

LA GRANDE EVENING OBSERVER.

WEATHER FORECAST
Tonight and Wednesday
Showery.

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

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BRAKEMAN AND FIREMAN KILLED.

Northern Pacific Overland Crashes Into Open Switch—Several Passengers Were Severely Injured.

Seattle, May 17.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Everett, Washington, says:
The west-bound Great Northern overland train at 6:10 a. m. evening crashed into an open switch just east of Monroe and collided with two box cars on the sidetrack. G. Marshall, engineer of the head brakeman was killed and Tom Downing of Interbay the fireman was pinned beneath the wreck, dying before he could be rescued. Two laborers who were loading shingles into the freight cars have not been located and it is not known whether they were in the cars when the latter struck or not. Engineer Geo Zignis, of Seattle, jumped and escaped with severe bruises. Several passengers were slightly injured.

COUNCIL MET

Contract for Basement of City Hall to be Let Wednesday Night—Dogs to be Taxed.

The city council met Monday evening to consider the bid for the foundation and basement of the new city hall. The ways and means committee had a force of men at work on the site digging a number of wells to ascertain the depth of the soil before reaching the cement. The result of this investigation convinced the council that quite a saving could be made by several slight changes in the original plans and specifications of the foundation and specifications of that architect Slater made the suggested changes and resubmit the plans to contractors and that they submit new bids thereon accompanied with certified check at the meeting of the council Wednesday night of this week.
A few bills were allowed on the water fund and outside of a motion instructing the recorder to purchase 200 dog tags and instructing the city marshal to enforce the dog tax law, the entire evening was spent in con-

sidering the foundation plans and making the alterations. The council expects to be able to secure bids on the foundation in the neighborhood of \$50,000 a saving of about \$700.

O. R. & N. OFFICIALS

Edward and William

Berlin, May 17.—King Edward has definitely announced his intention to visit Emperor William during regatta week at Kiel, which begins June 22.

Two Houses

The voters of the Pleasant Hill district held a meeting a few days since and agreed to build two school houses instead of one, the district being too large for the pupils to all attend one school.

Disappointed

There will be a surprised and disgusted dozen passengers who will arrive on tonight's train from Wallowa county. This party went over there to locate on timber land. Since they started the new withdrawal has been made which includes the township wherein they intended to make their filings.
They no doubt had a nice trip and the pleasure of viewing Wallowa lake amply repays them for their trouble. It may be some time however before they view the matter in this light.

Neighborhood Club

The Neighborhood Club met yesterday afternoon at the club parlors and under the leadership of Mrs E C Moore discussed the Local Option

question. There were several good addresses and taking it all together the meeting was a decided success.

Opera Cinderella

On Tuesday evening May 24th the Philomathean society of this city under the direction of Mrs Simpson will produce in Stewards Opera house The Opera Comique Cinderella. There will be 70 people in the casts, carefully selected to fill each role, the Libretto is purely an English version. The music by Franz Abt, after the first act will occur the Moonlight Dance by the fairies The moon rises and sets in full view of the audience, in the fourth act during the scene in the King's palace will be introduced. The royal Court Lancers of the reign of Louis 14th. This alone is worth the price of admission, watch for small bills.

O. R. & N. OFFICIALS

La Grande Receives a Visit From Gen. Passenger Agent A. L. Craig, and Staff.

General Passenger Agent A. L. Craig, R. M. Hall, Editor O. R. & N. Publications, J. O'Neill traveling passenger agent and Mr. Oscar Vanderbilt, secretary of the National Engraving Co. of Chicago were in the city yesterday. This part of O. R. & N. officials is making tour of the company's road and of course Mr. Craig said "could not overlook so important a place as La Grande." We acknowledge a very pleasant visit from the gentlemen. Mr. Craig with the assistance of Mr. Hall and Mr. O'Neill is doing a great deal for Oregon and especially for Eastern Oregon in the way of making known to the people of the east the many advantages we have to offer. Mr. Hall as usual is on a hunt for good things to say of the Grande Ronde valley. He always warns those with whom he is talking about this country to tell only the truth "as the truth about the Grande Ronde valley is good enough without any exaggerations," he says his latest book "Restful Recreation

Resorts" is certainly a very credible publication and should be read by all who expect to take a vacation this summer.

