

WEATHER FORECAST
 4 To-night and Thursday fair,
 warmer Thursday.

THE TRAINS
 No 2 East bound 9:15 on time
 No 3 West 9:10 on time

THE WAR SITUATION

Russia Re-establishes Railway, Telegraphic and Ocean Communication With Port Arthur.

RUSSIAN FORCES AGAIN DEFEATED

Japan's Second Army On The Yalu Put The Russians to Route and the Russians Sustain Heavy Loss.

St. Petersburg, May 11—The most important official news from the front up to this hour is that telling of the complete re-establishment of the railroad and telegraphic communication with Port Arthur, though how it was brought about and whether a battle was necessary to accomplish it are mysteries which failed to clear up. The relation of the authorities naturally consequent upon this achievement is somewhat sobered by the official dispatch showing the activity of the Japanese in eastern Manchuria. Kuangger Sian (Huang Ting Sian) 50 miles northeast of Fong Wang Chong was occupied by the Japanese May 5. This enables an advance along the roads to a flank either at Liao Yang or Mukden. The territory between the main road to Fong Wang Chong and the river Tayang has been penetrated by such a strong force of Japanese as to lead to the suggestion that another army has landed at Ta-kushan, of which the outside world has not before heard.

The people naturally wish for more details concerning the re-establishment of communication with Port Arthur. All they know definitely is the railroad has been repaired and at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the first dispatch passed over the re-constructed telegraph lines.

There probably has been some fighting but whether with the Japanese vessels or with the troops north of Pitsewo is not known, nor has the whereabouts of the Japanese landed on the southern part of Liao Yang peninsula been definitely ascertained. It is safe to say, however, no engagement of importance has occurred to re-establish the communication.

ANOTHER BOMBARDMENT
 London, May 11—The Tokio correspondent of the Morning Post, cabling under date of May 10, says a high angle bombardment of Port Arthur is proceeding.

HEAVY FIGHTING
 Paris, May 11—The St Petersburg correspondent of Echo De Paris says: General Kurapatkin has ordered a general retreat and no doubt intends to avoid a battle until he has sufficient forces. He actually has at his disposal not more than 150,000 not exclusive of the garrison at Port Arthur which consists of 30,000 and the garrison at Niu Chwang 15,000. A general who knows the secrets of the mobilization tells me the last 1,000 men making the required 500,000 men will leave Kasan July 21.

Paris, May 11—Matins St Petersburg correspondent says it is presently rumored there has been a big fight near Mao Tien Ling pass between the Russians and General Kurapatkin's army. The Russians he says lost heavily General Zassaitch being among the killed.

PORT ARTHUR OPEN
 Paris, May 11—According to the St Petersburg correspondent of Matins a high official of the naval general staff declares the entrance to Port Arthur is still free and the squadron went out May 9 as far as Pitsewo, where the torpedo boats sank a number of Japanese transports.

JAPS IN FONG WANG CHENG
 St. Petersburg, May 11—General Sakharoff in a telegram to the general staff dated May 8, says: The Japanese having occupied Fong Wang Chong, are remaining there and are making reconnaissance of the main road to Liao Yang.

Mr and Mrs Lottis were in Elgin yesterday the guests Mr and Mrs Andrew Beck the Elgin baker. Mr Lottis states that Mr Beck is enjoying a splendid business and is well satisfied with his business outlook.

NO ACTION YET IN COUNTY SEAT CASE

It is Expected that the Attorneys Will Agree on a Date for a Hearing of the Case Tomorrow.

There has been no action taken on the petition filed by the Union people asking for a restraining order, inhibiting the county clerk from having the submission of the relocation of the county seat printed on the official ballot. At 2:30 this afternoon the Observer phoned Judge Eakin regarding the status of the case and received the reply that he had taken no action as yet in regard to the matter. That attorney Crawford had informed him that the attorneys in the case would agree on a date when they would like the matter to be heard and that he would inform the opposing attorneys. Up to the time of going to press none of the attorneys interested in the case in La Grande had received any communication from Mr Crawford. It is expected that the date for hearing will be made known tomorrow.

APPLES FOR NOME

Think of it!—Grande Ronde, on May 11, Ships a Car to Alaska.

The Blue Mountain Fruit Co this evening ship a car of apples from Elgin grown on Fumkin ridge. This announcement deserves more than passing notice for the reason there are few fruit sections on the coast that can grow and market commercial apples this late in the season. This car goes to Seattle and from there will be shipped to Alaska mines. These are of the Ben Davis variety and it is needless to say the fruit is in prime condition or it would not be considered suitable for this destination.

Executive Meeting
 On Saturday May 14, the executive committee of the Union County Pioneer Association will meet in La Grande at the parlors of the Commercial Club at 2 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of selecting date and place to hold the annual county reunion. Localities desiring to enter in the association this year will please file their applications at this meeting. J. A. McWhirter, president.

Yukon Clear
 Vancouver, B. C., May 11—A special from Dawson says: The Yukon river is now clear with the exception of two ice jams, one at Selkirk, the other at Five Fingers. The ice broke in from Dawson May 7, the earliest known since white men came to the country.

Birthday Party
 A birthday party was given at the home of Mrs. Nellie Buck in honor of her daughter Hazel Buck and Minnie Terry, Hazel being 14 years old and Minnie being 13 years old. Several handsome presents were received and a delicious lunch was served. Those present were Mrs. R. W. Wilkerson, Mrs. Nash, Rose and Minnie Terry, Elsie Kennedy, Lizzie Gridler, Frances and Gladys Farquharson, Ada Turner, Mable Vanilet, Grace P. Clark, Walter Price, Oscar Miller and Veehti McNowen, Will Gridler.

Rummage Sale
 The ladies of St. Peter's guild are preparing to give their semi-annual rummage sale. The good house wives of La Grande will please bear this in mind and save the castoff clothing and furniture, any or all of which will be gratefully received by the Guild. All donations will be called for if word is left with some of the members of the Guild. This sale will be held at Kilpatrick's warehouse May 20 and 21st. Don't forget the date.

The United States was \$2,814,985,446, of this \$282,240,311 were held in the treasury as assets of the government leaving \$2,532,645,135 in circulation among the people. The money in circulation among the people, estimated on May 1, to be \$81,637,000 was \$31.02 per capita, the largest per capita within the history of the country. In 1869 the per capita circulation among 31,443,321 people was \$13.85.

Burned Down
 The North Powder planing mill and quite a quantity of lumber burned this morning.

Judge Simpson Killed
 Newton Kans., May 11—In an automobile accident tonight, Judge M. P. Simpson of the district court was killed. Miss Anna Lees, Mrs. M. P. Simpson and S. Lehman were injured. The machine got beyond control and dashed off a bridge, falling 15 feet into a ditch.

A Suggestion
 John E. Hough, the well known fruit grower and dealer suggests to our strawberry growers to experiment with the variety that has been shipped into this city for the past two years from California, known as the "Gold Dollar Strawberry." They have proved to be extraordinary good shippers and if they are equal in other respects to the berry that is now commonly grown in this valley they will bring more money to the growers.

Farmers Welcome
 The "house warming" which will take place at the rest room next Saturday afternoon will be a very pleasant affair. All the farmers and their wives should avail themselves of the opportunity.

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-

Log Drive
 F. S. Murphy, manager of the Grande Ronde Lumber Co was in the city today and stated that they were progressing nicely with their log drive and that they expected it to reach Perry Saturday.

Married
 OWEN—BUCHANAN—In this city at the home of the brides sister Mrs Emma West, Tuesday May 10 1904, Mr Wilber E. Owen and Miss Margueret Buchanan, by justice of the peace Wm Grant. They will make their home near Summerville where they are favorably known.

The Fair THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

Red Boy Sold
 Baker City, May 11—The Red Boy Mine sold this morning for \$89,000. It was bid in by Alexander Prussing, Truster, who, along with his bid, which was placed in writing, gave a certified check on the First National Bank for \$4000 as a deposit of good faith.

A La Grande Millionaire
 Traveling in Switzerland, when about to cross a great mountain divide bought a first class ticket and after riding some distance he noted that those who had bought second and third class tickets received the same accommodations as himself, "How foolish for me to pay more" he thought. But on coming to the foot of the ten mile hill the driver pulled up his horses and shouted first class passengers keep your seats, second class get out and walk, third class get out and push, so the goods and prices at the station store may not always appear to be better at first sight but they win in the long run, if you haven't tried, call and be convinced.

Circulation May 1, 1904
 The circulation statement from the Census Department of the United States for May 1, 1904, reached the Observer this morning. From it we learn that on May 1, 1904, the total amount of money in

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



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 MURPHY BRO'S., Prop's.

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