

LA GRANDE EVENING OBSERVER.

WEATHER FORECAST
Tonight and Wednesday Night
Warmer with steady
westerly winds.

THE TRAINS
No 2 East bound 9:30 p. m. on time
No 5 West " 8:25 p. m. on time

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SECOND PLACE

Fairbanks to Make Race With Roosevelt.

Chicago, June 21.—With the time occupied in the caucuses of state delegation, which with a few exceptions were mere ratification meetings held to approve the state convention program the day preceding the opening of the republican national convention has been the quietest ever known as the forerunner of similar gatherings. Principal diversions were offered by caucuses of the Iowa, Illinois and Washington delegations. Governor Cummins presented to the Hawkeye delegation, the "lowa Idea" in an entirely new reciprocity and reduction of tariff schedule. It was rejected by the delegation and this sounded its death knell, so far as the present convention is concerned.

Expressions of genuine regret at absence of faces familiar at similar gatherings, four, eight and twelve years ago are heard on every side.

Some of these have figured in republican caucuses for a quarter of a century, notably late Senator Quay of Pennsylvania and late Wm Sewell of New Jersey. The one whose absence is felt more, perhaps than any other man is the late Senator Hannu. Numerous pictures of the late Senator attest his popularity.

RUSSIAN LOSSES

Many Officers and Men Killed and Wounded.

London, June 21.—The correspondent of the Central News at Mukden says it has been officially announced there the Russian loss at the battle of Yafangow was about 17 officers 519 men killed, 97 officers, 1938 men wounded, and 12 officers and 703 men missing.

JAPANESE TACTICS

Washington, June 21.—An explanation of the Japanese campaign on Liao Tang peninsula, especially with reference to Port Arthur, is contained in a dispatch that has reached this city from a source believed to be absolutely reliable.

The Japanese tactics which have so puzzled the Russians are intended to isolate Port Arthur but do not contemplate an attack on the place by General Oku's army. The actual work of reducing Port Arthur will be confided to another Japanese army under command of General Nagai from a point south of Oku's position and considerably nearer Port Arthur.

June First, no less than 26 transports had been gathered at one of the Japanese ports to embark this army and probably the vessels attacked by the Vladivostok squadron were of this number.

PLATEAU REGION

Must Not Solicit Other Business.

Washington, June 21.—In accordance with the act passed at the past session of congress, which was designed to place some very salutary restrictions upon the privileges heretofore accorded to rural free delivery carriers in combining various avocations with their ordinary official duties as carriers of mail in rural districts, Postmaster General Payne has promulgated general orders to govern the future operations of the rural free delivery.

The rural free delivery carriers will not hereafter be permitted to solicit business or receive orders of any kind for any person, firm or corporation. They will not be permitted while serving their routes, to handle any mail matter unless the proper postage has been prepaid. A single exception is made to this rule in the case of county newspapers.

Carriers while on duty will not be permitted to carry spirituous liquors, either for themselves, for sale, or for the accommodation of their patrons. The hire for such merchandise as may be carried on request of the patron of rural free delivery must be paid by the patron and carriers will not be permitted to receive any compensation from the seller of such merchandise.

NO MORE AGENTS

Must Not Solicit Other Business.

Haines Baker county J K Fisher.—Weather changeable, some frost and some warm weather, early potatoes all frozen and some fruit damaged, grain and hay look fine irrigating nearly done, alfalfa ready to cut, timothy late, pasturage good.

Lakewick Lake county W E Wheeler.—Cool and dry, grass on irrigated meadows doing well and will make an excellent crop, small grain has a good stand but needs rain.

Bonanza Klamath county Francis J Bowen.—Weather fine, fall rye very good, all other grains starting well, first irrigation about half completed, alfalfa will be a good crop, all range stock getting fat.

THE LIST GROWING

Many Victims of The Slocum Disaster

New York, June 20.—The list of those who perished on the Slocum is growing at an alarming rate. Bodies came to the surface today off the shores north of Brother Island sixty and in groups of two and three until at least 90 additional bodies had been recovered. This brings the total number of bodies up to 730 and yet there are something like 300 unaccounted for. A number of those are among the unidentified at the morgue and over on North Brother Island, and the unrecognizable buried in the Lutheran cemetery on Long Island.

The coroner's inquiry into the disaster began today. Thousands of persons gathered in and around the Armory in Borough Bronx, where the inquest was held.

Notice of Stockholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Stockholders of the La Grande Irrigation Company at the Company's office 1110 Adams Avenue, on Friday July 22nd, 1904 at 7:30 o'clock P. M. of said day for the purpose of electing a board of Directors to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Wm B. Huggart, Secretary.

FIGHT IN AUGUST

Silver For Panama

San Francisco, June 21.—Representatives of Joffree and Munroe tonight each posted \$3500 with Harry Corbett as guarantee that the pugilists would appear in the ring here in the last week in August. Each side will post an additional \$500 August First.

Portland Mine.

Colorado, Springs, June 21.—At a meeting of the directors of the Portland Mine company this afternoon the action of President Burns in asking the federal court of St Louis for an injunction prohibiting the state authorities from interfering with the operation of the mine was repudiated and the suit was declared off.

Cripple Creek, June 21.—President Charles H Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners was arraigned on the charge of murder before a justice of the peace this afternoon but on motion of Deputy District Attorney Crump the case went over. It is the intention to file direct information against the labor leader tomorrow.

Rev Carroll Ghent and wife stepped over on their way to the Eastern Oregon Association, with two delegates from the Mt Pleasant Baptist Church. Mr Ghent is pastor of the Elgin Baptist Church and Mt Pleasant Church.

