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WILL MAKE BATTLE

Indications are that Russia is preparing for hard fought battle at New Chwang.

St. Petersburg, March 26—It is believed here that Kurapatkin will not attempt to hold any one point in Korea, but merely use the forces in that country to harass the Japanese advance.

The Russian reinforcements being sent to the front are in major part destined for New Chwang, indicating that Russia expects hard-fought battles in that vicinity.

The monasteries of Mount Athos have offered the government a battalion from the ranks of the younger monks.

Booth Lane

Messrs Case and Wallinger were in the city Saturday and stated that \$400 had been donated for the improvement of the Booth Lane, and that a committee would appear before the county court at the April term and ask for additional aid sufficient to properly gravel this piece of road that has been a terror to all travelers during the winter season for the past quarter of a century.

The court will certainly appreciate the efforts of the citizens who have so generously donated and will supply the required deficiency.

Armory Dance

Company L will give a dance Monday night. These events have been postponed from time to time for the past two weeks, and it is expected that this one will be well attended. Good music will be furnished and no unseemly conduct will be permitted. All ladies and gentlemen are cordially invited to attend.

250 Filipinos

Two hundred and fifty Filipinos, representing nearly every tribe in the islands, reached Seattle on the 10th inst. on their way to the St. Louis Fair, at the Government expense.

IS NOW IN JAIL

Officer Cotner Arrested W. L. Nelson Last Night for Stealing Several Articles.

Officer Cotner arrested W. L. Nelson shortly after 9 o'clock last night, on a warrant sworn out charging him with stealing an overcoat, grip and other articles valued at about \$25 from the Eagle saloon yesterday afternoon. He was arraigned before Justice Grant and pleaded not guilty. Judge Grant set Monday at 10 o'clock for his hearing, fixing bonds at \$100, in default of which he is in the city jail.

Joseph Anson, of Island City, was a La Grande visitor Saturday and during his stay in the city was a very pleasant caller at this office.

Well Pleased

The meeting of the democratic and republican county conventions in this city next month will doubtless be the cause of a large number of persons coming here who have seldom or never been here before, and every citizen of the town should resolve himself into a committee of one to see that our visitors have a good time on that occasion. That Elgin contains ample accommodations for the crowds that will be here on that occasion there is no doubt and if our people only do their duty on that occasion there will be no question but what our guests will go to their respective homes with a pleasant recollection of their stay among us.—Elgin Recorder.

Rates to Elgin

Secretary W. B. Sargent, of the county Republican central committee, has secured rates of one and one-third fares on all points on the O. R. & N. in this county, where the regular rates exceed 50 cents, to those attending the Republican county convention which will be held in Elgin on April 7. To secure these rates, parties will pay full fare to the convention and upon certification from the secretary will obtain the rebate on their return passage. Undoubtedly the same arrangements will be made for the Democratic convention which will also be held in Elgin, April 14.

Registrations

The following shows the registrations now on file in the County Clerk's office also the registrations of every precinct in the county in 1903, showing a shortage to date of 1287, not including the increase of our voting population of the past two years. The registration books close May 15.

Precincts	1904	1903	Short
Antelope	10	28	18
Albion	43	97	54
Big Creek	4	38	34
Cove	151	203	52
Camp Carson	2	5	3
N. Elgin	223	324	101
S. Elgin	186	355	169
Hilgard	18	127	109
Island City	100	167	67
Knappa	3	46	43
La Grande No. 1	223	263	40
La Grande No. 2	444	379	65
La Grande No. 3	243	243	0
La Grande No. 4	55	118	63
North Powder	4	134	130
Perry	9	98	89
Sunnysville	166	265	99
Starkey	11	96	85
Union No. 1	78	198	120
Union No. 2	85	198	113
Total	2038	3319	1281

A Good Work

Street Superintendent E. C. Jones commenced a good work yesterday by putting the scraper to work on the streets in the business part of town. The mud and accumulation of the past winter will all be clear from the streets before the work is allowed to stop. This is a piece of work that will be appreciated by foot pedestrians and drivers of teams and will rob the streets of much of their unsightly appearance.

Books Experted

G. W. Benson completed his work of experting the records of the city officials of Elgin Monday and left on the evening train for his home in Union. Mr. Benson is an expert accountant and when he completes the examination of a set of books, people can rest assured that his report is correct.—Recorder.

Rev. Pierce

Mr. and Mrs. Russell W. Cross were very happily surprised a few days ago upon hearing from their friends in Ash-tabula Ohio, that Rev. Pierce now fills the exalted position of being Pastor of the First Baptist Church in that beautiful city. Many people of La Grande will remember about eight years ago, through the efforts of Mrs. Cross in behalf of the temperance ladies, he was induced to come to La Grande and give two lectures, which were conceded by all to be the best ever given in this city upon that subject, and we feel assured that the large audience that greeted him will be pleased to learn of the eloquent pastor's grand success.

Surprise Party

Mrs. W. S. Lewis was very pleasantly surprised yesterday afternoon by a party gotten up by her little daughter, Bertha, in honor of her birthday. Refreshments were served, everybody had a good time and Mrs. Lewis received many beautiful presents. Those present were Mesdames Hoel-ing, of Perry; J. M. Price, Hough, Huss, Webb, Clippen, Miss Lela Smith and Mrs. Lewis' grand daughter and her two nieces.

WINS THE DEBATE

La Grande High School Wins Debate. Union Wins Recitation and Oratorical Contest.

Zippy bow! Zippy boom! They're from Union, give them room!

Hip Zoo! Rah Zoo! Qais Qui Qais Quo. L G H 8 Triumpho!

Harem, Soarem, Kalamzoom! La Grande High School. Boom, Boom!

The pupils of the La Grande High School won the debate in the contest last night, and in consequence are feeling very jubilant. The question was: "Resolved that protective duties are of more benefit to the United States than a tariff for revenue only."

The affirmative was argued by the Union school and the debater, were Eugene Reuter, Chester Swackhamer and Ruth Hollenbeck.

The La Grande school supported the negative and the debaters were Grover Melville, Nell Young and Herman Clark.

The speakers from both schools are deserving of great credit for the able manner in which they handled their subject. It was evident that much time and thought had been devoted to preparation of their speeches, and while the young people from Union were defeated in the debate, they have no cause for mortification as the contest was close.

Then Union carried off two of the honors, Miss Edith Lafferty, of Union won in the recitation contest Miss Ola Tuttle, also of Union, carried off the honors in the oratorical contest.

Every contestant made a creditable appearance and every subject was handled in a manner highly creditable to both schools.

Following is the program rendered: Music by High School Orchestra—in Ball Room Costumes.

Recitation—How the La Rue Stakes were Lost—Pearl Wilbur
Recitation—Zingarella—Naomi Williamson
Recitation—Sweet Girl Graduate—Edith Lafferty
Recitation—For Her Sake—Florence McCall
Music—High School Orchestra—Mr. Thomas Cat

Oration—Who Tells the Truth—Earl Kilpatrick
Oration—Aurora—Ola Tuttle
Duet—Merry Birds of Spring—Misses Aldrich and Worstell
Music—The Hymn that You Loved best—High School Orchestra
Decision of Judges
Adjournment

Judges—W. L. Toeker, Chas. Cochrane, Rev. W. L. Van Nuya.
The Opera House was packed to its capacity and each number on the program was greeted with hearty applause.

When the judge's decision was announced the La Grande pupils gave the following school yell:

Strawberry short cake, blueberry pie!
V-L-C-T-O-R-Y!
Are we in it? Well I guess! La Grande High School, Yes! Yes!! Yes!!!
Three cheers for Union.

The Union school also had a yell coming, which was as follows: Lickety Hop! Lickety Hop! Union Union, Always on top!

Superintendent's Report

Following is the monthly report submitted by Supt. Hockenberry: To the board of School Directors of La Grande, Oregon.

Gentlemen:—In making my seventh monthly report I wish to call attention to the following matters:

At your last meeting you decided to pass pupils upon their final examinations only. For this reason I recommended that we abolish the semi-monthly written reviews and daily class markings and permit each teacher to use whatever system of marking he sees fit to employ.

I recommended also that each teacher be required to preserve for at least two months all written review work in its corrected stage or any other written class work in its corrected stage.

I would suggest that the former requirements for promotion be retained that is, an average of 75 per cent with 60 per cent as the minimum for any study; but that no study shall be passed final with a less percentage than 75.

There are 11 pupils less on the roll than last month, but 102 more than for the same month last year.

You will notice that there were five visits of directors credited for this month.

Miss Kuhn's room had no tardy marks. I think, on the whole, Miss McIlroy's and Miss Logsdon's rooms had the best attendance.

Respectfully submitted
H. J. Hockenberry, Supt.
Mrs. S. P. Romig, who has been visiting in Montana, has returned home.

IT WILL BE SOLD

Personal Property of Wade Estate will be Sold to Highest Bidder on April 8th.

Pendleton, March 26—Thomas Fitz Gerald, the referee in bankruptcy has ordered that the personal property of O. B. Wade be sold at auction, and has set April 8 at 11 o'clock as the time for the sale. The place will be the Commercial stables (the Froome livery barn) on Main street, where all of the property will be gathered and sold to the highest bidder.

Notices of the sale were posted as by law required, this morning and Judge Fitz Gerald sent out notifications to the creditors of the estate today.

Sheridan's Day

The old veterans had a very interesting post meeting yesterday afternoon. The G. A. R. post at this place to give zest to these meetings devotes some time at each meeting to reminiscences of some distinguished Union General. Yesterday was Gen. Foll Sheridan's Day. Several of the veterans there had served under him and their talk about him and gragic and interesting.

One of the comrades saw him mount his horse to begin his celebrated ride for Winchester at Cedar Creek, another was at Cedar Creek when he arrived; saw him while rallying the fugitives and forming a new line of battle and was in the charge that rolled back the onswEEPING victorious rebels and turned defeat into a complete victory for the Union.

Others told how they had seen him coolly riding where shells were screaming and musket balls falling like hail about him, how his presence inspired confidence and his command "Charge" was always responded to with a wild yell and energetic rush for the enemy.

Next meeting will be Gen. Grant's Day.

FOR SALE—A yearling heifer, half Jersey and half Durham. Inquire at this office or phone 1808.

THE CHICAGO STORE

Easter Sale

COMMENCING MONDAY, MARCH 21 AND CONTINUING UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 28

we will place on sale our entire line of Dress Goods, at a reduction of . . .

20 Per Cent

This sale includes both Wool and Wash Goods, all of which are the latest weaves and designs This is an opportunity to secure your Easter Gowns. REMEMBER THE DATE.

THE CHICAGO STORE

A COUGH SUGGESTION

This is the season when chronic throat and lung troubles get their start. Any cough is serious enough to have prompt attention and it is also important that the best possible remedy is secured. We hope you will try our

WHITE PINE COUGH BALSAM

We feel that this in many respects a superior remedy and that once familiar with it, you will rely on it as your general household cough cure. It is pleasant to take and cures as quickly as any safe remedy can. Price 25 and 50 cents.

NEWLIN DRUG CO.



The Equal of any \$4.00 Hat. We are Sole Distributors in La Grande.

The Fair

THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY