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ASPIRATION.
To live for common ends is to be common.
The highest faith makes still the highest man;
For we grow like the things that we believe.
And rise, or sink, as we aim high or low.
No mirror shows such likeness of the face,
As the faith we live by of the heart and mind;
We are in very truth that which we love;
And love like noblest deeds, is born of faith.
—Browning.

FOR TEN YEARS

UNDER the present contract between the city and the Pacific Power & Light Co. the city has a right to set aside the contract should a municipal electric plant be established.
The arrangement gives the public a hold it would not have otherwise. If the company should become too unreasonable in its charges or lax as to service the people always have a chance to establish a plant of their own if they wish.
But if the council should ratify the new contract submitted by the electric company the

valuable privilege now held will be thrown away. We will become tied hand and foot for a period of ten years. All this without obtaining any lower rate than at present and with the further disadvantage of having a patchwork lighting arrangement for our business section.
It is inconceivable that the council will accept the new contract without amendments for the protection of the public interest.

MOISTURE IN GRAIN

THE department of agriculture is giving attention to the subject of the moisture percentage in grain. The weight of the water which is contained in varying proportions in all grain, flour, and cottonseed should be subtracted and only the dry material considered in making sales and purchases, say grain standardization specialists of the department. Such a method is fair, they declare, for producer, dealer and consumer alike. The percentage of moisture in different lots of grains and seeds and their products are always appreciable and sometimes very high. The purchaser who merely buys such products by weight or volume, therefore, without consideration of moisture content, is often paying a grain price for considerable quantities of ordinary water.

The advantages in trading on a dry-matter basis are not confined to the dealer, but are shared by the producer. Because grains as they come from the farm often contain such large percentages of moisture that they are in danger of fermenting or molding, dealers take a risk in handling them. For this reason the prices paid to farmers are usually placed low enough to compensate for probable loss or for the cost of artificial drying. The average price struck is usually lower than the farmer with low-moisture-content grain would receive on a dry-matter basis, and therefore penalizes good farming methods. The general adoption of the dry-matter basis, the department special-

ists say, would, on the other hand, place a premium on better farm practices, resulting in the production of drier grains. Not only does the farmer producing relatively dry grain lose now when the moisture content is not considered, but the producer of high-moisture grain often suffers an even greater loss by having his product spoil on the farm, in transit, or in commercial storage. If he ships for sale to a distant market, he also suffers loss by having to pay freight on valueless water. If such a farmer ships five cars of grain of 20 per cent moisture content, he is in reality shipping four cars of dry matter and one car of water. If he had by proper treatment brought his product down to a 12 per cent moisture content, he would be saving freight on two-fifths of a car of water.

It is better to have the price of gasoline go skyward now than during the spring and summer months; it will soon be time for sleigh bells.

J. N. Teal is an authority on the shipping subject and would be a very desirable member of the shipping board, should he care for the post.

Villa "captured" Chihuahua but he did not hold the city very long.

Take no chances with deadly auto gases in a closed garage.

28 Years Ago Today

(From the Daily East Oregonian, Dec. 4, 1888.)
Umatilla encampment No. 17, I. O. O. F. elected the following officers on last Thursday evening, T. F. Rourke, C. P. E. E. Sharon, S. W. H. J. Taylor, H. P. Max Baer, scribe; A. Healey, treasurer; George Buzan, J. W. J. T. Llewellyn was down yesterday from Adams shaking hands with his many Pendleton friends. It is rumored strongly that he will soon become a merchant of Adams.
It is softly whispered on the street that J. B. Eddy is a candidate for the office of mayor of Pendleton.
An old granger who came today in an one horse shay drove quietly up in front of the Willard House, alighted

and solemnly proceeded to feed his horse his noon day meal as unconsciously as though he were 190 miles from civilization.
Yesterday's Salem Statesman says that Hon. G. W. Webb, state treasurer is seriously ill.
A drunken Swede was robbed of \$50 Saturday under very peculiar circumstances. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon he rolled into a saloon dead drunk and sat down in a chair. Running his hand into his pocket he discovered that a hole had been made by some sharp instrument and his purse containing \$50 was missing.

ROBERT LANSING,
SECRETARY OF STATE



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PERSONAL NOTES FROM ATHENA AND VICINITY

(East Oregonian Special.)
ATHENA, Dec. 2.—Bob Becham, who has been in Calgary for the past six months, is visiting friends in Athens.
Blaine Hansell of Moro, is spending the week with his brother, M. W. Hansell of this city.
Emery Worthington was a Pendleton visitor Wednesday.
Lawrence Tharpe was in Pendleton Thursday.
H. A. Post, teacher in the Athens schools, is spending his vacation week in Walla Walla visiting friends.
Miss Pauline Myrick of Milton was an Athena visitor Wednesday.
Rex Payne was a Pendleton visitor Thursday.
Miss Belle McIntyre, Miss Kathern

Oregon Theatre TUESDAY 5 DEC. 5
SEATS ON SALE AT THE DELTA. MATINEE AND NIGHT
Evening \$1.00 to \$2.50. Matinee 50c to \$2.00.
HENRY W. SAVAGE OFFERS
EVERY WOMAN
THE TREMENDOUS DRAMATIC SPECTACLE.
THE WONDER-PLAY THAT HAS EVERYTHING.
OPERA-DRAMA-MUSICAL COMEDY.
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ACCOMPANIES ORGANIZATION.
Not a Moving Picture.
7th Triumphal Tour
The Greatest Dramatic and Musical Organisation Ever Toured
ASK YOUR FRIENDS WHO HAVE SEEN IT

