

# LA GRANDE EVENING OBSERVER.

**WEATHER FORECAST**  
 Tonight and Tomorrow fair. Warmer tonight.

**THE TRAINS**  
 No 2 East bound 9:10 p. m. on time  
 No 5 West " 8:15 p. m. on time

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## HELD FOR MURDER

**Gus Johnson Held Responsible for the Killing of Arthur E. Hainey—Holverson will also be held.**

Pendleton Aug. 1.—Gus Johnson, according to the coroner's jury, is responsible for the death of Arthur E. Hainey at Lehman Springs Wednesday night and that the accidental discharge of the revolver that killed the latter was due to the carelessness of Johnson, who was intoxicated at the time.

Johnson and his companion Nels Holverson will be brought to Pendleton tonight by the Sheriff, pending a further investigation of the matter.

## Gasoline tank Explosion

Portland Aug. 1.—While B. J. Kelley a cleaner in an automobile livery was at work on an auto the gasoline tank suddenly exploded. Kelly was blown 40 feet and skinned from his head to his knees. After suffering terrible torture for four hours, Kelly died about 10 o'clock last night. Kelly was alone when the accident happened, but an examination of the machine showed that the floodgate to the tank had been unlocked and it is supposed that the man was either smoking or examining the apparatus with a match.

## Decision on Contract

Milwaukee, Wis.—Contracts between labor unions and employers prohibiting the employment of any but union members, are void according to a decision given yesterday by Judge Ludwig, in the case of the Milwaukee Custom Tailors union against the William Marnitz Tailoring company. The judge held that such contracts are against public policy, as they tend to create monopolies which operate against the spirit of the government. The case is one

in which union labor, not only in this city, but throughout the country, has taken great interest and if the supreme court upholds the decision of the circuit judge—for it is probable that the case will go to the highest court—the effect will be sweeping in Wisconsin. It is the first time that the labor question has been taken to the courts in this state in a case of this kind.

The contract on which the above decision was rendered reads as follows: "The only agreement in the contract in relation to the hiring of men is an outright: It is expressly agreed by the parties hereto that only members of the Milwaukee Custom Tailors' union shall be employed."

Text of judge's decision on this contract reads: "The effectuation of such a purpose would conflict with that principle of public policy which prohibits monopolies and exclusive privileges."

"It would tend to deprive the public of the services of men in usual employments and capacities."

"In Christensen versus people of the state of Illinois. It was held that the following agreement created a monopoly and was against policy."

"The party of the first part hereby agrees to employ none but members of the aforesaid organizations, provided the various trades can furnish such competent help as may be required by the party of the first part within 24 hours after notification."

"The court in its opinion said: 'This agreement strikes at the right of contract and provides that complainant shall employ none but members of the several unions, thus discriminating in favor of one class of men excluding all others. Therefore the prohibition contained in the contract striking at the right of contract both on the part of the laborer and employer. The agreements in question would tend to create a monopoly in favor of the members of the different unions to the exclusion of the workmen not members of such unions, and are in this respect unlawful. Contracts tending to create a monopoly are void.'

## Lost a Finger

Master Arlo Myers, one of the Observer carrier boys is missing a finger. The reason therefor is the too close relationship between the finger and the chain of his bicycle. Arlo was cleaning and oiling the chain yesterday afternoon when his finger came between the chain and the sprocket wheel. The finger was mashed at the second joint and so badly crushed that Dr. Molitor thought it best to amputate the finger.

Arlo did not let a little girl get "out off finger" cause him to miss his "finger". He took the Observer just as if nothing unusual had happened.

## Died.

**BEUSING**—Maria Beusing died at her home in this city July 31, 1904. She was born in Hancock county Ill. 1851 and came to this county in the spring of 1902. She leaves a family of 10 children. Funeral will be held from the Island City church Wednesday at two o'clock, interment being in Island City cemetery. Rev. J. C. Walker will officiate.

