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## LAST NIGHT'S BLAZE

J. H. Prescott Looses a Barn, Horse and Buggy

Last night a little before midnight the alarm of fire was sounded and it was discovered that the barn belonging to Mr and Mrs. Prescott corner second and Spring street was in flames. Before the department could reach the fire the building and contents were consumed. A fine driving horse was confined in the stable and was burned to death before the fire was discovered. There was a considerable quantity of hay and feed, and also a

buggy and harness which was destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown. Mr. Prescott places the loss at about \$300 about half covered by insurance.

### Glee Club.

The University Glee and Mandolin Clubs occupied the assembly hour at the college this morning and the occasion was one which brought out the largest attendance of the year, both of students and townspeople. The introduction of the club in the first song marked them as college students, for they came on the stage in that easy, off-hand manner which brands the college student as such wherever he is seen.

The program rendered was excellent and far surpassed that of Stanford or Berkeley Glee Club entertainments. This morning's entertainment was the first chance that a Eugene audience had to see Mr. Rountree in his work, and to say that his work was satisfactory is putting it mildly. His work will have to be seen to be appreciated.

The laughing song with "Seminoles" the center attraction brought down the house, as did also the song, "Seminoles" as sung by Mr. Abbott and Rountree. The crying song and "Lasy Bill" were also excellently rendered.

The Mandolin Club also came in for a good share of applause and did excellent work. — Eugene Guard Dec 14 1904.

## ENGAGEMENT OF MUCH IMPORTANCE

More than One Vessel of the Russian's in Action when the Sevastopol was Attacked.

Chefoo, Dec 16—(Billtin)—It is reported that a Japanese cruiser is ashore on Yungching bay, 63 miles southeast of Chefoo.

Tokio, Dec 16—It was learned today that the Russian battleship Sevastopol which is being attacked by the Japanese outside Port Arthur, is not alone in her fight.

She is accompanied by a torpedo boat, the Orvany, and a commissioned ship whose name is not known.

Today the following official report was issued, showing that the affair has assumed proportions of a naval battle. It abruptly starts with the statement, "One of our torpedo-boats is still missing," which is taken as a clear indication that the war department has received several prior reports

of which the one issued is but a continuation in series.

The report continues as follows:—"The remainder of the torpedo-boats have returned in safety from the attack."

"The Sevastopol's bow was yesterday reported to have sunk three feet, showing that the work of our boats was effective."

"From 11:30 o'clock yesterday up to 3 o'clock this morning the torpedo-boats kept up an incessant attack on the Sevastopol, the Orvany and the commissioned ship whose name continues unknown."

"Details have not been reported, but at 9 o'clock this morning the observation station reports that the Sevastopol's bow has sunk still further and that her torpedo tube is entirely submerged

### Harney County

The county court of Harney county has set aside \$1000 from the general fund for the purpose of collecting and maintaining an exhibit of its resources at the Lewis and Clark fair next year. This fund has been placed at the disposal of Hon. I. S. Geer and is for the purpose of defraying the expense of securing suitable exhibits of the farm, fruit, garden, dairy, woods, wool, livestock, mines, etc.

Harney county has taken a step that should be followed by other counties.

### WIRES CROSSED CAUSE DARKNESS

Grangeville, Idaho, Dec 16—Grangeville was in darkness Sunday night and not until Monday morning was the real cause known.

Manager Van Baren of the light plant started for the power house which is located on the river. When he was about two miles out of town he noticed the wires were crossed and a few feathers were on the wires. Upon further investigation he discovered an immense owl that had probably hit the wires and caused all of the trouble. There are no marks on the body to show where the owl was hit and it probably was immediately electrocuted with a current of 5000 volts. The owl will probably be mounted and kept as a souvenir.

### Wonderful Growth

In seven years the rural free delivery system of mails has grown from 44 routes, costing \$40,000 a year, to 24,568 routes costing \$12,921,700 a year. Petitions for 11,700 more routes were on file July first. The R. F. D. is a great addition to the comfort, intelligence and business of the farmers and their families.

### Large Stock

Jerez de la Frontera, Spain, has a population of 65,000 and is the center of the sherry wine making trade. There are many rich people worth from \$500,000 to \$5,000,000. The city has hundreds of very old and large storehouses containing, it is said, enough sherry wine to supply the world's demand for twenty-five years.

## For the Holiday Forehanded

We wish to speak of our Holiday Line this early because many will appreciate the hint. Our goods are all here. They are ready for inspection. The line is by far the finest we have ever shown. Too many things to specify here, we don't want to specify just yet, we want you to see the goods while the line is unbroken. You know the advantage of early choosing. Prompt buyers always avoid the rush and get choicest picking. Prices are as low as they can be and the very article you would most prefer may not wait.

### See us about Books

We have provided for you. We have the books suitable for Xmas gifts. We have the newest and most popular publications, as well as choice editions of standard works. Books not in stock will be pleased to order for you.

### Libby's Cut Glass

Don't buy out glass unless "Libby" is cut in the glass, then you know you have the best.

THE NEWLIN DRUG CO  
LA GRANDE OREGON

## GRAND OPENING LADIES' BAZAAR

An Extensive Varied and Beautiful Display of Articles for Sale.

The Ladies of the Presbyterian church this afternoon at 2 o'clock opened to the public the largest bazaar that La Grande has ever had the pleasure of experiencing. The Observer reporter had the pleasure of visiting the bazaar this afternoon, and it is hard to tell which was the most pleasing sensation, the beauties in decoration which met the eye and pleased, or the politeness and courtesy of the ladies which makes you feel at home at once. The decorations are artistic and beautiful and have not been used sparingly, the result being that the Armory Hall, where their displays are set forth, is a perfect bouquet of bright and pleasing colors.

The first booth that one approaches on entering the hall is the "Handkerchief Booth" where you can find anything in the handkerchief line from a plain, common, every-day linen, to dainty and filmy laces, and among these one handkerchief sent to the ladies by a friend of one of them from Paris, France. This booth is decorated in beautiful colors and trimmed with holly. The next booth is the "Apron Booth" and here are arranged an assortment of aprons of all kinds of designs, shapes and sizes and of any quality from a serviceable cooking apron to fragile lace concerns about which we know nothing. This booth has one hundred aprons of diverse kinds, and it is also decorated in beautiful colors and adorned with pepper berries from California. The next booth is the one for baby clothes

and there is displayed everything that baby needs to wear, consisting of dresses, gloves, hats, caps, and in short everything that is needed to make babies look nice and comfortable. The next is the home-made candy booth, where all sorts of candies are offered to tickle the palate of young and old. The next booth and one where one will stop and inspect closely, meanwhile his mouth waters with longing, is the "Koutrio Stoor" where all sorts of good things to eat in the shape of preserves, jellies, canned fruits, home made bread and mince meat made by Sis Hopkins are offered for sale.

And then comes the "Doll Booth" where dolls of all sizes, forms and description are displayed together with all the things that the dolly at home needs as regards apparel, there are little bonnets, shoes, hats, dresses and all that dolly needs. Here is where the little folks stop and linger. The next booth is the miscellaneous booth, and whatever you may want, and not be able to find in the others you will be able to find in this one. It has in its display all sorts of comfortable looking things that make you think of home of a good warm fire at the Christmas tide, of happiness and of comfort.

To those who do not intend to purchase it would be a great pleasure to visit the bazaar, see the beautiful things offered for sale and receive the hospitality of the hostesses.

### She'll Continue

You can learn about "glit edge securities" by reading the Chadwick case. Since Adam's fall woman has bamboozled bankers as well as other men. "And she'll continue ter do it, bless'em."

### Rough Riders

Every living member of Roosevelt's Rough Riders regiment will attend inauguration services on the 4th of March. Of the 1023 men who were

mustered into the famous regiment a San Antonio in the spring of '98, but 200 are living, but these intend to make Rome howl upon that occasion. As General Sherman Bell said in Denver the other day, "the 'Keep Off the Grass' sign on the White House lawn will be the first thing to come up and the hobbled horses of the Rough Riders will crop the herbage without molestation."

Mr. Lou Remard left this morning for a business trip to Weiser, Idaho to be gone some time.

### FOR ONE DOLLAR

You can get a pretty street hat at the BARGAIN Store. We also have a complete line of

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND HOLIDAY GOODS

E M WELLMAN & CO  
La Grande Oregon

## HATS

25 Per Cent off on all Hats

Until the first of the year every Hat in the store will be sold at a 25 per cent discount. This is your opportunity to get your Holiday Hat at a bargain.

### Novelties

The latest in braided handle purses and Peggy bags. Something new in combs and baretts.

### Ribbons

At a discount. The finest line of ribbons ever shown in the city.

### Handkerchiefs

Special line just received. From now until Jan. 1, for 5 cents up.

### Perfumes, Toilet Soaps and Powders Switches, Pompadeurs and Bangs

### Collars

This is positively a new line and can only be secured here.

MRS. J. R. FORREST,  
Milliner