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Only 15 days more Only 15 days more

The Chicago Store

WE SELL GILBERT'S CELEBRATED DRESS LININGS

Annual Clearance Sale

Only 15 days of our great annual clearance sale gone by, during which time we simply surprised our selves at the wonderful patronage the prices we are selling merchandise brought to us, and there are still

15 DAYS LEFT

For the public to secure the greatest values ever offered in Union County—at prices so extremely low that competition is not a comparison

WE DON'T THINK YOU'RE FOOLISH

If you trade elsewhere. We simply think you are misguided or have not investigated. Take an hour off and let us show you some of the advantages to be gained by trading here. Within the last twelve-month cotton has advanced 55 per cent. You'd hardly think it to see our present prices on cotton goods.

GOOD TIME TO BUY NOW

During this sale up to date, we have sold 4 more mens suits than we anticipated and we can candidly state that every department in our store has moved likewise. If the people who have not seen the bargains offered by us during this sale were to call at the store and compare prices and values, they would go away with their arms full. We are positive of this from our sales during the past 15 days. Remember you have 15 more days to get in on these

SLASHING PRICES

Every article in our store reduced except thread, Patterns, Douglass and Reed shoes. See our

\$5 Mens Suits \$5
\$1 Shoe counter \$1 \$1 Shoe Counter \$1

The Chicago Store,
MURPHY BROS., Props.
1209 Adams Ave. La Grande, Oregon
LEADERS IN LOW PRICES.

PLEAS ARMSTRONG WILL HANG TODAY.

All Efforts to Save Him Having Failed, He Now Is Anxious for the Law to Take its Course. He Tested The Rope And Examined The Scaffold.

Baker City Jan 22 [Special to the Observer] Armstrong will hang this morning at 7:30 sharp. There will be no additional delay. Everything has been done which his friends could think of or his attorney could devise. He is resigned to his fate and says he is anxious for the great event to take place and there by end the suspense.

Yesterday afternoon he played a last tune upon his beloved violin and after one parting caress, sent it to a friend near Haines. Later in the day he requested the sheriff to allow him to inspect the scaffold. The Sheriff took him out and he looked the structure over carefully and pronounced it to his satisfaction. He also examined and tested the rope expressed his confidence in its ability to stand the strain. He seems cheerful and eats and sleeps apparently as well as ever. He has given up all hope of a reprieve and says he is ready for the law to take its course. His only regret is the fact that the world will be a great loser by his leaving it as he is young and that now he has seen the error of his ways and has accepted Christianity he would be able to do a great deal of good for humanity in general.

All arrangements for the execution have been made and in the morning by the time the business world is fairly in operation, Pleasant Armstrong will have entered the great unknown.

FEARS AMERICA WILL INVADE.

Berlin, Jan. 21.—The Central European Commercial League, whose purpose is to conduct a propaganda against the American commercial invasion, was formally established this afternoon. Many influential Germans attended. Austria, France, Switzerland, Belgium and Holland were represented.

SAFE IS THROWN FROM MOVING TRAIN

Loss Not Detected for Over an Hour. Booty to the Value of \$10,000 Secured. No Clue As Yet.

San Francisco Jan 21.—The Southern Pacific Sunset Limited, west bound, was boarded by masked men a few miles from Paso Robles early this morning and the safe was thrown off. The discovery was not made until an hour later.

BOARDED MOVING TRAIN

While the train was moving slowly up grade into the tunnel, the robbers boarded it and battered down the large doors to the first express car, in which there are no messengers. The door was locked at San Louis Obispo, after several thousand dollars in money and valuables had been placed in the safe.

When the train was entered they immediately began their work of breaking in the door, using long iron rods and hatchets. The noise was not heard by any trainmen. They must have worked at the door for 15 minutes at least.

The safe was thrown out near a little station called Thiles, in the San Lucia mountains. The sheriff's deputies found the safe blown open early this morning and made an immediate attempt to trace the robbers. It is believed they live in the vicinity. No arrests were made up to noon.

DELAY IN DISCOVERY

A peculiar thing about the robbery is the fact that it was not discovered until the train left Paso Robles station, and when it reached Miguel gave the alarm.

FOUND SAFE BUT NO ROBBERS

A number of deputies and railroad employes were sent at full speed to the scene of the robbery and after a brief search found the safe, but no trace of the robbers.

OVER LOOKED BOOTY

The mystery surrounding the robbery is made deeper by the failure of the bandits to blow the big safe, which is believed to have contained between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

ESTIMATES OF LOSS

An unofficial estimate places the amount of plunder at \$80,000, but the express and railroad officials unite in ascribing the loss is comparatively insignificant. A conservative estimate places the loss at about \$10,000, but as the express officials are the only persons who know the full extent of the robbery, its magnitude may never become public.

Prices Better

The local meat markets are higher than they have been for several months. Good steers are now worth 4 cents and hogs are higher than they have been, and will go still higher.

Joint Installation

Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the I. O. O. F. hall. There will be a joint installation of the officers of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. A special invitation is extended to the veterans of the Spanish American War and the sons of veterans. Refreshments will be served and a good time in general is assured to all who attend.

Found Guilty

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—The jury in the case of Martha E. Bowers, on trial on the charge of murdering her husband, Martin Bowers, brought in a verdict tonight of murder in the first degree, and fixed the penalty as imprisonment for life.

"For Mothers Sake"

Marie Heath, who will be seen in the new story of New England life "For Mother's Sake," is a wee bit of a mite, only weighing about one hundred pounds. When one hears her singing they wonder at the power of her voice. In her present character of Jo Pemberton she shows new versatility, one that surprises her most ardent admirers, who never gave her credit for having the amount of pathos and heart and soul in that voice of hers. The company is a particularly strong one and is scheduled to appear Thursday night next.

J. J. LILLIS
PRACTICAL UPHOLSTERER... Phone 1223
Shop: P. St. between 3d and 4d

Is It Yours?

There is at this office subject to call one small dog. We disclaim any and all ownership to the said animal and the rightful owner may have the same by calling and claiming proprietorship. The pup is about nineteen inches long by nearly six high and nearly as many wide. He is as near as we can determine what would be called in the fashion books a seal brown trimmed with white on the side next to the ground. From the condition of his teeth he is very young or very old, for they are few and far between. He was found last evening near the post office wandering around in an aimless manner and brought to this office and offered to the editor on subscription. If he is yours call and get him and get the proper credit.

Likes Oregon

Postmaster J. C. Ardrey received a letter from special agent of the General Land Office, Thos. McNutt, who made many friends during his stay in this city, stating that he is now located at Glenwood Springs, Col. but does not like his own state as well as Oregon and that sometime he may return. He says Oregon certainly has a great future. He wished to be remembered by all of his friends.

CHASLADD TELLS

How a Man's Misdeeds Follow Him Through Life. Wherever He Goes The Brand Of Cain is Upon Him.

When Charles Ladd, accused of robbing the Owl saloon, was dismissed from custody of the officers in Recorder Filloon's court yesterday morning, he gave vent to expressions that might well be seriously considered by young men who are tempted to start on the downward path of law breaking, says the Times-Mountaineer.

In thanking the court for its kind treatment, Ladd stated that he did not hold malice against anyone for suspecting him of the crime or causing his arrest. "I am a suspicious character," he said "I have served a term in the penitentiary, and a man who has once been a convict ever afterward is viewed with suspicion. He is looked upon as a criminal, and

whether he goes, if a crime is committed, he is the first to be suspected. An ex-convict is ever a branded man."

Whatever Ladd's life since he was discharged from the Oregon penitentiary, has been exemplary or not, his statement that an "ex-convict was always viewed with suspicion," is true and came from actual experience. It should serve as a warning to all young men who are tempted to violate the law, for once convicted of crime a man is ever afterward looked upon as a criminal. The "brand of Cain" is upon him.

Annual Wail

As regular as the seasons roll around, and the superintendent of the United States mint makes his reports the newspapers in the mining camps in Oregon set up a wail that Oregon in general and their camps in particular has been most shamefully treated by a ridiculous underestimate of the output of gold, silver, lead and copper for the year.

Whether the mint estimate is under or over the actual output for the year no man or men but those who own the mines know or have the means of knowing, and they keep the secret of their private business close.

A law that would compel every mine owner and operator to report the out-put of his mine would be denounced in all the varied and dramatic vocabulary of the mines, but this is such a law and is fully enforced the real out-put of the mines in Oregon will be a thing of conjecture and estimate and will fall short of the ambition of mining papers and boomers thereof. The real miners are not much disturbed by present conditions and prefer a low estimate by the United States mint than to see the actual amount of out-put recorded on the Assessor's books.

