



THE GREATEST THING GEORGE WASHINGTON EVER DID WAS TO TELL HIS FATHER THAT HE CUT DOWN THE CHERRY TREE. HE SET A GOOD EXAMPLE. IT IS EASY TO TELL THE TRUTH WHEN YOU HAVE A LINE OF MERCHANDISE TO TELL ABOUT THAT IS AS REPUTABLE AND WELL KNOWN AS THE BORN LINE OF MERCHANT TAYLORS. THE HISTORY OF THIS FIRM DOES NOT DATE BACK AS FAR AS THAT OF THE CHERRY TREE, BUT ITS PRESENT REPUTATION IS WHAT WE CAN BOAST OF, THAT IS, ITS BEING UP TO THE PRESENT TIME, OR AS BUSTER SAYS UP TO THE MINUTE IN STYLE OF CUT, PATTERNS, AND FRABRICS.

WE HAVE A COMPLETE LINE OF 1-1-3 YD. SAMPLES, LARGE ENOUGH SO THAT ONE CAN TELL HOW A PATTERN WILL LOOK WHEN IT IS MADE UP, TO SELECT FROM, AND THE GUARANTEE OF A PERFECT FIT OF EVERY GARMENT. A GLANCE IN OUR SHOW WINDOW OR THROUGH OUR LINE OF SAMPLES WILL PROVE TO YOU THE PATTERNS ARE THE CORRECT THING FOR THE COMING SPRING IN MEN'S SUITS. GENTS FURNISHING DEPARTMENT.

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### BROKEN JEWELS

Your watch may run if a jewel is cracked or broken and it may keep fairl good time.

The pivot revolving in such a jewel, however, soon cuts and frequently breaks, thus increasing the damage and cost of repairing.

If your watch is varying, it will pay you to have it examined.

All repairs given my personal attention.

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We Guarantee all our Rubber

**A. T. HILL**  
Prescription Druggist LA GRANDE, OR

### QUARTERLY CONFERENCE ON MONDAY

The quarterly conference of this district of the Methodist Church, South, will be held in this city next Monday afternoon at two thirty. Conference sermons will be held tomorrow morning and evening at the regular church hours. On Monday afternoon the business meetings will be held and will be presided over by Presiding Elder Looney of Pendleton. The meetings and business sessions will be held in the M. E. Church South on Jefferson avenue.

### DIRTY INSINUATION

The county court calls for sealed bids to build a 150 foot steel bridge over the Grande Ronde River near Perry. It is close to La Grande—Scout.

Here is a little insinuation that is not worthy of the Scout. The insinuation being that this bridge was being built just because it is near La Grande. This new bridge which the county is asking for bids is to replace the structure that was washed away the other side of Perry during the high water. This bridge has to be replaced just the same as if the Elgin or any other bridge which spans the Grande Ronde River, would have to be replaced in case they were washed out. Any intelligent person knows this, but because it happens to be near La Grande the Scout adds "It is close to La Grande." Now brother really ain't you ashamed of yourself.

**IF YOU WANT DIRT**

If you want choice soil you had better place your orders with J. L. Mars immediately. In a few days he will have a force of teams on excavation work and when he starts he will handle it quick.

**FOR SALE**—An Edison Concert Phonograph everything complete and in good condition. Inquire at Al Andrew's store.

### LOCAL ITEMS

James O'Sullivan returned today to Enterprise.

Judge T. H. Crawford has returned from Baker City where he had legal business.

J. G. Gulling is again in charge of the Elgin branch after a vacation spent in California.

Mrs. Ed McKiddy, who has been ill for several days, is reported to be very low today.

C. J. Cook of Portland was a guest a few days this week with Mr. and Mrs. A. Buckley.

Rev. C. E. Deal will hold services at Hot Lake tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock.

Mrs. D. D. Masten left on Wednesday evening's train for Island City and La Grande, where she will visit with her daughter rs.—Elgin Recorder.

Sheriff J. M. Blakely of Wallowa county returned to his office today after being in this city as defendant in the O'Sullivan-Blakely trial.

Rev. W. H. Gibson went to Elgin this morning to assist in revival meetings about to be held in the Mt. Pleasant Baptist church.

Editor Seibird, senior editor of the Union Republican, was a caller in the city today. The Union editor spent a pleasant half hour with the editors of the Observer.

William Muir, the well known mining man of La Grande, who has been spending the past few days in the city on business, returned home last night.—Baker City Herald.

