

LINE-UP GROWS AT BLACKFOOT

Blackfoot, Id., Aug. 31.—The line-up at the land office here to anticipate the opening of the withheld lands of the Fort Hall reservation is gradually increasing, and every train brings new recruits. No serious conflicts have yet taken place, the crowds as a rule being very orderly, but trouble is expected when the Potatello applicants who were caught napping by the early arrivals here, commence to arrive, as several tracts close to Potatello will be stubbornly contested for.

Murder at Hillsboro.

Hillsboro, Aug. 29.—As a result of an altercation between Bert Oakman, a farmer, and Frank Bennett of this place, Oakman stabbed Bennett in the neck with a knife, severing the jugular vein. Bennett died in 20 minutes. Oakman has disappeared. Oakman is said to have recently come from the east and to have no relatives in the west.

A Remarkable Feat.

Divers performed a remarkable feat recently at the Draper mine in California. An accident happened to the big pump, which is in a sump containing 113 feet of water. The divers descended in absolute darkness, and made certain repairs by sense of touch and feeling that were necessary to start the pump and it has been running since perfectly. The cost did not exceed \$175 whereas a new pump would have cost at least five times the expense incurred for the divers. It was a very unusual procedure but a very successful one.

SPANISH VILLAGES FIGHT OVER SEWERS

Madrid, Aug. 31.—A pitched battle has been raging since Sunday last between the rival villages of Oxya and Fuentes, near Sargossa, over the sewer the ownership of which both claim. Seven hundred men are engaged in the fighting and 28 are already dead and 79 injured. The police are powerless and troops have been dispatched to restore order.

Feed Short

This morning there is a decided shortage in the grain supply for Sumpter live stock. Deliverymen have been buying overly cautious and the commission men have been more hoarse employees in these hills for the last two months of a year ago according to the best authorities. This morning there is very little feed at any point in this vicinity and last night Agent Gardiner stated that the supplies ordered by different people in these parts had not reached Baker City and it will thus be at least a day more before any can be brought in here. —Morning Reporter.

BALLIET IN MORE TROUBLE

San Francisco, Aug. 31.—Lester Balliet has been sued for an accounting by the White Swan Mines Company, Limited, the complaint being verified by C. H. Stuller as secretary. It is stated that Balliet who was treasurer and general manager of the company until last March received \$283,013 for stock sold and that he claims that he expended for the corporation's benefit all of this sum. It is alleged that disbursements amounting to \$183,987 which are entered on the books were made without authority and not for the company's benefit.

Attending Fair

St. Louis, Aug. 21.—Seven million persons have thus far seen the World's Fair. The attendance by week is:

Opening day April 30	187,703
Week ending May 7	137,808
Week ending May 14	183,399
Week ending May 21	257,647
Week ending May 28	299,990
Week ending June 4	378,146
Week ending June 11	499,328
Week ending June 18	475,187
Week ending June 25	540,485
Week ending July 2	540,142
Week ending July 9	592,303
Week ending July 16	500,359
Week ending July 23	612,150
Week ending July 30	551,842
Week ending August 6	601,411
Week ending August 13	666,807
Total	6,925,497

MISSIONARIES FLEE TO ESCAPE

Shanghai, Aug. 30.—Twenty American missionaries including women and children have been forced to leave Tamingful, Pechili province, owing to an intended massacre by the Boxers. The local telegraph company refused to dispatch a message to Minister Conger at Peking and an English friend sent the message. The viceroy of Pechili province then sent orders for their protection and the missionaries came out safely.

\$1,689,750

Is the amount annually expected by the 2250 families visited each issue of the daily and weekly Observer.

The above figure is obtained by consulting bulletin No 53 issued by the U S government July 1904 by the Bureau of Labor page 705, which shows the average expenditure per family for all purposes to be 751.48. Thus we have the total of 2250 families \$1,689,750.

There is nothing so startling about this statement, the same condition exists all over the Western States and there is not a single reader of this statement but knows that the people of La Grande and Grande Ronde valley eat as often as much, and dress as well, and enjoy the comforts of life as any other section in the North west and really all honestly believe that are better off than the average community.

The above statement is the result of painstaking research on the part of the government and cannot be disputed.

