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IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

The way that The Observer circulates and its influence in its territory has been demonstrated in more ways than one recently.

This morning an advertiser who had put in a small advertisement telephoned to the office that he had rented his apartment and to take his advertisement out as "applicants were coming in such numbers as to drive him crazy."

The farmers' meeting to form a National Farm Loan Association was advertised only in The Observer Thursday and Friday and a big attendance of farmers was the result.

"The Birth of a Nation" was advertised only in The Observer. Out of town people flocked into the performance from all over Union and Walla Walla counties.

Daily these instances come to light of how The Observer acts as a selling medium. A newspaper has many functions, to print the news, to be a leader in community endeavors. Not one of the least of its functions is to bring buyer and seller together. Advertising in The Observer pays. It is the cheapest and the best way of selling anything that you have to put on the market. Advertisers in The Observer get good service and what they are after—results.

THE SCHOLARSHIP LOAN FUND

The Neighborhood club is carrying on a campaign this week to aid the Scholarship Loan Fund of the State Federation of Women's Clubs. The money that goes into this fund is loaned to needy, worthy girls to assist them in getting a college education. The borrowers give their notes and eventually pay them off with interest, and the money is then re-loaned. It is not a charity. The fund has been in operation long enough to show that the girls aided pay back the principal and interest. We do not know of a philanthropy that is more worthy of support and more practical. It helps worthy girls to help themselves, and

it is managed with the highest kind of ability by the trustees of the fund. The good that has already been done in this way is incalculable.

THE FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION

Union county is to form a National Farm Loan Association. No doubt many farmers were not able to be present at the meeting today. Those who were not and who wish to join the association may send to The Observer for information and they will be put in touch with the temporary officers of the association and given the information which they desire. The Observer has no object in furthering the formation of this association except to help the farmers to help themselves, believing that if the farmer is prosperous that the whole country will also prosper.

An Old Sale Bill.

The Observer is indebted to Mr. W. B. Denny of La Grande, who with Mrs. Denny is visiting in Amsterdam, Mo., for the following regarding an old farm sale bill:

O. F. McLaughlin who lives a few miles north of Butler was in Saturday and handed us a copy of a sale bill that was printed in Missouri in an early day and is very quaint. The bill reads:

State of Missouri, county of Pike, to whom it may concern: The undersigned will sell Tuesday, Sept. 26, A. D. 1846, at public outcry for cash on premises, where Coon creek crosses the Mission road, the following chattels to wit: 6 yoke of oxen with yoke and chain, 2 wagons with beds, 3 nigger wenches, 4 buck niggers, three nigger boys, two prairie plows, 25 steel traps, one barrel pickle cabbage, one hoghead tobacco, one lot nigger hoes, one spinning wheel, one loom, 13 fox hounds, a lot of coon, mink and skunk skins and a lot of other articles. Am gwine to California. JOHN DOE.

Richard Roe, Crier. Free head cheese, apples and hard cider.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

A Field for Education.

A correspondent of the New York World suggests that it would be far better to take the money proposed for public buildings in the southern states and spend it for schools in the same communities. He points out that in the five states of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, with a combined population five times as great as that of Minnesota, the total amount of school money raised each year is only \$18,000,000, whereas Minnesota raises \$19,000,000. Federal aid to the public schools is no new idea. Henry W. Blair, while a senator from New Hampshire, more than twenty-five years ago tried to interest congress in this subject. His bill was repeatedly passed in the senate and was as often rejected or never acted upon by the house. Finally the senate voted against it, also, and the project died. Mr. Blair was ahead of his times. In those days the paternalistic idea of dependence upon the federal government for everything had not been developed as it now is. In those days there were state rights, with their defenders, and states' freedom. Under the latter head, the states of the south have felt at liberty to neglect the education of their children to an abominable degree, as the writer in the New York World points out.—Pendleton Tribune.

Cutter Manning Sails.

Astoria, Ore., Jan. 26.—(United Press)—The coastguard cutter Manning, which makes Astoria its headquarters, sailed today for San Francisco enroute to Baltimore to be thoroughly overhauled. The Algonquin will come from the Atlantic to take the place of the Manning.

Ben Grout Killed in Alaska; Funeral Here

Snowslides Buries La Grande Man at Douglas—Body Will Arrive Here Thursday or Friday.

Ben Grout, 31, of La Grande was killed by a snowslide at Douglas, Alaska, a few days ago. The body is enroute here. Mrs. Grout and the one year old son are accompanying it and will arrive in Seattle Tuesday. They are scheduled to reach La Grande Thursday or Friday for the funeral. The news was contained in a telegram to Ben Grout's father, E. E. Grout, received here this morning. The date of the fatality was not given.

Ben Grout had been in the accounting department of an Alaska mining company, operating at Douglas, for about a year. He was a civil, electrical and mining engineer and was figuring on building an electrical plant in Alaska. Before going to Alaska Mr. Grout had taught in Raymond, Wash., and had been principal of the Hood River high school. He was a graduate of the University of Oregon, class of 1909, and his wife (Miss Clara Pratt of Portland) is also an alumnus of the state university.

He is survived by the widow and one year old son, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Grout; two brothers, Fred and Bert Grout, and one sister, Mrs. Grace Brown.

Hyatt of Enterprise Hardware Men's Head

Portland, Ore., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—George W. Hyatt of Enterprise was elected president of the Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' association for the ensuing year at the convention session in the Imperial hotel Thursday afternoon. W. A. Huddelston of North Powder was chosen vice-president and the following were selected as members of the executive committee: Lot Pearce, Salem; E. H. Churchill, Roseburg; George Larkin, Newberg, and P. L. Love, Woodburn.

Hospital Notes

Shirley Neukirchner, who was injured in the mill sometime ago, is reported to be in a serious condition.

A seven-pound daughter was born last night to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burnett of this city.

Mrs. Charles Taal, who was operated on this morning is resting as well as can be expected.

U. S. Torpedo Boat Catches on Fire

Washington, Jan. 27.—(United Press)—The coast guard reported that a United States torpedo boat was found afire and beached at Orient point, Long Island. It was towed to Green Fort. The name is withheld.

FARMERS ORGANIZE LOAN BRANCH

(Continued From Page One) board of directors, which in turn elects its officers and appoints a loan committee. The stockholders have an additional liability of five per cent, or equal to the amount of their stock, but they do not have any other liability.

Turner Oliver was called upon and was well prepared to answer the many questions put to him as to the workings of act, and the details of forming the association. He said that in Europe the farm loan bonds sold equally as well if not better than government bonds. Mr. Oliver was also prepared with blanks and circulars which explained fully the workings of the law, which he circulated among those present.

Mr. Spillman also explained certain features of the law, and read extracts from the literature of the federal farm loan board.

Questions were then asked and answered by many present. Within five minutes after Chairman Spillman had called for signatures for an association, eight men had signed for a total loans of approximately \$40,000. This means that the first Union county association is assured as soon as two other names are secured. These two names and many others will be secured before night, as Mr. Spillman and Mr. Wright are interviewing farmers this afternoon.

Among the men at the meeting were: T. J. Seroggin, M. S. Carrol, D. W. Miller, I. W. Dunsmuir, Robert Clark, Thomas Freeman, Ed. Ayars, F. Zurblick, C. L. Utter, Henry Heidenreich, Henry Narra, C. D. Huffman, J. K. Wright, Joe Clark, Charles E. Smith, Harry S. Brooks of Medical Springs, Arthur Bremer, J. A. Woodell, Walter Parker, E. R. Stein, J. R. Stoddard, R. W. Taylor, E. H. De Long, W. W. Schofield, J. W. H. Nebeker, E. Knautz, Turner Oliver, T. H. Crawford, Clarke Leiter, and Frank Deacons.

An association will also be formed at Medical Springs, according to the delegates from that place present at this morning's meeting.

January Clearance & Clean-Up SALE Ends Saturday, January 27th. Unless you act quickly you are losing a golden opportunity to buy quality merchandise at greatly reduced prices. One lot Ladies' Coats, values to \$27.50. Your choice \$6.49. Worth while reductions on all Dresses, Skirts and Waists. Entire stock Ladies' and Children's Shoes at Sale Prices. Men's Suits and Overcoats, all sizes, at 1-3 off. One lot Men's Overcoats, values to \$22.50. Sale price \$6.90. One lot Boys' Overcoats, values to \$12.00. Sale price \$3.98. Stetson Hats \$2.49. Gordon Hats \$1.98. Shirts 1-4 off. Reduced Prices in Every Department Throughout the Store. N.W. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE

Society News

Stites-Hill Marriage.

At a quiet home wedding at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Mollie E. Noyes, 1705 Washington Avenue, Miss Nellie J. Hills became the bride of Raymond E. Stites Thursday evening at 8:30. Rev. J. J. Tickner read the single ring service. Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Atkins attended the young people. F. A. Charboneau played the wedding march.

The bride wore a blue crepe de chene gown and carried a shower bouquet of white carnations. She has lived a long time in La Grande and is well known. The groom is a conductor for the O-W-R. and N. Company.

The following relatives and close friends were present at the wedding: Mrs. J. A. Hills and daughter, Gertrude Hills, Mrs. Mollie E. Noyes, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Charboneau, Mr. and Mrs. William N. Schade, D. W. Noyes, Orlow Noyes, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Atkins, Mr. and Mrs. William Kennedy, Mrs. Louis Roesch and Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Tickner.

Mr. and Mrs. Stites are enjoying a short honeymoon trip in Portland and will be at home to their friends at 1307 Penn. Avenue, here, after February 1.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. church met on Thursday at the home of Mrs. S. C. Smith, 704 Washington Avenue. There was an excellent attendance and the lesson was an interesting one with Mrs. Fred Smith as leader. The topic for the afternoon was "Old Spain in New America". The Mesdames Beck, Vinacke and S. M. Richardson assisted with the program and a reading was given by Mrs. Hanford. Delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Whitby and Mrs. Leighton.

The Neighborhood club gave a home economics program January 23 in the club rooms. The subject "Home Management" was ably handled by Mrs. O. E. Moran. "Food Sanitation" was forcefully and practically presented by Mrs. Chester Newlin. Mrs. Guy Byrkit gave some very sensible and excellent ideas on proper and comfortable clothing. Three vocal numbers were beautifully given by Mrs. T. J. Seroggin, accompanied by Mrs. G. S. Birnie.

The club voted to give a reception in the M. E. church, Tuesday evening, January 30, at the close of the concert. The reception is for the public to meet Mr. and Mrs. Whipp. The patronesses for the evening are requested to act on the reception committee.

Wednesday evening, January 31, is scholarship loan fund evening. A program will be given in the club rooms beginning at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Elliott, the state forester of Salem, Oregon, will be present with the state forestry pictures. This meeting is open to the public. A free will offering will be taken for the scholarship loan fund.

Mrs. M. E. Donohoe entertained the Thursday Bridge club this week at her home. Mrs. T. N. Murphy won the honors. Tea and wafers were served. Mrs. E. S. Ivanhoe will be the hostess next week.

Founders' day of P. E. O. was observed by La Grande Chapter "I" last night with a banquet in the Stanchfield home on M avenue. The table was beautifully decorated in yellow and white, the organization colors, and a delicious dinner was served. Mrs. J. K. Wright, acting as toastmistress, called upon the following: "History of the P. E. O.," Mrs. Brownson; "History of the B. I. L.," Dr. G. T. Darland; "B. I. L. Response," Mrs. E. E. Kiddle; "To the Hostess," Judge Knowles; "To the Guests," Mrs. Stanchfield; "To the Ladies," E. E. Kiddle.

Music for the evening was furnished by Mrs. J. Garfield King and Dr. H. S. Brownson. After the banquet Rev. G. L. Clark and Dr. H. L. Underwood were initiated into the mysteries of the B. I. L.

Miss Wilma Wade entertained a number of her friends Monday evening to celebrate her twelfth birthday. The color scheme was pink and green and the table was decorated with pink carnations. The place cards were water-colored and were painted by the young hostess. Delicious refreshments were served. Following is the list of guests: Irma and Evelyn Underwood, Majorie Logan, Myrtle and Mildred Hoyt, Inez Hughes, Audrey Nash, Bessie McAllister, Elma Bay, Alma and Myrtle Mason, Louis Mulholland, Juanita Shanks and Justeen Ford.

The Eastern Star Social club will meet in the Masonic parlors Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church held the regular monthly "sunny social" last night in the church basement. An excellent supper was served in cafeteria style from 6:30 until 9 p. m. A good crowd was present.

Last Saturday evening at the Methodist parsonage Victor R. Melville and Miss Glennie Marshall were united in marriage. Rev. Chas. Edwards officiating. The ring ceremony was used. Only the intimate friends were present.

George S. Bryant and Miss Eunice Long were married last Saturday at 7:30 p. m. in the Methodist parsonage. Rev. Charles Edwards officiated. Only the immediate relations and a few intimate friends were present. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant will make their home in La Grande.

Thursday night about 40 members of the M. I. A. indulged in a sleigh ride after which they were delightfully entertained at the Garrick home in the country. Games and music furnished the entertainments for the evening. This is one of a series of "get-together" parties which the M. I. A. is enjoying this winter.

The Wednesday Bridge club met this week with Mrs. G. L. Larison, Mrs. M. K. Hall captured the honors.

Miss Irene Murphy entertained the Pinochle club Tuesday evening. Mrs. H. M. Bay won the honors. An added feature of the evening was a vocal selection by Mrs. Loyd Scriber.

The members of the Lucky Thirteen club were delightfully entertained Thursday at the home of Mrs. Wm. Ash. Honors were won by Mrs. A. L. Richardson. Mrs. William Bollons will be the next hostess when the club meets on February 8.

Foremost among the social events scheduled for next week is the Whipp concert to be given in the Methodist church Tuesday evening. Only those who have heard Mr. Whipp can appreciate the enthusiasm with which he is being greeted in each of the cities included in his tour. Mrs. Whipp is his accompanist. La Grande people are fortunate in securing Mr. and Mrs. Whipp for a recital.

Mrs. George Palmer and Mrs. G. M. Byrkit were hostesses to the afternoon Kaffe Klatch members Friday afternoon. Bridge was the feature of the day, four tables being played. Mrs. George Cochran captured the prize. Dainty refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Charboneau and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Charboneau proved delightful hosts when the entertained the members of the young married couples club at a dancing party last Monday evening at the home of the latter. Red and white were the colors used and the color scheme was well carried out. Dainty refreshments were served later in the evening. The club is comprised of the following: Messrs. and Mesdames Andrew Loney, Clarence Charboneau, Flody Charboneau, Charles Bingner, Clyde Carrol, Lewis Randolph and Lawrence Prescott.

The Sans Souci club will meet next Wednesday evening with Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Bouvy.

The Island City Card Club secured a big bob sled Friday evening in which they journeyed to the handsome Glenn home, four and a half miles east of town. The hostesses for the evening were Mrs. John Schroeder and Mrs. Glenn. The rooms were beautifully decorated and tables were arranged for five hundred. Honors were won by Mr. Vannorman and Mr. F. Self. A dainty two-course luncheon was served.

There is a doubt in the minds of the committee in charge of the recent Charity Ball as to whether a dollar dance is profitable for this annual affair. Though well attended the expenses have proved to be so high that the net proceeds totaled only \$70.57. The report handed in by the committee shows: Total proceeds, \$148.71; total expenses, \$78.14. The expenses were as follows: Hall and music, \$50; boy checks, \$2; labor, \$3.50; flowers, \$4.15; invitations, \$6; stamps, \$5.49; punch, \$6; drayage, \$1.

Soon Pick High School Debaters.

The members of the La Grande high school debating team will soon be picked, according to Principal Hampton and Superintendent McCullough. By default, La Grande holds the championship of Union county, all other teams having withdrawn. La Grande will meet the Joseph high school team for the championship of east of the Blue Mountains, and if successful in this contest, will meet some team from west of the Blue Mountains for the championship of Eastern Oregon.

Sell it—The Observer want ads will sell it.

Dead or Alive! A dead dollar is the one which is hidden away; which earns you nothing, and which is liable to turn up missing without a moment's notice; or the kind you carelessly push across the counter, for this and that; things you really don't need—then wonder in a week's time where they have gone. A live dollar is the one which you place in this bank, where it is always safe. They will call for company; the result is, more saving; then when opportunity arrives, you are financially able to meet it with open arms, and a bank account. La Grande National Bank