

# LA GRANDE MORNING OBSERVER.

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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.

## MEMORY OF BURNS

The Scottish People of the Valley Meet to do Honor to Robert Burns Scotland's Most Honored Poet.

There was a gathering of the clans at Elk's Hall last evening when the members of the Burns Society met to celebrate the 145 anniversary of the birth of Scotland's favorite Bard, Robert Burns. A large number of Scottish people and people of Scottish descent were present. On behalf of the Society the members and visitors were tendered a hearty Highland welcome by the Society's president, Mr. Turner Oliver after Divine blessing had been invoked by Rev. Van Nuy. F. S. Ivanhoe then delivered a memorial address referring briefly but eloquently and feelingly of those members who have departed this life since the meeting of the Society one year ago.

One of the most interesting parts of the program was "The Burns Character" by J. P. Barrie, of Union. His talk, his Scottish accent and his original poem and ready wit were thoroughly enjoyed. The following is the program as rendered:

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 Nuy  
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 Kenon.

Address The Burns Character J. P. Barrie  
Piano solo, Annie Laurie, Miss McKennon.  
Recitation Miss Naomi Williamson  
Song Duncan Gray by Prot Tait  
Coronet solo Scottish air Miss Tait  
Ladies Quartette, "Annie Laurie" Mrs. Forrest, Miss Tait and Miss Kenon.  
Piano Duet Cameronian Quadrilles with Orchestra accomp. Chas. Cochran and Robt. Eakin.

Business meeting (Enrollment of new members, payment of dues and election of officers)

Banquet, Toasts by Dr. McNaughton, John Tosaek, T. A. Rinehart, Wm. Muir, Song and Chorus, The Star Spangled Banner

Miss Aldrich  
(Audience to join in chorus)  
Orchestra "A Nicht Wi' Burns"  
Auld Lang Syne Everybody

In rendering the foregoing program Prof. R. P. Tait was Musical Director and Mrs. Lyle, Pianist.  
The following are the officers elected for the ensuing year: President Turner Oliver; Vice President for Union Judge Robert Eakin, for Island City Duncan McLean; for Alice Peter McDonald; Sunmerville John McKee Wallows Hector McDonald; North Powder Wm. Shaw; Elgin Frank Miller; La Grande F. S. Ivanhoe; Secretary and Treasurer Wm. Grant; Committee on music Prof. Tait and Mrs. Lyle Pianist. The Ladies Executive committee is composed of the following: Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Tait and Mrs. Galithon.

A large number of new names were added to the register. A thoroughly good time was had by those present, and the meeting was the most successful yet held by the society.

### Blot The Color Line

Indianapolis, Jan. 25—At today's session of the United Mineworkers, a memorial addressed to the American Federation of Labor requesting it to require legislation in all trades unions raising the "color line" was adopted. A resolution was adopted releasing locals from obligations to meet the taxation imposed by local central trade unions for support of general business agents which can not act for the miners.

## J. J. LILLIS

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### Party Split

Washington Jan 25—"Fifteen Democratic Senators will vote to ratify the Panama treaty," is the remark that a Democratic Senator made to a Republican colleague after the conference yesterday. This means much more than the ratification of the treaty.

It is a split in the Democratic party on one of the great issues raised for campaign purposes.

### No Editors There

There is a little paper published in the State Penitentiary of Minnesota called "The Minnesota Penitentiary Prison Mirror" which propounds the following question,

"Why is it from the first conception of our paper until the present time we have never had an editor to sojourn in our midst?"

Other professions have been well represented. Of preschers we have had enough to furnish substance to an African chief for a year, doctors in sufficient number to depopulate a state and enough lawyers to establish a good sized colony in Hades. But editors—not one.—Ex.

## IN GREAT PERIL

Hundreds Marooned By the High Waters--Bitter Cold Weather Adds to the Horror of the Flood Situation.

Wheeling W. V. Jan 26—The flood conditions today are worse. The cold wave has frozen the water but not sufficient to support weight.

Five hundred families are marooned in the upper stories of residences. At Benwood it is estimated that 5,000 are living in upper stories or on hill sides. There is intense suffering.

## OVER 150 ENTOMBED; LITTLE IF ANY HOPE

Two Hundred Feet Below--Explosion Was Terrific--Shafts Filled With Debris--Many Men of Families are Entombed.

Pittsburg, Jan. 25—At 8:30 this morning an explosion took place in a shaft at the Warwick Company's coal mine near Cheswick. One hundred and twenty-five men are imprisoned in the mine. The superintendent at 10 sent to Cheswick and Springdale for physicians, although none of the men up to that hour had been rescued.

### WORKING FOR RELIEF

Several hundred men are working at 11 o'clock trying to make an entrance into the mine where the entombed men are. It is believed many were killed outright or suffocated.

Escape is completely shut off, as the explosion was so great it filled the shaft with debris.

### LATEST REPORTS

The latest reports from the company's roll shows that between 150 and 180 men are entombed, including the fire and pit bosses.

