

EDITORIAL PAGE

The President's Return

With President Wilson's return from France came the expectation and anticipation of a clarifying of the atmosphere relative to the peace treaty and the league of nations.

What will develop as the President talks more of the peace table sessions is only conjecture. Will he explain to the satisfaction of the country?

These are questions remaining to be answered. This much, however, is true: The President has thus far satisfied most people with the meager explanations made.

A vote today on the league of nations would bring out a very decided majority in its favor, but when the whole thing has been dissected a different phase may appear and its popularity may wane.

A HEART TO HEART WATER TALK

La Grande is using river water right here in the dead summer heat. La Grande has used river water more or less ever since the present water system has been installed.

Is the town not large enough to demand pure mountain water when all know there is such water in the mountains that awaits proper construction of pipe lines and water plant.

Mistakes? Yes, plenty of them. But to rail and rant about the past will do no good now. The best that can be done at present is to be honest with the people and advise the public the moment river water is pumped into the mains.

But, do we wish to continue this from year to year? Certainly not. Then what is the remedy? It is very plain—La Grande must spend more money on an already faulty water system.

Just what it will cost no one seems to know at the present time. If a twin pipe line is laid it will be expensive, yet how to get enough water through the present pipe line has always been the problem.

Peg your calendar for the Cave cherry fair. It is one of the special events. And Cave has some cherries—in fact quite a lot of cherries this year.

The Shrimers, who journey this way in September will all wear red plaid and a smile. That's why they are welcome. Nothing like a smile.

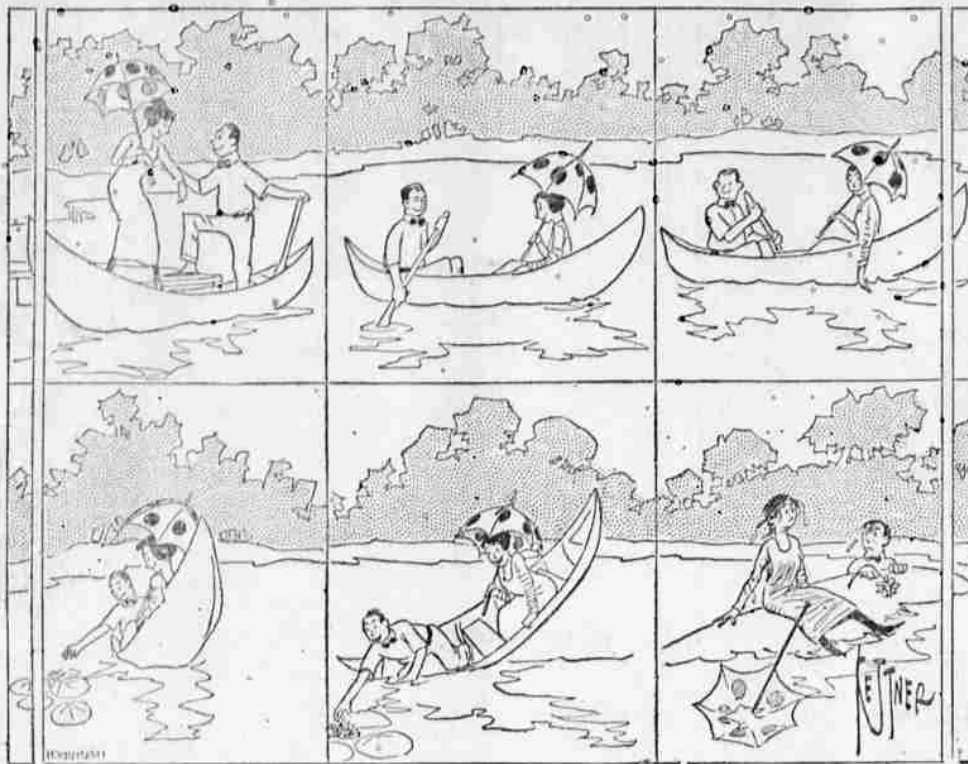
How do you account for the price of cattle falling so low? That's the question that every stock raiser is asking his neighbor.

About the only time La Grande has ever been jealous of Pendleton was this last week when it rained over them.

Begin to get ready for the Labor Day celebration. It is to be a summer.

The Chautauqua made good again.

The End of a Perfect Day



Buy the Fair Grounds and Do It Now.

The city commission is in a fair frame of mind to close negotiations for the fair grounds, and the commission should do so at the earliest opportunity.

Nothing should prevent this purchase being made. La Grande is growing and will continue to grow, and there is certainly need of the fair grounds for the public.

The early settlers of La Grande failed to look into the future else they would have laid out a central park when land was cheap.

And, after all, what do we get out of life unless we make others happy. Portland is recognized as the finest home city in the United States because she has lots of parks, public buildings, libraries, churches and schools.

With the packers owning the world, cattle eating steadily downward, there are a lot of stockgrowers who have as no new calves, and the price of spot their best building up their heads, saying, "What's this one?"

Judge Knowles will have to again take up his campaign against trivial matters being brought in the circuit court, when there are heavy courts for such things.

And "Bill" Beyon's car is stranded in Eastern Oregon, with a thousand yards of booze. It was noticeable that Jeff Meyers and Addison Bennett preferred to make the trip of loose-throated experimental farms overland.

Did you see the Governor?

La Grande's ball team is getting to itself.

Manager Scranton has finally got some of the men he has been looking for and the result was the La Grande team ate up Baker without any effort.

Billy Sunday's plan to make it so dry that men would have to be primed to spit has just about been adopted by nature as well as by law.

Something must have gone wrong for Thomas H. Crawford failed to be present at the luncheon yesterday. Later—the Judge was out of town attending to legal business.

The shippers of Grande Ronde valley will be represented in the long and short haul fight, says Senator Eberhard, and that is as it should be.

From the looks of Dr. Phy's "crops" at Hot Lake there might be some reason to believe that Joe Carr is not always a loser when he bets.

Is it asking too much for Cave to sprinkle the road from La Grande to that city the night before the Cherry fair?

The O.W. band did its part, as it always does, in closing Chautauqua with one of its excellent concerts.

About the only way Ben can spare himself is to place himself in an airplane and come over from Salem some evening after supper.

Who said, rain.

NO GOVERNOR AT OLCOTT DINNER

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automobile drove up and out jumped Jeff Meyers. "Hello, Jeff, why darn your old picture, how are you—I have not seen you since you ran for governor against Os West a long time back."

Then came Senator Von der Hellen, of Jackson county, who is one of the O. A. C. regents. J. K. Weatherford, of Albany, along with President Kerr, of O. A. C., and Addison Bennett, of the Oregonian, soon showed up. Mrs. Meyers and Mrs. Weatherford, were escorted to the Sommer hotel, where La Grande ladies were waiting their arrival.

But where was the governor? Men began to whisper and wonder. Some one became bold enough to ask what had become of "Ben."

Holy mackerel, and the secret was out. "By the governor did not leave Portland. He did not intend to come on this trip for he was so busy with other matters."

Did you see the Governor?

BRAND WHITLOCK GOING TO ROME

HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED AS AMBASSADOR TO ITALY.

Washington Lacks Confirmation of the Report—Would Have Come Through President, if So.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PARIS, July 12.—Brand Whitlock has been named as American ambassador to Italy.

Brand Whitlock at present holds the post of minister to Belgium, to which he was appointed in 1915. Mr. Whitlock's appointment as ambassador to Italy has been under consideration for some weeks past.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—There was no confirmation of the dispatch from Paris that Brand Whitlock has been named by President Wilson as ambassador to Italy.

Reports were current some time ago that Mr. Whitlock would go to Rome to take up the duties Mr. Page was anxious to relinquish, and the general impression here is that there was good foundation for them.

It was surely a blunder from a number of angles, but, after all, it may have its good side, for La Grande men discussed roads and finally appointed a committee composed of Walter M. Pierce, Fred Holmes, Albert Hunter, G. L. Larson and E. E. Bragg to wait upon the county court with a request to spend some money on Kameka hill.

