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Only 15 days more Only 15 days more

The Chicago Store
We sell GILBERT'S CELEBRATED Dressing

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.

PAID THE DEBT

Armstrong, Murderer of Minnie Ensminger, Launched Into Eternity Yesterday Morning at 7:04. His Last Words Were "I Forgive You."

Baker City, Jan. 22.—(Special to the Observer) Pleasant Armstrong was hanged at 7:04 o'clock this morning. Long before the light of day dawned this morning the crowds began to gather about the County Jail.

The Sheriff had already taken the precaution the night before to stretch ropes at a safe distance from the enclosed scaffold and appointed Deputies to keep back the surging mass.

There were enough of those holding invitations to fill the space of ground enclosed about the scaffold and in spite of this prominent citizens who appeared at last moment were permitted to squeeze in to witness the execution.

Patiently they stood, only surging back and forth like a swell of the ocean occasionally when the living mass at one point would try to get a restful footing.

This was the inside of the high

night. He had callers until one o'clock in the morning. Probably two hundred people called within that time. He ate one or two small lunches during the night and was perfectly composed all of the time.

He played his violin to please his guests, selecting waltzes principally for their entertainment. The music was unusually soft and low and often brought tears to his audience. At no time during the night did he show any symptoms of breaking down but as he stated to the Herald representative this morning he was a very sympathetic man, and the emotion of his friends caused a slight exhibition of sentiment on his part.

It was one o'clock in the morning before he laid down to rest.

"I did not sleep," said Armstrong. "I merely lay and thought over the matter."

Father Olivetti arrived at four this

The Frost and Armstrong then entered the latter's cell together and continued in prayer.

The night and day watches and the Herald representative were the only ones present besides the Priest and prisoner.

Sheriff Brown and the other attendants then entered the Jail. They formed in line, two Deputies in front, the Priest and prisoner next, and the special Deputies and death watches forming in two in the rear. They then went out through the back way of the Jail and through the side exit into the enclosure, and mounted the scaffold by the stairway leading thereto.

The condemned man entered the enclosure at 6:40 accompanied by Sheriff Brown and the death party.

Mounting the gallows Armstrong advanced to the front of the platform with the priest at his side.

The order of procedure was as follows: Sheriff Harvey K Brown, Chief Deputy Sheriff William J Lachner and Superintendent C W James of the Oregon Penitentiary, Father Olivetti, PLEASANT ARMSTRONG, Sheriff Storey of Multnomah county, Deputy Sheriff Johnson of Union county, City Marshall Louis Rayburn of La Grande.

From the gallows, Armstrong delivered quite an address, in which he said:

"I am sorry for what I have done, I have asked God to forgive me and I now also ask him to forgive you.

"I die in the faith of Christ and in the bosom of His true Church."

The murderer was moved to the center of the platform immediately over the drop.

Sheriff Storey of Multnomah county, adjusted the black cap. Deputy Sheriff Johnson of Union County, assisted by others strapped Armstrong's arms and legs. Sheriff Harvey W Brown placed the noose around the neck of the condemned man.

Armstrong was cool and unconcerned during the process of pinning.

At 6:56 the black cap was adjusted and Sheriff Brown asked if all was ready. At 6:56:30 the trap was sprung and the murderer's soul was launched into eternity.

Just an instant before the trap was sprung, Armstrong shouted:

"I forgive you all."

The crack of his breaking neck could be plainly heard.

The body hung quivering and convulsively shuddering for fully two minutes.

At seven o'clock and four minutes Dr McDaniel announced:

"He is dead"

Sheriff Brown, on the platform above cut the rope and the body fell into the arms of the bystanders. Fred Eppinger of the undertaking firm of Patterson & Eppinger, immediately took charge of the remains.

The funeral was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery. The funeral cortege was small, only the brothers and a few of the murderer's friends being present.

Armstrong was 25 years of age.

Double Installation

Conrad Faulk wishes all the members of the G A R post to remember that there will be a lot of work to do at the Oliver P Morton Post at La Grande on Saturday, and that it is desirable that all be on hand at 1:30 p. m. The officers of the Woman's Relief Corps and of G A R are to be installed, following which there will be a lunch and much social talk.

Pure Food

The house of representatives passed Heyburn's pure food bill on a rising vote of 211 for and 68 against. If it passes the Senate it will be risky business to sell poisonous, rotten or filthy food in the United States.

Pleasant Dinner Party

One of the most delightful dinner parties ever given in this city was given last Wednesday by Mrs Win Allison at her home. Those present were, Messrs Simpson, Finn, Seaney, Middle West and Mrs Fred Kiddle of Island City.



PLEASANT ARMSTRONG

wall that enclosed the gallows. On the outside it was different. Because they could see nothing, the morbid crowd, partially disappointed, partially mad from cold and delay ran about from place to place trying to gain a vantage ground, pressing closely again at the ropes guarded by the Deputies.

More venturesome ones had climbed the trees and some had even ascended the roofs of the houses in the distance. But all was disappointment and a low half-suppressed murmur occasionally reached the more fortunate ones on the inside of the enclosure. The delay was tiresome to all but finally they were rewarded for their early rising and long exposure to a biting frost.

Armstrong did not sleep during the

morning and was in constant prayer with the condemned man to the hour of his death. At 5:15 Armstrong ate a hearty breakfast, composed of a biscuit, pancakes and potatoes, and drank two cups of coffee.

