

LA GRANDE EVENING OBSERVER.

WEATHER FORECAST
Tonight and tomorrow fair To-morrow warmer.

THE TRAINS
No 2 East bound 9:10 p. m. on time
No 5 West " 8:30 p. m. on time

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ENDED THEIR LIVES

A Man Shoots His Wife and Then Ends His Own Miserable Existence

Smith's Ferry, July 18—Frank Thompson shot and killed his wife and then himself at Van Wyck on Thursday. Last Tuesday night he passed here on his way to Van Wyck, where Mrs. Thompson had been living all summer in a house of ill fame. He asked Mrs. Thompson to come back with him, but she refused. Thursday afternoon they went out riding and neighbors in wing there had been trouble watched which way they went. They left about 2 o'clock in the afternoon and at 10 o'clock a party went out in search of them. They found the horse and buggy near the graveyard at Van Wyck and about 20 feet from the rig they found both bodies lying on a buggy robe and coat which were spread on the ground.

Mrs. Thompson was shot three times through the heart and Thompson once in the head.

Mrs. Thompson was buried there yesterday and Thompson's body is held awaiting instruction.

Thompson left here the first of the week for the Big Creek district. Last week he received a letter informing him of the death of his 8-year-old boy in Ohio, which seemed to cause him considerable grief. His friends can hardly believe that he would be guilty of committing such a crime.

The Holdaway family were residents of La Grande several years ago.

RUSSIA HOLDS NEW CHWANG.

Tien Tsin July 18—The Russian agent here has officially stated that the Japanese have not occupied New Chwang. The Russian officials are, he states administering there as heretofore.

Heavy Firing.

Tien Tsin July 18—It has been learned from a Chinese source that heavy firing has been heard outside of Tientsin for the past two days.

Negroes In United States

The Observer received on Monday morning from the department of commerce and Labor Bureau of Census Bulletin No. 8 being the most elaborate study of the negroes in the United States ever officially published. The book is a quarto of 333 pages copiously illustrated with maps and diagrams showing the number, occupation, age and literacy of the black race.

From it we learn that the number of negroes in the United States exclusive of the Philippine Islands is 9,204,431, which 89.7 per cent are in the Southern or old slave holding states.

More than three-fourths of the negroes 77.3 per cent live in the country whereas 27.3 per cent of the whites live outside of cities having at least 2,500 inhabitants, and 43.7 per cent live in cities of larger towns.

In 1900 negroes operated, that is managed on their own accounts 746,715 farms containing 58,333,933 acres or 58,741 square miles of their farms the negro operators owned by clear title 197,799 farms. A little more than one quarter of the farms they worked.

Parker's Resignation

Enigma, July 16.—Judge Cullen of Brooklyn, one of the seven judges of the court of appeals, of which Parker is chief justice, arrived at noon and took luncheon with the Parker family. A conference on the subject of Judge Parker's resignation is now in progress.

DISEASE AND FAMINE

Said to be Rife in the Japanese Army--Japs Surrendering Because of Hunger

Ta Toke Kiao, July 18—The Japanese are suffering from hunger. Six of them came in and surrendered to General Mitoenko, begging for food. They said disease and famine were rife in the Japanese army.

According to reports from the vicinity of Liao river, a disguised Japanese officer and a detachment of Japanese have gone toward Hai Obeng with 10 chests full of silver to pay Chinese bandits.

LAND 30,000

Berlin, July 16.—The Lokal Anzeiger this morning prints a special dispatch forwarded from a junk in front of Port Arthur under date of July 13, via Tien Tsin, July 16, stating that the Japanese since July 11 have landed 30,000 men near Figeon Bay, under protection of the entire fleet.

The Russians, the dispatch says, offered little resistance. A general assault is expected soon.

STRIKERS DEMAND PACKERS OFFER

A minimum scale of 18 1/2 cents an hour for unskilled labor.

A uniform scale for all packing houses in the west.

An equalization of the scale paid to skilled laborers.

All contracts to be drawn up at the same time to cover all departments and to expire in June each year.

The minimum scale at all packing centers to be raised to the highest scale now paid at any point.

A minimum scale of 17 1/2 cents an hour to unskilled labor in killing, cutting, beef loading and casing departments. So in other departments to be fixed by agreement.

Wages and working conditions in skilled departments shall remain as at present.

Scale of wages paid to skilled employes shall not be equalized through the packing centers.

Minimum scale shall be raised to highest scale now paid.

Working hours cannot be changed so that each employe shall work ten hours a day.

Chicago July 18—As a result of a stubborn disagreement, chiefly over wages for unskilled labor, one of the most extensive strikes in the history of the meat packing industry of the United States began in Chicago, St. Paul, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph, Mo., and other places where packing plants are located.

The number of men and women employed in the packing houses at the various cities is estimated as follows: Chicago 20,000; Kansas City 10,000; St. Joseph 5,000; East St. Louis 5,000; South Omaha 5,000; Fort Worth 15,000; New York 15,000; St. Paul 8,000; Sioux City 8,000. Total 49,000.

In addition to this great total, another 50,000 workers will be made idle through the strike of the butchers.

If prolonged the strike is expected to cause widespread inconvenience, possibly equaling the anthracite coal famine of two years ago. The unanimity of the strike was complete. More than 49,000 employes are directly involved. In Chicago alone 20,000 men are on strike.

A synopsis of the receipts and values for 1903 as taken from the report of the secretary may be of interest:

	Receipts	Value
Cattle.....	3,443,428	\$154,093,403
Cows.....	263,718	2,727,180
Hogs.....	7,837,249	106,787,977
Sheep.....	4,598,702	18,588,657
Horses.....	101,108	18,529,526
Totals.....	16,244,690	295,719,743

Some conception of the steady development of the stock yard industry in Chicago may be gained from the knowledge that the figures for 1903 show a gain of about 9 per cent over the previous year.

GAVE UP HIS SECRET

Disappearing 30 Years Ago Simon Pote Gives Family's Address On His Death Bed

Marion, Ind., July 18—After a thirteen-year's search Simon Pote, 74, who mysteriously disappeared from his home in St. Louis, Mo., has been found by his family, but not until he was on his death bed in the hospital at the Marion Soldiers' Home.

Broken down with the infirmities of age, Pote has been in the Soldiers Home Hospital in this city for the last few years, but he guarded the secret of his past until yesterday, when, between gasps for his last breath, he told the surgeons the address of his family. Pote died a few minutes after giving up his secret.

Miss Rebecca Pote, a daughter who had never given up the search for her father, was informed of the death of her father and she came here today from St. Louis to attend the funeral. Pote was given a military burial in the Soldiers' Home Cemetery this afternoon.

Pote was one of the Union veterans to spike the guns on Island No. 10 in the Mississippi River during the war of the Rebellion, and was a playmate of Camp brothers, the ship builders, of Philadelphia.

Lost a Fingers.

Wm Hamilton was in the city Saturday to have a finger dressed. Mr. Hamilton is working at the saw mill near Hugard and in some manner his finger was caught between the cog on the shaft conveyor and was so badly crushed that Drs Bacon and Hal were obliged to amputate the finger at the second joint.

T. H. Boynton of Whitney, who has been in the city the past few days transacting business, returned home this morning.

TAYLOR DIVORCE CASE.

Decree Granted Plaintiff in Umatilla's Sensational Divorce Case --May Appeal

Penikese, Ore. July 18—In the Taylor divorce case, which has created such interest throughout Umatilla county on account of the prominence of the parties, Judge Ellis today rendered a decision granting Moses Taylor, the plaintiff, a divorce from Labels Taylor on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. Mrs. Taylor was given one third of property and given the custody of two minor children.

Judge James A. Fee, one of the attorneys for Mrs. Taylor, gave notice of appeal.

Mr. Taylor was given a decree on the grounds that Mrs. Taylor had a violent temper, that she called him vile names and continually accused him of infidelity and drunkenness, which the court found the evidence did not sustain.

The Taylors have lived on a farm near Weston for 25 years. Moses Taylor is worth about \$90,000, according to the figures of the court. Mrs. Taylor was given the home farm near Weston, valued at \$10,000; a brick block in Athens valued at \$7500, and \$1500 immediate alimony and \$1000 a year for six years and \$500 a year for two years longer.

The case was bitterly contested, requiring five days to take the testimony.

Thin Your Apples

A local advocate (winning the approval) says Mr. Gale, "and you will get more pounds and better apples that will sell." Ap le-growers should bear this in mind. It is the job of fruit that brings the high price of the scrub fruit—Republican.

Surprise Party

A very pleasant surprise party was given at the home of Mrs J E Birdsell in honor of their son Earl. Games and music was the features of the

Good Advice

Look here, reader. If you are one of those who are thinking of leaving Union, wait awhile; think it over. There are many worse places than Union, and you may not have to travel far to find them. Don't see hastily—Republican.

Posse in Pursuit

A special from Baker city says: A messenger from the posse in pursuit of the raiders who slaughtered a large number of sheep on Old Baldy mountain Thursday reports that nothing has been discovered to lead to the identity of the criminals. A war between the sheepmen and the raiders, who are supposed to be employes of certain cattle raisers, is imminent. During the past few months numerous raids have been made on sheep camps and large numbers of sheep destroyed. The sheepmen are now arming their employes with high calibre rifles and have instructed their men to shoot the raiders on sight.

SENSATIONAL July Clearance Sale OFFERINGS

Don't overlook a single item of our JULY PRICE BULLETINS. They may seem sensational and unbelievable, but we assure you you will find every item and every price exactly as we quote them here.

Boys' Waists 25 cents
Lot of boys waists ranging in price from 25c up as high as 85c and \$1.00. Your choice for 25c

Camping Blankets 65c
Full size double blankets, suitable for the home or camp, 65c

Wash Goods Much Less
All summer dress goods must go. They consist of lawns, batiste, organ-dies and cotton voiles in choice assortments of colorings.
19c for 25c to 35c goods
10c for 12c to 20c goods
5c for 8c to 10c goods.

10 Dozen Ladies' Shirt Waists HALF PRICE

The Fair

All Ladies Hats Half Price

All trimmed hats and all street hats without reserve, including many choice pattern hats at just exactly one half regular price.

Ladies Neckwear Less Than Half Price
25c turnover collars and ladies 25c and 35c ties on sale. Your choice 10c

25c Sun Bonnets 19c
Large line to choose from in ladies' and children's sun bonnets. Just the thing to take along for your outing. Your choice for 19c

\$1.18 Shoe Counter
Offers the best shoe values ever. Men's shoes and boys shoes valued up to \$2.25. Choice the pair \$1.18

The Chicago Store

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 Saques we will save you 20 per cent. Just what you will need for these warm days.

ANY BOOK In Our Window 15Cents

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