

# LA GRANDE EVENING OBSERVER.

**WEATHER FORECAST**  
Tonight fair and cooler. Tomorrow fair and warmer.

**THE TRAINS**  
No 3 East bound 9:10 p.m. on time  
No 5 West " 8:35 p.m. on time

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## TOO MANY LINES

**A Prominent Business Man Thinks La Grande Merchants Carry Too Many Side Lines.**

You have through your columns of late, several times called attention to the necessity for La Grande to increase her pay roll, establish enterprises and especially for the people to give encouragement by patronizing home manufactures.

The main spring of human endeavor is selfishness. When a person claims to be doing something for the pure love of humanity we always look for an inferior motive.

Enterprize does not establish pay rolls merely to help the community neither do the people buy the home manufactured product merely to encourage local production.

The price and the quality are very essential elements.

There should be however in a prosperous community a certain amount of public spirit and unity of purpose.

A man's first interest should be himself and family next in his town, next his county, then his state and last but not least his interest in the welfare of the nation.

The condition that prevails in La Grande in a business way at the present time are not conducive to the welfare and prosperity of the city. True we have the county seat and we are enjoying considerable building and business activity but we are not getting the result that should or can be obtained in a commercial way.

This city from its locality surrounding and resources should be the metropolis of Eastern Oregon but it has allowed other towns to grasp the opportunities and take the lead simply from a lack of organization and concentrated effort. This city should not only be a manufacturing center but it should be a place to break bulk and accumulate the products of the surrounding country for re-distribution to the consumer in other counties and

states. Other cities to the east and west of us have taken time by the forelock and the business men have adopted metropolitan methods. They have segregated and specialized the different lines of business and concentrated their capital and efforts into special lines.

In a primitive state each man can supply his wants from his own efforts. About all he needs is a skin covering and a duck for his dinner, but in the complex organization of civilized society each person follows a special line in the trades, professions manufacture commerce or transportation and each buys from the others to supply his wants.

But to come down to the application of specializing in business as well as in the trades and professions, "Jack of all trades and master of none," is just as true in merchandising as it is in the trades and professions.

What are the trade and business conditions we find in La Grande? All kinds of side lines are carried by the different dealers.

You go to an implement house to buy wood, to a dress goods house to get lumber, to a furniture store to get hardware, to a hardware store to get shingles, to a dry good store to get harness and so on ad infinitum.

The result is that while there is no more business done in the aggregate the expenses of operating are increased, the stocks are incomplete; by buying in small quantities the cost of buying is higher and the benefits of shipping car lots is cut out. Not being able to buy in large quantities the merchants here can not reach the interior trade like they do at Pendleton, Walla Walla, Baker City and Huntington.

Just think of it seven places in and around La Grande to buy shingles when one concern could handle the whole business with time to burn; six places to buy furniture where two can handle all the trade there is, and could run a jobby trade besides. Six places to buy doors and sash when there is about half the business for one house to handle.

So it is all along the line. The thing to do is for the business men to get together agree upon the lines each one is to carry and cut the side lines out.

La Grande has a common enemy in the other towns both near and remote and the only way to hold our own is to organize and specialize, carry the stock to get the trade, buy in quantity to get the prices, ship in car loads to get the rates, make of La Grande a center to break bulk for Eastern Oregon.

This is an introductory to the main questions involved.

J. B. B.

(To be continued)

## WANT THEM RUN IN

**C. H. Bidwell In Search of Game Warden--He Won't Stand For Killing Ducks.**

Judging from some recent occurrences, it seems to be true that the people are awakening to the fact that the State of Oregon has game laws, protecting the different kinds of game, and prescribing the time within which certain kinds of game may be killed. The people have not sought, heretofore to assist in enforcing this law, not desiring to voluntarily complain of the violation of this law by friend or neighbor. But when the violations of the law become so frequent and so flagrant, it is a wonder that at least some patriotic citizen, casting aside personal friendship, and looking only to the weal of the State should "take arms against this sea of troubles," and make an attempt to enforce the laws. The first one who has taken a decided stand on this matter, and who has attempted to carry out the law to the letter, so far as it could be done by his hands is the Hon. C. H. Bidwell of Island City.

