

**WEATHER FORECAST**  
Tonight and Saturday, Rain  
Warmer Tonight.

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

## AN ALICEL MAN GIVES HIS REASONS

**Came to La Grande, Saw the Work Being Done on the New Building and Went Home Convinced.**

Alicel, May 26th. Editor Observer—There has been no small change in the attitude of many of our heaviest taxpayers in this vicinity regarding the county seat question. The subject of making a change has been one that we taxpayers have looked upon with despair for a number of years. We realized that if at any time during the past ten years, the people of this county ever got a chance to vote upon the question owing to the fact that La Grande was the natural location for the county seat, it would be voted there. We also knew that that meant the county indebtedness would be swelled anywhere from \$40,000 to \$60,000 which added to the present large debt would result in a high tax for a number of years. For that reason many of us in this section opposed the change. Now things are different, decidedly. It seems that the old adage "everything comes to him who waits" is applicable in this instance.

Last year we thought we were up against it when the enabling act was secured, but the supreme court came to our rescue and decided that Union county could not go in debt for any more buildings until her debt was reduced below the constitutional limit, which is \$5,000.

Now La Grande was up against two propositions, one was either to forever hold her peace about the county seat or provide suitable buildings. There was no alternative. She knew that if the people voted the change without providing suitable and commodious buildings, there would be an injunction filed and the records and offices could not be moved.

Consequently La Grande at her last city election submitted to her voters the question of issuing bonds to the amount of \$25,000 for the ostensible purpose of erecting a city hall and the result was the bonds were voted unanimously and since that time they have been issued and sold, a site has been purchased and a con-

tract has been let for the construction of the foundation and basement story and while in your city the other day I visited the site in company with one of your prominent business men, and saw many teams scraping, excavating, and hauling stone, also that the city was extending their water pipe to furnish the contractor water for the purpose of mixing his mortar and to be used later in the building.

Now Mr. Editor I visited La Grande to ascertain for my own satisfaction in regard to the rumored things that La Grande was going to do and I talked with not a few of your business men and prominent citizens whom I have done business with for years and exclusively you might say, including Island City for the past twenty five years. These men convinced me that La Grande was going to do just what she says she will do. In fact after thinking the matter all over carefully I can see and so can anyone that in order to secure the county seat she is compelled to do just what she is doing, with the exception she might have built a cheaper building than she is now erecting.

Mr. Editor you will please excuse me for taking up so much of your space but I have been interested very much in this question for many years and have always opposed a change, but now I would like for every taxpayer to visit La Grande and see what they are actually doing, talk with the business men and property owners and they will surely return home the same as I did, thoroughly convinced that La Grande is acting in good faith and that she is building a city hall that is large enough for all county purposes and that they will as soon as the vote is decided in favor of La Grande lease this building to the county for a term of fifteen years for the small sum of \$2 per year.

Now fellow taxpayers here is the opportunity of our lives. Here is a chance that made possible only through the decision of the supreme

court La Grande had to do is nevertheless she will do it and we get the benefit of it.

Every resident north of La Grande should vote for La Grande. The change would not only be a great personal convenience, but the actual saving would during the next fifteen years be sufficient to build a court house. Fifteen years is a long time. Note the changes that the past fifteen years has made and who is there but believes the next fifteen years will see still greater changes and improvement. La Grande is and always will be the commercial, financial and educational center of this valley. This means also the best market for whatever produce we raise.

There are many reasons why we should vote for La Grande and none whatever for not doing so. This is our opportunity and the chances we will never have such another. We are all remember how Union lost her opportunity when she failed to make terms with the railroad company and let the main line pass her by. She sees it now but it is too late.

It is our interest now to vote for La Grande and let us vote for our interests before it is too late.

A CHANGED TAXPAYER

## HELD UP BANK

**Robber Pushes Cashier Aside and Takes off the Gold.**

(Special to the Observer)

Anburn, Cal May 27—A man wearing a false beard entered the Placer County bank today and presented a written demand for all the cash on hand. A pistol gave emphasis to the demand. Assistant Cashier McFadden, who was alone tried to temporize hoping some person would enter. The stranger sprang over the counter and fired a shot at McFadden but the bullet went wild. The robber seized all of the gold in the money tray, amplified it into a canvas sack, and started to depart. At the door he encountered Cashier Smith. He waived him aside with the revolver, sprang into a cart and escaped.

The bank officials decline to state how much gold was taken.

### The Ticket

In order that our readers may know who are in the field for office we publish the various tickets. The Repub-

lican ticket will be found at the head of the Editorial page.

### SOCIALIST NOMINEES

Representative, John T. Rich, Union; Commissioner, W. T. Grider, Island City; Clerk, Bird F. Lewis, La Grande; Sheriff, Charles H. Barnell, La Grande; Assessor, Peter Kuhn, Union; Recorder, A. N. Meyville, La Grande; Treasurer, E. O. Davis, La Grande; Justice of the Peace, V. Edwards, La Grande; Constable, E. Fiesland, La Grande.

### DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES

Joint Senator, Union and Wallawa W. G. Hunter, Island City; Joint Representative, Byron Miller, Wallawa county; Representative, L. L. McKennon, Alicel; Commissioner, M. J. Duffrey, Cove; Clerk, J. H. Minnaugh, Perry; Sheriff, O. C. Pansingtoot, Alicel; Recorder, J. T. Bolles, Union; Assessor, James Morton, Elgin.

### PRECINCT OFFICERS

Justice, O. P. Goodall, Constable J. H. Lachlen, Surveyor, Arthur Curtis, Coroner, Dr. A. L. Richardson.

### High Five

The Ladies of the High Five were entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Tom Ormond and Mrs. Bohlenkamp at the latter's home. The first prize was won by Mrs. J. H. Alkine, and the second by Mrs. M. L. Causey. Besides the regular members of the club there were present Mesdames Peter McDonald, of Alicel, Mrs. George Hanson, Mrs. T. Lundquist of Nedruka who is in the city visiting her sister Mrs. J. J. Coyle.

### Track Meet

The silver cup that has been offered by the Eastern Oregonian to the team from Eastern Oregon that wins it three times in succession will be on exhibition at Hewitt's this afternoon and tomorrow. Baker City has won it twice and will put forth her best efforts tomorrow to make it a permanent possession. The fair grounds are being placed in condition and everything will be in readiness tomorrow.

Some of the contestants are already here and others will arrive tomorrow.

### First Home Run

Mr. Stubbinsfield, the new shoe man who is now opening a shoe stock in the room next to J. M. Berry is a regular base ball fan and in order to show the boys that his heart is in the right place he offers a \$3.50 pair of shoes to the members of the home team who first makes a home run in the game Sunday with the Pendleton team. Go to ten boys and put the ball out of the lot and get the shoes.

## NEXT YEAR HERE

**District Convention of The Rathbone Sisters Met in Baker City Last Night.**

The first district convention of District No. 6 Rathbone Sisters was held in Baker City last night.

This district includes Elgin, Union, La Grande, Baker City, Ontario, and Richland. Five temples were represented.

The afternoon session was devoted to business and social work with Mrs. Hyde of Baker City presiding. The election of officers resulted in the re-election of Mrs. Hyde as president and Miss Bloem, of Union as Secretary.

Under the order of business selecting their next annual meeting, Mrs. E. Andross, of La Grande extended them a cordial invitation to meet next year in this city, which was accepted and sometime the latter part of May decided upon.

The evening session was devoted to an exemplification of the floor work which was most beautifully executed. Two candidates being initiated. Following came the sumptuous banquet and then the convention visited the office of the Morning Democrat where they were royally entertained by the night force. By that time the delegates who returned on the west bound train bid these sisters all good bye and promised them if possible an equally as enjoyable time next year in La Grande.

(Special to the Observer)

Dallas, Texas, May 27—In an interview today, W. J. Bryan stated that there was no middle ground on which the opposing factions of the democratic party can compromise. He emphasized the statement:

"They can not go together." Asked as to whether he would abide by the result at St. Louis he said:

"Things have not developed in enough to tell. No one can answer such a question until the platform and candidates are known. He also criticized Judge Parkers silence.

