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Wednesday, April 5, 1905.

FORTY YEARS AGO

When April opened forty years ago General Grant at the head of the largest army that had ever done battle on the American continent, was pounding away on the Confederate army under Lee, that was stubbornly defending Richmond Virginia, the capital of the Southern confederacy, confidently hoping to drive Grant and his army from the state, as he had previously driven McDowell and McClellan. The fate of the Union was staked on the result of the battle, which had then, with alternate defeats and victories been going on for two months, and had now reached a stage that a failure of any special move on the part of either of the combatants would prove decisive, and determine the issues of the war.

"On April 1, 1865, Grant opened a tremendous bombardment along his entire line and ordered three army corps to be ready to attack Petersburg on the morning of the 2nd. This long line of men in blue in the morning twilight" Swept like a tidal wave over the protecting intrenchments of Petersburg that had detained the Union army for months, and planted the starry flag over that town. This was Sunday and as General Lee's forces in tumultuous retreat rushed from the outer defenses into Richmond, he caught the significance of the disaster that had befallen him and his cause, hurriedly wrote a note to Jefferson Davis, President of the confederacy, telling him that, "his outer lines had been forced, that he could resist only a few hours longer, and that Richmond must be evacuated without delay." This was in the forenoon and Davis was at church when the note reached him. Davis and his cabinet made haste to leave Richmond for Charlotte N. C. The retreating confederates to prevent a large quantity of liquor from falling into the hands of the Federalists at night fall burst the casks and the flowing liquor caught fire. The flames soon communicated to the adjoining buildings and by the morning of April 3 a large part of the city was in flames. The streets not possessed by the flames were filled with people intent on plunder.

About 7 o'clock on the morning of the 4th, the advance detachments of Unionist entered the city and hoisted the American flag over the capitol of the dissolving confederacy.

On April 9th, at Appomattox General Lee surrendered his army to Gen. Grant, and the slave holders rebellion was crushed and the Union was restored.

It is profitable and proper at times to take a retrospect so as to have an intelligent conception as to what extent our pre-

sent surroundings were determined by events long since passed. Suppose the scale of the battle about Richmond had balanced different and Grant had surrendered to Lee instead of Lee to Grant; the confederacy established and the Union divided what would be the present condition of home life in Union county? The prospect of a divided Union reduced the national credit so that a U S promise to pay a 100 cents only brought 50 cents in gold and in Oregon just before the fall of Richmond but 87 1/2 cents. What would have been the national credit when that division became a reality? With a national credit so low; with a discouraged population and a national debt of \$2,674,815,857 an army disbanded in disgrace with no hope of pension, can any rational person figure out how our present prosperity could possible be. With Lee victorious at Richmond there can be no doubt but that Union county today would be without railroad or telegraphic communications without sea ports and the older states, without these our large wheat fields would be impossibilities, our orchards, big saw mills, woolen mills could not exist without a more efficient style of transportation than the pack mule, ox or horse team.

A strength tonic that brings rich red blood. Makes you strong, healthy and active. That's what Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will do. 35 cents Tea or Tablets

Call For Bids

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will receive sealed bids on the following described work and material: On and before 4 o'clock p m Wednesday April 5, 1905, for furnishing and laying on top of the ground twenty seven hundred feet (2,700) more or less, of one inch galvanized iron pipe, and fifteen hundred (1,500) more or less, of one inch galvanized iron pipe, to be placed in a ditch not less than twelve inches deep and properly covered; also eighteen hundred feet (1,800) more or less of galvanized iron pipe, also to be placed in a ditch not less than twelve inches deep and properly covered, the said pipe to be one half inch pipe, also twenty stand-pipes with one half inch garden valves.

All bids are to be accompanied by a certified check for an amount equal to ten per cent of the bid, said check to be returnable when the contract is signed, and the said work to be completed by May 1st, the weather permitting. Before the contract is accepted, a bond, with approved security must be made for the faithful and efficient performance of the contract according to Specifications.

For further particulars, plans and specifications, call upon I R Snook, at the office of the City Recorder.

Call For Bids

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will receive sealed bids, up until four o'clock p m on Wednesday the 5th day of April, 1905, for the construction of a reservoir, sufficiently large to contain one hundred thousand (100,000) gallons, the said reservoir to be stoned or bricked up, and cemented on the inside, the contractor to do all the excavating, and the said reservoir to be completed on or before May 1st, 1905, the weather permitting. A bond shall be furnished by the contractor with security for the completion of the reservoir in a proper, faithful and workmanlike manner. All bids must be accompanied by a check for ten per cent of the amount of the bid, the said check to be returnable to the depositor when the contract is signed. For further information call upon I R Snook at the office of the City recorder. Signed,

I. R. SNOOK,
S. B. HAWORTH,
F. P. CHILDERS

Trustees of La Grande Lodge I O O F No. 16.

Notice Of Proposed Street Improvement

To Whom It May Concern:—Notice is hereby given of the proposed improvement of F Street, in the city of La Grande, Oregon, by the construction of a seven foot wide walk along the north side of the Block No 67 of Chapin's addition, in said city, and a cross walk across Third street extending west of said Block No 67. Said walk to be constructed at the expense of abutting property owners.

Notice is hereby further given, that unless said proposed improvement is defeated by remonstrance signed by the abutting property owners, and filed with the undersigned on or before the 5th day of April, 1905, said side walk will be ordered constructed by the Council of the City of La Grande, Union County, Oregon.

Dated at La Grande Oregon, the 24th day of March, 1905.

I R Snook
Recorder of the city of La Grande, Union county, state of Oregon.



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You
Seen
'Em?

Have you seen our new spring suits—Coats extra long, wide collars and lapels, shapely shoulders, wide trousers, with all the late kinks in the cut and tailoring? If you have not seen them you're missing something.

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Single and double breasted, in the new brown and gray mixtures, or in broken checks and stripes. Our spring suit display will certainly be a feast for the man who wishes style and durability at a moderate cost, say \$10 to \$20. Our \$15 suits are particular favorites.

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City property for sale.

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We have made up our minds to sell every roll of Wall Paper in our store before the next spring stock arrives, and in order to insure a complete clean-up we have cut the price regardless of former price

Wall Paper from 5 cents up

We want to clear the house before March 1st as we expect a carload of Wall Paper to arrive on that date. We have more Wall Paper now on hand than all the other paper houses in the county. Therefore you will have a greater variety to select from. Our present stock is complete

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I have a good stock of shade trees, shrubs and vines, also American Evergreens for fencing and wind breaks, \$5 per hundred, \$40 per thousand Weeping trees for cemeteries. Carnations, three colors, 12 for \$1. Double Daisies, large, three colors. Large flowering pansies, all colors, per dozen 50c.

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