The first notice the Observer had of the serious intentions of Mr. Bidwell in this line was when a call, loud and long, at the telephone in the office was answered, and upon asking who the caller was, and what he wanted, an excited voice announced that it was Bidwell talking, and that he wanted to know who the Game Warden was, and where he could be found; that he needed him at once to arrest some violators of the game laws. Upon being asked the names of those who had violated this law, the man in the Observer office was shocked to learn that the parties accused by Mr. Bidwell were Dad Moon, Engineer on the Elgin Branch, and Mr. Jake Gulling the conductor on the same train.

The listener in the Observer office was astonished with this news, having known the parties for a long time, and being acquainted with their reputation as law abiding citizens, and asked Mr. Bidwell the circumstances of the

case. Mr. Bidwell then informed us that, as the train from Elgin came through Island City last afternoon they recklessly and unlawfully killed four ducks (whether tame or not he did not say) by running over them with the engine, and as Dad Moon and conductor Gulling were in charge of the train, he wanted them arrested for "killing ducks out of season."

The Observer gave the information desired as to the Game Warden, but up to the time of going to press, nothing further had been learned as to what steps Mr. Bidwell has taken, and it is not learned yet whether he has, mail agent, baggage agent and express messenger LeFall is implicated in the crime by Mr. Bidwell.

### Encampment.

Camp Murray, Wash., July 12.—Supported by artillery the National guard organizations of Washington and Oregon today were given some practical instruction in advance, rear and guard work. Gen. Mac Arthur expressed satisfaction with the work of the troops. Few errors were made in the problems of the day.

### Lumber Prices.

Considerable cheap lumber is being advertised for sale that consists chiefly of remnant stocks and culls. We desire a share of the trade and will meet any legitimate prices according to the quantity purchased.

Parties buying in carload lots can have the benefit of carload rates. Large bills to be handled on a very small margin. Let us figure with you and be convinced. We have a well equipped plant for woodworking and the manufacture of doors and sashes.

We can furnish any kind of timber and get your work out to detail in neat workmanlike manner and at lowest prices.

Let us make your frames and every thing that can be got out and cut up by machinery.

Stoddard Lumber Co.

### New Manse.

The new sidewalk adjacent to the Presbyterian church on Washington Avenue is now about completed, and the manse for the pastor is now ready for occupancy, these adding greatly to the view of that part of the city. The manse is now a perfect little jewel. It has four rooms on the ground floor, three on the upper floor, and each room is now papered nicely and appropriately; water service has been placed in the house, electric lights placed in each of the rooms, and everything is ready for the pastor to move into the building, which he will do about the first of August. The house is tastefully papered and conveniently arranged, and the pastor should be duly thankful for such a beautifully arranged home.

### Water Spouts.

Arlington, Ore., July 12.—The cloud-burst which occurred here last night destroyed the railroad bridge across Willow creek. Considerable other damage was done along the stream but no lives were lost. Complete details were not obtainable from the entire washed out district at this time.

Heppner, July 12.—A cloud burst occurred here last evening which for a time hid fair to rival the great disaster of a year ago, but soon passed over and though the damage to crops and property near the city was great, no lives were lost.

Mitchell, Ore., July 12.—A cloud burst occurred here early this morning which caused considerable damage to crops and stock and it is reported that two lives were lost. At this time complete details are unobtainable and the identity of the drowned persons has not been established.

### Steamer Wrecked.

Hood River July 12.—The Columbia river steamer Spencer was wrecked here this morning upon the rocks. The steamer is a total wreck. The passengers were rescued with great difficulty and for a time it was thought that many lives were lost. All were saved.

### Forest Fires

Seattle, July 12.—Forest fires are raging in four places in King County. The largest fire is at Haywood and it has already spread over about eight hundred acres of fine timber. Another fire is at Cherry Valley, and a third at Bayview. Neither of the latter can do much damage. The fourth fire is burning between Green Lake and Bolle, just outside of Seattle. The conditions are ideal for forest fires and the ranchers are hoping for rain.

## STILL GOING NORTH

**Japanese Began Pushing North July 9 and Have Been Steadily Advancing.**

Yinkow, July 12.—The Japanese began to push their advance north July 9 after taking Kai Chou, and since then they have proceeded steadily. It is now reported they are in close touch with Cui Che Kia.

### STEAMER CAPTURED

Vladivostok, July 12.—The British steamer Cheltenham captured by the Vladivostok squadron today was declared a lawful prize as her commander did not attempt to defend himself because the proof against the vessel was overwhelming and the evidence tended to show the ship had already been bought by the Japanese. She was

selling under the British flag because some formalities of the transfer were lacking. The crew were mostly Germans and they did not conceal their joy at the fact that the Russians had captured the Cheltenham.

