchases made some day between now and March 5th.

Save all your cash purchase slips. This is an opportunity of getting something of value absolutely free.

**The Fair**  
PLACE TO SAVE MONEY