

LA GRANDE EVENING OBSERVER.

WEATHER FORECAST
Tonight and Tuesday, Fair.

THE TRAINS
No 2 East bound 9:10 on time
No 5 West " 9:20 on time

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MR. HENSEN WRITES FROM LOS ANGELES

He Tells About the Fruit, the Flowers And Climate and Pins For the Children.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 16, 1904.
Editor Evening Observer:

We returned at 12:30 this morning from a two day trip through flower land. We left Los Angeles at 7 a m the 14th with two trains of eleven cars each and 1100 of the jolliest railroad people that ever rode on a railroad train.

Our route was over the Santa Fe on their kite shaped track. At Redlands we stopped two hours to feast on oranges and ride through the flower gardens. Our first introduction was to the City Hall, where we found flowers and fruits, that the citizens had collected especially for us. It is needless to say we enjoyed it.

We then visited the orange packing house, where the fruit is first taken as it comes from the fields.

It is washed, dried, and then placed in the polishing and grading machine. Each orange passes over revolving brushes that thoroughly clean and polish them.

They are then carried along by the same machine until each one comes to a hole just large enough for it to drop through.

The largest ones are the last to fall. Each size rolls down a trough or into a box where they are picked up by deft fingered girls, who wrap them in tissue paper, for which they are paid the magnificent sum of 2 1/2 cents.

GRAND BALL

Co. L. will give a social dance in the Armory

MONDAY NIGHT

Thomas Orchestra furnishes the music. The best of order maintained. Good time assured to all.

TICKETS 50 CENTS

Obtained at the door.

per box, containing an average of 140 oranges. Some of the girls wrap 160 boxes in 10 hours, but the average is about 100.

The oranges are then carried to the man that nails the tops on rubber stamp.

This one house when running full force packs 3600 per day. Boston is their best market, where they ship 2000 cars every season.

We were shown the machine that is used in making the orange boxes. Sixteen nails are driven at one stroke, and they average a box a minute.

There are 5500 acres of bearing trees at Redlands, and they get only one crop each year, but lemons grow and ripen continuously.

We then took carriages and were driven up Smiley Heights, where the air is laden with the fragrance of sweet scented flowers and the date palm grows as profusely as the pine in Oregon. One can not help admiring the grandeur and beauty of the place. There are shrubs of all kinds, vines in profusion, flowering trees, and other flowers set out so they show the national colors, red, white and blue. The drive way winds around zig zag here and there along the crest of ridge on it reaches the summit 165 feet above sea level. Here we looked down over thousands of acres of orange and lemon trees. We faced about and looked down into deep chasms and gulches where a stone started to rolling will go jumping like a rubber ball for thousands of feet before it stops in the beautiful little valley below.

The streets leading from the city to the Heights are shaded with palm, blossoming trees, and studded with ever blooming roses and the walks are fringed with beautiful flowers until the whole presents a beautiful panorama that only nature can paint in her own rich colors.

So sublime is the scenery and fragrant the air that if the streets were only paved with gold and the trees filled with singing birds the traveler

could imagine himself in Paradise. My only regret is that I could not have every school child in the city of La Grande with me to enjoy the beauty, loveliness and grandeur of this place, and if I had as much money as some of the wealthy men that have quarter of a million dollar homes I would run an excursion for their special benefit.

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Died

McNalley.—In this city Saturday May 21 Patrick McNalley, aged fifty-seven years. Cause of death was consumption. The deceased has been a resident of this valley for the past twenty-five years. He has been in ill health for some time and his friends were well aware of the fact that death was near for some time. The funeral took place this morning at the Catholic church the Rev Father Whyte officiating.

Cinderella

Which will be produced in the Opera house tomorrow by some of the best talent in the city is opera comic and fairy extravaganza combined. A large chorus of children take a prominent part and have their parts perfect. In the transformation scene, Cinderella is lifted into a real coach drawn by a real pony in full view of the audience. One of the strongest features of the production is the moonlight scene between the first and second acts, the moon rises and sets during the fairy dance.

Born

Hulse.—Near Mt Emily on Saturday May 21, 1904 to Mr and Mrs James Hulse a 10 pound daughter.

WORK ON O R & N

Improvements all Along the Line---400 Men Between La Grande and Huntington.

The O R & N is preparing to inaugurate some important improvement work on its lines in Eastern

Oregon this summer, according to the announcements made here. A number of wooden bridges are to be replaced by steel structures, several new depots to be erected, extensive work will be done on the roadbed, some new stockyards will be given a thorough over hauling. These improvements will cost in the neighborhood of \$80,000.

A new warehouse will be constructed at La Grande, the structure to be 40 by 100 feet and cost about \$2000. A steel bridge 125 feet long will be built across Meacham Creek to replace the wooden structure that now serves there. The steel bridge will cost about \$23,000.

