

# LA GRANDE EVENING OBSERVER.

**WEATHER FORECAST**  
 Tonight and Tomorrow, Fair.  
 Clear tonight with light breeze.  
 Warmer Thursday.

**THE TRAINS**  
 No 3 East bound 9:30 on time  
 No 5 West 9:12 on time

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## MATTERS POLITICAL IN SEVERAL STATES

### Republican Harmony in Idaho, A Split in Wisconsin--Hearst Defeated at Madison--Ohio Makes Nominations.

**OHIO**  
 Columbus, May 18.—The republican state ticket was nominated here today. Secretary of state, Lewis C. Laylin; Judge of the supreme court, Wm. F. Spear; Clerk of the supreme court, Lawson Emerson, electors at large, Chas. F. Taft, Noah H. Sawney; delegate at large, Myron T. Herrick, Geo. B. Cox, Dick and Jos. B. Foraker; alternates, Chas. H. Grosvenor, Warren G. Harding, Jno. B. Clingman and H. T. Fairbanks.

The convention was controlled by Herrick, Dick and Cox. The Ohio delegation to the Chicago convention was not instructed, but it is pledged by the resolutions of the past two conventions to President Roosevelt.

**NEBRASKA**  
 Lincoln, Neb., May 18.—The republican state convention today nominated the following state ticket:  
 Governor, John H. Hickey; Lieutenant Governor, Edmund G. McGilton; Secretary of State, A. J. Jansky; Treasurer, Peter Mortensen; Attorney General, Morris Brown; Auditor, N. E. Scarle; Elmer Borkett, was named as the party's choice for United States Senator.

**CALIFORNIA**  
 Sacramento, Cal., May 19.—The re-

publican state convention today elected following delegates at large to the national convention: Governor Pardee; John D. Spreckles, proprietor of the San Francisco Call; Gen. A. Knight, San Francisco and Judge J. W. McKinley, Los Angeles.

**IDAHO**  
 Pocatello, Idaho, May 19.—The republican state convention elected delegates to the national convention: as follows: Senator W. B. Hayburn, C. J. Hall, Grangeville; W. E. Borah, Boise; F. R. Gooding, Shoshone; D. W. Standrod, Pocatello; J. H. Stevens, Blackfoot.

**WISCONSIN**  
 Madison, Wis., May 18.—As the consummation of a bitter strife engendered in the republican political struggle in Wisconsin this year, two conventions will nominate state tickets in Madison tomorrow.

The courts will be called upon to decide which set is entitled to legal recognition.

**HEARST DEFEATED**  
 Milwaukee, Wis., May 19.—The supporters of Edward W. Hearst defeated the adherents of W. R. Hearst in the democratic state convention today.

**To the Punhandle**  
 Leroy Lomax, republican nominee for district attorney won to the punhandle yesterday, announced by Walter Moore as his god and political director—Baker City Democrat.

**Notice to A. O. U. W. Members**  
 All members of La Grande Lodge No. 133 A. O. U. W. requested to attend the regular meeting Friday night at Elk's hall.

Past Supreme Master Workman Tate and Past Master Workman Ralph Feeny will be present and deliver addresses. Brother Tate is a famous lecturer also interesting and entertaining.

Daughters and sons of the ladies of the D. of H. are going to surprise us

## SWEEPING ACTION

New York May 18.—With one grand sweep, the management of the Western Union Telegraph company today shut off all service on racing results, to all poolrooms in the United States, ending a branch which has done out of millions of dollars' worth of business in the past few years and practically eliminating a form of gambling that has mulcted hundreds of thousands of men of a greater or smaller portion of their in-

come.  
 An action so sweeping has been in no wise expected here, and it is the result of a crusade commenced in the state legislature of New York and ending in the conscience of R. C. Clowry, president of the Western Union Telegraph company.

The terse order issued today reads as follows:  
 "It has been decided to discontinue forthwith the collection and distribution by this company of all horserace reports."

The order goes to every superintendent in this country, and it is national in its scope. In order to obtain racing reports the poolrooms will now be forced to collect their own news at the race tracks and file it with the company, exactly as any other telegraph business is transacted, the company simply acting as a common carrier.

**CONTRACT Let.**  
 For the Construction of the City Hall Foundation--J. L. Mars Will Do the Work.

The city council met Wednesday night and received bids for the construction of the foundation and basement story for the new city hall.

Under the revised plans there were two bidders, S. R. Haworth \$5175, and J. L. Mars \$4983. Mr. Haworth agreed to have the foundation completed within 60 days and Mr. Mars within 40. The contract was awarded to Mr. Mars who is now at work securing men to haul stone.

The committee of the council visited the site this morning and set the stakes for the excavation and location of the building. By making the alterations the council made a saving of \$797.

## Cove Items Of Interest

John T. Parker is building a neat cottage in the north part of the town and all his neighbors are wondering if John would be so foolish as to occupy such a pretty and desirable home all by his lonesome self.

There has been registered in Cove precinct this year 230 names. 187 was the number of registrations two years ago. More than usual interest is being taken in politics this campaign and it is safe to say the vote will be a full one and the parties will generally stick to their own tickets.

