

Watch West's Ads All Next Week

# West's Great Remodeling Sale

Proves an unparalleled success. A week of Bargain Giving that far surpasses any event in the history of this store.

Watch Monday's Paper for Next Week's Greater Reductions

Many Lines Reduced Still Lower Next week

We must close our stock down as low as possible in the next few days and lower prices than ever before will be given. Former selling price and cost prices forgotten in this great forced sacrifice.

## Watch the Windows Daily

Many extra bargains are offered daily and are sold so soon that many are disappointed to find the lines closed out.



## Come Early, if Possible

Even with our large sales force we find it often impossible to serve the enormous afternoon crowds. "Get wise and come early"

### THE OBSERVER

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#### WOMEN'S COMMERCIAL CLUB

In the upbuilding of communities woman is assuming new duties and bringing to her activities a definite purpose which not only embraces present conditions, but has a broad vision of future development. Modern economical forces have created an increasing army of self supporting women to fill a widening field of endeavor. They are in commerce and industry. There is scarcely a position filled by man that they cannot and do not occupy with that efficiency which is the only test of fitness. They have invaded professions once the exclusive realm of man, and displayed aptitudes for general business which make the formation of women's commercial clubs and boards of trade a natural result.

There is a women's chamber of

commerce in Chicago and it stands as a conspicuous example of what women may accomplish solely on their own initiative. They have formed commercial bodies in other cities recently, and displayed a civic enthusiasm admirable in its intelligent direction, for when earnest women turn to practical town development—the betterment of the human factor as well as material expansion—they make an insistent, effective force.

Looking over the broad, national field and noting their commercial work, it is to be wondered that this manifestation did not take place long ago under a general, sympathetic direction—a step which will doubtless be taken at no far distant time.

Topeka, Kansas, has just formed a women's commercial club admirably broad in its purpose; Perry, Okla. recently witnessed a similar organization, while Guthrie, Okla., tallies Chicago with a women's chamber of commerce. This organization was formed about the first of the present year with a membership of 50. Now there are 400 members, including women prominent in social circles, the shop, the office and in places of general employment. They are now forming an auxiliary of farmers' wives. In Shawnee, Okla., there is also a women's chamber of commerce which started with 50 members in January last. It promises to be a real, live organization.

Webster City, Ia., is to have a women's commercial league whose members will take up themselves such duties that have fallen to the commercial league which will naturally be better performed by women. It was realized also that the ladies could do much more than the men in the matter of developing a stronger sentiment for home trade in opposition to the mail order houses.

Topeka has a population of about 45,000 but the women there who are

in charge of the commercial movement have wide, metropolitan vision. The women's commercial club is a notable example of the business spirit working for the harmonious combination of all women who labor; who abide in the city in which they toil and will work for its betterment while working for themselves; who, the more, will naturally be adjusted in the rounded, symmetrical plan of all classes and all divisions pulling together for one purpose.

#### THE INHUMANITY OF CITIES.

When Henry W. Grady was hesitating whether to remain on a New York paper or to return to Georgia, he decided to go home because nobody in the apartment in which he lived could tell him about the baby whose little white coffin was carried side by side with him down the steps of the adjoining apartment. "The inhumanity of cities" overwhelmed him, wrote John Temple Graves, who then relates the following story:

How many of us have had a similar experience?

In one of the large apartment houses in which I have lived on the west side, my front door when it swung open touched the front door of my next door neighbor, divided from me only by a thin wall of less than half a foot. One morning on going out I met a pleasant-faced man emerging from this door. We exchanged the casual salutation of housemates.

This we repeated on several subsequent occasions, in a casual way I never knew his name.

One morning, about six weeks later, I asked the elevator boy what had become of the man.

"He died two weeks ago," was the response, "and his body was taken out after nightfall to the cemetery." Here was this man who by every law of Christianity was my neighbor—my very nearest neighbor. I could almost hear him breathe at night through the intervening wall.

And yet, he had sickened, he had suffered, he had gone through the agony or travail of death. He had been carried out in his midnight casket to the grave, and his family had come back to the anguish and desolation of an unspeakable bereavement. And I who was "this man's neighbor" had neither ministered to his suffering in life, stood by him in the hour and article of death, nor comforted the crowning sorrow of those who came back to his broken and desolate home—just within a foot of the light and love and laughter of my own—because in the rush of our big world I did not know.

I have never gotten over that incident. I never will. Something ought to be done about it if something could be done.

We pay a fierce price for the joy of cities. Too many people make any one person unimportant. Great crowds dwarf and minify individuals. In the multitudes we forget each other too often in life and in death.

