

# LA GRANDE EVENING OBSERVER.

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**WEATHER FORECAST**  
 Tonight and Thursday, fair.  
 Warmer tonight.  
**THE TRAINS**  
 No. 2 East bound 9:10 on time  
 No. 5 West 9:10 on time

## NORTH POWDER IS FOR LA GRANDE

So Says a Prominent Citizen of that Place—  
 The Sentiment is Almost Universal.

A prominent citizen of North Powder was in the city yesterday and in discussing the county seat question, stated that North Powder was practically unanimous in favor of La Grande. They not only all signed the petition but were going to vote for La Grande. There was a sentiment abroad for a few days that the removal would increase their taxes, but since they have been assured that such a removal will cost the tax payers

nothing but in reality will be the means of a great saving, as a result of the use of a large new building for a term of fifteen years, free, or practically so, \$1 per year, is the same thing and the great saving to the county in mileage. This gentleman who is one of the heavy tax payers of the south end of the county stated that the citizens of North Powder could reach this city much more conveniently and the hotel accommodations in Union were not to be compared with La Grande,

### The New Grounds

The baseball boys are getting their new grounds in shape for the Sunday game with Pendleton and when the game is called everything will be as neat as a pin. The boys are prepared to put up a good game and feel certain that they will again defeat the visitors. One thing is certain the game if won will be won honestly and there will be a total absence of rag chewing. Our boys play good clean ball and the public can rest assured that there will be no foul language or bully razing of any sort. The grand stand is now about ready and the public can depend upon finding good seats.

### Born

Earle—In this city today Thursday May 26, 1904, to Mr and Mrs Wm Earle, a ten pound daughter.

### A Birthday Party

A social gathering of little folks met at the home of Emma Martin yesterday afternoon on the occasion of her tenth birthday, and enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent as such small people always do. This was very much in evidence when supper was commenced and during the repast. Those present were: Nora Arbuckle, Ethel Conner, Ethel Wright, Linton Wright, Retta Bramwell, Naomi

Kirtley, Hilda Anthony, Gertrude Moore, Margaret Moore, Francis Smith, Vera Smith, Ruth Taylor, Emma Lotton, Agnes Grant.

## FIELD DAY NOTES

The Pendleton Team is Here and Baker City on the Road—Everything Ready.

The prospects for a large crowd at the field day sports is very good. Some of the participants from Pendleton are already here. They report that 50 or more will be here from Pendleton. The Baker City crowd will probably get here tonight. A large delegation is expected. The Union people will probably not come until Saturday morning. The judges will be from Whitman college. Arrangements have been completed and it is expected that every thing will pass off smoothly.

The medal for the oratorical contest is now on exhibition in Jeweler Hewitt's window. The medals for the various field events are expected tonight.

## WILL ASK WHY

A Technical Investigation to be Instigated Regarding Disasters to Japanese Ships.

Tokio, May 26—Of the complement of the protected cruiser Yoshino, sunk recently in collision with the cruiser Keage, 62 noncommissioned officers and 220 bluejackets were drowned, and 48 noncommissioned officers and men were rescued.

No details of the disaster have as yet been received. The Navy Department is awaiting a detailed report of the loss of the battleship Hatanoe, destroyed by coming in contact with a mine while cruising off Port Arthur on the morning of May 15, which it expects hourly. A naval constructor has been dispatched by the Department to question the survivors of the catastrophe and make a thorough technical investigation into the affair.

### Would be a Saving.

Anyone who is at all conversant with our present court house accommodations is well aware that there is constantly employed one clerk each in the county clerks and sheriffs offices, that would not be necessary, were these offices sufficiently large for the proper transaction of business and this may be true also of the assessors office.

The clerk's and sheriff's offices have been for years in such cramped quarters that anyone visiting either, on business or otherwise, not only disturbs the work and attention of the clerk or sheriff, but the entire force. This can not be helped under the present conditions. Such would not be the case were either office so arranged as it should be in two rooms, one for the clerk and sheriff so that parties having business with him would not of necessity, in the least, disturb the entire force.

One less clerk in each of these offices means a saving of \$150 to the tax payers each month or \$1800 per year.

In case of a removal the county will be provided with a building modern in every respect, all offices will be in suits of two rooms, for a term of fifteen years costing the county \$1 per year. The saving in clerk here alone in these two offices named during that period means \$27,000.

The saving to the county by the use of a proper building and the saving in mileage by the relocation of the county seat to La Grande within the next fifteen years would build a \$50,000 court house.

### INSPECTING FRAUD.

The postal department has an inspector at Beaumont, Texas, examining into a number of the oil companies promoted there during the boom days of that district. It is said that many of the oil companies paid dividends out of the sales of more stock, and succeeded in holding themselves up for a period on the promise of having oil which had never been bored for at all.

## GLENN MARIS WINS THE SILVER MEDAL

Eight Young Boys Compete in Oratorical Contest—All Recitations Far Above the Average.

The silver medal contest given last evening under the direction of the ladies of the WCTU of this city was a decided success. The eight small gentlemen who competed for the medal all did splendidly, and though they did not all secure the medal they deserve praise for the good honest try they made. They all did well and those who were present enjoyed listening to their recitations. The selections were remarkable good and each and every one told a story which will have a lasting benefit.

