

## GRANDE RONDE TEEMS WITH VERDURE AFTER RAIN

**THE PRESENT RAINFALL.**  
Government instrument readings, by W. A. Worstell, show a o'clock last night and noon to .20 inch rainfall between five day, scattered over that period with slow showers. As the afternoon continues, the showers are growing more frequent. Thousands of dollars have been saved the farmers in a few hours.

While no reports have been received from North Powder a careful survey of the entire valley shows a good rainfall.

Crops were nearing the danger zone of aridness. Winter and spring grains were commencing to show signs of the continued draught and there was some alarm felt. Small as it was last night's showers have saved the day and almost every section of the valley the prospects for record crops are assured.

Fifty per cent improvement in crops during one night as the result of the slow intermittent showers last night is the encouraging report coming from farmers throughout the valley this morning. Added to this blessing to farmers and all concerned, came several showers during the day, falling slowly and allowing thorough percolation through the soil. Farmers could well stand still more rain but the nature of the showers is such that the very best results were obtained. The showers were heavier throughout the valley than in La Grande.

**Crops in Dire Danger.**  
Washington, May 2.—Frost is predicted tonight in the Great Lakes region and the Ohio valley, the middle Atlantic and the New England states. The forecast predicts a drop of 40 degrees in the temperature.

It is feared heavy damage will result to fruit and crops. It is estimated that yesterday's storm loss in Illinois, Indiana and surrounding states east of the Rockies, ran into the thousands. In the Great Lakes region heavy winds and thunder storms occurred. In Kentucky and Indiana, it rained and in Nebraska and Colorado there was some snow.

**EDMOND BEALL.**  
Illinois State Senator Wants \$100 Bounty Paid For Babies.



## THOUSANDS JOIN STRIKERS

**TROUBLE ON PENNSYLVANIA IS GROWING WORSE DAILY.**

Strikebreakers Being Imported as Men Leave in Herds.

Pittsburg, May 2.—With from 7,000 to 10,000 already out, additional walkouts are expected on the Pennsylvania railroad and officials are preparing for a bitter struggle with the shop men. Union officials charge the railroad began a systematic fight against organized labor by dropping union men whenever convenient. General Manager Long denies this. Strikebreakers are being imported to the Pittsfield shop and also to Altoona.

## FIREMEN TO ELECT.

Companies No. 1 and No. 2 to Hold Annual Election Tomorrow.

The annual election of officers of the Rescue Hose company Nos. 1 and 2 will be held at the council chamber Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to attend this important meeting.

## SUPREME COURT NEARLY DONE

NOT EXPECTED THAT BIG CASES DECIDED NOW.

Standard Oil and Tobacco Cases to Go to October, No Doubt.

Washington, May 2.—With only two days remaining of the present term, it seems unlikely today that the supreme court would announce its decisions in the Standard Oil and American Tobacco trust cases. If it goes over there will be no decisions until court convenes in October.

## BURNS CLAIMS EVIDENCE.

Alleged Rottenness of Ohio Legislature Claimed to Be Proven.

Columbus, Ohio, May 2.—Detective Burns arrived here today and said the scandal which his detectives uncovered in the Ohio legislature is the worst he has ever encountered. He claims to have the case clinched against the solons.

## SOLEMN VOW TO REACH POLE NOT FULFILLED

VALIENT OATH TO LOSE LIFE OR FIND POLE COMES TO NAUGHT IN ANTARCTIC.

## ANOTHER RACE IN PROGRESS

While Japanese Party Falls Utterly, Driven Back by Cold, English, Australian and Norwegian Parties, on Separate Routes, Are Racing for the South Pole. Party Meets in Ross Sea Recently.

Tokio, May 2.—Lieutenant Shirase, a leader of the Japanese expedition for the south pole who swore to succeed or die, has failed and is also alive. Dispatches from Sidney today tell of the return of the party, who are expected to leave soon for Japan.

The expedition reached 74 degrees and then turned back on account of the extreme cold, on March 10th. Captain Scott, English, Raol Amundsen, Norwegian and Captain Mawson, Australian, are now racing to the pole.

## Lively Dash for Pole.

San Francisco, May 2.—Delayed in transmission from Christ, New Zealand where it was filed April 1, a telegram reached Henry Lund, the Norwegian consul general here, from Amundsen, which tells of his meeting in the far antarctic seas with the English expedition headed by Scott. They met at Whale Bay in the Ross sea. The parties are now supposed to be dashing for the pole on separate routes.

## HEADQUARTERS WILL BE HERE.

W. K. Davis to Be Eastern Oregon Manager of Insurance Co.

Following the popular idea now of La Grande being headquarters for almost everything in Eastern Oregon the Reserve Life Insurance company of Indianapolis, has appointed W. K. Davis of this city as district manager for the Eastern Oregon country and headquarters will be maintained here. Mr. Davis has resided in this city for eight years and has a large acquaintance. S. J. Claridge, state manager of the company, is here today installing Mr. Davis in the work.

## Diets Trial Commences.

Haywood, Wis., May 2.—The trial of John Dietz, the Cameron dam defender, was commenced today. He is accused of killing a deputy sheriff. He defends his own case.

## STANDARD FOES WIDEN FIELD

STANDARD OIL TO "BUCK" DUTCH CONCERN AT HOME.

Enemy of Rockefeller Abroad to Locate at 'Prisco Soon.

San Francisco, May 2.—With oil wells in every section of the world, capitalized at a half billion, the Royal Petroleum company, a Dutch corporation, it is learned today, will enter the local field in competition with the Standard Oil company. It has successfully fought the Standard company in Europe and now proposes to carry the fight into the United States. The concern will soon open offices here.

## Schooner Capsized in Lake.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 2.—A two-masted schooner capsized off Whitefish Bay a half mile out today. It is feared her crew of at least five are dead. Life savers left this afternoon for the scene.

**JOSEPH CAILLAUX.**  
Minister of Finance of the Republic of France.



## W. B. CAMPBELL PASSES AWAY

ONE OF THE TREKKERS WHO CROSSED PLAINS IN SIXTIES.

Aged Pioneer Dies of Cancer at His Home in This City.

William Brooks Campbell, member of the trekking element that crossed the plains with ox teams in the early sixties, died at his home in this city yesterday. Funeral arrangements have been set for Wednesday at 10:30 o'clock from the Presbyterian church with Rev. S. W. Seemann officiating.

Mr. Brooks was born in Springfield, Tenn., in 1833, and went to Missouri in 1860. In 1865 he emigrated to Oregon by the ox team method and settling two and a half miles southeast of La Grande made his home there ever since. He died of cancer May 1 at his home, aged 73 years and 35 days.

He leaves to mourn his death five children; Ida L. Gilhe of Washtucna, Wash.; Howard P. Campbell of North Powder; Ora A. Mesenger and Ada M. Sharp of Seattle and Brooks Campbell of this city. One son, Claude, preceded him in 1885. His death removes from the depleted ranks of the pioneers in this valley a man who helped to make the community prosperous and aided in setting a law abiding example for those who came here after him.

## SPECIALTY COMPANY LOCATES.

Will Locate in Corpe Building, Room One, Is Plan.

The Oregon Specialty company has leased quarters in the Corpe building, room one, and will handle agents' supplies for the entire county of Union. The firm is being installed today and will be ready for business at once. The line carried is complete.

## LABOR INTEREST NOT INVOLVED IN STRUGGLE

LOS ANGELES TRIAL TO BE MERE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION SAY BOTH SIDES.

## NO CHANGE IN VENUE

Union and Labor Interests not to Be a Part of Struggle at Los Angeles—Case to Be Tried on Its Merits as a Criminal Case and Not as Issues Between Labor and Capitalistic Interests.

Los Angeles, May 2.—With both sides practically conceding that public opinion is fair, indications are that the struggle of the McNamaras will not ask for a change of venue. District Attorney Fredericks said that he would try the case on its merits, look upon it as a great criminal case without thinking of the labor or capitalistic side, although venturers opposed to General Otis, editor of the Times, or labor, would be made basis for a challenge by the prosecution. The prosecution called for a long conference last night following the arrival of Attorney Leo Rappaport from Indianapolis.

