

LA GRANDE EVENING OBSERVER

An Independent Newspaper... Published Daily a Week at La Grande, Oregon, by La Grande Evening Observer Publishing Company.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES... Daily, per month... \$1.50... Weekly Observer-Star, by mail, per year in advance... \$12.50



Mistakes That Are Made in Name of Charity.

"Not charity, but a chance" is to be the motto of a nation-wide movement to aid handicapped people of every age, race and creed.

This is a big undertaking. The worst of it is that it is so much bigger than it need have been if the world had not remained so long blind to the truth.

More mistakes are committed in the name of kindness and charity than seems possible. It is generally mistaken kindness to do for another what he can do for himself.

There is hope and joy in this proposed revolution in old methods and habits of thought. Busy people are happy people, and happy people are good people.

Those Who Voted Against the Normal—Listen

"One nation, indivisible," says the child standing at salute before the American flag. Yet where do we stand with regard to the strongest bond of all the many bonds that make a nation indivisible—a common speech?

Ten per cent of our adult population are unable to read the language of the country or understand it unless it is translated into some foreign tongue.

Out of the first 2,000,000 men summoned by the draft 200,000 could not read their orders, our understand them, nor read the letters they received from their friends after they got to camp.

If the principles which govern America are to continue, education must increase. The man who cannot understand the idea addressed to him explaining the advantage of these principles and who can understand the enemy propagandist or agitator who addresses him in his own language, is going to follow alien leads.

While the teaching of the English language is only a part of the business of Americanization, it is the fundamental without which the rest of the process must be insecure. We have been negligent too long about this great factor of our progress, it is time that men who speak with authority were heeded.

TO DAISY BURKHART

Of Boise, Idaho, Died January 1, 1919, in La Grande, From Illness Contracted While Nursing Others. Daisy Burkhardt—noble soul—Thine was a life lived pure and whole; Cleared to others' need, Closed in a grand, unselfish deed.

A LITERARY GEM

In spite of the claim of some highbrows that there is very little good literature appearing nowadays, now and then something inspiring enraptures the vision.

To Be a Juror in London.

In the city of London a juror must be a householder or occupier of premises, and must possess property to the value of five hundred dollars.

THE FORUM

Editor Observer: In your issue of December 31st, you published a poem entitled, "The Bivouac of the Dead." In parenthesis, preceding the poem the following is stated presumably by the editor as explanatory of the poem:

The Budget Is Useful Even in the Home.

"Why bother with a budget?" asks a friend of the woman who was struggling with the problem of how much she could take off the clothing allowance to meet the inevitable dentist bills, and how small she could make the entertainment and amusement column without letting the family grow stale and "peppish."

Netted Gems and Peerless Potatoes

Finest grade, every sack guaranteed, Delivered to your home.

Phone us your order---Red 1781

Clyde L. Kiddle

DAILY REGIMEN TO AVOID THE SPANISH INFLUENZA

- First—Physical Culture Magazine? Second—Before rising, take six or more full deep breaths, expanding the abdomen and chest fully. Third—Take from five to fifteen minutes' vigorous exercise which will use every part of the body, giving special attention to the spine.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed Administrator of the estate of Theodore E. Buehler, deceased, and all claims against said estate must be properly itemized and verified and presented to the undersigned at his place of business at the corner of Depot street and Jefferson avenue, on or before six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

We have now resumed making our famous Blue Stem Patent Flour, which has been off the market for some time, and it is now handled again by all dealers.

THE FORUM

Editor's Note—The poem referred to was published by The Observer in the knowledge that Mr. Perry was making false claims. The caption which preceded it, which Mr. Humphreys presumes was an editorial introduction, was also composed by Mr. Perry. For our reason for so doing we might quote the old saw about giving certain persons enough rope.

3 DAYS MORE

Buy your War Savings Stamps according to your pledge. It is a patriotic duty and a binding obligation.

La Grande National Bank

Member Federal Reserve System Designated Depository of the United States Government

Advertisement for N.K. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE. Telephone orders carefully selected and promptly delivered. Annual Clearance Sale Starts Saturday, January 4, Ends Jan. 31 Every Article in the store at Clearance Prices.

Advertisement for Crescent Baking Powder. IT RAISES THE DOUGH. The very best baking powder is the double acting one. It raises first when moisture is added to the mixing bowl, and then again when heat is applied.

Advertisement for Silverthorn's Family Drug Store. During the Period we are closed telephone your orders and we will be glad to make deliveries.

Advertisement for Newlin Book & Stationery Co. During the Period we are closed telephone your orders and we will be glad to make deliveries.

Advertisement for La Grande National Bank. Member Federal Reserve System Designated Depository of the United States Government

Advertisement for Mr. Business Man. As a matter of economy you should consult the Observer's Job Department before placing your printing---we are satisfying La Grande's leading firms---put us on your calling list. Phone Main 37. Only Highclass Printers are employed.