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At Exactly
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150 NEWEST
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DRESSES
at less than wholesale cost.

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Annual Sale Men's Furnishings

Reg. 25c muleskin Mitts 19c
Arrow Shirts, all reduced 20 per cent
Men's 50c work shirts now 39c
One lot dress shirts up to \$3.00 for \$1.29 ea.
One lot dress shirts up to \$1.50 for 79c each
Men's \$3.50 work and dress shoes at \$1.98 pr.

Reg. 8 1-3 apron gingham, now 6c yd.
Reg. 25c cotton serge now 12 1/2c yd.
Heavy Twill shirting reduced to 10c yd.
Reg. \$1.00 yd. messaline, all colors 69c yd.
One lot 75c and 90 silks now 50c yd.
50c silk eoliennes and silk tissue now 29c yd.
Reg. 15c Bokhara Flannel now 10c yd.
One lot 12 1/2c dress gingham reduced to 10c
All M. F. C. dress gingham now 11c yd.

Annual Sale Men's Clothing

350 Men's Society and Benjamin Suits reduced 25 Per Cent
150 Men's and Young Men's suits reduced 33 1-3 Per Cent
All Overcoats and Raincoats reduced 25 Per Cent
Fur Coats and Heavy Clothing reduced 25 Per Cent
Boys Clothing reduced 25 to 50 Per Cent

Every Article in the Entire Stock Reduced. Nothing Reserved

Come early in the morning and avoid the afternoon rush of eager purchasers.

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Great bargains in every department. All broken lines at ridiculously low prices to close them out.

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A GENIUS IN A MINING CAMP

In the Sumpter Blue mountain American is a tale this week of marvelous inventive powers of a miner. The principal character is the son of Prof. Alexander, a nephew of Mrs. J. C. Henry of this city. A notion of the invention, which has created a great deal of comment, is given in the following from the American:

"Everybody remembers the model mining camp that for a long time was displayed in the window of the Club

saloon on Granite street. How the miner trammed ore from tunnel to stamp mill; the miners working with hammers and drills; how the miner appears in his cabin door, shooting at a coyote as it disappeared over a hill. No one ever saw the big toy in operation but he marveled at the ingenuity and skill of the makers in making all the parts work so smoothly and in perfect unison.

Charles Alexander and Frank Pence made the first of these contrivances at Granite and so successful were they it was decided to have it patented. Later Mr. Pence sold his interest to H. J. Reilly of this place. Since then Messrs. Alexander and Reilly have been engaged in unwinding the red tape necessary for securing the patent, and last week received the document, covered with numerous of Uncle Sam's official seals from the patent office, giving them the exclusive right for seven teen years to make these ingenious contrivances.

Mr. Alexander reports that he has

already received several inquiries regarding the patent, indicating there will be a demand for the machines, and he is greatly pleased with the outlook. During the winter he will make a new model which will be larger and have many improvements on any yet made.

THE HAPPY GIRLS OF UNION

The Girls' Club of Union issued invitations for a dancing party on the third and the invitation carried with it a wave of good cheer that would cause anyone to realize just what a light hearted, home loving and fun loving bunch of young ladies Union has. Listen to the verse that prefaces the invitation:

Our memories gild the years ago.
We look with hope on those to come.
Though future years to us may mean
Fulfillment of some cherished dream.
Let's celebrate the year '13—
Let's not await some other day,
But use our pleasures while we may.

STEADY, BOYS, STEADY

The Royal Rosarians, composed of Portland people, have a special train down in San Diego at present working up enthusiasm among the said Rosarians for the San Diego exposition, which in reality is to be a side show for the Panama exposition at Frisco in 1915. Our Oregon, or rather, our Portland boys, are wild with joy over the prospects and have pledged a goodly sum of this state's wealth for a suitable building on the fair grounds.

It would indeed be nice to have Oregon represented with a quarter million dollar building in San Diego, but is not this free expenditure of money for everything that comes along getting to be monotonous? We believe the Eastern Oregon people are inclined to be cautious in parting with the eagles this year and next year. Especially when the demand is bound to be in large sums. Oregon wants publicity and advertising, all right, but there is a limit to the game.

As a state we are tax ridden at present. We have been putting forth every effort to curtail in local expense. The state administration has promised to change its plunging course into a sane business course and all expect it to be done. Now, the Rosarians are a fine lot

of chaps, but go steady, boys, on the expense this time.

NEW TALES THAT ARE TOLD

A Business Man's Queer Visitor.

George Fitch, the humorist, who is editing a paper in Peoria, Ill., tells a true story about Peoria that is interesting in view of the recent boom in land values throughout the country.

According to Fitch, a certain man named W. S. D. on a time took some Illinois land on a bad bet. He never visited his property, and after he had paid taxes on it for several years he had an offer for it which he accepted on the spot. The deed was scarcely signed when he found that a city, Peoria, was growing up on the land. He was naturally annoyed, but



"WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?" ASKED THE BUSINESS MAN.

several years later his annoyance was tinged with amusement. A stranger came into his office one day.

"What can I do for you?" asked the business man affably.

"Are you W. S. D.?"

"Yes, sir."

The man sat down and continued:

"Did you own the site of the city of Peoria?"

"Yes."

"Did you sell it for \$600?"

"I did."

The stranger looked at him fully a minute. He appeared to be about to speak, but he said nothing. He got up, looked W. S. D. over again from head to foot and then tiptoed softly out of the room.—Country Gentleman.

Changed Times.

In a meadow a half dozen young women golf players were practicing putting. They looked very smart in their trim golf suits, their skirts of rough homespun and their serried jackets. An old farmer and one of his farm hands approached.

"Boss," grumbled the farm hand, "them girls in the meadow is scarin' our cows."

The old farmer shook his head and smiled.

"Ah, Timothy," he said with profound truth, "times is changed. Since I was young, in them days the cows scared the girls."—Washington Star.

The Troubles of a Giant.

George Cumberland saw the famous giant Obrian Boro in the Strand in London in 1784, and in "The Cumberland Letters," edited by Clementina Black, gives this note on him: "His hand, from the ball of his thumb, actually measures eleven inches and a half and is large in proportion. When I stood up I could just with my forefinger touch the bottom of his chin—in a word, he is eight feet three inches high, and his bones are in proportion large—but the poor devil seems to be dying for want of air and exercise. He is nineteen years of age and expects to be nine feet high."

Curious Russian Law.

Russia has a law which to outside observers seems almost to put a premium on theft by which stolen goods become the property of the thief if he can prove that he has had possession of them for over five years. In the thieves' market—which is, of course, licensed by the police—goods that admittedly have been stolen (more than five years before) are openly offered for sale, and the place is a veritable Mecca for the light fingered gentry and their enterprising friends, as also for the more honest members of society, who secure many a tempting bargain.

Excellent Program at the Arcade.

The Arcade theatre offers for tonight and tomorrow a program of unusual merit, featuring the Moscow Duo in their Russian dances, a vaudeville act of class. The picture program is above the average, with two big comedies as the headliners, featuring Miss Mabel Norman, Fred Mace and Max Sennet, the three premier comedians in motion photography. Two of the reels shown today are absolutely first run, being shown here at the same time they are shown in the big cities.

Coming, Monday and Tuesday, Sarah Bernhardt in a four reel production of "Elizabeth." This picture is a gorgeous production made by an American company of artists under the direction of Daniel Frohman. Notwithstanding the enormous expense in securing this picture the price of admission will remain the same as usual.

Annual Stockholders' Meeting
Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the La Grande National bank will be held at their banking house in La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 14th, 1913 at 2 o'clock p. m.

At this meeting a board of seven directors, to serve for the ensuing year, will be elected, and such other business will be considered, as may properly be offered at said meeting.
F. L. MEYERS,
12-11-30t Cashier.

Notice to Stockholders.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the United States National bank will be held at their banking rooms in the city of La Grande, Tuesday, January 14th, 1913, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors and for transacting any other business that may come before the meeting.
T. J. SCROGGIN, Cashier.
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PROGRAM AT ARCADE TONIGHT.

1—THE PROMISE, WESTERN DRAMA, AMERICAN.
2—THE WOOD NYMPH, EXCELLENT DRAMA, RELIANCE.
3—THE DUEL, LAUGHABLE COMEDY, KEYSTONE.
4—THE MOSCOW DUO, RUSSIAN DANCERS AND SINGERS.
5—WOMEN BEHIND THE MAN, DRAMA, SOLAX.
6—MABEL'S STRATAGEM FARCE COMEDY, KEYSTONE.
COMING MONDAY AND TUESDAY SARAH BERNHARDT IN "ELIZABETH."

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\$800,000.00

of money accumulated by residents of La Grande and the Grande Ronde valley.

We Now Have Loaned
\$700,000.00

to business men, farmers and others in this community. The money deposited here is not "laid away" as some of it might be if its owners had not deposited it, but it is industriously at work all about us, doing good.

By depositing your income here on open account and paying it out by check, you will safeguard your interests, build your credit and cultivate an acquaintance at a strong financial institution, which can and will help you when you need help.

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