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We have been working to the end that you will choose ours. Practically all the new piece and staple goods are now in and as they were purchased after the panic of last fall we are able to make prices that will surprise you.

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The People's Store

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

BIG LAND OPENING

Large areas of public lands in the Blue Mountain national forest will be thrown open to settlement on June 1 of this year and to entry in the La Grande land office on July 1, according to instructions that have reached the local land office officials. The land is described in full in the following letter from the department to the land office here:

Notice of restoration of public land to settlement and entry.

Department of the Interior, General Land Office, Washington, D. C., Feb. 24, 1908.—Notice is hereby given that the public lands in the following described areas, which were excluded from the Blue Mountain national forest, Oregon, by the president's proclamation of January 9, 1908, if not otherwise withdrawn, reserved or appropriated, will by authority of the secretary of the Interior, be restored to the public domain on June 1, 1908, and become subject to settlement on and after that date, but not to entry, filing or selection, until on and after July 1, 1908, under the usual restrictions at the United States land office at La Grande, Oregon: In township 12, range 27, SW 1/4 of section 6, all of section 7, S 1/2 and NW 1/4 of section 8, all of sections 9 to 18, both inclusive, 22, 23, 24; in township 19, range 28, all sections 1, 2, 3, 9, W 1/2 and NE 1/4 of section 10, N 1/2 of sections 11 and 12, all section 16; in township 11, range 28, all section 8, W 1/2 of section 15, all sections 16 and 17, N 1/2 of sections 20 and 21, NW 1/4 of section 22; in township 12, range 28, all section 7, S 1/2 of section 8, S 1/2 and NW 1/4 of section 13, all sections 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 24; in township 10, range 28, NE 1/4 of section 8, N 1/2 of section 9, N 1/2 and SE 1/4 of section 10, all sections 11, 12, 13, E 1/2 of section 14; in township 12, range 29, all sections 16 to 21, both inclusive, all 25 to 30, both inclusive; in township 10, range 30, sections 1 to 18, both inclusive, N 1/2 of section 21, all 22, 23, 24, S 1/2 of sections 30 and 31; in township 11, range 30, all sections 3, 4, 9, 10, 16, N 1/2 of section 15; in township 12, range 30, all sections 24, 25, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36; in township 8, range 31, all sections 3, 10, 15, 22, W 1/2 of section 23,

S 1/2 of section 25, all sections 26, 27, 34, 35, 36; in township 10, range 31, all sections 6, 7, 8, 16 to 21, both inclusive, 28, 29, N 1/2 of section 30; in township 12, range 31, W 1/2 of section 19, all sections 25 to 30, both inclusive; in township 4, range 32, sections 27 to 36, both inclusive; in township 5, range 32, N 1/2 of section 35; in township 9, range 32, all sections 4 and 15; in township 12, range 32, all sections 1 and 21; in township 12, range 34, W 1/2 of section 15, all 16, 17, 20, 21, W 1/2 or 22; south and east Willamette meridian, Oregon. Warning is hereby expressly given that no person will be permitted to gain or exercise any right whatever under any settlement or occupation begun prior to June 1, 1908, and all such settlement or occupation is hereby forbidden.

FRED DEMETT,
Acting Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Approved February 24, 1908.
FRANK PIERCE,
First Assistant Secretary of the Interior

GARDINER TAKES STAND

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former trial.
This forenoon L. Rayburn, ex-Mayor J. B. Stoddard, Recorder I. R. Snook, J. C. Smith and J. N. Klein were on the stand, and testified practically with no change whatever in the essential matters as was brought out in the former trial, which, in substance was that Rayburn ordered gambling closed and when asked why, he replied that Bartlett and Gardiner, who were then members of the city council, would put him in the whole and to make a long story short, Smith and Klein dug up the \$150, which Klein paid over to Gardiner.

Gardiner on the Stand.
Up to this time those who kept in touch with the case witnessed nothing new until S. A. Gardiner was called. Everybody in the court room realized that something different might happen, and they did not have to wait long. Practically in the absence of any preliminaries he testified that he received \$150 from Mr. Klein, which he took over to Bartlett's office, where they divided it equally.

The defense brought out the fact that he testified differently at the former trial and Gardiner, in a loud clear voice, stated that he had lied before, but was now telling the truth. When Gardiner left the stand the

state rested its case and court adjourned until 1:30.

Bartlett on Stand.
This afternoon the defendant, Bartlett, took the witness stand in his own behalf. At press time he was still testifying and up to that hour had denied every allegation made by the state in its evidence. He testified, briefly: That he never received any money following gambling, and emphatically denied that he and Gardiner had "divided the pot" as alleged by the state's witness; that there was friction in the council while he was a member; that he was always opposed to open gambling, but if a majority of the councilmen were in favor of it, he would not stand in the way; denied that he had held the conversation with Marshal Rayburn in which the defendant was alleged to have said, "I will put you in a hole."

ROOSEVELT'S IDEAS ENDORSED

OHIO REPUBLICANS IN CONVENTION TODAY.

State Convention at Columbus, Ohio, Adopts Strong Platform—Carries Out the Roosevelt Ideas in its Planks—Endorses Taft for President—Stands for Issues That Have Been Advocated Throughout by President Roosevelt—Unanimous for Taft.

Columbus, O., March 4.—The Ohio republican convention adopted the platform dictated by Secretary Taft's friends. It represents President Roosevelt's ideas. On national affairs it declares for a "square deal," law enforcement, industrial liberty, individualism, government regulation, employers' liability law, compensation to injured government employees, injunction limitations, greater merchant marine, waterways and harbor improvements, revision of the tariff by special congress sessions, reduction of representatives in congress from states, disfranchising negroes, rushing Panama canal work.

The president was endorsed. The platform will endorse Taft for the presidency and mentions his genius for a world peace. The support was unanimous.

TERRIBLE OHIO DISASTER

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burning school house. The coroner estimates the loss of life at 175.

Mostly Children of Middle Class.
Collinwood is about six miles east of Cleveland on the shore of Lake Erie. A portion of the town is occupied by employes of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad. Another section is the site for palatial homes of suburban residents, so the families stricken are about equally divided between the wealthy and the working people.

Birthday of Emmett.
Dublin, March 4.—Love Irishmen throughout the Emerald Isle are today indulging in patriotic celebrations of the 150th birthday anniversary of Robert Emmett, the great leader in the fight for Irish liberty. Every year finds these observations increasing in enthusiasm and the great patriot has begun to dispute with St. Patrick his first place in the hearts of Irishmen.

Get Away With Money.
Mt. Orab, O., March 4.—Cracksmen secured \$5000 from a safe in the Mt. Orab bank. The explosion aroused hotel guests, but the men escaped.

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SERVICE FOR DEDICATION

track. The engine cleared the right of way when it upset.
At 3 o'clock this afternoon the wrecker had removed the debris on the main line, and the train was started eastward again with an engine sent out from here.
Fireman Not Seriously Hurt.
Fireman Graybeal was not dangerously injured, although he was badly bruised.

The dedication of the First Baptist church of this city is set for March 29, 1908. The occasion will bring to La Grande men of distinction. On the evening of March 27, Rev. J. W. Brougner, D. D., of Portland, White Temple, will deliver his famous lecture on "What's Under Your Hat." The program for Saturday and Sunday is being wrought out and will appear later.

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WRECKED NEAR PENDLETON
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swerved and rolled over. The dead-head baggage car was derailed and settled down, lying crosswise of the

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