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Only 15 days more

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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.

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
bargains offerings.

J. M. BERRY

BIG POWER PLANT.

7000 Horse Power to be Developed on John Day River. Capitalized at \$250,000. La Grande Capital Interested.

McNaughton, Kemp and combination are to have competitors in the power producing business in the John Day country. The latest corporation has the names of men on its roll which are familiar to the people of Sumpter and vicinity. The new concern is to be known as the Oregon Power and Development Company, with a capital stock of \$250,000, the incorporators being F. E. Hebron, F. S. Slater, Z. J. Martin, D. G. Overholt and A. D. Leedy. The stock of the new corporation is principally held, so far as can be learned, by residents of Eastern Oregon, the largest owners which are Walter Pierce, of Pendleton; J. W. Scriber, of La Grande; J. C. Oliver, of John Day, and F. C. Sels, of Canyon City and a number of others in addition to the incorporators.

It is the intention of this company to install a large electrical plant on the headwaters of the John Day river, 7,000 horse power capacity, and to supply power to many business enterprises in all parts of Grant county as well as light the towns of the John Day valley if such is desired.

Water rights on the John Day river have been acquired, and the work of installing the electrical plant will be commenced early in the spring. As soon as the charter for the corporation is received from the secretary of state the stockholders will proceed to elect directors and select their officers.

Sumpter Reporter.

Salary Grab Downed

Washington, Jan. 30.—The house today voted unanimously to strike from the urgent deficiency bill the paragraph for the second payment of mileage to the senators and representatives of this congress and then passed the urgent deficiency appropriation bill.

The extra session of Congress which began on Nov. 9 continued until the time for the regular session. Some thought mileage was due for both sessions, is double mileage.

Irrigon

One Oregon town at least intends to be known as a "wet town" or else there's nothing in a name. It is Irrigon, which is fifty days old and whose name is taken from the two words Irrigation and Oregon, signifying that its future fame shall be identified with developing 50,000 acres, colonized and to be reclaimed by irrigation. The new town is in Umatilla county, directly on the Columbia river and on the main line of the O. R. & N.

RUSSIA'S REPLY TO JAPAN ABOUT READY

London, Feb. 1.—The Berlin correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette today learns that the proposed draft of the Russian reply to Japan will be laid before the czar tomorrow. Its contents have not been communicated to any power. An eminent diplomat says all forecasts of the reply are mere conjectures.

Fisk's are Coming

Lovers of the song that have toiled heart the world over should arrange that nothing hinder them from hearing the original Fisk's Jubilee Singers who are to be in La Grande, Feb. 12.

NATIONAL NEWS.

John H. Mitchell again Urges Lewis & Clark Appropriation. New Appointments Made.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Among the nominations today sent to the senate were William Russell to be secretary of the legation at Panama, John Fowler, of Massachusetts to be consul-general at Quee Foo, China. A. Giles to be receiver of public moneys at Walla Walla, Wash. Mitchell in the senate offered a bill appropriating \$2,125,000 for the Lewis and Clark expedition at Portland as an amendment to the urgency deficiency bill, which, if adopted, will give it much tactical advantage and probably result in an earlier appropriation of the money.

Cold Weather

Reports from the County are to the effect that the ground is now frozen nine inches deep. The ice on the pond is about six inches thick from a private letter from Maine it is learned that ice there was twenty-nine inches thick some two weeks ago. The dispatches announce that Lake Michigan is frozen over from shore to shore an unusual thing, and that ice gorges on the Ohio river have caused much trouble about Portsmouth and Cincinnati. Down in the land of cotton there was a snow on the 3rd. of December.

School Increase

From the monthly report of Superintendent Hockenberry, we glean the fact that the number of pupils now enrolled in the schools of the city is 794. This is a slight increase of 210 over the corresponding period last year. Mr Hockenberry reports the attendance very good. His report shows only five cases of tardiness during the month which is a very good showing.

A Cool Crowd

When the fire alarm was turned in last evening, the crowd at Steward's Opera House, with the memory of the Chicago theater fire fresh in their minds, were at first inclined to seek a hurried exit from the building. When told that it was only a small fire in another part of town, however, and that there was no danger, the crowd took their seats and the show proceeded uninterupted.

A Dry Town

The Oregon Mining Journal, a paper published in Grant's Pass, Josephine county Oregon on Jan. 30, 1904 says:

"Not a saloon door, front or back, was open last Sunday, so it goes without saying that if the city wants closed saloons on Sunday and elects a council to execute such orders the same can be accomplished."

Will Travel for Health

Berlin, Feb. 1.—The kaiser sailed on the royal yacht Hohenzollern for Palermo for the benefit of his health.

New War Secretary

Secretary of War Taft was sworn in at noon. The oath was administered by William Randolph, assistant chief clerk in the war department.

DISTRICT COURT.

Reguler Session Convened, and two cases Disched of and another started. Grand-jury drawn.

Union, Ore, Feb. 1.—(Special to the Observer) The circuit court began its regular session here this morning, and disposed of the following cases: The La Grande National vs. the Blue Mountain Fruit Co, and A. B. Conley vs. J. Q. Connolly. These cases were both civil cases and were settled out of court and dismissed.

The case wherein M. W. Williams vs. the Amalgated Sugar Co, a case in which Williams attempted to recover damages for alleged injuries sustained while working in the sugar factory, went to trial and it is thought the jury will visit the factory this morning and view the factory and see for themselves the exact condition of affairs at the factory and take official notice of the arrangement of the machinery at the place where Williams was working.

The grand jury has been drawn and was in session the greater part of the afternoon.

The Jury is as follows. James Moss, foreman; George Ayers, George B. Childers, Wm Birdsell, J. B. Ayers Ed. Logans, Chas Moore, Chas Robinson, Bailiff.

No Fire

A little before 9 o'clock last night a crowd on the street, at the Opera and those at the depot waiting the arrival of Nos. 2 and 5, were startled by the dread clang of the fire bell. The fire boys hastened to the station and soon had the water throwing machinery on the way to the home of Dick Kelley, whose home was reported to be on fire. They had only gone a short distance, however, when they were met by messengers who informed them that the "fire" was only a burning fuse and had been extinguished, making their service unnecessary.

REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Will Meet in Portland Friday, February 12 for Appointment of Delegates and Fixing Date for Primaries. Campaign will then start in Earnest.

Portland, Feb. 1.—The republican state central committee is hereby called to meet in the city of Portland on Friday, the 12th day of February, 1904, (Abraham Lincoln's birthday) in room 12 Hamilton building at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of selecting the time and place for holding the next state convention, appointing delegates to said convention recommending date for holding primaries and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the committee.

Frank C. Baker,
Chairman,
Harrison Allen,
Secretary.

FATHER FINDS HIS KIDNAPPED CHILDREN.

Pendleton, Feb. 1.—A strange case came to light last Saturday afternoon when Fred Marshall, a teamster in the employ of P. P. Collier, the fuel man, found his two daughters, Bessie and Edna, who had been kidnaped from his home in Blass over three years ago. He had gone into the Alexander Department Store and there discovered the little girls in the care of Mrs. L. E. Cook, the daughter of Rev. G. W. Rigby, who had taken them when their mother died over a year ago at Echo.

SHUT DOWN FOR REPAIRS

The La Grande Flouring mill were shut down yesterday for the purpose of overhauling and repairing the machinery. The mill will remain closed for about a week or ten days.

POSTS

2,000 fine tan naxack posts for sale at 7 and 8 cents. Apply to Jack Childs harness shop. Posts are in the old town.

J 26 to F 27.

J. J. LILLIS

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

TEN NIGHTS IN A BAR ROOM

Steward's Opera house was comically filled last evening to witness Frank T. Stones presentation of that honored drama "Ten Nights in a Bar Room." His version seemed to give satisfaction as every one stayed until the last act and from all appearances would have been there yet had there been any more to see. There was no room for complaint at the way the piece was handled. The piece was a pleasant one though like Uncle Tom's Cabin it was never known to play to "poor business." Last night production was better than the average.

Get No Mileage

Washington, Feb. 1.—The house today voted unanimously to strike from the urgent deficiency bill the provision for the second payment of mileage to senators and representatives of this congress and then passed the urgent deficiency appropriation bill.

Wages Meets Fate

Indianapolis, Feb. 1.—At the joint conference of the operators and miners today, the miners demands were presented by President Mitchell, and a substitute from the operators demanding a decrease of 15 per cent was submitted by F. L. Robbins. Both were voted down.

Pray for Rain

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 30.—Special prayers will be offered in most of the churches of this city tomorrow when pastors and congregations will unite in an appeal for rain. Several of the leading protestant clergymen of Los Angeles, including Bishop Johnson, have joined in an open call to the various congregations, making an united prayer.

REPORT AT HAND.

Report of the arrest made at Pendleton of those implicated in land frauds has been received by Sec. Hitchcock.

Washington Feb. 1.—Secretary Hitchcock today received the following telegraphic official report of the wholesale arrests made in the land fraud cases at Pendleton: "The important arrests made yesterday in the land fraud cases include eight entrymen, Notary Public Park, who prepared the fraudulent entries; County Judge Hartman, who certified to the same, and Cunningham, the sheep king of Eastern Oregon, who furnished the money and for whose benefit the land was taken. It is believed Cunningham has many thousands of acres secured in the same manner."

LITTLE PENNY SAVERS

So important for convenience and comfort are very often lost sight of until the occasion for their use actually arises when they are very important—in fact are absolute necessity.

Hundreds of these little things can always be found at the FAIR—We list a few with prices below. Note them carefully.

Aluminum thumbles	1c	Hardwood darners with nickel plated hoop	10c
Lead pencils	2c	Good tooth brush	15c
Card Hooks and eyes	2c	Bristle hair brush	25c
Bunch hair pins	2c	Castele soap bar	2 1/2c
T red marking cotton	2c	Pine tar soap	5c
1 doz safety pins	4c	Cocoonut oil soap	5c
Combs	5c	Benzoim oatmeal soap	5c
Best pins	5c	Vernon glycerine soap	5c
Pear shaped darners	5c	Witch Hazel with butter-milk and glycerine	5c
1 doz kid curlers	5c	Cold cream and honey	8c
1 doz pearl buttons	5c	White lilac	8c
Finishing brade	5c	33 per cent glycerine	8c
Pen and pencil tablet	5c	White rose savor soap	10c
Crepe paper	8c	Royal glycerine soap	10c
Dairy made soap	10c		

NOW IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY

The Fair
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY