

WEATHER FORECAST  
 Tonight and Tomorrow  
 Warm / Foggy  
 THE TRAINS  
 No 3 East bound 9:10 on time  
 No 5 West " 9:10 on time

## THE JAPS ARE AGAIN ON TOP.

### Japanese Army Now Within 12 Miles of Port Arthur—Many Russians Are Killed And Wounded.

Special to the Observer  
**JAPS LYING LOW**

The Foo, May 28.—A fleet of steamers arrived today from Niu Ohwang and reported that no signs of the Japanese fleet were apparent on the western coast of Liao Tung peninsula. Everything at Niu Ohwang is reported quiet. Two Japanese cruisers are off Port Arthur today.

**RUSSIANS ROUTED**

London, May 28.—A Tokio dispatch to the Associated Press and the Japanese legation accounts are the only detailed descriptions which have reached London of the Japanese victory at Kin Ohou.

The victory is hailed by the London press as establishing more certainly than did operations on the Yalu the superiority of the Japanese on land as well as by sea, in the case of Kin Ohou if not at Yalu, the Russians had ample time to carefully prepare their positions. It appears a conclusive victory was immediately followed up for the Post's Tokio correspondent asserts the Japanese have swept the Russians from their defensive west of Talien Wan and if the Telegraph's generally well informed correspondent is correct and the Japanese are already nearing Port Arthur, the Russians must have suffered a complete rout. That the Russians were not only defeated but routed, would also appear by the numerous capture of Russian artillery.

**BITTER FIGHT**

Berlin, May 28.—The Tokio correspondent of Tagesblatt sends the following under date of May 27:

"It is generally believed here that General Rogi succeeded May 26 in cutting off a portion of the Fourth Russian sharpshooters division under General Fock, having taken the heights between Port Arthur and Kin Ohou May 24 and 25, and the capitulation of this body is expected. The fight was most bitter and stubborn on both sides and the losses were severe."

**JAPS AT PORT ARTHUR**

London, May 28.—The Tokio correspondent of the Telegraph says he learns the Japanese troops are now within 12 miles of Port Arthur and the Russians suffered heavier casualties than the Japanese who have taken their guns and other material and a few prisoners.

The Tokio correspondent of the Chronicle says the Japanese captured many guns at Kin Ohou.

**Killed By Tornado**

Toronto, Kan., May 28.—The news reached here this afternoon that in a tornado last night at Pleasant Grove southwest of here, David Fellingham was killed, and his wife badly injured.

## Justice Explains.

To the Editor:—

As it is an admitted fact that La Grande is a much more convenient place for the county seat than Union is, and as the people of La Grande are to furnish a courthouse to the county for a nominal \$1.00 per year for many years, the question of the relocation of the county seat is a very simple one.

It is clear that La Grande is the more convenient place to the people of the county. Then, is there any reason why any one should vote for Union? It is a fact that the present courthouse at Union is very small and in very bad condition, and if the iron bars that were run through it to hold it together were removed it would probably fall down. When one considers the smallness of that courthouse and its bad arrangement and admitted inadequacy to the present needs of the county, it is apparent that if the county seat should remain at Union, a new courthouse will be needed in the near future.

Some years ago, Jackson county was agitating the question of changing the county seat from Jacksonville to Medford or Ashland. Jacksonville is a small place like Union and is not likely to grow much, and it was evident that the people of Jackson county would soon move its seat of government to a more convenient place. Jacksonville people managed to obtain a county court that they could control, and they built a new courthouse at the old town, so that they could urge an argument against relocation that the county had a good up-to-date courthouse, and therefore a change should not be made. The building of this new courthouse, a good and sufficient building, has so far prevented a change of the county seat of that county. If Union could prevail on the county court to build a good courthouse, and the court had power to do it they might then have some show to win; but the present house is really discreditable to the county. It was built about thirty years ago, and it is clearly out of date, and if Union should be able this election, a great effort will be made within the near future to have a new courthouse built. The voters can obtain an up-to-date courthouse for the county for many years without cost to the taxpayers of the county by voting for La Grande. Is there any reason why they should not do it? There can be none. Convenience of the voters, a financial saving to the taxpayers, reason and common sense all unite in urging the people of all sections to vote for La Grande. It will work no injustice to Union. The county seat was at La Grande and was moved to Union thirty years ago, and now that that large scope of country called the Panhandle has been cut off this county, all interests will be benefited by bringing it back to La Grande. The fact that hotel accommodations at Union are poor, and that the little railroad from Union to Union station, about 2½ miles, charges people 25 cents for riding that distance in a box car, and that this little road is owned and operated by citizens of Union, are items not to be overlooked when people prepare their ballots. Justice.

**THE LOWER COVE**  
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E. P. Willey of the Lower Cove while in La Grande yesterday visited the city hall site and saw the magnitude of the work under execution. Mr. Willey has always been in favor of La Grande. He was perfectly willing to be taxed last year but he did not get a chance to vote upon the question but now that the county is to be no expense waster, he is enthusiastic for a change. Mr. Willey was delighted with the site chosen by the city and expressed his admiration in no uncertain terms. He said on his start that a few of his neighbors who did not understand the proposition opposed a change at this time but since they have been assured that for the next fifteen years at least they will not be taxed for a new courthouse, they are now decidedly in favor of La Grande.

