

We do not intend to put on our inventory sheets anything that can find other owners before that time and as the

BANNER BARGAIN OPPORTUNITY

of the year is fast drawing to a close, those who would buy must buy quickly. The prices we are quoting on

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are wonderfully low and should bring you to our store tomorrow.

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Quality and Service

Do We Support Local Stores?

What if we should go to one of our local storekeepers and say: "Here is a ten-dollar bill; I want you to buy for me such-and-such an article, made so-and-so, this color, that size, and deliver it to me at your convenience—say 30 days."

and another, still another, until 50 of us, all living here in our community shall have placed in the hands of the storekeeper a sum amounting to \$1000 with similar instructions.

We would then have treated the local storekeeper with the same liberality as we, who have been buying of the mail order houses, have treated these monopolistic concerns. We would then have supplied him with cash capital sufficient to buy what we want and give him a fair profit on his deal.

Yes, we would thus enable him to take a trip to the city, buy from the

manufactured articles desired, ship them to us, spend a day or so enjoying himself if he so pleased, and leave him a fair percentage of profit over and above the cost of the articles and his expenses.

Do we do this? Yes, we do—not. But this is exactly what we do with the mail order man in the big city. We send him the money in advance. He has the use of our cash for the purchase of the articles to make profits without investments. What would be the effect on our community?

It would mean prosperity for us all. It would mean more taxes to be paid by our business men, improvements of a municipal character, better school facilities, better street lighting, better paving, etc.

Help keep your fellow workman from being injured. Do your work safely and ask him to do his that way.

That's How Much they Think of Their Cattle In England.

London, Jan. 25.—(United Press.)—Much criticism developed here today over the sale of a prize steer to a stock farm at Bushnell, Illinois; U. S. A. The critics say every pound of beef should remain in England.

In Switzerland a stream of water only an inch and a half in diameter has been harnessed after a fall of 5,400 feet and made to produce 3000 horse power.

Notice.

To all carpenters interested. There will be a meeting at 8 p. m., January 23d, at Goodnough's shop. Business of importance. All attend by request of committee. 1-22-2p

OLD PAPERS—For sale at The Observer office, 25 cents a bundle.

LARSEN M. I. A. PLAYER PLAYS IN ONTARIO GAME WITH FINGERS INJURED

J. C. F. No Charge

ario, Ore., Jan. 24.—(Special)—By the largest crowd that ever assembled here to see a basketball game the La Grande M. I. A. team defeated the Ontario five, 21 to 18. Larsen, La Grande's big center, played through the game with two fingers dislocated but nevertheless scored 12 of the visitors' 21 points. He made six points on free throws and rung three from the floor. The score at the end of the first half was 16 to 6 in favor of La Grande and then the visitors eased up, saving themselves for their coming games in Eastern Oregon and Idaho.

The lineup of both teams and the detailed score is:

La Grande—Guards, Bean, Hollister and E. Rosenbaum; center, Larsen (12); forwards, J. Rosenbaum (4), Schofield (5).

Ontario—Guards, Christenson, Raider (2); center, Maddock (14); forwards, Holland (2), Grames.

Fouls—Twelve called on La Grande, Maddock pitching 6; fourteen called on Ontario.

Seat Sale For Elks' Show Is Very Good

There are just a few seats left for the first night of the Elks' show to be held Thursday and Friday nights. Already over \$400 has been taken in, and inasmuch as the house capacity is \$500 a night, the management feels that the seat sale is very good. The show will start at 8:30 sharp, both Thursday and Friday nights.

"The Gazoot," the Elks' special paper, will be out today and copies will be at the Elks' club after 1 p. m., today. Each advertiser in "The Gazoot" will receive several copies.

The show, "A Night in Bohemia," is being given for the benefit of the building fund and any money will go into this fund for the purchase of furniture or other equipment.

Students Fight High Living Cost

Men and Women at the University of Oregon Live on Minimum Sum.

University of Oregon, Jan. 24.—Is the cost of a college education prohibitive to a poor man?

Certainly not, say the "batchers" at the University of Oregon. The living expenses of these "batchers," including food, rent, light, water, heat, laundry and accessories, are said to run from \$8 to \$15, depending on what the individual can afford.

There are now 24 "batchers," men and women, at Oregon. Recently they have perfected an organization, of which Allen Rothwell, a senior majoring in literature, is president. One object of the organization is to promote fellowship and exchange of mutually helpful ideas regarding the problems of living. Another object is to circulate throughout the state information regarding living conditions and the actual cost of living at the university.

"Any person who has good health and is willing to work can get an education at Oregon," said Curtis Beach, of Portland, vice-president of the organization.

A committee on student living, of which Professor J. F. Bovard is chairman, is now investigating costs, ways and means, and possibilities for students wishing to come to Oregon. The committee will soon have some accurate information for publication.

ANSWER THE ALARM!

La Grande People Should Not Delay.

If your kidneys are inflamed, Don't stand around and do nothing. Like a fire it will soon be beyond control.

You will get the alarm in time—Backache, or dizziness or disorders of the urine.

Heed the warning. Give your kidneys a rest by living more carefully.

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Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Bartlett had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.—Adv.

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EVANGELIST, OLD TIME FIGHTER, TO HOLD BOXING MATCHES IN CHURCH GYM!



TEACHES THE BOYS OF HIS SUNDAY-SCHOOL CLASS TO BOX

The Wisconsin boxing commission has just issued a permit to perhaps the most unique club in the world. The clubrooms will be a church gymnasium in Rhineland, Wis., and the boxers and spectators will be Sunday school boys.

The preacher in question is Rev. Fred Wedge, formerly "Kid" Wedge, lightweight champion of Rhineland and outside the ring one of the best rough-and-tumble fighters of northern Wisconsin.

As a fighter of the devil he is as tenacious as he ever was in the squared circle.

Rev. Wedge has organized an amateur athletic association in connection with his Sunday school.

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Bethlehem's Bid on Shells for the United States Navy

To the American People:

The Secretary of the Navy has awarded contracts amounting to over \$3,000,000 to a British bidder for 14- and 16-inch projectiles for the Navy, for the reason that the British firm offered prices very much below those of American manufacturers, including ourselves.

We know nothing of the basis upon which the British bids were made, but the public is entitled to know the facts upon which we ourselves bid for this work.

Two years ago we took contracts to make 4,200 14-inch shells at a price of \$1,515,000 (with heavy penalties for delayed delivery). Despite the fact that all our experience and facilities have been strained to fulfill these contracts, up to now not a single shell has been accepted by the Government, although on the work already done

We have expended in wages, materials, etc\$447,881
Expended in making tests for the Government 75,000

Making our total actual expenditure up to date\$522,881

And we have not received a SINGLE DOLLAR on these contracts

In addition literal enforcement of the contract might involve payment of penalties for delayed delivery already amounting to \$678,016

Navy Department tests are now so severe that neither we nor, as far as we know, any other manufacturers have yet been able to produce in quantity 14-inch shells which will meet them.

In the light of our experience, and having no other basis, we bid for 16-inch shells approximately the same rate per pound as that upon which the Navy Department actually awarded a 14-inch shell contract one year ago.

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