

THE OBSERVER
BRUCE DENNIS
Editor and Owner.

Entered at the postoffice at La Grande as second-class matter.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Daily, single copy 5c
Daily, per week 15c
Daily, per month 65c

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.

1911 FEBRUARY 1911						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

JOSEPH AND GOLD

There is no longer any question but what Joseph has gold, and it is very likely there will be some mines developed there which will rank among the steady producers. But Joseph is not losing her head over this matter, although the country at the head of the lake is staked out for miles.

A mining boom, such as made Goldfield, Dawson and Virginia City is not in the books again. No, people who buy mines buy them the same as one buys land—for the productive value which can be shown. But mines are the best asset a community can have when they prove good and it is within the bounds of good reason to think that good mines will be developed around Joseph. Hardly could it be expected that nature deposited all of the rich

Don't get in a hurry

Even though your husband should get home ahead of you, He will get his own lunch if you have left a good supply of,

SNIDER'S Pork and Beans
only 25c for 2 cans

Pattison Bros.
Use either phone

THE OFFICERS

of this bank will be pleased to talk with you at any time concerning mutual business relations

WHEN the Federal Government, the county, the city, and a large and growing list of commercial and private depositors entrust their funds to this institution to the extent of \$800,000.00, you may be sure that it is a safe one for you to identify yourself with.

GALL AND TALK IT OVER WITH US
La Grande National Bank

LA GRANDE, OREGON.

CAPITAL \$ 100,000.00
SURPLUS 100,000.00
RESOURCES 1,125,000.00

UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY

George Palmer, Pres. Fred J. Holmes, Vice Pres.
F. L. Meyers, Cashier Earl Zundel, Ass't. Cashier

gold ore just across the mountain in the Cornucopia country. Let Joseph people continue to prospect and open up the ledges, the business will come then in a good healthy manner

FINE LEGISLATIVE WORK.

The Observer cannot resist the temptation to compliment the Oregon legislative body once more for the very excellent manner in which they are backing the proposed measures, the great majority of which are worthless and of no concern to a rapidly growing state like this one.

Keep it up, boys, you are doing fine. The state at large is appreciative of the breaks that you have set on legislation. We as a people rejoice to know that legislatures have finally become subservient to the people and rather than pass a multitude of dead letter laws, this body is merely sawing wood and putting in their time, which is positively the most sensible thing to do.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR

A woman sneers at big shoes, no matter what the size of the feet in them.

What a girl likes about a man sending her flowers is that some other girl didn't get them.

If a woman couldn't match ribbons to her hair she's just as lief match her hair to ribbons.

For a dispute to get red hot its only necessary that neither side should know what it is talking about.

EXPORTS FOR 1910.

The figures of the exports for the past year recently presented by the Bureau of Statistics show some curious intricacies, says the Inland Herald. On the whole, the domestic exports for 1910 show an excess of \$127,000,000 over 1909. The increases, however, are somewhat curious. The principal export is unmanufactured cotton, which shows an increase of nearly \$70,000,000 for the past year, or more than half of the total increase. Now, as a matter of fact, there was less cotton exported during the year 1910 than the year 1909, but a higher price was charged for it. The total foodstuffs exported were \$345,000,000, a decrease of \$55,000,000 against the year previous. The manufactured articles showed an increase of \$104,000,000 as against 1909, the actual figures being \$825,000,000 and \$721,000,000 respectively. That is to say, the net increase for foodstuffs and manufactured articles, taken together, was \$49,000,000 and the increase of cotton \$70,000,000, giving a total of \$119,000,000, the difference being exports of other raw materials not food, of which no particular account is taken.

As the population of the United States increases and as the productive value of its lands decreases it necessarily follows that foodstuffs exports should decrease also.

Taking manufactured articles—there are only a few the value of which exceed 1 per cent of the total exports. These are copper manufactures, illuminating oil, boards and planks, agricultural implements, upper leather, lubricating oil, oil cakes and cotton cloth. These vary from cotton cloths at 1 per cent of the total to copper manufactures, 6 per cent of the total. All other manufactures are

less than 1 per cent. Indeed, the two principal manufactures, copper and illumination oil, show decreases, as also does cotton cloth. Every other manufacture, large or small, however shows an increase.

