

Christmas of 1915

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LOWNEY'S CANDY

And it will not be complete for him unless he receives a box of our

Elegant Xmas Cigars

Putman's Drug Store

The Rexall Store

POLICE CHIEF HAS RESIGNED

CHAS. B. ORAI ASKS FOR HIS SUCCESSOR.

New Commission to Organize Before Appointments However.

Chas. B. Orai last evening filed his resignation with City Manager Lafky and the city commission to take effect as soon as his successor is named. January 15th is the time limit, according to the resignation. The chief has another position in mind and found it necessary to resign. The commission for the coming year will be organized by January 15th, however, and it is possible that the present chief will turn in his star prior to that date.

Successors are being discussed freely but no candidate is known to have made overtures of any tangible sort. It is generally understood that three or four are after it, but the resignation of Chief Orai will bring the matter to a focus at once, no doubt. Mr. Orai has served since Chief Avant resigned nearly two years ago.

Report Is Filed.

The final costs report and maps of the new intake dam, covering all demands from the government upon whose property the dam is built, were filed last evening with the city commission by Engineer Howland. The report is a voluminous affair, and will be more fully explained in a later publication.

Fire Bell to Stay.

While some talk has been going on of moving the South La Grande fire bell and station down town, such will not likely be done. Last evening Manager Lafky reported that Mr. Atkinson, upon whose property the bell stands, is to build on that site, but would permit the building being moved to the alley. This may be done. The "Old Town" people bought the bell.

The weekly report from the manager follows:

La Grande, Oregon, December 22, 1915. General manager's report for the week ending December 18th, 1915:

The street superintendent spent \$33.25 for teams and drivers and \$15.00 for white wing. The gutters have been kept clean to permit drainage and prevent them from freezing up solid. Had three snow plows on the walks the morning of the snow. Have directed the street superintendent to put the plows on earlier when we have heavy snow. Many old walks won't hold up a horse so cannot be cleaned. Some owners also overlooked the ordinance to clear their walks after a snow storm.

The water superintendent and the city engineer took the valve stands and remaining stems to the intake last week. These could not be set

his portion of printing Old Town sewer specifications; \$5.90 from R. R. Neal as refund to District No. 99 being an overpayment due to an error of 10 linear feet of plain walk. He drew warrants for \$370.74 for bills allowed.

The treasurer received \$380.39 water rent; \$446.65 improvement district installments; \$249.40 improvement district interest; \$77.45 district 1-A; \$10.15 principal and \$3.05 interest on district No. 96; \$3.10 principal and 95 cents interest on district No. 93 and 50 cents for one electrical permit. He paid \$38.45 water warrants; \$3.00 road warrant; \$100.00 contingent warrant; \$210.00 improvement district interest; \$100.00 improvement district No. 99 and \$875.00 semi-annual interest on \$25,000 court house and \$10,000 sewer bonds.

Vocational Training for Prison Staff.

Corvallis, Or., Dec. 22.—John W. Minto, warden, and Frank Davey, chief clerk of the Oregon penitentiary, visited the Oregon Agricultural college this week and discussed with President Kerr vocational education. Mr. Davey stated the plan is to establish a vocational school at the state prison, and they came to Corvallis to obtain some information along that line.

Saving Bank Plan Endorsed.

Salem, Ore., Dec. 22.—After listening to an address by C. A. Greer, an educator of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on the "Thrift Saving Bank" plan for schools, the county school superintendents in session here yesterday endorsed it.

Morrow County Home Burned.

Ione, Or., Dec. 22.—John Olden's residence, said to have been the most pretentious home in Morrow county, burned Tuesday evening about 7 o'clock. It was valued at about \$5000 and is a complete loss. The house was 14 miles from Ione at Rhea Creek. Mr. Olden will rebuild.

Kehrli Back Again.

After having looked after dairying and milk testing promotion in inter-

THE FAMOUS SOUL KISSERS.



Mrs. Ada Brown Ketchum.

Everett P. Ketchum.

Probably the most remarkable testimony ever heard in a separation suit, in the Supreme court of New York, by Mrs. Ada Brown Ketchum against her husband, Everett P. Ketchum, a wealthy lawyer of New York city. Soul kisses that lasted for two hours are frequently mentioned. In denying the assertion that her

for Oregon points, F. W. Kehrli, government dairy expert with headquarters in this city, was in La Grande today rounding up affairs preliminary to returning to Portland to spend the holidays there.

Telephone Systems Merge.

Chehalis, Dec. 22.—This week the Chehalis telephone exchange, including all the Coffman lines operating out of Chehalis and the entire holdings of the Home Telephone & Telegraph company of Chehalis, were sold to the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company. A five-year lease has been taken on the present site of the local exchange, the building for which was erected especially for this business.

Show War Trophies in France

Paris, Dec. (By Mail).—France's display of war trophies taken from the Germans, which so far has been confined to Paris, is now to be extended to all the leading French cities. Marseilles has just been provided with a display of the cannons captured by the former garrison of that city, and each of the other favorite cities of France is soon to have an opportunity of visibly attesting the prowess of the French pistol.

Convict Is Inventor.

Salem, Ore., Dec. 22.—An auto truck which it is claimed is superior to any now on the market has been constructed by William Smith, serving a term in the penitentiary from Multnomah county for forgery, and Judge Tazewell of Portland, was here yesterday making arrangements to apply for a patent.

The principal advantage claimed for the truck was that it has rear wheels 56 inches high which are driven separately by the engine, and that it has a universal point so that it will not be affected by jars. In addition it is claimed that it can be operated much cheaper than the present truck and that it can travel 14 miles an hour under a load.

Smith is serving his second term for forgery, and as soon as a patent can be obtained on the truck an effort will be made to pardon him so that he can engage in its manufacture.

