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Every possible preparation has been made by us to supply your demands for this occasion. Our stocks are now complete in all departments and the world of fashion is

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Newest Tailored Gowns and Street Suits



Easter Millinery--Picturesque Modes

The designers who decide positively upon the world's millinery fashions have gone to the old masters in oil for this season's inspirations. We will have a special showing for Saturday. **COME AND SEE THEM.**

BEAUTIFUL WAISTS--NEW ARRIVALS--We can suit every taste and every purse.

EVERYTHING IN PIECE GOODS--If you have not already made up those Easter Gowns, there is still time, provided you hurry.

Come to our store and see all that is good and beautiful in these lines : : : : : :

The People's Store

OPERA HOUSE BLOCK LA GRANDE, OREGON

ISLAND CITY ITEMS.

Ed Kiddle returned from Portland Sunday morning.

Ernest Johnson is seriously ill with pneumonia.

"Uncle" Alex Ferguson is very sick at his home east of town.

We were shocked last Friday to learn of the death of Miss Katie Castle. She was a pupil in the Island City high school, and a member of class No. 3 in Sunday school. The floral offerings from the high school and Sunday school were fragrant with the love of teachers and pupils. It can be said of Miss Katie "That none knew her but to love her. None named her but to praise."

Saturday little Kenneth Smith succumbed to the dread disease pneumonia, after having been sick almost three weeks. The family and friends 300 feet.

had hoped against hope that he might be spared. He was taken seriously ill from the very first. We can only say, God's will, not ours, be done. The floral gifts were many and beautiful.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to these bereaved families.

Samuel Storey is confined to his home with la grippe.

Miss Elsie Couch is out of school, suffering with a severe cold.

Miss Carrie Hunter returned this morning from her trip to Portland and Seattle.

Dr. A. L. Richardson is grading and preparing for cement walk around both sides of his home and other adjoining property, consisting of possibly

THE CITY COUNCIL

Every councilman was in his seat last evening when the mayor dropped his gavel and from the volume of business transacted everyone had his working clothes on.

The mayor and recorder were instructed to enter into two separate contracts with the Grande Ronde Electric company, one for to furnish 40 lights for a term of five years, an increase of seven lights over present conditions, at the rate of \$6.50 per month and when 50 or more are required the price will be \$6.

The pumping contract was made on the basis of \$2000 per annum for eight hours' service, and if additional hours are required at the same ratio.

The growth of the city is recorded in the growth of the demand for water main extension. Petitions were in last night asking for mains, six blocks on Parson street; 150 feet on O and Fifth, and on Trowbridge from North Fir to Wagner.

Petitions were also presented to have a cement walk ordered on a portion of Third, by F. L. Harris, et al. D. C. Stevens petitioned to have Ma-

ple opened from Adams to Jefferson.

The grade on Second, between Jefferson and Division, was petitioned to be changed.

Charles Tall and others asked to have a light placed on Madison avenue.

Bids will be advertised offering for sale or leasing, the pest house property. The city will reserving five acres from the 40-acre tract.

There were a number of bids for street sprinkling. G. E. Fowler offered to do the work for \$95 per month and furnish the sprinkler. W. B. Graham and W. H. Reynolds both bid \$4 per day, the city to furnish the sprinkler. All bids were referred to committee.

A resolution was offered to have the paint removed from the windows of billiard halls. The city attorney stated that such an order must be made by ordinance and he was instructed to have one prepared at the next meeting.

An ordinance was introduced and passed to the second reading, changing the names of certain streets to make them conform to the requests of the postoffice department. If carried this will result in all streets running north and south will be known as streets and all running east and west as avenues. Unless changed the streets will be named in the ordinance as follows:

P street will be known as Pennsylvania avenue; Tyler avenue to Palmer avenue; Pine street to Hemlock; N street in Coggan's 2nd addition, to East N avenue; O street in Coggan's 2nd addition, to East O avenue; Island avenue to Cove avenue; F street, in Williamson's addition, to Pennsylvania; E street, in Williamson's addition to Q avenue; D street, in same addition to R avenue; C street, in same addition to S avenue; B street, in same addition, to T avenue; A street, in same addition, and Osborn street in Fredmore's addition, to Jackson avenue Parson street to U avenue; Hill to V avenue; Harding and Trowbridge to W avenue; Linn, Wagner and Robin to X avenue; Douglas, Spalding and Roosevelt to Y avenue; Baker Klamath and Sears to Z avenue; Curry to Crook avenue; Coon, Grant and Benton to Lane avenue; Jackson and McDonald to Benton avenue; Multnomah to Alder; Wallowa to Walnut; Morrow to Walnut; Morrow to Oak; Marion to Cedar; Valley to North Spruce; First, in Williamson's addition to North Maple; Second, in same addition, to North Pine; Third, in same addition, to North Cherry; Fourth in same addition, to North Balm; North Pleasant Home addition, to North Pine.

INFORMATION TO THE VOTER.

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ousing vote.

Special attention is called to the information at the head of this column. There are two changes in the voting places, namely: the Third ward and the Fifth ward. Notice them.

TWENTY YEARS IN HARNESS.

etern in Insurance Business and Still in Active Service.

H. P. Lewis, the veteran life insurance man of Union county, is in receipt of a handsome medal from the New York Life Insurance company which was presented to him by the company in commemoration of 20 years' continuous service. The medal is a handsome gold affair, and is only given to those who have stood the test of time in the company's work. Twenty years' service for one company and in one district is certainly a splendid recommendation. Mr. Lewis during all these years has made La Grande his headquarters and has written hundreds of policies. He has seen many policies come to maturity and scores of death losses paid. Many widows and orphans can testify to his care and painstaking efforts in their behalf, and it is his privilege to say that in not a single instance has the New York Life company failed to keep the pledges made in the policies he has written. The Observer is pleased to say that though Mr. Lewis has been in the harness for nearly a quarter of a century he is still writing insurance and has lost nothing of his old-time activity in the work, and still continues along the old lines of fulfilled promises and careful mathematics.

Easter Arrivals.

The Fair store has just received by express a shipment of ladies' suits. These suits are especially attractive for Easter wear and the ladies should call at the Fair store and see them. They are now ready for inspection.

Fine linen paper by the pound at Ferguson's.

Confidence

when eating, that your food is of highest wholesomeness—that it has nothing in it that can injure or distress you—makes the repast doubly comfortable and satisfactory. This supreme confidence you have when the food is raised with

ROYAL Baking Powder Absolutely Pure

The only baking powder made with Royal Grape Cream of Tartar

There can be no comforting confidence when eating alum baking powder food. Chemists say that more or less of the alum powder in unchanged alum or alum salts remains in the food.

OFFICIALS VISIT HERE

Pay day in La Grande had several new ovations this morning. The usually quiet event was marked today by the presence of nearly every department head of the O. R. & N. company, and all the principal officials of the company. Another feature of the most important day of the month to railroad employes was the new system adopted in issuing pay checks. Through various motives, the checks were not mailed out from the company's offices at Portland, but were taken in charge by Paymaster Brown who, accompanied by a large list of officials who are out on an inspection tour, and who personally pays out the checks today.

Those Here. A special train composed of three private cars, 01, 02 and 03, the private cars respectively of General Manager J. P. O'Brien, General Superintendent M. J. Buckley and Superintendent W. O. Campbell, reached the city at shortly after 10 o'clock and remained here until after the noon hour. In these three cars were practically all the department heads of the company.

Local Employees Assembled. By reason of previous announcement, nearly every railroad employe of the city was at the ticket agent's window at the appointed time and the payment of checks went on rapidly. It is not believed that this system will be adopted permanently.

The special with its load of O. R. & N. officials went on to Huntington this afternoon.

Kemp is Coming.

The same Kemp who gave us "Seven Oaks" last year and delighted his audience, appears in the delightful romantic drama "If I Were King," Friday evening, April 17, in Central Church of Christ. Seats 50 cents; children half price, at Selder's.

OHIO PRODUCES A LABOR PARTY

Cleveland, O., April 16.—Active work of forming a labor party in Ohio began today with a committee of seven who will start the work. At a meeting of the labor council last night the movement was authorized. The members will begin the campaign for election of state and county candidates. If proper assistance comes from Chicago, New York and San Francisco, the movement will be made national.

THREE MORE CARS.

Oldenburg & Ramsey Have Shipped 36 Cars of Potatoes.

With only three more cars of potatoes to be shipped, Oldenburg & Ramsey, local representatives for Page & Son of Portland, have about closed the season's shipment. Thirty-five carloads have been shipped from Union county and when the remnants are sent out the total will be 38. These shipments netted the growers not less than 50 cents per hundred and a general average is nearer 60 cents. This is positive proof of the proportions of the potato industry in the Grande Ronde valley, as other shippers of the city will bring the grand total of shipments close to 100 cars.

Purchased Bloch Property.

Today the papers were signed which consummated the sale of the M. S. Bloch property on Adams avenue to A. B. Conley. Mr. Conley will take possession about the middle of May. Mrs. Bloch will then go to Portland to visit her sons and daughter, Miss Stella who are now there.

Roller Takes Two Straights.

Portland, Ore., April 15.—Dr. B. F. Roller defeated Victor McLaglen in two falls last night which took up little less than 10 minutes wrestling. McLaglen was never a contender.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

of Special Saturday Sales
Something new every week

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LA GRANDE

OREGON

TRY SHEPHERD FOR CONGRESS

All bills carrying appropriations originate in the House. There are no conflicting interests to prevent a Multnomah man from giving a Square Deal to any part of Eastern Oregon.