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## 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, Elamenis, Voiles, Fancy Cheviots, Novelty Mixtures, Mohairs, Eclumes, Wrap Materials, Beautiful White Materials in Staple and Novelty Weaves New black goods—Priestly's in Stylish New Weaves.

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

**Wash Goods** Paris has noticed approval of many of our Wash Goods and many styles are exclusive—Muslins, Flowered Organzies, Linen Novelties, in fact every thing that's new, is here. The Sheerest and Flimsiest for evening wear. Handsome 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 embroidered or embroidered dots, lace insertion or cluster of tucks, lace inserting to form yoke, wide narrow tucked fronts—lace mosselaine de soie and crepe de chin waists—Foulard wrists, India silk waists waists of sheer cotton materials—Prices range all the way from \$2.50 to \$35. No trouble to show them.

*The Chicago Store*

### MARCH WINDS ARE BLOWING

Ladies, and you need a pretty Veil. See the new weaves and colors in this line. Military waists sets, beautiful ribbons, at the Bargain Store.

E. M. Wellman & Co.

## NOMINATION OF CITY OFFICERS

Made at Mass Meeting Held in the Opera House Last Evening—J. E. Foley Unanimous Choice for Mayor.

The citizens of this city met last evening at the Opera house pursuant to the call of the mayor and proceeded to nominate a ticket to be voted upon at the coming city election. The opera house was comfortably filled, showing that there was considerable interest taken in the coming contest.

The meeting was called to order by senior councilman J. W. Scriber and then the meeting elected J. C. Henry chairman and W. B. Sargent secretary. As soon as the organization was completed Mr. Scriber in an address in which he called the attention of citizens to the utter foolishness and absurdity of the usual "city fight" drew forth a petition which had been signed by a large number of citizens of La Grande pledging their support to Mr. J. E. Foley and placed that gentleman in nomination for the office of mayor.

The meeting seemed to be well pleased with Mr. Foley for the applause which followed the mentioning of his name would certainly make any man feel sure of election. No sooner had Mr. Scriber taken his seat than Mr. J. M. Church arose and in a few well chosen remarks seconded the nomination of Mr. Foley. A motion was then made that the nomination be closed and that the secretary be instructed to cast the ballot for Mr. Foley. This motion carried and Mr. Foley was made the unanimous choice of the meeting.

The next in order was the nomination of a city Recorder. H. T. Williams was placed in nomination by J. M. Hills and Wm Miller was placed in nomination by C. Keston, the nominations were then by motion closed and the secretary instructed to place both gentlemen on the ticket. Next came the office of Treasurer. Attorney F. S. Ivanhoe placed the name of James Murphy before the meeting and E. W. Bartlett placed F. L. Meyers in nomination. Then the fun commenced. A motion was made that the candidate receiving the highest number of votes be made the nominee of the meeting. This motion called forth considerable oratory and then a motion to amend the motion was made and then came more eloquence and then the amendment was voted down and then the original motion sustained and then the balloting upon the candidates. When the ballot was counted it was discovered that Mr. Murphy had received one hundred and sixty votes and Mr. Meyers one hundred and thirty six. Mr. Murphy was therefore declared the nominee of the meeting. The attention of the meeting was then taken up with the

nomination of Marshal W. B. Sargent placed the name of L. Rayburn the present marshal before the meeting. Judge Kelly then named H. C. Cotner the present night officer and Attorney J. F. Baker offered the of W. T. Cross. The motion to make the one receiving the highest number of votes the candidate was again made and carried and then Mr. Cotner arose and stated that he would withdraw his name from the meeting and that he would run independent. Mr. Cross then followed suit and said he would also withdraw and go it alone. This ended the nominations.

Mr. Scriber then addressed the meeting again upon the bonding question. He called attention to the fact that the bonds if voted were to be used to build a city hall and that the city hall was to be offered to the county to be used as a court house in case the voters at the June election should see fit to change the county seat from Union to this city.

He explained that the city of La Grande had made many attempts to secure the county seat and that failure had always crowned its efforts in the past, but that at this time by one and all joining hands and all working for the best interests of the city there seemed every reason to believe what we would be successful. He showed that the question of a court house entered largely into the objection which some might have a changing the county seat and that if the city of La Grande should vote the bonds and with the understanding that the building would be offered to the county for a court house this objection would be overcome and thereby practically secure for La Grande this much desired prize. He starts that he took this opportunity to make this statement regarding the bonding question in order that the citizens might understand the exact facts in the case.

He stated that he did so without the permission or authority of the committee in charge of the County seat movement, but that he thought it only justice to the citizens of the city that they be made to know the real necessity for voting the bond issue.

The various ward meetings will be held this evening at eight o'clock at the places designated as follows:

First ward—At the old City Hall  
Second ward—At the new City Hall  
Third ward—In the last building on fourth street next to the railroad track. Chinese lanterns will be displayed at this building in order that the citizen of that ward may find the place.

### Primaries on the 15th

The Republicans of Portland will have their primary election on the 15 of March. This is earlier than has been expected. On that day will come off the contest for supremacy between the Mitchell and Simon factions. Both factions claim the victory. The Mitchell men assure the public that they will have sixty five per cent of the Republican votes, and the Simon men claim that they will have six eighty per cent.

