

BIG HARDWARE DEAL CLOSED.

PROMOTED BY ROBBINS AND
BELL, OF SUMPTER.

Basche-Sage Company File Articles of Incorporation—Capital Stock \$150,000—Take Over the Two Stores of Basche Company at Sumpter and Baker City and That of Sage & Grace, Baker City—Former Owners Retain Substantial Interests—Officers and Directors.

The Basche-Sage Hardware company filed articles of incorporation with the county clerk at Baker City last week for the consolidation of the Basche hardware interests in Sumpter and Baker City with the Sage & Grace interests of the latter place and the organization of a joint stock company with a capital stock of \$150,000, divided into 150,000 shares at \$1 each. The deal was promoted through Hon. J. H. Robbins and Seymour H. Bell, of this city, and is a business transaction not only of vast importance to Baker county but to the whole of eastern Oregon.

Peter Basche, former owner of the stores here and at Baker City, through a long and successful experience has built up an enormous trade throughout eastern Oregon, and it was his desire to transfer this to a corporation and free himself from the immediate responsibility of active management in looking after the details of a rapidly growing business. Through the consolidation with Sage & Grace, the services of Mr. Sage were secured as general manager of the corporation. His intimate acquaintance with the hardware business, and his former experience with large eastern firms make him a very desirable person for the managerial position. Mr. Basche retains a leading interest in the new firm, and Sage & Grace also retain substantial holdings.

The rest of the stock has been subscribed by prominent Sumpter and Baker City business men. While no meeting for the election of officers has been held, it is stated that the officers and directors will probably be as follows:

President, P. Basche; vice president and general manager, C. M. Sage; secretary, treasurer and financial manager, D. M. French; directors, J. H. Robbins, N. C. Richards, P. Basche, C. M. Sage and D. M. French.

Other details will be completed as rapidly as possible and the new company will take charge of the three stores included in the deal on the 15th of June.

To Figure on Contract,

W. P. Swarts, resident representative of the Holtoff Machinery com-

pany, left this week for Portland where he will submit figures on a machinery contract. He will be away five or six days.

Union Iron Works Man Here.

N. D. Phelps, representing the Union Iron Works, of San Francisco, was in the city a few days last week looking over the field. He left for Portland, but will be back here again in a short time.

MEMORIAL EXERCISES.

Interesting Programme Rendered—Dr. Heppe's Address.

The G. A. R. memorial exercises in the Ellis Opera house Sunday afternoon attracted a large crowd. The following program was effectively rendered:

Hymn—America.
Prayer—Rev. J. M. Wilder.
Scripture reading—Rev. Goodheart.

Anthem—"Thou Art the Father."
Reading, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address—Rev. Jas. Byers.

Memorial Address—Rev. W. H. Heppe, D. D.

Prayer—Rev. J. M. Wilder.
Anthem—"Praise Unto the Father."
Benediction—Rev. Jas. Byers.

While the main feature of the exercises was Dr. Heppe's address, the music by a union choir, and the readings were matters of interest.

As a basis of his discourse Dr. Heppe chose the following scripture from St. John: "If the Son, therefore, shall make ye free, ye shall be free indeed." Leading up to the practical application of freedom, he said that freedom, liberty, is one of the basic principles of all animate life. It is Nature's law to be free at any cost. Among the lower animals nature works the survival of the fittest through well known evolutionary laws, while in the instance of man, her dominant creature, every great reform, every forward movement in civilization of world wide effect through past history, has been marked by blood and battlefields and bleaching bones. He saw in all this the same immutable laws of God which characterize not only man's actions, his strife for liberty, for principle, but which govern all nature.

While the speaker entered due encomium upon the heroes, and leaders of the Union, and complimented the men in gray as brave and worthy foemen, his address was scientific and philosophic rather than eulogistic or historical. He cited the principles and showed that they applied to the matter in hand. His theme was well outlined, carefully grasped and well presented.

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