The point that called forth the research of the above facts was to demonstrate, that any medium that regularly circulates among an army of purchasers whose annual cost of living is in excess of \$1,500,000, is a desirable medium for advertisers.

There is no other medium except the daily and weekly Observer, that can offer a similar service in this city or county.

Mr. Advertiser: Here is food for thought. The possibilities of careful continuous advertisers in these papers are worthy of your deepest consideration.

Be Careful

The Observer has been informed that promoters of the Trading Stamp advertising scheme are headed this way and we would suggest that our business men thoroughly investigate the matter prior to signing contracts. Elsewhere is publisher in this issue what many of the Spokane merchants think of the proposition. La Grande has been free of fake advertising for quite awhile and it is a well known fact that the best business men once in a while get caught. A word to the wise is often all that is necessary. The plan is somewhat similar to the piano proposition that disturbed business circles in this city a few years ago.

Complaint has reached this office regarding the Probstel bridge. From the information given here the bridge has never been fully repaired from the effects of the high water last winter and now the end nearest town is settling and is about fourteen inches lower than the rest of the structure. This bridge is one of the important ones in the county and should receive the attention of the county court. At the present rate of settling it will be only a short time before the bridge will be utterly impassable. The proper authorities should look into this matter and make the needed repairs before it is too late.

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FARMERS ATTENTION

I have purchased the SPOKANE CAFE and it is my intention to make a special effort to please the farmers. In order to do this I have decided to furnish a special meal Saturday of each week which I call the Farmers' Dinner. This meal will include all that the market affords and will be served in regular family style. This will be the best meal ever offered in La Grande for 25 cents. When in the city call at the Spokane Cafe and see exactly how good a meal you can buy for 25 cents. REMEMBER we pay cash for butter, eggs and chickens.

J F Johnson.

The Observer Does all

Kinds of Job Work

BLOCKLAND BROS.

Island City, Oregon

Breeders of BERKSHIRE and POLANDCHINA SWINE.

Young stock always on hand, and always glad to have you call and see our hogs, as we breed them for the Farmer, and ask you to compare our prices before buying some where else.

We have now two fine young Berkshire boars on hand, July pigs ready for use only \$20. For short time only.

We want your Hay and Grain

AND WILL PAY THE HIGHEST MARKET PRICE

We will take all you have, no matter whether it is only a few tons or if it is several hundred tons. We want all the hay in the valley and then some.

A. V. OLIVER

WHOLESALE and RETAIL HAY and GRAIN DEALER

Half a Carload of New Wall Paper.

We have just received half a car load of the newest and latest wall paper. Half a carload means 20,000 rolls. This is more paper than any one firm ever thought of bringing into this county in a single season.

This paper is all for sale and must be sold this season. We have brought two first class paper hangers direct from Chicago, who are without doubt the most skillful workmen in Eastern Idaho, with the five first class paper hangers already in our employ, gives us the best working force in the inland Empire.

Stackland & McLachlen
PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS

WHITE ROSE FLOUR

Is milled with the idea of pleasing every dealer's high class trade—customers who appreciate quality. The name of the Pioneer Flouring Mill Co. guarantees reliability and highest grade in every sack of flour bearing the White Rose brand.

Pioneer Flouring Mill Co.

Take Care of Your Trophies

I will pay from \$2 to \$10 for male deer heads, handled according to directions. The dotted lines on back of neck and head show where to rip the skin. To bleed your game cut the jugular as low down as possible; never cut the throat. Commence to skin by making a cut from the base of the horn to back of the head thence down the back of the neck to top of shoulders.

thence around the side to point of brisket, work the skin carefully away from the bone of the horns. When the ear is reached cut off those to skull, afterwards remove the flesh when the eye is reached run the finger in from the outside and raise up the eyelid to avoid cutting it. When the ear is reached which is near the corner of the eye, work the skin out of the cavity with the point of the knife. When the corner of the mouth is reached cut through and expose the teeth, leave all the black lining on the lip also all the cartilage on the nose. Salt heavily and roll up for 24 hours then dry in the shade. Unless salted well and dried in the shade your work is almost worthless. Cut as much of the flesh off the head as possible and dry the brain out the hole at back of head. Save the under jaw bones when drying the skin keep it from wrinkling. I will also mount your trophies at reasonable prices.

WM HAWS
Taxidermist