

LA GRANDE EVENING OBSERVER.

WEATHER FORECAST
 Tonight and Sunday Fair
 Monday and Tuesday Light Breeze
 Wednesday and Thursday
 Friday and Saturday
 Warmer Sunday.

THE TRAINS
 No 2 East bound 9:10 on time
 No 5 West " 9:10 on time

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HILGARD SALOON HELD UP LAST NIGHT

Two Masked Men Order "Hands Up" and Secure \$70 in Cash--One Man Was Shot.

(Special to the Observer)
 Hilgard May 14—Two masked men held up the Holmerson saloon at this place about ten o'clock last evening. They secured about seventy dollars in cash and a number of checks which will be valuable to them. The story of the hold up as told by Mr. Holmerson is about as follows:

"About ten o'clock two masked men entered the front door of the saloon and presenting revolvers gave the order 'Hands Up.' Hands went up all around in a very short order. From the speed with which every one's hands began to punch holes through the ceiling it would seem that all were just on the point of lifting hands when the robbers entered. After the order 'hands up,' was given they then demanded all the money in the house, I told them that they seemed to have possession and could help themselves.

I then started around the bar when one of the robbers fired a shot; this shot struck Johnie Thom, on a grazing lick

in the head just clipping the butt of the right ear. The wound is not at all serious. At this stage of the game two of the seven occupants of the saloon left by way of the back door. J. W. Riley states that he was going after a gun and he expected to return and kill the robbers and the other, Dave McFarlin reports that he went out to bury his jewelry. As soon as the shot was fired one of the robbers jumped over the bar and opened the till and secured the seventy dollars and a number of checks and time checks on the Grande Ronde Lumber Co and then escaped. There was no effort to take any thing from any of the occupants of the saloon."

From the way the robbers went about things and from the fact that they had no difficulty in working the combination to the till Mr. Holmerson believes that they were familiar with the place and thinks that officers will have no difficulty in locating the men. They were not mounted and after the robbery seemed to slily disappear.

Earl Kilpatrick delivers the valedictory and Sarah Riddle the salutatory address. There has been an excellent musical program arranged to be interspersed between the orations.

An admission charge of 35 cents will be charged, the proceeds of which will be applied to the purchase of books for the school library, which now contains 600 volumes, 500 of which have been purchased during the past two years.

From every point of view the past year has been the banner year in our history, the attendance has exceeded all prior years and the present rate of increase in our population assures that there will be a still greater enrollment at the beginning of the next school year.

The complete program of the commencement exercises will appear later.

Meet Here

The Vice Presidents of the Union County Pioneers Association met in this city this afternoon and decided to hold the next Pioneers Reunion in this city June 28. La Grande is indeed fortunate in being thus honored and will undoubtedly do all in its power to give them a hearty welcome.

OUR CITY IS ALL O K

More Home Building Going on Than Ever Before in the History of the City.

Take a trip through the town and notice the number of new buildings which are now in course of construction. You will be surprised at the rapid and substantial growth the city is making. La Grande has always grown. There has never been a time when it was not making progress, but this year the evidence of growth and prosperity is more general than usual. Aside from the two principle buildings which are now going up, the City Hall and the Mormon Tabernacle, there is a multitude of residences and residence improvements being made. The cluster of the carpenters, and stone mason and the view of the painter

can be heard on every side. All this goes to prove that La Grande is growing and that the residents are contented and satisfied to remain here and make this city their home. The signs "For Rent" or "For Sale" which are usually so much in evidence in interior towns are far and few between here. There is no reason why he should. There is satisfactory market here for all that is produced, whether it be labor or the product of labor. As said before La Grande is growing, substantially growing, and there is no reason to fear that it will ever be otherwise.

Big Deal

San Francisco, May 14—One of the largest mining deals in the west in recent years is the sale of the Black Diamond Coal Mines in Washington for \$1,000,000, to the Pacific Coast Company of this city.

School Closes At Lone Star

Yesterday was the last day of school at Lone Star, and as a fitting close the people were given a good entertainment at night. Prof Ayers secured the Summerville Mandolin Club, consisting of Dr and Mrs Monk and the Mirees Brookes, to furnish the music, a good program was rendered consisting of Commencement exercises and the school in general.

The program was well rendered showing the ability of both teacher and pupils. Supt Bray was present and presented the Diplomas to the graduating class, which were Nellie Murray, Etta Woodell, Minnie Mills, and Cor Woodell. After the program the pupils of the school surprised the visitors by a treat of Ice Cream and Cake, all went away happy feeling well paid for their trouble.

Today

The "house warming" takes place at the Rest Room, today about 2 o'clock. All the friends and their wives should call and see what is being done. You are all welcome.

To-night the people of La Grande are invited to come to the Rest Room Refreshments will be served and a program rendered.

Peanut Frolic

On Thursday evening May 19 The dancing excitement. The Peanut Frolic, will be produced in Armory Hall for the benefit of the patrons of Prof Simpsons Dancing Academy. There will be several unique contests. The prizes are being made to order right here in the City. The Peanut frolic is a new figure of the German and like all the rest of the features of Prof Simpsons Academy has to be seen to be appreciated. Fifty pounds of peanuts will be used for the decoration

Should be Held

San Francisco, May 14—At the examination which has been in progress for several weeks, Commissioner Hancock decided Hyde and Diamond, should both be held for trial at Washington, D C, for conspiracy to defraud the United States government by illegally acquiring title to public lands.

On the announcement of the decision Attorney Honey, the attorney for the government asked that bail of the defendants be doubled. That of Hyde be made \$60,000 and that of Diamond \$30,000. The attorney stated that he made the suggestion for the reason that the offense with which the men were charged was not one on which they could be extradited, should they decide to leave the country and not appear for their trials. The court announced that the bail of Hyde would be fixed at \$40,000 and that of Diamond at \$25,000.

Resolutions

Whereas—It has been the will of Our Father to remove from our midst our beloved sister Carrie Kennedy.

Resolved—That Hops Charter Number Thirteen Order of Eastern Star, deeply deplains the untimely loss of our sister and extend to her bereaved family and stricken relatives sincerest sympathy in their hour of grief and trial.

Resolved also—That our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, that a copy of these resolutions be presented to the relatives of our departed sister, and a copy of the same be published in the Evening Observer and that these resolutions be spread upon the records of our Charter.

Doan B Behlke
 Marie Aldrich
 Mary I Tait
 Committee

RUSSIANS, JAPS, CHINESE AND WAR

The Oriental Mix-up Grows Thicker and Neither Participant Seems to Know Which Is What.

(Special to the Observer)

St. Petersburg, May 14—With regard to the report that the Japanese have threatened the Pekin government that they would occupy Chinese territory unless the Chinese drove out the Russians, the foreign office denies there have been any Russians in Chinese territory except opposite Niu Chwang and Sin Min Ting, the terminus of the Chinese railroad, and in view of the retirement from Niu Chwang no one knows the exact situation at these points. The foreign office recognizes that the protection of foreigners at Niu Chwang must be provided for. While it seems probable the

Chinese regulars will be asked to enter Niu Chwang, there is a suggestion here that perhaps an arrangement could be made by which the Japanese would occupy that place immediately after the withdrawal of the Russians.

London May 14—The Mail this morning publishes a dispatch from Constantinople according to which Russia is concentrating troops just beyond the Caucasus. The most reliable information, the dispatch says, fixes present total number of troops at 125,000.

Persistent report is current that a Russian squadron of cavalry succeeded in getting behind the Japanese, who were several squadrons strong, and is occupying Kuandinsan. The unexpected

appearance of the Russian army and the Japanese immediately to evacuate the town and retire toward the Yalu. The report is believed to be correct.

