

# About The City

## Rock Crusher on the Way

Construction of curbing, gutters and storm sewers preliminary to the laying of bituminous pavement, will be commenced within a very short time, probably less than ten days, according to Engineer Sutton of the Warren Construction company, who with Engineer Day, a Baker City cement contractor is in the city today. A rock crusher has been shipped from Portland and should be here in a few days. A site to locate the machine on will be selected before Mr. Hutton leaves the city. Every possible effort to hurry the work will be lent to the project.

## Alleged Forger Brought Back.

George Brown has been brought back to La Grande by Sheriff Childers to face a charge of forgery. Brown was arrested in Dillon, Montana, and has been incarcerated here awaiting trial. It is alleged that Brown forged a note of \$10 on C. H. Dunn some time ago, and his subsequent arrest followed after a considerable search.

## New Stenographer Here.

Glenn Wisdom, the champion orator of Eastern Oregon, has accepted a position with the local light company to officiate as stenographer and accountant. Mr. Wisdom is a member of the Baker City high school, class of '10, and later in the week will go to Baker to be graduated.

## Own Private Telephone.

All power stations and the towns of Baker City, North Powder, Union and La Grande are now connected with an Eastern Oregon Light and Power Co. telephone wire, the work having been done by degrees. Baker City is now connected with La Grande on this wire.

## Funeral Announcement.

The funeral of "Grandma" Palmer will be held tomorrow at 2 p. m. from

the M. E. church. Commencing at 10 o'clock the body will be laid in state at the home of Joseph Palmer, and until 1 o'clock, friends of the deceased may view the remains.

## Big Deal Closed.

The Wright Mercantile company today filed a deed with the County Recorder, stipulating the terms of sale and transferring the title of ownership of property in and about Union owned by Josiah Wright. The price paid is \$25,000.

## Missionary Meeting Postponed.

On account of the funeral of Grandma Palmer tomorrow the meeting of the Home Missionary society of the M. E. church has been postponed and will be held Friday at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. H. C. Vinacke.

## CONVICT PLAN POPULAR.

Working Drunks and Hobos on Street Proves Successful Plan.

O. Jackson and Robert Alexander were the names given by two drunks whom Chief of Police Walden had in court this morning. Each was found guilty and a fine of \$10 was imposed.

Jackson coughed up the silver and was released but Alexander is still pondering over the situation in the city jail. If he does not come across with the money the chief will have him put on the street tomorrow and work for the city until all costs and the fine will have been met.

Chief Walden's plan of working the convicts is meeting with general approval. He has a fine employment agency if one is inclined to disturb the peace, get drunk or commit any depredations. As soon as the prisoner fails to pay he is immediately given some honest toil to execute so that he can earn his bread by the sweat of his brow. Recorder Cox endorses the Chief's plan thoroughly and keeps accurate account of all time the convicts put in, making his report to the chief at stated intervals. "The odium of getting drunk does not seem to affect some men," said a business man this morning, "but the plan of working a drunk and disorderly on the street will bring them to a realization of what has occurred. I think Chief Walden is eminently right in getting some service for the city from those who break the city laws."

Mr. and Mrs. George Ball leave tonight to visit friends at Portland and Silverton for about a month and incidentally take in the Rose Carnival.

## Explain the Accident

Washington, May 25.—After repeatedly denying knowledge of the sinking of the ram Katabulu at target practice on the Patomas river yesterday, the bureau of ordinance this afternoon issued a statement explaining the accident. The statement says a 12-inch projectile struck the unarmored portion of the vessel slightly below the water line. The ram is in shallow water and is being raised. A shot fired obliquely at a target hit accidentally.

# PLAN 3-STORY STRUCTURE

ROESCH TO BUILD ON CORNER OF ADAMS AND FIR WHEN THE PLANS ARE FINISHED.

## REARRANGED PLANS DELAY START

New Three Story Building Covering Entire Basement at Fir and Adams Will be Built This Summer—Architects are Already Submitting the Plans and Specifications for Modern Office Building.

Plans and specifications are being submitted by architects to Julius Roesch for the construction of a new three story building on Adams and Fir, to include all of the vacant space now embraced in the basement now used by John Mars for the manufacture of cement blocks.

The construction of the building will make the second three story structure in the city, and the investment will be a large one. The urgent cry for more office and store room has partly actuated the owner of the site to build at once, and while no definite date has been set on which to commence construction, the general scheme is outlined and plans and specifications are already being considered. It is understood that some changes are to be made in the original outline of plans, and consequently a short delay has been occasioned.

It is yet too early to outline the general scheme of office and store arrangement, but basement facilities are to be applied to the entire building. This is one of three desirable corners in the city, and marks the rapid approach of the time when new structures can only go up by tearing down of buildings already on the business streets.

# MAY LOCATE BRANCH HERE

WORCHESTER PEOPLE COMING TO LOOK OVER CITY.

Big Contractor Firm of East Seeks Western Headquarters.

Possible creation of a western office in this city for the H. E. Keeth and P. J. Powers cement working contractors and engineer's concern of Worcester, Mass., is the announcement preceding the arrival here tonight of the two heads of the concern. They have been attracted to La Grande and the Northwest in general by the extensive improvements contemplated in La Grande and other Western cities. The firm is one of the extensive concern operating about Boston and Worcester, and are going to establish a western office. La Grande will be made the headquarters for the company if the field appears to be sufficient. The firm does cement work, constructing and engineering on a very extensive scale and the establishment of a concern of that sort here will be a matter of considerable importance.