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**Birthday Party**  
 Miss Dora Thorne celebrated her eight birthday anniversary yesterday afternoon by entertaining a number of her friends. A variety of games were played, delicious refreshments were served and those present will always retain bright in their memory. Miss Dora's anniversary. Those present were: Dora Thorne, Ada Fowler, Bernice Buck Gladys Farquharson, Madeline and Lena Sechrest, Nellie and Francis Hill, Nora Arbuckle, Maggie Lizzie and Lillian Gordon (Gorathy Haworth), Mrs. Horton, Mrs. Horton, Mr. Geo. Grout and Mr. and Mrs. Thorne.

Take an afternoon off and attend the Field day sports at the fair grounds.

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## MUST NOT DANCE

Methodist Conference Decides Not to Change The Laws Regarding Amusements.

(Special to the Observer)

Los Angeles, May 27.—By a decisive vote the Methodist conference this afternoon decided not to make any change in the church discipline in the matter of prohibited amusements. The church at large took wide interest in the subject and proposed striking out the specified prohibited amusements and many memorials and petitions from all parts of the country reflected the popular opinion in the church of the matter.

**How It Started**

James J. Hill the large owner of railroads and ocean going ships in his testimony for the joint congressional committee, which is investigating the causes that prevent our shipping interest from growing as other industries do in the United States, on May 24 at New York gives the origin of his subsidy idea thus:  
 "The ship subsidy idea started in my way. I had induced the Japanese to take our cotton to mix with

there so that it would make better yarn. The Boer war broke out and we could not get ships on the Pacific coast. I had to cancel an order for 60,000 bales of cotton in December. I came on east and saw Senator Fairbanks and Hanna. I asked why we could not get ships to carry our goods Senator Hanna said he would see me in the morning and he did. The result was that he opened his campaign in Ohio on the ship subsidy."

## 18 3-4 Cents For Wool

The benefit of home consumers to Oregon farmers was again demonstrated at Dallas, Polk county, Oregon on May 25th when 175,000 pounds of wool, which had been pooled by the farmers thereabouts was put up at auction and sold to the Oregon City Woolen Mills company for 18 3/4 cents per pound net.

Exporters of wool were present and bid high for a while during the sale but the Oregon City folks outbid them. This is the highest figure for wool that has been paid for wool of this year clip and one that exporters would not pay.

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## BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a m  
 Midweek services Wednesday evening at 7:30 p m  
 B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p m  
 All are cordially invited.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

8 Irene King, 1st Reader  
 The Christian Science services at The Advent Church every Sunday at 11 a m  
 All are cordially invited. T F

## LATTER DAY SAINTS

Sunday School 10 a m  
 Regular Services 3 p m  
 Mutual Improvement Association meet conjointly at 7:30 p m. T F.

## M E CHURCH SOUTH

J W Crompton, pastor  
 Preaching 11 a m  
 No preaching at night as pastor goes to Sand Ridge and Dry Creek in the afternoon and evening.

## St. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Trinity Sunday  
 Sunday School 10 a m  
 Morning Prayer and sermon 11 a m  
 Subject of the sermon to be read—"The Holy Trinity."  
 A lay service. All invited to attend these services.

## M E CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a m  
 Preaching 11 a m  
 Epworth League 7 p m  
 Preaching 8 p m  
 The public is cordially invited to all these services.

## Piano Tuning

Prof Hendricks the reliable Piano tuner, is fully prepared to care for your Piano, and solicits your patronage in his line. Give him a trial Phone 476

## JURY SAYS HE IS GUILTY OF MURDER

### Norman Williams Pronounced Guilty of Murdering Norma Nesbitt, March 8, 1900.

(Special to the Observer)

The Dallas, Oregon, May 27.—After deliberating for four and a half hours the jury at 8 o'clock tonight found Norman Williams guilty of murdering Alma Nesbitt near Hood River Oregon, March 8, 1900.

Williams showed little feeling other than a nervous effort to restrain the emotion which has been exhibited by him all through the trial. Williams' attorney immediately asked sixty days in which to file a motion for a new trial.

## Born

Lookhart—In this city Friday May 27, 1904, to Mr and Mrs Lookhart an 8 lb daughter.

Special to the Observer

London, May 28.—The Japanese legation has received the following official dispatch from Tokio.  
 "Kin Ohou has been taken, and our troops are pushing the Russians toward Port Arthur."

Kellogg—On Elk Flat May 27, 1904 to Mr and Mrs G E Kellogg a son.

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**Half a Carload of New Wall Paper.**

We have just received half a car load 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 Oregon, with the five first class paper hangers already in our employ, gives us the best working force in the inland Empire.

**Stackland & McLachlen**  
 PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS

**COAL and WOOD**  
 TRANSFER AND DELIVERY

**Wood, Clear Creek and Castle Gate Coal**

Net 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.

**TELL TALE TEETH.**

If you neglect your teeth you know it; and everybody else knows it, because the teeth are so prominently located that any lack of care is quickly visible. Good tooth brushes cost but little here. We have some that we guarantee never to shed a bristle. We also have the latest and best tooth preparations; those that polish, whiten and preserve the teeth and cannot harm. Can supply a tooth-saving outfit for very little money.

**NEWLIN DRUG CO.**

**Saturday 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.—Look 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

New Belts 35c

**The Fair**  
 THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

New Pompadour Combs 35c