

CLOSING OUT SALE

SALE STARTS TUESDAY, JAN. 2
9 A. M.

An Opportunity Such as Was Never Before Offered the Public, Now Awaits You at
E. E. KIRTLEY

Not a matter of reducing stock but an actual \$20,000.00 stock Closing Out. Do you realize what such a sale stands for? It means that you are offered a chance to buy everything in Ladies' Merchandise from the smallest dressing accessories to the latest and most exclusive dress and suit AT YOUR OWN FIGURE. Not a single thing RESERVED—but EVERY ARTICLE IN THE STORE GOES, even to those included in the last Shipments.

Look For The Big Red Sign

E. E. KIRTLEYS' CLOSING OUT SALE

AUTO CAPS

One lot of Auto Caps, black and white checks.
CHOICE 5c

PILLOW TOPS

Big Assortment of Lodge Pillows.
CHOICE 10c

PETTICOATS

Heatherbloom Petticoats with fancy colored flounces, look like silk; to close out, at
\$1.39

REMEMBER

When you read about this great closing out sale: That we carry in stock everything that women and children wear, as well as notions of all kinds.

A few of the articles to be found at Kirtley's: Umbrellas, Underwear, Hosiery, Gloves, Shirt Waists, Kimonos, Corsets, Ribbons, Muslins and Silk Underwear, Linens, Art Goods of all kinds, Neckwear for men and women, Bath Robes, Indian Blankets, Petticoats, both silk and cotton; Baby Clothes of all kinds, Towels, Pillow Cases, Bed Spreads, Furs, Lunch Sets, Millinery, Hundreds of other articles could be mentioned. We carry the largest stock of high-grade Suits, Coats and Dresses to be found in eastern Oregon. All to be closed out at this sale. If you want anything for the house or to wear, you never will have another chance like this.

SHIRT WAISTS

One lot of Tailored Waists. White and colors. Close out
AT 39c

FURS

Furs are something that change but very little in style. Ours were bought last July before the rise in prices. The entire stock will be placed on sale at
\$3.13 ON THE DOLLAR

Who ever heard of such reductions? And to think this is just the season of the year you want warm furs. If not in the market at this time, you will make money by investing for another season. We must close out every garment.

WOOL DRESSES

The Dress that is so much in favor this season: "Billie Burke" styles; black, navy, and brown. Regular price \$12.50 to \$32.50. All new this season.

Your Choice at Half Price

Never before have you had such a chance. Must be closed out at once.

This will be the greatest chance to buy a Suit you have ever had and probably your last chance to buy one at Kirtley's. Every Suit in the store at less than one-half price.

SUITS

These Suits will be arranged in lots to make choosing an easy matter, so come the first day and make your selection. Over a hundred Suits, but at the prices they will last but a short time.
\$5.90

One lot of Suits, the very best of material; values up to \$37.50. These Suits were new last season and with a little changing will be up-to-date in every respect.
\$9.90

The most wonderful bargains you ever heard of. Suits that you paid \$27.50 for three weeks ago, now yours at **\$9.90**.

\$11.50 TO \$16.75

Your choice of any of our high grade Suits—Broadcloth, Poplin, Velour, French Mixtures. Values up to \$50.00, at genuine close-out sale. Come early.

COATS

Those who are familiar with the Kirtley stock of Coats need no explanation as to their merits, but what NONE can realize until they actually behold, are the ridiculously low prices that are put upon these handsome up-to-date goods, sold at the price of the most ordinary garments.

Most of these are advanced styles, which guarantees their style for another season. Hundreds to choose from, such as Plushes, Velvets, Velours, Fancy Mixtures, Zibelines, and Broadcloths. Sizes 16 to 46.

DOMESTICS

We have Sheets, Pillow Cases, Bed Spreads, Oil Cloth, Table Linen; everything ready-made for the home. All to be closed out.

SHIRT WAISTS

We received three days before Xmas \$500 worth of waists that should have arrived in November; lingerie, georgette, crepe de chene, taffeta and mesaline; a most wonderful assortment; prices regularly \$2.50 to \$10.00. Close out prices
\$1.39 TO \$4.98

Rush to the sale because it is worth while. Any out-of-town person can well afford the trip if for nothing else.

UMBRELLAS

Ten dozen Umbrellas received three days before Xmas. Those that are left at close-out prices. I mention the time received to show that the material is NEW and will not crack. Prices so low that every one should sell the first day.

PARTY DRESSES

The Cream of All the Bargains Offered.

Party Dresses that have just arrived from our buying agent in New York, and which are AUTHORIZED Parisian Models, to be included in this exceptional sale. Eighteen arrived December 22nd. Values from
\$22.00 TO \$75.00

Cut to prices that will positively force their immediate sale. Never again will such opportunities be presented to you.

TOWELS

We have all kinds of Towels: Linen Towels, Bath Towels, Face Towels, Huck Towels, Towels for Dressers, white and fancy borders, to be closed out. Everything must be sold at once. This sale will last but a short time at the prices.

ART GOODS

Buy now for next Xmas. The entire line of Royal Society, "Bucilla" Art Goods, Gowns, Unions, Table Runners, Fancy Towels, Pillow Cases, Fancy Bags, Waists, Aprons; in fact everything to be embroidered: Crochet threads, Embroidery threads, all at close out prices.

The most wonderful Close Out Sale ever held by any one.

OLD PAPERS—For sale at The Observer office.

NEW YEARS AT Y. M. C. A.

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game of basketball between the Baker intermediates and the La Grande Y. M. C. A. intermediates, and this game will be worth while. Both team have been practicing for the event for a number of weeks and will go on the floor both with the determination of winning this the first game ever played between two intermediate teams from both cities. With Howard Stoddard, Charles-Ash, Park Taylor, Lloyd Chandler, Kenneth Kenney, Harry Proctor, Elwood Lyman, Audmer Playle, Reed Taylor, Claude Hastin, Fred Kivette and Theo George in the local Y. M. C. A. lineup, the Baker team will have some playing to do in order to come out on top. The boys are hoping that a large crowd will attend this game in order to defray expenses, a small admission fee will be charged for the afternoon sports, the first game will start at 2:30.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no others. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years the standard. Always reliable. SOLD EVERYWHERE

Sports---

GUNBOAT SMITH A SORRY RELIC OF WHITE HOPE DAYS

BY H. C. HAMILTON
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
New York, Dec. 30.—Gunboat Smith, survival of that dim, dark age when white hopes were abroad in the land, is through. Don't let anyone say he isn't. The old ship, battle-scarred in many an encounter, hooked up a few night ago with Frank Moran, who has been through for some time, and he was hard put to it to hold his own.

The gunner, who had beaten Champion Jess Willard, who fought George Carpentier to a standstill and lost on a foul, who beat Sam Langford once, only to lose in another encounter with the dusky son of swat, has passed from among the lordly race that once prided dollars from a suffering public. There will be no more mobs at New York club doors to see the gunner take his medicine. The mob got plenty when it saw the gunner reeling under a bombardment from Moran's guns.

Frank Moran was handed about as nifty a trimming as any man should last summer. Smith once gave Dillon want to see when he met Jack Dillon quit an interesting little session. But Smith looked awfully bad in the ring with Moran. He gave the impression of being ready to retire to the farm or the battleship for the rest of his life. The gunner has been a good old scow, too. He has fought about every good white heavyweight since the days of James J. Jeffries, and most of the time he was on the right side of the ledger.

It was the merest chance that beat him out of a crack at Champion Jack Johnson when he took a smash at George Carpentier when the idol of France was down. That really was the last good fight he ever took part in. Since then he has rapidly been on the skids. The big crash was the only thing wanting and it came in the Moran battle.

FOOTBALL SEASON ONE OF MYSTERIES

BY H. C. HAMILTON.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
New York, Dec. 30.—Mystery simply oozed and gurgled around the football season of 1916. Beginning the year it was possible to get almost any

kind of a slant at the dope. Princeton had a good team, Harvard had a good team, Cornell was unbeatable and so was Pittsburgh. Syracuse would clean up everything. Then the playing got down to the last convulsions and Brown tipped over the whole dope of a season. Brown and Pittsburgh were given even slices of the honors, only to see little Colgate step in and give the bucket a final push down the incline. Princeton started off by heating every one with the help of a little luck.

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GOOD INVESTMENT

says M. D. Reynolds, Madison, Wis., who states: "I had rheumatism nineteen years; used three boxes of



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La Grande, Oregon

Money to Loan

Have \$50,000.00 @ 7 per cent in amounts from \$2500.00 up, to loan on Grande Ronde Valley Farms.

Have \$50,000.00 @ 8 per cent in amounts from \$1000.00 up, to loan on farms in Union County.

\$ 250.00 @ 10 Per Cent
\$ 500.00 @ 10 Per Cent
\$ 700.00 @ 10 Per Cent
\$1,500.00 @ 8 Per Cent

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W. B. SARGENT, President

LA GRANDE INVESTMENT COMPANY
LA GRANDE, ORE.

Pottery Sale

All Pottery, one-third off during this sale.

"Black Pottery Excepted"

Come in and look it over while the assortment is complete.

La Grande Seed & Floral Co.

Foley Hotel Building.