

**Classified Advertising**

LOST—Open faced gold watch near Moon's residence, Old Town. Suitable reward. Return to this office.

FOR RENT—A four room furnished cottage. Large garden spot. Close in. Call 804 Main. Phone Main 723. 4-20-tf

APPLE TREES—Leading varieties. Also cherry, pear, peach, prune and shade trees. Shrubs, roses, small fruits. Send for price list. J. B. Weaver & Sons, Union, Oregon.

FOR SALE—Eight room furnished house and lot. On North Fourth St. Can be bought at a bargain in next 30 days. Part time. La Grande Investment Co.

FOR SALE—Canadian seed peas, for seed. Penington ranch. La Grande Investment Co. 3-30-tf

DRY CHAIN WOOD—\$3.50 a cord. Phone Main 54. 3-20-tf

FOR SALE—A good gentle work mare. Weight 1300. R. A. West, phone Red 372. 4-4-tf

LADY WANTS WORK—Second cook or chamber work. Phone Observer. Main 13. 4-10-tf

FOR SALE—Two iron gray mares, 7 and 8 years old, weight about 11 and 12 hundreds lbs. Three and a quarter Bain wagon, heavy spring wagon, 2 sets harness. \$325.00 for outfit. Inquire J. R. Bumgarner, near stock yards.

FOR SALE—Buggies, hacks and surreys at Dutcher's wagon shop 4-17-5t

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE for sale 1406 Sixth street. 4-17-5t

FOR RENT—Three furnished rooms for housekeeping. Phone Red 251 4-22-tf

WANTED—Room in private family by office man. Inquire Observer. 4-22-5t

FOR SALE—American Wonder seed potatoes. Price \$1.00 per sack. La Grande Investment Co. 4-23-12t

FOR RENT—Five room brick cottage. Modern. 1906 Adams avenue. 4-23-tf

WILL TRADE a three room house and lot in Spokane for lots in La Grande or good driving team and rig. Write R. E. Close, general delivery. Write today. 4-23-3t

FOR SALE CHEAP—Edison graphophone and 40 records. One anti-freeze pump and pipe complete. Almost new. Phone Black 1541. 4-23-3t

**CALL FOR BIDS.**

Notice is hereby given that the county court of Union county, Oregon, will receive sealed bids for a contract for 150 cords of yellow pine 3 foot 8 inch wood. Wood to be delivered and corded in the basement of the court house building. All bids must be filed with the county clerk on or before 5 o'clock of Wednesday, May 1st, 1912.

ED. WRIGHT, County Clerk.

John G. Capers, republican national committeeman from South Carolina, has announced his candidacy for nomination to congress.

**BANK REFORM CAMPAIGN ON**

**STATE LEAGUE EDUCATING THE PUBLIC**

Literature Telling of Proposed Reforms Sent Out to Citizens.

Many reforms, said by financiers to be urgently needed in the United States are being advocated by the National Citizens' league, state headquarters for which have been established in Portland. John D. Lee, secretary, has forwarded a letter to the Observer setting out arguments in favor of the proposed banking reforms, and the letter says in part:

The outwark of our American banking system is the independent bank owned and managed by trustee men of affairs in the community it serves. Every bank is an integral part of the business life of the community.

Any proposal for banking reform which did not preserve this independence would be antagonistic to our American banking traditions. While we recognize the great service performed in Oregon and other countries by the branch banking system, our people would vigorously oppose a system which would be the means of centralizing banking power by chains of centrally owned banks, stretching across the country.

The opposition to a great central bank, like the Bank of England, is even stronger than the opposition to branch banks; although, again, it is not to be denied that central banks have proved signally effective in upholding the credit of the nations of Europe.

We have now before the country a proposal for a co-operative banking system—free from the features of branch banking and central banking objectionable to American democratic ideals—the head of which is to be a co-operative association owned by all the banks of the country.

The thousands of smaller banks throughout the country are asking, "What benefit will we and our communities derive from a national reserve association?" This question is answered in a pamphlet published by the National Citizens' League. Among the advantages cited are:

Insurance against money panics like that of 1907.

Lower interest rates in sections of the country away from the financial centers.

Narrower fluctuations in interest rates.

The attraction of investment capital from the highly developed sections to the newer, growing sections of foreign capital.

The financing of the yearly movement of the crops at less cost and with less disturbance to the money market.

More independence to smaller banks.

Economy in the use of cash in the daily business of the country.

Assurance that a sound bank will always be able to take care of the legitimate needs of its customers.

The promotion of sound banking practices.

