

VALENTINES

Our customers are invited to call at our store and examine the largest line of Valentines ever before shown in Eastern Oregon. Our stock consists of everything in the valentine line from the five cent line to the beautiful creations which cost \$6.00 and more. Never have had such a varied assortment. It will pay all who delight in the beautiful to call at the store and see this splendid art exhibit.

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LA GRANDE OREGON

BAKER CITY MINISTERS WITHDRAW MANY CHARGES

Baker City, Feb. 5.—The Herald said today:

Like the cat with nine lives, the "pink" circular refuses to die. Attempts have been made to chloroform it, and forget the whole transaction, but that also has failed to work. Several times each day either the circular or its contents can be heard as the subject of discussion. The little pink missives have become so scarce that it not uncommon to see two-bit and four-bit pieces offered for one when it is placed in sight.

Now, however, the pendulum is swinging the other way. Some one has taken the trouble to look up facts upon which they have based an investigation, with the result that the Ministers' association sent the following statement, duly signed by each member of that body, to the Herald for publication. Here is the statement, verbatim:

Ministers Explain.

We, the Ministers' association, have become thoroughly convinced that the charges in the circular against Judge Smith are untrue and therefore hasten to correct the same. We are convinced of the error for the following reasons:

We obtained a friendly interview with Judge Smith, after which we made further careful investigation. We find two of the well known attorneys of the Fuller case who gave us

the unqualified declaration that during the second trial of the Fuller case, the trial in question, Judge Smith's conduct was absolutely irreproachable. Also the jurors as far as interviewed, say the same thing. One of the attorneys in this trial further said that Judge Smith was the best judge he every saw, absolutely fearless and impartial.

We further apologize to the judge and to the public for allowing these charges against the judge to get into our circular for the following reasons:

1. The charges were entirely irrelevant to the purpose of our circular. Judge Smith believes in the enforcement of the laws as much as we do.

2. We blundered in not seeking an interview with Judge Smith before publishing anything against him. We did interview the other officials whom we mentioned. The blunder evidently was made through the hurried manner and limited time in which the circular was prepared.

3. With humility we confess unfortunate a thing as the testimony of the condemned men, Fuller and Parker, to creep into our circular. We absolutely abhor such a proposition as fellowship with criminals in so noble a cause as that of law-enforcement and civic righteousness.

4. We want nothing but what is absolutely clean and fair and just and true. We want the public to know that we are in for fair play and that we are just as fearless and vigorous to correct a mistake as we are to push a righteous campaign against the lawless open-town policy.

We think the public for the encouragement given the movement thus far. We assure them that they can depend upon us for fair play.

Respectfully,
THE MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION,
F. S. DULIN,
GEO. R. VARNEY,
JACOB FINGER,
E. L. HAYDEN, D. D.

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\$8.50
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Rock Spring Lump and
Rock Spring No. 1
PHONE MAIN 10
Prompt Delivery Big
Stock on Hand.

SUES THE O. R. & N.

For the recovery of delinquent taxes amounting to \$22,000, the board of county commissioners yesterday instructed the county attorney to bring suit against the O. R. & N. railroad company to terminate a protracted litigation that has been in progress for more than one year, says the Union. For their 1905 taxes which became delinquent in 1906, the company is indebted to the county in the sum of \$35,535.86. For the 1906 taxes, delinquent in 1907, the company owes \$24,042.24. As yet the company has made no effort to settle their taxes for the year 1907, which became delinquent in June, 1908, amounting to \$22,841.91. The assessed value of the O. R. & N. property is \$1,522,990.

Last year, suit was brought by the company to recover the taxes due, but the railroad secured a temporary injunction against the county enjoining County Treasurer J. F. Honeycutt from issuing a certificate of delinquency, that the property might be attached, and the money secured. At this stage of the litigation, the case rested; but will now be renewed by the county and prosecuted with vigor. The railroad company holds that the rate of taxation is exorbitant.

COAL FOUND AT RASWELL

Caldwell, Idaho, Feb. 5.—The reports brought back by Fred McConnell, city engineer, after his visit to the coal mines at Roswell, are very glowing and indicate that the prospects are good for development to show good deposits.

The mine is situated 12½ miles from the Oregon state line and 14 miles southwest of Roswell. Rocky presence of coal below and two tunnels have been run, one about 900 feet and the other 500 feet.

Coal in the longer tunnel is not of a superior quality until it reaches to about the 900 foot line, but from there on in as far as they have gone the quality is that of the Lehigh valley anthracite. The vein is about 14 feet wide in the long tunnel and 11 feet in the short one. Three men are at work and mules are used to pull the cars back and forth. The developers of this claim are Charles Lyons and a Mr. McGuffey. Other prominent men are said to be interested as silent partners, and some of these are thought to be successful promoters.

The mine is especially well located within a mile and a half of a remarkably fine power site. The Owyhee river flows through a narrow canyon at this place and though the fall in the river is not very great, the current is swift and capable of producing unlimited power. With these conditions it is not difficult to imagine power lines running to the new mines.

WELL STILL ADEQUATE

The artesian well at the round house continues to supply all demands made upon it for water in the shops and round-house. The partially installed air lift, when completed, will aid in securing more water late in the year. With the present status of business, the demands are not nearly so great as they will be later on when business increases and more power is necessary. When the "pick up" in business takes place, the air lift will be completed and it is believed the well will continue to meet the increased demand for water.

Something doing when Daly and Williams meet in that 15-round go Friday night.

Our Special Features For February

The special features of our store during February will be that of closing out all odd lots and broken lines left from the winter's selling.

The prices will be so low that they will appeal to everyone as phenomenal opportunities for saving. Each week and day during the entire month will be one of special offerings at much less than worth. In addition we shall inform you of the new advance spring styles arriving.

Already we have received hundreds of pieces of beautiful spring dress goods which are being opened up and placed on display as rapidly as possible. The lot includes Panamas, Voiles, Batistes, Novelty Suitings, Shimmer Silks, French and Scotch Cinghams, Madras Waistings, etc., etc.

To make your selections early means that you get the choice of all and have the spring sewing done when spring gets here.

The People's Store

LA GRANDE'S LEADING DRY GOODS EMPORIUM AND TEMPLE OF ECONOMY
THE OPERA HOUSE BLOCK

WESTON ITEMS OF INTEREST

Weston, Ore., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The Normal basketball team defeated the Pearson academy team by a score of 44 to 19 on January 31, and January 24 the Waitsburg team was beaten by a score of 59 to 12.

The E. O. S. N. has one of the fastest teams in this part of the state and has a bright outlook for the future. Games have been arranged with Pearson's academy on February 7 and with Waitsburg high school on the 8th.

The Junior class gave a very successful reception Saturday night, February 1. The entertainment consisted of scenes from Hiawatha, acted out in pantomime. The chapel was beautifully and artistically decorated in evergreens. Refreshments were served from wigwags set in pine groves at either end of the chapel.

An illustrated art lecture will be given in the Normal chapel February 3, by J. L. Zwickey.

The Lincoln Debating society is contemplating a series of debates. They will doubtlessly be with the Penleton high school.

Negro is Discharged.

The negro who cut an air hose on a passenger train at North Powder some time ago and who was committed to the insane asylum soon after, has been discharged and has started east, according to information received at the court house today from Salem.

Funeral Today.

The funeral of the late J. J. Clegg, who died at the family home in this city Tuesday, February 4, of pneumonia, was held this afternoon from the L. D. S. church. The deceased leaves a wife and grown children.

Marriage License.

County Clerk Gilham has issued a marriage license today to Avery Harrison of this city, and Miss Pearl Hunter of Island City.

Married at Cove.

Franklin Nelson and Miss Mary L. Johnson were married at Cove on February 3.

COMMISSIONER BEN BROWN

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truth in Mr. Chambers' statement. All bridge contracts are advertised as the law requires, and I would advise Mr. Chambers to come and examine the records before he gets into print again. I don't like to make myself notorious by getting my name in the paper, neither do I like to have any one make statements about our county court which they cannot substantiate. I will ask the gentleman in question: Why did you let this kick of yours run from one to two years? There must be something more than the benefit to the taxpayer. Don't you think the coming election woke up your slumbering memory? In the future I possibly shall pay no attention to what you may have to say, and would not at this time, only I want to show the people that they must not believe all you say just prior to an election.

BEN BROWN.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her final account as executrix of the estate of Egbert Vander Meulen, deceased, and the county court of the state of Oregon, for Union county, has fixed the 10th day of March, 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m., as the time, and the court house at La Grande, Union county, Oregon, as the place for the hearing of any and all objections to said account and the final settlement thereof and the distribution of said estate.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 4th day of February, 1908.

ANNA VANDER MEULEN,
Executrix of the Estate of Egbert Vander Meulen, Deceased.
COCHRAN & COCHRAN,
Attorneys for Executrix.

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Trees and Shrubs.
Trees, shrubs and roses—The Union Nurseries, Union, Ore., have a large stock of apple, cherry, pear and shade trees, they are selling at reasonable prices. Send for their price list.
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For Sale

The undersigned will sell at private sale at his place in Lower Cove the following described property. Property must be disposed of during the month of February.

Two MacGormick binders, one MacGormick mower, one MacGormick hay rake, three six horse harrows, one feed chopper, one header, on two bottom disk plow, one three bottom disk plow, one sod plow, two three bottom gang plows, one two bottom gang plow. Fifty head of horses, including work and young stock and brood mares, and one thoroughbred Clydesdale stallion two years old, and one thoroughbred Clydesdale mare.

N. W. Schofield
Lower Cove.

Behnke Walker

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ELKS BUILDING, PORTLAND, OREGON
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1903-1904	372 pupils	1906-1907	842 pupils
1904-1905	483 pupils	Estimated 1907-1908	1000 pupils

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