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THE VOICE OF SPRING

Silks, Dress Goods, Wash Goods.

The proper weaves for spring and summer are forecasted in this exhibit, and many women who see them will plan the spring and summer wardrobe.

America, France, Switzerland and Great Britain have all contributed their share of the new goods. They are here early to be sure; but to meet the wishes of the hundred of women who have learned that to get the best dressmakers and have the work satisfactory, they must have them made before the rush season.

We'll consider it a favor if you will let us show you the new materials at as early a date as possible.

Dress Goods Veilings, Elanets, Voiles, Fancy Cheviots, Novelty Mixtures, Mohair, Eclumes, Wrap Materials, Beautiful White Materials in Staple and Novelty Weaves. New black goods—festly's in Stylish new Weaves.

New Silk Foulards Fancies, Shirt Waist Suit Silks black and white check, dots, Gunmetal Effects, fanciest in superb variety.

Wash Goods Paris has noticed approval of many of our Wash Goods and many styles are exclusive—Muslins, Flowered Organdies, Linen Novelty, in fact every thing that's new, is here. The Sheerest and Finest for evening wear. Handsome goods for spring wear. White goods in beautiful assortments.—All Prices.

See our 25 cent Wash Silk Window

Silk Waists Continue to pour in by the dozens. The grandest, the most exquisite gathering of dainty summer dress and evening waists La Grande has ever seen—Japanese silk waists with heavy embroidered or embroidered dots, lace insertion or cluster of tucks, lace inserting to form yoke, wide or narrow tucked fronts—lace mouseline de soie and crepe de chiu waists—Foulard wrists, India silk waists waists of sheer cotton materials—Prices range all the way from \$2.50 to \$35. No trouble to show them.



DO YOU WANT CHOICE TIMBER CLAIM?

If so, we can locate you on some fine claims in Wallowa County.

McDaniel & McDonald, WALLOWA, OREGON

ROCHESTER HAS A CONFLAGRATION

Three Acres of "Fire Proof" Business Houses Burned--Greatest Fire Loss in the History of that City.

Fire Originated in a Dry Goods House--Fire Departments Called from Buffalo and Syracuse by Special Trains.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 26—The entire business section is threatened by fire which broke out at 5 this morning. At 8 o'clock the loss is 7,000,000.

The fire broke out in the very heart of the dry goods district, starting in the central elevator shaft of the Rochester Dry Goods Company, on Main street.

Ten minutes after the alarm sounded the six-story building was a mass of flames. In less than half an hour the rear wall fell and the flames spread into the seven-story fire proof building of the Sibley-Carr Company. At 7 the fire chief said he was powerless to stop the flames, which by that time were encroaching on the wholesale district. Buffalo and Syracuse have been appealed to and specials given by the railway companies have arrived with the fire apparatus.

WATER MAIN BURST.

Shortly after 10 the big 36-inch main burst, materially diminishing the pressure.

BURNED AREA IS THREE ACRES.

The total burned area is three acres. The fire has been caged within this section, but there will probably be little relief for the firemen until tomorrow.

DANGER IS OVER.

At one this afternoon the flames are smoldering but the danger is over.

"Phyllis"

In the presentation of "Phyllis" at the Latter Day Saints Church tonight the public is promised a high class musical entertainment which also carries a story with it in song and dialogue. The scene is one that is dear to the hearts of all lovers of nature, the country farm. The main feature is a case of the old sweet story of love. "Phyllis" the farmer's daughter is the center of attraction. Douglas a young farmer though not having pressed his claims is her acknowledged lover, but Chapleigh, a young man from the city appears on the scene and causes considerable disturbance to the feelings of the young farmer. However he is finally victorious and Chapleigh leaves with a different view of the country than he had entertained on his arrival.

The scenery was prepared especially for this production and every effort has been made to make it a presentation that will be worthy the patronage of the people of La Grande.

A CHINK IN TROUBLE

Hung Duck, a Chinaman, Arrested by Internal Revenue Officers for Making Opium--Must Settle with Uncle Sam.

Poultry—Best spring, 10c and 11c per pound, turkeys live, 17 and 14c, lb dressed 18 and 20c lb. ducks, 8c and 7c or doz. geese, 8c lb.

LIVESTOCK
Cattle—Best steers \$4.25 and \$4.00 medium, 4.00; cow \$3.25 and \$4 (red)
Hogs—Best large, fat \$5.25; medium large fat 4.75
Sheep—Best weather \$3.50; mixed sheep \$3.

FOR A REUNION.

All those who were students of the Blue Mountain University are invited to attend a meeting to be held at the Commercial Club rooms on Monday evening, Feb. 29, for the purpose of arranging for a reunion. J. E. REYNOLDS.

The officers discovered about ten pounds of the prepared opium in cans which had been used before, and upon which no new revenue stamps had been placed. The government tax upon the drug is \$10 per pound.

THE SNAKE RIVER ROAD IS SURE

Pendleton, Feb. 26—You may state positively that the railroad will be built down the Snake river to the Iron Dyke mine this year," said M O Reed yesterday, who is here looking the field over, according to the Baker City Herald. When seen by the Herald last evening Mr. Reed was not adverse to making a few statements about the building of the road. There are certain deals on, which are not yet ripe for publication, but they are so far consummated that the gentleman feels safe in stating that the road will be built this year.

High School Debate

The literary and debating societies of the High School rendered a very pleasing and instructive program yesterday afternoon in room No. 12. A number of visitors were present. The following program was rendered:

Quotations from Shakespeare
Moonlight and Roses Orchestra
Vocal Solo Ada West
Oration Phazel Corbett
Recitation Marie O'Connor
Debate—
Piano Duet Misses Ormond and Boorey

The question debated was, "Resolved, that socialism would benefit the country." Warren Barnell and Grover Melville supported the affirmative their colleague, Miss Fannie Goodall, being absent Charles Wilson, Elton Jackson and Miss Schnasse presented arguments for the negative. The judges, F. S. Ivanhoe, B. F. Lewis, and W. Ferguson, by a vote of two to one decided in favor of the affirmative. The speeches were very good indeed, and we may well be proud of the work done by our high school society and students.

Accidentally Shot

Merritt Horrell, the youngest son of Mr and Mrs S M Horrell, accidentally shot himself last Saturday at the home of his parents four miles north of town. He was engaged in loading a 38 caliber pistol when the weapon was accidentally discharged. The bullet striking on the inner side of his thigh and passing almost through the limb. Drs. Whiting & Cloucheck were sent for and succeeded in extracting the bullet.—Elgin Recorder.

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PORT ARTHUR IS NOW BLOCKADED

Advices from the Japanese Minister. State that the Scheme was a Success--Kuropatkin in Command.

Russian Torpedo Boats Hold up a British Liner in the Indian Ocean--Czar Issues Proclamation.

LONDON, Feb. 26—The Japanese embassy this morning issued an official statement as follows.

"Early on the morning of the 24th, four of our vessels were escorted by torpedo boats to blockade the mouth of the harbor of Port Arthur. The object of sinking these vessels was attained. Officers and crews returned in safety.

"Although there is no report regarding our fleet direct from Admiral Togo, no doubt can be entertained regarding its safety."

CZAR ISSUES PROCLAMATION.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 26—The czar has issued a proclamation to the army through General Kuropatkin, who was a few days ago relieved of the war portfolio and put in chief command of the land forces. He lauds the past services of Kuropatkin and confers the order of Alexander Nevsy upon him.

STOPPED BRITISH LINER.

LONDON, Feb. 26—A Russian torpedo boat fired a shot across the bow of a British India liner Lombassa in the Red Sea Monday, then boarded her and examined her papers. The vessel was bound for Calcutta.

L. O. T. M.

The Ladies of the Macabees had a good time last evening. There were several initiations, a banquet and installation of the following officers: P. L. C. Eva Wisler, L. C. Clara Knott, L. F. C. Mattie Stewart, R. K. Hazel Barnes, F. K. Clara Stoner, M. A. Annie Lusk, Sgt. Mattie Smith Chap. Edith Sellows, Sent. Sadie Yardly, Picket Victoria Mc Inish.

There has been a contest for several weeks between the pinks and the blues as to which could secure the greatest number of new members, the blues to provide a supper as a result the pinks loved the banquet.

By Candle Light

A number of young people enjoyed last evening playing chess by candle light at the home of Mr and Mrs H Block. Those present were Misses Nellie Diquis, Maud, Lucy and Georgia Harmon, Stella Block, Clara Pankay, Henrietta Blum, Messrs Lot Snodgrass, Archie Bacon, and Ray Walker.

FOR RENT

Four room cottage, with good well, apply at the Model restaurant.

FOR RENT

Five room cottage. Inquire of Miss Deger.

Cheaper to Prevent Colds Than Pay the Doctor



MADE FOR US BY PETERS SHOE CO. ST. LOUIS.

Nine-tenths of the colds come from damp feet. Don't keep on wearing thin soles until you catch cold and have the doctor and druggist to pay—you'll have to buy shoes anyway. Buy now and lay the thin-soled ones away 'till spring.

OUR DIAMOND SPECIAL

is built with Soles that defy the weather.

Men's \$3.50 Women's \$3.00



PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

They Outrival Flowers

We believe our customers think as we do about perfumes—that the best are none too good, and that the finer quality are cheapest in the long run and far more satisfactory to us. We keep no poor perfumes at all. The cheapest here are high grade goods, though our price is no more than is often charged for poor. We sacrifice profits for our customers; good and believe our method is appreciated.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE MOST POPULAR ODORS

Palestine Clover * Rose of India
* Madam Butterfly *

We have a very large perfume trade and this insures freshness of stock, which is an important consideration.

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