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Only 15 days more

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The Chicago Store

WILLIAM GILBERT'S
CELEBRATED DRESS MAKING

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
out 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
hargains offerings.

J. M. BERRY

TOOK THE PLACE

Two Men Enter Lewiston Saloon and Receive Proprietor And Guests of their Pocket Change.

Lewiston, Idaho, Jan. 30.—Two men entered the Court saloon in Kendrick, Idaho at 12 o'clock last night and held up 11 men, securing \$40. Among the victims was a constable, whom the robbers relieved of a revolver and overcoat. The robbers were unmasked and noted with boldness.

Obituary

Beryamine F. Palmer, youngest son of Robert H. and Hannah Palmer was born in Delaware Co. Penn. Dec. 11, 1851 and died in Portland Oregon Jan. 27 1904 aged 52 years, 1 mo. 16 days. In 1855 he came with his parents to Glenwood Mills Co. Iowa where he lived until the spring of 1864 from there he crossed the plains to the state of Oregon in which he lived until the time of his death. The deceased leaves a wife and two children, two brothers, four sisters, an aged mother and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

Moral Wave

When state, county or city officers in Oregon, resolve to execute the laws which in their official duties they swear they would abide by maintain and execute a startled public ejaculates. "A moral wave."

This cry comes up from Albany. A recent dispatch from that city reads: Albany, Or. Jan. 27.—"A moral wave struck the city council of Albany last night, and as a result Albany will hereafter be a closed town. A resolution was passed which is designed to suppress all gambling, secure rigid enforcement of the law authorizing Sunday closing of saloons banish the slot machines from the city and effect other reforms."

County Expend

The cost of running Union County for the year 1903 was \$33,133.25. Estimating the population of the County at 20,000 the per capita expense was two dollars, sixty five cents and six mills. Comparing this expense with the expense of running the national Government, and estimating the population of the United States at 80,177,000 it would take \$1,655,910,112 to run the United States one year. The expense of the United States for 1903 was \$500,272,073.— fifty per cent cheaper than Union county was run.

Disagreed

The Jury in the case of the state vs. Ohas Rowland charged with the robbery of a doubletree, failed to agree, and were discharged. This may and may not end the affair.

Pleaded Guilty

E. W. Bartlett, yesterday pleaded guilty to the charge of trespassing before justice Wm Grant who will pass sentence Monday.

Case Dismissed

The case against marshal Rayburn and Jack Hill was set yesterday at two o'clock and dismissed as the prosecution refused to give bonds for costs.

Ben Ross Dead

The shooting scrape at Elgin has resulted in the death of one of the principals, Ben F. Ross.

An inquest was held yesterday

J. J. LILLIS

PRACTICAL UPHOLSTERER... Phone 1223

Shop: P. St. between 3d and 4t

afternoon by Justice of the Peace Moorelock and a jur the jury had listened to the testimony they arrived at a verdict of "justifiable homicide." From the evidence brought before the coroners jury it would seem that Ross was the aggressor in the trouble and that his assault upon Rasor was such a nature that Rasor shot him in self defence. Rasor is still confined to his bed on account of his injuries and there is some little doubt expressed by some regarding his recovery. He was severely beaten about the face and also sustained some very painful injuries in the chest and lungs.

The cause of the death of Ross is ascribed to the fact that the bullet which entered the shoulder ranged toward and penetrated the lung. Ross was a member of the K. of P. lodge at Elgin and the funeral will be conducted there this afternoon under the auspices of the order.

2,000 Out of Work

Pateron, Jan. 30.—Two thousand people were thrown out of work by the burning of the Ashley Bailey Mills, here this morning. The loss is extremely heavy.

J. B. Stoddard returned yesterday from a business trip to Sumpter.

ANOTHER CHAPTER OF WAR GUESSES.

From All Appearances Neither Side is Anxious To Fight, But Each Desires The Other To Quit--Russia is Getting More Soldiers In the Field.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 30.—The Nova Vremya today prints a list of 28 reserve regiments which have been ordered increased by battalions.

The paper adds that similar orders have been issued to all other regiments.

LONDON SKEPTICAL

London, Jan. 30.—Despite bellicose reports the officials continue to assert they would be much surprised should war between Japan and Russia be declared.

SUNK THE SHIP

Anarchists are Charged With Placing Bombs on Magazine of the Transport Vienne--All on Board Go Down With Her

Paris, Jan. 30.—Official inquiry concerning the missing transport, Vienne, reveals evidence tending to prove that the vessel was blown up at sea by an anarchist's bomb which was placed in the magazine of the boat before it sailed in December for Toulon.

Suspicion is fastened on the keeper of the magazine who suddenly disappeared from the Vienne. There were 50 officers and men on board. Every effort is being made to locate the keeper.

Not Believeable

A most improbable story comes from Kentucky. The conceit is a good one but the location in Kentucky gives it away. The idea that a man lived a century in Kentucky and was never in a law suit or in a court house bursts our credulity wide open. The dispatch to an Ohio paper reads thus: Mayking, Ky., Jan. 24.—"Uncle Val" Bush, 103 years old, died here yesterday. He was an eccentric character, never having been inside of the Courthouse, although he lived but a short distance away.

He was never a party to legal controversies, never saw a wedding or a corpse.

He died in the same log hut in which he had lived for three quarters of a century.

1000 MEN KILLED

Mimic War is About as Dangerous As Real Thing--Light Headed Officer and Unintelligent Subordinate Do the Work.

Berlin, Jan. 30.—Advises are said to have come from authoritative sources in Russia that during the recent maneuvers of Russian troops, Grand Duke Serge (also governor-general of Moscow) ordered a bridge blown up forgetting that the superstructure was covered with troops. An unintelligent subordinate obeyed the orders and as a result 50 officers and 1,000 men were killed and 1 wounded. The dispatches suppressed the news, and the grand Duke's removal from the army and loss of position as governor is said to be certain.

TAFT WILL ASSUME OFFICE MONDAY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—It has been arranged that Governor Taft shall take the oath of office as Secretary of War at noon Monday at the War Department.

ELECTION NEWS

Island City Decides To Become an Incorporated Town and Elects A Complete Set of Officers.

Island City has had its first election and now has a full fledged set of officers. The list is complete from mayor to marshal. The following are the newly elected officers Mayor, W. J. Hunter, Councilman, S. E. Rinehart, Ben Brown, J. A. Garrity, U. G. Connel, C. H. Bidwell, E. E. Kiddle, Recorder, C. W. Edwards, Marshal, Wm. Walters, Treasurer, A. H. Hunter. The question, whether or not Island City should incorporate, was settled in the affirmative by a large majority. The new officers are all well known business men of Island City and there is no doubt but that the administration of the city will be business like and the citizens are to be congratulated upon their wise choice.

Overland to California

The Crook County News says: Mr. C. J. Johnson, who drove a band of cattle overland from Crook County to California, starting last September, returned home on January 23.

C. J. Johnson returned Saturday from Oroville, Cal., where he sold 738 head of cattle during the past two months. The bunch was made up of yearlings and 2-year-olds and a few cows and the entire number brought \$21 per head.

Some Vicious Dogs

Last Sunday afternoon, three vicious dogs in North Union attacked a little son of Mr. Moorman, bit him and would have probably torn him to pieces but for the timely interference of Mr. A. H. Gaylord, who beat off the dogs and killed one of them. While the boy is reported to be not seriously injured, it might have been worse. Mr. Gaylord is to be commended for his prompt action.—Union Republican.



THOMAS R. KERNS,
U. S. Senator from Utah.

LA GRANDE SOON TO HAVE A CREAMERY.

Messrs Harper and Smith, proprietors of the Cove Union creamery yesterday made arrangements whereby they will start a creamery in this city and will return the first of the week to secure a suitable room.

They placed their order yesterday for a carload of machinery for the new plant which will arrive about the first of March.

They have had this move in contemplation for over two years. They realize that La Grande is so situated as to be the most central point in the valley for the collection of cream and this city will also furnish a good market for fresh cream and buttermilk. A recent partial canvass in this vicinity by Mr Harper resulted in securing the product of 250 cows when the creamery is ready to start and this number will be greatly increased.

These gentlemen are not novices in the creamery business by any means. They have made a grand success both at the Cove and Union and have for the past several months purchased cream from a number of farmers near this city.

La Grande has needed a good creamery for a number of years and is fortunate in securing one to be operated by men who are well known in this valley and have the utmost confidence of their patrons.

The Fair

THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY