

# LA GRANDE EVENING OBSERVER.

**WEATHER FORECAST**  
 Tonight and Wednesday  
 Fair. Colder. Tonight  
 with Light Frost. Warm-  
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## PLANS MADE FOR THE PANAMA CANAL

Commission of Eight Men Will Immediately Leave For the Isthmus--President's Ideas Adopted Throughout

Washington, May 10.—The administration of canal affairs and expenditures was decided upon this morning at a meeting which had not been forecasted but which resulted in the war department's direct control. President Roosevelt, either through a good political move, or in belief that the canal can be best managed through his plans, is said to have been the originator of all ideas in connection with the administration of affairs. A party of eight will leave for the isthmus tomorrow headed by General Davis. The intention of the commission is to ask for bids for the general construction, but this may not be done for a year.

### Cattle On The Range

Pendleton, May 10.—Harry Gibson of this city, has turned out 900 head of cattle on the Grand Range range above Hilgard, where the grass is in excellent condition.

### Artesian Project

The meeting held Saturday at Alton for the purpose of determining whether or not to go ahead with the experimental artesian well project, was well attended. It was shown that they now had \$2500, subscribed and the

purpose of the meeting was that \$500 additional should be raised and when it was that work should immediately commence. It is not the idea of incorporating to buy a machine but to let a contract for the work. The project will be definitely settled within a few days and those who were at the meeting are confident the remaining money can easily be secured.

### Busy Farming

B F Miller, the democratic candidate for joint representative, was looking after things political in this section this week. He will not begin his campaign in earnest for several days yet. He is now in the midst of his farming operations.—Wallawa News.

### Don't Forget

This is Presidential election year and you must register if you would vote. Registration books close May 14.

### Died

Lella Fay Sloan, the little daughter of Mr and Mrs H O Sloan, passed away at their home in North Powder Tuesday May 3.

### Digging Test Pits

Febro, May 10.—The government party in the vicinity of Echo is busily engaged in digging test pits from which will be determined the exact course of the ditches which will feed the Butler creek reservoir. About 20 men are in the party.

### To Old Soldiers

Headquarters Association of the first Oregon cavalry and the first Oregon infantry, La Grande, Oregon, May 10, 1904.

The third annual reunion of the First Oregon Cavalry, United States Volunteers and the First Oregon Infantry United States Volunteers Association will be held, in conjunction with the state encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at

Hood river Oregon on June 16, 1904. All comrades are requested to be present and participate.

A cordial invitation is given to all persons who served in either the First Oregon Cavalry United States Volunteers or in the First Oregon Infantry United States Volunteers and did duty in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah or Nevada from 1861 to 1866 and to their parents, wives and dependants to join in the reunion and talk over incidents of long ago. Geo. B Currey, Commander. W. M. Hillcary, Adjutant. Oregon press please note.

### Born

In this city Monday May 9 1904, to Mr and Mrs Charles Colson, a daughter. Adam Crossman returned to the Cove after spending yesterday in the city.

## RUSSIA LOSES ANOTHER SHIP.

One of the Finest Foats in Her Navy--Next Battle Expected to Take Place At Laivang.

London, May 10.—Japanese Minister Hayaishi today said that General Kuroki would probably clash with General Kurapatkin's forces at Laivang, driving them back. In event of the Japanese occupation of New Ohwang, a civil administration will immediately be appointed and the port opened to all nations. Admiral Togo will dock part of his fleet and give his men a rest from their ceaseless vigil.

# UNION ASKS FOR A RESTRAINING ORDER

Unionites Admit That They Have No Chance If The County Seat Question Is Left To The Voters, and Therefore Seek To Keep In The Courts And Thereby Defeat The Ends Of Justice.

Union, represented by A E Eaton, S A Pursel, Fred Gale, F S Foster, G P Hall and W H Ewin yesterday filed a petition asking for a restraining order to prevent the county seat question appearing on the ballot and the same will be served on the county clerk today. Whether or not this injunction will be sustained by the circuit court remains to be seen and those who have read the papers in the case and noted the grounds upon which they base their contention for an injunction are firmly of the opinion that Judge Eakin will never grant it. Union is well aware of the intention of the voters in this county that if they ever get a chance to vote upon the relocation of the county seat that La Grande will easily win and this is their only hope to prevent

it coming to a vote. Their grounds is the increased taxation that is made by the clerk in placing the extra words on the regular ticket relative to the county seat proposition. After covering several pages setting forth the fact that the county is now in debt beyond the constitutional limit and declaring that of the 2000 men who signed the petition asking the county court to order the relocation submitted, which they did, that 1500 of these names were illegal and that the present court house and fixtures are now worth \$25,000 and is ample for all present and future needs closes with the following which is really the restraining order they desire sustained. "Plaintiffs pray that said order (refer-

ing to the order of the county court) be set aside and that the county clerk BE INHIBITED RESTRAINED and ENJOINED from giving notice of said election, upon the question of the removal of the county seat from Union to La Grande for contracting for, printing or causing to be printed the names of Union and La Grande for county seat upon the ticket to be cast at said election in June 1904 and for furnishing or contracting for stationery or supplies for holding said election upon the question of the removal of the county seat from Union to La Grande and for such other relief as may seem proper to equity and good conscience including judgment for plaintiffs costs and disbursements. C E Cochran & Crawford & Crawford Attorneys.

