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- Political Information.
County registration books open until April 7.
Primary election April 17.
Registration books reopened April 21; closed on May 15.
General state election June 1.
Registration books reopened September 20; close October 20.
Presidential election November 3.
City Election.
City registration books close February 22.
Candidates must file their petitions not later than February 22.
City election March 9.

Joseph H. Sherar, who died this week in The Dalles, was one of the best known pioneers of eastern Oregon. Since 1871 Sherar's bridge and hotel on the Deschutes river, on the old road from The Dalles to the interior of the state, have been landmarks to thousands of travelers.

The Oregon delegation and the president seem to be having a whole lot of unnecessary trouble in selecting a man for United States district attorney for Oregon. The Observer could name a half dozen or more, if necessary, eastern Oregon attorneys who are capable and worthy in every respect.

President Elliot of Harvard, says what our American cities need is honesty. Why not give a vote to that half of the people which furnishes two-thirds of the church members and less than 6 per cent of the criminals? Woman's Journal.

In the New York Tribune's test ballot the question was put, "Do you approve of the progressive policies of the president?" Out of the 4518 answers received, 4913 were "yes." Only 543 said "no," and 162 did not vote.

FREIGHT RATES RETARD

OREGON POTATO CULTURE

There is a market for Oregon's big surplus of potatoes in the southwestern states, but the present freight rates prohibit the shipment of any large quantities to that section. If the railroad companies could be induced to lower the rate from 75 to 50 cents to Texas as well as to Missouri river points, it would mean a big movement from Oregon.

several thousand acres of potatoes will be left unsold in this state. The Colorado producers were helped by the railroads in this way a few years ago when that state had a large over-supply and by means of a reduced rate, was enabled to make large shipments of potatoes into this section.

"Should the railroad companies grant such a reduction in freight rates," said George L. Burt, the local representative of L. Scatena & Co., of San Francisco, yesterday, "it would permit at least 2000 cars of Oregon potatoes to go to the eastern and southwestern markets. This would relieve the situation greatly and the farmers would obtain better prices for the remainder of their stocks."

Shipments are being made from Idaho Falls to Kansas City and other Missouri river points and to Texas. Idaho Falls has about 2500 cars of potatoes to ship, and with a 50-cent rate to Texas in effect will probably move all of them. In Oregon there are close to 4000 cars of potatoes remaining, and Yakima has 2000 cars, very few of which will find a satisfactory market unless the railroads help.

No much relief is looked for from the San Francisco market this season. The Bay City is glutted with Salinas and until the southern California stock is cleaned up, the demand for Oregon will be limited. It is estimated that 200,000 sacks of Salinas, Lompoc and such potatoes are still unsold and the supply will last until the middle of April or the first of May. About 700,000 sacks of California rivers are yet to be disposed of and these come into direct competition with the lower grade Oregon potatoes, and sell at 35 to 45 cents a hundred delivered in San Francisco.

There is no market there for Garnet Chiles for seed purposes, but there may be some demand later. There is a limited Los Angeles demand for Oregon Early Rose which are worth about 75 cents here. For Burbanks, local shippers are paying 40 to 60 cents.—Baker City Herald.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.

Postoffice Receipts Swelled by Valentine Business.

Once every year frolicsome children have an opportunity of "getting even" with those against whom they hold grudges and likewise once a year the bashful boy lover has a chance of expressing his heart's affection. That once, is today, and the receipts of business done at the La Grande postoffice will prove that today privileges have been well resorted to.

From 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon until the time little folks should be in bed, the Valentine stores of the city have been crammed with children, each one selecting his or her choice. Today many a little tot went to the postoffice with fluttering heart to learn his fate.

Colored paper has been in great demand for the past week and while valentines sold like steaming cakes, paper had a market nearly as strong.

Were Not His Teeth.

George E. Hedger, the stage employe who was held up and robbed of his gold teeth, is still minus his made-to-order "dining room" ornaments, the bridge presumed to have been his, and which was received by Chief of Police Rice from Pendleton yesterday, not being of proper fit. Mr. Hedger, however, was not convinced such was the case until he had placed the bridge in his mouth and found it was a trifle too small and had been made for another. A peculiar coincidence was that the bridge was made to replace the same five teeth as that of Hedger, and the crown was also in like place and similar to that of the Spokane hold-up victim. The bridge was taken from two suspects at Pendleton.—Spokesman-Review.

Cheaper Fuel.

The price of fuel in Palouse has taken a drop in the past few days, and it is cheaper now than for several years past. Good 16-inch wood, instead of being \$7 a cord, the price asked early in the winter, is being delivered for \$5.50 and \$6 a cord. At this time last year the price was \$9 a cord. Crows Nest and Carney coal is bringing from \$8.50 to \$9 per ton.

Will Meet Again.

A few friends met last Tuesday evening at the studio of Prof. and Mrs. Day, to discuss the "Second Coming of Our Lord." It proved most interesting and it was decided to meet again at the same place next Tuesday evening. All interested are cordially invited to be present.

BELIEVED TO BE DRILLING

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ditional investigation has taken place. This afternoon Chief of Police Waiden inspected the inside of the outfit car but found only a neat and extremely clean set of bunks, many of them occupied. The startled inhabitants of the house on wheels were courteous to the extreme and displayed remarkable intelligence in the conversation which ensued.

Outfit Numbers Thirty.

There are 30 Japs in the outfit and after tomorrow they will go to Washington, where they affirm there is a contract job awaiting them.

While it is not known that the men have actually drilled and exercised in war maneuvers, still such seems to be the case, as Weatherly is so isolated that in a few minutes' walk the men could reach secluded territory large enough for a regiment of soldier, let alone a handful of 30. The wooden guns found resemble a regulation army rifle in size and could prove thoroughly adequate for this purpose. The swords are shaped and sized to an American army sabre. Today the Japs have kept close watch over the hatchway that leads to the pocket, fearing additional inspection of that section of their car.

No Laws Broken.

While there are no federal statutes or provisions broken by reason of the war arms, there is however, that element of reality about the thing that corroborates the vigilance kept by Japanese in America. The drills could not be abolished by officers of the law, neither could the gang be forbidden to carry maps of value to the country from an army standpoint. If they have been drilling and preparing themselves for war, it is but a repetition of what has been discovered on the coast before during the past six months.

When asked regarding the paraphernalia, the Japs replied that it was show "stuff" which they carried with them and which they used in amateur theatricals. The latter story is not given any credence.

SOCIETY.

The crowning event of St. Valentine's week in a social function in La Grande, is the leap year party at the Commercial club this evening, given by a group of young ladies of the city.

The auditorium is a bower of hearts today. The hostesses have outdone themselves in decorations. Every available nook and cranny has been converted into cozy corners of Indian and Japanese design. Hearts are everywhere and their colors blend in a dazzling manner. In one end of the hall is a network of pennants. The orchestra tonight will be secluded by a miniature grove of palms.

The Bidding Was Lively.

Bidding was lively for leases for a number of tracts of school lands at a public sale conducted for the state by the county auditor of Pomeroy, Wash. Although there were outside bidders, men having come from outside counties with a view of securing leases to some of these lands, in every case the resident farmer who sought to release was successful. The lease to one tract, consisting of 320 acres of grain land, sold for \$4500 for the term of five years. J. A. McCanso,

who has been farming this land, is the lessee. Never before in this county has school land leases commanded such high prices.

A Notre Dame Lady's Appeal.

To all knowing sufferers of rheumatism, whether muscular or of the joints, sciatica, lumbagos, backache, pains in the kidneys or neuralgia pains, to write to her for a home treatment which has repeatedly cured all of these tortures. She feels it her duty to send it to all sufferers free. You cure yourself at home as thousands will testify—no change of climate being necessary. This simple discovery banishes uric acid from the blood, loosens the stiffened joints, purifies the blood and brightens the eyes, giving elasticity and tone to the whole system. If the above interests you, for proof address Mrs. M. Summers, Box R, Notre Dame, Ind.

Attention, Elks.

All Elks, their wives and sweethearts are asked to remember the social session Saturday evening. All should attend.

Remember the coked food sale to be conducted tomorrow by the ladies of the Baptist church, at Adcock and Fritts furniture store. There will be a large assortment of home-made articles for sale.

Dance tomorrow night at Harris hall. 2-14-11

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Ore., January 20, 1908. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892, EDWARD MORRILL, of La Grande, county of Union, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 5906, for the purchase of lot 12, section 24; lot 1 of section No. 25, in township No. 1 south, range No. 35, E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 14th day of April, 1908. He names as witnesses: Henry K. Charlton, Denver Charlton, William D. Adams, J. E. McCoy, all of Kameia, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 14th day of April, 1908. E. W. DAVIS, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Ore., January 17, 1908. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892, DAVID E. COOK, of La Grande, county of Union, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 5902, for the purchase of lots 1, 2 and 3, of section No. 18, in township No. 4 south, range No. 38, E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on Monday, the 13th day of April, 1908. He names as witnesses: Volney J. Dawson, John T. Williamson, Peter J. Lilly and George B. Scott, all of La Grande, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 13th day of April, 1908. E. W. DAVIS, Register.

TIMBER LAND ACT, JUNE 3, 1878. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Ore., January 10, 1908. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled

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The Real Estate Security Co.

Fort Dearborn Building, CHICAGO, ILL.

"An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892.

MARY A. VAN BLOKLAND, of Island City, county of Union, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 5891, for the purchase of the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4, and lots and E of section No. 6, in township No. 4 south, range No. 38, E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the register and receiver of the U. S. land office at La Grande, Oregon, on Monday, the 30th day of March, 1908. She names as witnesses: John Van Blokland, of La Grande, Ore.; George Pierce, of La Grande, Ore.; John Schilling, Jr., of La Grande, Ore.; Daniel B. Clapp, of Island City, Ore. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described land are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 30th day of March, 1908. E. W. DAVIS, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Ore., December 13, 1907. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892, LEWIS H. RUMILHART, of La Grande, county of Union, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 5883, for the purchase of lot 4, Sec. 22, lot 1 of section No. 27, in township No. 2 S., Range No. 37, E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the register and receiver of at La Grande, Oregon, on Monday, the 9th day of March, 1908. He names as witnesses: R. D. Hamilton, J. E. Neukirchner, Albert Neukirchner, and D. F. Gillstrap, all of La Grande, Ore. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 9th day of March, 1908. E. W. DAVIS, Register.

The advertisements of La Grande merchants in The Observer should be read religiously. They contain store news of vital interest to every reader.

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For Sale

The undersigned will sell at private sale at his place in Lower Co. the following described property. Property must be disposed of during the month of February.

Two MacGormick binders, one MacGormick mower, one MacGormick hay rake, three six horse harrows, one feed chopper, one header, on two bottom disk plow, one three bottom disk plow, one sod plow, two three bottom gang plows, one two bottom gang plow. Fifty head of horses, including work and young stock and brood mares, and one thoroughbred Clydesdale stallion two years old, and one thoroughbred Clydesdale mare.

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