(Special to the Observer)

Salt Lake, May 27—Hugh Alfred, civil engineer, A. Jensen, his assistant were accidentally killed by electrocution at Bingham, 18 miles from here, today. The surveyors chain which they were carrying came in contact with a live wire of the Telluride Power company and the resulting shock instantly was fatal to both.

### PROHIBITION NOMINEES

Representative, A. E. Eaton, Union; Clerk, W. A. Worstell, La Grande; Sheriff, H. A. Thomas, Elgin; Assessor E. M. Shaw, North Powder; Recorder, H. O. Thomson, La Grande; Treasurer W. L. Luedrum, Union; Commissioner E. F. Roberts, Cove; School Supt. blank Surveyor. blank, Coroner, S. L. Corp, Cove.

LA GRANDE PRECINCT OFFICER  
Justice of Peace, W. B. Wines, La Grande.

### OS-TE-O-P-A-THY

Osteopathic treatment aids nature's processes to combat disease and has given abundant proof of its ability.

Bad digestion leads to nervousness, sleeplessness, irritability, brain-far, ill-temper. Osteopathy cures sick stomachs and perfects assimilation which makes pure, rich blood and strong nerves.

(Special to the Observer)

Cape Maylien, May 27—A serious battle was fought today between the Dominican troops and the revolutionists at Esperanza, on the road from Monte Christi to Santiago near Mao. The revolutionists were victorious. Many were killed and wounded on both sides.

General Raoul Cabrera, minister of war, who commanded the government troops was killed. The revolutionists are before Navarette, where another battle will be fought. The government troops are waiting for reinforcements. The United States cruiser Detroit and the gunboat Newport are off Monte Christi.

(Special to the Observer)

London, May 27—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Chronicle sends a report received from Niu Hwang that on May 23 thinking that the Japanese had retired from Feng Wang Cheng, 15,000 Russians from Hai Cheng and Liao Yang marched toward Feng Wang Cheng. They were surprised by 3,000 Japanese in Tatung pass. The Russian casualties were 4,000 and over 1,000 Russians surrendered. The report does not state the Japanese losses.

## GORMAN LEADS STATE CONVENTION

**And Has Things Very Much His Own Way With The Maryland Democrats.**

(Special to the Observer)

Baltimore, May 27—The democratic state convention of Maryland met in this city today, adopted platform and elected delegates to the St. Louis convention.

Senator Gorman was the delegate from Howard county and the platform adopted by the convention admittedly embodies his opinion of what the national platform should be. It is confined to national issues and practically endorses the line of action followed by the democratic committee during the late session of congress. It calls for a moderate tariff revision,

independence for the Philippines, economy in expenditures and full investigation of all alleged crookedness in the postoffice and other government departments and severely criticizes the present administration. It condemns the methods under which the Panama canal territory was acquired and the disregard of law and treaty obligation toward our sister republic.

While the delegates to St. Louis are not instructed except to vote as a unit it is admitted this course was followed by the request of Senator Gorman the convention being plainly in the humor to instruct for him.

## Half a Carload of New Wall Paper.

We have just received half a carload of the newest and latest wall paper. Half a carload means 20,000 rolls. This is more paper than any one firm ever thought of bringing into this county in a single season.

This paper is all for sale and must be sold this season. We have brought two first class paper hangers direct from Chicago, who are without doubt the most skillful workmen in Eastern who, with the five first class paper hangers already in our employ, gives us the best working force in the inland Empire.

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## 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.**



# Saturday

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# SPECIAL!



Our Saturday's special sales have become Popular with our patrons, and we have pledged ourselves to make them even more popular if High Class Goods at Extraordinary Prices, and Honest Advertising will make them so. In this as well as all our other advertising we give NO FICTITIOUS PRICES TO GIVE THE APPEARANCE OF A GREAT REDUCTION SALE.

Further, we guarantee our regular prices quoted to be as low as the lowest and when you see 'SPECIAL PRICE' in our ad it means a substantial saving to you.—Lock for Saturday specials:

\$2 50 to \$3 00	Shirt Waists, Saturday only	.....	\$1 98
2 00 to 2 25	" " " "	.....	1 69
1 25 to 1 50	" " " "	.....	98

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