

# LA GRANDE EVENING OBSERVER.

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LA GRANDE, OREGON, WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 25 1904.

## ARE NOT BOOMING BUT ARE BUILDING

### Over \$100,000 of Improvements Now Under Way in La Grande--Many New Homes in City.

If any one should suggest that La Grande was enjoying a boom at the present time, it would certainly provoke a smile from any of our residents. La Grande has enjoyed a steady healthy growth for a number of years and while little has been said regarding building this year, the writer was struck with the number of new roofs and buildings under construction as viewed from the site of the new city hall, yesterday morning while watching the men at work on the foundation. Upon returning to the office we found our friend J K Wright and in less time than it takes to read this he called up his horse and buggy and we drove over the entire city and noted the buildings, which are not confined to any one section but improvements are to be seen on every hand.

One noticeable feature of the past two years is that few houses have been built for rent, but in nearly every instance are built by the owners for homes.

The demand for houses to rent for the past two years has been far in excess of the supply and at the present time several of our citizens have purchased lots with the view of building to meet this increasing demand.

At the present time there are many handsome and comfortable dwellings going up and the mechanics of this city are all busy and have contracts ahead.

In making our rounds we noted the following:

Mr Walker's house on 3rd street is under going considerable alterations both inside and out at an expense of several hundred dollars.

B F Richardson has his stone foundation just completed on the corner of Adams ave. and 2nd street. This will be a very handsome cottage costing over \$2,000.

On the corner of Main and First street, Rister E W Davis has the frame of his new residence up and the work is being pushed right along. This will be a two story building and mod-

ern in every detail, costing not less than \$2,500.

Mr Rankin is building a neat cottage on the west end of Adams ave. a one and a half story building which when completed will cost about \$1,000.

Mrs T N Murphy has just purchased two desirable building lots on Main street of M: A C Huntington and will build two modern cottages.

Chas E Kircher on O street is building a story and a half dwelling that will cost over \$1,000.

Engineer Jackson, also on O street is erecting a very handsome cottage that we were informed it would cost over \$2,000.

Fred Swaney has the foundation completed on his property on N street and will erect thereon a neat commodious cottage.

I D Huffmeir has just accepted from the contractor a neat cottage on his O street property, which cost him \$1,800.

The stone foundation for the new Methodist parsonage was completed on which a two story cottage will be erected costing when completed about \$1,500.

I E D Zundall has just moved into his new home, situated west of the High school building, which cost in the neighborhood of \$2,000.

M J Christensen is building an addition to his house in the Old Town at the head of Fourth street. A E Huff has a portion of the lumber on the ground and teams begin work today hauling stone for the foundation.

Mr Hammond is building an addition to his house on M street.

Engineer A E Stephens has several carpenters at work repairing his residence, which was partially destroyed by fire a few weeks ago.

G D Simmons has a neat cottage almost completed on M street, which cost about \$1,000.

Wm Erickson is building a home on O street which will cost over \$2,000. Thos. Gethman has a foundation just completed for a cottage on Wash-

ington ave. Ulrich Loise is building an addition to his home.

James McShane is completing a home that cost him about \$800.

George Harmon will soon have a new house on his property on Adams ave.

James Spencer is making considerable improvements on his property near the planing mill.

L E Nelson is building a new house and making a nice home in the Pleasant Home addition.

L E Dahlid also of Pleasant Home is making a new home, building a \$700 residence.

A J Tujan is building a \$600 cottage in Pleasant Home addition.

A J Webb has a new home about completed in New Haven addition.

Robert Lee on Valley street is building a \$600 residence.

S F Newson is building a new house on N Elm street.

Mr Powell on Osborn street is building a \$700 cottage.

Adney Rogers is building a \$500 cottage on Osborn street.

Harry Meyers is making quite an addition to his property.

Walter Zweifel has an \$800 dwelling under construction, in the Oost-gins.

Mr Millring who recently purchased a ten acre tract just east of the city is making a beautiful home and building a nice residence.

W H Bohlenkamp's new \$12,000 residence has just been completed and a substantial stone and iron fence is now in course of construction.

