

Great
Good
News
for
Young
and
Old

Merry old St. Nick re-igns supreme and extends a hearty invitation to call and inspect the Extensive line of Christmas Goods that was ever brought to La Grande.

The Fair
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY



We are ready for the Holiday trade. We have everything that's fit to sell in Holiday Goods; suitable for gifts, appropriate, useful and sensible. We invite an early inspection while assortments are complete. We show you in all lines we carry worth and quality for the price. This announcement and space is to acquaint you with the completeness of our stock and we try to make the news economically interesting as we can—and we will extend suggestions that may help you with the problem of making presents—we invite you to come and see our stock, as we can give you only a hint of the complete lines we carry. But we are ready with the gift things and extend you a hearty invitation to call at this store and see them.

The Fair
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

A Store With A Record

We have been doing business in this town for 5 years in that time the town has nearly doubled in population. During the same time our business has increased FIVE FOLD. In other words our business has made a great deal more rapid increase than the town has. There are dozens of reasons for this all of which you will perceive if you begin buying drug store goods of us. In the first place we had a thorough training for pharmacy. In the second place we had exceptional opportunities for learning the practical side of pharmacy in a successful drug store of the highest standing. In the third place we have kept our eyes open and attended to business until we know the demands of the people of this town.

A. T. HILL,

Prescription Druggist La Grande, Ore

Farmers' and Traders National Bank,

LAGRANDE, OREGON

Capital Stock fully paid . . . \$ 60,000
Surplus fund . . . 13,000
Liability of Shareholders . . . 60,000
Responsibility . . . 133,000

We do a general banking and exchange business. Drafts bought and sold on eastern and foreign banks.

JOSEPH PALMER, President
J. W. SCRIBER, Cashier

OFFICERS: President J. M. Berry, J. M. Ohruh
Vice President A. E. Conley, Geo. L. Cleaver
Cashier J. M. Ohruh
Asst. Cashiers F. L. Murray and Geo. L. Cleaver

La Grande National Bank

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS, \$72,000.00

Transacts a general banking business. Drafts and exchange on all parts of the world.

La Grande Evening Observer

KEY BROS., Editors & Pr ps

Entered at the Post Office at La Grande, Oregon, as Second Class Mail Matter.

Published daily except Sunday

One year in advance \$6 50
Six months in advance . . . 3 50
Per month 85c
Single copy 5c

FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 9 1904

LAND FRAUD CASE

The indictment, trial and conviction of four persons in the United States court at Portland recently for conspiracy to defraud the United States by procuring patent to lands by the means of perjury, forgery and false certificates of officials, will, doubtless, have a purifying effect on the mode of securing public lands, and secure the United States from future imposition, which will be very gratifying to the general public, and especially so to the U. S. officials in charge of the Land Department. To the mass of the people of Oregon the result of the trial has been emphatically pleasing, as it refutes the assumption, largely accredited as true in other states and more pronounced in Washington City that people of Oregon are so caloused in conscience that they look, if not with favor, at least with indifference upon the perpetrators of the most outrageous frauds upon the general government; or in other words, that public opinion in Oregon sustains "land grabbing."

There are, unfortunately for the good name of Oregon, too many facts that can be cited of most villainous transaction that

have been perpetrated in Oregon that gives force to the assumption that we are all a set of land grabbers and poachers on Uncle Sam on all occasions where opportunity offers. Yet those who really know the common people of Oregon, know that they detest such rascality as vigorously as it is possible for honesty to abhor meanness. There are transactions that have enriched the good name of Oregon having been perpetrated during the business transactions between private citizens and United States officials, wherein the people have no voice or hand, and of which they have no knowledge or means of knowing, they were powerless to prevent them; however strong their suspicions may have been that crookedness was going on, and therefore they remained silent, not by way of approval, but because they had no legal medium through which to operate. In other words they have no legal right to become inspectors of the U. S. Land Offices and informers on wrong doing therein.

