

THE OBSERVER

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NEW FUEL FOR THE NAVIES.

Hearings on the proposal to have the government take over independent oil fields in Oklahoma and construct a pipe line to the Gulf of Mexico in order to conserve a fuel supply for the navy were recently held by the department of the interior. The item recording this fact did not occupy much space in the news columns, but in spite of its modest exterior it was one of the most significant which has crept into the dispatches for some time.

What it means is that the United States, one of the leading nations of the world in the case of oil for the navy, is quietly looking about for a source of supply that is constant and reliable. No noise is being made about it. In fact, the world-wide quest for oil fields has no accompaniment of brass bands and trumpets.

It is, in a sense, a gum shoe search. Each country which is out for new sources of supply—and these include most of those which have navies of any size—it attracting just as little attention as it can to its activity.

We are on the threshold of the age of oil. Great Britain, long opposed to the installation of oil-burning engines on its ships, finally has given in and will displace coal with oil engines in its newer models. Many merchant services are putting on boats either partly or wholly dependent on oil for power. The feature in this revolution in methods of propulsion is that it is being conducted so quietly. To those familiar with the situation the reason for the European concern over the Mexican imbroglio is plain. Mexico has some of the greatest oil wells in the world. The United States has the big supply and in the United States California stands first in production; Russia is second in the world record. Roumania is a factor in the market.

The fact is that those countries which have enough oil to be up toward the top in production have an asset which must be reckoned with more and more in the years to come. Some day they will be the strategic points in the struggle to get adequate supplies for world navies.

An embezzler arrested in Chicago was found to have 15 fancy vests. He should have been arrested regardless of the embezzlement.

A Philadelphia scientist says wearing thick underwear causes red noses. Perhaps whiskey has been blamed unjustly all these years.

A citizen of Harmony, Maine, was trapped in the tower of a windmill for three days. All he lacked was a toast

master and a dish of salad to make him think he was attending a political banquet.

An Ohio farmer kept a Ben Davis apple from October, 1911, to the first of this month. So it appears that even in Ohio it is almost impossible to give a Ben Davis apple away.

A Texas man became so excited over his approaching wedding that he lost his memory. Most men wait until after the wedding.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Good home wanted for a little girl 4 years old. Phone red 3672.—Adv. 3-21-2t

To the Voters.
 I respectfully announce my candidacy for representative subject to decision of the republicans at the primary election. I will give vigilant and active service to reduce the burden of taxation and procure legislation to meet the wants and necessities of the people.—Adv.
 L. DENHAM,

FOR RENT—Blacksmith shop at Elgin, Oregon. Good location, good condition. \$8.50 per month. Address P. O. box 255, Elgin, Ore. 3-20-6t

FOR SALE—Single buggy, set single harness, ladies' side saddle, man's bicycle, four brooders, couch, cupboard, bureau, revolving book case, cook stove, churn, 4 dozen white Leghorn hens and heating stove. Phone black 282.—Adv. 3-19-1f

New spring stock of wall paper just arrived. W. H. Bohnenkamp Co.—Adv. 3-20-3t.

Boys and Girls of La Grande under 15 years. Look for La Grande Grocery Co.'s ads, on pages 5 and 8.—Adv.

Rooms to let above Hill's Drug Store. Apply at Hill's Drug store.—Adv. 3-21-1f

WANTED—Small thrasher and small binder. 1506 N. Ave. J. D. Heidreich.—Adv. 3-21-6t

FOR RENT—3-acres with house and barn. Fruit trees and irrigation. Inquire 1307 O. Ave. Phone B. 3101. 3-21-1f

Doing business with your grocer on La Grande Milling Co.'s Flour is like making love to a widow—You can't over do it. 3-21-2t

Notice to Contractors.
 Bids for the construction of a two-story brick building, complete, according to architect's plans, details and specifications will be received by the Railroad Young Men's Christian Association, on or before 12 o'clock, noon, the 6th day of April, 1914. Said bids to be sealed and delivered to John H. Rudd, secretary at the office of the association in the United

BOY
MORE MONEY IN ONE DAY may be earned with us than during AN ENTIRE WEEK in other ways. Applicants must be bright, neatly dressed, clean hands and face. We want the MANLIEST boy in the city. Come early prepared for work. Apply to M'CORMICK & FARRAR, 1603 Adams Avenue. La Grande, Oregon.