At 5:30 he bade his brothers goodbye, who had been with him throughout the night.

"Be brave, boys, and do nothing in this old world. Hold your nerve and you will come out all right."

At 6:45 Deputy Sheriff William J Lachner entered his cell and read the death warrant to Armstrong. The prisoner leaned against the cage and listened attentively.

At hearing the death warrant, Armstrong said:

"I am ready."

Typhoid at Leadville

Denver Jan 21—Claude E Cooper, Secretary of the State Board of Health, has returned from Leadville where he has been investigating the typhoid situation there. He said the situation was serious, not only because of the rapid spread of the disease in Leadville but from the fact that there is danger in the waters of the Arkansas river becoming contaminated, which would jeopardize the health of the towns along the borders.

Secretary Cooper said there were 500 cases of typhoid in Leadville, and expressed belief that within the next week or two the number would be greatly increased. While the cause of the epidemic has not been determined, Secretary Cooper inclines to the opinion that the water supply of Leadville has become impure.

N K West who has been in San Francisco for several days has returned home

Senator Mitchell's Son

Washington, D. C. Jan. 21—Lieut. Hiram F. Mitchell, son of Senator Mitchell, who has been here for the past three weeks on leave, was today, after examination by the chief surgeon, U. S. A. ordered to the general hospital at Washington barracks for treatment on account of an injury to his leg received on his trip to Alaska.

Will Return

Robert Smith left last evening for Portland. Mr Smith states that while the sale of their timber land near Elgin, also closed out their interests here he has not left Union County by any means and that the people of this county may expect to see him return at any time ready for business.

One thing is certain the people of La Grande and Union county will ever welcome Mr Smith's return.

High Five Club

The High Five Club was entertained yesterday afternoon by Messrs Grady and Bonenkamp at the former's home. The first prize was awarded to Mrs Grady and the second to Mrs Eubanks of Kansas City, Mo.

Use Foreign Ships

Washington, Jan. 22.—In his report to the house filed today in favor of the bill authorizing a commission to consider the question of ship subsidy Representative Grosvenor, chairman of the committee on merchant marine and fisheries, says:

"There is no legitimate expenditure possible within the wide scope of national jurisdiction that the American people do not rush into, even to the extent of promoting experiments in aerial navigation. We flatter ourselves, justly, that we are a leading nation great, and yet we are a subvenient nation and a helpless nation in one of the great factors of national wealth and national independence. Other nations carry our products to the markets of the world."

General Grosvenor says that of almost a billion dollars' worth of export to Europe during the fiscal year 1902, only 13.4 per cent was carried in American vessels. Of nearly \$500,000,000 of imports during the year American ships carried only \$30,000,000 worth. He says that had it not been for the American line subsidized by postal subsidy the total of our trade with Europe carried under the American flag would not have exceeded one sixth of 1 per cent. For the carrying of that trade, General Grosvenor says, we paid \$200,000,000, which amount, he maintains, should have gone into the pockets of Americans.

Only For Members

On account of limited hall room, only members of my dancing class will be admitted to the character party at Island City next Monday evening.

W. A. Simpson.

He Is Right

A well to do farmer who was in the city yesterday stated within hearing of an Observer reporter that farmers should refuse to tie their teams at the hitching racks furnished by the citizens of La Grande until such time as the holes in front of the racks are filled up. In their present condition it is wrong to stand a horse on his end, at most of the racks. These holes should be filled up.

A TIMBER DEAL

Smith and Stanley Sell 10,000 Acres of Timber Land Near Elgin to G. Palmer of Iowa Consideration Was \$150,000.

The largest timber deal ever consummated in this county was closed in this city yesterday. The property transferred was formally the property of L. C. Stanley and Robert Smith and is situated on the Grande Ronde river below Elgin. Mr. George Palmer a banker and capitalist of Iowa is the purchaser and the consideration is said to be in the neighborhood of one hundred fifty thousand dollars. It has been pending several weeks but the papers making the legal transfer were not signed until yesterday. Mr. Palmer does not intend to operate a mill there but will simply hold the land as a investment. The deal also included the holdings and business of the Elgin Lumber Company which was owned by Messrs Stanley and Smith, and the number of acres transferred is said to be about ten thousand.

Installation

Rowens Temple No 9 at their last meeting installed the following officers:

Corra Lewis	M E O
Kate Hanson	E S
Loana Johnson	E J
Rhoda Smith	Manager
Ona Lincoln	M of R & C
Winnifred Sargent	M of F
Hulda Umphry	Protector
Muriel Goodough	Guard
Mrs. Anna Kinsey	Installation officer.

J. J. LILLIS

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

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 and everything marked in plain figures. Avail yourself of the many bargains offered.

J. M. BERRY

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.



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 fleece lined making them warm and comfortable. 89c

\$1.99 Heavy Ribbed wool, we also include our special \$1.00 value in fine rib wool at. 78c

Also Good values in this lot at \$1.25

Ladies' Underwear

ALSO UNDER PRICED.

\$1.25 all wool ribbed in white and gray, fine finished and silk trimmed. 98c

ent heavy fleece in ribbed and flat goals, assorted colors at 43c

WATCH OUR PRICES.

The Fair
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY