

# LA GRANDE MORNING OBSERVER.

VOLUME III LA GRANDE, OREGON, SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 28, 1904. NUMBER 97

## THE VOICE OF SPRING

### Silks, Dress Goods, Wash Goods.

The proper weaves for spring and summer are forecasted in this exhibit, and many women who see them will plan the spring and summer wardrobe. America, France, Switzerland and Great Britain have all contributed their share of the new goods. They are here early to be sure; but to meet the wishes of the hundred of women who have learned that to get the best dress-makers and have the work satisfactory, they must have them made before the rush season. We'll consider it a favor if you will let us show you the new materials at as early a date as possible.

**Dress Goods** Veilings, Elanets, Voiles, Fancy Cheviots, Novelty Mixtures, Mohair, Jellies, Wrap Materials, Beautiful White Materials in Staple and Novelty Weaves New black goods—festivals in Stylish new Weaves.

**New Silk** Foulards Fancies, Shirt Waist Suit Silks black and white check, dots, Gunmetal Effects, fanciest dyes in superb variety.

**Wash Goods** Paris has met the approval of many of our Wash Goods and many styles are exclusive—Muslins, Flowered Organzies, Linen Novelty, in fact every thing that's new, is here. The Sheerest and Flimsiest for evening wear. Handoms goods for spring wear. White goods in beautiful assortments.—All Prices.

See our 25 cent Wash Silk Window

**Silk Waists** Continue to pour in by the dozens The grandest, the most exquisite gathering of dainty summer dress and evening waists La Grande has ever seen—Japanese silk waists with heavy bordered or embossed dots, lace insertion or cluster of tucks, lace inserting to form yoke, wide narrow tucked fronts—lace mousseline de soie and crepe de chin waists—Foulard waists, India silk waists waists of sheer cotton materials—Prices range all the way from \$2.50 to \$35. No trouble to show them.



## LOST A GUNBOAT OFF PORT ARTHUR

Reported from St. Petersburg that Japs also lost two Torpedo Boat Destroyers—Another Battle in Progress.

Russian Ships Made a Sortie and Retreated—Insist that Cruiser Askold was Not Lost.

LONDON, Feb. 27—A Chee Foo correspondent of the St. James Gazette wires that one Japanese gunboat was badly damaged in an attack on Port Arthur. It made for Chee Foo, but sunk before reaching port.

### ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 27—General Alexieff reports that Port Arthur was attacked on Feb. 25. The Retvisan apparently sunk two Japanese destroyers. Subsequently several Russian torpedo boats went out to sea. One was cut off and took refuge in Golumbinaja Bay, where it was shelled by the Japanese. The Japanese are massing a powerful naval force at Port Arthur, according to a dispatch today from General Alexieff. He believes another attack is imminent. The fleet now off the harbor includes 17 battleships and cruisers and 8 destroyers.

### ANOTHER BATTLE AT PORT ARTHUR

LONDON, Feb. 27—Minister Hayashi has received an official report of a battle at Port Arthur, in which the statement is made that up to the present time no Japanese ships have been damaged. Reports that the Russian cruiser Askold had been lost at Port Arthur, were this morning officially denied.

### RUSSIA COMPLAINS AT WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27—Russia today called the attention of the state department to the alleged action of Commander Marshall of the cruiser Vicksburg, who is charged with having failed to rescue drowning Russian sailors in the engagement off Chemulpo. Hay reported the matter to the navy department, and was informed of the receipt of a dispatch this afternoon from Marshall, in which he states that he was the first of the foreign commanders to go to the assistance of the Russians.

## To Fight For Japanese

SEOUL, Feb. 27—The Korean government has decided to order the Korean troops to join the Japanese in the field. The port of Wiju was opened to foreign trade last night. The limitations to be placed on trade and other incidental matters will be discussed later. This action necessitates a harbor, so Yonghampho has been decided upon.

### Get Their Sentences

Washington Feb. 27—Machen, Lorenz and Diller Groff were each sentenced to two years in the penitentiary at Moundville, W. Va., and each to pay a fine of \$10,000. Sentences are to date from the time of arrival at the penitentiary.

Samuel Groff has a motion pending for a new trial. Judge Kummier, attorney for Lorenz, made an eloquent plea for his client when the latter stood up to receive his sentence. He told the court he had borne a reputation that reflected credit on any family. Judge Fritchard said he would make no remarks on the case at present, as one other condemned man remained to be sentenced.

Sentence was delivered in an empty court, none being present except the prisoners and their attorneys.

Prior to the sentence, defendant's attorney, Douglas, moved for new trials for Machen, Lorenz and the two Groffs. Judge Fritchard overruled, making an exception, however, for Samuel Groff because of the fact that the special counsel for the government Conrad had expressed belief in Samuel Groff's innocence.

### Put Into Effect

Washington Feb. 28—President Roosevelt today signed the proclamation putting into effect the treaty with Panama regarding the isthmian canal. As soon as the proclamation was signed it was returned to the State Department; where the exchange of ratification had taken place between Secretary of State Hay and Minister Bonau-Varilla, of Panama.

The Cabinet was in session when the proclamation reached the White House from the State Department. Secretary Loeb took the document to the president, and he signed immediately.

### Rural Delivery No. 1

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Whisman of Billington, Wash. are visiting Mrs. Whisman's parents, Mr and Mrs F M Standley.

Mrs A J Keene of Helona Mont. is visiting at J A Woodells.

The tax payers of the Iowa school district have decided to build a new school house this year.

Miss Kate Grimes who has been teaching the Lone Star school this winter is sick with inflammatory rheumatism and prof. S N Ayers has been engaged to teach until Miss Grimes is able to resume teaching.

