

# FREE ELECTRIC THEATRE TICKETS

This time the little boys and girls--and big ones too  
Get a Benefit.

## The People's Store

Always on the alert to offer its patrons something good, something a little better than the ordinary and being particularly anxious just at this time to clean up what remains of summer goods and make room for the New Fall Stock which will soon begin to arrive, have made arrangements whereby they are able to give FREE, ONE ELECTRIC THEATRE TICKET WITH EVERY \$1.00 CASH PURCHASE.

**BEGINNING MON., JULY 20**

**REMEMBER** This is in addition to the **EXTREMELY LOW SALE PRICES** already placed on **Our Summer Stocks**

**HERE IS THE CHANCE** to give the children and your Selves a Grand Treat Absolutely Without Cost, Beginning Monday Morning, July 20

# THE PEOPLE'S STORE

OPERA HOUSE BLOCK,

LA GRANDE, OREGON

## TEXAS WILL GO DRY--MAYBE

Austin, Texas, July 24.—Imagine a "dry" Texas—an arid desert stretching from Texarkana to El Paso and from Beaumont to the Panhandle—245,000 square miles of unirrigated gloom, with never an oasis on all its dreary wastes—a Texas given over to the polite ministrations of the soda fountain "squire" with the white-robed dispenser of good "red licker," guaranteed to kill at 40 rods, banished from its confines, forever.

Yet it is this staggering proposition on which the democratic voters of Texas will vote at a state-wide primary tomorrow and if the question carries, as appears likely, the legislature must frame up a constitutional amendment in favor of state-wide prohibition to be voted on next year. And state-wide prohibition in Texas means something, since it will banish liquor from a territory 760 miles in extreme breadth and 620 miles in extreme length.

Considering the matter by and large, it is small wonder that the threat of prohibition has become a burning issue in the Lone Star state, and that the adherents and opponents of the measure have lined up for one of the greatest political battles in Texas history. Tomorrow's primary, as the first preliminary skirmish in the warfare, follows a heated campaign, which is only a foretaste of what will come if the question is put up to the legislature and the voters at large. The state is aroused as it has never been before and the fight will be to the knife and the knife to the hilt.

Although the vote at the primary is not legally binding on the legislature, it will be in effect an instruction to that body to pass a prohibition amendment to the constitution for submission to the people at the next election. It requires a two-thirds vote to pass such an amendment, but the legislature would hardly ignore the wishes of the people expressed at the primary.

Prohibition in Texas is not a social or political issue, as in many southern states, but purely a moral one. The negro problem has little, if anything to do with it. Most of the negroes of the state are in the eastern and southeastern sections. Prohibition sentiment is strong in the northern part and anti-prohibition in the southern part. It has been 20 years since a prohibition amendment was submitted to the people by the legislature. That was in 1888, and it was defeated by 100,000 at the polls.

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## BLUE MOUNTAIN HOUSE

T. J. GRAY Prop. (New Management)

Rates \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50  
Best 25c meal in the city  
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All outside rooms. Board,  
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One block from depot.

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## Bargains! Bargains! Bargains!

CREDITORS' SACRIFICE SALE

# Red Cross Drug Store

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LA GRANDE, ORE.

### TO BEGIN CUTTING SOON.

Wilcox Lumber Company's New Mill About Ready for Business.

L. H. Russell, general manager of the Wilcox Lumber company, this morning informed The Observer reporter that their new mill on Ladd creek was now nearly completed and that the saws will start early next week. The lake is full to overflowing with splendid yellow pine logs. Only a few minor pieces of machinery still require attention and the hum of industry will again be heard in Ladd Canyon.

Berthu Copple, son of Charles Copple, a former resident of this city, but now living at Corvallis, is in the city the guest of his uncles, Charles and George Cochran, the attorneys.

Attorney George Cochran, with his wife and son, accompanied by Judge Crawford and wife, are camping on the Wallowa river. Both gentlemen will refrain from manufacturing fish stories long enough to attend the July term of the Wallowa circuit court, which will convene in Enterprise next Tuesday.

The many friends of C. J. Scriber will be pained to learn that he is quite ill this week.

### CARLOAD CHERRIES.

Train Passengers Buy Them by the Hatful This Morning.

E. Z. Carbine is shipping a carload of cherries to the cannery at Salem. This morning, when the westbound passenger train was at the depot, many passengers were attracted by the sight of the several wagon loads of cherries being loaded into the cars and they wanted to buy some. Mr. Carbine, who is somewhat of a booster himself, saw an opportunity of creating favorable comment toward our country, and in reply as to the price, said: "Take off your hat and I will fill it for 10c. Of course, he gave them about 25 cents worth of cherries, but he considered it good advertising and when two or three Merry Widow hats were passed up he held his nerve and filled them on the same basis as the others. It was a real cherry bargain day for the travelers, and they were not slow in embracing it.

### A NARROW ESCAPE.

Block Signal Attendant Comes Near Being Run Over by Freight.

This morning while N. R. Wood was riding on a track speeder near the steel bridge this side of Perry, he was startled to discover that he was about to come in collision with an east-bound freight train. He saw the train just in time to jump from his little car, but not in time to either save the speeder or the load of fresh batteries. In fact, he only escaped being struck, by a fraction of a second. The car was wrecked and the batteries demolished. The engineer saw that he was about to run down the speeder and attempted to bring his train to a stop, but the distance was too short. As it was, the train stopped so suddenly that Conductor W. A. Wade was nearly thrown through the caboose window and sustained several severe cuts upon the arms and shoulder.

### AT THE SHERWOOD.

New Pictures Please Patrons—All New and Bright.

The new motion pictures and illustrated songs pleased three well-filled houses last evening. The numbers had all been well selected, and it would be difficult to select the feature number, but the Dynamite Duel would be considered the thriller, and claimed the undivided attention of the audience. The situations were dramatic, but not overdrawn, but exciting enough to make the timid ones shudder and the cool-headed ones "sit up and take notice." The number, "The Tiresome Play," was especially good, both as regards the comedy, and from an artistic point of view. Patrons are invited to notice the splendid facial expressions exhibited in this film. It is a strong piece of acting and one which will please each and every one. Do not fail to see the pictures this evening.

### Successful Event.

The lawn social given by the ladies of the Maccabees last night was a complete success in every way. Scores of people attended the affair during the evening and partook of the refreshments. The lawn of Mrs. Baker's home was decorated with Japanese lanterns and bunting, and presented a beautiful appearance.

### FIRST IN COUNTY.

District Attorney F. S. Ivanhoe Installs Gramophone in His Office.

District Attorney F. S. Ivanhoe has just installed one of the latest gramophones in his office. It is simply a phonograph with a special mechanism for the production of records. For commercial purposes and office use, instead of dictating to a stenographer the business man talks into the gramophone and when the typewriter or stenographer has leisure, they go to the rack, take down the record, place it in the machine and make the desired copy. These machine are becoming more and more in use, but this is the first machine to be installed in this county.

It is a great time-saver and, while quite expensive, soon pays for the original investment.

### Land for Rent.

We have 320 acres of excellent land for rent. Call at once.

F. S. BRAMWELL,  
C. J. BLACK.

### EXHIBIT AT SEATTLE.

San Francisco Commercial Bodies Are at Work Already.

San Francisco, July 24.—San Francisco merchants and manufacturers are today making preparations to gather a magnificent exhibit for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition. At a meeting of the general executive committee of the commercial organizations, President Briggs, of the state board of trade, authorized the appointment of a finance committee of one member from each commercial body to raise money for the exhibit.

### Terrific Storm.

Put-In-Bay, O., July 24.—A terrific storm on Lake Erie played havoc with the Inter-Lake regatta. The yacht Sella II, was capsized, and the crew was rescued after a hard battle with the waves. Many boats dragged their anchors.

### Wanted—Experienced Help.

"I have never loved before," said he. "Well," she replied, "I am not running a kindergarten."

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THE TEMPERANCE BEER

Looks like beer!  
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The pioneer temperance beer of the Pacific Coast

For sale at all leading temperance drink stands.

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