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SICK PEOPLE IMPROVING

Although La Grande's sick list is unusually large this month, still there is joy in the announcement that many are improving rapidly.

Attorney and Mrs. J. D. Slater are both improving nicely, and although not able to be out, their physician predicts speedy recovery for both.

John Housh of Nibley, is ill with pneumonia, but not dangerously so. Rev. Upton H. Gibbs will soon be out again after a short but serious illness with la grippe.

B. W. Grandy rested easier than usual last night and his friends hope for speedy recovery.

Mrs. Zuber has been ill with la grippe, but she, too, is rapidly recovering.

J. Beiden is suffering with the first stages of pneumonia, but gives signs of recovery with little difficulty.

LOCAL ITEMS

That is the best government where the injury of one is the concern of all. E. W. Bartlett returned to Portland on last night's train.

Judge William Smith returned to Baker City on last night's train.

Robert Burns is down from Hilgard today on business.

E. Polack spent the day at Hot Lake returning this afternoon.

Trainmaster J. D. Matheson returned today from Baker City, where he went last evening.

Division Engineer W. Bollons spent the day here looking over the O. R. & N. shops.

Postmaster C. N. Lewis of Hilgard, is seriously ill. Dr. Mollitor was called to his bedside this afternoon.

Contractor E. E. Kammerer, who has been in Portland for the last week, returned home this morning.

J. A. Thronson returned last night from Dayton, Wash., where he has been for several days.

F. G. Taylor expects to leave the hospital in less than a week. He is nicely convalescent.

Foreman Ed Thomas is back at his post in the round house after a short illness.

Councilman J. T. Williamson is transacting business in Baker City today.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Galloway of Elgin, passed through last night en route to Portland.

William Hall of May Park, returned last night from a business trip to Portland.

J. E. Coffey has decided to keep his barber shop in its present location, the room formerly occupied by J. T. Williamson's land office.

Charles Blackwell left last evening for Pendleton, where he will represent La Grande in the joint meeting of professional baseball fans.

As was expected, Judge Smith overruled the petition for another trial judge in the Bartlett case, and the date of trial was set for March 2.

Mrs. J. H. Watson continues to suffer with neuralgia. While Mr. Watson has been ill a few days, he is improving but is detained at his home on his wife's account.

R. Kelly, who has been at Hot Lake for the past two weeks, returned home last night, having been greatly relieved from a severe attack of rheumatism.

J. A. Masterson of Elgin, returned last night from Portland. He states that business in Portland is back to its old-time standard and the business men are all preparing for a large spring trade.

Mrs. George Selway of Dillon, Mont., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Faulk. She will be accompanied home by her two little sons, Charles and Ronald Harvey, who have been attending the Sacred Heart academy.

While sunshine and spring weather is prevalent in La Grande and Union county, the east is in the grip of severe snowstorms. Extreme cold and snowstorms have retarded traffic and No. 1, due this morning, arrived late this afternoon as a result of late trains out of Chicago.

Dr. A. L. Richardson was called to Summerville this afternoon to attend the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Leader, who is suffering from an attack of meningitis. The little one is reported dangerously ill. He will also visit Mrs. Bert Brown, who is very ill with inflammatory rheumatism.

Rev. J. D. Gilliland returned this morning from Salem, where he attended a meeting of the board of trustees of the Willamette university.

W. M. Queen, division signal service superintendent, is in La Grande today. He reports his family comfortably located in their Portland home.

Route Agent J. E. Birch left for Kamela on the delayed westbound train this afternoon after spending the day here in the interest of the Pacific Express company.

Birth Record.

Williams—To Mr. and Mrs. Horace Williams, near this city today, a son.

Will You Wear the Colors?

At the Elks' ball Saturday evening? There is a splendid assortment of Royal Purple ties to choose from at The Fair. 2-19-3t

CLERKS WANT LESS HOURS

Clerks of the La Grande postoffice are aiding the United National Association of Postoffice Clerks, and friends of a bill introduced in congress by Congressman Wilson of Illinois, in securing the passage of the eight-hour a day law.

The bill was introduced last December, on the heels of the decided victory won by the postoffice clerks in securing classification and annual promotion for postoffice clerks.

As all the employes in the local postoffice are members of the union, wide publicity will be given the efforts of the National association in Union county. As it is now, the postoffice department at Washington names no limit to working hours and concerted effort is being made to better conditions.

Local branches throughout the United States have other measures up their sleeve for enactment. One of them is to allow a 30 days' holiday each year.

Circular letters to the local branch are teeming with enthusiasm and success seems to have the postoffice clerks in the face.

Following is the text of the eight-hour bill as proposed:

A bill to regulate the hours of work of postoffice clerks employed in first and second-class postoffices.

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled:

That clerks in postoffices of the first and second classes shall be required to work not exceeding 48 hours each week, including such number of hours on Sunday and intervening holidays as may be required by the interests of the postal service.

Sec. 2. That clerks shall be required to work in shifts of eight consecutive hours, or as nearly so as practicable.

That should any clerk or clerks provided for in section one of this act be employed more than 48 hours during any week, they shall be paid extra for the same in proportion to the salary they are receiving.

ISLAND CITY NEWS ITEMS

Rev. C. E. Deal, of the La Grande M. E. church, is holding protracted meetings in the union church here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Long are visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Kiddle of Island City. They are en route home to Enterprise after a visit in Spokane.

Mrs. J. W. Morton of Union, is a guest with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kiddle.

The Union Sunday school and Epworth league, have received a consignment of new song books to be used in their services.

Notice of City Election.

Be it resolved by the council of the city of La Grande, Ore., that the recorder shall give notice by publication in the La Grande Evening Observer, for the period of 10 days, of the general election to be held on March the 9th, 1908, for the election of a mayor, recorder, treasurer, marshal and one councilman from each ward of the city, and that the judges and clerks of the First ward shall be as follows:

Judges—J. P. Clark, E. C. Davis and Arthur Wranick. Clerks—D. E. Cox and Arthur Curtis. The voting place shall be at the city hall.

And that the voting place in the Second ward shall be the council room, and the judges and clerks shall be as follows: Judges—H. W. Stoner, David Bay and George Ball. Clerks—H. E. Coolidge and A. W. Nelson.

That the voting place in the Third ward shall be in the South Methodist parsonage and that the judges and clerks shall be as follows:

Judges—B. W. Grandy, R. L. Lincoln and Arthur Williams. Clerks—R. W. Logan and C. C. Hamilton.

That the voting place in the Fourth ward shall be in the Harris building on Fir street, and that the judges and clerks in said ward shall be as follows: Judges—B. Logsdon, Wm. Thompson and G. E. Fowler. Clerks—C. G. Cummings and A. Thomas.

I. R. SNOOK.

Recorder of the City of La Grande. By order of the council February 5, 1908. Dated this, the 19th day of February, 1908.

Arbitration Under Way.

London, Feb. 20.—The house of commons was informed today that negotiations looking to an arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain is now in progress. Further than this nothing is said as government through discussion of the matter at this time might be premature.

Ohio District Favors Taft.

Bryan, O., Feb. 20.—The republican congressional convention of the Fifth district of Ohio met here today. While this has been called a Foraker stronghold, the district committee has endorsed Secretary Taft's presidential candidacy unanimously and this sentiment apparently animates the delegates to the convention.

IMBLER AFTER NEW PLANT

Imbler, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—There is a movement on foot to establish and have ready for operation before the harvest of this year's crops, a denatured alcohol plant large enough to take care of all the potatoes and cull fruits in the vicinity of Imbler.

Secretary of Agriculture J. J. Wilson writes to Imbler parties from Washington that the company can pay 50 to 60 cents per 100 pounds for the potatoes and sell the denatured alcohol at 25 cents per gallon, and be making money by the industry. However, the product is worth \$1.50 per gallon in La Grande now.

The promoters at Imbler wish to interest all farmers and merchants to purchase stock, for this industry will help Imbler and its tributary country as the sugar factory does La Grande. The land values will increase as there is more money to the farmers in raising potatoes at 50 cents than there is in grain at existing prices.

Potatoes are grown on land that is being summerfallowed.

This industry insures growers a market for the crop and uses small potatoes as well as large, as well as saving the sacking expenses.

There is nothing better for light and fuel than the denatured alcohol, and with suitable climatic and soil conditions for potatoes, there can be no better industry for the valley.

IMBLER ITEMS

John Berry has been helping his son Harvey move over near Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Draper are proud of an eight-pound girl.

Anderson Bros. are getting their mH moved and will be ready to saw about April 1.

L. M. Jensen is busy at the Imbler Cash store, as his sale is cheap and many are taking advantage of the bargain.

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Summons.
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Union County.
William G. Peach, plaintiff, vs. Ella C. Peach, defendant.

To Ella C. Peach, Defendant, Greeting:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and suit on or before the expiration of the time prescribed in the order directing the publication hereof, to-wit: six consecutive weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons which is January 30th, 1908, and if you fail to appear, answer or otherwise plead within the said time the plaintiff will ask the court for a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between this plaintiff and this said defendant and awarding the plaintiff an absolute decree of divorce.

By virtue of an order of the Hon. T. H. Crawford, judge of the above entitled court, made and entered on the 24th day of January, 1908. This summons is published in the Weekly Observer, a weekly newspaper printed and published in La Grande, Union county, Oregon.

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Attorneys for Plaintiff.



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For County Recorder.
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D. H. PROCTOR.

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Candidate for Circuit Judge.
I take this method of announcing myself as a candidate for the nomination for the office of circuit judge of this district at the democratic primaries to be held on April 17, 1908.
My motto: No enemies to punish; no friend to reward; equal justice to all.
February 18, 1908.
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