These contests are indeed very delightful entertainment and it gratifies the ladies of the WCTU to know that they are meeting with the approval of the general public. The act that they are meeting with general approval demonstrated by the fact that such contests are greeted with a much larger attendance. This is as it should be. The young folks should be encouraged to speak in public in order that they may become fitted for the public places which every good American should have an ambition to fill. There will be a contest Friday evening at Island City in which all but Master Glenn Maris compete. A number from La Grande will attend the contest there. Cecil Bolton will also enter the lists.

## MORE WAR TALK ABOUT PT. ARTHUR

Fighting Reported and More Japs Landing Near Antung—Money Removed from Dalny Banks.

Chefoo, May 26 (2 P M)—Chinese junk arriving from Takushan, a port lying southwest of Antung, report the landing of 6000 Japanese troops at Takushan on the 21st inst. Another junk from Pitsawo reports the Japanese landing a small number of troops there every day and building temporary barracks on Elliott Island, where a hundred ships, including men-of-war and transports, have made a rendezvous.

of Port Arthur yesterday, indicating that a land attack had commenced, as the Japanese fleet is not to be seen off Port Arthur. Dalny refugees say that General Stossel has taken all the cash from the Port Arthur and Dalny banks, so that the depositors are unable to cash checks. [There are two Takushans on the Tung Peninsula. One lies 40 miles southwest of Antung, and the other is situated midway between Pitsawo and Tallenwan Bay. The former is the point at which the Japanese have been landing their troops, and it is the one referred to above.]

### NOT GUILTY.

Washington, May 26—At 3:03 this afternoon the jury in the Tyner-Barrett case brought in a verdict acquitting the defendants of conspiracy to defraud the Government.

When you meet your friends from out of town take him up to the city hall site and show him how the work is progressing. We want the people to understand exactly what we are doing and there is no better way than to show them.

### JAPAN'S LINE CUT.

Paris, May, 26—A dispatch to the Temps from St. Petersburg says General Kurapatkin has cut the land communications between the armies of General Koroki and Oku.

### O. R. & N. SUMMER BOOK

The handsome 1904 summer book "Restful Recreation Resorts" issued by the Passenger Department of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company is just out. Tells all about the places of the Columbia River Valley—a brief description of the trips up and down the Columbia River, to the mountains, beaches, island resorts and fountains of healing, where they are and how to reach them. The book has a special designed front cover, printed in two colors, and the inside pages are splendidly illustrated by costly and beautiful half-tones. A copy of this publication may be obtained by sending two cents in stamps to A. L. CRAIG, General Passenger Agent of the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company, Portland.

Judge Ellis, of Pendleton stopped over in our city last evening on his way to Baker City and was kept busy renewing acquaintances among his many friends

## BARRELS OF MONEY EXCITE PARISIANS

Four Cars Necessary to Carry the \$9,000,000 Which the United States Government Paid to France.

Paris May 25—The arrival here of enormous quantities of American gold in payment of the Panama Canal purchase, excites the wonderment of the Parisians. A large crowd gathered at the St. Lazare Railroad station here to see the freight train of four cars carrying 178 barrels of gold, being a shipment of \$9,000,000 by the French Line steamer Loraine, which arrived at Havre Thursday from New York.

The excitement was such that the police feared it would be necessary to station reinforcements, but it all passed off well. The precious cargo was safely conveyed to the strong rooms of the Credit Lyonnais. A large assemblage of gentlemen guarded the quays at Havre while the barrels of gold were rolled off, and sea freight car carriers guarded who remained with the barrels until the gold was turned over to the Credit Lyonnais.

### Coming Events

May 24-27—Oregon State Grange, Corvallis.  
 June 23—Union County Pioneer Association, La Grande.  
 June 6—General election in Oregon.  
 June 15-16-17—Oregon encampment G. A. R., Hood River.  
 June 23—Thirty-second annual reunion Oregon Pioneers, Portland.  
 June 26-24-25—Northwest Sportsmen's tournament, Pendleton.  
 August 23-27—American Mining Congress, Portland.

### Parents Attention

All children who are to help in the Decoration Day Exercises please meet at the Presbyterian church to-night (Thursday) afternoon at 2 o'clock.

### MINER MISSING.

Wallace, Idaho, May 26—L. Lovall, a miner at Prosser, near Borax, Mont., has been missing for ten days, and it is believed that he has perished

from exposure and hunger. Searching parties have gone from Wallace

There were a number of ads which should have been changed for this issue, but we were unable to make all the changes. Among those left over were the Fair Store and the La Grande Investment Co.

Read the new ad changes in this issue of the Evening Observer. There are a number and they are all good reading. Each and every one of them is placed there for your consideration and it is only a business proposition for you to read them.

In a few days we will publish an article written by one of the high school graduates giving his reasons why La Grande should add another year to its high school course. Read it and then do what you can to bring this about. There many reasons why this should be done. Think the matter over and talk to the school board. We want more and better schools in La Grande.

FORRENT—3 room house for house-keeping apply to Mrs S C Zuber, 5 1114

**COAL and WOOD**  
 TRANSFER AND DELIVERY  
**Wood, Clear Creek and Castle Gate Coal**  
 Nut and lump coal. Red fir, tamarack, and yellow pine wood  
**Phone No 1611**  
**G. E. FOWLER,**  
 Successor to L. C. Grout and City Coal Co.  
 All phone orders given.  
 Our prompt Attention.

**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 waists 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 Skirts**  
 For yourself and daughter in ducks, 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

**The Fair**  
 THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

**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.**