A line of business and public improvements includes the new city hall which will cost \$25,000, the Mormon tabernacle which will cost \$30,000. A C Huntington's new brick which will be occupied by the new creamery will cost \$2,500 and improvements are now being made in both of our leading hotels, The Sommer House and the Foley House which represents no less than \$15,000.

La Grande is not booming but many new homes are being built each year and while there was considerable building last year every indication points to an increase this year.

Among those present were Messrs Furnish Slater, Loren Harris, Byron Goodall, and Earl Kilpatrick and

Mrs Eva Neill, Harriet and Jennie Harris, Pearl Huff, Blanche and Estelle McMurray, Jeannette, Mary, and Justus Clark, Rachel Turner, Grace and Fannie Goodall, Dorothores Turner.

## THE REST ROOM

### Our Out of Town Customers Are More than Pleased With the Proposition.

The rest room recently established by the ladies of this city is being well patronized and appreciated by the farmers of the valley while doing their business in the city. The room is just what is needed at a time when it has been maintained for many years past. It provides a place where a family can spread their lunch, wash dust off and be perfectly at home and rest during their leisure moments while in the city. This is furnished free of charge and our visitors are invited and urged to take advantage of the rooms. It was started with that view and for that purpose. Mrs. Hanna Rogers is matron, where much information can always be secured and the wants of the patrons provided for. The room is situated opposite the La Grande marble works and out of town people are always made welcome.

## FIELD DAY SPORTS

### And Oratorical Contest by Schools of Eastern Oregon, in this City, Saturday, May 28

The first interschool field day sports for La Grande will take place at the Fair ground next Saturday afternoon the 28th. Teams from Eastern Oregon will compete. Baker City, Pendleton and Union have already entered teams.

The events will consist of running high jump, running broad jump, shot put, hammer throw, throwing of discus, 100 yard dash, 200 yard run, 440 yard, 1 mile run, high hurdle race, low hurdle race, and a mile relay race run by four men from each school. Throwing the discus is a Greek sport of very ancient date that has recently been revived.

There will be plenty of rivalry, school yells, display of school colors and all those things which make a contest among schools so exciting.

The admission to the grounds will be 25 cents. There is no better place to get young again than at such a contest.

In the evening at the Opera house will take place the Eastern Oregon Oratorical contest. Representatives from Pendleton, Union, Baker City and La Grande will speak. The ladies mandolin club will furnish music. The program will open Thursday morning. Reserved seats 30 cents. Net proceeds will go to the High School Library.

## Cinderella.

Stewards opera house was comfortably filled last evening with parents and their friends and friends to witness the spectacular production of that time honored favorite of the children, "Cinderella". The production as directed by Prof. and Mrs. Simpson was certainly very beautiful and entertaining. The story was told in song and dialogue in a way to please and hold the attention of all through the entire evening. The work of the individual performers was very fine and each one is justly entitled to special mention, but space forbids. It is only justice however to state that Cinderella has never before been given in this city in anything like so grand a manner as it was produced last evening by Prof. and Mrs. Simpson and their able assistants.

## Silver Medal Contest

To be given at the Central Church 8 o'clock, May 25, at 8 o'clock.

Music.....Result of Treating  
Recitation.....Glen Maria  
Recitation.....A Knot of White ribbon  
Leon Redhead

Duet.....The Moon is Beaming on the Lake  
Della Jackson and Golda Hopper  
Recitation.....What I would do  
Virgil Bolton

Recitation.....Only Sixteen  
Bruce Bourdes  
Solo.....Ada West  
Recitation.....Two Armies  
Joseph Ingie

Recitation.....Licensed  
Eddie Herr  
Vocal Duet.....Whispering Hope  
Mr and Mrs Ralston

Recitation.....A Point on Prohibition  
Francis Karl  
Solo.....Come to Stay  
James Kilpatrick

Instrumental Music  
Awarding of Medal  
Music.....Choir

An admission of 10 cents will be charged to aid the work.

## Coming Events

May 24-27--Oregon State Grange, Corvallis.

June 28--Union County Pioneer Association, La Grande.

June 6--General election in Oregon.

June 15-16-17--Oregon encampment G. A. R., Hood River.

June 22--The second annual reunion Oregon Farmers, Portland.

June 24-26--N. W. Athletic Sportsmen's tournament, Pendleton.

August 22-25--American Mining Congress, Portland.

## A BIG CO-OPERATION.

The United States is a big co-operation society, organized by the adoption of the constitution of the United States and began business March 4, 1789, under its provisions. The object of the association as declared in the preamble to that instrument, being among other things to "Promote the general Welfare."

To carry on this gigantic co-operation society every member is expected to contribute labor and thought.

In 1900 of the total population was 76,303,387 of these 29,295,922 persons ten years of age and over were engaged in some gainful occupation; those not employed being women not employed other than home duties, aged men, children under ten years and others that live with it work, the to be rich and idle poor.

The United States census names 33 specified vocations followed in the U. S. to gain a living, and it is those who toil in some one of these occupations that directly or indirectly create the national

## REGISTRATIONS OF UNION COUNTY

### Showing Losses and Gains in Each of the Precincts--Net Gain over 1902 of 305.

Precinct	1902	Gain	Loss
Island	172	167	5
Kamela	89	88	1
La Grande No 1	281	273	8
La Grande No 2	487	479	8
La Grande No 3	294	248	46
La Grande No 4	233	218	15
N. Towler	108	134	26
Perry	80	88	8
Stammerville	271	260	11
Starker	87	86	1
Big Creek	43	38	5
Union No 1	263	249	14
Union No 2	218	218	0
Total	2,224	2,119	105
Net gain over 1902		305	

Through the courtesy of county clerk Minnaugh we are permitted to give our readers the result of the registration of the county, in comparison with the 1902 registration, showing the gains and losses in the several precincts, resulting in a total gain over 305.

Product, 1904 1902 Gain Loss

Antelope, 19 22 3 3

Alice, 87 97 10 10

Cove, 239 203 36 36

Camp Carson, 6 5 1 1

N. Elgin, 359 324 35 35

S. Elgin, 849 855 6 6

Hilgard, 100 127 27 27

wealth, which measured by dollars was \$94,300,000,000 in 1900, and is nearing the hundred billion mark.

In discussing the operations of this gigantic concern the mind is bewildered with the magnitude of the results and is unable to comprehend the import of the long arrays of figures necessary to be used.

But numerous as are the occupations of our people and enormously large as are the aggregate results of their labor, they are all and each so intimately correlated, the one with the other and firmly bound to the prime object of the association; to promote the general welfare, that no single business or industry can wrap the mantle of self importance about it and say, I am so big and what I do is of such transcendent importance, that I can do as I please notwithstanding the constitution; the general welfare means me. I am so much of it that I am it."

King Cotton tried that trick and failed, J. P. Morgan tried it later and the Supreme Court of the United States said that he, as all other members of the great corporation association called the United States was bound to assist in "promoting the general welfare" and that his acts were in violation of the grand charter under which he was acting and that he must quit and go out of that kind of business, and he quit.

You May Not Know It

But it is the fact that there is lots of money spent in a foolish manner by people who do not understand

Special Excursion to the World's Fair.

The Denver & Rio Grande, in connection with the Missouri Pacific, will run a series of Personally Conducted Excursions to the World's Fair during June.

These excursions will run through to St. Louis without change of cars, making short stop at principal points enroute. The first of these Excursion will leave Portland June 7th, and the second June 17th. The rate from La Grande will be \$6.00 to St. Louis and return.

Excursionists going via the Denver & Rio Grande have the privilege of returning by a different route. This is the most pleasant way as well as the most delightful route, across the continent.

The stops arranged give an opportunity of visiting the various points of interest in and about Kansas City. If you wish to accompany one of these excursions write at once to W. C. Mc Bride, 124 Third street, Portland, for sleeping car reservations.

Karl S. Kittle, wife and son, of Bolde, Colorado are at the Foley House.



**More Than 250 LADIES' SHIRT WAISTS**

Made up in all the popular styles, in all wanted in fabrics, from the shirrest 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 \$4.50 to \$6.50

Summer Suits	summer Underwear
For yourself and daughter in ducks, twills, flannels, and the popular blouses	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
\$1.25 to \$6.00.	



## 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.