

Grande Evening Observer
 Published Daily Except Sunday.
CURRY BROTHERS,
 EDITORS AND PROPRIETORS.
 United Press Telegraph Service.
 Daily, per month..... .65
 Daily, single copy..... .05
 Daily, one year in advance..... \$6.50
 Daily, six months, in advance..... \$3.50
 Weekly, one year, in advance..... \$1.00
 Weekly, six months, in advance..... .75
 Entered at the postoffice at La Grande as second-class matter.
 This paper will not publish any article appearing over a nom de plume. Signed articles will be received subject to the discretion of the editors. Please sign your articles and save disappointment.

Advertising Rates.
 Display ad. rates furnished upon application.
 Local reading notices 10c per line. First insertion; 5c per line for each subsequent insertion.
 Resolutions of condolence, 5c a line. Cards of thanks, 5c a line.

Those people and those papers who are so fond of criticizing Speaker Cannon and his so-called rule of the house of representatives, should examine into the work of congress of the United States, and especially the house of representatives, during the past 25 years; if the work of one congress after another is compared, it will be found that as we approach the present time that never in our history has so much work been done by the house of representatives; never in our history have so many and so important laws been put on our statute books as during these congresses presided over by Joseph G. Cannon as speaker. In the 58th congress, when Mr. Cannon first became speaker, the house of representatives did a vast amount of work and compared most favorably with all preceding congresses. The work of the 59th congress was thus characterized by President Roosevelt: "I feel that all good citizens who have the welfare of America at heart should appreciate the immense amount that has been accomplished by the present congress, organized as it is, and the urgent need of keeping this organization in power. With Mr. Cannon as speaker, the house has accomplished a literally phenomenal amount of work. It has shown a courage, good sense and patriotism such that it would be a real and serious misfortune for the country to fail to recognize."
 It fact, it was universally recognized that no congress in our history accomplished so much that was valued in legislation and for the best interest of all the people as the 59th congress under the leadership of Speaker Cannon. Again, a vast amount of work was accomplished during the first session of the 60th congress, in spite of the filibuster and continued opposition and obstruction of the democratic members—compared with the average session, an unusual amount of business was perfected, and as compared with the 59th congress itself, the result was most favorable. Under no speaker has so much work been done or have so important laws been enacted as under the speakership of Joseph G. Cannon.

We read of the great enthusiasm shown over the irrigation project of damming the flood waters of the Grande Ronde river. This is the greatest move the people of the valley have yet made; one that, when carried out, will make land hitherto almost worthless, advance in value beyond expectations and prepare us to receive the incoming settler and offer him well irrigated land. While this Grande Ronde irrigation project is the topic of the day, it might be well to bring to the people of Union and near vicinity, that a dam placed at the Meadows to catch the overflow from Catherine creek, would be of immense value to this community. If this dam were placed at the Meadows, more than enough water could be stored up to irrigate this section of the valley. The wealth necessary to build such a dam, is here, and it could be put on the same basis as the proposed Grande Ronde proposition.—Union Scout.

IMPERATIVE DUTY.
 The Recorder still holds the view that it is the imperative duty of the citizens of Elgin to secure at once a suitable site for a city park. A park is a public improvement that is badly needed by any town the size of Elgin, and unless we take steps to secure one now, the matter may be entirely out

of our reach before long. This is a matter that should not be delayed, as putting it off will be expensive.—Elgin Recorder.

After election Hearst's proxy candidate will be trying to spell out the difference between Higgen and Hasbeen.

TAFT EXTOLLED - BRYAN FLAYED
 (Continued from page 1.)

would regard it our chief business in the future find a way of escape from the meshes of ill-considered legislation. Bryan says the democratic platform "is binding as to what it omits as well as to what it contains."

Men, Not Abstractions.
 He might have added it is just as significant in one case as in the other. Lincoln said, "In the absence of formal written platforms, the antecedents of candidates become their platforms," and it may also be said that in the absence of written platforms, the antecedents can not be forgotten. Silence is often eloquent. In the election this fall we choose men, not abstractions. Platforms must be read in the light of history and may be eloquent and misguiding. Men, not abstractions, which their sponsors gladly ignore, but which the nation will do well to remember.

His Merit.
 The sagacity, steadiness and sound judgment of the chief executive be the security of the nation. In trying emergencies, as no one can deny, Bryan's attractive qualities, his effective leadership, his skill as a party leader, his disparagement of the purity of his motives to say that the man who espoused free silver in 1896, renewed his advocacy in 1900 and later declared his belief in the public ownership of railroads, can not be regarded as a safe man to whom to confide the great power of president, merely because those doctrines are omitted from the present platform.

Taft a Man of Rock.
 The country needs a man of rock, based in sound conviction and fundamental principle, in whose good judgment in any difficulty all may feel secure and such a man pre-eminently is William H. Taft.
 It is not improbable that the next president will appoint at least four judges of the supreme court. No one could command higher confidence than the republican candidate for president. Himself a judge, learned in the wisdom of the law, commanded the respect and esteem of the entire bar of the country without regard to partisan division.

Taft Favors Direct Vote.
 Some questions which are discussed with no little vigor can hardly be considered campaign issues. Bryan desires that United States senators be chosen by direct vote. Taft also inclines to favor this course. This can be accomplished by a constitutional amendment and as long as there are 12 states who do not desire the amendment, the constitutional provision for the election by the legislators can not be changed.

Again, Bryan objects to the present rules of the house of representatives. How to make the procedure of nearly 400 members more fully deliberative and at the same time make provision for the proper dispatch of business, is a question which parliamentarians may discuss to advantage.

Bryan has much to say in regard to corrupt practices and campaign expenditures, but he omits to give due credit to the republican party for what has been accomplished regarding these important reforms.
 In the state of New York, the republican legislature in 1906 passed a statute prohibiting corporations from making political contributions directly or indirectly. And I know of no more drastic statute in the country with regard to the publicity of campaign contributions and for the prevention of corrupt practices than that passed in New York under republican auspices.

These are not promises of an opposition party seeking power, but are enactments by a party in power. There should be federal legislation securing popular publicity of campaign contributions, but it must fairly be recognized that the skirts of neither party have been clean.
 Both parties demand revision of the tariff but differ in the principle and aim of such revision. The republican party stands for the policy of protection and maintains a historic position in the defense of American standards of living and of American scales of wages.

(Continued on page 2.)

Portland Business College
 "THE SCHOOL OF QUALITY"
 Tenth and Morrison, Portland, Oregon A. P. Armstrong, LL.B., Principal
 We occupy two floors 65 by 100 feet, have a \$20,000 equipment, employ a large faculty, give individual instruction, receive more calls for office help than we can meet. Our school admittedly leads all others in quality of instruction. It pays to attend such an institution.
 Said a Business Man: "Keep hammering away everlastingly on thorough work. It will win out in the end." Said an Educator: "The quality of instruction given in your school makes it the standard of its kind in the Northwest."
 Open all the year. Students admitted at any time. Catalogue free.
 References: Any bank, any newspaper, any business man in Portland.

Get The Habit!
COLISEUM SKATING RINK
 Open every afternoon from 2:30 to 5. Every night from 7:30 to 10. Will open from 7:30 Saturday evening until 11 o'clock. Those desiring to learn to skate will be taught by an able instructor Gratis every evening from 5 to 6.

NOTICE: Rights reserved to refuse all objectionable persons admission to this Rink.

Grand Labor Day Ball Monday Evening
 Sept. 7th. Gents. 50c Ladies Free

JACK D. O'BRIEN - Manager

A BUILDING BOOM
 Is now due. We have put in a fine line of fir V. G. Flooring and stepping and squares surfaced four sides, native finish and dimension. Cedar Shingles of the first quality same price as second grade. We are closing our our doors and sash at Portland wholesale price. You get 2-8 x 6-8 door for \$1.25, other kind in proportion.
 Don't wait until the Fall rush is on, buy now to avoid the mad scramble for material later on
STODDARD LUMBER CO.

FRUIT GROWERS ATTENTION
 The Ramsey-Oldenburg Company are agents for the Grande Ronde Lumber Company and are now prepared to take orders for large and small lots of apple boxes. Call at the office in La Grande National Bank Bldg and see samples of new stamp on box.
 Stock Will be Delivered at the Company's Warehouse.
 PHONE: Pacific States Main 86 Vergere 1402.

Prosperous Family.
 So far the name Smith has appeared on the tax roll of the county 36 times, and as there are several precincts yet to be recorded, it is safe to assume that the number will reach 50. As the tax rolls of the county contain nearly all of the names of our illustrious people, this is not a bad place to be found.
 Attorney Will M. Peterson, in a public address, predicted that Freewater, in Umatilla county, would have a population of 5000 in less than five years.
TAKING HALF HOLIDAY.
 After This Month the Land Office Will Be Open All Week Again.
 The land offices were closed this afternoon and the employees are taking advantage of the weekly rest which will soon be denied them. After the expiration of this month the mid-summer half holidays each week will be wiped from the slate and the door of both land offices will then be open six days of the week.
 Lane county has a large crop of excellent pears.

Fruit Season is Now On
 Phone Us Your Orders for **ECONOMY JARS**

Pints	\$1.10 dozen
Quarts	\$1.35 dozen
Half gallons	\$1.75 dozen
Extra clamps	10c dozen
Extra caps	20c dozen

EXTRAS FOR EASY VACUUM JARS

Caps	20c dozen
Rubber rings	20c dozen
Clamps	10c dozen
Extra large Jelly Glasses	45c dozen

These are an attractive size and shape, and are easily worth 60 cents per dozen

F. D. HAISTEN
 1411-1415 Adams Ave. Phone Red 1161

BOOKS FOR THE BABIES
 —AT—
FERGUSON'S—THE BOOK STORE

ARTIFICIAL ICE
THE ONLY PURE KIND
 The only kind of ice that we handle in retail trade is artificial ice, made from pure artesian water—the only pure ice in the city. A delivery wagon will bring this PURE ICE to your door on notification by telephone or otherwise. To regular patrons our prices are one-half cent per pound. NATURAL ICE handled in wholesale lots. Look out for the Grandy Ice wagon. Phone Black 571.

GRANDY THE ICE MAN
WOOD AND COAL
 Now is the time to think about your winter supply
 We have the supply and the price and quality is right
 Phone Main 6 For Particulars
GRANDE RONDE CASH CO.
 LEWIS BROS. Proprietors.