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## 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,

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La Grande, Oregon

LEADERS IN LOW PRICES.

## HAS REACHED CLIMAX,

Japan is Advised That Now is the Time to Strike. Russia's Concessions May Not be Sufficient and War Will Follow. Last Negotiations Befell Resorting to Arms. Russia Given One Week. Japs Have Taken Possession of Several Railroads.

London, Feb. 3.—Letters from leading men of Tokyo to friends here state that everything is in readiness in Japan for war and that an outbreak is inevitable. Russia's concessions are not likely to suffice and this is the last phase of negotiations before they resort to arms. Influential Japanese citizens from Europe, including noted diplomats, have advised Japan that now is the time to strike.

HAVE TAKEN GUNS AT SEOUL. St. Petersburg, Feb. 3.—The Seoul Korean Railway, according to a dispatch to Vladivostok has been occupied by Japanese troops. Japanese soldiers have also taken the guns at Seoul for the protection of the legation.

### GIVEN ONE WEEK.

Rome, Feb. 3.—News from the far east today asserts that Japan is determined to present an ultimatum to Russia on February 10 if no conclusion is reached prior to that date.

### HAS REACHED CLIMAX.

Tokio, Feb. 3.—An important council attended by the Mikado, three admirals and the war minister was held here today. It is believed that the Russo-Japanese situation has reached a climax.

The highest officials make no effort to conceal their exasperation at the tardiness of reply.

## LA GRAND NORTH

The Northern Portion of the City Growing Rapidly Residents Want Light and Water. Many New Houses.

That portion of La Grande lying north of the O. R. & N. tracks is rapidly coming to the front as a residential district. An Observer reporter counted 16 houses which are now in course of construction or have recently been completed, while old houses have been added to, and otherwise improved.

A prominent resident of that locality, speaking in regard to the matter said to the reporter: "Why should not the northern portion of the city grow. It is not less attractive than other portions. In fact it could be made the prettiest part of the city, and with the expansion of the city will doubtless become such."

"I might say that the city authorities have not given this portion of the city the consideration which it deserves. Just why that part of the city lying south of the tracks should be lighted up with electricity, while the northern portion remains in darkness is a mystery. We should also be entitled to the same fire protection that is accorded to our more favored neighbors."

"The water mains should be extended, which would not greatly burden the city as a sufficient number of water customers could be secured to pay the expense of the extension. In fact we are anxious to have the water."

"This part of the city has been referred to as the homes of the poorer class but the numerous handsome residences which ornament this portion of the city, and those now in course of construction do not bear out this assertion."

"If La Grande is to become a city of large proportions, it must grow north and this part of the city must eventually become a favored residence section."

### Exceptions Taken

It is to be hoped that the sentiment of the Chronicle in regard to the "so-called art exhibit" is not the voice of the people of La Grande.

I for one have not heard of any of the citizens of La Grande being called upon as a matter of patriotic duty to "help the thing out." It is true that one appreciative citizen, without being solicited, made the clubs a present of five dollars for which we are very grateful and a few of our business men purchased one or two pretty twenty-five cent tickets for which we are very thankful. If those who purchased tickets attended the exhibit they certainly got the worth of their money. The Club ladies did not expect to make any money out of it, it was not given for that purpose.

They thought it a fine opportunity to get the exhibit and place it before the public as a matter of education for the young and old. Of course they were not the originals but as some one said, "It is better to know art through reproductions than not to know it at all. It is only the best that can be had reproduction, and a good reproduction is a better preparation for the original than a thousand papers of art criticisms."

If those who attended the art exhibit and made a study of the pictures as they should, they will certainly be prepared to enjoy the originals, if they ever have an opportunity of seeing them. It will be "like a pleasant dream come suddenly true with magnificent distinction." I am sure that all of our Club members are interested in the Public Schools and would no doubt be glad to see an exhibition of their drawings and etc. but would it be an education for all as the art exhibit was.

A Club Member.

### MARRIED

James—Palmer:—At the Presbyterian Manse Wednesday morning Feb. 3, 1904, in the presence of the immediate relatives of the bride, Miss Hattie Mabel Palmer was united in marriage to Mr. Geo. E. James, Rev. Van Nuy officiating.

Miss Palmer has made her home in this city for a number of years and the best wishes of a large circle of friends and acquaintances will follow her to her new home.

Mr. James owns a well improved farm on Elk Flat near Elgin, where he is well and favorably known.

The newly wedded young people left for Elgin on yesterday's train.

### News to Mr Scriber

Sir: I notice in your issue of Feb. 1st a communication headed Big Power Project, wherein it was stated that Walter Pierce and myself were the principal promoters of the organization of the Oregon Power and Development Company for a power plant in John Day Valley. I would state that I know nothing whatever of this promotion organization or this company and the only knowledge I have is that appearing in your paper in regard to the same.

I never have authorized any one to use my name in connection therewith and I have no interest whatever in this organization and would thank you to make this correction in my behalf and oblige.

Respectfully,

J. W. Scriber.

The article referred to was taken from the Morning Reporter of Sumpter which was duly credited.—Editor.