Three injured tippie men were taken to the hospital at Allegheny where one died.

Soon all the men possible will be at work struggling at the shafts to reach the entombed, who will be smothered unless they speedily get fresh air.

### MULE BLOWN OUT OF SHAFT

Pending the arrival of the mine inspector all further efforts to enter the mine has been abandoned. About the mouth of the pit the air is heavy with deadly fire damp in such volumes as to cause the greatest fears for the safety of the entombed miners. It is believed none are alive. Repeated efforts made to communicate with them have been futile.

Attempts were made late this afternoon to force air through the shafts, thus relieving them of gas.

The force of the explosion is illustrated by the fact that a pit mule was blown from the bottom of a shaft out through an opening and 100 feet into the air.

Before the debris settled back and closed the shaft, came a huge gust of flame and the tippie building at the top of the shaft was blown into fragments.

The scene around the shaft is distressing, as nearly all of the entombed miners have large families.

## CRACKED A SAFE

Robbers Secure But \$19.00 From the O. R. & N. Depot Safe at Milton--No Clue to the Robbers.

Milton Jan 25—The safe in the O. R. & N. depot was blown open by burglars about midnight last night and \$19 in cash taken. The south side of the depot building was shattered by the force of the explosion and all the windows in the building were blown out. The door on the south side of the building was blown across the tracks, about 50 feet distance, and the floor was badly damaged by the shock of the dynamite.

DIED.  
Shaw—In Union, Sunday Jan. 25, 1904. Mr. Thomas Shaw, of pneumonia.

## COREAN SOLDIERS ROB HOUSE

Seoul Jan 26—Corean soldiers and police at P'yenzang, disguised as robbers have looted all the wealthy native houses. Foreigners are growing very uneasy over the condition of affairs. The natives seemingly are apathetic. The weather is extremely cold.

## THREE COLD WEATHER VICTIMS

Chicago, Jan. 25—A cold wave that is predicted will break all records and will last 24 hours. The mercury reached 18 below zero at 5 o'clock this morning, and 20 below is expected for tonight.

Three persons were frozen to death last night. The wind adds to the discomfort.

## CRUSHED UNDER AN ELEPHANT

London, Jan. 25—George Lockhart the well-known elephant trainer and circus proprietor, was accidentally crushed to death today by an elephant while he was attending to the unloading of circus animals at the Hoe-street railroad station at Walthamstow.

## Typhoid in Washington

Olympia Wash Jan 26—The report of the state board of health, which was completed today, estimated the number of cases of typhoid fever in state during the last nine months of 1903 at 1400. The board recommends that the legislature make a special appropriation for the purpose of stamping out this disease.

## Another Hanging

C. W. James, superintendent of the state penitentiary, has invited invitations to witness the first hanging under the new law, of H. D. Egbert who killed John G. Saxton in Harney county, Oct. 1 1903.

## Leap Year Ball

The leap year ball given last evening by the members of Co. L. O. N. G. was a most successful affair. The attendance was good, and a most enjoyable time was experienced by all present.

## A REFORM WAVE

In Pendleton That May Bring Out Damaging Evidence Regarding the "400," and Again It May Not.

Pendleton, Ore, Jan 26—There are indications that the moral reform movement started by Chief of Police Carney against the "dope" joints when he arrested two young lads and Young Lee, a Chinaman, will go far beyond the individual Chinamen, who are conducting the dens. It is understood one of the young lads told the chief that when the time comes he will give up the names of every opium user in Pendleton. He declares that there are fully 100 persons who "hit the pipe," and says that some of the "dreamers" belong to the fair sex of the "400" circle.

The arrests have created a sensation here and further sensations are expected to follow if the case is carried on. It is understood that Lee is to be prosecuted in the circuit court, notwithstanding the fine he will receive under the city ordinance, if convicted.

## Rosevelt Club

Granite Jan 26—The Republicans of Granite on Friday will organize a Roosevelt Club. This is the first club to be organized in Eastern Ore.

## Will Build

J. E. Foley has decided to materially enlarge the Foley House in the spring by increasing the frontage on Adams Ave. 60 ft and making the entire building three stories in height. This was the intention last year but for several reasons the project was deferred.

## DO NOT FORGET

The Grand Ball which will be given by the Ladies of the Maccabees Feb. 12. It will be a delightful affair. Every guest will receive a handsome souvenir.

## Economical Buyers

Are delighted with the values we are offering in fine wool blankets.

With a very few exceptions they are all Pendleton Woolen Mills blankets. These blankets are well known for their excellent quality, superior workmanship and finish. They are made from selected Oregon Wool and all colored blankets are guaranteed absolutely fast colors.

The white blankets are made from specially selected wool and will retain their creamy white appearance.

All Blankets Are Reduced 25 per cent.

Bear in mind that our tenth semi-annual Sale will last only a few days longer.

Come now. It means saving.

The Fair  
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

## Managers Meeting

There will be a meeting of the managers of the La Grande commercial club, this evening at the club parlors.

Thos. Walsh, President.

## 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