## GUESTS CARRY GOOD WILL.

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Davis, postmaster; W B Butterfield, oil magnate; George Balrd, manager P S T & T Co; W E Porter; H J Lucas, merchant; C J Forstrom, merchant; R M Wright hardware dealer; Walter Cook, furniture dealer; J L Jacobs, lumberman; R H Robrig butcher; Will Sherman; B F Wilson, attorney; George A Scibird, editor of Oregon Republican; George Parker, business man; Ed Parker, business man; Gust Levy, druggist; George Benson, cattleman; Will Vogel, manager Townley store; W J Townley, capitalist; Robert Withycombe, manager Eastern Oregon Experiment Station; S L Hunter, contractor; Harry Zeek, lumberman; E O Zeek, lumberman; J F Hutchinson, rancher; W B Gasset, liveryman; Irwin B Wright, banker; N F Ficklin, capitalist; E E Lewis, rancher; J R Jones, hardware man; Charles Conroy, horseman; Merton Kiddle, flourman of Island City; Ralph Hutchinson, farmer; S O Swack

hammer, capitalist and rancher and Dexter McIlroy, farmer.

Several speeches, warm and in perfect tune with the general spirit of the occasion, capped the dinner period. Toastmaster Cochran called on several of Union's well known speakers, and occasionally a La Grande diner was called upon to take the floor. The two-hour event was crowned with success of the first water.

Immediately at the conclusion of the dinner, the party departs for Hot Lake, the last stop on the itinerary, and special preparation has been made to entertain the guests there this evening.

Join Two Counties to Exploit, Inauguration of a campaign to cement Union and Wallowa counties under one solid and united commercial body, with the view of hiring one expert booster for the two counties, was set in motion at the closing moments of the after dinner party and the presidents of every commercial organization in the two counties will take the matter up at once.

"Bob" Withycombe, Postmaster Davis and Attorney Wilson spoke eloquently for Union and President Collier and Bruce Dennis gave brief addresses for the city of La Grande.

## THE MILKY WAY.

A Hundred Million Stars Glean in That Silvery Scarf.

The census of the starry sky is concerned almost entirely with the Milky way. The number of stars not connected with it is negligible. But when you look at the Milky way the idea of numbering its stars seems the dream of a madman. It stretches all round the sky. Its extent is so unthinkable immense that science has never undertaken to measure it, and the imagination could not grasp the figures that such a measurement, if it was possible to make it, would involve.

Yet that whole enormous expanse of space occupied by the Milky way is so crowded with stars that they make upon the eye the impression of a silvery scarf wound round the brow of the universe.

It requires a telescope to see them as a broad zone of glittering points instead of an almost uniform band of whiteness in the firmament.

In some places they are more thinly scattered, so that, as you gaze through the glass, you almost think that, with infinite patience, you might count the number included in a space as large as the face of the moon.

But in other places they seem to be packed together like the sands of the seashore. They stretch away over thousands of square degrees of space, hanging in great festoons, spreading out in vast banners, where billions upon billions of cubic miles seem to be filled with stars thicker than the flakes in a driving snowstorm!

There are begemmed knots in that starry scarf so rich that the eye is dazzled and the mind confused by the spectacle which they present.

Yet science, although it shrinks from trying to estimate the space which they occupy, has succeeded in forming a fairly correct enumeration of the stars of the Milky way.

The most extravagant estimates do not put the number at more than 300,000,000, and the most trustworthy and probable make them a third less.

A hundred million stars, then, is the total population of the glittering universe, and when we see what a marvellous effect of innumerable things produce we begin to appreciate what a hundred millions mean.—Garrett P. Serviss in New York American.

# THURSDAY AISLE SALE!

Another opportunity to get the season's choicest new merchandise at a saving at The Fair.

# ON THE AISLE

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| 89c   | 12 1-2c  |
| Bleached Table Linen, extra wide, regular \$1.25 and \$1.35 grades. | Dress Lawns and wash materials; the 18c and 20c kind on sale.    |
| \$1.08  | 15c  |
| Pure Linen Napkins, large size, \$1.50 grade.                       | Winsor Ties sold everywhere 25c and 35c.                         |
| 5c  | \$3.45   |
| Calico, the best American prints, regular price 6 1-4 and 7 c.      | All Ladies Trimmed Hats, in price from \$5 to \$7.               |
| 9c  | 9c   |
| Pure unbleached linen crash 15c quality.                            | Muslins, Lonsdales, etc., sold everywhere 12 1-2 and 15.         |
| 8 1-3c  | 98c  |
| Regular 12 and 15 ct. Laces and embroideries.                       | All \$1.50 Lace Curtains on sale one day only; all new patterns. |

## LADIES' SUITS

At a great saving. 1-4 off of the regular price. You see it will pay you to come Thurs ay

# THE FAIR



## The Golden Rule

YOU ALWAYS COME HOME WITH A FULL BASKET There is something about our Tackle particularly attractive both to the Fisherman and Fish, to the first it is the price, to the latter—well they go after it anyhow.

## The Golden Rule

# Berry & Stetson

# HATS

Latest Styles and Blocks GENUINE

# Panama Hats

See the 75 cent imitation Panama Straw Hats all prices. Crash hats for men and boys.

GET UNDER A NEW HAT C.C. Pennington

Quaker Puffed Rice or Quaker Puffed Wheat with Berries and Cream for Breakfast It's Fine, try it.

City Grocery And BAKERY

## HEALTH

### Depends on the Eyes

When you suffer from eye-strain, you suffer from brain-strain, too; shattered nerves and health is the answer.

My Glasses relieve the strain. I grind all my Glasses. I have Shur-on Mountings

## HEACOCK Eyesight Specialist

Office Over Newlin's Drug Store