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## The Chicago Store



No living man can eat, or sleep, or work, or play in ill-fitting shoes:

Start the day right by putting your feet into a pair of shoes that are made to easily and exactly fit feet.



What's the Use of Feeling Unhappy?



If you've never found the ideal shoe—ever bought goodness without fault—come and see us.

There's a surprise in store for you.

"Keiths' Konquerors" are the kind! We sell 'em.

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## The Chicago Store

### MARCH WINDS ARE BLOWING

Ladies, and you need a pretty Veil. See the new veils and colors in this line. Military waist sets, beautiful ribbons, at the Bargain Store.

E. M. Wellman & Co.

### Superb

### Correspondence

### Papers

In the line of fine correspondence papers our superb stock leaves nothing to be desired. Everything in style, tint and finish that has met with the approval of the writing public will be found here. The stock embraces papers in

#### BOXES, BULKS and TABLETS

Box papers range in price from 15 cents to \$1.75. You cannot find a better assortment in the state. Bulk papers are growing rapidly in favor as you can get as much or as little as you want. It is an economical way of buying paper, especially when you have a large and varied assortment to choose from as we afford you. Our tablet line is large and well chosen. Have envelopes to match the letter tablets. Pens, pencils, inks, mucilage, paste, erasers and every thing in the stationery line. Might as well use good writing papers when they cost no more.

NEWLIN DRUG CO.  
La Grande, Or.

## SHOT AT A ROBBER

Mrs. F. Olliott Takes Several Shots At A Masked Man At Her Front Door.

Last night about 11:30 o'clock Mrs. F. Olliott, who resides on the corner of 7 and O streets and whose husband is a dining car conductor, was awakened by a knock at the front door. She called out to know who was there and was told that it was the call boy with a message from her husband. She dressed and went to the door and was confronted by a masked man who showed a lighted pistol into her face. Instead of coming or fainting Mrs. Olliott slammed the door shut and locked it, and secured a gun and returned and fired three shots at the intruder, who made a hurried "get-away." A neighbor across the street being aroused by the shots, grabbed a rifle and rushed to the door. Seeing the retreating form of the masked man, he at once took in the situation and he took a shot at him. The man succeeded in making his escape however. Mrs. Olliott telephoned for an officer and both Marshal Rayburn and Deputy Cotner responded but no trace of the man has yet been found.

Mrs. Olliott is to be commended for her coolness and bravery in the matter. Women, on being summoned to the door at night should always be prepared to shoot if necessary.

### March 14

A call has been issued for a meeting of the Eastern Oregon Presbytery to be held in Pendleton Monday evening March 14 at the Presbyterian church. There are three reasons stated in the call: One to dissolve the pastoral relation between the church of Milton and Rev. A. J. Adams of that city who has resigned and will accept a call from another church; to release W. L. Vag Nays of La Grande from further connection with La Grande church that he may go to Pendleton in answer to the call of the Presbyterian church of that city; and to elect a trustee of the Pendleton Academy in place of F. C. Taylor who has resigned. These three items will complete the business of the presbytery at this time as nothing can be transacted in a called meeting of that body which is not stated in the call.

The membership of the presbytery includes representatives from all of the principal churches in the eastern part of the state.

### Cooked Food Sale

The ladies of Central Church of Christ will hold a cooked food sale at Bonie and Staples store Saturday. Come and buy part or all of your Sunday dinner.

## SMITH LEAVES THE HOSPITAL

Henry Smith, a brother of Conductor J. B. Smith, who attempted suicide in this city about ten days ago, by cutting his throat with a razor, left St. Anthony hospital in Pendleton last night, for his old home in Sedalia, Mo.

He has recovered from the effects of his attempt at suicide, and now wishes to live. His is one of the most remarkable cases in the history of surgery, the wind pipe having been cut through, and three stitches were necessary to close it up. The wound has healed up without the use of a tube in the wind-pipe, and he is now past danger from a rupture of the wound.

## DAMAGE REACHES THOUSANDS

Walla Walla, Wash., March 10—All streams from the Touchet to the Walla Walla river are lower today, and danger of further flood appears past. The damage done runs into thousands of dollars.

Walla Walla country is the heaviest loser. The damage to Washington & Columbia River railway property is about \$1500. Individual farmers all through the foothills have sustained small losses, whose aggregate foots up heavily.

### Tonights Dance

Tonight is the date set for the dance to be given by the reorganized La Grande band. The proceeds of the dance will, as has been stated, be used in the purchasing of uniforms. With the musical talent there is in La Grande the city should support a really excellent band. The members of the band are doing their part nobly and it is now up to the citizens of La Grande to say whether we are to make a creditable showing with other cities of this size.

La Grande has at several times in the past employed for various occasions, outside bands which cost no inconsiderable sum, which expended on a home band would go far toward its maintenance and at the same time keep this money at home. As is suggested by Prof. Simpson in his communication in this issue, if you feel that you cannot patronize the dance, present the band with the price of a ticket and thus do your part toward maintaining a good band in our city.

### Died

Wm. Spencer who suffered a stroke of paralysis a few days ago, died at his home at the residence of Mrs. A. E. Jones on 3rd street Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Spencer was a pioneer farmer of this valley and was well known and universally respected. He was a sufferer from kidney trouble and last Sunday suffered a stroke of paralysis from which, owing to his weakened condition, he was unable to rally. Mr. Spencer is survived by his wife and one son. The funeral will occur from the Methodist Church Saturday afternoon at one o'clock, and interment will be in L. O. F. Cemetery.

### MISSIONERY MEETING

The ladies of the Women's Foreign Missionary society held a very pleasant meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. G. Harrington. Mrs. M. P. Rockwell, who is just returning from a visit to the National Missionary Convention at Baltimore met with the ladies.

Mrs. Rockwell has spent sometime as a missionary in India, and very pleasantly entertained the ladies by relating some of her experiences and the conditions existing in India.

### Congratulations.

Mr. John H. Cullum, Editor of the Garland, Texas, News, has written a lecture congratulations to the number of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, as follows: "Sixteen years ago when our first child was a baby he was subject to crampy spells and we would be very uneasy about him. We began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in 1887, and finding it such a reliable remedy for colds and croup, we have never been without it in the house since that time. We have five children and have given it to all of them with good results." For Sale by all druggists.

### Born.

CHAUVEY—In this city, March 6, to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Chauvey, a son.

## PROMOTED FIREMEN

Over 20 Firemen Have Been Promoted as Engineers During Past Two Years.

The O. R. & N. has promoted over 20 firemen to the position of locomotive engineers at La Grande, within the past two years.

Some of these men had first an engine less than three years, having begun their railroad careers as wipers or helpers in the round houses.

This is considered to be very rapid promotion as many of the older engineers were compelled to serve as many as 10 to 13 years, owing to the extreme dullness of business.

These young engineers are successful in every way in all except rare instances and their experience in being promoted in such a short time, disproves the old idea that a man must be a fireman half a life time before being competent to run an engine.

The O. R. & N. has had an agreement with its firemen for years, providing that one fireman should be promoted to every old engineer hired but owing to the shifting and migratory nature of so many of the old engineers that travel over the country, the company will recruit from the ranks of the firemen as far as possible.

The mountain division between Unatilla and Huntington is considered the most difficult division on the system and the young "runners" must pass a rigid air-brake examination, besides the regular mechanical and "book of rules" examination.

It requires about four hours of severe questioning to put a fireman through all the technical examination for the position of engineer, and some idea of the thoroughness of the examination may be gained by knowing that this entire time is consumed in a rapid fire of off-hand questions, which must be answered readily, without argument and with full explanation on technical points where there is any doubt to the thorough knowledge of the student.

## WORK OF COWARD AT HELIX

Helix March 10—Two dastardly attempts to murder innocent people have been made in this city within the past two days.

On Tuesday evening some unknown person fired a shot through the house of Mrs. Pierce a widow woman the shot barely missing the heads of two small children asleep in bed.

At the time it was thought it might possibly be an accident but on the following night some one fired a shot through the home of Harlow Richmond living in the edge of town and it is now believed that both shots were fired with malicious intent.

### Davy Crockett

In the days of Davy Crockett people were talk'd of for president just as they are now, and Crockett was mentioned strongly for the place of Chief Executive. Crockett was not exactly averse to the talk although he was not as eager for the honor as some people of the present day.

Crockett was quite sick a long way from his home and among strangers one time at the beginning of his career as a talked of candidate for president. A woman who cared for him had some "Batesman drops," a remedy which was popular in those days. These she gave Crockett and he got well even after it was expected that he would die.

