

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 65c
 Daily, per three months \$1.95
 Daily, per six months in advance \$3.75
 Daily, per year in advance \$7.50
 Daily, single copy 5c
 By Mail
 Daily, per year in advance \$5.00
 Daily, per six months in advance \$3.50
 Daily, three months in advance \$2.25
 Daily, per month 50c
 Weekly Observer-Star, by mail, per year in advance \$1.50



"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

School Work Has Been Difficult.

The school year for District No. 1 will soon come to a close with the usual exercises, and presumably with the usual progress of the educational program that has been so long sustained in La Grande. If there is a variation in the quality of the work it is not to be laid at the door of the instructors and officials in charge or against the pupils or their efforts. There have been two "bad" years for school work in La Grande, as well as elsewhere. The year preceding the present one saw the country confronted with the peril of war and with this was a call for man-power. The response was to a large degree from

the ranks of the young men in the high schools. It was a program of patriotism, but at the same time a process of disturbance. Many left school in the midst of final examinations and the full requirements of the curriculum could not be fully completed.

The past year has seen even more trouble in the way of carrying on the school work as it has been carried on in normal times. An epidemic of influenza made the closing of the schools a necessity and this suspension came at a time when the year's work was at its busiest stage. In order to make up for lost time extra sessions were held on Saturdays, and this arrangement was followed until the prescribed work was hurriedly made up.

While there has been much disarrangement of affairs caused both by the war and the epidemic, none of the institutions suffered more inconvenience than the public schools.

An Example of Good Policy.

The Merchants and Manufacturers Association, of Phoenix, Ariz., was back of a bill recently passed by the state legislature. The measure, much like an earlier California law, is directed against false or misleading statements in advertising. Its application is not restricted to dishonestly advertised merchandise. It is intended also to check the shady work of brokers and salesmen with mine stock and all wells as well as other property of purely speculative value. Misstatements concerning the value, location, ownership, or extent of such property will be considered misdeeds and punished as such.

While the charge and the penalty are light, the law represents another step in the forward movement for honesty in advertising. Merchants and manufacturers are learning that honesty pays best in the long run, both in regard to quality of the goods sold and in the advertising done for them. Dishonest advertising is not only bad for a particular business, but it also tends to break down confidence in all advertising. That is

by the foresighted, honest merchant is not anxious to keep up the level of honesty in the buying public.

It's Not the System That Counts.

As reported in a recent number of The Survey, Kalamazoo, Mich., has several definite gains to be credited to its commission-manager form of government. The first year under this system ended April 1. During the first nine months the city saved \$16,000 in its ordinary operating expenses. This saving was not made at the cost of services, but represents real thrift. Both the police and fire departments were brought up to their full quota of men and have received additional necessary equipment.

The city revised and simplified its records and accounting system. It established a central purchasing bureau and storehouse.

Judged by its work as a whole, the commission has lived up to expectations. It has given prompt attention to serious public questions as they have come up. It is working away steadily carrying out a progressive

modern program of municipal administration. On the other hand some cities have found this form of government in a period of hot trial, an experiment more costly than worth while. It must always be remembered when undertaking any reform of government administration that no system, however good, can run itself alone. The man in charge must be honest and able, the citizens must be intelligent and alert and ready to give their full interest and support to the work. With such leadership and backing even a poor form of government will not be wholly bad. Without them, the best form will not work well.

CARD OF THANKS.
 We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness and the floral offerings at the time of the death of our mother, Mrs. N. Hagen HAGEN CHILDREN.
 5-13-19

More rosin water and better soda water and fine fresh strawberry sundries with whipped cream served by those who know how at Silverthorn's fountain. Dly. 5-13-19

Silverthorn's
 FAMILY DRUG STORE
 LA GRANDE, OREGON.

BARRINGTON HALL COFFEE
 IN INSTANT FORM

—A new idea has made it more convenient to prepare, and at the same time more economical. It is an instant beverage prepared by merely putting the soluble powder in a cup, adding hot water, and serving.

—You will never appreciate the goodness and convenience of soluble coffee until you have tried this.

PHONE MAIN 80
PATTISON BROTHERS GROCERY
 —Sole Agents—

Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes

Six Months From Now How Will Your Clothes Look?

You're satisfied with whatever clothes you buy, at the time you buy them, or you wouldn't buy. If that's all the satisfaction you want, any clothes will do; they all look good when they're new.

We're trying to give you more than that. You want satisfaction six months from now, or a year. That's why we have—

Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes

Clothes. They are absolutely guaranteed to satisfy you absolutely. Come in and see the new waist-lines we are showing; also many conservative models for the business man.

Be Comfortable in Kenosha-Klosed-Krotch Underwear—Athletic type, will help you; you'll be full of your usual "pep" in hot weather, if you'll wear them.

They won't chafe, because soft and absorbent. The Krotch and Seat Section insure solid comfort.

Sold exclusively from signed boxes; always known as three-season wear underwear.

We have COOPERS in many different fabrics, including pure silk.

Prices range from \$1.25 up to \$5

N. K. West & Co.
 THE QUALITY STORE

Don't Forget—
 we are selling a big line of **MattanShirts** now, at a bargain price. Good patterns, all sizes; your choice at \$1.29.

NEW SILK SHIRTS
 More of those popular BATES-STREET Silks arrived this week. Very pretty patterns and colors; all in stripes. A large variety to select from, all sizes. Prices range from \$7.00 to \$10.

For Sale
 Soda Fountain complete with bottles and accessories.
CHEAP
 Call 241 Fir Street.

Money's worth

RED CROWN GASOLINE
 The Gasoline of Quality

Red Crown gasoline is high quality, full-powered—every drop. Look for the Red Crown sign before you fill.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY (California)

T. R. MAXWELL, Special Agent, Standard Oil, La Grande

Clyde B. Kiddle, Island City
 Hooverized Grocery, La Grande
 Union Hardware Co., Union
 Joe Pilcher, North Powder

L. B. Kiddle, Imbler
 Harris Grocery, La Grande
 Hutchinson & Forstrom, North Powder
 Joe Hallgarth, Elgin

Make A Record

of every transaction by starting a bank account and paying by check. This will be of great value to you when Uncle Sam calls for your statement of earnings and expenses.

LA GRANDE NATIONAL BANK
 Established 1887
 Capital and Surplus \$240,000.00
 Member Federal Reserve System
 Sound, Reliable and Progressive.

Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!

Tonight La Grande Honors the boys in the service—"Put on the old gray bonnet, with the blue ribbons on it, and we'll drive all cars away."

J. G. SNODGRASS

Premier

HERE is the receipt for arriving at the real merit of a motor car. Select a nice stiff hill with a mean kink at the bottom of it—that makes it impossible for you to take a run at it. Start in at the bottom—from scratch. No tricks—no stunts—merely go through your gears and when you go over the top, a glance at your speedometer will tell the story. No sales talk, no advertisement can ever refute that heartless little indicator. Speedometers don't lie.

—and if you will listen to them
 —they will sell you
 —a Premier.

Premier is the best hill car on wheels. Prove it.

R. D. BADE AUTO COMPANY,
 La Grande, Oregon

TRUNKS BAGS SUIT CASES

The best and largest line of Trunks and Suit Cases in your city. You may have a chair to trade for a bag, or a table to trade for a Trunk; if so, call us and a deal to suit you will be made.

Furniture Exchange
 Black, 1241
 First and Jefferson
 Best prices paid for used Furniture or will exchange for new.