Up And Doing

The liquor dealers in Oregon are keenly looking after their interests and are opposing the local option bill which will be voted upon by the voters of the state at the June election. They are well organized for the work in hand, abundantly supplied with money to be used one way or another to influence voters to vote against the local option bill and have at least one of the big newspapers in Portland working for the defeat of the bill.

The liquor interest in Oregon is no small affair, but numerically not so formidable as is generally supposed.

In 1900 the United States census found 97 wholesale dealers in liquor, 1 distillery of spirits, 123 brewers, 734 saloon keepers, 819 bartenders. The number of landlords who provide the homes for the dealers and their families will probably reach 300. All these will most likely vote against the bill. How the people will vote remains to be seen.

Miss Lillian McCall left this morning for Walla Walla to attend the Whitman college declamation contest which takes place this evening.

Treasurer Selected

Washington May 14—Admiral Kennedy, retired, formerly paymaster general of the navy stationed at the navy department, has been selected as treasurer of the Panama canal commission.

Welcome

This evening there will be a program and the ladies will serve refreshments to the good people of La Grande.

Don't forget the place, in the Hawthorth building.

Affair Desperate

Denver May 14—A non-partisan mass meeting, called by the citizens' committee of safety for the purpose of deciding on ways and means to secure an honest election in Denver tonight adopted resolutions demanding that the governor assemble troops in Denver on election day to prevent riot, mob rule, and violence and to enforce the laws of the state.

OLD AND ONLY IN THE WAY

Washington May 13—The Nipsic, one of the oldest wooden vessels of the navy has been ordered out of commission at the Puget Sound navy yard, where she has been serving as a receiving ship. This marks the passing of almost the last timber ship constructed for the navy. In a great hurricane at Samoa, she was the only survivor of the German and American fleets.

Commencement

The La Grande public schools close next week. The commencement exercises as usual will be held in the Opera house Friday evening. The graduating class this year consists of eight girls and three boys, Earl Kilpatrick, Grover Melville, Benjamin Zurbick, Hazel Corbett, Agnes Fisher, Jessie Grimmit, Pearl Huff, Addie Hunt, Grace D. Ford, Harriet Harris and Sarah Riddle.

Clothing Prices SMASHED

Monday morning May 16, we inaugurate, for one week the most extensive Price-Smashing Clothing Sale we have ever conducted in the middle of the season. Not one suit, nor one or two lines of suits, but OUR ENTIRE LINE OF MEN'S SUITS AT REDUCED PRICES, for one week. The many choice lines and tempting prices placed before our buyer this season, proved so strong that as a result our clothing tables are fairly groaning under the weight. They are choice—They are Extraordinary values, but—too many—that's it. As a result, the fence is down. Remember: EVERY SUIT AT REDUCED PRICE—Come; and bring along the neighbors, too.

\$25.00 Suits for.....	\$ 0.00	\$15.00 suits for.....	\$13.25
\$22.50 " ".....	19.00	12.50 " ".....	10.95
20.00 " ".....	16.75	10.00 " ".....	8.95
18.00 " ".....	15.25	6.00 to 8.00 suits for....	5.00
16.00 " ".....	13.90	10.00 to 12.00 coats & vests	7.50
		7.50 to 9.50 " " " "	6.00

And many intermediate prices equally low which space will not permit mention of here. See them.

The Fair
 THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY



High Class Merchandise

The Special values shown by us, are offered chiefly for educational purposes. We wish to cultivate the acquaintance and make fast friends of still greater numbers of particular women. We wish to demonstrate to them that we are carrying a line of merchandise which grade by grade, quality for quality is unsurpassed in the city. You are invited to inspect our goods.





Chicago Store

Murphy Bros. Props.



TRUST OUR SOAPS

It is difficult to judge the purity of toilet soaps, and too often an agreeable odor determines the choice. If all soaps were as innocent as their fragrance is pleasing, there would be more smooth skins and clear complexions and less roughness, pimples and blotches.

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.

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