Mrs Wm Tucker, of Nebraska, who has been in the city the past ten days visiting her sister Mrs George Hanson and her niece Mrs Charles Norris, returned home this morning.

THE WEEKLY CROP REPORT

Conditions as the Government Weather Bureau Finds them Throughout Eastern Oregon.

Mr. John Hye's statistician of the United States Agricultural department, in his report dated May 10, 1904 at Washington, received by the Observer this morning gives the acreage of winter wheat harvested in 1903 at 32,615,510. The acreage of winter wheat sown in the fall of 1903 was 32,016,205 acres, and the number of acres of winter wheat under cultivation on May 1 1904 was 27,083,539.

The condition of winter wheat on May 10th was 76 per cent of a full crop, against 92 per cent on May 10, 1903, and an average of 84 per cent for the past ten years.

Mr Eadward A. Beale, section director of the Oregon section of the United States department of the Agriculture in his report of May 17th, received by the Observer this morning contains the following in the weekly Bulletin of May 17.
"The past week has been dry and, although it is a good warmer than the week previous, it was too cool for rapid growth and germination. The bulk of fall wheat is in excellent condition and a complete harvest is in prospect. The spring wheat is nearly completed and the stands everywhere are reported above the average. In favored localities fall barley and fall rye are beginning to head. Range grass and forage crops continue doing splendidly and stock beginning to get fat. Corn and potato planting are general and in some of the southern counties corn planting is nearly completed. Gardens also are nearly all planted, but the growth of vegetables has been slow.
Hops are healthy and promising and the cultivation of the yards has proceeded uninterruptedly during the week. The condition of fruits is somewhat uncertain, but nearly all correspondents agree that Italian prunes will be almost a failure. Early

cherries, pears and peaches have suffered some injury from the late frosts, but it is believed they will yet give satisfactory yields. Apples are promising and strawberries and bush fruits will be plentiful.
"Union, Union county, John W. Minnick—Light frost first of week; ground surface getting dry and in need of rain, but every crop is still making a good growth; high water receding and overflowed grain lands suffered some damage; up to date fruit blooms have held their vitality against all frosts."

WHY DO THEY FAVOR A CHANGE

Costs Elgin and Summerville People \$.25 to Visit Union, and \$.245 to Visit La Grande.

There is no question but a great majority of the citizens of Elgin and the surrounding vicinity will support La Grande on the removal of the county seat, not because they are particularly favorable to one or the other of the cities to be voted for, but simply because the removal means a great saving to them. A resident of Elgin is now compelled to spend three days in visiting the county seat while if the county seat was located at La Grande two days would only be required and the actual expense would be less than one half. The following figures show the difference in cost:
Fare from Elgin to La Grande, \$.50

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| Supper, bed and breakfast La Grande, | 1.00 |
| Fare La Grande to Union station, | .40 |
| Union station to Union, | .35 |
| Dinner and supper in Union, | 1.00 |
| Union to Union station, | .35 |
| Fare to La Grande, | .40 |
| Bed and breakfast in La Grande, | .75 |
| Fare to Elgin, | .50 |
| Total expense Elgin and return, 3 days | 5.35 |
| Total | 5.35 |
| Total expense to La Grande and return | 2.45 |
| Total expense saved and one day time | 2.90 |
| Total | 2.90 |
| The above is equally true of Summerville. | |



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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.

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| \$25 00 Suits for | \$30 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 mentioning of here. See them.

The Fair
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

A Verdict Of Guilty

T. A. Wood, the Indian War Pension Agent, Fails to Prove Himself Innocent.

Portland May 17—After being out an hour this evening, the trial jury in the United States district court brought in a verdict of guilty in the case of T. A. Wood on trial for conspiracy to defraud the United States government of pensions. The jury recommended leniency and it is probable the prisoner will be let off with fines.

Wednesday Evening

Ladies of Central Church will serve ice cream and cake in the lecture room of the Church. Philip Loy makes the cream we make the cakes. Fifteen cents is the price.

Band Concert

The band concert will render the following program next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, depot and Adams street
March "Palatino" Hall
Poets "Midland" Southwell
Waltz "Zilphia" Ripley
March "Town Talk" Munnell
selection "National airs" McCole
Prof Hendricks, Musical director

Remember the Klammage sale to be given by the ladies of St Peters Guild at K Post-locks implement store on Friday and Saturday.

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