



RESOLVED
 THAT IF YOU WANT SOMEONE
 TO BE YOUR VALENTINE YOU
 MUST LOOK WELL AND BE WELL
 DRESSED. DON'T BE A
 COMIC VALENTINE. GO TO
 THE BEST PLACE
 BUSTER BROWN

WHETHER YOU WISH FOR SOME ONE ELSE TO BE YOUR VALENTINE OR WHETHER YOU WISH TO BE A VALENTINE FOR SOME ONE ELSE, GOOD CLOTHES ARE NECESSARY. EVERYONE WISHES THE BEST, WE KNOW. SOME CANNOT AFFORD THE BEST BUT MUST TAKE THE NEXT BEST, BECAUSE THAT IS THE BEST THEY CAN DO. FOR THOSE WHO HAVEN'T MUCH MONEY WE CAN GIVE

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M. E. CHURCH SOUTH CONFERENCE

Rev. W. S. Shangle of Pendleton, pastor of Methodist church south is arranging details of the Quarterly Conference of this district to be held in this city in the M. E. church South, Corner 3rd and Jefferson Sts. Feb. 16-17.

EAGLE SOCIAL

La Grande Aerie No. 259 will hold a social session this evening in honor of Grand Worthy Chaplin J. T. Hinkle. All members are requested to be present. Oscar Jackson returned last evening from a brief trip to Pendleton.

THE MAYOR IS WILLING

As there has been considerable speculation the past several days as to whether or not Mayor Stoddard would be a candidate for reelection, the OBSERVER called up the Mayor by telephone this afternoon and asked him regarding the fact. "I am willing to accept the office of Mayor for another term if the people of La Grande think I have performed the duties of that office in the past in a manner to enlist their confidence and support. I am something like the man who was half married", continued the mayor, "who said he had his own consent and all he needed now was the girl's consent. I have my own consent, what I need is the consent of the people."

This declaration is sufficient to quiet all doubts, and it can be accepted as an assured fact that the Mayor's name will again appear upon the ticket.

OUT OF GAS

The east bound passenger, number six, due here yesterday morning but which did not arrive until seven thirty, was short of gas. Consequently when darkness set in, the passengers were without lights. A few chronic kickers made more or less disturbance over the scarcity of light, but most of the passengers enjoyed themselves by singing songs and whistling. Those who boarded the train in this city, lighted matches to produce sufficient light with which to find seats.

DRIVER FAILED TO APPEAR

The crowd had gathered in the Central church last evening to hear the lecture announced to be delivered by Dr. J. M. Driver. But due to crippled train service the noted lecturer failed to put in an appearance. No one of the management are aware just where the Doctor is and consequently are not in position to say when he will be in the city, but he will be brot here at a later date.

ELKS' PLANS MATURING

The various committees appointed by the local lodge of Elks recently, to find and report on a suitable proposition to build an Elks' Hall, are rapidly completing their duties. One committee reported last evening on a site, but before that report can be announced the finance committees, must report. This will be done next Thursday evening and then it will be definitely known where the new Elks' hall will be located.

LOCAL ITEMS

L. H. Russell returned this afternoon from a business trip to Baker City.

Judge White of Baker City, arrived on delayed No. 1 this afternoon to transact business at the court house.

Mrs. J. E. Conners left this afternoon for Pendleton where she will be the guest of Mrs. W. L. Van Nuy.

Wm. McIlroy, the Elgin real estate dealer is a business visitor in the city today.

There is every indication that the special council meeting will be well attended this evening.

Ralph Harder, who has been employed in the creamery in this city, left this morning for Pendleton where he will work in the Pendleton creamery.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Harper and Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Harper all of Lawrence, South Dakota, arrived last evening and will spend some time in this city and Pendleton, visiting with E. O. Harper. Both may locate in this state.

Mrs. J. C. Smith, received a telegram this morning from Ely Nevada, stating that her brother Jack Harris was dangerously ill at that place. Mrs. Harris will leave on the first passenger train this evening to go to him.

Mrs. Geo. Hanson, and son Master Benjamin, arrived in this city last evening from North Powder, to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Fritz. She was accompanied by her sister Miss Nora who has been her guest the past three weeks.

STAGE DRIVE EXCITING

Those who have been forced to take the Wallowa stage from Elgin to points in Wallowa county during the past two weeks, have experienced a trip so full of excitement and lightning changes that they will remember the voyage with a thrilling sensation. The stages, when mounted on wheels, carry runners, and visa versa. For several miles out of Elgin, wheels would revolve very satisfactory and before the passenger was scarcely aware of the change, the lumbering stage would be dashing over the hills and valleys to the merry jingle of sleigh bells. Before reaching inland points in the county, the wheels would again be brought into service. This week, the greater part of the way to Wallowa town was made on wheels.

MRS. STEINBECK'S SUFFERING ENDED

Mrs. J. F. Steinbeck, who has been suffering for the past eighteen months from a complication of ailments, was operated upon yesterday morning at ten thirty by Dr. Moormeister with the assistance of Dr. Volp, in the Union hospital of this city. The operation was of a serious nature and successful. We learned this morning that Mrs. Steinbeck rested well last night.

JASPER IMPROVING

W. R. Jasper is recovering slowly from injuries received in a runaway last week. While out driving on the road South of town, his team became frightened and tangled in the harness. On alighting from the vehicle to remedy the tangle, his foot became caught, and he was thrown heavily to the ground. The accident occurred near the E. Grout residence and that family found him lying in the road, severely bruised and hurt. He was taken into the house and medical help called.

Wonderful Advancement

Has been made of late years in the methods employed

The fitting of glasses should be done by one, who is a specialist, as many a good eye has been blinded by the folly of the patient intrusting their eyes to an incompetent or

Ordinary Optician

Go to a specialist on eyes and nerve measurements, one who can figure to a second just how much energy the eyes are using more than they should use, Dr. Pons the eye and nerve specialist will be at the Sommer Hotel the rest of this week. Hours 9 a. m. till 12 m. and 5 p. m. till 7 p. m. Consultation Free. Dr. Pons will be in La Grande every few months from now on. Bring your broken lens to him, he duplicates any lens in one hour's notice, at a reduced price.

For the past 6 years on my periodica visits I have become well acquainted with Dr. F. E. Moore and I know he has observed the good work in fitting glasses I have done and will have no objections to my referring any one, to him who is uncertain of my ability.

DR. PONS

At The Sommer Hotel

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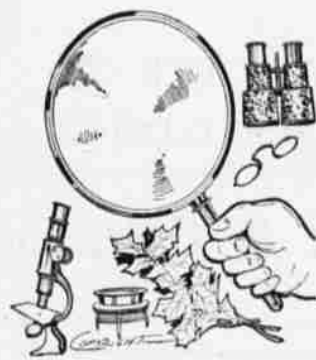
than a traveling optican can possibly carry with him besides his charges are excessive and if his glasses do not fit you are obliged to wait until he is here again next year to get a change of lenses.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Union Hospital, La Grande, Phone Black 581

The Management of the Union Hospital wishes to announce that Hospital Certificates are issued at the rate of \$1.00 for one month, \$2.75 for three months, \$5.50 for six months and \$10.00 for one year.

A certificate entitles the holder to admission and medical and surgical treatment in a ward in the Hospital—if desired medicine and treatment can be given at home—within the period of time the certificate is issued for, in consequence of wounds, injuries or sickness hereafter received or contracted, wholly disabling him from performing the duties of his occupation subject to the following conditions:

- 1—That certificate holder agrees with the rules and regulations of the Hospital.
- 2—The benefits secured by the certificate are limited to the period of time the certificate is issued for.
- 3—No benefits will be allowed for either of the following ailments to wit: Insanity, venereal diseases and Small-pox.
- 4—The certificate is not transferable and any one using it other than for himself will be prosecuted by law.

Intoxication and drunkenness will not be allowed in or around the hospital, and certificate holders breaking this rule will be expelled and certificate cancelled without recourse.

Authorized agent for the sale of Hospital Certificates is Mr. J. A. Matcott, The Management of the Union Hospital

DR. H. VOLP, Office, Corpe Bldg. DR. F. MOORMEISTER, Office, New Bank Bldg.