

THE OBSERVER

BRUCE DENNIS, Editor and Owner.

FARMER ROBERT CLARKE.

The Grande Ronde valley has many excellent specimens of the true, high-class American farmer but we want to call your attention to one of the many and that man is Robert Clarke. A few days ago we ran across him at a summer resort with his wife and two sons. They had gotten their work done up and decided to take a day or two off, just as every farmer is entitled to do and should do. So the father and mother got in the back seat of the automobile, the two boys drove the car and off they went to have a good time. And they had it. We might mention, with apology to the Clarke family for centering them out for this publicity, that they have a

daughter who has by application and correct living attained a high place in the teaching fraternity. The Clarke family is an ideal American family. They are farmers. Happy, prosperous, energetic people. And this nation needs every family of that type and needs them badly.

THE FAULTY DAM.

It is generally understood now that the dam at the intake is faulty; that the work done last summer will not stand, at least without considerable expenditure for re-enforcement. The lesson of the transaction is that no city can hire big work done "by days work." It is all right in theory but it does not work out. It is popular with many, but in this the many are misguided. No doubt the popular sentiment was largely the cause of this particular piece of work being

done by days work. The city would be much better off if it had a bond locked in its safe from a reliable contractor for the dam construction. Don't you think so?

"Of all the parks that I saw on my recent trip I saw none that showed such results for the money expended as our own city park," said W. H. Bohnenkamp after returning from an automobile tour of Western Oregon including Ashland where the city bonded heavily for park purposes. This should add to the enthusiasm of every La Grande citizen, for our city park is a gem and no mistake.

If the government restrictions are as severe on the Rural Credit scheme as they are on obtaining money from the Reserve bank it is not likely that any six per cent money will find its way to the rancher's hands. We believe to get this matter adjusted as it should be President Wilson should consult with our old friend, Walter Pierce who is authority on banking and interest rates.

In saving her little playmate from drowning recently Inez Hughes has demonstrated that every child should be taught to swim.

BEMOANS WATER COSTS

La Grande, Sept. 4.—(Ti the Editor).—Before coming to La Grande I lived in a little city about three times the size of this.

It was a city of homes. I was in a place where the majority of the citizens were filled with civic pride, a city of grand old spreading trees, green grass and flowers and vines. The water supply came from the Mississippi river.

The water all had to be pumped into large filters and upon a bluff where the city was located. We paid 50 cents per month for water—had no meters. Used all we wanted and each person kept the street sprinkled in front of his property.

Will someone kindly explain why we are held up so in La Grande for water?

Why can we not do away with the meters and the expense of having men go around and read (?) them every month? Then we might have more green grass and flowers and less dust.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

The Stanfield grocery has been added to the list of business houses which will close tomorrow and Friday for the horse races.

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Delightful New Suits

Longer lines and a little more dignity, the new suits show, although they still ripple and flare buoyantly. Dashing styles "ours"—new as the dawning season. In broadcloths, worsteds, and men's wear serges, we are showing a strong line. Elaborate fur trimmings are more popular than ever. Buttons are greatly in evidence. Braids are good.

Colors—Navy, brown, taupe, Burgundy and black. The popular Furs are Hudson seal, opossum and mole. The sizes are misses' 14's to women's 44's.

Priced, \$12.50, \$20.00, \$25.00 and up to \$65.00

Smart Dresses

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Tunics and double tunics, pleated skirts and the regulation waist line are seen, too, in many modish models. Large collars—white being chic—belts and duplex belts—rows and rows of buttons—wool embroidery and braids furnish the new trimming features. Sizes 34 to 44 \$10.00, \$17.50, \$20.00, \$25.00 up to \$35.00

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Jim Crowley, well known contractor and foreman, has again accepted the superintendency of the Palmer Lumber company camps at Vincent. Mr. Crowley held that position for several years when the camps were at Palmer Junction.

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FOR RENT—5-room house furnished. Phone Black 1191.—Adv. 9-5-1f.

FOR SALE—Household goods and thoroughbred Rhode Island Red chickens, 1802 Wash. avenue.—Adv. 9-5-2tp.

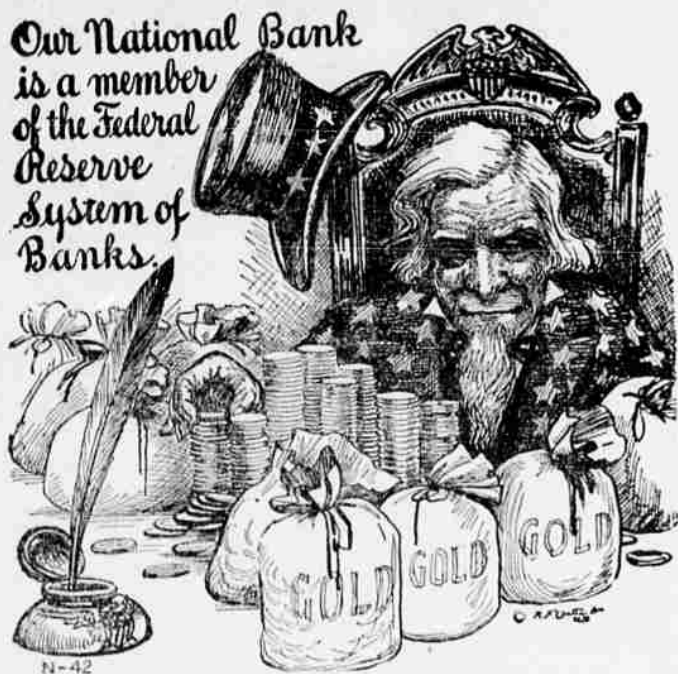
Card of Thanks

The undersigned wish to express out deep appreciation to those who assisted in the search for and recovery of our son when he was lost in the mountains.

MR and MRS CHAS TAAL.

The United States National bank has installed one of the latest machines made to take the place of the

human brain in the accounting department of a bank. The system has been instituted during the past few days and is now running smoothly. Hereafter that bank will issue its statements on loose-leaf blanks, made out in toto by the machine which adds, subtracts and does a grist of other things. For instance, when, in the course of additions and subtractions of any account, an overdraft is encountered, the machine automatically chokes itself and refuses to continue. The enclosed piece of machinery is probably as near human as human hands can make of cold steel. Last, but not by means least, the machine automatically shuts off the electric power supply should some thoughtless accountant go home at night and not turn the switch.



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THE TOGGERY