

A SIBERIAN COMFORT ---

There is no sphere of existence that hasn't its compensations. In bleak Siberia during the long winters, each native sleeps with his feet on a dog. Americans would hardly approve of this method, but we can have a better one and it's cheaper than keeping a dog.

A Hot Water Bottle is an improvement on the Siberian plan for keeping the feet warm. It affords a lot of comfort at very trifling cost, and it's odd that anybody would be without one. We have a good assortment of Hot Water Bottles, the dependable, guaranteed kind, and are making very satisfactory prices on them.

NEWLIN DRUG CO.
LA GRANDE OREGON

MAY FORM LAND OFFICE LINE BEFORE MONDAY

It is possible that La Grande will see another land office line-up tonight or Sunday, though not of such proportions as were frequent here during the summer months.

The opening for filing of township 5, north range 42, in Wallowa county, Monday morning at 9 o'clock, will attract a large number of squatters on this tract of land. In fact, for the past several years the township has been well populated with squatters, and they are the ones who will form the line at the land office, if one is formed. It is supposed that the Elgin train this evening will bring the squatters to town and then the line will commence if the filers anticipate such a move.

A few are already in the city, and

although "laying low," will be plainly visible this evening, if a rush is precipitated.

WAGER ON MEAD.

Washington Governor Subject of a Thousand Dollar Wager.

The first wager on the outcome of the republican gubernatorial fight in this state was made in Tacoma this week between J. H. Easterday, of the state tax commission, and ex-Senator Stanton Warburton, for a consideration of \$1000 a side. Easterday bets that amount that Governor Mead will succeed himself next November. His confidence in the sprinting ability of the governor is explained by the fact that he is one of the governor's offi-

cial family, holding his present position by appointment from the chief executive.

Ex-Senator Warburton first came into prominence in this state five years ago when he joined the McBride forces in the state legislature and made a bitter fight against the railroad interests. He afterward traveled over the state and made a number of speeches in eastern Washington in behalf of McBride. Further than that he is now opposing Mead. It is not known who he is supporting for the gubernatorial nomination.

The bet was the result of a heated discussion that lasted for several hours. The men met by chance and began bantering each other over state politics. Finally Warburton wanted to bet \$200 that Governor Mead would not fill the office again and as the argument grew in heat the bets were raised until the sum of \$1000 was agreed upon.

Both men drew and indorsed checks for that amount and the checks were then placed in an envelope and given to a stakeholder.

Simply a Rumor.

Like many rumors, there seems to have been no foundation whatever for the statement that was prevalent yesterday in New York and Washington, that the battleship Connecticut had been blown up in the harbor of Rio Janeiro.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

Although open tonight until 9 o'clock, this is the last day that registration for voting can be made downtown. Deputy Clerk Scriber is securing a large list of registrations today, and expects the number increased before 9 tonight.

It is so much more convenient to register downtown than to walk to the court house, that every voter should accept the opportunity that has been extended to him the past week. If you want to vote at the primaries preceding the coming elections, it behooves you to register. He who does not register cannot vote, for no number of freeholders can swear in a voter at the primaries as can be done at the general election.

MUST KEEP TOGETHER.

Hereafter the Torpedo Flotilla Will Remain With Fleet.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The torpedo flotilla will remain with the main fleet hereafter, and will probably not visit Buenos Ayres as was planned. The torpedo boats fell behind the schedule so much that it was thought best to keep the fleet together.

To Sell Famous Flag.

London, Jan. 18.—At an auction sale to be held in London a week from next Wednesday, the offerings will include an article of great interest to patriotic Americans. It is the flag of the United States frigate Chesapeake, the vessel captured off Boston harbor in 1813 by the British warship Shannon and towed to Halifax. It is likely that all the bidders for this historic flag will be Americans, and that the relic will soon occupy a place in some American museum.

ENGINEERS COME OUT

Assistant Chief Engineer H. A. Brandon and corps of three assistant engineers, came out from Wallowa county last night, where they have been compiling data as to cost of completing the Wallowa extension and also to learn the exact amount of work already done. The work required many weeks, as the force went in early in December. Before leaving for Portland last night, the Q. R. & N. assistant chief said that he would recommend to his company the construction of the bridge in Wallowa canyon before high water, as that would facilitate cost and mean much in the rapid advancement of the road.

While no intimation was given out as to the time work will again be taken up on the extension, it seems certain that the early spring will find workmen again employed on the new road. Mr. Brandon is in Portland to report the findings of his visit.

MORE BALL GAMES SOON

Basketball games will be frequent occurrences in La Grande the coming two months.

The L. D. S. boys' team and the Commercial club team is scheduled for a game on the club floor in the near future, and arrangements are also pending for a double header in this city soon with North Powder.

The local club girls' team is arranging for a game with North Powder girls and the boys of this city and North Powder will be brought together on the same night. In this way spectators will be given a continuous exhibition. The North Powder game is undecided, however, as negotiations have only been started today. Indications point to a satisfactory arrangement, however.

MILLIONAIRE INSANE.

Stirs Up Detroit in a Wild Race in an Automobile.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 18.—Bernard Strok, a millionaire brewer of this city, was sent to the asylum today after being adjudged insane by the board of examiners. While being examined he made an unsuccessful attempt to take the life of his wife.

Immediately following this act he jumped into an automobile and the way he turned the corners on the principal streets of the city, followed by the police, will long be remembered by the thousands of witnesses, before he was finally captured.

The Blue Mountain Cough Syrup is not a new mixture for a cough. It is an old standby for coughs, colds, la grippe, whooping cough and sore throat. For sale by Red Cross drug store.

CALIFORNIA TELEPHONE LINES FORM A BIG MERGER

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 18.—A telephone merger of far-reaching effect has just been consummated at Redlands. The deal consists of the transfer of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company to the Southwestern Home Telephone & Telephone company, all of its local lines, exchanges, loops, instruments and con-

nections in Redlands and a dozen surrounding towns and it is understood that a working agreement has been entered into for the exchange of business for a score of other small towns. By this deal the Sunset will confine its business to long distance switching, while the Home company will control the local business.

NO POSTPONEMENT.

Seattle Fair Will Be Given in Year Named, it is Asserted.

Seattle, Jan. 18.—The rumor that the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle would be postponed for a year, was positively denied by President Chilberg today. The contract for the agricultural building has been let for \$81,000.

Will Try Bankers.

New York, Jan. 18.—Prosecution of the Brooklyn bankers in connection with the recent failures will begin Monday, when the Jenkins brothers will be placed on trial for alleged conspiracy. It was the original intention to lead off with the trial of Director William Gow of the Borough bank, but as Martin W. Littleton, Gow's counsel, is also attorney for Harry K. Thaw, the Gow case has been postponed until the completion of the Thaw trial.

Lee's Birthday.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 18.—In Virginia and throughout the south tomorrow the 101st anniversary of the birth of General Robert E. Lee will be observed. Memorial services will be held in the churches and special exercises will be conducted by the United Confederate veterans and the Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy.

Get One, Anyway.

50c, 60c and 75c Papera now 35c. See our window, stationery side. NEWLIN DRUG CO.

Board and Room.

Go to the Palmer house for board and room. Rest and cheapest place in town.

CITY BOOKS OPEN TONIGHT

The office formerly occupied by the Real Estate, Loan & Commission company, in the rear of the Farmers & Traders' National bank, will be a busy place tonight from 7 to 9 o'clock, when the city registration books will be opened at that place, jointly with the county registration, which will end their existence downtown tonight.

In this way, city and county registration can be made at one trip and Recorder Snook will personally attend to the wants of the voters in this line. Here is a splendid opportunity to get rid of a necessary duty with the expenditure of but little effort.

At the last city election a large percent of the voting populace was sworn in, a proceeding that is necessarily slow, cumbersome and annoying, oftentimes turning away many voters. The best way to avoid it is to register now.

MOSER ELECTED.

Chosen President of the Fraternal Order of Owls Today.

Portland, Jan. 18.—Gus C. Moser of Portland, was elected president of the Fraternal Order of Owls today at its annual convention, which is being held here. The next annual convention will be held at Vancouver, B. C., in 1909.

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CAN FURNISH LUMBER OF ALL KINDS IN CAR LOAD LOTS

For 16 inch Ghain Wood Delivered at your Home, Call up V. E. BEAN, La Grande. Phone, Red 1741

Interest Unabated at The Peoples Store

Our great Mid-Winter Clearing Sale was certainly a hummer, and although the people of La Grande and vicinity have in the past ten days carried away immense loads of bargains from our store, there are still lots of good things left. These we are bound to move if low prices will do it.

ALL SEASONABLE GOODS AT SLAUGHTERED PRICES.

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THE PEOPLES STORE LA GRANDE OREGON

Men's and Boys' Furnishings.

Boys' Hats and Caps, values to 75c, now35c
Boys' knee pants, values to \$1.25, now50c
Men's lined Gloves, 65c value39c

Winter Underwear.

Odd garments,Half Price
Ladies' fleeced, 25c grade15c
Boys' fleeced, 35c grade25c
Men's fleeced, 60c grade39c

Suits and Cloaks.

\$5.00 Children's Coats\$2.98
\$7.50 Misses' Coats\$3.45
\$10.00 Ladies' Coats\$6.45
\$15.00 Ladies' Coats\$10.45
\$17.50 Tailored Suits\$11.75

Hosiery Bargains.

Ladies' Hose, 12 1/2c grade5c
Ladies' Hose, 20c grade11c
Ladies' Hose, 25c grade12c

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