

LA GRANDE EVENING OBSERVER.

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

THE TRAINS
 No 2 East bound 9:10 p.m. on time
 No 3 West " 8:55 p.m. on time

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GREAT WALL OF WATER Sweeps Down Upon Mitchell Carrying Destruction in its Wake--Heppner Again Visited

Arlington Ore July 13--The residents of Heppner and Mitchell experienced a thrilling repetition of the great catastrophe of last June, last evening, and while the damage is very slight at the former place, Mitchell residents were compelled to flee to the hills for safety. A wall of water twenty five feet high came down Bridge and Mill creeks which unite about three hundred yards above the town. The flood claimed two victims, Martin Smith, a man nearly 100 years old, and Mrs. Bethune, an aged woman living there. It also carried away 25 houses in the mad rush. Everything below Looney's store was carried away. Two large livey stables with twenty horses were lost. Oakes Mercantile Company's store, Waterman's store and the flour mill escaped being wrecked, but the first mentioned lost tons of barbed wire. There was little rain at Mitchell but the thunder and lightning gave the inhabitants warning that a flood or cloudburst might be expected, so they prepared for it. Over half the population fled to the hills bordering the valley and the others prepared for the water when it suddenly burst upon them. Two aged people who met their death by drowning refused to accompany the others to the hills, feeling the alarm unnecessary. The excitement at Heppner was even greater than at Mitchell, for the people have hardly recovered from the nervous strain of last year. The flood damage at this point was confined to the washing away of bridges and the weakening of the O.R. & N. bridge at Lexington. The creek rose suddenly and with a rush overflowed its banks, but there was no great volume of water as at Mitchell. No reports have come in from the farming districts so it is impossible to state

A Ninety Day Run

Frank Alexander returned this morning from Waverly, where he has been employed in the sugar factory. He states the factory is figuring on a ninety day run. The factory pays \$5.25 per ton for beets and states that former field superintendent Larson, of the La Grande factory has made \$12,000 the last four years growing beets and that this year he is also field superintendent of the Waverly factory.

CHERRIES PLENTY.

Cherries are prolific this year, and their size and flavor can not be excelled, while the amount raised on the trees seems almost incredible. A few years ago large lots of the fruit were shipped in here from California and Walla Walla on account of the meagre supply in this valley, but this year we have not only cherries for our own consumption, but cherries to spare to the rest of the world. Stackland and Hancock of Cove are busily engaged in buying cherries for the purpose of shipping in car loads, and Mr. Hugh Hough is superintending the packing and shipping in Fruitdale. Every night large shipments are made by express, and next week Mr. Hough will ship an entire car load from Fruitdale, our suburb. The large amount of cherries which it takes to constitute a car load can be understood and appreciated, when one becomes aware of the fact that it takes two thousand cases to make a minimum car. Stackland and Hancock are packing two car loads in Cove at this time, and altogether there will be four car loads of cherries shipped out of the Grande Ronde valley this season, besides the express shipments, which will probably amount to as much as four cars. Although some cry that there is too much fruit in this part of the country, yet the facts do not bear them out. When we can raise and ship so many of the delicate cherries, it goes to show that we of the Grande Ronde valley are located where climatic conditions are almost perfect, and very few sections of this great North West will be able to ship out cherries by the car load.

PARKER AND DAVIS

W J Bryan Says He Will Support the Regular Democratic Ticket and Gives His Reasons

Lincoln, July 13.--W. J. Bryan today gave out the following statement: "I shall vote for Parker and Davis, the nominees of the democratic national convention and shall do so for the following reasons: "First--because the democratic ticket stands for opposition to imperialism while the republican ticket stands for imperialistic policy. "Second--Mr. Roosevelt is injecting the race issue into American politics and this issue if it becomes national will make it impossible to consider the questions that demand solution. The election of the democratic ticket will put a quietus on this subject. "Third--Mr. Roosevelt stands for the spirit of war. His friends present him as a man of blood and iron. He believes in strenuousness and inculcates the love for warlike things. The democratic ticket stands for peace, for reason and for arbitration, rather than for force, conquest and bluster. "Fourth--The democratic ticket platform stands for the reduction of the standing army and as this plank was unanimously adopted there is reason to believe a democratic statement on this subject would bring some advantage to the people. "For these reasons I feel justified in supporting the ticket. The democratic victory will mean very little if any progress on any economic question so long as the party is under the control of the Wall Street element. On the money question, Mr. Parker is as thoroughly committed to the side of finance as Roosevelt. On the trust question the democratic platform is very much better than the republican platform, but the nomination of Judge Parker virtually nullifies the anti-trust plank. Unless in his letter of acceptance he commits himself to anti-trust legislation we need not expect him to pursue a different course

from that voiced by President Roosevelt. "So far as the labor questions are concerned we must await Judge Parker's letter before we shall know whether the laboring man has anything to expect from his election. "The labor plank prepared by Judge Parker's friends on the subcommittee was a straddling, meaningless, plank. In the full committee the planks adopted favor arbitration and the eight hour day and are against government by injunctions also the plank on the Colorado situation. If Judge Parker is silent or ambiguous on these subjects it will mean that the men back of him will not permit him to take the labor side on these disputed questions. "On the tariff question some little progress may be hoped for. But the Parker men on the committee were nearly all in favor of very conservative planks. It remains to be seen whether Judge Parker will carry out the definite plank which was substituted by the full committee. "After describing the manner of Judge Parker's nomination which he maintains was secured by "crooked and indelible methods" Bryan concludes: "After having stated that I shall support the ticket and after having given my reasons for so doing, I think it due to the democrats of the nation to say that while the fight on economic questions is postponed it is not abandoned. As soon as the election is over, I shall with those who believe as I do, undertake to organize before the campaign of 1908, the object being to marshal the friends of a popular government within the democratic party to the support of a radical and progressive policy to make the democratic party the efficient means in the hands of the people for securing relief from the element that controls the republican party and for the time being is in control of the democratic party. This plan of organization will be elaborated soon."