## JAPANESE LOSES

Official Report of Ssturdy's Battle-194 Killed 325 Wounded.

Tokio May 10.—The official report of the Japanese casualties at the battle of the Yalu May 7 shows that the Guards lost one officer and 20 men killed and had seven officers and 122 men wounded. The second division lost one officer and 84 men killed and 13 officers 305 men wounded. The 12th division had three officers and 76 men wounded.

### Items Of Interest

The last scientific American figures the net earnings of the railroads at \$2,854 per mile, and the annual net earnings of all the railroads in the United States for the five years 1897 to the end of 1901 \$2,378 per mile per year. Wasco county is now out of debt for the first time in its history, which goes back to 1854, fifty years ago when the county was organized. When Wasco county was organized it included all of Oregon east of the Cascade Mountains. Merchants in Japan donate a liberal share of their profits, and workmen give a part of their wages to the Micoado to help him carry on the war with Russia. Wages in Japan are low and it may seem strange to American workmen, how a common laborer there can afford to give anything out of his wages which are from 5 cents to 3 cents per day, but the laborer in Japan remembers that prior to the org-

of the present Micoado they were compelled to worked for from 10 to 15 cents per day and that now 30 cents is the common rate. This increase in 24 years in wages, with prospect of further increase, if Japan whips Russia and the Micoado can continue to plily make the keen witted Japanese see that it is to his interest to do very thing in his power to aid the Micoado and restore his kingdom that he may live, and is loyal to the ruler that has benefited him so much.

### Lyle Musicals

The Lyle Musicals met this afternoon and the following program was rendered under the direction of Mrs Fred B. Currey. Piano Solo Mrs Lyle Vocal Duet Canticles Mrs E C Moore and Mrs Carpy Reading Artists and Musicians Mrs Bodmer Vocal Solo Miss Jessie Wade Instrumental Duet Mrs F B and G H Currey Vocal Solo When the Golden Dawn is Breaking Mrs Porrest Election of officers will be held at the next meeting May 24, 1904 and the members are especially requested to be present.

### Central Church Of Christ

Members of the congregation are invited to be present Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Wednesday evening there will be a study of the Parable of the Prodigal and on Thursday evening Bro. Wm. F. Cuddeon of Tacoma will preach. Services at eight o'clock. Please tell your friend. O. H. King.

### OS-TE-OP-A-THY

Much nervousness comes from indigestion. Osteopathy is a potent and safe remedy. Being a believing doctor, I can assure you that if you have been skeptical about outgrowing your infirmities,

Osteopathy fights disease with Nature's own weapons, which are correct nerves and normal blood supply.

Men have to break away from drug-taking before they realize how much better off they are without drugs.

St. Petersburg, May 10.—A report is current today that the Russian cruiser Rurik of the Vladivostok squadron has been destroyed, whether by accident or Japanese attack is not stated.

### Social

Don't forget the social at the Presbyterian Church tonight under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. Refreshments will be served, all members of the church and congregation are cordially invited to be present. The following program will be given Organ Solo Mrs Lyle Vocal Duet Mrs E C Moore and Mrs Carpy Vocal Solo Mrs E C Moore Vocal Trio Misses Aldrich, Woreff and Tait Recitation Naomi Williamson Business meeting of the Society after the program.

### Notice

All those wishing to donate furnishings for the Rest Room are requested to send them to that room before next Saturday. The ladies wish the room to look as comfortable as possible for the opening. The articles most desired are rockers or easy chairs, couches, rugs and cushions. The contractors are specially requested to contribute towards this furnishing.

Have You Thought Of It?

We know we've got "TO SHOW" YOU This Idea Pleases Us

When We "Show" we win, and you win when you purchase a suit or skirt, at the price placed on them during this SALE.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

This Sale is for the purpose of reducing our immense stock and TO MAKE A CUSTOMER OF YOU



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 Walking Skirts, \$2.40 to \$12  
 Dress Skirts \$3.60 to \$28

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We can make you safe in your soap buying. The toilet soaps we handle are those made by reputable firms. We have pure and safe soaps at whatever price you wish to pay.

**NEWLIN DRUG CO.**

**Opening Sale Of WASH GOODS 100 Pieces**

Wash Goods, consisting of cotton suitings, popular mercerized, poplin, cords and lace striped waistings, lawn, dimity, batiste and all other wanted summer dress materials at very SPECIAL PRICE REDUCTION for today, Tuesday and Wednesday.

60c waistings	49c
50c "	44c
45c "	39c
40c "	33c
35c "	29c
25c wash suitings	21c
20c dimity and lawn	16c
15c dimity, lawn and duck	12c
12c wash goods	11c

and many others at equally low prices.

75c and 85c shirts—3 days only 59c  
 \$25 men's suits—3 days only \$20 19  
 \$22 50 men's suits—3 days only \$19 85-

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 THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY