

La Grande Evening Observer

VOLUME VII.

LA GRANDE, UNION COUNTY, OREGON, THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1908.

NUMBER 95.

BELIEVE EVELYN SINNING AGAIN

DETECTIVES HAVE BEEN SHADOWING HER LATELY.

Evelyn Thaw Faces Physical Breakdown and Financial Stringency—A Proposition Made to Her by Her Mother-in-Law, Which She Will Likely Accept at Once—For Some Time Detectives Have Been Securing Evidence to Bring Against Her.

New York, March 19.—Evelyn Thaw is reported to be on the verge of physical collapse and is facing what to her will be decay of poverty. She has received notice that on April 1 she will be dispossessed of the Parke avenue home in which she has lived for some time. Mrs. William Thaw served an ultimatum on her daughter-in-law and then left the city. If Evelyn will accept a settlement of \$25,000 and consent to an annulment of her marriage to Thaw, no counter charges will be filed, but if she does not, Harry Thaw will bring suit for an absolute divorce without alimony or settlement.

A mass of startling affidavits have been prepared by Thaw's detectives, who have recorded every move made by Evelyn during the past year, and are said to have discovered that Evelyn has been along the White way again, and that they have damaging evidence against her.

It is said Evelyn will grasp Mrs. Thaw's offer.

A PRACTICAL WELL.

Hunt, the Well Driller, Has Good Luck on McDonald Farm.

In a 55-8-inch well 150 feet deep, E. Schwabe, who runs the Thomas McDonald ranch, has a splendid flow of water. The well has just been completed by D. M. Hunt, the well driller, and after a thorough test, the parties interested find the well a splendid one. The water rises within five feet of the surface, and by pumping 300 gallons in 11 minutes, the supply is not lowered in the least. This will no doubt prove to be the most satisfactory well in that section of the valley.

PRESBYTERIANS WIN.

Affirmative Team Wins Extremely Interesting Debate.

A small but appreciative crowd listened to the arguments, pro and con, in the debate at the Presbyterian church last evening, between the Presbyterian Brotherhood and the Brotherhood of St. Paul, in which the former, carrying the affirmative of the question in hand, was given the decision by two of the three judges.

Resolved, That the influence and energies of the church (as a body) should be exerted along political as well as moral and religious lines. Such was the ground for forensic contention and the audience was treated to an especially pleasing evening. No doubt, other events of the same nature will be arranged soon.

Chairman Brenholts, in introducing the debaters, briefly spoke of the purpose of both organizations and dwelt on the benefits to be derived. Chas. E. Cochran opened for the affirmative and was followed by H. J. Hockenberry for the negative and the Brotherhood of St. Paul.

Judge T. H. Crawford, was the second debater for the affirmative and was followed by Herman Clark for the negative. W. S. Seemann, the last speaker on the affirmative was followed by A. W. Nelson for the negative. Messrs. Cochran and Hockenberry closed in heated five-minute addresses. Messrs. J. W. Knowles, E. E. Bragg and C. M. Humphreys were the judges.

The Observer want ad. column is the live wire that starts lost articles your way. Many of its accomplishments are a wonder. If you lose anything you know how best to find it—try The Observer want ad.—for success.

GREAT COMMONER IS 48.

William Jennings Bryan Celebrates Birthday Anniversary.

Lincoln, Neb., March 19.—William J. Bryan's 48th birthday was celebrated today by the democrats of Lincoln and throughout Nebraska. Hundreds of congratulatory messages from admirers in many states and foreign countries were delivered today at the Bryan home near Lincoln, where the famous Commoner finds relaxation in agricultural pursuits in the occasional periods of rest between political campaigns and lecture engagements. Mr. Bryan is today in Chicago.

Although Lincoln is largely republican in its political tendencies, the people of the city are immensely proud of their famous citizen and republicans as well as democrats joined in the day's felicitations.

Arkansas to Endorse Taft.

Little Rock, Ark., March 19.—There is every probability that Secretary Taft will be endorsed for the presidential nomination by the Arkansas state republican committee at its meeting tomorrow. A date and place for the state convention will be decided on.

Governor Guild Sick.

Boston, March 19.—There is little change today in the condition of Governor Guild, whose illness of two weeks may terminate fatally at any hour. His physicians announce that he is suffering with a complication of diseases, including la grippe and rheumatism.

METCALF DENIES LILLEY'S CHARGE

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY BEFORE COMMITTEE.

In Hearing of Investigating Committee Which is Probing the Charges Against the Electric Boat Company and the Style of Legislation Used in Congress, Secretary Metcalf Denies Some of Lilly's Accusations—No Chance for Graft.

Washington, March 19.—Secretary of the Navy Victor Metcalf today appeared before the congressional investigating committee, which is probing into the affairs regarding legislation in the naval appropriation bill and the Electric Boat company, and gave testimony contradicting one of Representative Lilly's accusations. The secretary branded as false the charge that the pending naval bill compelled exclusive purchase of submarine boats built by the Electric Boat company, and that the measure gave the Lake Boat company, which also builds submarines, an equal chance to bid for contracts. Metcalf, in his reply to one question, declared submarines a necessity.

"No member of congress urged the purchase of any particular boat," said Metcalf. During the hearing Lilly was in the committee room but took no active part in the proceedings.

Wants \$800,000 Alimony.

St. Louis, March 19.—Suit for divorce with a demand for \$800,000 alimony and the custody of their child may be filed shortly by Mrs. William J. Lemp against her husband, the millionaire brewer. For several months they have been living apart. Some time ago Lemp began habeas corpus proceedings in order to see the son occasionally. Mrs. Lemp consented to his seeing their son one day a week, but now she is dissatisfied and has demanded better terms of her husband.

M'COY IS SINKING.

Aged O. R. & N. Employee Grows Weaker Every Hour Today.

J. W. McCoy is sinking rapidly. His condition is considerably more alarming today than it was last evening. He is not expected to live out the evening or the night at the latest. Mr. McCoy was for years employed in the freight house of the O. R. & N. in this city.

GRAFT CHARGES FACE ATTORNEY

RESENTS ATTACK AND WILL OPEN BOOKS.

Witness Before Grand Jury in New York Brings Startling Charges Against High State Official—Said to Have Appointed His Friend as Bank Receiver and Then Received Half the Fees—Accused is Defiant and Invites Investigation of Books.

New York, March 19.—Attorney General W. S. Jackson was accused late yesterday afternoon, under oath by a witness before a grand jury, of having demanded of Frank White, receiver of the Hamilton bank, an equal share of all of Mr. White's fees as commissions resulting from that position. The assertion was sworn to by White who was, to all appearances, an unwilling witness.

White was appointed to the receivership by Jackson. It is understood White's fees and emoluments amount to \$10,000.

Jackson has issued a statement in which he says he welcomes investigation and will throw open the records of the office to prove the falsity of the charge.

GAME FRIDAY NIGHT.

Basketball on Skates at the Noyes Rink Again Friday Night.

The home talent basketball on skates at the Noyes rink is the center of attraction this week. A game similar to the one which was played recently will again be played Friday night. To eliminate the only adverse feature of the last game—the many delays—the skaters will supply themselves with additional straps that skates may not be knocked off so often. This will make the game much faster and more exciting.

SIGNS OF PROSPERITY.

Many of the Large Suspended Banks About Ready to Open.

New York, March 19.—The Hamilton National bank, which closed its doors during the financial flurry last fall but was reopened early this year, under a deferred payment plan, will make its third payment to depositors tomorrow. According to the agreement between the bank and the depositors, this payment is not due until May 20, but the directors have decided to anticipate it by two months. Two payments have already been made by the bank.

Kansas City Bank to Reopen.

Kansas City, March 19.—Arrangements have been completed for the reopening, 11 days hence, of the National Bank of Commerce, one of the largest and most important financial institutions west of the Mississippi, which closed its doors on December 5. W. B. Ridgely of Washington, comptroller of the currency, has been selected as president of the reorganized institution.

Knickerbocker Trust Co. to Reopen.

New York, March 19.—According to the announcement of the trustees, everything will be in readiness for the resumption of business by the Knickerbocker Trust company one week from today, the date set for the institution to reopen its doors. The reorganizers are busily engaged in putting affairs in shape for next Thursday, with every prospect of complete success. Under the reorganization plan, control will not revert to the original stockholders until the depositors have been paid in full.

The Knickerbocker Trust company was the first and largest banking institution to close its doors in the panic days. The company suspended on Thursday morning, October 22, after a run of two hours had exhausted \$7,000,000 of the company's \$8,000,000 of cash. Since then the committee has been working incessantly in the face of innumerable obstacles to prepare a satisfactory plan for resumption and get enough assets from the 17,000 depositors to make it operative.

LANDSLIDE IS WIDE.

Several Days Yet Before Logs Can Be Hauled to Palmer Mill.

Roadmaster Dahlgren reports that the washouts on the Wallows extension are practically repaired, but that the landslide on the Palmer spur leading to the lumber camps, is a more gigantic task and that it will be Monday or Tuesday of next week before logs can be hauled over the faulty tracks. The landslide is of considerable length. The O. R. & N. troubles were at the Cabin creek bridge. In the meantime the Palmer mill will have to go without logs other than those which are held in reserve.

Fire in Baltimore.

Baltimore, March 19.—Six alarms of fire were turned in this morning when fire broke out in the fifth story of the Keidel building, the heart of the wholesale district. The building was occupied by a gun and ammunition company.

For an hour the flames raged furiously and it seemed as though the entire wholesale district might be endangered. Sensational work by the department, however, kept the flames confined to one building. It is impossible to estimate the loss.

Chance for Brownville Soldiers.

Washington, March 19.—Today Senator Warner of Missouri, introduced a bill allowing the soldiers concerned in the Brownville shooting affair to reenlist, provided they would take oath they had not been involved in the riot.

DIPLOMATS TO LOSE POSITIONS

CZAR ANGRY ABOUT HIS WEAKENING CORPS.

Ambassadors at Courts of Turkey, Germany, Spain and France Are to Be Retired and Younger Blood Given the Places—Czar Displeased With Austria-Hungary's Action in Securing and Holding Desirable Right of Way for Railroad.

St. Petersburg, March 19.—Convinced that Russia's diplomatic service is badly organized and that the spirit of the corps is deteriorating under the strain of recent troubles, abroad and at home, the czar has determined on a complete reorganization of the service.

Grand Duke Vladimir has been put in charge of the diplomatic shake-up and the selection of a younger and more aggressive corps is almost certain to follow. It is stated upon good authority, that M. Isvolsky, minister of foreign affairs, and ambassadors at courts of Turkey, Germany and Spain and to the republic of France, will be retired.

It is said that the recent diplomatic coup exercised by Austria-Hungary when that nation secured the right of way for a railroad connecting with the Danube and a direct route to Salonica, and held it, despite protests from Russia and France, is what caused the czar's anger.

GET BLUE AND WHITE.

Numerous Demands for Change of Ball Team Uniform Colors.

So numerous and persistent have the demands for a change in the baseball team uniform colors from those selected by popular vote last Tuesday night, been made to the baseball promoters, that it has been decided to change the gray and red scheme to blue and white. The order for the suits went in today.

Three Freights West.

An extra stock train, an extra west and the regular No. 23 today constitute the number of freight trains that have gone over the mountains from La Grande since the traffic on the O. R. & N. was resumed, following the blockade. This is unusually light, considering that the cars had more than three days to accumulate in.

DUNBAR ADMITS OF TAKING FEES

ADMITTED RECORDS WERE DESTROYED BY HIM.

Former State Secretary Dunbar is in Court Today, But Creates Sensation From Another Source by Admitting He Took About 40 Per Cent of the Total Fees—Was Expected That He Would Not Appear in Court to Answer Demands—State Has Rested.

Salem, Ore., March 19.—On the witness stand today former Secretary of State F. I. Dunbar, who is defendant in a case instituted by the state to recover over \$100,000 in fees alleged to have been illegally collected by him, while in office, admitted that he had taken over \$25,480 in insurance fees, but stated the books recording these fees had been destroyed by his order when his term of office terminated.

His counsel then stipulated that in the absence of the books, they admitted Dunbar had taken at least 40 per cent of the total fees. The state then rested its case.

Developments of a startling nature had been looked for, but they appeared from an unexpected source. The former secretary had been instructed by the courts to produce his memoranda and books showing the receipt of the fees, but not until this morning it was not expected that he would make his appearance. His plea of having destroyed the books was not looked for.

NEW EMPLOYMENT AGENCY.

A. J. Webb Accepts Position With the Real Estate, Loan & Commission Co.

A. J. Webb, formerly assistant secretary of the Commercial club, this morning assumed his duties with the Real Estate, Loan & Commission Co. He will solicit real estate listings, do the collecting and receipt for money, but his principal work will be the management of an employment agency.

He will have his office in connection with the head company's office on Depot street, and will be ready to list all requests for employment or to receive requests from people who desire any kind of work done for them. This will be the central office for a large amount of labor employment in the valley.

Little Rhody is Divided.

Providence, R. I., March 19.—Primary meetings for the election of delegates to represent the republicans of Providence in the state and congressional district conventions next Thursday will be held this evening. Sentiment among Rhode Island republicans in regard to a presidential candidate is apparently divided between Taft and Hughes, and the state convention here a week from today will likely be the scene of a lively fight.

MANY CANDIDATES.

Abundance of Material to Pick Indoor Baseball Team From.

Judging from the enthusiasm which was evinced in the first try-out practice for the indoor baseball team, La Grande will have a team of more than ordinary ability when the Enterprise team steps on the diamond next Wednesday night to open a two-game series here at the Noyes rink.

Two full teams were out for practice and many players demonstrated their right to be called indoor baseball artists. From 15 to 20 candidates there is no question but that Captain Crowe will pick a team that will keep the top-notch team from Wallows county going every minute.

The two games will be played on Wednesday and Thursday rather than Thursday and Friday, as first announced. The Enterprise team will come in by team and stay here a day before the game.

Practices will be held regularly, in fact, every evening. Tickets will soon be on the market and extra effort will be made by the members of the association and the candidates for the team to raise the \$100 expense account, which the game will entail.

Renominate Congressman Foster.

Princeton, Ind., March 19.—Representative John H. Foster will be renominated for congressman from the First district by the republican congressional nomination convention which opened here this afternoon. Sentiment among the 104 delegates is apparently unanimous for Fairbanks for president.

GUNNERS TRY NIGHT PRACTICE

SEARCHLIGHTS LOCATE TARGETS IN DARKNESS.

Reports From Magdalena Bay Encouraging—Night Practice Instituted Last Evening and Remarkable Skill in Gunnery Evidenced—Fishing is a Popular Recreation for Officers and Fleet Crew—Coming North After April 10.

Magdalena Bay, March 19.—Target practice continued steadily all day Wednesday with conditions favorable for accurate shooting.

The first night practice began last night, the targets being located by searchlights. This style of shooting developed surprising skill on the part of the gunners, who riddled the targets continually. It is unofficially reported that target practice will close on April 10, immediately after which the fleet will leave for the north.

Fishing continues to be the most popular method of recreation on the part of the men and officers. The bay is dotted with boats loaded with fishermen.

Prescriptions

There is no more vital question to be considered in the family than that of the compoundings of the doctor's prescription. There should be no half way methods regarding prescriptions. We use pure drugs, compounded just "according to the doctor's orders."

HILL'S DRUG STORE

La Grande

Oregon