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FOURTEEN YEARS OF WORK.

There is no small feeling of regret that comes over me while writing the announcement of my retirement from the Observer, which I founded 14 years ago. Quite a history is embraced within this period, in all of which the Observer has been a factor. There is a responsibility connected with the direction of a newspaper that falls more heavily upon the shoulders of the director than many would suppose. While mistakes doubtless have been made, however we surrender the editorial chair with the pride and knowledge that, if nothing else, La Grande and Union county is morally on a higher plane than when we first entered the journalistic field and that we have done our part in bringing this condition about.

We love the Grande Ronde valley, as is evidenced by a residence of a quarter of a century we have no thought of leaving now. A better country or a better people can be found no where. To our hundreds of staunch friends we desire to say that we have always appreciated their many acts of kindness, both financially and otherwise. To our enemies, if we have any, we hold no personal malice.

Our successor, Mr. Bruce Dennis is a thorough and experienced newspaper man, and the past three years has been editor of the Baker City Herald, one of the leading papers of Eastern Oregon, and we bespeak for him a loyal patronage which will find he deserves and will merit.
GEO. H. CURREY.

WHY I CAME TO LA GRANDE.

For three years I have been in the Northwest, and during that time I have carefully investigated many communities with a view to locating. In almost every instance there have been many drawbacks to offset the advantages, and when it was found possible to purchase the Observer an analysis of this community was made without prejudice or favor.

Undoubtedly this city, and the Grande Ronde valley and Wallowa county has the intrinsic value. They are the least advertised localities in Oregon, today and yet produce some of the choicest products. Realizing these facts it was a pleasure to me to be able to take over the Observer, which has for so long been successfully conducted by Mr. Currey. But in adjusting the editorial mantle which I assume in this undertaking I am not unmindful of the duty that a newspaper owes to its community, neither am I disregarding the duty that a community owes a live, progressive newspaper. The Observer will be a newspaper for the people. No favors will be asked of corporations, for it is hard to make a fight for the people against oppression that might occur if a newspaper is bound to any corporation whatsoever.

Politically this paper remains independent and a party organ, but a new spirit shall be infused into it. Hereafter all business and political matters shall be treated with the greatest impartiality and objectivity. However, the political party which will be shown all the support of the paper shall be the party of the people. This is the only way to the greatest good of the greatest number of people.
Notwithstanding the fact that this paper is a party organ, it is invited to any and all those to take of the office and advise you may have the

will better La Grande and bring more people into this valley that nature has so abundantly blessed.

Personally, I am delighted to be able to locate in La Grande. I am not going to rehearse the pretty story of snow capped mountains and the city nestling in a pretty cove; it is a beautiful story and will always bear repeating, but let Tom Richardson or Judge Lowell or some of the other boys uncork the oratory. I am here to help La Grande work; to aid in my small way in developing one of the choice spots of this nation. We have room for many people in the Grande Ronde valley, and if we get the least bit crowded let us turn our eyes to that magnificent little empire—the chosen land of Chief Joseph—for there, by uniting our efforts, we can locate thousands of people on lands that will make them rich, thereby doing each individually a kindness and at the same time cementing the commercial and social tie between Wallowa county and La Grande.

BRUCE DENNIS.

ALASKAN WAS WELL ATTENDED

Play lacks in several points—Presented by a good company.

The "Alaskan" presented Saturday night at Steward's theatre, was rather a disappointment to many who attended. While the cost of the production is heavy and the company was composed of good people, through out the play there was something lacking. The players did not seem to fit well. They lacked enthusiasm, showing plainly they have no love for the piece.

The male voices were above the average and the chorus was pretty and well trained. Disappointment was probably the keenest when the celebrated Totem Pole song was rendered, for it really fell flat as compared with former efforts.

That the people of La Grande simply expected a much better performance than was given was shown by the manner in which they patronized the show. The theatre was well filled.

Now that it has percolated through the mountains to Walla Walla that Jim Hill is behind the railroad surveys that are now being made around La Grande, doubtless all minds will be at rest and another railroad will be considered a La Grande asset. And by the way, it is fortunate that Hill is behind it, for Hill is neither a waiter or a quitter. He does things, and usually does them very well.

Personal management of any institution counts for a great deal. This was proven Saturday night when Steward's theatre had almost an overflow house and Mr. Steward, owner and manager of the theatre, personally looked after the comfort and welfare of his patrons. He takes the correct view when he treats those who attend his theatre as his guests, for such they are.

PROPRIETORS ARE CARELESS

BUT LITTLE AID GIVEN TO THE ENUMERATORS

Residence districts easy to count but rooming houses hard

Rooming house proprietors are extremely negligent about securing data as to the names and ages of their roomers, and La Grande's enumerators are finding it extremely difficult to count roomers. Otherwise than in this respect, the citizens have responded nobly to the repeated calls for assistance, and in the residence districts, the counters find little or no difficulty. Only one case is reported where a citizen felt inclined to be peevish about answering what to him might seem trivial and immaterial questions.

The situation in the rooming house districts, however, is really serious. Only in a few instances have the proprietors made any attempt to secure data from their roomers, which might in some way lead the enumerators to find the individuals at their work at some future time. Perhaps no town in the state has a greater population in rooming houses and hotels than La Grande and as an almost invariable rule the roomers are out at work during the day time, it is extremely difficult to get their count. These people must give attention to this matter and lend aid to the counters if La Grande is going to have its population thoroughly and entirely counted.

MYTENER BABY DEAD

Child of five weeks passes away at Pendleton last evening.

News came this morning to T. E. Reubler, head of the Brotherhood of Conductors, that the baby child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mytenger died at Pendleton last evening at seven o'clock of whooping cough. The baby was about five weeks of age. The funeral was held this afternoon and local members of the Brotherhood were able to express their sympathies through funeral wreaths. Mr. Mytenger is an O. R. & N. conductor on the Pendleton-Huntington run.

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Only Optometrist in Union Co., who grinds his own lenses.

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BIG CROWD VIEWS MOON.

Humphries & Co. have much success first night with instrument. A large crowd last Saturday night became amateur savants and studied the moon through the Humphries & Co. telescope, stood on a tripod near the city fountain. Tonight the lens will be trained on the moon again and the machine will be placed on Depot street.

SPECIAL SPEAKER

Mrs. Ellen Hunter, the field secretary of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, spoke yesterday morning on the subject of missions. She was greeted with a good attendance. Her theme was the missionary work of the women of the churches. She spoke this afternoon to the women of the church at 2:30.

SANDERS SEES IMPROVEMENT.

Enterprising resident of North Powder plus faith to city

E. M. Sanders of North Powder, who for years conducted one of the largest creameries in Oregon and who has been visiting La Grande at intervals for the past 20 years, was in the city yesterday. He stated to the Observer that according to his way of thinking, there has been great improvement in La Grande in the last few years and he looks for the town to forge constantly ahead from now on. Mr. Sanders figures safely on communities and does not overlook the resources that are in fact essential for any city to prosper.

Notice is hereby given that the District School Board of School District No One (La Grande) Union county, Oregon, will receive at the office of the school clerk until 7 o'clock p. m. of April 15, 1910, plans and bids for drawing complete plans and specifications for High School Building to cost about Sixty Thousand Dollars.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. By order of the Board. ARTHUR C. WILLIAMS, School Clerk. 4-5-15

Notice to Water Consumers

You are hereby notified that hereafter water rent must be paid in by the tenth of the month of the water will be shut off. The water committee will see that this order is strictly enforced and the water system placed strictly on a business basis. Please call at office and settle as there will be no collector and the books will be closed after the 10th of each month. J. K. SHEAK, G. T. FLEMING, W. J. CHURCH, Water Committee. 4-12-5-1.

Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon, for the construction of 43,920 Cu. Yds. of macadam pavement, to be constructed according to the plans and specifications now on file in this office. Bids will be received until 4 o'clock, p. m., May 4th, 1910, and must be accompanied by a certified check for 5 per cent of the amount of the bid. The Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids. D. E. COX, Recorder of the City of La Grande.

Merchants! Save \$10,000

In 1907 the Merchants of Oregon saved over \$10,000 by carrying a part of their insurance in their own company, the Oregon Merchants Mutual Fire Assurance Association, of Dayton, Oregon. In 1908 they will save \$75,000. During the same period their neighbors were handing over \$1,500,000 in profits.

In the Oregon Merchants Mutual you get INSURANCE AT COST. LIMIT TO YOUR LIABILITY. PROMPT SETTLEMENT OF LOSSES.

W. OLIVER, Agent

Building Through Wire.

J. W. Buis, superintendent of a telegraph line from Portland to Baker City, was in the city yesterday. The line is now built to Umatilla and will reach La Grande in about three weeks. A second through wire from Portland to San Francisco is also to be built through to La Grande soon, according to reports.

Strawberries

We will have them in about a week

We Now Have BANANAS AND SWEET ORANGES

Asparagus H. H. Lettuce Rhubarb Radishes Spinach Celery and Green Onions

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Our Plant is the Largest Most Complete and Most Modern in Eastern Oregon. all our own grinding. Broken Lenses Replaced While You Wait.

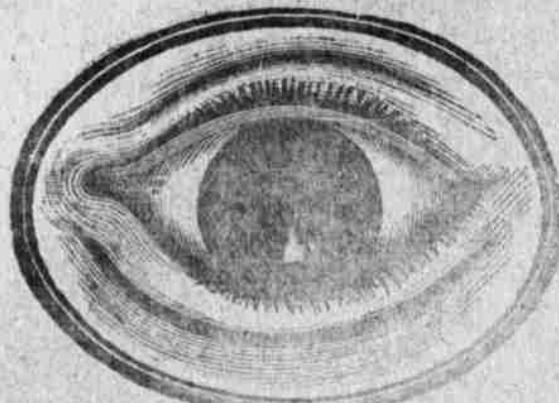


We Have Optical Machinery for Making Every Kind of Tests of the Eyes

3 years in La Grande and all my glasses are giving satisfaction. Ask anyone.

Some Symptoms of Serious Eye Trouble

- Dimness of vision
Seeing spots, specks, etc. dance before your eyes
The atmosphere seems foggy
You may see better some days than others
See better sideways than straight ahead
See objects double or multiplied
Pain in or about the eyes
Constant or periodic headaches



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