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LIGHT & POWER FAMINE

**GOOD WATER IS
IS NOW ASSURED**

**COUNCIL CLOSED DEAL WITH THE
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**

LIST OF BILLS ALLOWED

GOOD WATER
Pure water for the city of La Grande. This statement can be positively made today as the Council last evening closed a deal with the American Light & Power Company, for the construction of the Beaver Creek city water project for \$146,000. Construction is to commence when the ground has thawed out.

Last night the city council allowed the first lot of bills since the new charter went into effect, which provides that all claims against the city must be presented on the first of each month, and then audited and allowed at the second meeting in the month. This is the first lot of bills paid for several weeks. Not a very heavy grist, especially if the bill of \$370 is eliminated, which is out of the ordinary.

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Break in Transmission Lines Leaves City Without Lights

**LOCAL CHINESE
MAKE NOISES**

The death of the empress dowager and other Chinese royalty not long since had little effect on the ardor of the New Year's celebration partaken in by members of the local Chinese colony last night. Honor to Pu Yi, the tiny emperor, and the reign of Hsuang Tung, the emperor's guardian, was chanted in celestial ceremonies and announced with loud noises almost incessantly last night. When the festal boards would allow the orientals to leave the headquarters on Adams avenue, the night air rang with periodical explosions of oriental firecrackers. Feasting and drinking continued through the night, peace and quiet coming with the return of the public to the streets and business places this morning. Last year, the local colony was too financially cramped to do justice to the new year, but all pleasure lost then will be redoubled during the next few days. Shortly after midnight, the skies were lit up with a spectacular fireworks display from various quarters in the Chin colonies.

All material used in the firecracker celebration and in the elaborate feasts, comes directly from China, the

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**OBSERVER IN A
SERIOUS PREDICAMENT**

BACK TO OLD WAY OF COMPOSITION

A break on the transmission line recently constructed by the G. R. E. Company between Union and Rock Creek, today threw electrically propelled enterprises into confusion today. Coming early in the forenoon, at 10:30, the break caught the OBSERVER in a serious predicament. During the afternoon, until a late hour in the day, crews of men searched for the break and at three o'clock found it at Telocaset. The other crews had to be communicated with before the wires could be

hitched on the Union-La Grande line. The Observer averted complete suspension this evening by using water power and adopting the now obsolete hand composition system to supplement what matter had been set on the linotype up to the time of the break. The lights went on again at 5:30 this afternoon.

La Grande and the Best.

Our growing city is entitled to the best. Men who appreciate this fact rejoice and will seek the opportunity to hear the world famous Russell H. Conwell, who visits our city on Friday night, January 29.

**LEGISLATURE
REMAINS ACTIVE**

Salem, Jan. 21.—After passing one bill, and transacting joint business, the senate adjourned until afternoon. A bill was passed which was introduced by Hart of Baker, facilitating the refunding of indebtedness to school districts of the first and second classes, and permitting the refunding of the debt at the same or lower rate of interest by the school board without the necessity of calling a school election; also authorizing the board to fix the manner of sale of bonds in the first instance, instead of requiring a general meeting for that purpose.

Eleven new bills were introduced. The vetoes of the governor were again postponed until Tuesday, printed copies of the vetoes not having reached the senators until this morning.

Beach failed in his attempt in the senate to adjourn until Monday, but the senators decided to hold an afternoon session.

Chamberlain Congratulated.

Chamberlain received many congratulatory messages from the best known men in the country. Among them William J. Bryan, Charles A. Blair, supreme justice of Lansing, Mich.; Franklin Lane, interstate commerce commissioner; Governor Mead of Washington; Governor J. Y. Sanders, of Louisiana; Col. J. F. Houston of Fort Bliss, Texas.

It will require \$350,000 to maintain the Oregon State prison the next two years, and make repairs and additions according to the ways and means committee of the house.

Reports from Phoebe, Smyrna, say 16 houses were destroyed by the quake yesterday. The minister of the interior is sending assistance to the refugees.

Astoria is after the port of Portland in a bill introduced in the house by Bean. When it came up for discussion there was a big fight. Multnomah members contended it was an anti-Portland joker in the measure.

Czar Ferdinand Attacked.

Budapest, Jan. 21.—Following an attempt to assassinate Czar Ferdinand numerous arrests have been made. Details are suppressed.

Walla Walla, Jan. 21.—Except by telegraph this city is practically cut off from communication with the outside world. Every creek running through the city is swollen.

**WALLA WALLA IS
FLOOD-BOUND**

**NORTHERN WASHINGTON TRAIN
SERVICE CRIPPLED**

ASHLAND BRIDGE COLLAPSES

Spokane, Jan. 21.—All trains except Wallace branch of the O. R. & N. are annulled on account of bad washout at Riparia. No trains will run until Friday. High water at Odessa, Wash., has washed out the Great Northern tracks and bed for nearly a half mile. The road bed at Aston, Wash., is in bad condition and train service west is practically annulled. Northern Pacific tracks are washed out at Sprague, Wsn. tieing up all traffic from Spokane west; only a few trains from the east.

Ashland, Ore., Jan. 21.—The bridge over the Sacramento river collapsed this morning while a freight was running over it, precipitating the cars into the water. It is impossible to learn the extent of damage or whether lives were lost or not. The rain storm continues here.

Seattle, Jan. 21.—No trains left the Union depot here today, up to noon, when a lonely Great Northern train pulled out, tentatively, for St. Paul, with a chance of getting as far as the east slope of the Cascades. Another train of the Northern Pacific will leave

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CLEANING HOUSE

Our January Sale is drawing to a close. We are making Special Heavy reductions on the remaining winter goods. Here are a few of the bargains gathered from each department.

LADIES' SUITS	MEN'S SUITS	MEN'S SHOES
Closing out at HALF price. Ladies' Hats, closing out at LESS THAN ONE-HALF price. Ladies' Skirts at a GREAT SAVING.	Do you need a Suit? This is the time. A large assortment at HALF PRICE.	At Junky Prices. \$5.00 Shoes, sale\$3.45 \$3.50 Shoes, sale\$2.68 \$3.00 Shoes, sale\$1.98
LADIES' FELT Line Shoes\$1.39 Childrens— Wool Hoods28c Wool Toques29c Wool Gloves19c Wool Scarfs38c Misses— Outing Skirts38c Misses' Coats HALF PRICE.	LADIES' WAISTS A New Line to Select From. \$1.50 Waists at79c \$2.50 Waists at\$1.19 \$6.50 assorted Wool Waists at\$2.98 \$7.50 assorted Silk Waists at\$4.35	WHAT MEN WANT Home made wool Sox45c Good quality Night Shirts89c Heavy work Shirts89c Warm Mitts22c Winter Caps29c Wool Underwear89c Dress Shirts49c
LADIES' BARGAINS Wool Hose19c Wool Gloves29c Wool Underskirts\$1.15 \$1.00 Wool Scarfs38c	BLANKETS Large ten quarter blankets 79c Oregon Wool Blankets \$5.39	RUBBER GOODS Men's Rubbers50c Boys' Rubbers, Roolledge .49c Special prices on— Slickers Boots, Overshoes, and Rubber Coats.
SEE OUR REMNANT DEPARTMENT It will save you money		
THE FAIR STORE		

**DEDICATE HOME
THIS EVENING**

**GREAT CROWD FROM OUT OF TOWN
POINTS PROMISED**

LADIES CAN ATTEND TOO

**LADIES WILL BE PERMITTED
AT DEDICATION TONIGHT.**

Committee in Charge Changes its Regulations in Regard to Dedicatory Rules—Many Coming From Baker City This Evening—Prominent Event.

The ruling established yesterday by the dedicatory program committee that none but Elks would be allowed at the real dedicatory services at the Elks' home tonight, was changed today, much to the delight of Elks' wives and lady friends. The committee requests that it be distinctly understood that the guests at the dance which is to follow the service, can attend the dedication.

There will be a great gathering of horned stags in La Grande tonight. With two score at least coming from Wallowa county, and close to 50 from Baker City, augmented by the large membership the local lodge has, the attendance at all features of the evening's ritual services and impromptu entertainment, will be several hundred at least. The Baker City Herald said last evening of the number that are to come from there:

Fifty Baker Stags Coming.
"Tomorrow evening 50 of the B. P.

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Worthy There is probably no one line in which there is so much deception as in rubber goods. Much of it is almost worthless. None of these goods come to us. By picking the best goods and buying direct from the makers, we insure security and saving. We can sell them at right prices and also guarantee the quality. We have Hot Water Bottles in all the new styles, colors and sizes. You will get your money out of one many times before Spring.

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