## WISCONSIN'S BIG CAPITOL BURNS

Beautiful Million Dollar Structure Ruined by Fire Early this Morning—Reopens Question of Capitol Removal.

Fire Department Came from Milwaukee, but too Late to Accomplish Anything—Fire Chief Badly Hurt.

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 27—Fire started at 8 this morning from crossed electric wires, and completely gutted Wisconsin's beautiful capitol building. Loss, \$1,000,000 insurance only \$6,000. The fire was not discovered until under great headway. Local firemen were unable to cope with it and appealed to Milwaukee, but aid came too late.

### FIRE CHIEF INJURED.

Governor LaFollette personally directed the fight against the flames, and students and citizens assisted in removing the records and law books. The vaults are believed to be intact, with only \$8,000 on hand.

Fire Chief Bernard was seriously injured by falling bricks.

### MAY REMOVE CAPITAL.

The fire involves building a new capitol building, a special session of the legislature and probable removal of the agitation to remove the capital from Madison to Milwaukee. The east and west wings are entirely ruined.

### "Phyllis"

The Church of the Latter Day Saints was crowded last evening to witness the representation of "Phyllis" a musical entertainment of twenty five voices which were well trained. The scenery was especially prepared for the production and added greatly to the success. In fact the scenery, acting and chorus was not second to anything presented in the amateur line in this city for years.

of Ogden. There were many in the large audience from different sections of the valley and it goes without saying should they again see fit to favor the community with another operetta they will be greeted with a full house. This presentation is really entitled to a more extensive write up, many of the participants really deserve special mention but the electric lights going out at midnight prevents.

### Notice Foresters

There will be a social next Tuesday evening for the Foresters, and their ladies. There will be dancing, card playing, a musical program and a banquet. No charges. Come out and enjoy yourselves.

## DO YOU WANT CHOICE TIMBER CLAIM?

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

McDaniel & McDonald, WALLOWA, OREGON

### Tornado In Portland

Portland, Feb. 27—The worst equal in the history of the city played havoc with old sheds, house roofs, big trees and telephones yesterday. Amos Seybold, T H Starbuck and Mrs Sheen were severely injured by the miniature cyclone and houses belonging to Messrs Starbuck, Hallock, Sheen, Fearing, Thompson, Thomas and Davis were wrecked. Fires were started by tangled telephone wires and big fir trees in the suburbs were uprooted as if they were saplings.

### Another New Firm.

The La Grande Merchantile Company the name of a new corporation which was organized in the city yesterday. The new corporation is composed of the following well known business men. Alex Nibley, F C Bramwell, O P Ferrin, J C Nibley, W Berry, F P Hammond, and H P Kimball. The directors of the company are as follows, Alex Nibley, H P Kimball, F C Bramwell, O P Ferrin, J P Nibley, Mr Frank Hammond will be the general manager. F C Bramwell is secretary and treasurer. The company will deal in ladies furnishing dry goods and notions. Yesterday the company purchased the dry goods department of the J M Berry store and will move the same to the room next door to the La Grande National Bank. The dry goods department of the J M Berry store will be closed Monday in order that the stock may be inventoried. The new firm will be ready for business Saturday Mar. 12. A large quantity of new stock has been ordered and will soon arrive. Mr Hammond, and Mr Ferrin will give their personal and undivided attention to the business. Mr Hammond for the past year has been with Mr Berry, and has made a host of friends by his courteous and straight forward manner. Mr Ferrin has had seven years practical experience with the celebrated jobbing firm of John Schowcroft and Co of Ogden. The new firm will inaugurate their business with a good opening sale commencing March 12.

The Baker City choir came down last evening to attend the conference which is now being held at the Mormon church. There was quite a delegation came with them about 35 in all.

## SENSATIONAL SILK SALE

For Three Days

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Yesterday's freight brought us the largest shipment of silks we have ever received. These silks come from one of the largest importers in the United States, and represent the choicest selections from the silk producing world. Even with our exceptional facilities for buying at bed-rock prices, this was indeed a sensational purchase. We are satisfied with the usual margin, and will open the season by placing on sale more than \$3,500.00 worth of the best assortment of silks ever offered for your choosing—For three days only. Note the prices carefully.—Better still, come in and see the silks on display.

Pongee Silk—33 inches wide extra good quality The yd .70  
Figured Pongee—28 inches wide. The yd .65

Imported Pongee—36 inches wide. The yd 1.25  
19-inch Taffeta silk all colors regular .85 values The yd .75

60 Waist Patterns 4 yard cuts. Beautiful corded silks No two patterns alike The Pattern .195

Japanese Silks 27 inches wide in all colors at the usual price for 24-inch silks. The yd .50

Brocaded Silks In colors, blue and pink, also white. Regular 1.25 value. The yd .88

Changeable Taffetas The yd .68

Figured Silks In many beautiful patterns, stripes and checks. 1.00 values The yd .78

Satin Duchers 21 inches wide, regular 1.50 values. The yd 1.18

Lace Striped silk, in black, green and tan. Extra 1.35 values. The yd .98

Black grenadine, in stripes and figured. yd 1.13

They Outrival Flowers

We believe our customers think as we do about perfumes—that the best are none too good, and that the finer qualities are cheapest in the long run and far more satisfactory to us. We keep no poor perfumes at all. The cheapest here are high grade goods, though our price is no more than is often charged for poor. We sacrifice profits for our customers; good and believe our method is appreciated.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE MOST POPULAR ODORS

Palestine Clover ☞ Rose of India  
☞ Madam Butterfly ☞

We have a very large perfume trade and this insures freshness of stock, which is an important consideration.

NEWLIN DRUG CO. LA GRANDE, OREGON

