

BIG BEN'S BEST BARGAINS

For Our

18th Friday Surprise Sale!

It might seem to some that we have in the past few days reached the limit in bargain giving but here are some new ones. Go where you will and when you will, you'll not find bargains like these. We've saved them specially to emphasize our Regular Friday Surprise Sale and to give those who have not yet been able to attend this great sale an opportunity to "get in" on the good things.

Two Great Big Half-Hour Specials For This Day

3 prs. Men's Knit Wrist Cotton Gloves 10c

10:00 to 10:30 a. m. Friday, Jan. 9--3 Pairs to a Customer

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Inaugurators of La Grande's Greatest Sale

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It is claimed that 3,000 Methodist ministers get only \$500 a year each, but think of all the slippers and motto cards presented by admiring parishioners.

EXPRESS HELP LOSING JOBS

BIG CITIES CUT DOWN EMPLOYEE STAFF.

La Grande Office Has Not Felt Pruning Knife As Yet.

It is asserted that more than a thousand men of the American Express company have been laid off, owing to the increased parcels post business and the subsequent loss to the company. The new order of things has affected a large number of men in Portland but so far no one of the local office has been affected. The new rates that will go into effect some time in the near future will arrest, somewhat, the business of the postal department, it is said. But the postoffice department is handling such a variety of things that it is certain that express business will never be what it was before, according to belief.

Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the State Bank of Imbler.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholder of the State Bank of Imbler will be held at their banking rooms, at Imbler, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 13, between the hours of 2 o'clock and 4 o'clock P. M., for the election of a board of five directors to serve for one year and the transaction of such other business as may come before such meeting.

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Crooked Genius.

Once upon a time the city of London had to pay a county rate, but this was legally abolished many years ago. A certain attorney, who had at one time been connected with local taxation, hit upon the brilliant idea of relaying this obsolete rate and turning the proceeds to his own use. He got the proper demand notes printed, distributed them in the usual fashion and the recipients paid up like lambs. The swindler had a regular office, a collector and all the usual accompaniments. It is said that he made over \$15,000 a year, and no one ever thought of questioning the legality of the rate. If the crooked genius had been satisfied with a couple of years' profit and then quietly discontinued the collection of the rate the chances are that no one would ever have been any the wiser. But he was greedy and kept on year after year, until by chance a demand note fell into the hands of some one who knew.—Pearson's Weekly.

One Man Applauded.

Camille Saint-Saens was present when Verdi's "Hymn of All Nations" was rendered for the first time at the opening ceremonies of the world's fair in London, and he gave this reason for the "failure" of the composition: "The hymn was arranged to introduce the national anthem of the various countries, and, not knowing that the 'Marseillaise' was at that time in bad repute, it was used as representative of France. The Emperor Napoleon when he heard the strains turned pale, and the knowing ones in the audience were so greatly embarrassed that no one in the great throng dared applaud. Yes, one man did applaud, and that was I. Napoleon arose in his box and directed his opera glass toward me, and I looked at him through my glass. After a few moments the emperor hurriedly departed."

Gave Him a Christian Name.

Even the polyglot Swiss interpreter at the general postoffice admits that there are languages which would stump him. How would he have solved the problem once presented at the Hampstead Green postoffice and recorded in Baines' "On the Track of the Mall Coach?" Two ladies wanted to send a money order to a foreign tradesman in Oxford street. "What Christian name?" inquired the clerk. "He is a Turk and has none." "We must have a Christian name," the clerk insisted. "But you can't. His bill merely says 'Kotzemollen.'" "Oh, very well," decided the clerk. "That will do. Cut his name in two and make the order payable to 'Kotze Mollen.'" Solomon could not have done better.—London Chronicle.

The Vegetable Caterpillar.

New Zealand's vegetable caterpillar is not vegetable at all. It is a grub about the length of the finger which has its habitat in friable mold at the roots of the rata vine. In many instances this grub, known to New Zealanders by its Maori name, aweto, is infected by the spores of a fungus, Cordyceps (Sphaeria) robertsoni. While the mycellium of this fungus is invading the tissues of the aweto it sends up a spore bearing stalk to the height of from four to eight inches just between the head and the first ring of the body of the grub. By the time the spores are ready to discharge the animal dies, and the whole body is found filled with vegetable material. The same spot of ground is the theater of a second drama of vegetable ferocity. While the fungus is destroying the insect at its roots the rata vine grows upward by twining about some tree of less rapid growth and in the end strangles its support and maintains thereafter a tree existence of its own.

Time's Changes.

Why is it that laws which worked very well fifty or sixty years ago are being discarded? Why is it that laws which a quarter century ago would have been laughed down are getting upon the books of every state in the Union? Why is it that there are new ideas in teaching, new ideas about the liberty of the individual, new ideas about a man's relationship with his neighbor? Why is it, in short, that there is a vast discontent with old institutions and old ways? It is because the world has outgrown the government, the ideas, the habits of thought that fitted easily and serenely enough into the lives of our great-grandparents, but which are creaking in their joints now. Life today is a very different thing from life fifty or sixty years ago.—Toledo Blade.

A Map That Failed.

The French National library in the Rue de Richelieu, Paris, is full of wonders for the lovers of history. One of its treasures is a map of North and South America as French possessions. The map is dated 1594, and here is the explanation of it: Catherine de Medici, the queen of Henry II, and mother of Francois II, Charles I, and Henri III, dreamed once of the conquest of the two Americas. She even named viceroys, one for North America and the other for South America. They were on their way to the new world when the queen's audacious plan fell through because of events at home. The queen, however, had a map made showing her projected possessions under the French flag.—New York Sun.



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