

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 EACH \$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

The Elgin Fire.

Regarding the fire which occurred in Elgin Tuesday afternoon during the electrical storm, in which Hug Bros. building was struck and set afire, the Elgin Recorder says:

The building was erected in 1900 at a cost of \$20,000 and is one of the best in the city. It is a two-story brick structure, the first floor being occupied by the general merchandise stock of Hug Bros. & Co., the jewelry stock of Herbert Knox & Co., and F. L. Halrich's shoe store. On the second floor is the F. O. E. lodge room, banquet hall, offices of Dr. E. G. Kirby and the Crossett Timber Co., all of which were elegantly furnished. The lodge room was also used by the

Woodmen of the World, Women of Woodcraft, I. O. O. F. and Rebekahs, each having a room for their paraphernalia. Quick action saved most of the lodge property from destruction. The carpets, pictures, chairs, robes, etc., were quickly carried out of the building and but few things were damaged by water. The office furniture and libraries in the office rooms were also carried out before being badly damaged.

About the only real damage resulting was to the building. A few articles in the jewelry store were slightly damaged, amounting to only a few dollars. In the Hug Bros. store a few hundred dollars will cover the damage to the stock. As to what extent

the building is damaged remains to be seen. It is probable that a greater part of the structure will have to be replastered, and a new steel ceiling will have to be installed in the second story. The roof is also greatly damaged and will have to be replaced with a new one. Other minor damages were sustained, which will probably bring the total cost to between \$2000 and \$3000. However, this is only a rough estimate of the damage. All the property is covered by insurance.

It is due to an excellent water system and a capable fire department, that the building was not destroyed, together with most of its contents, the value of which will exceed \$50,000.

At the Sherwood.

The capacity of the Sherwood Electric was not sufficient to accommodate the attendance for the second show last evening. The Sherwood has lost nothing of its popularity and the pictures are always up to the highest possible standard. The special feature is the Tiresome Play. The illustrated song, which has met with such popularity in the east, is meeting with equal success here.

Prospective Residents.

Joe Stewart and wife, from Clarkston, Utah, and George Stewart and wife from St. Anthony, Idaho, are in La Grande, and are looking over the valley with a view to making their homes here.

BLUE MOUNTAIN HOUSE

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Rates \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50
Best 25c meal in the city
Beds 25c and 50c

All outside rooms. Board and lodge \$6. per week
One block from depot.

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Creditors' Big Sale

Continues!

Red Cross Drug Store

A. C. MAC LENNAN Propr.

LA GRANDE, ORE.

MASTER OF THE GRANGE

A. T. Buxton, master of the State Grange, arrived in La Grande last night, and today is the guest of C. D. Huffman, the indefatigable worker for the grange, and for the granger. Mr. Buxton, whose home is in Forest Grove, will go tomorrow to Union to attend a meeting of the board of regents of the Oregon Agricultural college. The other gentlemen who are supposed to be at the meeting are Walter M. Pierce, J. K. Weatherford of Albany, Captain J. T. Apperson of Oregon City, and E. E. Wilson of Corvallis. Mr. Buxton, as master of the ing done in eastern Oregon by Mr. Huffman and his fellow-workers very highly, and says that this is the banner Grange of the entire state.

FRUIT BECOMING CHEAPER.

Many Are Now Buying for Canning Purposes.

The trade of local merchants today in fruits and fresh vegetables was very fair, indeed. Back cap raspberries are coming in and according to variety—we will explain later—are selling at from \$2.50 to \$2.75 per crate. A man who raises lots of berries, said this morning that there are two distinct varieties of the black raspberry, the "black caps" and the plain black raspberry. He certainly seemed to have two varieties on his wagon. The "black caps" were very solid, in fact rather hard; the others resembled them in appearance, but seemed to be slightly larger, and were a good deal softer. The "caps" usually sell for 25 cents more per crate. Dewberries are in the market, and sell for \$2.50. Red raspberries are \$2; tomatoes, 15c per lb; plums, 3 lbs for 25c; peaches, same as plums; cantaloups, 10c and 15c each; apples, 8c.

Green beans are something rather new and sell for 15c per lb.

Cucumbers are to be regarded strictly as luxuries, and only those who can pay a nickel for two small ones, buy them. New spuds opened this morning at 2 1/2c, but are probably cheaper this evening. Magnificent cherries were brought in from Cove today and sold in the stores for 30c per gallon, but yesterday peddlers were around town selling good fruit for as low as 15c.

Another Drunk.

Charles Swearingen was arrested on Jefferson avenue late yesterday afternoon by Officer Carr, and confined in the city jail over night. This morning he was fined \$10 by Recorder Cox, but at this writing the fine has not been paid, and Swearingen is still in jail.

EXHIBITS COMING IN.

J. B. Stoddard First to Respond to the Call for Fine Fruits.

J. B. Stoddard of Fruitdale, brought to the Exhibit hall today one of the finest branches of Royal Anne cherries seen this season. The cherries are as thick as it is possible for them to be and are very large and beautifully colored.

Manager Lavey, of the Commercial club, has hit upon a novel and effective plan of advertising with this fruit. When the train goes west tomorrow morning, the passengers who get off the train will be permitted to pick the cherries and sample them for themselves. In this manner the whole trainload of people will be reached, and no doubt many of the passengers will write home about our cherries, because many of the people now traveling are from the eastern cities, and are sightseers. Among them are many prospective investors and there is no doubt but that they will be impressed by the display at the hall. The exhibit should be well kept up and nothing will be left undone by the Commercial club to keep the products of the valley before the prospective investor and homeseeker. To be successful this work must have the support of all the people, the farmers and fruitgrowers especially.

NO PLACE FOR HOBOES.

Not Needed in La Grande and Chief of Police Says "Move On."

Chief of Police Walden says that the hobo class has the wrong idea regarding this man's town, and that they

are always disappointed when they reach here. They seem to be under the impression that La Grande is a sort of resting place for them, but they no sooner reach here than they receive instructions to "get out of town." As soon as this order is given a sudden move is the next thing in order. Each day this request is made to about 20 box car tourists. There is no rest here for the wicked and the righteous have mighty little time for them.

Californians Will Visit Seattle.

San Francisco, July 25.—The directorate of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition has tendered invitation to the California Promotion committee to visit the exposition in Seattle during the week beginning Monday, June 14, 1909, and has set apart June 15 as California Promotion committee day.

Baker Players Find Berth.

Ward and Dugan, two of Baker City's players during the season, have left that place, Mr. Ward going to Spokane, and Dugan to Wardner, Idaho.

A CARNEGIE LIBRARY.

Something That La Grande Should Take Steps to Secure.

Attorney W. B. Sargent, who has just returned from an extended trip of the southwest, comes home enthusiastic over securing a Carnegie library for this city. He states that he visited ever so many cities of our class where these libraries are maintained. At first he paid little attention to it, only observing the public spiritedness of cities that made such an institution possible until he made an investigation and found how extensively they were patronized, then he saw the advantages and expects to take up the matter in the very near future with Mr. Carnegie and ascertain his plan in detail. Mr. Sargent says he knows that Mr. Carnegie is anxious to establish these libraries in any city that will meet his requirements.

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