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Grand Reduction Sale



Beginning Saturday, Dec. 28th, we will place on sale an immense line of merchandise at astonishingly low prices. We do this in order to reduce our stock before taking our annual invoice Feb'y. 1st, and every one is invited to call and avail themselves of this opportunity to secure bargains.

We also take this opportunity to express to one and all our appreciation of their liberal patronage during the past year and solicit the same in the future. We assure you that we will do our utmost to merit your good will, and endeavor to give you faithfully.

Wishing all a prosperous and happy New Year, we are

Respectfully yours,

E. M. & M. CO.

THE WORLD'S NEWS

FROM FAR & NEAR.

Clipped From Our Exchanges.

George Reno, a discarded suitor of Miss Lulu Mercier, of Spokane is charged with sending the young lady a coffin as a Christmas present, also sending another coffin to a woman employe of a local drygoods store.

The State Forest, Fish and Game Commission reports that express companies which operate in the Adirondacks carried 1286 deer during the past season. This is believed to indicate that 6500 deer were killed in this section during the year.

John R. Rogers, governor of the state of Washington, died December 26. Henry G. McBride, the lieutenant governor is now the chief executive of the state. Rogers was a Populist and McBride is a Republican, so there will be a general shaking up in the appointive offices under control of the governor's office.

Figures have been prepared by the Railway Age showing that railway building in the United States during 1901 has been for 11 years previous, the total approximating 5508 miles of line. In 1890 the total approxi- was 5070, and in 1900 was 4437 miles. The construction of the year added to the total mileage previously reported brings the total mileage of the country country to approximately 199,370 miles.

Sampson's Mental Condition.

URBANA, Ill., Dec. 26.—John B. Weeks, of Champaign, a personal friend of Rear-Admiral Sampson, has received a letter from Mrs. Sampson, in which she says that the mental condition of the Admiral is beyond recovery. The letter was written in reply to a note expressing sympathy with the Rear-Admiral in the personal annoyances he has suffered in the controversy with Rear-Admiral Schley. The letter follows:

"Washington, D. C., Dec. 23, 1901.—My dear Mr. Weeks: Admiral Sampson is too ill to really understand your most kind letter, just received, but if he were well he would wish to thank you for it, he cares so much for all 'old timers' and for anything that concerns Palmyra.

The wording of your letter shows that living in the West has not blinded your eyes to the truth concerning recent events. I have enjoyed your expression of the true facts as you understand them. My dear husband is quite worn out with a long life of concentrated duty. Physically he is comfortable and happy, but the brain is tired beyond ever being rested.

"ELIZABETH BULLING SAMPSON."

The Coal Fields

Lewiston Tribune. Fred M. Russell, the assayer of Wallace, returned yesterday from a trip to the Graude Rounde coal discoveries. The trip was made for the purpose of making an expert examination of the properties in connection with the option recently given by the owners to M. J. Dowd of Wallace. In speaking yesterday of the real prospect Mr. Russell said;

"It is simply a matter of transportation. While the coal deposit has not yet been explored, there is coal exposed in quantity and quality to make it of merchantable value. The surface exposure presents coal of a quality that could be used by smelters. Summing up my observations I will say that I consider the discovery superior to any coal prospects, of which I have knowledge, in the north-west. It is a wonderful showing for the work done, and it is certainly an immense body."

Mr. Russell explains that no great

depth has been obtained in the workings, and that a shaft should be sunk through the present layer when harder coal and of a superior quality could probably be encountered. He designates the surface layer as a capping, which, while of a grade satisfactory to smelters and similar use, is not necessarily the standard of the deposit at depth. "If a hard coal was found at depth," said Mr. Russell, "the transportation problem would be quickly solved. A railroad would soon be on the ground, and in all probability it would be the O. R. & N." Mr. Russell says the immense outcroppings can be traced four miles, the field being one of immense magnitude. When questioned regarding the future plans of himself or associates regarding the properties, Mr. Russell said he had no statement to make.

HON. J. M. CHURCH

Under No Circumstances a Candidate for Governor.

Sunday's Oregonian, in connection with others mentioned the name of our fellow townsman Hon. J. M. Church as a candidate for the nomination of Governor on the Republican Ticket.

Yesterday an Observer representative sought an interview relating to his candidacy, wherein he stated emphatically, "I am not a candidate, and under no circumstances will I be, but am in favor, as I believe the greater portion of the republicans of the state are in renomination and election of Governor Geer, who has so ably filled the position with honor to the state and himself."

Mr. Church further stated: "I would indeed consider it a great honor to be the chief executor of the state wherein I have made my home for the past forty years, and especially so during the next four years which I consider will be the beginning of a new era for the Pacific Coast: but for various reasons under no circumstances would I accept the nomination. However, I appreciate the honor of being mentioned in connection with the highest office within the gift of the people of the state, by prominent and active members of a party, whose record has so indelibly stamped its policy and principles into the history of our country. I cast my first vote for John C. Freemont, and have worked in the ranks of the party ever since, and will continue to do so, as in the past."

A Lively Chase

J. D. Cottingham is in trouble again. Last Friday he was riding a horse around town and as a diversion rode for a short distance on the side walk. Complaint to the city authorities was made, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. In the meantime, however, the marshal of LaGrande telephoned in to the sheriff to arrest Cottingham and hold him.

Deputy Conner went into the saloon after him and as soon as they got to the door, Cottingham made a break for liberty. Conner ran after him and shot three times at him but failed to stop him. By this time constable Weaver was in the field with the city warrant, and the sheriff also took a hand. Mike Knight was told by the deputy sheriff to go after him also, and the chase across the fields and through the brush south of town was certainly interesting. He was finally surrounded in a thicket of brush in Prentiss Homans field and Mike Knight went in and brought him out.

He was brought before the police court and fined \$10 for riding on the side walks. The fine was paid and he was turned over to the sheriff who held him until marshal Childers arrived sometime during the night, when they started to LaGrande.

It is understood that he was wanted out there for stealing a watch, pistol, a pair of shoes and some other articles.

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