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## CALL IT ALL FAKE

Confessions of the Ex-Convict Easily Confuted.

Denver, Sept. 12.—The leaders of the Western Federation of Miners declare the alleged confession of Robert R. Main, ex-convict, at Topeka, Kan., and its implication of union laborers in two disastrous explosions in the Cripple Creek district, contains many allegations which can easily be refuted. "According to Romala's confession," said William D. Heywood, secretary of the federation, "Davis, McKinney and Parker, members of the Cripple Creek district union executive committee, were with him in Cripple Creek June 6, when, as he says, final arrangements were made for the independence depot dynamiting. As a matter of fact, the three union leaders named were in Denver from May 23 to June 8 attending the annual convention of the federation."

Jack Oliver was over from Union Saturday and Sunday making arrangements to move his abstract office over in the near future.

### Dance Tonight

The regular Monday night dance will be given at the Armory hall tonight, good music and a pleasant time assured all who attend.

### Socialists Notice

All members of County Central Committee and Local La Grande are urged to attend a meeting in the Lewis Building, Tuesday Evening, September 13, at 8 o'clock. Business of importance.

Bird F. Lewis, Sect.

## ENGLAND AND FRANCE PROTEST

Birmingham, Eng., Sept. 11.—The Post today reports that in consequence of Russian communications, the British and French governments have made strong representations to China against permitting General Ma's troops to enter Manchuria.

Ma has 50,000 troops and such a movement would create the most serious international situation which has developed in many years.

### Another Destroyed

Price Valley, Idaho, Sept. 12.—Warren was visited by a destructive fire early yesterday morning and the entire business section of the town was destroyed, entailing a loss of over \$100,000 with no insurance.

### Married

TURNBOW—McCANN—In this city on Sept. 11, 1904, at the residence of C. L. Son, W. H. Turnbow and Myrtle McCann, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. J. D. Gillilan of the M. E. Church.

### Died

LOGSDON—In this city Saturday evening the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Logsdon of inflammation of the bowels. The funeral took place from the Central church Sunday afternoon.

### Born

STODDARD—In this city on Sunday Sept. 11, 1904 to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Stoddard a son.

Miss Beale Henry, who has been in Portland the past three weeks, has returned home.

### Attention Factorymen

All men employed by the Amalgamated Sugar Co. at the close of the 1903 campaign desiring their old positions again this year and all those who have made application for work in the 1904 campaign will please report at the factory on Saturday, Sept. 17th, 1904 as positions will be assigned on that date, for the coming campaign.

Amalgamated Sugar Co. by Chas. Woodhouse, Supt.

## SHERIFF WILL ISSUE ORDER TO CLOSE

September 11 will Go Down in History as the Last Sunday Saloons Were Open in Union County.

Early this week sheriff Pennington will serve notice to all whom it may concern that the Sunday closing laws will be enforced through the county and gambling in all its various forms must cease.

This order will be given out the fore part of this week and will be effective prior to next Sunday.

Until the specific order has been given out by the sheriff its entire scope will not be definitely known.

A published statement in the a few days ago the only disclosed since is the frequent interrogation "When will the order be issued."

The new order will create on serious opposition in the county as two

of the principal town in the county are now to a greater or less extent complying with the law. Elgin has been a closed town for some time, saloons, and stores have been closed on Sunday and public gambling has been suppressed. In La Grande the business houses for two years have been closed Sundays that is all the principal dealers. The change here will be the closing of the saloons on Sunday and public gambling will stop.

Unless there is a sudden change in the policy to be pursued there will be no opposition to the enforcement of the law and as soon as the order has been served the conditions will be accepted and complied with.

### Drilling Match

The drilling match contest between McLeod and Madden which has been anticipated since Labor day is now a certainty. McLeod won the Oregon championship at Bourne on Labor Day, defeating Gus Anderson. One hundred dollar forfeit has been deposited in the First National Bank of Sumpter and the purse between the two men is \$500. The time is set for Sept. 24th, and will be held at one of the three places, Baker City, Sumpter, or Bourne, this being decided by the largest offer of a prize.

Pierce Bros. are hauling 600 tons of timothy hay on their farm below Island City.

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Opening Day Shows Largest Enrollment in History of School

The La Grande Public schools opened this morning with the largest enrollment within the history of the school. The nineteen teachers were all at their places bright and early and by nine o'clock the various rooms were all full and to one unaccustomed to the work of finding places for the youth of America in the school room it would seem that some would be crowded out. By noon every child was assigned to his proper place and each provided with a list of the needed school books and supplies, and tomorrow morning the work of the school year will have commenced and everything be working as smoothly as if such a thing as a vacation was unknown. The total enrollment for the first day was seven hundred and twenty one. This is the largest first day enrollment ever known in the city. Of course before the month is out this number will be greatly increased. The following is the list of the teachers and their assignment as to grades:

**HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING**  
H. J. Hockenberry, Principal,  
F. A. Steger, Sciences.  
F. K. Noordhoff, Mathematics.  
Alice McKinlay, History and English  
Ada Roban, eighth grade.  
Syrn Kuhn, seventh grade.  
Bernice Lagadon, sixth grade.  
Carrie Huff, fifth grade.  
Mertie Aldrich, third grade,  
Mae Wenham, third grade.  
Mary Tait, second grade.  
Maud DeLong, first grade.  
Bessie Worstell, first grade.

**WHITE BUILDING.**  
Manuel Synder, fifth grade.  
Susan McIlroy, fourth grade.  
Bessie Goodnough, fourth and fourth grade.  
Gertrude Mitchell, fourth grade.  
Alice Hanson, third grade.

**LITTLE BRICK**  
Mrs. Nellie Neil, first grade.  
Maud Logsdon, second grade.  
The High school starts off this year with seventy one pupils which is far in excess of any number ever enrolled the first day of any previous year.

## Neighborhood Club

All members of the ladies neighborhood club are requested to attend a special meeting of the club at their rooms in the Commercial Club building next Tuesday afternoon at three thirty o'clock. Business of special importance to the club will come before the meeting and it is important that every member be present. By order of Mrs. R. E. Worstell, President.

### Afternoon Tea

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will give a tea at the home of Mrs. Ardrey on Wednesday both the afternoon and evening. It is so arranged that the gentlemen may attend after business hours. All are most cordially invited.

### Fine Apples

The warm weather this year has resulted in coloring the apple crop which will assist in no small way in their marketing. Those who are in a position to know estimate the crop in the county this year at 200 car loads.

Do not fail to read Mrs. J. R. Forrest's ad announcing her fall millinery opening. The ad appears in this evening's issue of the Observer.

## WALLA WALLA HAY

Large Quantities of Alfalfa and Timothy to be Shipped.

Walla Walla, Wash., Sept. 12.—Between 700 and 800 tons of baled alfalfa and timothy are stored here awaiting better shipping conditions. The Sound markets are the principal ones as Walla Walla can not compete with dealers nearer the Portland markets.

The timothy is from Western and the alfalfa is furnished by the growers of Walla Walla valley. Buyers are paying \$12 and \$13 for alfalfa and \$15 for timothy.

## A Hint to the Wise.



Sharp, Shrewd Buyers Make Early Selections. The Top Notch Values—Those That Strike the Popular Fancy sell out first. We fully realize the truth of this and act accordingly. It is equally true in your case, therefore, if you would choose from the truly choice, make your selections early.

### OUR LADIES TAILOR SUITS FOR FALL

Are nearly all here. They are the choicest lot it has ever been our good fortune to offer. Style, fit, finish and workmanship to please, in such varieties of material that you cannot fail to find "YOUR SUIT" here. Prices are also most attractive.

\$9 TO \$25

### Ladies Street Hats

In all the popular shapes now on display. Our pricings will be an agreeable surprise to you.

### Ladies Water Proof Skirts

Light in weight, comfortable and fashionable.

### Misses and Childrens

### School Dresses.

Good serviceable worsted goods Red, blue, brown, etc, in plain and plaids, neatly made and trimmed—\$1.25 to \$1.75.



New Pompadour And Stray Lock Combs

NOTICE:—Suits, jackets, skirts and long coats of all kinds made to your measure. About 300 samples to select from. All man tailor work.

New Ladies Hand Bags And Purses

**The Fair**  
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

## OUR FALL STYLES



We have just received a small shipment of our FALL STYLES of COATS and SUITS. If you expect to buy a SUIT, it will pay you to look our line over, as it will be to your advantage and you will be sure to get the RIGHT THINGS.

## The Chicago Store

THE BUSIEST STORE IN TOWN  
Adams Ave., La Grande, Oregon.

as all lines are busy. The firemen are working hard to get control of the fire, but the wind has the best of them and