

# WATCH FOR OUR BIG TWO DAY HANDBAG SALE

## FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 40 PER CENT OFF

Ladies elegant handbags formerly \$8.75, sale price \$5.25. Ladies beautiful handbag formerly \$6.00, sale price \$3.60. Ladies exceptional value handbags formerly \$4.50, sale price \$2.70

See display windows. The sale positively lasts for two days only—Friday and Saturday

THE REXALL STORE HILL DRUG STORE THE REXALL STORE

### ANNUAL SHOOT MONEYS MANY

BETWEEN \$400 AND \$200 ADDED  
MONEYS SURE.

October 5th to be the Big Event for State  
Bluerock Shooters.

When La Grande's annual bluerock shoot is staged here, October 5, it will be marked with such an amount of added moneys as is seldom the lot of small city shoots, and will offer four desirable trophies to winners. The La Grande Gun Club is sponsor for the shoot, as it was last year, and Lou Rayburn has already had enough money subscribed to make \$150 added moneys, and the likelihood is that it will go to \$200. In such an event the shoot will draw from all parts of the state and eastern Washington and western Idaho. The indications are that at least 75 will attend. It was the aim of the club to conduct a shoot with about \$100 added moneys, but that amount has been passed and the bigger it grows the more shooters there will be here. From a standpoint of class it augurs great success as bluerock sport has developed wonderfully in the past and file the past year or two. A local man has hung up a very pretty and expensive cup which can be won permanently at this shoot by either a Wallawa or Union county contestant. Then there is the Union-Wallawa cup, the Observer cup and the Bluerock trophy to be added to the list. The shoot should attract a great number of shooters. It will be the first day of the fair so that spectators can attend the fair if they wish on the same trip.

### CORRECTION TO FAIR PREM. UNMS.

Corrections to the premium list just issued are:  
Class III, page 23 should be Clydesdales, whereas they are not designated.  
Class XI should be Poland China Hogs.

On last page, meat market buying prize entries, should be the Grande Ronde Meat company.  
C. M. SE COR, Secy.  
9-22 tf

### WE DO THE

### Finest Shoe Repairing

At the Most Reasonable Prices. Give us a chance at your old ones—comfort in shoes has a direct bearing on the person's disposition—no shoe is as comfortable as an old one. As long as we keep your old shoes looking like new, why shouldn't we get better acquainted?

H. CAREY.

209 Fir Street.

CALL AND SEE OUR CHAMPION SHOE STITCHER.

### ASSESSMENT PLANS DIFFER

PROPERTY OWNERS CONTROL  
UNDER NEW PLAN.

Impossible for Council to Improve the  
Streets Arbitrarily.

La Grande, Sept. 22.—(To the Editor).—One of the striking features of the proposed commission charter is that the people have greater veto power over the acts of the commission than the older charter gave them over the council in the old charter. For example in street improvements, under the present charter the council has the power to order a street improvement or pavement against the united remonstrance of every property owner in the improvement district, even though the improvement costs more than the property is worth, and many of the poor residents have their homes confiscated to pay the assessments which they and their neighbors remonstrate against.

Under the new charter on page 14, a remonstrance signed by the persons owning the property in the improvement district, representing 55 per cent of the frontage of the property affected, ousts the commission of its jurisdiction, and stops the proceedings, which cannot be started again for six months. The poor man with a small, cheap house owning the same frontage in feet, has just as much to say as the rich man with an equal frontage and a costly house; and when 55 per cent—a bare majority—object the permanent proposed must cease. This will effectively prevent paying companies from improving the streets unless a majority of the property owners, as represented by the frontage, consent. Some of the residents of La Grande have had experience in this matter. Will you vote to retain the present system which gives you no voice in taking your property, or vote for the new charter which allows practically a majority to rule? The new commission charter makes every officer subject to the will of the people—the general manager can discharge any official for neglect of duty, the commission can remove the general manager, at once, and the people can recall the commission in twenty days.

F. D. HALSTEN.

### PREMIUMS OUT

The grangers of Union county will hold their annual fair at Blue Mountain Grange hall on the 26th and 27th of September, and on Saturday, the 27th, the county grange will be held at this place. The principal object of this fair is to encourage, or interest the young people in agriculture. Children under 16 years of age will receive prizes on the same class of exhibits as usual at the county fair. An admittance fee of 10 cents will be

charged to go toward paying for the prizes offered the children.

Appended is a list of special prizes offered. A few changes have been made and there are several more prizes offered.

Anyone wishing to give a special prize may make it known to C. D. Huffman, W. M., or Mrs. C. E. Golden, secretary. It will be thankfully received. The prize list is:

Mrs. E. E. Grout, best display of apples, \$1.00.  
C. D. Huffman, best display of grain \$1.00.

Mrs. W. F. Gekeler, best cake, \$1.00.  
Kathryn Gekeler, second best cake, box home made candy.

Mrs. C. D. Huffman, best potato bread, \$1.00.

Mrs. S. B. Williamson, best loaf light bread, \$1.00.

M. L. Carter, best display potatoes, \$1.00.

J. W. Ingram, best display vegetables by child under 14 years of age, \$1.00.

J. K. Lantz, best display fresh fruit, pair White Leghorn chickens.

Mrs. W. F. Gekeler, best display of canned fruit, trio of chickens.

Mrs. Georgia Gapeet, best pie, 50 cents.

N. Daron, best display of jelly, 50 cents.

Mrs. N. Darron, best display of asters, 50 cents.

D. A. McAlister, best head of cabbage, 50 cents.

W. F. Gekeler, best display vegetables, honey worth \$1.00.

P. H. Dickinson, best pumpkin pie, box of pears.

Mrs. L. A. Smyth, best piece of embroidery, \$1.00.

Mrs. Mabel Anson, second best embroidery, 50 cents.

Mrs. J. A. Holman, best white apron, hand made, 50 cents.

Mrs. Addie Grout, best piece quilt, 50 cents.

Willard Couch, best roll of butter, \$1.00.

Mrs. Minnie Couch, best darning and mending by girl, \$1.00.

A. P. Davis offers a prize of \$1.00 for best answers to the following:

The best plan for a farmer's garden, and answers to questions pertaining to the growing of same, by child under 14 years of age.

Mrs. George Miller, best roll of country butter, \$1.00.

CARPET AND RUG Cleaning and Weaving, La Grande Fluff Rug Co. Phone Black 1521. 9-22 tf.

WANTED—Heavy, slow, steady pulling teams for wheel scraper work. (Regular Logging teams.) Good pay, six weeks' work. Apply to J. L. Mars.

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### POLACKS HOME FROM THE EAST

HALF DOZEN COUNTRIES VISITED  
WHILE EN TOUR.

Principal Trip to Germany Enhanced  
by Side Excursions.

Principal cities and scenic spots in a half dozen countries have been visited this summer by Mr. and Mrs. E. Polack, who returned Saturday night from a three and a half months' tour of Ireland, Scotland, England, Germany, Switzerland, France and parts of the United States. The prime object of their trip was to visit relatives in Germany. The tourists first visited points of interest in England, Scotland and Ireland, and then went to Northern Germany, where they were guests with Mr. Polack's aged mother. After an extended visit in that locality, they went south, where Mrs. Polack's relatives reside, and on that leg of their trip climbed Swiss mountains and stepped at all the points of interest. Paris was the next chief halting place, and sidetrips over France gave them a splendid acquaintance with the principal sights of the land of renaissance. They landed on American soil September 6, spent a few days in New York, came on to North Platte, Neb., to visit with relatives and from there came on home.

Mr. Polack was at his grocery store this morning fully convinced that La Grande is an A No. 1 place to live in; that there is no place like home, and that for nothing on earth would he live under any other confalon than the Stars and Stripes. Mrs. Polack, prominent club woman, and chautauqua booster, has a vast store of interesting data with which to entertain the Neighborhood club during the regular courses of study—information picked up first hand and carefully assimilated.

OS Route Question Up.

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### UNIFORMITY AIDS CLERKS

COUNTY CLERK MEETING IN  
PORTLAND IMPORTANT.

Better Methods of Bookkeeping In  
All County Offices Adopted.

Returning from Portland, where he had been in attendance at the state meeting of county clerks, Ed. Wright stated to a reporter for the Observer today that in his opinion considerable good had been accomplished by the meeting. Its object was to assist in bringing about uniform bookkeeping in every county in the state. Each day while the clerks were in Portland they devoted several hours to drawing up forms for the bookkeeping and the good ones were adopted.

"It will have a tendency to make everything in a business way done in each county uniform," said Mr. Wright. "This will readily be seen to be of advantage for when the system is put in practice each county can be guided in a measure by what other counties are doing for complete reports must be filed at Salem and a recapitulation of these reports will be furnished to each county clerk. As things have been in the past and are now, every county has its individual way of doing things, and I believe when all are put on the same methods of bookkeeping there will be considerable benefit derived."

When asked what the state organization of county clerks means Mr. Wright said he thought as an organization it could do some good provided some ambitious office-seeker did not get control of it and endeavor to use it as a lever to boost himself into office. There was nothing to indicate this at the time of organization, according to the county clerk from Union county.

Electric Train Crash.

New York, Sept. 22.—Two electric trains on the Long Island railroad collided at Healdon College Point early today, killing three trainmen and injuring 20 passengers.

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### JULY SELECTED FOR CONCLAVE

LOCAL MERCHANTS ENTERTAIN  
GREAT SCHEME.

Special Train to Wallowa Lake a Possibility for Merchants.

Though still nearly a year away, the annual convention of Oregon Retail merchants in La Grande is already being prepared for. A large representation of the Merchants' Protective association held an important meeting this forenoon in the office of Secretary C. A. Small, and agreed on July 15 as the date which will be recommended to the state executive committee of the state association. That body will finally decide but will act, its is said, entirely on the recommendations adopted here today. The date was the principal event discussed, but the possibilities of a trip to Wallowa lake with half-hour stops at each town en route, came up for serious consideration. Such a venture would give La Grande a tremendous prestige as no state gathering has ever attempted anything like it. Arrangements for entertainment, banquet and social functions the later centering around a dancing party at Riverside park, were brought up and arrangements for that end in view started. The big trip to Wallowa county is the big thing that local merchants hope to stage.

July was selected in view of the fact that so seldom do Western Oregon people come to La Grande that it is urged to have them here at the most opportune time. June or July were the only months that got any consideration at all, and a new precedent of summer gatherings instead of winter conclaves will be set.

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### A Hot Water Bottle Call

FOR  
These Cold September Nights

If you haven't a hot water bottle, now is the time to get one and be ready for these cold, frosty nights. Don't get into trouble with your old hot water bottle by trying to stop the leaks but come and get one from

### Our New Fall Line

Our new fall stock is here and is a complete one. All the best obtainable in the line of rubber which embraces water bottles, syringes, invalid cushions, ice caps, etc. Fifty separate items in all. The care with which these goods are bought and the conditions under which they are sold make it worth while to come to us for them.

GUARANTEED WATER BOTTLES \$1.00 to \$2.50.

Red Cross Drug Store