LOCAL ITEMS

Happy New Year to all.

Boys, be careful. This is leap year.

Boys, and girls, too, curfew rings tonight at 8 o'clock.

Tomorrow evening is the regular meeting night of the city council.

A. H. Ellers, the piano man of Portland, is here on business.

Fred Sanford was over from Cove yesterday.

Harry Clyne of Boise, Idaho, is in the city looking over the country.

The Heacock orchestra will furnish the music at the skating rink tonight.

Sherwood Williams is able to be out again after an illness of a couple of weeks.

C. H. Jordan returned yesterday from a business trip to North Powder.

A. S. Cooley and wife of Wallowa county, spent New Year's day in the city.

E. Logan, the real estate man, is confined to his home today on account of sickness.

Jennie Smith of Island City, Union county, is spending a few days in Pendleton.—Pendleton Tribune.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Flexor of Elgin, are spending New Year's day with Assessor and Mrs. R. A. Hug.

The January term of the county court begins tomorrow. This is the most important session of the year.

Engineer John Gardiner returned last night from Portland, where he has been for several days.

Geddes Bros. start the new year off with a new ad. They propose to do as large a business in 1908 as they did in 1907.

S. C. Williams was able to be out today for the first time since his recent attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Lee Morgan, who has been visiting friends in the city for several days, returned home to Kamela.

Miss Olive Jones of Walla Walla, is the guest of Pendleton friends for a few days.—Pendleton Tribune.

Mrs. Mary Krouse is in the city from Coriam, Iowa, and is visiting at the home of her nephew, A. N. Krouse.

O. O. Brown, representing the International Correspondence school of Scranton, Pa., is in the city today.

Rev. J. H. McSparran of Nampa, Idaho, is in La Grande to assist in the revival services at the Central Church of Christ.

Rev. W. W. Deal of Union, preaches the New Year's sermon at the Methodist church this evening. Everybody is invited.

Miss Laura Holm has returned to school at Pendleton after spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holm of this city.

Rev. Fitz Maurice occupied the pulpit this morning in the Methodist church. He was greeted with a fair-sized audience and his sermon was highly appreciated.

This being a legal holiday, with the city, county and federal offices closed a number of stores closed all day, and most everything closed after noon things might be termed rather quiet from a newspaper standpoint.

J. D. McKennon received satisfactory returns from a carload of apples shipped several week ago to Joplin Mo. He considers himself quite fortunate, considering the present market.

The Blue Mountain Marble & Granite works have an ad in this issue that will save you money if you are thinking of purchasing a monument. They are trying to retire from business and desire to reduce their stock.

Mrs. Alma Luce Danby, at one time a student of the Blue Mountain university, and well known to those who attended, is reported to be very sick in the hospital at Kansas City, Mo., and her recovery is considered doubtful.

Wallowa county is beginning to reap the benefit of her county high school already. The press of her county state that quite a number of students who have been attending the Weston Normal will enter the home institution. A well equipped high school teaches practically everything that is taught in the Normals.

Jerry Blakesly, who is employed at the Wilcox Lumber company, was brought in from the mill at Ladd creek last night, to be treated for blood poisoning. About one week ago a piece of timber fell on his foot, but nothing was thought of it at the time. Day before yesterday it began to pain him and continued to get worse.

Sidney Haines, who for the past six months has been working with the engineering corps at the Mare Island navy yard is in the city spending the holidays with his mother. Mr. Haines will return about the 20th of the month, when he will resume his work. The company for which he is working has the contract for building the new government drydock and the work will not be finished before another year.

George Good, proprietor of the Hotel Foley, last evening received the unexpected information that his sister Mrs. Emma Shaw, was dead. On Sunday last, he received a letter from her stating that she was well. Heart failure was the cause. Mrs. Shaw had been a resident of Walla Walla for the past 30 years, and was highly respected. The funeral will take place Friday and Mr. and Mrs. Good leave in the morning.

OKLAHOMA'S BLIND SENATOR

Perhaps the most interesting personality in the present senate is Thomas P. Gore, the blind senator from Oklahoma. Doubled up in his square-armed chair, the figure is that of a fat, pudgy boy with a round bullet head, of which the drawn, contracted brows, the long straight, prominent nose and the thick lips are the most conspicuous features. When, with a thick hickory cane firmly gripped in the right hand and thrust forward the figure straightens up, long-hipped and very erect.

The head is always lifted and thrust forward. The blind senator has a way while sitting, of holding his face on a line with the action for the moment commanding attention—for instance, that of a senator speaking or the clerk reading. With his cane in his right hand, his left drums on the desk at which he sits. He has a way of snapping the thumb and fingers of his left hand. During his first few days in the senate alert page boys took this for a summons.

The boyish-looking Oklahoma senator—he is in the early forties—has one characteristic unusual in blind persons. He addresses with accurate modulation of voice the person to whom he is speaking. Most blind men and women experience great difficulty in "getting the range" of the person they are addressing, and frequently speak either ot the right or left of him.

Thus far the blind senator has not sought to participate in the proceedings, but as one senator put it, "he is soaking in the atmosphere."

When ready he is expected to contribute one of the spectacular speeches of the session, because he is a strong, virile speaker, a fine elocutionist of the rough and ready sort, quick at repartee and with an amazing command of words.

Mr. Gore has been in his seat the full length of every session since he took office, sparing few minutes in the cloak rooms, to which senator flee to escape being bored by long winded speeches.

And every minutes he is in his seat "the little brown-eyed woman," Mrs. Thomas P. Gore, sits in the gallery watching ever gesture of the man to whose election she contributed more than any one else. The senator himself calls her "his eyes and right hand," and says she knows more about parliamentary law and politics than any other woman in the country. She accompanies him to the senate and takes him away at the close of the day. She takes down the speeches he dictates, attends to his mail and supplies every function that his sightless eyes cannot perform.

SOCIETY.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sutfin is entertaining James Farquharson and family at dinner today.

Mrs. Nash is entertaining a few of her friends and relatives at a New Year's dinner today at her home in North La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Logan entertained a few friends last evening at a watch party. Dainty refreshments were served and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all who were there.

Roadmaster and Mrs. G. W. Nelson entertained a few friends last evening at their home on M street. Dainty refreshments were served and a happy crowd watched the old year depart and the new year enter.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Scriber are entertaining a few friends at dinner today. Their guests are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bay, Miss Dorothy Zuber, Cam and Glen Caylor and Ben Noyes. Mrs. Scriber was assisted in serving by her sister, Miss Mary Pennington.

The Current Topic club will be entertained by Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Mallory at the home of Mrs. Mallory next Friday evening. The topic for discussion is the new National Temperance movement, Mr. Hanna being the leader. Members are reminded that the hour for assembling is 7:30 o'clock.

The New Year's ball given by the Firemen and Engineers last evening in the Commercial club hall, was attended by many and will be long remembered as one of the special social events of the year. The hall was beautifully decorated. The music was of the highest order and a most congenial gathering.

PROGRAM CHANGE.

New Films at the Electric Theater Tomorrow Evening.

The regular change of program will take place tomorrow evening. The numbers are all good, but the one which will create the greatest interest is the "Clever Detective." This tells the story of the kidnapping of a little girl and the clever work and hairbreadth escapes of the detective, who finally, with the aid of the child, is able to rescue her from the outlaws and return her safe to her distracted parents. The comic numbers are truly fun-makers, especially the one which is entitled "Between Two Fires." The "Tired Tailor's Dream" is a mechanical wonder. The tailor had an order for a suit for a really bad man, who promised something rich if the garments were not ready for him at a certain time. The tailor dreamed that the various implements of his craft suddenly became animated and of their own free will set to work to make the suit.

Mr. Ferrin will sing the illustrated song, "When Sweetheart Mary Whispered Yes." The sentiment of the song is good and the slides are all hand-colored and pretty. Mr. Bruce will preside at the piano, and it is safe to say that he will be able to entertain the audience with his numerous and timely selections. Mr. Bruce is a performer of ability, and his happy selections and splendid renditions add much to the pleasure of the entertainment at the New Electric theater.

Miss Ascum—I've heard it said doctor, that a good big dose of salt water will often cure seasickness.

Dr. Wise—That's possible.

Miss Ascum—Indeed?

Dr. Wise—Yes, if the quantity of salt water is sufficient to drown you. —Philadelphia Press.

Box Social.

There will be a box social at the Iowa school house in district No. 3 Saturday evening, January 4. Two cakes will be sold: one to the most handsome man present, and the other to the ugliest lady. The proceeds are to go for the benefit of the school. There will be also an interesting program in connection with the social Every one is cordially invited to attend and bring some one with them. Boys, do not forget your pocketbooks and have in mind the right lady and gentleman who you are going to sup-not forget the date. The program will port to help them get the cake. Dobegin at 7:30. d5t1w1t

DIRECTORY OF THE FRATERNAL ORDERS LA GRANDE, ORE.

Woodmen of the World.

La Grande Lodge No. 169, W. O. W., meets every Friday of each month in the K. of P. hall in Corpe building. Al visiting members welcome. N. L. ACKLES, Consul Commander.

J. H. KEENEY, Clerk.

A. F. & A. M.

La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M., holds regular meetings second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p. m.

L. H. RUSSELL, W. M.

C. D. HUFFMAN, Secretary.

Pythian Sisters.

Rowena Temple No. 9, Pythian Sisters, meets every Thursday evening at 8 p. m., in K. of P. hall, in the Corpe building. Visiting members cordially invited.

LIZZIE HAWORTH, M. E. C.

EUNICE PROCTER, M. of R. & C.

L. O. T. M.

Hive No. 27, L. O. T. M., meets every first and third Thursday of each month at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Visiting members made welcome.

SADIE KLINTWORTH, L. C.

MAGGIE REYNOLDS, K. of R.

Brotherhood of Owls.

La Grande Nest No. 17, meets in the K. of P. hall every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting brothers cordially invited.

N. L. ACKLES, Executive.

B. L. LEAVITT, Secretary.

K. of P.

Red Cross Lodge No. 27, meets every Monday evening in Castle Hall, Corpe building. A Pythian welcome to all visiting knights.

HAROLD HERRON, C. C.

R. PATTISON, K. of R. & S.

Rebekahs.

Crystal Lodge No. 50, meets every Tuesday evening at the I. O. O. F. lodge. All visiting members are invited to attend.

CATHERINE CATES, N. G.

RACHEL E. WORSTELL, Sec.

Foresters of America.

Court Maid Marian No. 22 meets each Wednesday night in Elks' hall. Brothers are invited to attend.

DR. G. L. BIGGERS, C. R.

G. V. HENDRICKS, F. S.

Board of Trustee: Dr. G. L. Biggers, Oscar Berger and Herbert Patterson.

M. W. A.

La Grande Camp No. 7703 meets every first and third Wednesday evening at I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting neighbors are cordially invited to attend. F. B. CURREY, C.

D. E. COX, Clerk.

F. O. E.

La Grande Aerie No. 259, F. O. E., meets every Friday night in Elks' hall at 8 p. m. Visiting brethren invited to attend. J. H. PEARE, W. P.

GEO. J. ABEGG, W. S.

I. O. O. F.

Star Encampment No. 31, I. O. O. F., meets every second and fourth Wednesday in the month in Odd Fellows' hall. Visiting patriarchs always welcome. J. A. ARBUCKLE, C. P.

I. R. SNOOK, Scribe.

M. B. of A.

Meets first and third Tuesday evening at I. O. O. F. hall. Visiting members always welcome.

ANGUS STEWART, President.

W. B. SARGENT, Scribe.

B. P. O. E.

La Grande Lodge No. [illegible] meets each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in Elks' hall on Adams avenue. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend.

W. B. SARGENT, Exalted Ruler.

G. E. M'CULLY, Rec. Sec.

I. O. O. F.

La Grande Lodge No. 16, meets in their hall every Saturday night. Visiting brothers cordially invited to attend. Cemetery plat may be seen at Model Restaurant.

W. S. LOCKHART, N. G.

HUGH McCALL, Secretary.