## Japanese Progress.

Choo Foo, July.—A Japanese merchant has received word from a Chinese whom he trusts, to the effect that the Japanese have occupied position surrounding the besieged fortress of Port Arthur, with the exception of Golden Hill. The Chinese stated that both sides suffered tremendous losses in the operations necessary to bring about this state of affairs.

The members of the Russian intelligence bureau here while denying the report that Port Arthur has been captured are inclined to believe the reports true the extent the Japanese have made great progress in their operations about the besieged fortress. The party of Russian refugees expected here today have not as yet arrived.

## BORN

**WILLIAMS**—In this city, July 31, 1904 to Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Williams a son.

## Sunday War News

The news from the seat of war that reached us on Sunday is to the effect that a battle had been going on for three days around Port Arthur and was still raging at last reports. Japanese authorities give out that a final effort to capture Port Arthur began on Tuesday July 26, and that they expected to capture the place on July 29.

The attack on Port Arthur was hurried up by the Japanese so that upon its fall their fleet would be free to go after the Vladivostok Russian squadron that is just now cutting up such capers by way of capturing neutral ships supposed to have contraband goods aboard.

Should the attempt to capture Port Arthur fail and the Russian fleet now held in Port Arthur be able to sail out the two Russian fleets will effectually blockade Japan and very seriously interrupt her communications with her land forces in Korea and Manchuria and cut the land forces off from their base of supplies.

## ARDREY RESIGNS

**La Grande Post Master is Forced to Retire on Account of Health—G. M. Richey Named as His Successor.**

The announcement that Post Master Ardrey was to retire from the post office and that G. M. Richey was to take his place came to the people of La Grande like a thunder bolt.

There was little else talked about or a time. The Observer Reporter called upon Mr. Ardrey and asked him if he was willing to give the public any reason for his action. He answered, "Certainly, I am taking this step simply because I am compelled to. It is with deep regret that I give up my office at this time, but the condition of my health is such that it is absolutely impossible for me to remain in the office any longer. I must get out side for a time at least. In sending in my resignation I did so only with the view of bettering my health, and if I could have seen any other way to secure this and still retained my office I would most assuredly have done so."

It is expected that Mr. Richey will receive his appointment within a week or ten days and will be able to assume the responsibilities of the office about the first of next month. Mr. Richey is busy this afternoon receiving the congratulations of his many friends. He has been a resident of this city for the past twenty years, during which time he has held many positions of honor and trust at the hands of the people.

During Mr. Ardrey's term of office he has by care and attention to the duties of the office and by his cheerful and accommodating manner made a host of friends who will sincerely hope that his health may improve and that he will find some other occupation which will cause him to live a long and prosperous life.

## GIRL COUGHED UP PENNY

Boston, Aug. 1.—After years of suffering from an illness which several physicians said was consumption, Miss Iva Blakeman, 23 years of age, of Newton Upper Falls, has coughed up a penny, and her health is improving rapidly.

When the girl was recovering from diphtheria 15 years ago, she swallowed a penny. She fell ill about five years ago, and physicians diagnosed her case as consumption.

Miss Blakeman was seized with a particularly violent spell of coughing a few days ago and in an effort to prevent herself from coughing thrust her finger down her throat. The next instant she withdrew her hand and up came the penny.

## Meat Handler's Strike

The Meat Handler's strike at Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis and Omaha developed no new acts of violence up to Saturday night, otherwise the status was unchanged.

In St. Joe Mo., the strikers on Saturday assaulted several nonunion men seriously beating several. All the teamsters employed by Morris, Swift and Hammond were stopped Saturday by the strikers, intimidated and returned to the stables. The situation at St. Joe is more serious than at any time during the strike.

## PORT ARTHUR IS SAFE

St. Petersburg, August 1.—In view of the rumors of the storming and fall of Port Arthur the general staff authorizes the Associated Press to declare positively that not a single position forming a part of the land defense of Port Arthur has yet fallen into the enemy's hand and that the beleaguers are nowhere nearer than eight or ten miles to the fortress.