40000 MEN STRIKE

International Meat Cutters and Butchers walk Out---Touble Over Wage Scale

Kansas City, July 13--Eight thousand meat cutters, butchers and others affiliated with the packing house unions struck today. As a result all men are affected. None of the packing houses bought at the yards today. About 2000 hogs that were on hand will probably be returned to the country. 17,000 AT CHICAGO Chicago, July 13--At 2 p. m. it was estimated 17,000 men had already quit work. No definite arrangements have been made by any of the packers for hiring non-union men. The packers say there is fresh meat enough in Chicago to last about 10 days. 4,000 AT OMAHA Omaha, July 13--At noon today 4,000 employees of the four packing houses of South Omaha went out on strike, following the order for a general strike of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers' union. Practically every man, skilled and unskilled employed at the packing houses is affected. 5,000 AT ST. JOE St. Joseph, July 13--More than 5,000 employees at the packing houses here struck at noon today and the plants have closed down. The strikers are orderly. EAST ST. LOUIS East St. Louis July 13--At noon more than 5000 employees at the packing houses here stopped work. The authorities do not anticipate trouble but the police force in the packing house district has been increased. FORT WORTH Fort Worth Tex July 13--Between 400 and 500 men, including butchers, cutters and cellar men employed at the packing plants of Armour and Swift struck today. The men say they know little of the controversy between the union and the packers. They are simply obeying the orders of the union.

AT SIOUX CITY

Sioux City, Ia, July 13-- about 1000 men in the Cudahy packing plant here obeyed the order to strike. The plant was forced to shut down. Business at the stockyards is at a standstill as a result.

STRIKERS STORY

Syracuse, N Y July 13--Homer D. Call of this city, secretary and treasurer of the International Meat Cutters and Butchers union said today: "Our contract with the packers, which was for a year, expired in June. We then met the representatives of the "Big Six" in conference and offered to renew the old contract with the scale of wages in the 68 different departments of the packing business. This the packers refused to do. They wanted to cut down the wages of the "common laborers," as they called it. This virtually meant they would reduce the wages of 85 per cent of their employees. "The Union refused to accept these terms and the matter was placed before the locals for a referendum vote. It resulted unanimously against accepting the terms of the packers. The statements that have been made to the effect that we are fighting for a closed shop and an increase in wages are untrue. We are asking for neither. The standard would mean an increase in wages in some parts, but it would also mean a corresponding decrease in wages in other departments of the packing houses."

Saloon Attached.

The saloon on Depot street owned by Be. At and Crossman was attached and closed Saturday by Ralph Atkinson to secure the sum of \$280.00 alleged to be due him. Today the Spokane Drug Company filed a bill for 44.94.

Usual Social Dance

Prof and Mrs. Simpson will give their usual social dance tomorrow night at Commercial Club and also the children's class tomorrow after noon at same place.

To See Her Father

Mrs. Brown, wife of conductor Chas. Brown of Pendleton passed through this morning enroute east in the hope she would be permitted to reach the bedside of her father, who is critically ill, before he passed away.

Hauling Brick

Good paying business for sale. For particulars write--Box 637, La Grande, Oregon. Teams are now employed in hauling

Mayor Jones Dead

Toledo, July 13.--Samuel L. Jones, "The Golden Rule Mayor" died this evening as the result of a complication of diseases.

Indian School

Washington, July 13--The Secretary of the Interior appointed Chas. McNicola, now special Indian agent to be superintendent of the Umatilla Indian school in Oregon.

CAME VERY NEAR BEING A BAD RIOT

Chicago July 13.--What promised for a moment to develop into a riot was nipped in the bud at midnight. While the cots were being unloaded from wagons to be used by non-union men inside the packing houses a large crowd of people congregated across the street. As soon as the work of unloading commenced a rush was made to overturn the wagons. A policeman frustrated the attempt and placed three of the ringleaders under arrest.

Practically Settled

Fall River, Mass., July 13.--It was practically settled today that a general reduction of Fall River was ordered to take effect July 13th. It is expected the proposed reduction ordered will average 12 1/2 per cent. More than 25,00 operatives will be affected.

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, Kimonos, and Dressing Sackets we will save you 20 per cent. Just what you will need for these warm days.

The Chicago Store

A FEW INTERESTING July - Clearance - Sale - Pricings.

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| Ladies Shirt Waist Suits Greatly Reduced These cut prices effect our entire line of ladies Shirt Waist Suits in white, cream and colors. All \$4.50 Suits, now \$3.80 All 6.50 Suits, now 4.85 | Ladies Silk Coats. Reduced to less than cost of material. \$22.50 Coat now \$16 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 |
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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 unused but best values ever offered.

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| Men's Straw Hats One half price. 25c and 35c hats and quite a number of 50c values. Your choice for 15 cents. | 75c Men's Underwear 60c Light Balbriggan summer underwear, the suit while they last 80c. |
| Ladies and Children's Hose In black, plain and lace hose, regular 15c values, 2 pairs for 21 cents. | \$1.25 DRESS SHIRTS 98c A good assortment of the season's best offerings, soft or stiff fronts, some of them with collars to match. Your choice for 98c |
| 25 cent Lace Hose 21 cents. Good assortment for small and large and all of them special values at our regular price. | Ladies 35c to 75c Belts, 25c Here are belt values never before offered in La Grande. Choice for 25c |

The Fair
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

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.

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