\$1000 FREE
 IF I FAIL TO CURE any CANCER or TUMOR POOR CURED AT HALF PRICE OR FREE NO KNIFE, OR PAIN NO PAY UNTIL CURED
 by GUARANTEE. No X-Ray or other scientific WRITTEN GUARANTEE
 3-day painless plaster ANY TUMOR, LUMP or SORE on the LIP, FACE or body long is CANCER. It Never Pains Until Last Stage. 120-PAGE BOOK sent free; testimonials of THOUSANDS CURED
CURED AT HOME
Any Lump in Woman's Breast
 I BELIEVE IS ALWAYS CANCER, and ALWAYS poison deep glands in the armpit and KILLS QUICKLY. I want you to have CURED TO OGG. Go see some Old Dr. & Mrs. CHAMLEY For BOOK—ALL MOST SUCCESSFUL CANCER SPECIALISTS LIVING.
 A B 426 Valencia St., SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. KINDLY MAIL THIS TO SOMEONE WITH CANCER



The Best Makes and Choicest Styles of High Quality Merchandise are now on display throughout this Modern Store.

"There is not another such store in any town of the size in the state." It is indeed a credit to La Grande to have such a modern mercantile establishment with such a large assortment of the best merchandise and such up-to-date methods.

THE ABOVE IS A REMARK HEARD EVERY DAY BY VISITORS TO THE CITY.

WE INVITE YOU TO INSPECT OUR SPRING SHOWING IN EVERY DEPARTMENT.

You will not be urged to buy, but will be shown through the new lines by courteous, experienced sales people. New styles are arriving daily by express and parcels post, and you will find it worth your while to spend a short time in the store each time you are down town.

N.K. West & Co.
THE QUALITY STORE

Free Public Telephone; Rest Room for Ladies and Children; Sanitary Drinking Fountain.



Special on
Gocycle
 Price \$1.00

F. L. LILLY

La Grande National Bank

Organized in 1887.

DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.
 UNITED STATES POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITORY.

Capital\$100,000.00
 Surplus\$140,000.00
 Total Resources\$1,000,000.00

For twenty-six years, in all kinds of financial weather, we have successfully catered to the monetary wants of the people of La Grande and the Grande Ronde Valley.
 We respectfully solicit your business.

La Grande National Bank
 La Grande, Oregon

Post Cards & Stationery

Morgan's 10c. and 25c. Store.

New Spring SHOES

New Dull Kids in Pumps and Button Boots with new lasts. These are very popular this season. \$4.00 and \$5.00.

New Bronze Boots, something new and also very popular, \$6.00.

New Patents in Kid and Cloth tops new Kidney Heels and new lasts, \$4.00 to \$5.00.

New Pumps in Suedes, Velvets, Satins, Patents, Dull Kid, and Cravanettes, \$3.00 to \$4.00.

L. J. French Shoe Co.

"Shoes for the Whole Family."

States National Bank building, La Grande, Oregon. Plans, specifications and details may be seen at said office and used by contractors upon application to said secretary. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.
 By order of the Building Committee,
 W. H. BOHNENKAMP,
 Chairman.
 3-16-6t.

Treasurer's Call for County, Scalp Bounty and Road Warrants.

NOTICE—The undersigned, treasurer of Union county, Oregon, has funds on hand with which to pay all warrants issued on the county, scalp bounty, and road funds, and endorsed by the county treasurer not paid for want of funds prior to March 20, 1914.
 Interest ceases on the above warrants on March 20, 1914.
 JOHN FRAWLEY,
 3-19-4t
 County Treasurer.

GOSSARD CORSETS
 will improve your figure immediately
 All Styles from \$2. to \$8.50
 Mrs. ROBT. PATTON Corsetiere
 At the Geo. A. Anderson, Store
 Phone 41