

West's Mid Season Clearance Sale

STARTS TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY JULY 6

150
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Sale Lasts for Ten Days Only. You cannot Afford to Miss It

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AGE COUNTS FOR MUCH.

The defeat sustained by Jeffries yesterday at the hands of Johnson, the colored prize fighter, indicates strongly that youth counts for much in the prize ring. While there is but three years difference in the two fighters, Johnson has the best of the matter and his superior physical strength asserted itself over the old-time ring fighter.

Jeffries really made a poor showing. To stay but fifteen rounds is not an indication of physical equality or anywhere near it. But the primrose that Jeffries has trod since he was at his best may have had something to do with yesterday's result, although the difference in years is by far the most important consideration.

In prizefighting it seems that the man that is the "has been" is almost sure of defeat. He counts for just as much there as he does in the game of politics, and in politics it is a matter of record that a "has been" cannot get back on his feet after he once loses his hold.

Today the negro is champion. He is entitled to the title for Jeffries no doubt, did his best. Many regret that the belt he swung around a black body, and there will be a hope in the hearts of many who like the sport that some white man will soon come to the front and regain the championship.

ANSWERING THE FINAL SUMMONS.

Chief Justice Fuller has passed away. Another of the big men of the United States has departed this life, another member of the supreme court has answered the last summons. It has not been long since Chief Justice Brewer was called to his long home and the country mourned his loss.

Thus two of the ablest jurists the world have ceased with

council and good judgment. The loss of such men is keenly felt by a nation. True, there are always men to fill any place that is left vacant, but on the supreme bench experience is of great value as well as strong intellect.

Chief Justice Fuller was one of the strong men in the world. Occupying the place that he did there was little opportunity for display of his ability except as important cases came before him for adjudication.

The highest tribunal in the land has lost two of its tried and true members recently. Good men will occupy these places but it will be some time before they can acquire the commanding place in the hearts of the people that Chief Justice Fuller and Chief Justice Brewer held.

TOO SLOW, TOO SLOW!

This morning a man asked the Observer, "Will you publish a report of the fight by rounds." He did not know that most of La Grande and Union and Walla counties waited breathlessly yesterday afternoon while the Observer's telegraphic service was received. He did not know that seventeen seconds after the knockout was made that the people of La Grande had the news and twenty minutes later the Observer was on the street, with a full account of the fight, round by round, in it.

No, this man did not realize that La Grande is in touch with the outside world through a live newspaper. He is content to follow village customs, take life very slowly and rest in the belief that this city must depend upon Portland for everything modern, even to news of the world.

Somewhat we think an individual of this kind is more to be pitied than blamed. He is not in the game of life at all—merely following along at the end of the procession. He does not know there is a great big active world in which something is happening every second. But perhaps it is just as well, for the scientists say anyone living in such a state of coma may exist for several hundred years without realizing it, or without the world realizing it. Would not the old song be applicable in this case:

"Please go 'way and let me sleep," etc.

PASSED THE VOLUNTEER STAGE.

La Grande has passed that period of her existence when a volunteer fire department will suffice.

The unfortunate fire of Sunday demonstrated that beyond a doubt for had there been a paid fire department here, a great portion of the loss would have been averted.

The volunteer department is a good thing to maintain in connection with a paid regular department, but the latter should be maintained at any cost.

Anyone who stands in the way of a paid fire department for La Grande

the way of the city's progress will be so classed.

This city is far too large and property is too valuable for any person to go to sleep at night without assurance that his property is safe. And it would seem from the events of Sunday that even in the daytime there is danger, for the blaze that consumed property occurred Sunday afternoon between 3 and 4 o'clock.

A paid fire department is not an expensive luxury, as some are pleased to term it, but it is a vital necessity. The reduction in insurance rates, the safety it gives to property and the standing that it gives a city, doubly pay for the maintenance.

By all means let not the time be far distant when La Grande will have a fire department composed of a combination engine and hose reel, a team of good horses, and three men whose duty it is, to stay at fire headquarters and be ready for a call at any time.