### Died

Mrs. Sendam, who with one son and little daughter arrived here from Louisiana about five weeks ago, died at her home on 4th street Sunday morning. She was a victim of consumption but hemorrhage of the lungs was the immediate cause of her death. She came to this country in the hopes of improving in health and for a time it seemed that her hopes were to be realized.

Her husband and a second son arrived in La Grande shortly after her death and will remain for the funeral, which will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock under the auspices of the Woodmen of the World. Interment will be in Old Fellows cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Smith spent Sunday at Hot Lake.

### Smoot Case

Washington, March 7.—Senator Dubois took exception to the statistics presented by President Smith on the ground that they had been collected by the church itself. Smith however declared they were correct.

Referring to Bailey's query as to whether President Woodruff's manifesto proposing the abandonment of polygamy was a revelation or was merely produced because of the adoption of a law against the practice, Worthington read from a sermon delivered by Woodruff a year later in which he declared he had been led to issue his manifesto through the guidance of the Lord.

### Platte River High

Lincoln Neb., March 5.—The Platte River valley for 20 miles in either direction from Fremont, is flooded and thousands of acres of farm lands are under water. The residents have been forced so and stock losses are heavy.

## FEBRUARY REPORT

Of Schools Shows Some very Interesting Facts --Equal Number of Boys and Girls.

City School Superintendent Hooker's report for February shows some interesting figures. In the first place it shows an equal number of boys and girls enrolled, there being 383 of each, or a total of 766 pupils. This showing speaks well for the boys of La Grande, for there are not many schools where the girls are not considerably in the majority.

The total enrollment shows a slight falling off since January.

The average daily attendance for February was 636, which shows that there were 139 absences during the month. The poorest showing in the report is the fact that of the 766 who were enrolled only 223 were neither absent nor tardy.

The total enrollment per room was 45 and the average attendance per room was 39.

One director and 52 patrons visited the schools during the month.

## RUSSIA RESOLVES TO DEFY EUROPE

Is Determined to Send Her War Ships Through the Dardanelles—May Precipitate a General European War.

Berlin, March 7.—The Tageblatt reports that Russia has resolved to defy Europe and send her warships through the Dardanelles. The Lokal Anzeiger asserts that the Russian railway around Lake Balka will not be ready for use before December.

It is the unanimous belief and expression in Berlin political circles that such an action by Russia will at once precipitate a general European war. Military men maintain an ominous quietude refusing to express themselves.

It is further believed that Great Britain will resist any attempt of the Russian fleet to get through the Suez Canal, or past Gibraltar, even should

Russia successfully attempt the naval coup of slipping through the Dardanelles. Further speculation is indulged in to the effect that Russia probably does not contemplate such an extreme proceeding without the active co-operation of the French navy, which is second in size and equipment only to that of Great Britain.

**DAMAGE AT VLADIVOSTOK**  
St. Petersburg, March 7.—A dispatch from Port Arthur reports fine weather and no marked change in the situation. A Vladivostok telegram states the result of the bombardment was not serious. One woman was killed and a few men wounded, and a small wooden cottage was destroyed by a shell.

### Roberts Rejoices

SALT LAKE, March 7.—Brigham H. Roberts, who was expelled from Congress because of his polygamous practices a few years ago, declared in public address here today that he rejoiced in the testimony given by President Smith before the Senate committee, because in this way a larger audience was reached than could be by any other means.

"I see the finger of God in taking this means of putting the truths of Mormonism before the whole world," said Mr. Roberts. The subject of Mr. Roberts' address was "Witness to the Book of Mormon."

### Supply Bills First

Washington, March 7.—The plans of the Senate managers contemplate keeping supply bills to the front to the exclusion of other business. Consideration of the naval bill will be resumed tomorrow and then the army appropriation bill will be taken up. It is expected by the time the army bill shall have been disposed of, the bill making appropriation for fortifications or that providing funds for the District of Columbia will be ready.

An effort will be made to secure consideration of the nomination of Brigadier-General Leonard Wood to be a

Major-General during the week, and if time is found for executive sessions this matter will be given precedence. Senator Foraker will have charge of the contest in favor of the confirmation and senators Scott and Blackburn of the opposition.

If the appropriation bill and the Wool case do not consume the entire time, Senator Lodge's Philippine shipping bill will be further considered.

Senator Beveridge will make another attempt Thursday next to pass a bill for pending Alaskan bills.

### Safe Crackers

The safe in the James Garrity blacksmith shop at Island City was blown open by safe crackers Sunday night and about \$6 in cash secured.

A charge of nitroglycerin was used in blowing the safe, and the door was blown from the hinges and hurled across the room. Blacksmith tools were used in drilling the hole in which the charge was placed.

It is thought here to be the same gang that has burglarized several safes in Umatilla county within the past month.

Island City is two miles from here, and no one heard the explosion. Absolutely no trace was left.

## PICTURE STORY



### Of Our Boys' and Youths' Suit Department.

Look them over carefully; they tell an interesting story to the parent who takes pride in dressing their boy right down-to-date. We give special attention to our Boys' Department, and can dress your boy from head to foot at saving prices.

NEW LADIES' BELTS  
ALL THE NEW FADS

*The Fair*  
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

NEW SHIRT WAIST SE

NEWLIN DRUG CO.  
LAGRANDE, OREGON

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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

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