After he was well and was thinking of the white house he once said, "How many of my friends may say, if I am elected president, what a good thing it was that that kind woman had a bottle of drops that saved the president's life. Good says I, my noble fellow, you take the post office or the navy or the war office." But Crockett did not become president, but won fame as the hero of many battles. His character can be compared to no one else Mr. and Redmond, who is playing that part in the play "Davy Crockett" which will be at Stowards opera house has found many other incidents of this kind which show the character of Crockett not to be without plenty of humor. This will be the opening play of a week's engagement commencing Monday March 14. Ladies free Monday night on usual conditions. Prices 15 25 35-50 cents.

### Realty Dea

A deed was filed in the county recorder's office last Wednesday transferring to J. B. Stoddard, the old Striker place near Imbler, consisting of 480 acres, the consideration being \$10,000 or \$40 per acre. The sale was made through the La Grande Investment Company.

A deed was also recorded transferring the La Grande Planing mill's property to Mr. Stoddard.

## MAY FIGHT RUSSIA

It is Thought England May Become Involved in the War With Russia.

Berlin March 10—The Tageblatt today asserts that the conviction prevails in government circles in Russia that war with England will be the inevitable outcome of the war with Japan. Active preparations are proceeding, on an elaborate scale, including measures for the defense of the Baltic coast. Prince Uchtomsku, the czar's confidant, is quoted as stating that a Russian attack upon India is imminent.

STORM STOPPED BATTLE  
London March 9—A Central News dispatch from Port Arthur reports that the Japanese prepared to bombard that port last night, but owing to a heavy storm were compelled to desist at 11 o'clock.

ANOTHER WHACK  
Port Arthur March 10—A Japanese fleet reappeared at midnight, bombarded the city intermittently until 8, and withdrew.

### Whist Club Party

The Thursday Afternoon Whist Club was entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. L. Given and Mrs. W. B. Snodgrass at the home of Mrs. Given.

Mrs. Chas. Dunn was awarded the first prize and Mrs. Cavana the second. Those present were Mesdames Chas. Dunn, L. Dunn, Sargent, Cavana, Ormond, Remillard, Edmunds, Knott, White, Geo. Henry, Chas. Kinsey, Molden, Nash, Johnson, Given, and W. B. Snodgrass.

### Thankful for Kindness

We take this method of acknowledging our heartfelt thanks to the people of La Grande who in the hours of our most serious trouble in the death and burial of mother and wife Mrs. Emma Suydam, though total strangers, extended to us so many acts of kindness, and especially do we feel grateful to the Odd Fellows and Woodmen of La Grande for their sympathy and helpful assistance.

W. W. Suydam and family

## THE LUCKY DAY

Is Wednesday, March 23.

Look up all your Cash Sales Slips and bring those of above date to us, we will refund the amount of your purchase on that day.

### New Ladies' Petticoats.

Good clean and well-made garments that outdoes anything we have ever accomplished in petticoat values. We know that they cannot be matched at "The Fair" prices. Read on.

Fine Black Peraline Skirts with 15-inch flounce trimmed with 9 rows of pinked edge ruffles, good 2.00 value. **1.35**

Black Satene skirts with four 3-inch ruffles frilled seams. Compare these with the usual 2.25 offerings elsewhere. **1.85**

Black Mercerized Satene skirts, 12-inch accordin plaited flounce, finished with two 2-inch ruffles and dust ruffle. Our price. **2.25**

Black Moreen skirts, with 13-inch accordin plaited flounce finished, two ruffles, quality considered price is very low. **2.00**

Black Mohair skirts, ideal skirt for coming summer, light and cool, accordin plaited flounce, with two 2 inch silk ruffles. **4.50**

Black Taffeta Silk skirts, having a 6-inch flounce with 6 rows of pin tucks, finished with 3-inch ruffle also dust ruffle. **5.50**

Black Taffeta skirts, an exceptional value. These skirts are trimmed with a 4-inch accordin flounce finished with 2-inch ruffles **6.50**

### Ladies' Waists.

Large assortment just opened—New styles, novel effects and altogether "Fair" prices .50 to 7.50

One price to your neighbor, same price to you, at

## The Fair

THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

When you buy goods of us you get good, clean and depend merchandise—we sell goods and sell them RIGHT