LA GRANDE, UNION COUNTY, OREGON, FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1908.

La Grande Zvening Observer

ANNOUNCE BIG

FIVE DEAD AND TWENTY-TWO POSTPONE THAW INJURED IN ONE FIRE WHILE CASE TWO DAYS ANOTHER BLAZE THREATENS CITY MANY WITNESSES FOR DE-FENSE CANNOT ATTEND.

HOME INDEPENDENT TELE-PHONE COMPANY GROWING.

EXPANSION OF

'PHONE SYSTEM

City of La Grande to Be Provided With New and Modern Telephone System-2000 Feet of Underground Wires-Poles in Alleys-Combines Rural Subscribers of the County -Work to Commence at Once.

The to be installed by the Home Telephone cannot make the city today. company in the city of La Grande, at purchased and has stored in this city today. one and a half miles of lead cable

mertged in the principal business sec- Monday morning. tion of the city.

. Within a few days digging of the three-foot trenches will commence and with it the laying of conduits and First Heavy Storm of the Year Breaks the cable. In alleys and outlying districts, poles are to be used. Many of these have already been erected, but in the business section they are restricted to alleys alone.

A switchboard of modern make. llowing a perfected central energy system to be installed in the home office of the company, and while the board is being installed, the trenches

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Thaw Case Today, the Defense Asked for a Postponement Until Monday, at Which Time Needed Witnesses Will Be on Hand-Storm Has Delayed Arrival of the Steamer Adriatic One Day.

When Court Convened to Continue the

fire of 1904. The fire started in a New York, Jan. 24 .- When court brass works and spread with remark-With Every Resident and Business convened this morning Attorney Lit-'Phone in La Grande-Up-to-Date tleton asked that proceedings in the Central Energy System to Be Used, Harry Thaw case go over until Monday as witnesses which he wished

most modern and up-to-data yet arrived. The boat is anchored off central energy system of telephony is Sandy Hook on account of a storm and Another Thaw witness is suffering once, and to do this, the company has with pneumonia and could not appear

District Attorney Jerome did not and 2000 feet of underground bitu- oppose the motion, and there will be Finen fiber conduit, which is to be sub- no continuation of the case until the work of the fire fighters difficult.

BLIZZARD IN NEW YORK.

Over New York City.

New York, Jan. 24 .- This city is in the grasp of the first blizzard of the year. Snow fell all night and more than four inches covered the ground

greatly.

and traffic on the streets, elevated roads has been interfered with and by noon the streets were blocked. Owing to a fuel shortage the poor in

fire spread so rapidly that a general alarm was sent in. A gale from the northwest spread the flames and the cold weather made Maine City Burning,

has occurred here since the .

stroyed by flames unless aid speedily the heavy loss. arrives from Bath and Lewiston, to which telegrams asking assistance have been sent.

The beautiful city hall building has that of the complete destruction of ner. A thirty-mile gale has developed northeast wind is raging, which is 000. driving the flames from the center of the city down the steep incline toward the water front.



Indian and European trade Although the fire is under control

visited the city since 1866.

Alarm System Defective. Due to crossed wires in the alarm

system the alarm could only be sent reach the principal stations, the tele- before Justice Sadler of the munici- At that time, said Stelwar, he did not phone system was resorted to, and pal court.

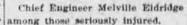
Portland, Me., Jan. 24 .- The cative the strong hold gained by the fire business district of this city is burn- beford the principal departments aring and the town may be entirely de. rived on the scene, is responsible for authorities were not awakened to the testified that he voted for T. T.

Miraculous Escapes. That no one was killed is remarkable. One of the greatest losses is

already been destroyed. A howling the Greenleaf library, valued at \$10,-

Although the property loss is estimated at \$1,000,000, this does filt cover the irreparable damage to property holders in loss of deeds and

> In a hall nearby 700 people were dancing at a Knights of Pythias ball. by the Sait Lake Tribun-All were taken out safely,



HAS OPENLY DECLARED

HIS CANDIDACY TODAY.

Portland, Jan. 21 .- (Special.) --Hon. H. M. Cake last evening announced his candidacy for nomination to the office of United States senator

from Oregon. In his public an-

anoporating he states that he favora

dillement No. I. bellyce in and will

mandate the direct primary law, will

invoce popporous time and effort to

over and harbor Improvement, and a

The candidate will stump the state

of Oregon during the coming mason.

Will Wed Wealthy Widow,

throughout the land as the prosecu-

tor of San Francisco's grafters, has

fame, health and a good name. To

these desirable possessions he will

shortly add wealth and a wife, when

he takes as his bride Mrs. Myrtie Mc-Henry, a young widow of great riches

and greater beauty. Mrs. McHeney

is the widow of a Modesto banker and

a graduate of Stanford university.

San Francisco, Jan. 24 .- District Attorney William R. Langdon, known

enrotul revision of the tariff laws.

SOCIALISTS STIEWER HAS STILL DEFIANT WITNESS STAND IN HALL TRIAL MORE AMMUNITION GIVEN TO CHICAGO POLICEMEN

NUMBER 19.

IN HIS TESTIMONY.

ator, is Star Witness in Mays-Hall

Trial at Portland Today-Reiterates

Outline Statements Made by Henes

-Hall Was Inducing Steiwer to Vote

for Fulton-Evidence Given Not

Portland, Ore., Jan. 24 .--- W. W.

Stelwer, a co-defendant in the Hall-

Mays land fraud and conspiracy case,

who pleaded guilty to the charge late

yesterday afternoon, was the star

Stelwer testified that Hall came to

A letter was introduced in evi-

witness in this morning's session.

Effective to Hall.

Police and City Authorities Commente Realizing the Seriousness and the NOTHING SENSATIONAL Strength of the Clash Between the Police and Unemployed Yesterday -March Has Precipitated Trouble Confessed Land Frauder and Conspir-Entirely Unlooked for-Ben Reitman Demands Quick Trial.

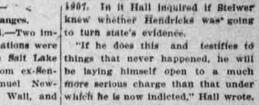
Large warehouses are located along Chicago, Ill., Jan. 24 .- The police the waterfront to care for the West authorities are actually alarmed at the strength and fighting spirit shown this morning, the \$800,000 city hall by Ben Reitman's unemployed social was completely destroyed. All rec- ist followers yesterday and today. ords were lost excepting those of the Chief of Police Shippy ordered that city treasurer and city clerk. It is an extra round of cartridges be given estimtaed the fire caused a loss of \$1,- officers in case of call, and has or-000,000. It is the worst fire that has dered firemen of the city departments to use the fire hose if neces-

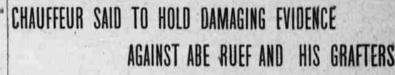
sary. Reitman, the leader, is still defiant him several times during the session and demanded an immediate jury of the state legislature in 1903 and to the nearest sub fire station. To trial this morning. His case was set talked of the fencing case with him.

> believe that Hall was attempting 10 The reserves have been ordered influence his vote in favor of any strengthened by Chief Shippy. The particular senatorial candidate. He seriousness of the situation until Reit-Geer until the last ballot, when he man's men showed fight yesterday. switched for C. W. Fulton. They had not believed that the police dence by Heney which was written would be defied in the slightest manby Hall to Stelwer on December 19,

Salt Lake Paper Changes.

Salt Lake, Utah, Jan, 24 .- Two Im- to turn state's evidence. portant newspaper combinations were "If he does this and consummated to ay. The Salt Lake things that never happened, he will Herald was purchased from ex-Sen- be laying himself open to a much ator W. A. Clark by Samuel New- more serious charge than that under house and Colonel E. L. Wall, and which he is now indicted." Hall wrote. the Evening Telegram was taken over Steiwer was on the stand the rest of the day.





Portland, Maine, is a city of 50,the tenement districts are suffering 145 inhabitants, according to the last documents. It is the largest city in census.

able rapidity. George Horton, chief of the fire department, is among those thought to be fatally injured. were on the Adriatic, which had not The identified dead are: FRED HARMAN, Lieutenant. W. B. PUGH, fireman. Starting shortly after midnight the

This Week--Unusual Price Reducing in Nearly Every Line --Ladies, Childrens, Mens and Boys Departments Liberally Represented.

Inventory and Year's-End Sale

We are in the midst of our Stock Inventory and find in every department lines more or less broken, which must be disposed of, and will be MARKED DOWN FOR QUICK SELLING ... To profit by these "TRULY BARGAINS" you must visit our store often, as every

day will bring forth new bargains.

\$10, \$12.50, \$14.50 Ladles' Suits \$4.25.

\$15.00 Louises or Musses Conts .87.45 \$12,59 Ludles' or Missen' Conta .\$6.20 \$10,00 Louises' or Misses' Costs .\$4.95 17.50 Ludies' or Misses Conts .83.70 25.00 Misses5 and Childs' Coats \$2.45

400 Boxes Andrew Jergen's 25c Toilet Soaps This Week, per box

Odd int Boys' 25c and 35c Caps . . 9c 65c Heys' Outing Night Shirts 38c

\$1.25 Ladies' heavy Outing Flan-50c, 65c and 75c Ladies Belts 25c

10c Key Rings, this week 2 lamp wikes, this week school Rulers, this week 2 bunches Wire Hair Pins



Study the past if you would divine the future .-- Confucius.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 24 .-- Dis- mony is of utmost importance to the trict Attorney Langdon has filed no- prosecution. The defense will resist lice with Abe Ruef's attorneys that this move as they allege that the tomorrow he will ask Judge Lawlor prosecution has ulterior motives in to appoint a commission to take the having Latham's testimony taken at deposition of Artis Latham, formerly this time instead of directly at the Ruef's chaffeur, who is supposed to time of trial.

H. M. Cake Gives Voice to Public know details of passing of bribe Press That He is a Candidate for money in the United Railroads case, Nomination to the Office of United from Tirey L. Ford to Abe Ruef. States Senator-Pavors Statement The motion is based on affidavits night and Saturday. No. 1 and Direct Primary Law- from Detective Burns and others, to Southern Idaho-Snow and rain Will Stamp the State-Wants Riv- the effect that Latham is very anxious ers Improved, He Says. to leave the city, and that his tosti- and Saturday.

Weather Forecast.

Eastern Oregon-Rain or snow to-

Eastern Winshington-Fair tonight

Oregon

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