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Only 15 days more Only 15 days more

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.

J. M. BERRY

We have extended our sale to

The Last of the Month

Only three days left in which to take advantage of cut prices in all of our departments.

Bargains in
UNDERWEAR
BLANKETS
JACKETS
AND
DRESS GOODS
ARE STILL
Being offered.

It will pay to avail yourself of these last few days of bargain offerings

J. M. BERRY

TOO MUCH LOVE

Later Facts Substantiate the Theory that Mrs Brown went to Her Death Voluntarily.

Pendleton, Jan. 26, (Special to the Observer) The coroners inquest which was held here to investigate the death of Mr. and Mrs. Brown who were found dead on the hill near town yesterday brought out very little more than was known early in the day. Two letters which had been written by Brown and one written by Mrs. Brown led strongly to the fact that there is another man in case. The letters also indicate that the woman went to her death voluntarily. Following are the letters.

LETTERS BY BROWN AND WIFE

The coroner offered some letters on the person of the dead man in evidence, after which the jury retired for deliberation. One letter, to his mother, was as follows:

"My Dear Mother:

"When this reaches you I suppose you will know I am out of existence. Knowing what I know of my wife, I find it impossible to live, so have concluded to end her existence and mine. May God comfort you. Had she been true to me nothing would have driven me to such a step, but there are some things worse than death, and this is one of them. No, I am not insane, but I have looked the future fair in the face and find this is the only solution.

"Forget me as soon as possible, and give my love to all.

"Again, may God comfort you, for I know this will hurt you, out if you knew my suffering you would not want me to live.

"Yours affectionately,

"John."

Brown had also written the following letter to the Odd Fellows' lodge to which he belonged:

"I, J. T. Brown, am about to end the last services that the brethren can bestow upon a brother—that of burial. I am a member of the lodge (Freemont) No 66, at St. Anthony, Idaho, also a member of No. 106 A. O. U. W. of Alexandria, Neb. Please see that I am properly identified so that the policy will be paid to my mother as my next of kin.

I prefer to be buried by the two lodges and the expense will be borne by my own lodge. There is a small balance to my credit at the Rexburg bank Rexburg Idaho, which I would like to have reach my mother; also some cash and a check upon my person. In F. L. & T. and C. H. P.

(Signed) John T. Brown.

P. S.—Bury me in the clothes I am found in.

Registrations

H. W. Stoner has sent the county clerk 600 registrations from La Grande. If the balance of the county is doing as well the work will be much easier on the clerks office than usual.

School Exhibit

Prof. E. E. Bragg county superintendent, was in the city yesterday and left for his home at Union in the evening. Professor states that he has recently visited the Elgin, Island City and La Grande schools in the interest of the St. Louis exposition exhibit which is being prepared by the school children of Oregon, and finds that all these schools preparing material which will make Oregonians who visit the fair feel proud. This exhibit will consist of a sample of all work done in the schools by the children and will furnish a comprehensive display of the form and manner of public school education in this state.

NEW BUSINESS FIRM

The Grande Ronde Cash Co., is a corporation just organized in this city with a capital of \$10,000 to engage in milling and merchandising in this city. Mr. C. J. McLain who for a number of years has been identified as one of La Grande's progressive business men is president and treasurer. Their place of business will be at the mill elevator formerly owned by Mr. McLain on Jefferson Avenue. They will handle grain, feed, wood and coal and farm machinery. Their location alongside of the railroad track together with their mill enable them to handle grain in large quantities at a very small expense. They will handle and retail, have their own delivery and will be in a position to give the best possible service, their motto will be small profits and quick sales and will soon be in position to solicit a share of the patronage of this city and vicinity and it goes without saying they will secure it.

THE RED BOY TO BE SOLD

Baker City, Jan. 27—At an adjourned session of the circuit court held here yesterday evening, Judge Eskin granted the plea of the creditors of the Red Boy Consolidated Mining Company, to sell the property to satisfy the claims against it, and will fix the date of the sale in the near future.

He also granted the receiver the power to borrow \$1,500 on the property to cover current expenses pending sale.

A Costly Book

What is said to be the most costly book in the world has lately been given by the Ameer of Afghanistan to the Shah. It is a copy of the Koran, bound in solid gold and set with pearls, rubies and diamonds. It is said to have cost \$40,000.

Will Be Paid

Tillamook Or Jan. 27—The widow of the late Sheriff H. H. Alderman has authorized the statement that all shortages, if any in the accounts of the late Sheriff with the county, will be promptly settled.

Are Holding

Tacoma, Wash. Jan. 27—Rumors of war in the far east are causing farmers to hold on to their grain.

Iowa Manufacturers

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 27—Fifteen thousand manufacturing establishments having an aggregate capital exceeding \$200,000,000 are represented at the first annual convention of the Iowa Manufacturers' association which opened in Des Moines today. The association was organized at a meeting held at Waterloo last spring since which time its membership has increased until now it comprises a majority of the most prominent manufacturers of the state.

WORK OF RESCUE.

67 Bodies Have Been Recovered Aia in Mines Almost Unbearable on Account of Decomposition of Bodies.

Cheewick, Jan. 27—By daylight this morning 67 bodies had been recovered. Hoisting to the surface is slow by reason of the condition of the mine. A special train carrying coffins, arrived this morning.

Searchers coming from the mine this morning say the condition is becoming unbearable. The air is nearly laden with the odor of decomposing bodies.

By daylight the temporary cage work became more systematic. At 10 o'clock 10 bodies more were removed, all horribly mutilated, scorched and torn.

ARRESTED MAYOR

Chicago, Jan. 27—Hearing the eight mittimi issued as a result of the inquiry into the Irquois Theater disaster. Coroner Traeger and a number of detectives today left the City Hall with authority to arrest Mayor Carter Harrison, Manager Will J. Davis and six lower city officials and the stage employes who were ordered held to await the action of the grand jury.

Fruitdale Items

About twenty couples gathered at the residence of John Bugard last Wednesday night and timed the light fantastic until they were all thoroughly well satisfied and went home knowing that they had passed an enjoyable evening. Mr. L. Stilwell and wife furnished the music.

Mr. G. W. Curtis and wife have their house completed and have moved into it, they are now full fledged Fruitdalers.

Miss Kate Castle entertained a number of her young friends last Saturday at dinner, it being her 12th birthday. I did not get the names of those present but it is safe to say they all had a jolly time.

The generosity of the people of Fruitdale is only exceeded by their good looks as the following incident will prove. On last Sunday a little strange girl called at the pleasant home of C. J. Black and wife and was taken in with kind hands and tenderly cared for and now they count one more in the happy family and all doing nicely.

Thomas Kelly is hauling his cull apples home and feeding them to his cow and horse, says they make fine feed.

Meers Prebetel, Oldenburg and White are sorting their apples preparing for the spring trade. They have some very fine ones.

Miss Ethel Huffman entertained a number of her friends last evening at her home it being her 12th birthday. A fine lunch was served after which games and other amusements were enjoyed as only children can. At 9 p. m. all went home feeling that it was an evening well spent and wishing her many such pleasant returns of the same. Those present were: Mabel Kirtland, Sarah and R. H. Williamson, Kate Therese, Irene Castle, Ethel Huffman, Alex. Robertson, Edward Kirtland, Louis Zaidler, Fred Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Castle, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Huffman and Jacko the dog.

K. of P. Excursion

The Knights of this city are making extensive preparations to attend the district convention to be held in Union on Thursday, Jan. 28, 1904.

A special train will be run, leaving La Grande at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, and the fare will be sixty cents for the entire round trip.

Any person not a Knight may also go for the same fare and can return on the morning train. Every body must not fail to be at the depot at 1 o'clock or they will get left. Let all turn out and have a grand time.

BARBER LAW DECLARED INVALID

Circuit Judge M. C. George, of Portland has decided that the present barber law is unconstitutional, as it does not prescribe the qualifications of a barber but leaves it to the state board of examiners. Should the Supreme court sustain the decision, it will not be necessary for barbers to pass an examination nor procure a license to enable them to follow the occupation of barbering.

JAPAN WANTS A REPLY

Tokio, Jan. 27.—The Japanese government has diplomatically intimated to Baron De Rosen, the Russian Minister that an early response is desired to Japan's recent note to Russia. It is calculated here that the Japanese note reached the Russian Cabinet on alternate of Jan. 16 and it is felt that sufficient time has elapsed for its consideration and the preparation of a response. The Japanese government is conscious of the possible necessities of the military and naval stations and is unwilling to permit casualness and delay which are designed to gain time.

Heavy Bonds.

San Francisco, Jan. 27.—The Federal Grand Jury brought in a verdict charging Chas. W. Davis with having assaulted Mrs. Ames on the high seas aboard the steamer Albatross enroute here from Portland. His bonds were placed at \$25,000.

THE I. O. O. F. GROW

176 Lodges in the State Have a Membership of 11000 and Order is increasing.

Joseph Micelli, grand master of the Odd Fellows of Oregon who is making an official tour of the state finds lodge in a most prosperous condition in the state. There are now 176 lodges of the order in Oregon, with a membership of 11,000 and new lodges are being organized regularly at different points besides the encouraging increase in membership in all the old established lodges.

Indorse Roosevelt

Baker City, Jan. 27—Resolution were adopted indorsing President Roosevelt's administration and in favor of instructing for him.

Bound Over

Baker City, Jan. 27—Ex-Postmaster Kelly of Greenhorn City, charged with embezzlement, was bound over today in the sum of \$2000 by U. S. Commissioner Chace.

Art Exhibit

The Ladies Neighborhood Club and the Lyle Tuesday Musical will have an art exhibit comprised of 250 of the finest paintings and statuary in the world. The object is to place a good grade of pictures in the public schools. Do not fail to attend and help a good cause.

Adults Season tickets 75 cts for six exhibits, Pupils season ticket 25 cents. A high grade entertainment at each exhibit. Remember the date, Jan. 28 and 29, at Commercial Club, commencing Thursday afternoon at 2 P. M.

Uniform Rank Ball

In deference to the wishes of a number of the members of the W. O. W. rank team it has been desired to change the place of holding the grand Ball Feb. 3rd, from the Army Hall to the Commercial Club hall. Do not forget the place or the date.

Fred Jacobs,
Chairman Committee.

J. J. LILLIS
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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.

2900 ft. Lammamack posts for sale. 7 and 8 cents. Apply to Jack Child's harness shop, Posts are in the old town.
Jan. 26-Feb. 27.