Frome and Miss Velva Mansfield were Pendleton visitors Thursday.
M. W. Hansell was a Walla Walla visitor Thursday.
Earl Simonton of Adams was in the city yesterday.
Chance Rogers of Weston was an Athena visitor yesterday.
Lawson Booker was a visitor at the county seat Thursday.
Louis Bergevin, Jr., was a Walla Walla visitor Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Zerba were Pendleton visitors yesterday.
Verne Dudley was a Milton visitor Thursday.
I. G. Brooks spent Thursday in Walla Walla.
Harry Brue of Walsburg was an Athena visitor Thursday.
Mrs. Dean T. Willaby was a Pendleton visitor Wednesday.
Frank Lockwood of Walla Walla, was an Athena visitor yesterday.

C. Howard Cochran was a Garden City Thursday.
Miss Gwendolyn Rogers of Pendleton spent Thanksgiving with Miss Vernita Watts of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dudley were Walla Walla visitors Wednesday.
Edward Sebaskey was a visitor at the county seat Thursday.

Every Ingredient Purely Vegetable
VEGETABLE-MINERAL MEDICINES
If you were as careful of the medicines you take when sick as you are anxious about the disease it is taken for—a wonderful difference in your future health would result.
In a vegetable product like S. S. S. there is no violent after-effect—as is found in mineral medicines—but a natural sufficient means of restoring the blood and nerves.
It may perform its functions readily.
S. S. S.—any mineral is a violent material to cast into your delicate interior. Demand genuine S. S. S. at your druggist, it is purely vegetable and the Standard Blood Remedy.
THE MINE IS THE SOURCE OF VIOLENT MINERAL DRUGS
Swift Specific Co. Atlanta, Ga.

On the Home Stretch!
Bond Bros. Fire Sale lasts 17 more days. Ends Sat. Night, Dec. 23
Hundreds of Fine Shoes at \$3.35 Pair
GOLF SHIRTS, NOT SOILED, 80c
GOOD KHAKI PANTS 35c PAIR
WARM WOOL MACKINAW
Some wonderful values now showing in a wide range of sizes. Priced during our Fire Sale, at \$6.85, \$7.85, \$8.95 and \$9.85. And winter is just starting.
150 SUITS AND 100 OVERCOATS
That formerly sold as high as \$30. Undamaged but going at \$10.85
200 SUITS AND 100 OVERCOATS
That formerly sold as high as \$27.50, a great bargain at \$9.85
1000 SUITS AND OVERCOATS
Regular \$17.50—Fire Sale Price \$11.85
Regular \$18.50—Fire Sale Price \$12.85
Regular \$20.00—Fire Sale Price \$13.85
Regular \$22.50—Fire Sale Price \$15.85
Regular \$25.00—Fire Sale Price \$17.85
Regular \$27.50—Fire Sale Price \$19.85
Regular \$30.00—Fire Sale Price \$21.85
Regular \$32.50—Fire Sale Price \$24.85
Regular \$35.00—Fire Sale Price \$24.85
Furnishings at Fire Sale Prices. Full Dress Shirts, Ties, Collars, Silk Hose, Pumps, White Vests, Black Vests, Links, Shirt Studs, Etc.
TAN AND BLUE CHAMBRAY 50c to 75c WORK SHIRTS SELLING FOR ONLY 35c
REGULAR \$1.25 FINE FLEECE LINED UNION SUITS, A FIRE SALE SPECIAL AT 65c
Boss of the Road and Sweet Orr \$1.25 Overalls. In good condition. Come in tan and blue Stripe. 55c
Go on sale while they last for only
MEN'S SUITS UP TO \$30
Alfred Benjamin, Society Brand and Kirschbaum high-quality suits that sold originally as high as \$30.00. Many wonderful values especially included in this lot for small men and young men who wear sizes 36 to 37. Other sizes as well. While they last, specially priced at \$6.85
BOND BROS. QUALITY SHOES
Regular \$4.50—Fire Sale Price \$3.35
Regular \$5.00—Fire Sale Price \$4.35
Regular \$6.00—Fire Sale Price \$4.85
Regular \$6.50—Fire Sale Price \$5.35
Regular \$7.00—Fire Sale Price \$6.35
Regular \$8.00—Fire Sale Price \$6.85
BOND BROS. QUALITY UNION SUITS
Fleece Lined Heavy Union Suits 95¢
Regular \$1.50—Fire Sale Price \$1.05
Regular \$2.00—Fire Sale Price \$1.40
Regular \$2.50—Fire Sale Price \$1.75
Regular \$3.00—Fire Sale Price \$2.05
Regular \$3.50—Fire Sale Price \$2.40
Regular \$4.00—Fire Sale Price \$2.95
Regular \$4.50—Fire Sale Price \$3.15
Regular \$5.00—Fire Sale Price \$3.85
Regular \$6.00—Fire Sale Price \$4.25
BOND BROS. QUALITY HATS.
Regular \$2.50—Fire Sale Price \$1.85
Regular \$3.50—Fire Sale Price \$2.65
Regular \$4.00—Fire Sale Price \$2.95
Regular \$5.00—Fire Sale Price \$3.95
Regular \$6.00—Fire Sale Price \$4.35
Regular \$10.00—Fire Sale Price \$7.85
Regular \$15.00—Fire Sale Price \$11.35
Buy your Christmas presents for "Him" here at a great reduction in prices