

## THE OBSERVER

J. R. DENNIS,  
Editor and Owner.Entered at the postoffice at La Grande  
as second-class matter.

## SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Daily, single copy ..... 5c  
Daily, per week, ..... 35c  
Daily, per month, ..... 85c

This paper will not publish an article appearing over a nom de plume. Signed articles will be revised subject to the discretion of the editor. Please sign your articles and save disappointment.

## STRANGE CASE OF ELLEXSON

The man by the name of Ellexson, who is on trial in the Union county circuit court charged with murdering Waldo Perry, is either guilty or innocent, of course. If guilty he is an exemplification of a fiend incarnate for Waldo Perry was murdered in a manner that was most brutal and cowardly. Although nothing but circumstantial evidence surrounds Ellexson the state believes it can convict him.

Strange how men who commit crimes are captured. We do not presume to say whether this man is guilty or not, for there is a jury to do that. But if it is shown that he is the man who committed the act, the was captured and the impossibility of a criminal to escape is worth consideration. After Perry's body had been discovered, it was but a few hours until Sheriff Childers had Ellexson under arrest. There seems to be a mental message that tells officers of clues. Go into a well organized sheriff's office and one almost feels a number of thought currents passing through the air. If there was a crime committed in Unadilla county Sheriff Taylor hardly has to wire to Childers for there is a continual suspense that responds to thought which in a measure tells an active officer something is wrong in this territory.

It was so in the case of Ellexson and he was soon under arrest. Then came the ferreting out of witnesses and connecting the links together. Through all this the sheriff's office and the prosecuting attorney's office mingled to achieve results. If these officials are wrong in their conclusions Ellexson may go free. But if they have been right a conviction may result. And it is barely possible that being right in their work officials may have failed to gain sufficient evidence to convict, although in their own minds they are certain they have the right man.

Ellexson, if guilty, is a dangerous man to society. He is too depraved to let live, or if it is impossible to inflict capital punishment his existence should be guarded by prison walls.

## TAKE THE CHILDREN.

When Professor Stout, who is at the head of the lecture course in La Grande this season, issued an order that any child who would come to him stating its inability to pay admission to the lectures a ticket would be given that child, he touched the right spot and made a decided hit with this newspaper.

We pay little attention to the children. Grown people think of their own pleasure in too exclusive a manner.

for after all the people now occupying the stage of action in the world are only setting the scenes for the great drama of life in which the present little ones will be the actors.

A lecture which would not benefit children is to be discouraged and should have no patronage. But one that will educate and enlighten the youngsters is a benefit. It happens this year that such a course is in store and every parent who has not secured tickets should do so. To plant a few good ideas in the mind of a child is worth the price of the whole course. If Judge Ben Lindsey can say something to put the child to thinking for himself, and there is no doubt that he will, La Grande as a community has benefitted immeasurably by his visit to this city.

Encourage the children to attend. It makes no difference whether they are your children or your neighbor's, take them to the different lectures and converse with them on the topics afterward.

If Professor Stout should fail to get theatre rent from admissions this city can afford to put up the expense of the course if only the children attend and take an interest in it.

Bear this in mind: You can build great buildings with money; you can form big commercial enterprises with money, you can do many things with wealth, but it takes constant interest care and earnest effort to round and make a man of the boy—the greatest undertaking in all the world.

## WORTH WHILE?

Rev. Percy Stickney Grant, of New York, may or may not be a preacher "worth while," says the Oregonian. He furnishes a little list of items that have appeared in the New York papers in the last three months, segregating them as follows: Demoralizing, 3285; unwholesome, 1684; trivial, 2100; worth while 3900 or 39 per cent.

How much of the product of any man's mind or spirit or effort or activity is worth while? Thirty-nine per cent? How many sayings of politicians or doings of statesmen are worth while? How many day's work does any one do in any line of endeavor that is worth while?

The newspaper is a very human institution, a compendium of the needs, the desires, the ambitions, the intelligence and the moralities of the average man and woman. It has many critics who usually read nothing else. Does any one fancy that a paper edited by a preacher or by any other who excluded from its columns the daily happenings of its own people holding up daily a mirror of their common life and the movement and activity of all things in, around and among them, would be worth while?

## LOGGER BREAKS LEG.

Brought in From Palmer Junction Where Accident Occurred Yesterday.

Dr. N. Molitor has a patient at the hospital today who was brought up from Palmer Junction yesterday afternoon, suffering with a broken leg. The accident occurred in the lumber camps at that place. His name is John Michaels.

## For Christmas.

A few facts about shopping bags—we have them and only extra good values. Our prices are lower on them than ever before. Silverthorne's Family Drug Store.

Store Open Friday  
& Saturday Evening

USEFUL GIFTS ARE APPROPRIATE

## Our Christmas Showing

includes many useful gifts for every one. You will be certain to find something here that will please

Store Open Friday  
& Saturday EveningWHAT  
TO BUY  
FOR HIM

Bath Robes .....	\$4.00 to \$12.00
Smoking Jackets .....	\$3.50 to \$10.00
House Slippers .....	50c to \$2.50
Keiser Neckwear .....	50c to \$1.50
Linen Handkerchiefs .....	25c to 50c
Silk Mufflers .....	75c to \$2.50
Warm Dress Gloves .....	\$1.25 to \$5.00
Traveling Bags .....	\$2.50 to \$25.00
Suit Cases .....	\$2.50 to \$22.50
Fancy Suspenders .....	50c to \$1.50

GIFTS THAT WILL  
PLEASE HER

Silk Kimonos .....	\$4.00 to \$15.00
Hand Bags .....	\$1.25 to \$10.00
Silk Scarfs .....	\$1.00 to \$3.00
Tailored Waists .....	\$1.50 to \$3.00
Mexican Drawn Work .....	50c to \$5.00
Round Table Linens .....	\$4.00 to \$8.50
Napkins to Match .....	\$6.00 to \$10.00 Doz.
Square and Oblong Table Linens .....	\$2.50 to \$7.50 Each
Napkins to Match .....	\$3.00 to \$4.50 Doz.
Hand Embroidered Hdks. .....	25c to 80c.
Keiser Ladies Neckwear .....	25c to \$1.50
Fancy White Aprons .....	30c to \$1.25

PRESENTS  
FOR  
CHILDREN

Flying Machines .....	25c Each
Diablo Spinners .....	50c set
Baby Bumps .....	60c to \$1.25
Teddy Bears .....	50c and \$1.25
Talking Esquimos .....	65c to \$1.25
Wooly Dogs .....	50c to \$1.25
Chanticleer Dolls .....	35c each
Childs Fur Sets .....	\$1.75 to \$3.00
Stocking Caps .....	25c to 60c
House Slippers .....	50c to \$1.00
Knit Bootes .....	20c to 50c pair

Store Open Friday and Saturday Evenings

## N. K. WEST - The Quality Store

## GLEE CLUB GOES EAST.

Sings at Ontario Tonight, Baker Tomorrow and Misses Here Entirely.

The University of Oregon Glee Club passed through the city this morning en route east. The club goes to Ontario today, returns to Baker tomorrow night and the day following goes on to Pendleton. The club will not make its appearance here this year, on account of conflicting dates.

Tom Burke, formerly linotype operator for the Observer, and who is

starring in the club this year, was with the aggregation of songsters.

## SHORTEST DAY OF YEAR.

Sun Commences to Work North After Today at Noon—Days Longer.

Today 's the shortest day in the year. The sun has reached its farthest southern point over the Tropic of Capricorn and is now at what is known as the winter solstice. Consequently after today the days will gradually grow longer.

Mahaffey Building

Depot Street

WE CLEAN ANYTHING, FROM A NECKTIE TO A HORSEBLANKET. Work called for and delivered

Elite Dying and Cleaning Works  
PHONE MAIN 14

## ...THE LAST WEEK...

AND THE BEST WEEK TO BUY

Our store is still full of the choicest line of Christmas Goods ever shown in La Grande. Our prices are very low and you can find just what you want here. Pickard Hand Painted China...none quite so good. Our cut glass display is still complete and the prices are very low. You have never seen a nicer display of perfumes....and they are always acceptable gifts. o o o You should see our Ladies Hand Bags....All kinds, shapes and colors....and Jewel Cases that never Tarnish

DON'T OVERLOOK

REXALL

Hill's Drug Store

REXALL