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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 serve 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.

The Huntington Herald says: J. S. Locke returned from Portland Tuesday, where he has been attending to business matters. Mr. Locke says there is a general feeling around the Northwest Railway company's office that work on the Northwest road down Snake river will begin early in the spring.

A boy can sit on a sled six inches square, tied to a sleigh moving eight miles an hour but couldn't sit on a sofa five minutes for a dollar. A man will sit on an inch board and talk politics for three hours; put him in a church pew for forty minutes he gets nervous, twists and goes to sleep. A man will fill his mouth with tobacco juice, till it runs down his chin, and feel good, but a hair in the butte kills him.—Ex.

General Beebe and staff have just completed an inspection of the different organizations composing the Oregon National Guard. There are now 1497 officers and men in the service all of whom are completely equipped for service. They have full uniforms and accoutrements, blankets, shelter tents, and 40 rounds of fixed ammunition per man, in reserve. Any of the companies that might be ordered out for service could go on short notice. They have everything on hand at their armories.

ALBA, Dec. 30.—A strange natural phenomenon is reported by Camas prairie stockmen returning from summer ranges or from cattle-buying in the Wallowa country. According to them the freak has never become known outside the Wallowa district, but is said to be worth going hundreds of miles to see. The scene is at Wallowa Lake, the well known summer resort, and the phenomenon is a mirage of remarkable distinctness. Objects on one side of the lake appear to a man at a certain angle on the other to be rushing rapidly up the hillsides into the clouds. A herd of cattle being driven past the lake homeward by the Camas Prairie herders was seen to go straight skyward to the horror of the deluded spectators on the opposite side. The phenomenon is supposed to be an ordinary mirage rare in this country and common in some parts of the world.

State Finances.

SALEM, Jan. 3.—The State Treasurer has filed his semi-annual statement, showing the condition of the various funds in his hands December 31, 1901.

General fund	\$ 81,173.14
Com school fund, prin	561,123.54
" " int	72,694.20
Agri college	28,078.53
" " int	5,814.75
University	8,638.74
" " int	2,186.54
Thurston	129.36
" " int	49.08
Swamp land	3,288.95
Tide	19,673.63
Salmon industry	1,246.08
Military tax	1,747.08
Or. Soldiers' H Nat	4,052.98
St Board of Exam	115.37
Hatchery dist No 2	14.00
Oregon stove factory	328.57
Hatchery	21,191.69
Bounty	16,654.06
Pure food	114.75
Total	\$ 828,297.25

State Taxes Fixed.

SALEM, Jan. 3.—The Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer today estimated the amount of revenue to be raised for state purposes for the year 1902 at \$895,000 for general purposes and \$25,000 for the Agricultural College, or a total of \$920,000.

This is \$250,000 greater than last year's revenue. This sum is appropriated among the several counties according to the ratio fixed by the act of the last Legislature. Under that act, each county will contribute to the expenses of the state to the proportion which their average assessments for the last five years bear to the average of the total assessments of all the counties for the same period. The purpose of that law was to remove the incentive to reduction of valuations, and now each county must contribute its proportion, however low or high its assessment may be.

Wallowa county's state tax will amount to \$6,533.50.

Wallowa County.

"The following article on Wallowa county appeared in the great New Years Number of The Oregonian.

This comparatively new county has during the year 1901 enjoyed a reasonable degree of prosperity. More land has been put in cultivation, fencing done, more houses built and more irrigating ditches constructed than in any previous year since its organization. Successful experiments have proven that alfalfa and brome grass can be raised here, and many acres have been sown, alfalfa on the lower lands that can be irrigated and brome on the high, dry lands.

As we have no railroad or other public means of transportation, farm products are not extensively raised for exports, but enough wheat of the best possible quality was raised last year to keep all the mills of the county running until another crop can be harvested, and an abundance of other kinds of grain and hay to supply all the stock not sent to the winter ranges. The vegetable and fruit crop, owing to late frosts, may not have been quite up to the usual yield, but there is no danger of a famine in either.

The copper mines, about which there has been some stir, are still being prospected, and development work is being done, and the difficulty of access is probably the only reason that more has not been done with them. The same may be said of the granite, marble and coal deposits known to exist in the county. The wonderful agricultural, grazing and timber resources will eventually make this a great county, whether the mines amount to anything or not. There is also much Government land within the limits of this county on which good homes will be made if it is not all leased to some syndicate.

Financially the county is fairly well off. The money coming from the sale of the wool of 250,000 or more sheep, and 10,000 hogs, 6000 cattle and a great many horses at high prices, ought to figure out in the aggregate quite a large sum. When divided among the 7000 or 8000 people in the county, it gives an amount per capita, perhaps, as great as any county in the state.

Educationally, socially and morally the people here are probably getting along as well as those anywhere. The exclusion law would be a dead letter and the scenes that caused little flurries of excitement in the South could not happen here, as there is not a Chinaman or negro in the county. The Indians, once so numerous and not always agreeable, after several of them had to work out fines on the streets of Enterprise for violating the fish and game laws, left in disgust and are seen no more. Only four persons have been found worthy of the penitentiary, which is much less than the usual yearly average. No one has been sent to the lunatic asylum and the two or three attempts at suicide were not successful. It is doubtful if a people more justly better satisfied with themselves and things in general can be found than in Wallowa county."

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Eighth Grade Final Examination will be held February 5th, 6th, and 7th, 1902.

J. C. CONLEY,
Supt. of Schools.

The Foot Ball Game.

Razzle Dazzle!
Rackety Crack!
Zip Rah Boom!
We're The Enterprise Team!
Give Us Room!

The game of foot ball between Enterprise and Wallowa, Saturday afternoon in this city, was one of the best and hardest games played in the county this season. Victory had been purchased the entire year on the Wallowa banner while the Enterprise team had been defeated by the Wallowa team on Christmas day. One team was determined to make a clear record of victories for the season, while the other was determined to redeem itself.

The first few minnits of the game appeared as though neither side would score and the game would be a draw, but during the next few downs and while Enterprise had the ball, Johnston of the Wallowa team grabbed the ball from the Enterprise man who was carrying it and struck for goal. There was some wrangling about the play but the Wallowa team was allowed its points and the game was 6 to 0 in favor of the visitors. The Enterprise rooters were rather disheartened at this sudden turn in affairs, but the home team began to play with renewed energy. Gradually the ball was forced toward the Wallowa goal but the close of the first half of the game was advancing faster, and the ball was lost on downs within a yard of the goal line just as time was called, and the score was 6 to 0.

The last half of the game, however belonged to Enterprise. At the end of nineteen minutes the pig skin was over the Wallowa goal line, but failing to kick goal the score was still in favor of Wallowa by 6 to 5. The next kickoff was made with sixteen minutes to go on and the Enterprise boys were determined to put the ball over their opponents goal line again within that time.

The boys plays were fast and furious being one continuous lapping against the line which gradually lessened the number of yards to the goal. The shorter the time grew the faster and harder the Enterprise boys played. At last the ball was within two yards of the goal and the yells of encouragement from the side lines became deafening and they were almost sure of making a goal the next play. One minute of time remained until the game would be over and the score 6 to 5 in favor of Wallowa unless another goal was made. But the Wallowa team rallied and held them for no gain. It was a critical point, but quick as a flash the ball was put in play and going around left end for a touchdown with just one half minute to spare. A failure to kick goal and the score was 10 to 6 in favor of Enterprise.

The only serious accident during the game was when Fred Minor, the center rush for the Wallowa team was obliged to quit with a broken nose. Minor was a bad loss to the Wallowa team.

Ray Dale of the Enterprise team lost his breath and senses at the same time, but Dr. Temple soon found them for him and he continued in the game.

Large delegations from Lostine and Joseph witnessed the game and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Notice.

I will be in Enterprise Jan. 20th to buy horses. Description: Age, 4 to 8 years; height, 15 1/2 to 16 hands; weight, above 1070 to 1200. Broken or unbroken bays, blacks, browns or sorrels.

HECTOR McDONALD.

Notice

Will buy all kinds of hides, furs, old rubber boots and shoes, old copper etc. Will be in Enterprise the first week in every month, in Joseph the second, in Lostine the third and in Wallowa the fourth. In case of my absence leave all furs and hides at Calvin's or Funk & Sons.

A. SOLOMANOWITZ

Fire In La Grande.

LA GRANDE, Jan. 9.—Fire this morning destroyed a row of wooden buildings on Fir street, between Jefferson avenue and the railroad. The fire originated at the rear of the Frenchy chop house, which was being vacated. The cause is unknown. Losses are as follows:

George Ott, saloon building, \$1200; insured.
Dray Bros., stock liquors and lunch counter, \$1300; no insurance.
James White, three buildings, \$2000; insurance \$1000.
J. Bull & Co., groceries, \$3500; insurance, \$3,000.
Schmidt & Hoffman, meat market, \$2500; insurance \$1000.
L. De Petris, chop house, light, Schmidt & Hoffman had \$1500 worth of pickled pork.
The new brick building of John Mars adjoining, was uninjured.

"HAPPY NEW YEARS,"

From John Bull to Uncle Sam.

The forthcoming number of The Independent will print a poem by Alfred Austin, poet laureate of England, entitled "Together," and dedicated "With warmest sympathy to the American people." Following are the two closing verses, which speak the best sentiment of the poem:

"Should envious aliens plot and plan
"Gainst one and now the other,
They swift would learn how strong the knot
Binds brother unto brother.
How quickly they would change their track,
And show the recreant feather,
Should Stars and Stripes and Union Jack
But float mast-high together.
"Now let us give one hearty grip,
As by true men are given,
And vow fraternal friendship,
That never shall be riven.
And with our peaceful flags unfurled—
Be fair or foul the weather—
Should need arise, face all the world,
And stand or fall together.

G. A. R. Installation.

John F. Reynold Post No. 15, at its regular meeting in December elected the following officers for the ensuing year and they will be installed next Saturday afternoon:

L. L. Hamblton	Commander
C. R. Pratt	Sr. Vice Commander
J. M. Beals	Jr. Vice Commander
John Zurcher	Adjutant
W. C. Endicott	Quartermaster
John Rankin	Chaplain
L. M. Chapman	Delegate to the Department encampment.
D. K. Eades	Alternate delegate.

The Post meets regularly on the second Saturday of every month.

I. O. O. F. Installation.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows held their annual installation of officers Saturday night in this city. The officers for the following year are as follows:

L. Green	Noble Grand
T. R. Akin	Vice Grand
J. F. Johnson	Recording Secretary
Sam Litch	Financial Secretary
John Root	Treasurer

W. R. C. Installation.

The officers of the W. R. C. were installed, before a number of members and guests, on the evening of Jan. 8, after which a banquet was spread.

Following are the names of the officers elect.

President	Ray E. Bater
Sen. Vice President	Mary Rankin
Jun. Vice President	Flossie Legore
Treasurer	Rose Voris
Chaplain	Helen Zurcher
Secretary	Grace Wagner
Conductor	Laura Haas
Guard	Edna Beecher

Lost.

One blackskin mare, 2 years old, dark ruff and tail. Branded circle on right shoulder. Any one returning the same will receive a reward of \$5.

HENRY OHMS.