### New Telephones.

1993	H T Williams	res.
3021	Rainbow Store	
336	W G Ericson	res.
61x5	W R Jasper	farm
1784	J J Adams	res.
1836	G J Wagener	res.
1956	E W Davis	
1163	City Council Rooms	
3041	Jos E Hough Justice of Peace	
341	Myrtle Howard	

### Crop Conditions.

Washington July 12.—Primary returns to the Department of Agriculture show the average condition of winter wheat on July 1 was 87.7 as compared with 77.7 last month, 78.8 on July 1 1903. The existing condition of spring wheat July 1 was 93.7 as compared with 93.4 last month and 82.5 on July 1 1903. The amount of wheat remaining in the hands of the farmers July 1 is estimated to be about 36,039,000 bushels equivalent to about 5.7 per cent last years crop.

Read this paper and The Weekly

## MOTIVE IS NOT KNOWN

**Residence of Iron Mills Superintendent Dynamited But No One Was Hurt.**

Ironwood Mich July 12.—The home of Rail Walton, a superintendent of the Brotherton and Sunday Lake Iron Mills at Wakefield was destroyed by dynamite today. Portions of the house were blown 20 feet but the family, asleep up stairs, escaped serious injury. The identity of the perpetrator of the crime or the motive.

### Turns Republican

Chicago July 12.—Chicago Chronicle, generally regarded as a democratic news paper, will announce tomorrow that it will hereafter appear as a republican newspaper.

### A FEW INTERESTING July - Clearance - Sale - Pricings.

<p><b>Ladies Shirt Waist Suits Greatly Reduced</b></p> <p>These cut prices effect our entire line of ladies Shirt Waist Suits in white, cream and colors.</p> <p>All \$4.50 Suits, now.....\$3.80 All 6.50 Suits, now..... 4.85</p>	<p><b>Ladies Silk Coats.</b></p> <p>Reduced to less than cost of material.</p> <p>\$22.50 Coat now.....\$18 50 14 00 Coat now..... 10 90 12 00 Coat now..... 9 85 7 50 Coat now..... 6 25 6 00 Coat now..... 4 85</p>
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### Ten Dozen Shirt Waists LADIES AND MISSES HALF PRICE.

In this lot of waists you will find some of our best numbers—some of them slightly soiled and mended but best values ever offered.

<p><b>Men's Straw Hats</b></p> <p>One half price. 25c and 35c hats and quite a number of 50c values. Your choice for 15 cents.</p>	<p><b>75c Men's Underwear 60c</b></p> <p>Light Balbriggan summer underwear, the suit while they last 60c.</p>
<p><b>Ladies and Children's Hose</b></p> <p>In black, plain and lace hose, regular 15c values, 2 pairs for 21 cents.</p>	<p><b>\$1.25 DRESS SHIRTS 98c</b></p> <p>A good assortment of the season's best offerings, soft or stiff fronts, some of them with collars to match. Your choice for <b>98c</b></p>
<p><b>25 cent Lace Hose 21 cents.</b></p> <p>Good assortment for small and large and all of them special values at our regular price.</p>	<p><b>Ladies 35c to 75c Belts, 25c</b></p> <p>Here are belt values never before offered in La Grande. Choice for 25c</p>



**The Fair**  
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

## MID SUMMER CLEARANCE SALE

For the next thirty days we will offer all Summer Goods at Greatly Reduced Prices.

If you are in need of anything for Summer Wear it will be to your advantage to look over our stock before purchasing elsewhere. All wash goods on sale at one third off.

All wash shirt waists at a reduction of 25 per cent.  
On Wrappers, Kimonas, and Dressing Scaques we will save you 20 per cent. Just what you will need for these warm days.

## The Chicago Store

### Prescription Value

A prescription that lacks in the least essential is worse than worthless. It may be positively dangerous—a peril to the life of the patient. It may defeat the doctor's efforts, and it may retard the recuperative forces of nature.

To have any value whatever, a prescription must be compounded from drugs that are absolutely pure and of standard potency. It must be exactly what the doctor intended it should be. If it is this, it is certainly worth the retail value of the drugs it contains. Our prescription service is right both in quality and cost.

## NEWLIN DRUG CO.