

LA GRANDE EVENING OBSERVER

An Independent Newspaper
Published Daily and Weekly at La Grande, Oregon, by La Grande Evening Observer Publishing Company. BRUCE DENNIS, Publisher.

Entered at the Postoffice at La Grande, Oregon, as Second Class Mail Matter. Address all Communications to The Observer, 1710 Sixth Street, City and County Official Paper.

On Sale in Other Cities—Oregon Hotel News Stand, Portland; Imperial News Stand, Portland; Multnomah Hotel News Stand, Portland, Oregon.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES—By Carrier: Daily, per month \$1.00; Daily, per three months \$2.50; Daily, per six months in advance \$4.75; Daily, per year in advance \$8.50; Daily, single copy 5c. By Mail: Daily, per year in advance \$8.00; Daily, per six months in advance \$4.50; Daily, three months in advance \$1.25; Daily, per month 50c; Weekly Observer-Star, by mail, per year in advance \$1.50.



Tendency to Discard the Classics.

The predicted reaction has come in the academic halls. Princeton, long a stronghold of the classics, requires no Greek either for getting in or out, and one's study of Latin is all that is demanded for the degree of bachelor of arts. Yale goes even further. No Latin is required for entrance to the university, nor any advanced algebra, trigonometry or solid geometry for Sheffield Scientific school. Even Oxford, the ancient English seat of education, sponsors the statement that "the classics, while all admit their inestimable services to learning in the past, are gradually receding into the background."

If course this revolution is aimed to meet the present demands for that sort of education which shall fit men to get rich the quickest, and to meet the condition arising from the high wages of unskilled labor; but it is a mistake to let it go too far. There may be more money in modern languages than in ancient, yet some knowledge of ancient languages is of inestimable benefit in mastering the modern tongues and understanding the modern races that speak them. Undoubtedly much time has been wasted in old-fashioned, tortuous methods of calculation; but for all that, engineering is based on higher mathematics. The past, in spite of all our modernity, cannot be ignored entirely, for it is straight to its "inestimable services" that we owe our present high development.

Good Advice Always on Tap.

This morning a La Grande man said that he had just paid a dollar for a very small basket of apples. Reports have been made to the effect that people all over the country the past winter have had to pay nearly as much for apples as they paid for oranges. Apparently the apple business in the eastern part of the country has gone by the board entirely and people have stopped trying to cultivate orchards. One government report is that in New Hampshire the output the past few years has been only 250,000 barrels as against a regular output a few years ago of a million barrels. The pinhead apple supply in the far eastern part of the United States comes from the far west and an attempt is made

to induce eastern people to grow more apples. In this situation of affairs the government comes to the front with the usual string of gratuitous advice. The department of horticulture is urging every farmer to look to his abandoned orchards, to give the best care possible to all old trees worth attention and to plant new trees in the place of dead ones or poor stock.

Only a year or two back the orchardists in this country sought in vain for advice as to what to do with apples that were rotting on the ground; they sought without recompense—at least many did—for any kind of a show that would give sufficient return to pay interest on the investment without regard to the labor and other expense involved.

It seems to be the old story that when the price of any commodity is high there are few who have the commodity to sell and that in why the price is high.

It is easy to give advice as to the profit in apples just now, but when information of benefit is sought when it is needed it is as scarce and as far out of reach as the apple supply at present seems to be.

Business as Against Political Management.

The way to fight Bolshevism, says William Alton White, the Kansas author and editor, now in Paris on a Russian peace mission, "is to give every man a stake in his own town and country."

He assumes as a matter of course that everybody should have a private stake—there should be a house for every family and a job for every workman and a market for every farmer. But over and above that he emphasizes the idea that every citizen should be made "part owner in his national utilities and in the public utilities and in the public utilities of the city in which he lives."

It sounds rather odd to hear anyone preaching public ownership again just at this time, when the policy in question is subjected to criticism on all sides as a result of war experience with it. Still, Mr. White seems to make a good case, particularly for municipal ownership of public utilities.

The tendency in Germany, France and Great Britain, he remarks, is all in that direction, and he holds that the results prove his contention—that accordingly as the people gain a larger stake in the welfare of their communities, the less interest they show in radical and dangerous political nostrums. "It is all nonsense," he says, "to say that cities cannot run public utilities as economically and as satisfactorily as private corporations. All they have to do is to adopt the European system of management, which is simply that of getting experts to do the jobs instead of politicians."

"The same men that are employed by private corporations will do the jobs instead of politicians."

"The same men that are employed by private corporations will do the job just as well, perhaps a little better, for municipalities. It is merely a question of a city or a country paying the same price for brains that private corporations are willing to pay. "It means merely a little readjustment, a little sacrifice of power and so-called prestige on the part of certain classes of politicians, that is all."

VAGRANCY CHARGED

Dick Roberts, who has been held in jail for several days, following his arrest for disorderly conduct, was given a hearing in police court yesterday afternoon and was fined \$50 on a vagrancy charge. He is being held in jail, pending payment of his fine.

THE KEX BARBER SHOP, Cantrell & Holliday, Props. Union shop, everything clean and sanitary. All Grad class workmen. We solicit a share of your patronage. 2-27-19

UTAH WOMEN AS LAW MAKERS

Safe Seating Had Several Women Members Who Were Active in Affairs of the State.

SALT LAKE CITY, April 1.—Women members of the Utah legislature had much success with measures that were, to an extent responsible for, at the thirtieth biennial legislature, recently adjourned. Individually, however, their bills did not do so well. As members of committees on health and education the work of the women legislators at the most recent session may be considered special.

Four women occupied seats in the session just passed. Mrs. Elizabeth Hayward of Salt Lake was a member of the senate. The other three, Mrs. Delora Wilkins Blakely, Mrs. Anne T. Piercey and Dr. Grace Stratton Airey, were members of the house of representatives. Women in the Utah legislature are not a novelty, however, for Utah has long been a suffrage state and the women have had representation ever since suffrage was granted.

Mrs. Hayward introduced a number of bills in the senate, but the measure upon which she worked consistently—providing an eight hour day for women—was killed during the session. She was successful in having passed and signed by the governor, however, a bill placing the matter of the employment of children under the state industrial commission instead of the juvenile court. Mrs. Hayward also was responsible for a joint resolution authorizing the governor to appoint a committee to consider a suitable memorial to be presented to Utah's soldiers and sailors. The resolution memorializing congress to pass the Susan B. Anthony suffrage amendment to the national constitution, which was passed, was offered by Mrs. Hayward.

Mrs. Piercey's principal bill, providing for a minimum wage for women and miners, met defeat. A measure providing for hours of employment of women in certain classes of work, became law, however, and credit for this measure is due to Mrs. Piercey. A similar measure introduced in the senate by Mrs. Hayward, was lost because it was said, it was too general in its terms. Mrs. Piercey also was responsible for a measure for the benefit of returned soldiers and sailors—a memorial to congress asking that necessary steps be taken to retain the preferential right of soldiers and sailors on the list of eligibles in the civil service list.

Mrs. D. W. Blakely, another member of the lower house, was the author of several bills, two of the important ones being killed. A measure providing for support of widowed, dependent mothers, of which she was the author, became law, however. Dr. Airey, who has served in former legislatures, was prominent in committee work, but bills of which she was the author did not fare well, three more or less important measures of hers being killed, one through an "error," a clerk failing to include the enacting clause, when engrossing the bill, which had been passed. It provided for the establishment of a home for fallen women.

MONEY ON CITY PROPERTY

Jack Oliver has money he will loan on city property on very easy terms. 1-11-1919

THEODORE ROOSEVELT GOING IN FOR POLITICS

He May Not Begin, However, as the G. O. P. Candidate for Alderman Made President.

Young Theodore Roosevelt is going into politics, though he may not be the Republican candidate for President of the Board of Aldermen, as he says the New York World. This was learned yesterday on good authority, and Mr. Roosevelt himself practically confirmed it though he would say nothing for quotation. "I prefer to say nothing at present about that suggestion," he said when asked to comment on the report that the Republicans were grooming him.

It was ascertained from Mr. Roosevelt's friends that soon he will give up his position with the bond house with which he has been connected, and from which he obtained a leave of absence to go to war. He will then take up a political career, but it is yet to be determined in what way.

The story that Republican leaders were considering him for the Presidency of the Board of Aldermen surprised "Teddy Jr.," as he is generally called by politicians. Following the publication yesterday, he had a serious talk with some of the Republicans who are fairly high in the party councils locally. Who these men are he would not say. It is understood that the chief point discussed was whether it was advisable for the son of Col. Roosevelt to attempt at the outset to run in opposition to a Tammany Hall Democrat in a strongly Democratic city or to try first for a place in the state senate or assembly.

The point has been raised by some politicians that while it would be an admirable thing to have Col. Roosevelt's son on the Board of Estimate, where, being the sole opponent of the party in power, he would have a chance to make a name for himself, it would be dangerous for him to risk defeat at the polls at the very beginning of his political career.

The picture business at Silverthorn's keep them busy nowadays. Their developing and printing is done the day you leave them.—adv. 3-29-19

Kodaks

- ONE DAY SERVICE IN DEVELOPING AND PRINTING

Bring or send us your negatives before 9 in the morning and we will have your pictures ready before 6 that evening.

Silverthorn's

FAMILY DRUG STORE LA GRANDE, OREGON.

Style and Quality In Clothes. Ready-Made or Made-To-Measure. The style and quality is the same. If you've always had Made-to-Measure clothes, we'll get you. HART SCHAFFNER & MARX CLOTHES. made to your measure in the style you want. Their designers know how to create styles that are new and different, styles like this waist seam model. Styles that are made right, carefully tailored, in all wool fabrics. Nothing better for service and style. AND YOU ARE GUARANTEED. Satisfaction in every way by Hart Schaffner & Marx and we add ours to that. Ask to see the new styles and samples. HART SCHAFFNER & MARX CLOTHES. N.W. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE.

COUPON. Observer, La Grande, Ore. Please find this coupon and four others, together with 50 cents, enclosed, for which send "History of the World War," to: A very large stock of abdominal supporters and trusses for children and men, of the most modern make you will find at Silverthorn's.—Adv. 3-29-19. If you don't get good results with your spring picture taking just drop in at Silverthorn's and find out the cause. They will gladly tell you all about it—why not let them do your developing and printing. They do a large amount of such work, and do it quickly and well. 3-25-19

La Grande Mattress Shop And Weaving Works. Mattress Making and Repairing, Feather Mattresses Made, Feather Renovating, Carpet and Pluff Rug Weaving. All Work Called for and Delivered CHAS. EDWARDS, Prop. ONE BLOCK EAST OF FLOUR MILL PHONE RED 132.

"You're old enough to know better," says Hogan. "Figure the real tobacco satisfaction you get out of a small chew of genuine tobacco and the way it lasts—and good old Gravely has got your ordinary plug backed off the map." Good taste, smaller chew, longer life is what makes Genuine Gravely costless to chew than ordinary plug. Write to: GENUINE GRAVELLY DANVILLE, VA. for booklet on chewing plug. Peyton Brand REAL CHEWING PLUG Plug packed in pouch. IN ALL THE LATE SHAPES AND SHADES. At the Best Dealers.

A Landmark In Union County. For thirty-two years this bank has been a prominent factor in the development of Union county. We are larger and better equipped to render the best service now than ever before in our history. Capital and Surplus \$ 240,000.00 Deposits 1,321,000.00 LA GRANDE NATIONAL BANK Member Federal Reserve System Sound, Reliable and Progressive.

Ivory Soap Flakes. Is Most Convenient for Washing Woolens, Laces, Silks, Linens and Glassware. Price per Package 15c 2 for 25c. New model O' Cedar Mops, each \$1.00 Lykna Furniture Polish, each .25c O' Cedar Oil in assorted sizes at 25c, 50c and \$1 California Grape Fruit 3 for 25c Florida Grape Fruit 2 for 35c Sow your Lawn Grass Seed now—before the rain. Imperial Valley Head Lettuce—quality is fine. Swamp's Angel Cakes will be fresh today. New consignment B. H. Instant Coffee. We are now getting some fine Spinach. Something different in Mop Sticks. New line of Mrs. Dickinson's Jellies, 25c jars. Fresh Doughnuts and Buns every morning.

PATTISON BROTHERS GROCERY PHONE MAIN 50

FUNERAL DIRECTORS W.H. BOHNENKAMP CO. PRIVATE AMBULANCE LICENSED EM-BALMERS. PHONE MAIN 33

YOUR EYES—What Would You Do Without Them? Remember, Doctors put their patients to us, and come themselves for proper fitted Glasses, to stop the headaches and waste of nerve energy. Our office is equipped with the latest and most scientific instruments for proper examination of the eyes. If glasses are not needed, we will tell you so. We grind our own lenses—plant on the premises. J. H. Peare & Son OPTOMETRISTS AND JEWELERS LA GRANDE, OREGON