## Wife of Prisoner Collapses.

Chicago, May 2.—Mrs. Ortie McMauzgal suffered a nervous collapse today on account of her husband's arrest in Los Angeles.

## Just a Criminal Case.

Los Angeles, May 2.—Lee Rappaport, who will be associated in the defense of the McNamaras, today gave out the first interview in which he said it was merely a criminal case, and union labor was not affected by it, and that he believed the men will be found not guilty.

## SHIPS GATHER AT CANTON

MANY FOREIGNERS SAID TO BE UNMOLESTED YET.

In Case Chinese Outbreaks Occur Again, Ships Will Open Fire.

Hong Kong, May 2.—British blue-jackets and marines with rapid fire guns have landed in Canton from four warships today to quell the Chinese rioters, if an outbreak occurs again.

No foreigners have suffered yet but some fear for the missionaries scattered through the province. Four cruisers, and two French warships, two American and one German gunboat are in the harbor.

## Important and Radical Changes Advocated in Report Filed Today.

Nashville, May 2.—Important provisions calling for radical changes are outlined in a report of the currency commission of the American association of the American bankers association submitted today. Savings

## EVERY ARTICLE EXCURSION TO ELGIN LIKELY COUNTED

POST OFFICE MUST TABULATE EVERY ITEM.

Yesterday's Mail Handled Here Numbers 8,724 Pieces.

Eight thousand, seven hundred and twenty-four pieces of mail, first, second, third and fourth classes, divided into 14 other subdivisions, passed in and out of the La Grande postoffice yesterday, according to reports compiled the first day of the month of letter counting throughout the United States during the month of May. During this month every piece of incoming and outgoing mail will be counted carefully—not only counted but carefully segregated and sorted into a dozen different departments. The task is a huge one but will give the government a very detailed table as to the number of pieces handled throughout the country. The time required to handle this mail is also ascertained.

Postmaster Rickey and his assistants will have a strenuous month, and in La Grande, as in other communities, the mails may be tardy in reaching the public after each train.

## "BAD MAN" IN JAIL.

Brought Over From Union Where He Carried Weapons and Was "Bad"

Sentenced to 30 days in the county jail by the justice of the peace at Union, a man named Spencer of Union was brought to La Grande last evening by Constable Bob Smith, the manager of the Union baseball team. Spencer proved himself a real bad man and a small posse was drafted into service to make the arrest after he had made a gun play or two a few days ago.

BELIEVED IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO LEAVE AT 1 P. M.

Baseball Game Tomorrow Night—Interest in Sunday Game.

## Dance Wednesday Night.

The baseball team will give a dance at the Elks' hall tomorrow evening for the benefit of the new uniform fund. The suits have already been purchased and while the sum is not as great as it would have been had the uniforms been ordered from Portland or Seattle instead of being made at home, the amount is no trivial matter. There will be no sale of tickets before the dance and everyone is urged to attend, and not only enjoy him and herself but aid the ball team as well.

Provisions for an excursion to Elgin next Sunday when La Grande and Elgin meet for the first game of the year and when one of the two teams now tied for first place will have to take a drop, are now under way, and if present plans are eventually agreed upon the excursion will leave here about 1 o'clock and return immediately after the game. This will give the fans of this city a chance to take dinner at home and be home again before dark. The arrangement is meeting with popular favor and as the interest and backing of both teams is keen, the audience should be a large one.

Full announcement as to the success of the present plans will be made tomorrow.

**VOTE COUPON.**  
The Great Circulation Contest.  
**LA GRANDE OBSERVER—DAILY AND WEEKLY**  
This Coupon Will Count One Vote.

For (Name) .....

Address .....

NOT GOOD AFTER MAY 13.

Cut Out Around Border.

**NOMINATE A CANDIDATE.**  
Nomination Blank—1000 Votes.  
**THE OBSERVER CIRCULATION CONTEST**

I nominate .....

Address .....

District No. ....

Phone No. ....

Only the first nomination blank counts 1000 votes; each subsequent blank 1 vote. Names of people making nomination will not be divulged.

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