Climax and Weather

The drouthy condition prevailing throughout the state was partially relieved by scattering showers during the latter part of the week; but as a rule the amount of precipitation was not sufficient to do much good, and more rain is badly needed for all crops.

The extremely dry spell has had a damaging effect on spring grain, and in some sections of the country it will be light in yield. Fall wheat and barley have headed nicely and a good yield of both these cereals is promised.

COLUMBIA RIVER

Dufur Wasco county, Alex Strachan.—Weather dry and quite hot, with a good deal of east wind; grain is beginning to show the effects of drouth wherever the ground is a little elevated; early barley filling nicely, fall wheat all headed; grass drying up; a good rain badly needed.

Wasco Sherman, John Hull.—Dry weather; unusual amount of high west wind; west needs rain spring sown heading; fruit doing well and promising an average crop.

Arlington Gilliam county, R H Robinson.—Weather first of week unfavorable for wheat on account of east winds; last of week cool and crops recovered; thunder shower Friday beneficial to all crops.

Ione Morrow county, P G Balsiger.—Week stormy, wheat needs another good rain, as it is quite dry and grain not matured yet, early fruit ripening well.

Weston Umatilla county M M Baker.—Weather favorable, cherries ripening, grain growing nicely alfalfa yielding abundantly, vegetables all

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and funeral of our mother.

A P Davis and family.

School Election

The school election which took place yesterday resulted in the re-election of David Bay. There were one hundred and twenty seven votes cast. The vote was as follows: David Bay 97, Mrs Schilke 26, O Raiston 4, Edmond Robinson 1, E J Atkinson 1.

Another Battle

St Petersburg June 21.—There is an unconfirmed rumor in St Petersburg tonight that a battle at Heiberg is actually proceeding and there have been heavy losses on both sides.

To Succeed Cortelyou

Washington June 21.—It can be stated with definiteness that Representative Victor H Metcalf of the Third California district will succeed Secretary Geo G Cortelyou as head of the department of commerce and labor.

No change will be made in the department until the close of the present fiscal year. The 30th instant Cortelyou will conclude his work year, as several matters of importance which he has initiated are pending.

A Live Bird

The Observer now has a live bird to take the place of the heart sick rooster which the Scout editor so kindly loaned us. Our friend J E Conrad knowing that we had no further use for the chicken and that we had returned it to its rightful owner sent us yesterday by special delivery, a real live and healthy crow. This crow is full grown and healthy in every respect and bids fair to become one of the regular Observer office force. He is a direct descendant of the raven which Poe made immortal and seems perfectly at home perched up over the editor's door.

A Challenge

The Elks base ball team hereby challenges the base ball teams of any other fraternal order in this city to a base ball game to be played on the local diamond next Sunday June 25, 1904. Said game to be played according to the 1904 rules. The gate receipts to be divided according to such arrangements as the contesting teams may agree upon. Teams wishing to accept this challenge may report to Jay Van Buren or J Donnelly. Dated this 21 day of June 1904.

G. A. R. Meet

The regular monthly meeting of Oliver P Mouton Post will be at their hall in La Grande on next Saturday commencing at 1:30 o'clock p. m. The talk will be on the enlisted man in which all members are solicited to participate.

Pioneer Dead

Salem Or June 21.—J C Caplinger a Marion county pioneer of 1846, died Sunday at his home four miles east of Salem aged 87 years.

Wm. Miller & Bro

Are preparing to move their office to No. 1107 Adams Avenue—Foley-Roesch Building, ground floor—where they will have the finest and most modern suite of offices in the city.

They will be better prepared than ever to take care of everything in the line of—

Real Estate INSURANCE Mortgage Loans

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Coffee (Finest Mocha and Java) Served free at the Wednesday and Thursday at J. W. White's Grocery Store

Crescent Baking Powder "Never disappoints the cook"—Try it

FOR WARM WEATHER READING.

It will be well to keep in mind these days that we have a very satisfactory line of books and light summer reading matter.

Suitable reading is the safest and most profitable form of hot weather diversion. The late publications are here; you can find just what you like. The price is light whether the literature is heavy or light. Never possible before to get so much reading for so little cost.

NEWLIN DRUG CO.

THE \$20,000 STOCK REDUCTION SALE

Goes merrily on and you will truly miss an exceptional opportunity for economical buying of THE MOST SEASONABLE OF SUMMER GOODS if you fail to attend this great Sale.

We must move this surplus stock and the extraordinary price reductions in every department are forceful arguments why you should make your necessary purchases here. We do not say everything reduced—because you are not interested in fall and winter goods now—but you can make a snug little sum by buying your SUMMER goods during this Sale.

WASH GOODS AT A SAVING	LADIES HATS REDUCED
Lawns, Dimities, Batiste and in fact all the popular summer fabrics suitable for hot weather dresses at following prices:	This department affords some unparalleled values in choice ready to wear head dress
8 1-3e wash goods, the yard....5c	\$7.00 hat for.....\$4.95
10c " " " " "....7	6 50 " ".....4.95
12 1/2 " " " " "....10	4 " ".....3.25
25 " " " " "....19	3 50 " ".....2.75
	3 " ".....1.95
	2 50 " ".....1.95

25 to 35c STRAW HATS 18c 50c to 75c STRAW HATS 45c

Mens Pants at Overall Prices About 50 per cent off Wool and heavy cotton work pants 98c

50c SHIRTS 29c The 2 in one work shirt is one of the best on the market. Black shirting with white stripes. 29c during this sale. 75c 85c \$1.00 Dress shirts 59c.

\$1.75 Mens Work Shoes \$1.18

35c Lace Hose25c Black Lisle thread hose, absolutely fast color, 25c

Lot Ladies Belts 85c to \$1.00 in neat serviceable belts 25cents For your choice

\$1.00 Ladies Wrappers 59c T.S.