The general staff also declares that the bombardments reported July 26, 27, 28 were nothing more than preliminary to an attempt to capture one of the outer positions, probably Lunan ten, to the east. If the Japanese shall succeed in taking one of these positions they will have to bring up siege guns under a flanking fire from the adjoining positions and from cruisers sent out for this purpose. If this task proves possible then only will the Japanese be able to bombard the fortress itself and prepare for the final assault and it is easy to see what a long, dangerous and difficult operation this will be for them.

## BOHNENKAMP'S STORE ENTERED

Sometime during last Friday night someone entered the store of W. H. Bohnenkamp by removing a panel in the door. Several razors, revolvers, cartridges and a hunting knife were all that was obtained, or at least is all that Mr. Bohnenkamp has yet missed. Mr. Bohnenkamp thinks it was the work of some boy or amateur burglar who wanted an outfit for himself. This store seems to attract that class of individuals as it has been entered several times during a few months past.

## Purchased Farm

J. O. Rice, of Enterprise, Wallawa county, yesterday purchased the ten acre tract belonging to C. D. Huffman in May Park and will take possession at once. The consideration was four thousand dollars. Mr. Huffman will at once move to his place across the river and will begin building a residence at once.

## CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE

The Congressional committee that is now touring this coast picking up information concerning our merchant marine is sufficient to enable it to report some plan for rehabilitating American merchant shipping is now in Portland. The citizens of Portland gave the committee a public reception Saturday evening at which several members of the committee made short addresses, among whom was W. L. Marvin, the secretary of the committee, a recognized authority on shipping. In an argument against the theory of free ships he said:

"If the dogma is laid down by the Oregonian is true, that because the foreigner can carry our trade more cheaply than American vessels can do, therefore we should abandon the field to him, then on the same line of argument we should surrender to foreign vessels all our coastwise trade as well. We should abandon this trade altogether and then send our navy to the scrap heap."

Congressman Humphrey of Washington declared the fact that of all the ships which the commission had seen on the Willamette river that afternoon not one was flying the American flag.

"I do not believe that an American ship has sailed in foreign trade from this port within the last year," he added. "It is humiliating to see this trade monopolized by foreign vessels."

## PRICES RISING

**Although Packers Claim to Have Enough Men to Operate the Plants, Prices on Meats are Increasing.**

Chicago, July 29.—Although the managers of the packing companies claim to have enough men working so that their production is almost normal in several plants, the price of meat continues to rise in the local markets. This is largely due to the fact that the products of the big plants have been almost wholly sent to outside points.

The meat served in Chicago restaurants nearly all comes from the independent plants.

## August Announcement

With the opening days of August we wish to thank you and our many patrons and friends for the liberal assistance you have accorded us in cleaning up our stock of Summer Goods, and announce that all that is left of our JULY SALE GOODS WILL CONTINUE ON SALE AT RADICAL PRICE REDUCTIONS WITH A NUMBER OF NEW ITEMS ADDED during at least a part of this month.

There is still some very choice plums left in goods suitable for summer and early Fall wear, and you will find prices low beyond your expectation.

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### GET AN AUTOMOBILE FREE!

We have received the Fall samples from our TAILOR-TO-YOUR-MEASURE house who will give away ten automobiles to their customers this Fall. You will have an excellent chance of getting one of them by ordering your suit through us.

**Men's Suits \$12.25 to \$40.00.**  
**Man Tailored Ladies' Skirts \$9.00 to \$36.00.**

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

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## The Chicago Store

## A PRESCRIPTION DECISION

If you knew that the recovery of some sick friend depended on the strength and purity of certain drugs or on the accuracy of their compounding, what points would you consider when deciding where to take the prescription? The essential requirements, we think, are these, and all of them apply to this store: Drugs are sure to be freshest where trade is largest. Stock is sure to be best where physicians go to buy. Remedies are most reliable where standardized and assayed drugs are used. Compounding will be most accurate where the prescriptionist has had greatest practical experience.

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