

# La Grande Evening Observer

VOLUME VII. LA GRANDE, UNION COUNTY, OREGON, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1908. NUMBER 395.

## HUGHES O. POSED ON EVERY HAND

**REPUBLICAN CONVENTION A FREE FOR ALL FIGHT.**

Racing Interests, Machines Politicians and Various Other Forces Are Opposed to the Renomination of Hughes for Governor—Fight Will Be Bitter—Republican Machine Opposed Despite Outspoken Opinion of Roosevelt—Root Chairman.

Points to Hughes. Indications this afternoon are that Hughes will be renominated. Enough delegates are opposed to him to defeat him on the first ballot, however. Root will also be the permanent chairman.

Saratoga, Sept. 14.—With the candidacy of Charles Hughes opposed by a strong contingent the republican state convention opened here today with prospects for a free for all fight. Ellhu Root will be temporary chairman, and he may be a candidate.

Former Governor Frank Black and Joseph Choate will probably be presented to the convention.

Hughes leaders are here in full force. Timothy Woodruff, the state chairman, is actively opposing Hughes renomination, though Roosevelt has stated that Gov. Hughes should be supported by the organization. Root said:

"I am from Oneida county, where the people are against Hughes."

The machine branch of the party is ready to make a hard fight against Hughes. The "old line" republicans do not like the way he has managed

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## NO SOLUTION OF MYSTERY. Authorities Unable to Locate Murderer of Spokane Rancher.

Spokane, Sept. 14.—All efforts to solve the mystery of the murder of A. T. Thomas, a rancher near Malo, whose mangled body was found at the roadside near his home, have failed. The murderers burned a building on the ranch valued at \$2500. There is no known motive. The widow and her son were visiting at Spokane when the coroner notified them of the murder. The son said his father had one enemy. It is not thought the case was one of robbery.

## Divorce Granted. Judge Knowles granted a decree of divorce to Mrs. Lou McKinzie from Roy McKinzie. They reside in Union.

## COLLISION ON LAKE SHORE FATAL

**TWO DEAD, THREE DYING AND MANY PASSENGERS INJURED**

Chicago, Sept. 14.—Mrs. Esther Hoxox of Chicago, and an unidentified person, are dead, three are dying, and 40 seriously injured as a result of the collision before midnight last night between a theater and an excursion train on the Lake Shore road at Chesterton, Ind. All the injured were on the excursion train, which was on the siding waiting for the other train to pass. The locomotive of the theater train ploughed through the rear coach of the excursion train.

The passengers were pinned under the wreckage. There was a dense fog at the time.

It is supposed the switch was not closed after the excursion train went on the siding.

## SOMETHING MUST BE DONE AT ONCE.

With a normal increase in school attendance, one year from today will find students out in the streets unless prompt action is taken in building a county high school in this city, or some dispensation made for a new building of some sort. The terribly congested condition of the Central building today, when school was called, cannot possibly be allowed to occur again. It is the opinion—based on sound reasoning—of every teacher in the school, that to even attempt to open school next year under the present arrangements and facilities, is out of the question. If every parent in this city would visit the Central school building, where several grades, and the complete high school are housed, they would club themselves together and demand a new school building for Central purposes before another year rolls around. It is simply foolishness to even think of opening another school year under conditions existing today. The time is ripe for immediate action. The Observer's word need not be taken for it; let the parent investigate for himself.

## DUBOIS SUSTAINS ANOTHER SETBACK

**SUPREME COURT HAS OVERRULED DEMURRER.**

Supreme Court of Idaho Renders Decision Which is Decided Blow at So-called Machine Politics of Idaho—Holds Up Primary Law as Mandate to Call of Convention—Will Test Merits of Each Ticket Named at Wallace—Wants Proof.

Boise, April 14.—The anti-Dubois faction of the democratic party in Idaho scored a big victory today when the supreme court in a unanimous decision overruled the demurrer of the Dubois attorneys. Under this ruling the court will go into the facts and decide on the merits of which ticket will be entitled to the party's name.

The court submitted a list of 16 questions upon which it wants proof. They concern the manner in which the delegates to the state convention were chosen and the proceedings of the two conventions at Wallace. The effect of the ruling is to declare the Idaho primary law as a basis for the selection of delegates.

## ENROLLMENT INCREASED 42

**THIRTY-FIVE MORE IN HIGH SCHOOL THAN HERETOFORE.**

School Attendance at Opening of the Year is 42 in Excess of Last Year—Thirty-five of That Number Found in High School—Later Enrollment Will Bring Total Attendance Up to 1200 Mark—List of Room Attendance.

Superintendent H. J. Lockenberry was found as serene and calm in his office this afternoon as if our public schools had been running along for weeks, instead of opening at 9 o'clock this morning. He had just received his report of attendance from the various rooms and the total enrollment up to noon today shows 892, as against 761 last year, with this difference the enumeration of last year was made at the close of the afternoon session, which would show a slight increase as compared with the enumeration today. The high school shows a decided increase this year with an enrollment of 112, as against 77 last year, a net increase of 35.

The high school problem is one that the taxpayers must meet during the coming year, to be prepared to meet the requirements next year.

The school opened this morning with 117 desks in the high school, and at noon 112 were occupied. There will be at least 40 more high school students enter within the next few weeks, and then the problem of seating 150 or more students on 112 seats will be a matter for the board to solve.

Last year the total enrollment was 1117; this year it will undoubtedly pass the 1200 mark, which will rate us a city of not less than 5000.

The following is a list of rooms and the attendance in each, as compared with last year. This is misleading in several instances, owing to the fact of a different arrangement owing to the occupation of the new school building in North La Grande:

High School Building.	
Room.	Year 1908. Year 1907.
High school	112 77
R. A. Wilkinson	48 40
Miss Kuhn	55 43
Miss Bush	53 44
Miss M. Harris	16 33
Miss Sutfin	43 41
Miss McHugh	40 41
Miss H. Harris	46 33
Mrs. Ingle	40 33
White Building.	
Miss Pickler	12 41
M. Snider	35 20
Miss McIlroy	33 51
North La Grande.	
Miss Hug	25 39
Miss King	51 42
Miss Ellings	41 54
Miss Lunnell	24 23
Miss Young	43 38
Miss Biever	35 new room
Miss Nell	35 65
Miss Fisher	18 13
Totals	892 761

**Debs in Portland Tonight.**  
Portland, Sept. 14.—Eugene V. Debs, the socialist candidate for president, arrives in his "Red special" tonight to deliver an address. Here will be a big unique parade, starting from the depot.

The poorest life is the one that has no love for the poor.

## WANTED YOUNG HUSBAND. Millionaire Widow Was Looking for Young Hubby When Hurt.

San Francisco, Sept. 14.—That she is seeking her husband to help her spend a million dollars left by her husband, deceased, is the explanation given by Mrs. J. M. Lawrence, for a trip to Golden Gate park, where she was found on a sand dune unconscious Saturday morning. She said at the time that a chauffeur gave the woman drugged drinks. She said she married an old man and now wants a young husband. Further than to say that she is the widow of J. M. Lawrence of Los Angeles, she is non-committal today.

Yesterday's Baseball Scores.  
Portland, 3-0; Los Angeles, 2-3.  
Oakland, 0-17; San Francisco, 7-11.

## YANKEE DREYFUS RETURNS TO EXILE WITHOUT ASSIGNING REASON STEWART IS SENT BACK TO FORT

Huachuca, Ariz., Sept. 14.—Ordered back into exile at Fort Grant, Colonel Stewart, the Dreyfus of the American army, was not allowed to make the 90-mile test ride. No reason is assigned. The order was mailed from headquarters of General Thomas at Denver, September 12, commanding Stewart to report at the fort for duty. He was sent to the lonely fort a year ago, when he fell under the ban of the department's disapproval.

Stewart said today he would take the train from here Wednesday and go to Wilcox, where he will be met by a companion in exile, who will drive him to the post.

Officers believe the order was issued because of the report of army surgeons that the colonel is suffering with heart failure.

Stewart will resist any attempt to retire him before he reaches the age limit. He declares he will be able to prove himself fit for service before a court-martial. He has applied for an inquiry three times, but no action has been taken. He will not accept a furlough of four months to which he is entitled.

**Vorys With Taft.**  
Cincinnati, O., Sept. 14.—It was announced at Taft headquarters today that Arthur Vorys will accompany the candidate on his speech making tour of the south and west. Vorys is expected to return from New York tonight. Taft will probably start on his tour September 23.

Ultimate truth never can be found by fostering a lie.

## BRYAN IGNORES TEDDY'S PRAISE

**ANSWERS ROOSEVELT'S LETTER OF YESTERDAY.**

In Lengthy Article Bryan Replies to Praises for Taft Made by Roosevelt in a Public Letter—Says Taft is Alive and Needs to Spokesman—Derides Praise Given Taft by President Roosevelt and Immaterial and Insufficient.

Baltimore, Sept. 14.—William J. Bryan today answered the letter written by President Roosevelt supporting Judge Taft, made public yesterday. He said:

"It was to be expected that Roosevelt would support Taft. He could not do less, because he selected him as the administration candidate. If Taft were dead it would be interesting to know from Roosevelt what he knew of Taft's opinions. As Taft is alive, it is hardly necessary for Roosevelt to speak for him."

Bryan said that Taft is running on a platform which he has compelled him to change in several particulars. He said his speeches so far have thrown little light on Taft's political views. Bryan then referred to what he calls incompatible attitude of Taft on labor matters, saying: "Taft does not agree with the laboring men regarding the use of injunctions and labor disputes. No word of praise from the president can change Taft's attitude along this line, and his candidacy more satisfactory to the toilers."

Bryan declared that Taft's position on the tariff, trusts, and other questions, in unchanged by the president's statements are valueless unless he remains in Washington to see that Taft makes good. "We ought to have a more definite statement regarding what the public may expect Taft to do."

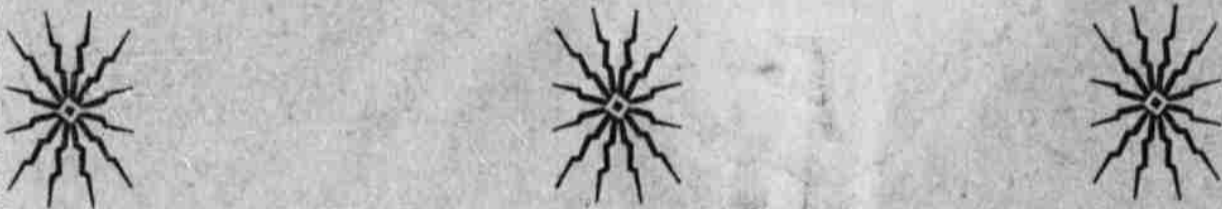
**Hughes Presides at Tacoma.**  
Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 14.—The 25th session of the Puget Sound conference of the Methodist Episcopal church commences tomorrow to continue all week. Appointment of ministers for the ensuing year will be announced. Bishop Edwin H. Hughes will preside.

**Gans Wants No More.**  
San Francisco, Sept. 14.—Joe Gans, the former champion lightweight, declared today: "I am through, that's all. I always wanted to be on top. If I can't be there I don't want to be in the game. Nelson is the gamest boy that ever entered the ring. I have nothing but praise for him."

## Ladies Week at the FAIR

**THIS Week we intend to reduce all Ladies Wear to the Price that should interest every Lady to join in and reap a harvest of Bargains. Below we quote a few of the many.**

**Also we have just received another large shipment of Ladies new Suits and Cloaks. We are now showing the most complete line of millinery in the city.**



\$4.00 Heatherbloom Underskirts, this week, each. . . . . \$2.95	\$3.50 and \$4.00 odds and ends of ladies' Shoes, a pair . . . . . \$2.95	\$2.00 to \$2.50 ladies' Nainsook night robes, special, each . . . . . \$1.57	\$1.75 ladies' Union Underwear, this week, the suit . . . . . \$1.19
25c ladies' fast black Hose, this week, a pair . . . . . 19c	\$3.50 to \$4.00 ladies' Shirt-waists, special, each \$2.69	\$1.75 and \$2.00 bedspreads full 10-4 size, special, each . . . . . \$1.48	\$1.00 and \$1.25 odds and ends of Corset Covers, special this week, each . . . . . 69c
\$1.50 ladies' muslin drawers, special, a pair . . . . . 98c	12 1/2c Chambrey remnants, specials this week, per yard . . . . . 7 1/2c Limit: 10 yds to customer.	\$1.75 and \$2.00 ladies' mercerized black saten Skirts, this week, each . . . . . \$1.19	\$1.50 to \$1.75 misses' Shoes, special this week, a pair . . . . . \$1.19

\$1.25 odds and ends of ladies' ribbed Underwear, this week, a garment 69c

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