Presiding Elder F. Looney of Pendleton arrived in the city today to conduct the quarterly conference which will be held in this city beginning tonight and continuing until Monday evening.

Conductor J. L. McCrary who has been enjoying a vacation spent in Portland has resumed his run between this city and Huntington, and James Connors, of La Grande who has been filling his place, left for home yesterday.—Pendleton Tribune.

Joseph Anson has just returned from an extended visit with his daughters Mrs. Minnie E. Probasco of Beatty, Nevada and his daughter Mrs. Nellie Stubblefield who resides on the Catalina island off the coast from Los Angeles. He had a pleasant time naturally, the only drawback being the weather. The sun was in evidence only a few hours during his absence.

### COMMERCIAL CLUB IN UNION

The business men of Union are organizing a commercial club in that city. The movement seems to have taken a firm hold of the city and no doubt an organization will soon be perfected.

### REVIVALS IN ELGIN

The Baptist church of Elgin is to hold a series of revival meetings the coming week. Rev. Gibson of this city went to Elgin today and will assist Evangelist Wilbur in the protracted meetings.

### DIPHTHERIA SCARE OVER

Baker City has been threatened with a general outbreak of diphtheria but the worst is now over. The authorities have succeeded in stamping out the dreaded disease.

### MINING ACTIVITY IN MONTANA

(Scripps News Association)  
Helena, Mont., Feb. 16—It is estimated that the increased value of mining property in Montana during the last year due to new discoveries, successful development of old and increased values for nine products, will amount to at least \$200,000,000. The assay office receipts for period named were \$2,275,642 an increase of \$80,780 over the previous year.

### EXPLOSION IN KINGSTON

(Scripps News Association)  
New York, Feb. 16.—The steamer Valida arrived today from Kingston and reported that a donkey engine had exploded killing seven and injuring three. The dead were all members of the crew.

### TACOMA BOOSTERS

(Scripps News Association)  
Los Angeles, Feb. 16—A delegation of Tacoma "Boosters" arrived in this city this morning. They will spend several days in Southern California. A pleasant journey has been mapped out for the next week.

### GOVERNOR VEToes BILL

(Scripps News Association)  
Salem, Feb. 16—Governor Geo. E. Chamberlain today vetoed the bill requiring railroads to issue free passes to all public officials.

### STRIKE SETTLED

(Scripps News Association)  
Butte, Mont., Feb. 16.—The strike on the Rockie Mountain Bell Telephone Co. was settled this morning. The girls were granted an eight hour day with an increase of \$6 per month.

## LOGGING TOOLS

I have a complete line of logging tools such as Cante Hooks, Peaveys, Axes, Sledges, Saws, Chain and Cable in fact everything needed for logging.

## WASHING MACHINES

I have the celebrated 1900 machine which is absolutely guaranteed they are the easiest running washing machine on the market. Try one and be convinced. I also have clothes wringers all grades and price.

## MRS. T. N. MURPHY

Hardware and Grockery

### IMPROVING FAVORABLE

Edgar Mack, the fifteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Mack who last Wednesday evening fell from the top of a freight car and broke a leg, is reported today to be improving favorably.

Edgar was on one string of freight cars and his brother on the other. Both decided to jump across to the other car at the same time, and instead of landing on the other car, both collided in mid air, falling to the ground. Edgar was the only one injured, the other boy falling with out sustaining a bruise.

### JAPS SAWING WOOD

Chas. Mizoguske, the Japanese contractor, left this morning for Hilgard where he has a crew of thirty-five Japs at work sawing wood. More than a thousand cords have already been cut, and when the crew comes out of the woods, there will be several thousand cords. Each workman cuts on the average of one and a half cords per day, thus making over a half hundred cords per day. The wood will be banked and used next season.

### SHIPPED TO ENTERPRISE

The dead body of Lina J. Vest who died at Salem of pulmonary tuberculosis arrived on Number six and was sent on thru to Enterprise today.

## Clothing Sale

For the Next 30 Days  
COMMENCING MONDAY  
FEBRUARY 18.

Every Suit in the House  
Reduced in Price

The Grestest Stock of Men's Boys' and Youths' Clothing Ever Shown in Union County.

We Can Fit the Big Man, the Little Man, the Fat Man, and the Slim Man.

Entirely Too Many Suits for One House to Carry in Stock, and Ever Suit will be Sacrificed in Price to reduce Stock.

New Modern Up-to-date  
Clothing--Not a Shabby  
Suit in the lot.

When We Advertise a Sale You  
Know Something is Doing.  
Spring Top Coats. Cravenetts.

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