In unmanufactured material, cotton for the year 1910, shows a percentage of upwards to 35 per cent of the total exports, an increase of 9 per cent over the percentage for 1909. If it were not for that increase, the figures for the country would not show up nearly as well.

Now, while the exports of manufactured articles is upwards of 47 per cent of the total, it must not be forgotten that the export of unmanufactured material, most of which under favorable conditions could be manufactured in this country, is upwards of 23 per cent, showing that there is a tremendous opportunity present for the further development of American manufactures.

This is the change in the nature of the trade of the country which has been coming on for years past, for it is hardly a decade ago since the food exports, now barely more than 20 per cent of the total export trade of the country, occupied one-half. These are the facts which render any change of the tariff a somewhat dangerous proceeding unless undertaken with expert knowledge. Just how far American manufactures are increasing as to their exports because of their intrinsic merit and just how much because of the tariff is something which even the tariff commission seems unable to say.

FRANCHISE IN NEW ZEALAND.

In the important British colony of New Zealand, so progressive a community that it has been aptly called a "social experiment station," women vote with a genuine interest in public affairs. Recently the wife of Sir Robert Stout, chief justice of New Zealand, has been telling an English paper "What the Franchise has done for women and children" of that country. Lady Stout shows that legislation is founded on the equality of the sexes. Among other things mentioned are these:

Incurable insanity for ten years, imprisonment for seven, attempt to murder wife or children, desertion for five years, cruelty or unfaithfulness, are grounds for dissolving the marriage tie.

The number of divorces in New Zealand is not large, though our fees are so reasonable that poor people are able to sue for divorce and unfaithfulness alone is sufficient cause for divorce, in the case of both men and women. Our separation and maintenance act is usually the remedy that is applied for in cases of domestic infelicity and does not, so far as I am aware, lead to immorality.

The married women's property act provides that women shall have absolute control over their property and wage-earnings, and they are protected from any interference of their husbands in any business contracts.

The succession act provides that, in case of a person dying intestate, the wife, children and family shall receive definite shares of the estate.

The testator's family maintenance and gives the judge power to upset a will which does not allow a sufficient share of an estate to the testator's wife and family.

Our legitimate act provides that on the marriage of parents, children born out of wedlock can be legitimized. This act became law in 1894.

All offenses against the person of women and children are very severely dealt with, and in criminal law a step-father or adopting father is liable as a father. This act has been found of great benefit in criminal prosecutions, as there was formerly an ecclesiastical but no criminal law to meet such cases. The age of protection for girls has been raised to 16 years.

Women's wages are rising and approximating those of men; there is very little poverty and no slums; the laws afford protection for mother and child in the matter of health and the birth rate is steadily rising.

SPEAKING OF SLANG.

(Cleveland Plain Dealer.)

While engaged in reforming personal weaknesses, why not cut down the output of slang?

Do you know that conversational English is becoming a thing of hysterical extravagance?

A little slang, it has been contended, adds virility to the mother tongue, but there is not excuse for overdoing.

It may be graphic and amusing to

declare that "Pittsburg is all to the smudge," but you don't care to hear a monnet later that "Chicago is all to the mustard," or "Milwaukee all to the suds."

If you must use slang, use it sparingly, choosing it wisely and making it impressive.

And when you are in doubt as to its wisdom or its adaptability don't use it at all.

SNAPSHOTS.

The Houston Post says it looks for "oratorical gushers" in the Texas Legislature. And they are not as remunerative to the state as the oratorical gushers used to be.—Atlanta Constitution.

An Illinois woman who shot herself on the sand at Long Beach, Cal., in the futile hope that the rising tide would carry her body out to sea, was merely carried away by her emotions and friends.—Anaconda Standard.

A Texas couple has been wedded in a balloon above the clouds. This is not the first marriage the principals to which were in the air. But they at come down finally.—St. Paul Dispatch.