The fact that in a court in Oregon, presided over by a judge that came to Oregon so early in life that he is practically a native of the state, and by the way a democrat, with a jury selected from the body of the county, with most probably mixed politics, convicted the accused, is demonstration that public opinion in Oregon does not sustain wrong doing and fraud against the government, and that the people of Oregon, when they have a legal right to express their disapproval of unlawful acts, will do so in language most emphatic.

Just how far reaching the effects of this trial will be is not yet determinable, or how many of those who by their careless

good nature or corrupt connivances have rendered such rascally acts possible, as the testimony at the trial revealed, will be held responsible for the smirch the fair name of the state has received, remains for people to determine. But it is quite evident that the class of minor officers, notary publics, U. S. Commissioners, and county clerks that are clothed by the law with the important power to administer oaths and certify to the appearance before them, will in the future be more careful how they perform the important trust reposed in them. Had that class of officers been careful to know that the persons who appeared before them to make oaths to affidavits to be used in the U. S. Land Office, were in reality the persons they pretended to be and refused to certify to the personality of persons they knew not, the conspirators could not have carried out their nefarious scheme of procuring titles by fraud and perjury to government land, and the good name of Oregon would not now require defense from a most damaging imputation.

Estate Notice

J. R. Kellogg deceased, Estate. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, J. M. Church, has qualified as Executor of the last will and testament of J. R. Kellogg, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same properly verified to the undersigned at the office of C. H. Finn, Sommer Building, La Grande, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Dated and first published October 6th 1904. J. M. Church, Executor of Estate of J. R. Kellogg, deceased. C. H. Finn, Attorney for Executor.

Public Sale

Three quarter sections all plow land 4 miles south of Island City in a body or will divide to suit. Only 25.00 per acre. Mostly seeded fall grain others ask 45.00 and 50.00 See Powers the Minnesota Landman.

Professional

W. J. BISONETT
EXPERT ACCOUNTANT
Office with J. T. Williamson, La Grande
Parties wishing the services of a competent bookkeeper are assured satisfactory results. Prices reasonable.

C. B. Cauthorn DENTIST

Office Over Hill Drug Store
La Grande, Oregon

Dr. P. A. CHARLTON

VETERINARY SURGEON,
Office at A. T. Hill's Drug Store
La Grande, Oregon Phone 1361
Residence phone 701

Malheur County Investment
For Investments In—
MALHEUR COUNTY

Write to C. T. McDANIEL
Ontario, Oregon

Lodge Directory.

EAGLES—La Grande Aerie No. 702 meets every Friday night in Elk's hall at 8 p. m. Visiting brethren invited to attend.
C. O. Beckwith, W. P. W. A. Secretary, W. Sec.
FORESTERS OF AMERICA—Court Mel Marion, No. 22 meets each Tuesday in Elk's hall. Brothers are invited to attend.
Al Halmers, Chief Ranger.
C. J. Vandepool, Rec. Sec.
IOOF—La Grande Lodge, No. 16 meets in their hall every Saturday night. Visiting members cordially invited to attend.
H. E. Coolidge, Sec.
A. F. & A. M.—La Grande Lodge No. 41, meets every 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month.
A. C. Williams, Sec.
O. D. Huffman, W. M.
EASTERN STAR OFS HOPE Chapter No. 13 meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p. m. in Masonic Temple.
Mrs. Clara T. Lyle, W. M.
Mary A. Warnick, Sec.
STAR ENCAMPMENT No. 51, L. O. O. F. meets every first and third Thursdays in the month in Odd Fellows hall. Visiting brothers always welcome.
E. Robinson, C. P.
Geo. Ball, Scribe

Pay Up

The public is hereby notified that I have disposed of my feed store to J. W. White and I desire to thank the public generally for their liberal patronage in the past and that parties now owing me will please call and settle with me personally or they can call at the La Grande National Bank who will receipt for all bills. 11-11 to 12-1
O. O. JOHNSON.