Vocational Training in High School. Salem, Ore., Dec. 22.—Figures prepared by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill show that there are 17,389 students, pursuing one or more of the five vocational courses offered in the high schools of the state.

According to the superintendent there are 5141 students taking manual training, and 4141 enrolled in the commercial courses. The value of the equipment of the former course is \$61,754, and that for the latter \$40,505. Manual training is being taught in 70 high schools, and commercial work in 71.

Municipal Court Jury Disagrees. Salem, Ore., Dec. 22.—The jury here yesterday to try six Chinese and two Japanese, charged with gambling, failed to agree. The eight men will have a second trial, according to City Attorney Trindle.



See Our Tempting, Snappy--

XMAS GOODS

A GIFT FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY—Something useful—and pleasing—priced at our usual UNITED STORE WAY—You can afford to buy each of them a present here—

Ladies' new style purses	98c	Men's dress shirts	49c, 98c, \$1.49
Misses' new purses	19c	Men's silk ties	25c, 45c, 98c, \$1.25
Child's new purses	10c, 15c	Men's tie sets	25c, 45c, 98c, \$1.25
Perfumes	10c	Men's suspender sets	25c, 45c, 89c
Mauderain Jade Barretts, combs or hair pins	49c	Men's handkerchiefs, a box	25c
Cuff links	25c, 49c, 69c	Men's pocket knives	25c, 49c, 69c
Scarf pins	25c, 49c, 69c, 98c	Men's wallets	49c
Scarf pin sets	49c, 69c, 98c	Men's pajamas	98c, \$1.49, \$1.69
13 Piece lunch sets	\$1.69, \$1.98	Men's hats	98c, \$1.49, \$1.98, \$2.49
White throws for luncheon tables	49c, 98c, \$1.25, \$1.49, \$1.69, \$1.98, \$2.98	Men's slippers	69c, 98c, \$1.49
Bed spreads	98c, \$1.49, \$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98	Men's overcoats	\$9.90, \$12.50, \$14.75
Fur sets	\$4.98, \$5.90, \$6.90, \$9.90, \$12.50	Men's gloves	25c, 49c, 69c, 98c
Plucked Muskrat Melon shape muffs a real \$10.00 value	\$7.90	Men's umbrellas	98c, \$1.49, \$1.98
		Men's mackinaws	\$3.98, \$4.98, \$5.90, \$6.90
		Boys' Jerseys	98c, \$1.23
		Boys' suits	\$2.98, \$3.98, \$4.98

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THE UNITED STORE

83 BIG BUSY STORES

J. C. PENNEY CO.

Want Ads.

YEARS AGO the crier announced the auction sale, then came the hand bills, and their "hit or miss" results—today the effective way is the Want Ads—they hit the mark. That's what counts.

FOR RENT—A four room house, 2112 First street, phone Black 1191. —Adv. 12-18-tf.

FOR SALE—Good White sewing machine at a bargain; first-class condition. Call Red 22.—Adv. 11-23-tf.

WANTED—Reliable young lady would like work. No choice. Call Miss Koutnik, Black 12.—Adv. 12-17-3tp.

FOR SALE—One of the most desirable residence lots in town. Call at Newlin Book & Stationery Co.—Adv. 11-27-tf.

FOR RENT—Six room house. Modern. Call at The Toggery. 12-11-tf.

FOR SALE—Almost new five passenger 1915 Studebaker. Apply at 1604 Seventh street.—Adv. 12-16-tf.

FOR RENT—Five room modern cottage on Oak between Adams and Jefferson—Call Black 711. 12-20-6t.

For Sale—Team, wagon and harness, cheap. Nothing but cash offer considered. Chas. Lester, trustee, room 26 La Grande National bank building.—Adv. 12-21-3t.

LOST—In La Grande or on Mt. Glen road, a satchel containing \$2.50 and valuable papers. Leave at Observer office and be rewarded.—Adv. 12-21-3t.

FOR RENT—Three modern furnished rooms for housekeeping. Phone Red 11.—Adv. 12-22-3t.

LOST—Tire chain. Return to Oregon Grocery Co. for reward.—Adv. 12-22-2t.

FOR SALE—Pure bred Ancona cockerels.—Mrs. A. Risley, Union, Ore.—Adv. 12-22-2tp.

LOST—Chain for Ford car. Call Cherry laundry.—Adv. 12-23-2t.

WANTED—Work by good cook and housekeeper. Phone Red 362.—Adv. 12-23-1tp.

FOR RENT—Two nicely furnished housekeeping rooms with bath, 1512 Adams. Phone Black 3901.—Two blocks from center of town.—Adv. 12-22-tf.

FREE—A rare holiday offer; an opportunity to get free instruction on piano. To all who start a 20-lesson course between now and January 1, 1916, I will give five lessons free. Phone Black 3901, Mrs. Sadie Wesley, 1512 Adams Ave.—Adv. 12-22-10tp.

We Thank You

Our opening day was a delight, we assure you. The large number of people who called and wished us success in our new undertaking made us know they appreciate our efforts to serve them with a thoroughly modern Drug Store in the most central location in the city.

We wish to thank all who called and to assure them that every day in the year we will be at their service, ready always to minister to the people's wants with absolutely FRESH, NEW GOODS—and this means something to all patrons of Drug Stores.

With our very best wishes for a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year we are

Yours for Service,

La Grande Pharmacy

A. Newlin, Manager.

Exhibition of Cut Flowers

If you want to see what the La Grande folks have bought for Christmas be sure and see our window.

Thursday Night Only, 6 to 9 o'Clock

DON'T MISS THIS

La Grande Seed & Floral Co.

Next Door to the Picture Show