

# La Grande Evening Observer

VOLUME VII.

LA GRANDE, UNION COUNTY, OREGON, SATURDAY, JULY 11, 1908.

NUMBER 245.

## INLAND EMPIRE BASEBALL FLAG IS LA GRANDE'S

**BABES WILL PULL IT  
DOWN SUNDAY NIGHT.**

As a League the Inland Empire Baseball Club Association will cease to exist after tomorrow night—La Grande's Victory Clean and Undisputed—Never in Danger of Being Overtaken—In a Class by Itself—Pets Lost Yesterday.

Tomorrow night the Inland Empire League firecracker explodes. Tomorrow night, also, the La Grande Babes pull down the pennant after a race in which the La Grande team has been far superior to any other club in the league.

The season has been short. The sudden end is traceable directly to the excessive heat, but indirectly to failure of Pendleton to support its club. Baker City, Walla Walla and even La Grande are fairly on Easy street on the eve of the final disbanding of the league, but the warm weather in Pendleton and Walla Walla, for that matter, has put a quietus on paying crowds at games in that section, and even during the last few games the management resorted to "twilight"—6 o'clock—games, to allow patrons to escape the intense heat of the afternoons.

**Pendleton and Walla Walla Quit.**  
The last game of professional baseball under league protection will be played in La Grande and Pendleton tomorrow. The Garden City team and the Pendleton Pets disband, according to present plans. There will be a figurative rolling up and storing away of the 1908 pennant tomorrow night. La Grande baseball fans have never been harrassed by any danger of losing the imaginary piece of silk and so can hardly realize the honor of being able to lay hands on

it. But one thing has been firmly impressed upon the Inland Empire this season, and that is that La Grande can produce a winning team and, not only that, but one which is, or rather has been until a very recent date, in a class far above the other clubs. There has been actually more excitement and more contention for second place than for the pennant itself, the other clubs having long since been advised by wise fans that the Babes were too strong.

**More Baseball Here.**  
Though the Inland Empire league (Continued on page 5.)

## SEATTLE ALARMED AT COSTLY FIRE

**THREATENED TO BURN ENTIRE RESTRICTED DISTRICT.**

**Two Men Are Dead, One Burned, and Another Fatally Injured in a Seattle Fire This Morning—Damage Amounts to \$125,000—Lack of Water Gave City Much Alarm—Flames Rapidly Spreading When Hydraulic Machines Saved the Day.**

Seattle, July 11.—A fire which threatens to wipe out the restricted district of the south end of the city, started this morning. Four large buildings are already burned.

Two men are dead as a result of the fire. It started in the restricted district and spread rapidly on account of an insufficient supply of water. Finally the city officials turned on the hydraulic machines used in sluicing down the hill on Dearborn street. The salt water used by the plant soon extinguished the flames.

The loss is estimated at \$125,000. Several stores, laundries and other establishments were soon enveloped in flames. One man burned to death, and another jumped from a window. Many had narrow escapes.

Assistant Superintendent Connolly, of the O. R. & N. lines, passed through this morning on No. 8.

## GARFIELD SEEN IN LA GRANDE

**ACTS ON IMPORTANT MATTERS IN PENDLETON.**

Secretary of the Interior Passed Through La Grande This Morning En Route to Twin Falls—While in Pendleton Rendered Decision of Deep Interest to the Auld West—Land Owners Can Use Water Only When Living on Land.

Riding in General Manager O'Brien's private car, over the O. R. & N., attached to the eastbound No. 8 this morning, en route to Twin Falls, Idaho, after a short visit to the Umatilla government irrigation project last evening, was Secretary of the Interior Garfield.

Though the distinguished gentleman was in Umatilla county but a short time, he issued three edicts, which are of vital interest to residents of Umatilla county, and of general interest to everyone who follows the stride of advancement by the government in reclaiming arid lands.

The first decision which the secretary handed down while in the Hermiston country yesterday afternoon was to declare that people living in Pendleton could not claim water rights under the government project. Hence, it is seen that to use the water of the government canal, the land owner must live in the favored section. This is an unfavorable decision to many who live in Pendleton and own land which might come under the canal's benefit.

Another vastly important decision was to allow the land owners additional time in which to make their payments on land. The payment on the 7000 acres of Umatilla desert that were reclaimed last spring was due on March 1, 1909, but this payment has been extended until December 1 of next year. This, in view of the fact that crops will be limited the first

(Continued on page 8.)

## THE VALLEY OF GRANDE RONDE

**AS SEEN BY STRANGER UNUSED TO ITS BEAUTY.**

From His Point of Vantage on the Hillside La Grande's Tom Richardson Sees Beauties the Accustomed Eye Overlooks and Fails to Appreciate—A Scenic Pen Picture of the Beautiful Valley Stretching Out From La Grande.

(By P. C. Lavey.)

"All powerful Creator of the universe, I thank Thee that Thou hast permitted me to live, that I might this day in silent reverence, gaze across this beautiful valley of peace and plenty, and meditate upon Thy wonderful provision for the care and happiness of a portion of the inhabitants of this earth. It has brought me to marvel even more at Thy power and worship more fervently at Thy shrine."

Yesterday evening as I stood upon a hill side on the eastern rim of the Grande Ronde valley, this fervent offering of thanks was made to Him on high. Could you have stood there with me, no matter what temperament was yours, no matter what corner of the earth you came, you, too, must have felt this unseen presence of supreme power and felt thankful for having lived this day. The sun was disappearing over the green-robed hills to the west, casting in its descent a blaze of golden light over the uninterrupted green of the intervening valley. Here and there, winding themselves snake-like through the fields of golden grain, almost ready for the harvest, through the well-kept garden spots, and on down through the wonderful fruit orchards where the rich red cherries gave back the glory of their coloring clear and distinct, where the very leaves on the trees seemed crowded out by the bounteous harvest of apples, crept the clear cool waters of the Grande Ronde river, in wonderfully, cunningly constructed laterals and ditches, each with its attendant contributory from the main flow to the rich soil of an adjoining field.

The song birds giving forth their evening worship to the departing sun-gods, filled the valley with music which seemed to give peace and contentment to the very soul.

From over yonder, to the right, came the tinkle of the cow-bells as the cattle wended their way to the rail-fenced corrals, where waited the farmer, shining milk pail in hand, ready for the harvest of rich milk gathered from the luscious and choice clover of the meadows.

Behind, cracking his home-made whip and singing the songs of happy youth, came the barefoot country boy—the man of the future. From a meadow on the left came the rattle of a farm wagon loaded high with the green, sweet-scented new mown hay, on its way to the farm yard for the night, and perched high upon its apex sat the farmer, happy in the knowledge of a day's work well done, and singing the praises of his native land—Oregon, My Oregon.

Like a jewel set in richest golden mounting lay this peaceful valley, surrounded in almost perfect circle by hills, rich in minerals and covered with worlds of towering pine trees of inestimable value to their owners. From among their stalwart heights peaked out here and there a streak of coloring which in the evening sunset gave defiance to description.

In the distant west, nestled closely to the protecting hills, lay the bustling city of La Grande, its church spires rising in mute evidence that here, indeed, dwelt a god-fearing, home-loving people. Thin columns of smoke rose straight into the heavens from the furnaces of the factories and work-shops, whose machinery had just become silent at the close of the work day and from whose doors poured forth the grimy men of toil, all eagerly making their way to comfortable, well-kept homes, where dwelt all that life holds dear to man. Their happy children with shouts of joy, ran to meet them along the way, and the happy wife was at the door

greeting her hero with words of praise and joy at his coming. Here, indeed, was happiness. Descending the hill, I made my way to a nearby home. Out from the hill side near the house ran in glimmering stream, the purest of crystal water, of which I drank to my heart's content. Then on through the green fields, past beautiful homes and gardens, through fruit-laden orchards I wended my way to my hotel, my heart filled with gratitude and upon my lips the song I heard coming up from the fragrant meadows—"Oregon, My Oregon."

## THE COMMONER SMILING BROADLY

**MUCH ELATED OVER "HOW IT HAPPENED" STORIES.**

The Democratic Standard Bearer Sits on His Front Porch and Smiles While Delegations Impart Secrets to Their Leader—Head of Democracy is Much Pleased—Everything Went Just as the Leader Wanted it To—Smile Won't Come Off.

Lincoln, Neb., July 11.—William J. Bryan, wearing the smile that won't come off, sat on the front porch of his Fairlie farm today listening to stories of "how it happened" at Denver. The delegations on their way home from the convention, stopped to have a chat with the Commoner.

Bryan appeared to be greatly pleased. The delegates who talked with him say everything went off just as Bryan wanted it. Bryan is more confident this time than ever before. Nearly every delegate had some secret to impart.

**REVOLUTIONISTS SUCCESSFUL.**

**Choluteca, Honduras, is Now in the Hands of the Revolutionists.**

Managua, Nicaragua, July 11.—Dispatches say revolutionists have risen against the Davila government in Honduras and are threatening Santa Barbara. They have already captured Choluteca, which is one of the most strongly fortified ports in Honduras. Fighting lasted three days and many were killed or wounded.

Washington, July 11.—Government officials received official confirmation that Choluteca has been captured. The state department is disappointed at the success of the revolution.

**FLEET VOYAGE UNEVENTFUL.**

On board the U. S. S. Georgia, by wireless, July 11.—The Atlantic fleet is progressing satisfactorily on its voyage to Hawaii, having enjoyed pleasant weather so far. At 12 today the ships were 1050 miles west of San Francisco, proceeding at a fixed rate of 10 knots per hour. Each day while the vessels go through maneuvers they present a beautiful sight. No accident has occurred.

## MEET TO ELECT PROHIS' LEADER

**MANY CONSPICUOUS FIGURES COMING TO CONVENTION.**

Large List of Possible Prohibition Presidential Candidates—Convention Meets Next Wednesday and Thursday—Good-Sized Delegations Are Coming From All Over the Country—The Liquor Traffic is the Prime Topic of the Platform.

Columbus, O., July 11.—Prohibitionists are beginning to arrive for the national convention to be held Wednesday and Thursday at Memorial hall, and the state convention to be held Monday and Tuesday at the board of trade auditorium. Headquarters for the two gatherings were opened today at the Neil house. It is expected that all of the delegates to the state convention will have arrived before tomorrow morning.

At various hotels headquarters have been reserved for good-sized delegations from Minnesota, Dakota, Michigan, Montana, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas and Iowa. The delegations from New England and the east are expected to be of large proportions, and the south will be better represented than at any of the previous conventions of the party.

The national convention will be called to order at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning by Charles R. Jones, chairman of the national committee. Conspicuous figures in the gathering will be such old-time prohibition leaders as Dr. Samuel Dickie of Alton College, Rev. S. C. Swallow of Pennsylvania, Oliver W. Stewart of Chicago, A. G. Wolfenberger of Lincoln, Neb., and Felix T. McWhirter of Indianapolis.

The list of presidential possibilities is being added to daily. Among those whose names are being prominently mentioned for the presidential nomination are Seaborn Wright of Georgia, Frederick Wheeler of California, Joseph P. Tracey of Michigan, Dr. J. B. Cranfill of Texas, Alfred Manierre of New York, and Dr. W. B. Pelmore, editor of the St. Louis Christian Advocate.

The selection of a vice-presidential nominee will depend largely upon what section of the country the presidential choice comes from. Among the candidates are Judge Samuel A. Artman of Indiana, J. B. Lewis, a member of the Massachusetts legislature, and Professor A. S. Watkins of the Ohio Northern university.

The chief business of the convention, aside from the nomination of a ticket, will be the adoption of a platform. It is said that the platform this year will have little to say on any question other than that of the liquor traffic. In the course of the convention proceedings there will be reports and discussion of the present wave of prohibition spreading over the country by leading members of the party.

# Special Clearance Prices

Summer Goods of all Kinds—Dress Goods, Ladies Suits, Dress Skirts, Ladies' Waists in Nett Silk, Lawns and Linen—Ladies Long and Short Kimonas.

**ALL LADIES' TRIMMED HATS HALF PRICE**

**SPECIAL BARGAINS in Men's, Boys' and Children's Suits ALL THIS WEEK**

50c 4-in Hand Ties	\$1.25 to 2.00 Ladies' Waists	25c Mex. Straw Hats
27c	68c	13c

Ladies' Dress Skirts of the Famous "Beverly Make" Worth up to \$14.00 Now **\$5.98**

MEN'S 75c TO 85c DRESS SHIRTS, IN ALL COLORS AND ALL SIZES, CHOICE **38c**

**The Fair**  
DEPARTMENT STORE

**IT** OUGHT TO BE THE HAPPINESS AND GLORY of every citizen to so live and act that his fellow citizens will esteem him for his goodness, his kindness, and his usefulness. The principles of good citizenship should constitute the code of rules for every kind of business whether public or private. This applies particularly to the drug business, because, owing to the limited knowledge of the qualities of drugs by the general public, it follows that the reliability of the druggist is the chief guarantee of good service.

**HILL'S DRUG STORE**

La Grande

Oregon