### Woodmen Dance

The dance given by the Woodmen of the World in the auditorium of the Commercial Club last evening was a decided success in every particular. The hall was elaborately decorated with Woodmen colors and emblems. In the front of the hall were a stump, a crosscut saw, a cast iron stove and other tools characteristic of the hardy woodman. The music was first class the floor was well managed and all those who were present were made to spend a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

### Knights of Columbus

On Feb. 21, the second council of the order of Knights of Columbus will be organized in Baker City and about fifteen members from La Grande will go in as charter members. Later a council will be organized in this city.

The order was first organized in 1882, now there are over 800 councils in the United States and Canada with a membership of 100,000.

It is a Catholic fraternal and fraternal order and is only in existence that the West has installed. At the present time there are councils in Portland, Seattle, Spokane and Walla Walla.

### Council Meeting

The regular February meeting of the city council met last night. All present excepting mayor J. D. Slater, J. W. Kennedy was chosen as presiding officer.

The usual bills were audited, a saloon license granted, and report of officers read.

Mrs. B. F. Wade presented a bill for damages sustained as a result of a defective sidewalk, amounting to \$125 referred to finance committee.

The following resolution was presented and will be considered at the adjourned meeting on the 20th of this month when the judges and clerks will also be appointed for the city election.

To the mayor and members of the common council:

At a meeting of the taxpayers and members of the board of directors of the Commercial Club held Monday night Feb. 18th it was the unanimous sense of the meeting that the city council order placed upon the ticket at the election in March the question of voting bonds in a sum not to exceed \$25,000 for the purpose of building of a city hall.

Water superintendent Enloe submitted a report recommending the extension of water mains in different sections of the city when needed. The full report will be published in the morning.

## IN CIRCUIT COURT.

Grand Jury Returns Five True Bills and Two not True Bills. Two Men Given two Years in the Pen.

Union, Feb. 3.—The grand jury today reported 5 true and 2 not true bills.

Ben Purdy pleaded guilty to the crime of larceny, waived time and was given two years sentence in the penitentiary.

Charles Holmes pleaded not guilty to the same charge. Will have a trial later.

Jas. Dally, the man who was caught in the act of burglarizing Bohlen's store in La Grande, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 2 years in the penitentiary.

David Woolford, who is accused of larceny, pleaded guilty and will be sentenced later.

Arthur Hotchkiss, of horse stealing, will be arranged to-morrow.

In the case of W. Y. Rushee, charged with assault with intent to kill, the grand jury returned not a true bill.

Not a true bill was also returned in the case of Mayne Morris, charged with larceny.

### May Die

Mrs. Charles Henderson, who was seriously injured in the stage accident on the Walla Walla bill a few days ago, is in a critical condition at Walla Walla. Mrs. Henderson had the bridge of her nose broken, her right eye gouged out, lips cut and is seriously injured internally, in fact so seriously that she may die.

Mrs. Foster, another one of the victims had a thigh badly smashed and will be a cripple for life.

### Grand Chancellor

Emil Waldman, Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of this state, is in the city on private business. He will visit the lodge in this city of La Grande sometime in April.

### Good Showing

The city treasures report at the council meeting last night showed that the oldest outstanding city warrants unpaid bears the date of Jan. 1, 1901.

## HANNA IS SICK.

Report That He Was Dead Caused Panic at The White House. Dr. Rixey in Constant Attendance.

Washington Feb. 3.—This afternoon a rumor which was circulated that Senator Hanna was dead created a panic in the corridors of the capitol and at the principal hotels.

It is announced at the Arlington hotel that his condition since morning is unchanged and he is still irritable and weak. Rixey is constantly at his bedside. The latter still insists there is no cause for alarm.

### Coinage of Mints

Washington, Feb. 3.—The monthly statement of the Director of the Mint shows that the total coinage during January was \$7,518,730, as follows: Gold, \$2,767,000; silver, \$4,467,000; minor coins, \$290,730. In addition to this 500,000 silver pieces were coined for the government of Venezuela.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT OF MONEY REFUNDED,

This announcement is of great importance and when taken in connection with the extraordinary value-giving offerings for this month, will be of more than passing interest to our many friends and patrons. We will refund the amount of all cash purchases made on one day between Friday morning, February 5th, and Friday night March, 4th. We will announce the day in Thursday's issue of the OBSERVER, (March 10th.) Save your purchase slips carefully and bring those for the day announced to us—we will cheerfully refund the amount they call for. It does not matter whether your purchase amount is 5 cents or \$50.00.

Watch for Announcement of our White Carnival

The Fair  
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY



## A SACK OF GOLD FREE

The old adage that on reaching the part of a rainbow you will find a sack of gold, is very old and doubted, but if those that disbelieve will call at the Rainbow Store will be convinced. We have boxes full of gold and silver, precious stones, watches, clocks and everything in the jewelry line, at prices such as you never dreamed of. Call and be convinced that we can and will save you sacks of gold. We bought at 35 cents on the dollar and will give you the benefit. We are here to stay and guarantee all as represented. Have an expert Jeweler who will do all kinds of repairing promptly. Call before all of these bargains are gone.

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WALLAWA, OREGON

### Cobweb Social

The Christian Endeavors of the Central church, will give a cobweb social Friday evening at the residence of Jas. Nelson, North Birch St. Refreshments will be served. Admission 10 cents. Cordial invitation to all.

### FOR RENT

A four roomed cottage, furnished for housekeeping; also a furnished room with stove. Inquire of Mrs. Zuber.

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