When a man dies among two or three in a little community, it is a tragedy. It darkens the sky, it shadows the spirit, it bows the head in

reverence and humility and sympathy.

But when one dies among five millions, the little gap made by the passing of the atom closes up so quickly

#### NUMBER FOUR WINS.

Weekly Prize in Automobile Contest Goes to Number Four Again.

The standing of contestants in the automobile contest is:

#### NO. 4 WINS WEEKLY PRIZE.

1	250,160
2	250,160
3	278,249
4	32,735,773
5	244,010
6	2,119,050
7	235,005
8	237,525
9	291,225
10	347,750
11	235,525
12	4,707,445
13	1,983,625
14	1,867,295
15	1,659,475
16	1,976,260
17	243,525
18	246,250
19	255,330
20	1,365,130
21	2,164,085
22	242,525
23	245,350
24	289,575
25	2,112,585
26	244,250
27	237,750
28	235,275
29	1,309,722
30	248,250
31	243,765
32	241,310
33	262,215
34	235,150
35	238,575
36	235,175
37	237,000
38	235,035
39	529,350
40	235,100
41	237,265
42	235,430
43	36,978,952
44	235,100
45	237,000
46	235,125
47	235,150
48	235,050
49	242,200
50	236,470
51	377,615
52	235,910
53	236,350
54	280,500
55	235,525
56	236,025
57	286,825
58	240,000
59	237,850
60	3,303,985
61	235,875
62	243,750
63	235,125
64	236,750
65	235,625
66	235,975
67	625,205
68	375,400
69	258,060
70	235,000
71	2,333,090
72	303,010
73	281,025

Counted by N. J. Manager.

from the mighty mass that it is difficult to remember that the atom ever lived or even died.

From which I came to say that the cities are not much of a place for old people or people who die. They should find a softer and a simpler life and a quieter place in which to enact the last great tragedy of life, which is death.

I would like to live in a great city all my vigorous life. But I would like to grow old and die in the little country town where the neighbors would come to ask after me in the last days, follow me kindly to the church yard, when I was gone, and come back for a little tender touch of comfort to those who were left behind.

Is it not well now and then to halt this mad rush of living, and give space to a little breathing time of charity and tenderness for those who die."

#### EUGENE MAN LOCATES.

C. C. McCormick of Eugene to Open Billiard Parlors Here.

Lease of a portion of the basement of the new West-Jacobs building and one room for a cigar store on the first floor, has been completed by C. C. McCormick of Eugene, who is here today intending to make La Grande his home. He has a similar combination

in Eugene and intends to make his stores here up to date in every respect. He hopes to be open for business by September first.

#### SKIFF IN OFFICE SOON.

Hopes to Take Over Duties at Union Post Office Shortly.

Postmaster Skiff is taking instructions as to duties and expects to assume charge of the Union office soon. Retiring Postmaster Davis will remain with the new official until he becomes proficient in the work, says the Union Republican.

Mr. Skiff is a brother of Nolan Skiff, receiver of the La Grande land office, and his appointment as postmaster at Union was made by President Wilson some little time ago.

FOR SALE—One stump computing scale No. 70, one 4-ft. oak show case, one Parker Coffee mill. Address 1106 I Ave. 6-21-12t p

#### GRAND UNION

TEAS AND COFFEES.

You can get a better grade of Teas and Coffees for the money than elsewhere, and Tickets on all Grand Union Goods. A full line of Groceries always on hand.

Grand Union Tea Store

## The Test of Time

Time determines whether the policies under which a bank is operated are safe.

This bank has been in business twenty-six years.

It has grown steadily until it has become one of the strongest and most prosperous financial institutions in the West.

The soundness of its policies is attested by the long list of conservative business men who transact their business here; also by an earned surplus of \$130,000.00, the work of time and the result of conservative management.

This bank has facilities for taking care of more high grade business and offers its services to those who appreciate the best in banking.

### La Grande National Bank

La Grande, Oregon

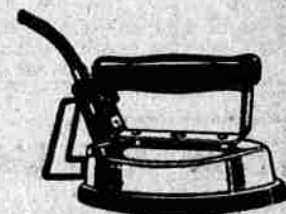
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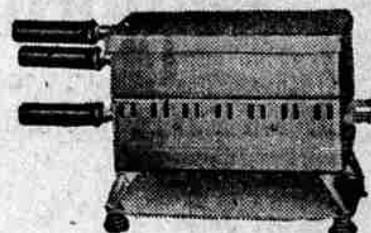
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