This pamphlet is an advance chapter from a 450-page text book on "Banking Reform," which the National Citizens' League now has on the press.

"My little son had a very severe cold. I was recommended to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and before a small bottle was finished he was as well as ever," writes Mrs. H. Silks, 29 Dowling street, Sydney, Australia. This remedy is for sale by all dealers.

**HUNGRY FOR SHIPS**

Goodwin Sands, in the North Sea, Swallow Them Pitilessly.

**SCENE OF MANY TRAGEDIES.**

These Greedy Shoals, That Mook Man's Efforts to Tame Them, Once Gulped Down a Fleet of War Vessels With Over a Thousand Officers and Men.

From the steep rough shore of Deal, overlooking the ship swallowing Goodwin sands, many of the pilgrim fathers embarked for America, and their descendants, in visiting or leaving England, travel through the famous downs from which their stern progenitors set sail in search of perfect liberty. The Goodwins were then in the heyday of their evil reputation, and for unnumbered years they have been as much the graveyard of the narrow seas as Sable Island is of the Atlantic Ocean. With fervent thankfulness the pilgrim fathers saw the last of those notorious and far-reaching shoals which break the vicious seas in gales and tank them surge and roar like rapids and which, faithful to their treacherous character, appear on bright summer days as restful as golden plains, with blue and glorious rivers running through the countless channels.

Ships of battle, treasure ships, Indian men with precious cargoes and emigrant ships have sailed as far as the Goodwins and there have been engulfed. Most travelers who skirt the coast between the Forelands see the gaunt remains of melancholy wrecks.

The romantic tale is told that the Goodwins were at one time a beautiful and fruitful island, the estate of Earl Goodwin, but that in 1097 they became a vast shoal because of "a turbulent race of rain and an unheard of rage of the sea." The island disappeared and became "incredibly covered with sand." That has been the tradition for many centuries, and less than 200 years ago there was an alehouse keeper who declared that his oaken shingleboard was made from a tree which grew on the Goodwins when they were an island.

A clerical investigator, however, who knew the publican, sorrowfully classed him as a lying fellow. Although the tradition is generally credited, it seems far more likely that the Goodwins are formed by the strong run of the tide down the North sea and the tide up the strait of Dover, the two meeting off the Kentish coast and sweeping vast quantities of sand in a whirlpool shoal.

In those days of lumbering sailing craft, when vessels were completely at the mercy of the weather, there was little hope of keeping clear of the Goodwins unless the sands could be discerned and wind and tide were favorable. Every gale that blew gave tribute of life and vessel to the shoals.

There have been memorable disasters in recent years, even since steam became almost universal for marine propulsion, but the most noted calamities relate to the days of sail. Of all that have been put on record, none is more terrible than the annihilation of an entire fleet of warships in the storm which devastated England in 1703. Thirteen warships anchored in the downs were swept from their moorings. Some were driven ashore. Five, including four sail of the line, were hurled toward the Goodwins and dashed to pieces. Nearly 1,100 officers and men perished, yet a handful were saved and brought to shore by men of Den and Ramsgate and the little havens of the coast.

"This the hard gray weather breeds hard Englishmen." The hardest and grayest British weather is that of the North sea. The Goodwins are at the southernmost part of the North sea, and there on the coast line overlooking the sands men battle ceaselessly with one of the sailors' most pitiless enemies. The Goodwins cannot be coaxed or engineered into submission.

They flout mastery and scorn domination and in their essentials remain what they have been for centuries. Man has tried repeatedly to bridle them, to find a foothold on their sinking bases. More than 300 years ago a scheme was formed to build a beacon or a lighthouse on the Goodwins, but it came to nothing. Long afterward attempts were made to raise a light house, but the work was never finished. In 1841 an old ship was scuttled and was made a dead weight with ballast. A mast was put in her and bore a beacon, but only for a time. The greedy Goodwins swallowed all.

The only way to conquer the shoals is to grid them with buoys and lightships, and that has been so well accomplished that in fine weather the sands are marked as clearly on the waters as the hours are indicated on the dial of a watch. But fogs make beacons useless, and so rapid is the run of the sea in the swashes or channels of the sands that even in clear weather an experienced pilot may not get his vessel safely through the indicated tracks.—Walter Wood in Harper's Magazine.

**Whitman Students Elect.**

Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wn. April 22.—At the annual election of officers for the Associated students, the

following were chosen for the year:

President—Paul Garrett, of Wenatchee; vice president—Miss Helen Gwin of Garfield; Secretary—Walter C. Lee, of Seattle; Treasurer—P. L. Winans, of Walla Walla.