It might be mentioned that the road program of the county court contemplates quite a decent expenditure on the road mentioned, but it is very likely the court will welcome the strong support given by the business men, who ask that a certain sum be expended.

OBJECTS TO COMBINING THE ROADS

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one the right to acquire the property of the other by condemnation, but it must pay for it and, here is the difficulty, pay for it in cash.

The underwriting of a fabulous amount must be provided. Will citizens appropriate the millions necessary? Have we bankers enough to provide them money except through a series of years, and what will happen to the financial welfare of the country in the meantime.

My judgment is against the combination of all the railroads of the state into a few companies. I believe the companies will be too large and unworkable for efficient and economical management.

Lost People's Canteen.

The largest pleasure excursions in the world are booked in La Grande.

SADDLE HORSES ARE IN DEMAND

LEVY'S STRING OF SADDLERS DWINDLES

Will Begin to Break a Number of Colts for the Market Very Soon

Along with other lines of business on the increase comes the saddle horse to claim its place in the sun.

Gus Levy, who is recognized as the one large saddle horse breeder left, has had such a demand for saddlers of late that the usual reserve stock which he keeps has diminished.

Mr. Levy plans to place a number of well bred colts on the fair grounds shortly in the hands of an experienced trainer who will put them through a course of instruction each day.

OBSERVER MUSIC PROVES POPULAR

MUCH IS GIVEN AWAY WEEKLY IN BUSINESS GUIDE CONTEST

Names of Winners Last Week, With Ads From Which Letters Were Omitted

Every week a number of readers of the Observer are the recipients of copies of the sheet music which the Observer is giving away in connection with its business guide contest now being conducted.

The word which was hidden last week was Mt. Glen. The missing letters were found as follows: M in modern, in Savoy hotel advertisement.

T in pneumatic, in the Wallowa Marble and Granite Co. ad.

G in groceries, in the Thorne Grocery ad.

L in roller, in the La Grande Iron Works ad.

E in Men, in Dr. Mayville's ad.

N in Grande, in the Christie Variety Store ad.

Winners of the copies of music last week were the following:

La Grande: Miss Gladys Neukirchner, Miss Juanita Isaville, Miss Gladys Benham, Mrs. W. W. Hopkins, Miss Mary Frawley, In the surrounding towns Miss Verdie Brown of Alton and Miss Callie Perin of Alton.

The word for this week is Old Town.

DAYLIGHT SAVING LAW IS RESCUED

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inconvenience to the country and would nullify the whole purpose of the vocational education and rehabilitation bill which he signed today, and retard the work of restoring soldiers to useful, contented lives.

LEADERS OF N. P. LEAGUE CONVICTED

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dress to the jury. He charged that the state had proven its conspiracy charge against the two Non-Partisan League leaders, through the testimony of witnesses who heard various speeches made by the defendants, through evidence in the form of league literature and through the testimony of the state's leading witnesses, one of whom was F. J. Teigen, a former member of the league, who declared that Townley told him in 1917, "We are against this war, but can't afford to advertise it."

A moment after Nicholas closed his argument Townley stepped before the court, said he had discharged his counsel and asked permission to address the jury.

Judge Dean pointed out to Townley that this was a case of alleged conspiracy, in which the law holds that the two defendants, if found guilty, would be considered equally guilty. The court questioned whether the law would permit one of the defendants to try his own case in an action of this kind, without legally representing the other defendant. Townley is not a lawyer. After attorneys had consulted authorities, Townley's request was denied.

Townley, after a brief conference with his attorneys, announced that in view of Judge Dean's decision, he had decided to rest his case without argument.

"I believe that my interest as a citizen and defendant will best be served in this manner unless I can address myself to the jury," said Townley. Judge Dean began his charge to the jury at 8:55 p. m.

Rich Silver Coins

In the republic of Honduras the dollar currency was for years minted from Socorro bullion. This nearly always contains a certain proportion of gold, which is not to be separated before it goes to the mint, so the Honduran silver coins prior to 1911 generally contain a certain proportion of gold.

Dilemma

A woman novelist is chemothing that a woman holds onto her opinions she loses her husband's love and she holds onto his love she loses her identity.

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