MARRIED

HUGHES—WILLIAMSON—In this city Thursday evening, at the residence of Bert Hughes by Rev W. L. Van Noy, Mr Edward Hughes and Miss Ruth Williamson. Only a few of the intimate family and friends were present.

Mr Hughes is a son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Hughes, former residents of this city, now residents of Weiser. The bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs S. B. Williamson, well known pioneers. The Observer extends congratulations on behalf of their many friends.

Worth \$7,000,000

Springfield, Ohio, Jan. 21.—The estate of ex-Governor Asa S. Bushnell is said to amount to nearly \$7,000,000.

Thomas R. Old of Ill. Chairman of the United Mine workers convention now in session at Indianapolis.

No Trace

Word received from J. W. Bowers, who went to Portland yesterday in search of his wife who eloped from Elgin with W. Y. Hoaglin, and Mrs. Clifford, says he has failed to find any trace of the parties in the metropolis.

BURNS ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

Annual meeting and Entertainment will be held at Elk's Hall at 8 p.m. La Grande Ore January 25 1904.

Call to order
Invocation Rev W. L. Van Noy
President's Address Turner Oliver
Music Orchestra
Memorial Address F. S. Ivanhoe
Song and chorus, "Nae luck About the House"
Mrs Forrest, Miss Tait and Miss Noble
Address The Burns Character J. P. Barrie
Piano solo, Annie Laurie, Miss McKennon.
Address, The Scotch Irish Judge Eakin
Piano Duet, National Scottish Overture
C. E. Cochran and Robt Eakin Jr.
Recitation Miss Naomi Williamson
Vocal Trio, What's a' the Steer Kinners
Messrs Thome VanNuy's and Raiston
Recitation Richard M. Carr
Coronet solo Scott's air Miss Tait
Ladies Quartette, "Annie Laurie" Mrs Forrest, Mrs Tait and Miss Noble
Piano Duet Cameronian Quail How with Orchestra accompn, Chas Cochran and Robt Eakin.
Business meeting (Enrollment of new members, payment of dues and election of officers)
Banquet, Toasts by Dr McNaughton, John Tashack, T. A. Rinehart with Mair, Song and Chorus. The Star Spangled Banner'
 Miss Altrich
 (Audience to join in chorus
Orchestra "Auld Lang Syne"
 Everybody
In rendering the foregoing program Prof R P Tait will be Musical Director and Mrs Lyle, Pianist.

PROTECT YOURSELF

AGAINST COLDS

During this changeable weather. Lay aside your light weight worn underwear and take advantage of our sacrifice prices on underwear during our Clearance Sale. Note the Prices Carefully.

UNDERWEAR

Men's Underwear.	
\$1.50 and \$1.75 all Wool vicuna and natural gray made from fine combed wool.....	\$1.19
\$1.25 natural gray all wool good weight, with frays lined making them warm and comfortable	89c
\$1.00 Heavy Ribbed wool, we also include our special \$1.00 values in fine soft wool at.....	78c
Also Good values in this lot at \$1.25	
Ladies' Underwear	
ALSO UNDER PRICED.	
\$1.25 all wool ribbed to white and gray, fine finished and silk trimmed.....	98c
20 cent heavy fleeced ribbed and flat goods, assorted colors at	43c

WATCH OUR PRICER.

The Fair

THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

J. M. BERRY

Annual Inventory Sale lasts until JANUARY 25th.

Heavy cuts on goods you want more and also on goods you will need after awhile.

We have quoted no prices yet but the bargains we have already turned out in our Men's Furnishings and Suit department, and our Ladies' Suit Department speak for themselves.

Men's Wear

Any Suit in the house " "	\$10.00
\$16.00 and \$18.00 Overcoats " "	\$12.00

Everything in Men's Furnishings reduced.

Ladies' Wear.

Ladies' Tailor Suits One-half price. All Silk Waists at COST. Ladies' Jackets One-half price. All Dress Goods at one-fourth off. All Ladies' Furnishings reduced in prices.

BOYS WEAR—\$10 Suits for \$7.50; \$8.50 Suits \$7.00 \$5 00 Suits at \$3.00 and up.

CHILDRENS WEAR—Reduced one-half, and many reduced to cost.

SHOES.—A lively reduction on Men's, Ladies' and Children's SHOES.

We defy competition on this sale. Prices talk everything marked in plain figures. Avail yourself of the many bargains offered.

J. M. BERRY