The Young Women's Christian Association has installed its officers for the coming year. The women who will direct the affairs of the association are:

President—Miss Mary Diven, of Olympia; Secretary—Miss Gladys Gottschalk, of Marysville, Wash.; Treasurer—Miss Edith Wilson, of Spokane.

**White Slaver Held.**

Harry Dean, the man who was arrested several days ago by the city officials and held on the charge of being a white slaver, was given a hearing this afternoon before W. L. Patterson as United States commissioner. Deputy United States Marshal R. F. Beatty has charge of the case. He will probably be here several days. The woman who is the chief witness for the government will appear in the hearing this afternoon.—Baker Herald.

Synopsis of the annual statement of the Sun Insurance Company of New Orleans in the State of Louisiana, on the 31st day of December, 1911, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital	
Amount of capital paid up	\$ 500,000.00
Income	
Premiums received during the year in cash	\$ 618,094.56
Interest, dividends, and rents received during the year	45,383.09
Income from other sources during the year	120,085.00
Total income	\$ 783,562.65
Disbursements	
Losses paid during the year	\$ 415,242.76
Dividends paid during the year on capital stock	25,240.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	206,595.32
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	23,012.02
Amount of all other expenditures	128,343.69
Total expenditures	\$ 798,433.79
Assets	
Value of real estate owned	\$ 40,000.00
Value of stocks and bonds owned	1,117,755.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	2,650.00
Cash in banks and on hand	10,151.21
Premiums in course of collection and in transmission	39,121.29
Total Assets	\$1,209,577.50
Less special deposits in any state	10,000.00
Total assets admitted in Oregon	\$1,199,577.50
Liabilities	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	\$ 40,380.59
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	477,510.93
All other liabilities	691,785.98
Total liabilities	\$1,209,577.50
Total insurance in force December 31, 1911	\$87,972,029.00
Business in Oregon for the Year	
Total risks written during the year	\$ 781,704.00
Gross premiums received during the year	11,612.96
Premiums returned during the year	2,825.52
Losses paid during the year	5,512.61
Losses incurred during the year	5,517.69
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon, Dec. 31, 1911	471,025.00

SUN INSURANCE COMPANY, By Wm. P. Maus, Secretary. Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: E. R. Thompson.

**The Limit.**  
"He has a remarkable gift of self concentration, I am told."  
"Yes, indeed! Why, he could sit and play solitaire in a woman's conversation club"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**The New Dove Cote.**  
"They tell me you have planted your suburban place beautifully. Have you any creepers about the house?"  
"Yes, twins."—Baltimore American.

**Getting History Straight.**  
It was been shown that Washington was not the real author of his farewell address, nor Monroe of his doctrine, nor Sherman of his law. Presumably we shall find out that Bright never had his disease, nor Mason and Dixon a line on anything. And perhaps St. Vitus never danced.—New York Mail.

In order to love mankind we must not expect too much of them.—Heine

**The Wayside Economist.**  
"I'll tell you what I'll do," said the brisk woman. "You go out and pick me two or three quarts of blueberries and I'll put some of them into a pie and bake it for you."  
"Lady," replied Plodding Pete. "I'm afraid you don't read de paper. In dese days de producer of raw material an' de ultimate consumer is kickin' so hard dat I couldn't consider a transaction where I'd be both of 'em at once."—Washington Star.

**Slander.**  
Close thine ear against him that shall open his mouth secretly against another. If thou receivest not his words they fly back and wound the reporter. If thou dost receive them they fly forward and wound the receiver.—Livy

**Discretion.**  
First Lawyer: It seems to me you let that last witness down pretty easily in your cross examination. Second Lawyer: I had to. He is my tailor, and I owe him a big bill.

Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can.—Wesley

**Supposing**  
you had lost all of your teeth except a few. Would you like to keep these few and have a full set put in place that would be practically the same as your natural teeth. Come and ask how it is done. Modern methods make many things possible in dentistry that a few years ago would not have been possible.  
**DR. STEVENSON**  
For rheumatism you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Liniment. Try it and see how quickly it gives relief. For sale by all dealers.

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INVISIBLE BI-FOCAL  
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No light approaches electricity in brilliance: no light is so soft, restful and easy on the eyes.  
Reading, studying, sewing, etc., at night are very trying on the eyes, unless the light is perfect. Most eye troubles can be traced to poor light.  
You can get the proper volume and quality of light by electricity, and you can get it in no other way. No other light measures up to the efficiency standard.  
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