Ten miles east of the above bridge is another wooden structure that is the highest bridge on the line—50 feet above the water. It will be replaced by steel, the structure costing \$40,000. The bridge across Squaw Creek will be rebuilt and another bridge nearby will be overhauled. The bridge near Bingham will be rebuilt at a cost of about \$9000.

New, standard water tanks will be built at a number of points along the line. At Huron and Pleasant Valley new depots will be erected.

About 400 men will be given employment during the summer improving the roadbed between La Grande and Huntington.

Prune Crop Short

Walla Walla Wash. May 23—For some inexplicable reason a large portion of the prune crop in some parts of the valley is falling off, and what promised to be a luxuriant crop will not be over half a yield. The prune blossom was magnificent. Now with the fruit slightly formed the ground is covered with tiny specimens.

A pest, however, has not been ascertained by local people has appeared in two or three orchards tributary to Walla Walla, one a short distance south west of the city being especially affected. The symptoms of this trouble show themselves in the leaves while the real seat of the scourge is judged to be in the root.

A WORTHY OBJECT

Committee at Work to Secure Funds to Keep the Masonic Cemetery in Order.

An effort is being made and is meeting with the approbation of nearly all those interested, who have been seen, for the purpose of beautifying the Masonic cemetery, by keeping an attendant in the cemetery for the next few months. To meet this expense those interested are proposing a small sum each month. A committee has been at work for the past two weeks and the only difficulty they are meeting with is in their inability to find many who would be only too glad to assist if they knew of the work in contemplation.

In case this article is read by friends whom the committee have not been able to interview if they will please call upon Mrs David Ray they will make it possible for this work to be carried on during this summer and when once inaugurated the results will be so appreciated by those having graves there, that it will become a permanent feature. This is a worthy undertaking and it is to be hoped it will meet with sufficient encouragement to carry it out.

J. L. MARS BUSY

Contractor Already has Larg Force Busy at Sight and at the Quarry.

Those who know contractor J. L. Mars and who is there in this city that do not know him to be a rustler? And the way he is rushing the work on the new city hall contract is characteristic of

him. An Observer representative visited the site this forenoon and found a large force of teams scraping and excavating and another string of teams hauling rocks from the quarry. Mr Mars has ordered a phone immediately to be erected at the site to save time in running back and forth.

A visit to the grounds will surprise not a few of our citizens to note the size of the building to be erected. There were several present this morning and all could not help being impressed with the rightly location. This edifice will be a credit to the entire county, and it will show off far out into the valley and in sight of the passing trains.

HERALD AGAIN IN TROUBLE

[Special to the Observer]

Baker City May 23—The Baker City Herald is again in trouble. This time the former editor W O Hill has taken possession by right of a bill of sale from Blake McFall Co of Portland, and the White Swan Mining Co has a man who claims to be in charge, and Linotype Co has also placed a man in control. There seems to be a general mix 'up all around and as a result there will be no paper issued this afternoon. Just who will win is still a matter of speculation. All parties claim to be the rightful owners and all say they will soon be in possession and that the paper will soon be on its feet again.

STATEMENT FROM COUNTY COURT

Voters Assured That if They Vote to Change the County Seat, the Expenses Will be Practically Nothing

Union, Oregon, May 9 1904, To the Tax Payers and Voters of Union Co., Oregon:

In answer to the questions asked in relation to the question of removing the county seat from Union to La Grande, we respectfully say that should the question of changing the county seat be voted, at the next election, in favor of La Grande, we will not favor making the change if the change will cost the taxpayers of this county in excess of \$10 per annum for rent or at least fifty years, of suitable buildings for all court

purposes and county offices and county jail, and if the cost of transferring the offices and records from Union to La Grande will cost the taxpayers in excess of \$200, and we hereby publicly announce that we will oppose the change when voted in favor of La Grande, unless the interests of the tax payers are protected against any expense greater than herein stated.

Yours Respectfully,
M A HARRISON, County Judge.
ROBERT BLUMENSTEIN, Commissioner.

Ground was broke Saturday for the new City Hall this morning a force began the excavation for the foundation.

Mr and Mrs Press Lewis left this morning for Walla Walla and other Washington points where Mr Lewis has a business. They expect to be absent some three or four weeks.



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.



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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.

NEWLIN DRUG CO.



More Than 250 LADIES' SHIRT WAISTS
Made up in all the popular styles, in all wanted materials, from the sheerest of sheer stuffs to the ever popular mercerized and shantung waistings on display this week. It is well worth your while to look them over, as the newest of the new is here at prices altogether reasonable.



50c to \$7.50

Ladies' Shirt Waist Suits

Have more than established their hold upon the popular fancy this season. We own a good assortment of these and have placed them on sale at prices within reach of all.

Summer Shirts.
For yourself and daughter in checks, twills, linens, and the popular brilliantines \$1.25 to \$6.00.

summer Underwear
For small and large in all the wanted kinds at the lowest of low prices.
Ladies and Misses..... 10c to 50c
Men's..... 30c to \$1.75

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