

Always in the Lead

Arcade Theatre

LA GRANDE'S THEATRE COZY

5 Reels of Classy Pictures and

Oaks and Johnson's New and Original Act

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ARCADE

EXPERIMENT SUCCESSFUL

GREENHOUSE IS EXPANDING RAPIDLY.

Experimental Stage Shows Demand for Flowers Is Brisk.

An entirely new industry in La Grande, that is really making good and has a remarkably bright future ahead of it is the La Grande Floral company, which now has three large greenhouses and is right up against the proposition of enlarging to take care of the business.

It was an oft argued question in this city as to whether a green house would pay, and it seemed to be left up to A. B. Cherry to take the high dive and make the experiment. After selling out his laundry business which was very successful, he studied the possibilities of the floral business and as a result he has now a going concern with a splendid plant, but too small for what is demanded of it.

At present each green house is filled with commercial stock, all of which is growing nicely. The surroundings of the plant are being put in good condition and the whole concern is healthy. Mr. Cherry, like many business men, has a limit on his ability as an investor, however and to make the needed additions he is offering for sale a block of the stock purely for improvement and enlargement purposes. There is no doubt as to the value of the enterprise here if it continues to be managed in the future as it has been started. The investment should not only be a safe one, but should yield splendid returns.

PAVING PLANS DISCUSSED

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ment will deteriorate and give way in time, and how long it will last depends on how heavy the traffic is. If the foundation is a first class concrete, it improves with age, and the surface can be touched up at slight expense from time to time as it needs it, but with the bitulithic surface on

a crushed rock base, when the surface is worn out, there is nothing left to build on, and the whole work will have to be done over again. There is no question, therefore, but that the Warren Construction company can build a first class pavement, with a concrete base, and can compete with other companies where they are not permitted to frame up such specifications as will prevent the other companies from bidding.

There seems to be unseemly haste to let all the contracts for paving to be done next year to the Warren Construction company by the present council, whose successors are shortly to be elected, and although it is a physical impossibility that the work shall be done this year. They are "railroading" the contracts through as rapidly as they can with one week's advertising, so as to cover the formality required by the city charter, although in flagrant violation of the spirit and intention of the charter. My old friend, J. M. Church, once told me a story, which illustrates the attitude of the present council admirably. It was in the early fifties in California and under the miners' rules it was a capital offense to steal an amalgam from a sluice box. A miner was caught in the act, and the rest of the bunch, without any formality of trial, put a rope around his neck and were about to swing him up to a limb on a tree, when one of the miners stepped out and made a speech to his companions something like the following: "Gentlemen we are about to do an unlawful thing here. This man is entitled to a trial. I propose that we call a mass meeting of the miners tomorrow morning and give the rascal a fair and impartial trial, and then we can take the scoundrel out and hang him." The poor culprit was already convicted, but they must needs go through the form of a trial before they hang him; so with the present council. Every "contract," present or "prospective," is already let to the Warren Construction company, but the charter requires competitive bids and, therefore, it must be "advertised" for a day or two. Accordingly bids are called for "gravel bitulithic pavement, together with excavations, curbing and drainage" for Fourth street from O avenue to C street, well knowing that there cannot possibly be any bid except that of the Warren Construction company and well knowing that their price will be \$1.47 1-2 a yard as already agreed to, well knowing that under this form of advertisement, nobody except the Warren Construction company can bid on the drainage, curbing or excavations. The "bid" will be opened, and it will be referred to the street committee and any person having any objections or protest must appear before this street committee in person, because a written objection will not be considered! The council will then adjourn for two minutes. The street committee will sign up a report, already prepared for them, recommending that the bid of the Warren Construction company be accepted and the contract let to them. The council will re-convene. The report will be read, showing that "no objections have been made," and an ordinance already prepared, declaring the Warren Construction company the successful bidder and letting the contract, will be read. On motion it will be immediately read a second time by title only. This will be followed by a third reading and the formality of a vote will then be taken. The "contract" will be signed and the ordinance will appear in tomorrow's Observer for one publication, and will then be in force. This "contract" will mean over \$30,000.00 to the Warren Construction company, and will mean over \$30,000.00 charged up to the abutting property owners, with interest at six per cent. If any reader of this article desires to "see" just how it is "done", let him attend the council meeting any night that a contract is let.

AT THE "MOVIES."

"The Way of the Transgressor" at the Arcade attracted a large crowd last evening, partially because the picture is of extraordinary merit and partially because La Grande has two prominent actors in the picture. The leading lady is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Steward and the many friends of this lady applauded vigorously when she appeared in the picture. Her husband also takes a prominent part.

The new vaudeville act by Oaks and Johnson is being well received. They are admitted artists in their line and do not fail to please the Arcade patrons who appreciate vaudeville.

Contracts have been let for decoration of the interior of this popular show house and painters and decorators are now at work under instructions to leave nothing undone that will add to the beauty of the theatre's interior.

Large Crowds at Sherry's. "Sherry's—the House of Comfort"—is enjoying extraordinary crowds this week and the pictures shown are getting strong praise from the large number of people who each evening visit the theatre. This house is keeping step with La Grande and improvement in service and in the theatre's interior. Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Swaney, together with Mr. George, see that the comfort of their patrons is looked after and, as one man remarked, "It is like going to a nice big party every night to attend Sherry's."

"RAMESES, KING OF EGYPT."

A Beautiful Picture.

Those who witnessed this splendid two reel masterpiece at Sherry's last night expressed themselves as being more than pleased with the production. The title might lead one to suppose the story is historical but that is not intended. The daring of the Cines company in setting their tragedy amid the scenes and surroundings of ancient Thebes—the queen of Lower Egypt still in her ruins—the task has imposed great labor in research, artistic discrimination of high order, the talented acting of the principals, the vast array of properties employed in the architecture, in the interiors, etc., all show the result of great painstaking. The climax of this great two-reel subject is tremendous in its effect. To know beforehand what it is would deprive one of an almost benumbing dramatic sensation. It is sufficient to say that it is one of the strongest and most unusual endings ever witnessed, either in the spoken or in the filmed drama. And it is so skillfully concealed that it comes on one with the suddenness of a thunderburst. When it arrives, your breath will come in short gasps and your heart will flutter at the stroke.

Tonight is the last chance to see this beautiful picture and those missing it will miss a rare treat in pictures of this kind.

Notice.

Registration books for the city election have been opened, and all voters who have not registered previously and desire to vote at the city election, can register by calling at the office of the Security Land & Trust company, in the La Grande National Bank building, second door west of the bank entrance. The books will be kept open from 8 o'clock a. m. to 6 o'clock p. m., except the dinner hour, until further notice. Nov. 19th to Dec. 7th

Shooting Match.

There will be a shooting match at Island City next Monday. Beef, turkeys, geese and ducks—plenty of them.

IRA KENNEDY, ED STRINGHAM.

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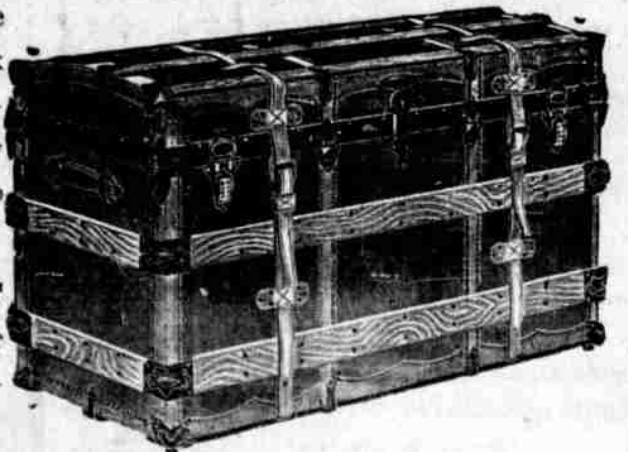
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