The married woman who wants to hold her husband must be something besides a good mother to his children. She must, at least, devise and put into execution new methods of doing her hair.—Topeka Capital.

A woman can change her name at any time, but a man has to wait until the legislature meets.—Topeka Capital.

"Rats" is at once the name and the criticism of Gerhard Hauptmann's new play.—Baltimore News.

If Dr. Wiley's new wife understands her business, she will see to it that he does all of the cooking.—Los Angeles Times.

And now they say that President Taft can't play the accordion. This is certainly encouraging, but for all we know he may try to play the cornet.—Atlanta Journal.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. Groves signature on each box, 25 cents.

Spring Goods Arriving

MANY OF OUR SPRING LINES HAVE ARRIVED AND ARE NOW BEING PLACED ON DISPLAY. OTHERS ARE ARRIVING DAILY. THIS STORE WILL HAVE SOMETHING NEW TO SHOW YOU EVERY DAY.

Utz & Dunns Spring Second shipment of Even- Fox Party Slippers and
Shoes and Oxfords in- ing and Party Dresses just Budoirs. Patent leather,
cludes many new and at- received.
tractive styles that are Vici Kid and Suede Strap
strictly new this season. This makes our line of and Beaded Slip-
See the new Cravenette dresses for evening wear and Beaded Slip-
Shoe, Suede Pumps, Strap as complete as is found in pers, Tan, Black, Red,
Oxfords. many large city stores. Blue and Pink Budoirs.
Prices \$3.00 to \$4.00 Let us show them to you Prices ... \$1.25 to \$4.00

New Dimities, Flaxous, Lawns and Wastings.

WATCH OUR WINDOWS

N. K. WEST

THE QUALITY STORE

Expenseless Appendicitis.

Washington, Feb. 1.—If a naval officer would have appendicitis without expense to himself, he should take care to be stricken within "operating distance of an officer of the medical corps of the service", according to a decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury today.

Claim for reimbursement was made by Assistant Naval Constructor E. S. Land, of the New York navy yard for medical services rendered while he was sojourning in Englewood, N. J., where he had gone to "escape the oppressive heat of the city." The comptroller ruled that it was not the fault of the government that Land was beyond the reach of the naval surgeon, and that he would have to pay the bill out of his own pocket.

Plan Southern Reunion.

Washington, Feb. 1. (Special)—John Quincy Adams, sixth president of the United States, is credited with planting an American elm in the White House grounds during his presidency. A piece of one of the branches of this elm has been furnished to the executive committee of the southern Commercial Congress by Col. S. Cosby, U. S. A., in charge of public buildings and grounds. From this fragment of an historic tree will be made the handle of the gavel to be used by the Chairman of the Southern Commercial Congress at its meeting in Atlanta, March 8, 9, and 10. The head of the gavel will be made up of six pieces of wood, each piece representing the forest wealth of one of the sixteen southern states, united in the work of the Southern Commercial congress. These contributions of wood have come in every case from the Commissioner of Agriculture of each state, and are duly attested. North Carolina made the first contribution, sending long leaf pine as her representative wood. Georgia, Texas and South Carolina have also contributed long leaf pine. Kentucky and West Virginia have sent oak; Maryland, chestnut; Alabama, persimmon; Mississippi, magnolia, etc. The contribution of wood from the White House is significant, for it will unite the Southern States, the Nation's Capital and the memory of the great New England president in a gavel whose purpose is to build a new union through a greater south.

TO OUR CUSTOMERS

There Are Many of You

That we appreciate your patronage, your loyalty and steadfastness, fully as much as you appreciate the help we have at times been able to furnish you, goes without saying.

HOWEVER, we want to take this public method of thanking you for past patronage and, with full confidence that this patronage will continue, we pledge you our best endeavors in the future as you have had them in the past.

Wishing you an increased measure of Happiness and Prosperity for the year 1911, we are Sincerely yours,

The United States National Bank, LA GRANDE, OREGON

If You Want PURE LARD We Have It

Armour's Simon Pure Leaf Lard open kettle also Armour's Star Hams and Armour's Star Bacon.

Royal Grocery H. Pattison, Prop.