THE OBSERVER

BRUCE DENNIS, Editor and Owner.

Entered in the Post Office at La Grande, Oregon, as second class matter.

Advertising rates on application. All copy for display advertising must reach the office the day before the ad appears.

Address all communications to THE OBSERVER, 1710 Sixth Street.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

Daily, single copy	5c
Daily, per week	15c
Daily, per month	65c
Daily, six months in advance	$3.50
Daily, per year in advance	$7.00
Daily, by mail per year, in advance	$4.00
Weekly Observer-Star, per year in advance	$1.50

THE EASTERN OREGON MINES.

Mining, like almost everything else possessing a sensational fascination, runs in cycles. The cycle of lethargy in Oregon mining is now nearing completion and one can expect within the next year to hear of some good mineral strikes in Baker county and elsewhere in the stae.

To stimulate the interest in mining at the present time Oregon's Bureau of Mines and Geology has just issued an exhaustive volume on the mineral resources of the state, devoting most of the work to the Eastern Oregon country where once the gold was the biggest crop of all the resources.

The book is very interesting. Besides tracing the discovery of gold in the Baker-Sumpter country the writer has gathered data on the gross production of the different mines; established facts as to the early placer mining, and as a whole has reviewed the Oregon mining situation in the best manner we have ever seen it reviewed.

After reading what the department says on mineral production one is forced to the belief that mining is to come back very soon. The ledges that gave up their gold in half million dollar cleanups a few years ago are not exhausted, and the placer ground that made Auburn the metropolis of all country east of the Cascades still has some gold, just as the John Day, Pine creek and many other streams have gold left. It is harder to get now, to be sure, and that is also true with the quartz mines. But it will be gotten. Modern, improved methods of mining and the abundance of money always available for reasonably certain mining will once again open the treasure-box and the people of the entire country will once more be startled by the output of gold from the Eastern Oregon country.

The trade balance is once more in favor of the United States, according to the treasury reports. Americans can now begin to feel they have a chance to do a little more business, if it did take a war of the greater part of the civilized world to bring it about.

Tom Word, who has been sheriff of Multnomah county for many years, was beaten at the last election, and Word was sore. He decided in his own mind there had been fraud perpetrated or he never could have been defeated. He instituted proceedings demanding a recount of the votes and the same was ordered. The recount is progressing and Word appears to have been the beneficiary of the fraud. Word will be forced to admit after this recount is finished that the people of Multnomah did not want him for sheriff any longer.

Bishop Walter T. Sumner seems to be the victim of some person eager for prominence and wealth. The suit against him for libel seems to be far fetched and without grounds justifiable. Rather it would appear to be a case of those who see a man fast rising to high prominence wishing to do something that will force from him a money compromise and at the same time give slight prominence to the parties guilty of instituting such a suit.

Ronald G. Callvert, special writer for the Oregonian, wonders why men will seek the offices of representative and state senator when such jobs are thankless and carry no compensation. That same question has been puzzling a portion of the country for half a century. The prominence of holding a legislative office seems to lure them on, but why, no one has ever explained to the satisfaction of those who do not run for office. Perhaps it is patriotism and love of country?

But why should the legislature keep carnations on Miss Towne's desk? and why should every bill she introduces receive unanimous support of the House? She is a lady, but as a lawmaker the question of sex should be eliminated and her bills should stand upon their merit alone, and not upon the fact that they were introduced by the only lady member of the legislature. Chivalry is a fine thing, but Miss Towne has taken her place among men and is doing a man's task, therefore her work should be treated with the same close inspection that the work of any man represenative is treated.

Many of those squatters who filed on the public lands near Enterprise are abundantly entitled to their prizes for in some instances hey have played the watchful waiting game many years, living all of that time in both hope and fear as to ultimate decision of the government. Perhaps if many of those same people had purchased land in the Wallowa valley at what seemed to be high prices they would now have their land paid for and be on easy street. But the idea of getting free land from the government is a magnet of strong pursuasion.

Death claimed the father of Hon. W. Lair Thompson, president of the state senate, Wednesday night. The parental home at Albany suffered the stroke of grief that nature has destined shall come to all homes sooner or later. In this time of heavy gloom, which is caused only by the passing of a parent Lair Thompson has the deep and profound sympathy of his friends in all parts of the state.

With the most profound admiration and respect for the ladies of Oregon we fail to see weherin it is necessary for them to serve on a jury. Women for jury duty are out of place and we believe ninety per cent of the good women of the state will agree to this statement.

A bill has been introduced at Salem to do away with the physical examination of young men who want to marry. That law was passed two years ago. How we do slip up and then slip back in this game of lawmaking.

A coyote scalp s now worth taree dollars. Take the old gun down from behind the door and oil it up. For there's money to be made while having fun. Few states offer such an opportunity.

MEN! $15 SUITS NOW AT $11.25

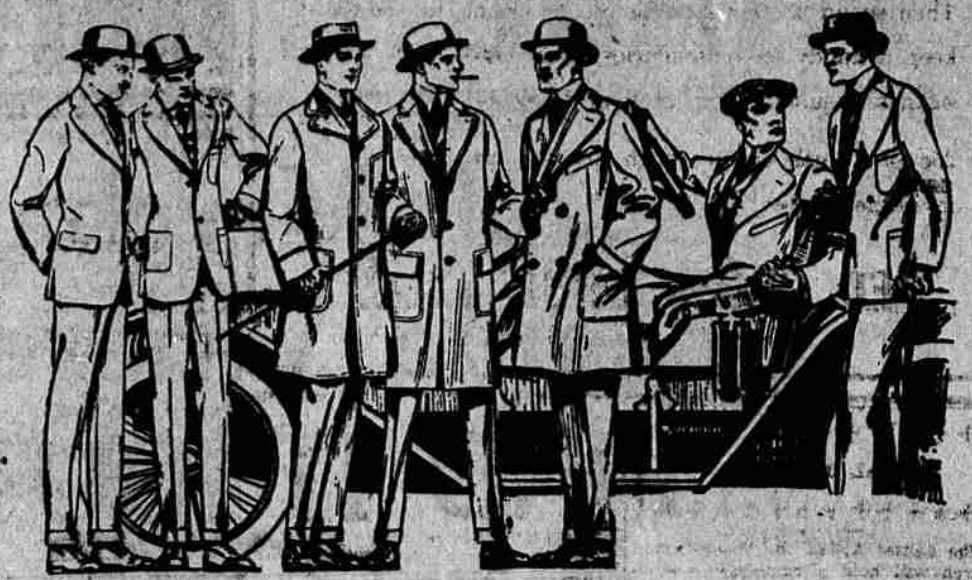
And Others at Proportionate Reductions!

VALUABLE NEWS

Our men's store is daily asserting itself more and more as up-to-date and reliable suit store with stocks unequaled for bigness and variety. The offering we quote for January Clearance ($15.00 at $11.25 and all others at proportionate reductions) is only an example of the high values to be had.

Our entire stock of suits so much underpriced are the very latest styles in English and conservative models—are every one all wool in heavy and medium weight materials. Guaranteed to wear and hold their shape and every man can be fitted from our immense assortment—long, short, stout and regular sizes here.

Can you get a better guarantee of satisfaction than of buying such famous makes as these: "Society Brand," "Benjamin," Hirsch Wickwire" and "Fidelity" Suits?



$15.00 Suits now at $11.25	$20.00 Suits now at $15.00	$25.00 Suits now at $18.75
$17.50 Suits now at $13.15	$22.50 Suits now at $16.90	$27.50 Suits now at $21.15

High Grade Stock Men's Furnishings Now at January Clearance Prices

MEN'S SILK FOUR-IN-HAND TIES

Made reversible or with wide open ends—Our ties have always been the very best values for the money—Now our entire regular stock of 50c ties 35c

GREATEST OF SHIRT SALE

Entire stock of Manhattan shirts now 20 per cent off. Many men are buying a six months' supply at the big savings. $1.50 Manhattan shirts now $1.20. $2.00 ones $1.70 and $2.50 ones $2.00. Entire stock separate and soft collar shirts now 20 per cent off. 50c shirts now 40c. 75c shirts 60c. $1.00 shirts 80c. $1.25 shirts $1.00. $1.50 shirts $1.20. $2.50 silk shirts now $2.00. $3.00 silk shirts $2.40.

MEN'S GORDON HATS $2.70

The best $3.00 hat value in town. Greatest assortments, newest styles.

Men's Stetson hats now .. $3.20
Broken line Gordon hats.. $1.75
Broken line Stetson hats .. $2.35

MEN'S CAPS REDUCED 20 AND 33 1-3 PER CENT

"Interwoven" hosiery, "Arrow" collars, "Fownes" dress gloves, "Kenosha Klosed Krotch" union suits are a few of the well known brands in our stock. Every article at January Clearance.

A Water Proof Malone Shirt

Just the thing for loggers, cruisers, farmers and all men out doors. Now reduced 20 per cent.

Heavy all wool pants reduced. Regular $2.00 $2.50 $3.00 $4.00 $5.00 pants now $1.50 $1.90 $2.25 $3.00 and $3.75

Men's $3.00 Corduroy pants now..... $2.25

Men's $3.50 Corduroy pants now $2.65

Men's Mackinaws and sheep lined Coats reduced 25 per cent.

Gold Seal Rubbers, Overshoes, Bergman Loggers' Wool Sox, Lined Gloves at the lowest prices of the year. Send in your mail order satisfaction guaranteed.

People are Now Calling for Our Boy's Suits

And little wonder. The prices are very low for the best boys' suits made. 25 per cent whittled off from the price of every suit. We are not reserving a single suit and gives you the choice of any one. "Extra Good" or "Best Ever" brand.

$5.00 Suits now $3.75
$9.00 Suits now $6.75
$6.00 Suits now $4.50
$7.50 Suits now $5.65
Boys' $4.00 $5.00 $6.00 Buster Brown Suits now ..... $2.00 $2.50 and $3.00
Boys' Hats Reduced 1-3
Boys' Sweaters 1-3 off
50c Bell Blouses 38c
25c Blouses now 21c
Extra Fine Boys' Caps with Fur Ear Flaps now 40c

Every Article Reduced

N. K. West & Co.
THE QUALITY STORE

Every Article Reduced

Entire Line Ladies' Dresses Now ½ Price
" " " Skirts " ½ Price
Any Ladies' Suit in the Store Now $7.98
" " Coat " " " " $6.98
Children's and Misses' Coats values to $15.00, Sizes 10 to 17 Now at Low Price of $1.98.

LA GRANDE NATIONAL BANK

Capital $200,000.00 Resources $1,000,000.00
Surplus $50,000.00

OFFICERS:—

Fred J. Holmes, President C. C. Penington, V.-Prest.
F. L. Meyers, Cashier
Earl Zundel and H. E. Coolidge, Ass't Cashiers

DIRECTORS:

Fred J. Holmes	A. T. Hill	H. E. Coolidge
C. C. Penington	J. F. Conley	A. Blockland
F. L. Meyers	J. G. Snodgrass	H. S. Brownton

What This Bank Aims to Do

To promote our customers' interests as we would our own;

To do all we can to make their relations here profitable and agreeable to them;

To contribute to their enterprises, the co-operation, foresight and timely assistance which a good Bank can properly bestow.

Gambling in La Grande must go, whether it be a poker game or a card game for chips to be cashed later in the alleys. Those who stand out against the enforcement of the laws are sure to get cought by the steam roller sooner or later.

Forcing those who lobby at Salem to register is a good thing to joke about, but how many will affix their names to the register and state in the blank space following the name why they are at Salem and what interests they represent?

The biennial fuss about the tax law is now on and many plans are offered to make easy the payment of taxes, etc. But the man who pays his tax with most ease is the man who has the ready money.

Russia has placed a large order for cars with Seattle firms. This coast will begin to think it is not half so badsky if she follows this line of commercial activty.

Pendleton is active in its opposition to the new fish and game bill. It looks to us like the activity against this measure would be widespread, especially east of the Cascades.

Union countys' telephone companies are now connected and with one phone any part of the county may be reached.

Guess there was something to that German talk about shooting a few bombs into London, or at least the British think there was.

Canadian silver is now suffering a discount, so be careful and see that the change you get bears the fac simile of an American Eagle.

Another piece of wheat land in the Grande Ronde valley has been sold for $100 an acre, which goes to show that things having merit will still bring the price.

"Hard times or not," comments our friend The Herald, "the American benefactions for 1914, $315,000,000, were larger than those of 1912 or 1913." They had to be, on account of the hard times.—Boston Transcript.

There's some consolation in the reflection that after the war some of those medieval European cities can use the trenches for subways and sewer systems.—Boston Transcript.

Waist-deep in snow, we can well believe that the Allies stand the German fire coolly.—Boston Transcript.