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### SPEED OF SOUND

Sound of all kinds, the softest whisper, bogle notes, the clasp of thunder, or the crack of a rifle, travels through the air with a speed of 1,124 feet per second.

Light travels so fast that it may be treated as being seen at any distance the instant it starts. These two properties of light and sound may be used to determine the distance a thunder cloud is away, by multiplying the number of seconds between seeing the flash and hearing the thunder, by 1,124 and the product will give the distance in feet. This can be reduced to yards by dividing it by 3, the number of feet in a yard; into miles by dividing by 5,280, the number of feet in a mile.

If standing in Grande Ronde valley you see a thunder cloud on the surrounding mountains and note that it is ten seconds from seeing the flash until you hear the thunder you may know that the storm is 2 miles and 25 yards distant. If the cloud is over head, and there are two seconds between the flash of lightning and hearing the clap of thunder you may know that the cloud is 2,248 feet or nearly a half mile above you. Military men calculate the distance of the enemy's batteries by this rule, and range their guns accordingly.

### CROP OUTLOOK

The Crop Reporter, published by authority of the U S Secretary of Agriculture for July, reached the Observer on Tuesday, from it we make up the following:

The average condition of winter wheat on July 1st was 82.7 as compared with 85.5 last month and 78.7 on July 1st 1904.

The average condition of spring wheat on July 1st was 91 as compared with last month and 93.7 on July 1st 1904.

The average condition on July 1st of spring and winter wheat combined was 85.8 as compared with 84.5 on July 1st 1904.

The amount of wheat remaining in farmers' hands on July 1st



There are many kinds of meat, but we sell only the best kind. A trial order will convince you of the truth of this statement. We kill only the best specimens and kill it correctly.  
Our prices are as low as consistent with the best quality.

**Bock & Thomas**

is estimated at about 24,257,000 bushels this is of the crop of 1904 and is 5.7 per cent of that crop as compared with 6.3 of the 1903 crop on July 1st.

### ON THE OLD CAMP GROUNDS

Walter Rittredge, author of the song that was sung by the union soldiers in the war of the slave holders' rebellion, died at his home, of old age, at Manchester, New Hampshire on July 8th 1905.

The last verse of the song as given below was added by the author many years after the close of the war.

We're tenting tonight on the old camp ground,  
Give us a song to cheer  
Our weary hearts; a song of home  
And friends we love so dear.

#### CHORUS

Many are the hearts that are weary to-night,  
Wishing for the war to cease;  
Many are the hearts looking for the right

To see the dawn of peace,  
Tenting tonight,  
Tenting tonight,  
Tenting on the old camp ground,  
We've been tenting tonight on the old camp ground.

Thinking of days gone by,  
Of the loved ones at home that gave us the hand  
And the tear that said "good-by!"

We are tired of war on the old camp ground.

Many are dead and gone  
Of the brave and true who've left their homes,  
Others have been wounded long.

We've been fighting today on the old camp ground,  
Many are lying near:  
Some are dead and some are dying,  
Many are in tears.

#### CHORUS

Many are the hearts that are weary to-night,  
Wishing for the war to cease;  
Many are the hearts looking for the right

To see the dawn of peace,  
Dying tonight,  
Dying tonight,  
Dying on the old camp ground.

"We're tenting tonight on the old camp ground,  
After the flight of years;  
The grass is waving o'er the mound,  
Where the dear one dropped their tears."

### Sickening Shivering Fits

of Ague and Malaria, can be relieved and cured with Electric Bitters. This is a pure, tonic medicine; of especial benefit in malaria, for it exerts a true curative influence on the disease, driving it entirely out of the system. It is much to be preferred to Quinine, having none of this drug's after-effects. E S Munday, of Henrietta, Tex., writes: "My brother was very low with malaria fever and jaundice, till he took Electric Bitters, which saved his life." At Newlin Drug Co. drug store; price 50c guaranteed.

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Worth up to 50c, Clean Sweep Price at 15c per pair.  
An offer which we can seldom present to our customers.

### INFANTS' AND MISSES' SLIPPERS 50c a pair

Among these are many that sold at \$1.50 and \$2.00, in black, blue and red. Proper thing for warm weather

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# Clean Sweep Sale

You must get in line if you wish to take advantage of the greatest dollar saving opportunity La Grande has ever put before the public. Our CLEAN SWEEP SALE closes Monday evening, July 31, and unless all signs fail will go down as a record breaker.

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### Splendid Money Saving Specials in Ladie's Suit Department

You could hardly hope for such values in the windup sales of August. And here they are with all the wearing time ahead.

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Summer skirts of pure white linen, cut in 9 gore flare. Splendidly adopted for wear these warm summer days. A \$2.75 value  
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### SUMMER WASH SUITS

All the season's styles and in all colors. Chambray Gingham, in light blue, tucked, 7 gored and pleated skirt, full flare pleat. Regular \$4.00 value .....  
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Plain white dotted swiss suit, trimmed with insertion, full flare skirt, \$6.00 value  
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### Women's Summer Underwear Sweepingly Reduced.



**WOMEN'S 65c UNION SUITS 40c**  
White cotton merode Union Suits, short sleeves, knee length, regular value 65c  
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Fine light weight pure Italian silk vests, hand embroidered, silk trimming. Regular \$5 values, now  
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### WOMEN'S 25c VESTS, 20c

Low neck, sleeveless, ribbed vests, plain, neat trimming. Regular 25c value  
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### A ROYAL BARGAIN IN THE MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING DEPARTMENT

### 300 MEN'S AND BOYS' SUITS

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**\$25 Values, now \$20.00**  
2250 and  
20 values, now 17.00  
15 " " 9.50  
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1.00 " " .75  
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### 150 PAIRS OF LADIES' AND MEN'S SHOES

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LA GRANDE, OREGON

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