The band is practicing on Decoration Day music. By the thirtieth flowers will be in profusion. More interest than usual is being taken in beautifying the country grounds; several monuments have lately been placed.

It is generally conceded here that it will be a great convenience of the residents of the valley to have a road from La Grande to the valley. As Mr. Mars has agreed to build a road from La Grande to the valley, it is thought that the road will be built in the near future.

F. F. Houx has bought the John Kir level farm of ten acres in east Cove. The place is a bargain at the price paid, some \$80 per acre.

The base ball boys have leased a tract on the Ascension grounds and constructed a very small diamond, level and right in town, the best situation they have ever been in possession of. No doubt it will be the scene of many hot contests before the season is over.

Mr. T. J. Ryan has purchased the Ed Robt son residence and fruit land on the canyon road and will continue raising for the market small fruits.

Will Wright and A. Cohen, Lombard agent, were in town Tuesday on financial matters. Mr. Cohen fell in love with Cove, at first sight, it being his initial visit. He is largely interested in Paquette farm lands. Says the grain prospects there are wonderful this year.

**One Bishop**  
 Los Angeles, May 19.—The Methodist general conference today voted for eight bishops, but elected but one, J. F. Berry, editor of the Epworth Herald, who received more than two-thirds of the entire vote cast on the first ballot. One other ballot was taken but the result of this will not be known until morning.

**Long and Desperate**  
 St. Louis May 18.—General Nelson A. Miles who is here attending the good road convention expressed the belief Russo-Japanese war will eventually involve other nations. "I believe the war will be a long and desperate one," said the General.

## At Altar Of Hymen

A very pretty home wedding was solemnized last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Walters. The contracting parties were Mr. Arthur Long of this city and Mrs. Maud McDowell, of Spokane, Rev. O. H. King officiating. After the ceremony was performed the bride and groom and invited guest were served with a delightful wedding supper, after which Mr. and Mrs. Long went to their home in the Lewis block where they will be at home to their friends. They have a host of friends in this city who join with the Observer in offering congratulations.

**Harrison—Taal.**—In this city at the home of the brides parents, Mr. Wesley M. Harrison and Miss Nellie Taal, the Rev. J. C. Walker of the M. E. Church officiating. The ceremony took place Wednesday May 18, 1904, at 6:30 p. m. The wedding was a very quiet affair, only relatives and the near friends being present. The contracting parties are well and favorably known here and have a host of friends who join with the Observer in offering congratulations.

## Outlook For Wheat

The Crop Reporter published by authority of the Secretary of Agriculture for May 1904 reached the Observer this morning from which the following items are taken.

On May 1, there were 27,883,000 acres in winter wheat, in the United States. This is 4,932,700 acres or 15.4 per cent less than was sown last fall, and 5,427,000 acres of winter wheat harvested last year. The average condition of the winter wheat standing is 78.2 per cent the same as in April.

The average of winter wheat now growing in Oregon is 93 per cent of the average sown last fall showing a loss of 7 per cent from winter flood etc.

On May 1 there were 45,307,000 bushels of wheat available in stock at 62 principal points of accumulation and of the Rocky Mountains and on the Pacific coast 2,078,000 bushels were held in stock.

**Democratic Speaking**  
 The Democrats of this county have arranged for a series of public meetings through the county Senator Walter Pierce will deliver the principal address of the evenings to be supplemented by short talks by several of the candidates on the legislative and county tickets. Their first meeting will be held this evening at Ferry and the following dates have been agreed upon, Hilliard 30th, Alsea 31, North Powder 22, Union 24th, Cove 25th, Summerville 26th, La Grande 27th, Nigita 28th.

## RUSSIA BUYS TWO AMERICAN LINERS

**Japanese Battleship Reported Sunk--Reported Disturbance at Dalny Denied--Port Arthur Still Fortified.**

(Special to the Observer)  
 Chefoo, May 19.—Russian refugees who arrived here today on a junk from Port Dalny says the Japanese bombarded Port Arthur Monday. Russian officers who were on Golden Hill declared, according to the refugees, that during the bombardment a Japanese battleship and cruiser struck mine and sank.

**MOKE RUSSIAN SHIPS**  
 London, May 19.—The Daily Mail's St. Petersburg correspondent says two large liners bought in America have arrived at Viaviddoetok.

**WAR SHIPS SUNK**  
 Chefoo, May 19 (noon)—The warships reported to have been sunk off Port Arthur are the battleship Suibei-

which and the armored cruiser Amur. The story is not believed here but the Russians who brought the news insist it is true.

**DALNY FAILURE**  
 London, May 19.—The Chefoo correspondent of the Standard reports a failure of the attempts of Russians to destroy the docks and piers at Dalny.

**ESCAPE PORT ARTHUR**  
 Chefoo, May 19.—Chronist Makievsky, Lieut. Prince Hantimovoff and 15 Cossacks have just arrived here after a daring escape from Port Arthur. The company report there is little change in the garrison life of Port Arthur. The defenses there are continuously being augmented.



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