IRRIGATION WITH ELECTRIC PUMPS.

The Eastern Oregon Light and Power Company Prepares to Irrigate Large Acreage in Baker and Union Counties.

All persons owning land in Baker and Union counties not supplied with sufficient water for irrigation purposes, are earnestly requested to furnish their names and addresses to either our Baker City or our La Grande office. It is our aim to have a representative of our engineering department make calls for the purpose of getting the necessary surveys and to furnish estimates as to the cost of irrigating such ground by electrically operated pumps.

It has been our observation, that hundreds of land owners within the limit of our high tension transmission lines are in possession of valuable tracts of ground, without fully realizing how easy and inexpensively the same may be irrigated by pumping electrically from rivers, ditches, wells, etc.; and it is our intention wherever possible to form such into groups in order their land may be reached with the extensions to our electric lines at the minimum of expense to each.

Hydro-electro irrigation has been the main factor of development during the past several years in many western communities. During this season, we have demonstrated its practicability within our own territory, by the installation and successful operation of several pumping equipments at Baker City, North Powder, and LaGrande; and the results, as viewed by the practical irrigators in these communities has been most gratifying, indeed.

Since the advent of this comparatively new method of irrigation many land owners have awakened to find what had heretofore been considered an almost valueless tract of land is their most valuable possession, as a nominal sum paid per acre for electric power, will now place their land under water.

It is also found that in many places,

where ditches or natural streams are not available as a source of water supply, that a well of comparatively small dimensions is found adequate for the purpose, as both Baker and Union counties are amply supplied with sub-surface water.

If all persons owning high or dry ground, will kindly notify one of our main offices, we will cheerfully furnish the services of one of our engineers on the cost of electrical operations for the purpose of getting the data essential to making the estimates on the cost of electrically operated pumping equipment.

EASTERN OREGON LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY.

Aid Society Wants Assistance

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church is going to maintain a restaurant at the Chautauqua grounds and will be glad to have friends of the church supply necessities for the meals, when convenient. Vegetables, fruit, butter, eggs and other food supplies may be left at the Blue Mountain creamery where they will be given proper attention.

Notice of Street Improvement
To Whom It May Concern:
Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Grande, Oregon, on the 9th day of Feb., 1910, creating Improvement District No. 16 and designating Sixth Street, as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said Common Council on the 17th day of June, 1910, whereby said Council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Sixth Street in said improvement district as hereinafter described by laying thereon Bitulithic pavement, the Council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefited by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made, that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows: All that portion of Sixth Street, from the North line of Washington Avenue, to the North line of "K" Avenue.

Notice is hereby further given that the Council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefited by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$31,984.00.

That the Council will on the 13th day of July, 1910, meet at the Council chamber at the hour of 3 o'clock, P. M., to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

La Grande, Oregon, June 22, 1910.
CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON.
By D. E. COX, Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon.

June-28-July-9.

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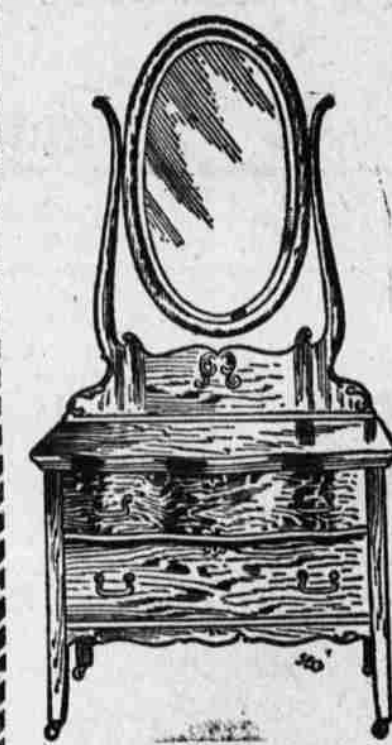
Tickets sold daily, June 1 to September 1. Final limit October 31. Unlimited stopovers.

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