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## LOCAL ITEMS

Engineer Pike is laying off from his west-end passenger run. The Tuesday Musicals meets next Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. E. A. Bunker has gone to Milton on a short visit.

Councilman J. T. Williamson has returned from a trip to Baker City.

Walter M. Pierce left today for Walla Walla on a brief business visit.

Presiding Elder J. D. Gillilan will occupy the pulpit at the Methodist church in the morning.

John Stringham has just completed a neat and commodious residence in North La Grande.

C. E. Cochran, the La Grande attorney, is a visitor in the city today.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

It is difficult for use to realize that the delay in the westbound trains is caused by snowstorms, when it is nice and bright here.

David Haynes came in from Baker City this morning to take charge of the 12-piece orchestra which is to supply the music for tonight's Elks' ball.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

C. W. Tullis of La Grande, is in the city, the guest of his sons, Charlie and Frank Tullis.—Pendleton Tribune.

Charles Hallgarth, the pioneer resident of this section, is again confined to his home with illness.—Elgin Recorder.

The round house is a quiet place today. Two machinists and one boiler maker are at work, otherwise a full holiday has been declared.

Two carloads of logs were ditched beyond Elgin last evening and the Elgin train failed to bring its daily load of logs for the Palmer mill. The logs are being picked up today and the lost time will be made up tomorrow.

C. R. Hibber, the Imbler farmer and real estate man, is in the city today transacting business. He reports Imbler thriving, and all its citizens looking forward to a year of unheard of prosperity.

The air motor which arrived in La Grande this week to be used to operate the turntable, has not been installed yet. The system is simple and an efficient one, as the air pump on the engine is easily connected with the motor and thus hydraulic power is secured. The results will be a saving of time and energy.

The rural routes did not go out this morning, because of the holiday. All public offices are closed. The post-office was open the usual holiday hours, the land office was closed all day and all the banks were closed. The court house officials enjoyed the holiday, too, and the city recorder's office has not transacted any business.

The Pendleton East Oregonian has just received a card from Conductor J. B. Smith of the Pendleton-Huntington run on the O. R. & N., saying that he will leave Los Angeles with Mrs. Smith for Phoenix, Ariz., this week, on account of her health. Although she has been in Los Angeles for two months she is not improved and will be taken to the Arizona climate in hopes that it will help her.

Harry Miller, the genial Elks who assisted in arranging the minstrels here recently, passed through La Grande this morning en route to Eugene, where the next minstrel performance will be arranged. The show in Baker City last night was a monster success, as both papers from that city attest. Mrs. Miller and Clint Draper will pass through La Grande tonight for Eugene.

Attorney Charles E. Cochran returned this morning from Pendleton. Jeweler Gardner of Union, came over today in his auto.

Mr. and Mrs. Judd Geer of Cove, are among the many visitors in our city today.

Mrs. D. A. McAllister, who has been spending the winter in California, returned home last night.

L. Remillard, who has been suffering with an injured foot, is on the mend.

O. H. Holcomb, a well known horse buyer of Seattle, is in the city purchasing. He expects to ship a car out Monday.

Mrs. E. P. Staples returned this morning from Baker City, where she has been visiting her sister, who is very ill.

Neri Ackles left this morning for Pendleton, where he will spend a few days shaking hands with old-time friends.

Jack O'Brien, the baseball promoter, returned this morning from a business trip to Walla Walla and Pendleton.

The N. K. West lighting plant will supply electricity for a myriad of small and colored incandescent lights in the Commercial club auditorium tonight.

Bishop Moore of Portland was a passenger on this morning's eastbound train, en route to Sale Lake, where he will deliver a sermon tomorrow, and then leave for points in the east.

Surely spring must be approaching. In some localities the squirrels are out basking in the sun; the robins are singing, and last, but not least, the show windows are full of marbles, on display.

Notwithstanding the fact that this is a legal holiday and many places of business are closed, the usual Saturday farmers' trade with local merchants has been brisk. Hitching racks were at a premium.

Rev. Upton Gibbs was able to be out on the streets today for the first time since his recent illness. As will be noted by the church announcements, he will hold one service tomorrow.

Rev. J. M. Dressler, formerly the Methodist pastor at Cove, but now located in Grant county, is at Hot Lake this week taking treatment. He expects to be able to leave the institution within a few weeks and resume his charge.

Attorney John McCourt of Pendleton, is reported to be making an active canvass for the appointment of United States district attorney of Oregon, to succeed W. C. Bristol, the present incumbent. He certainly stands a good show of landing the prize. Practically all of the applicants in the western part of the state who have been recommended have been weighed in the balances and found wanting.

Tonight.  
Dance tonight at Harris hall.

## LOCAL BOYS DEFEATED

Careful training, basketball ability, in fact, too high a class of playing, was responsible for a decided victory over the Gobblers' basketball team at the Noyes rink by the Walla Walla High school team last evening, before a large crowd. The visitors have defeated Whitman,

which in turn defeated the University of Oregon, and it has defeated Pendleton, which in turn defeated the University of Oregon; consequently, the score of 37 to 6 does not throw discredit on the home team, which snatches practice hours when the light situation, and the pleasure moments of the players will permit. Given as much practice as the visiting team, which are all schoolboys, the locals would cope successfully with any aggregation. This was evinced in the first half when the visitors were held down to a 10 to 3 score. In the second half endurance told the story. The aggressive team work exhibited by the La Grande team in the first half, when Walla Walla was really not playing a snappy game, was reversed in the second when Walla Walla took the aggressive with a plunge and threw goals right and left. The large floor made combinations pretty to watch and hard on the players. Captain Childers was the scoring machine for La Grande. He threw a remarkably clever field goal and four fouls.

### Game Was Clean.

The game was one of the cleanest seen here in some time. Both teams played basketball and not football, with the result that basketball has gained a stronghold in this city. The undesirable features of a football game on a basketball floor is too disgusting to discuss.

### Gentlemanly Aggregation.

The visiting team made a hit both on and off the floor. Gentlemen, all of them, they maintained their usual reputation, while they were in La Grande.

La Grande's line-up follows: Forwards, Childers and Caylor; center, McKennon; guards, Scott and Young.

The Garden City players and rooters left on last evening's train for Pendleton, where they play the high school team tonight.

### COUNTY EXCHANGE ITEMS.

(Union Republican.)

Circuit Judge Crawford was in the city Monday looking over his political fences.

Some of our people visited La Grande Tuesday night, for the purpose of seeing the "Buster Brown" performance, and report it fine.

J. W. Knowles of La Grande, candidate for the republican nomination for circuit judge, was in the city Wednesday, looking over the political situation.

Dr. J. H. Coleman, president of the Willamette university, visited in Union the early part of the week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Eaton. He may return and spend next Sunday here.

D. Fitzgerald, proprietor of the La Grande Iron works, was in the city Tuesday. Mr. Fitzgerald not only conducts a first-class foundry and machine shop, but is a business man of the first grade, and is deserving of all the good things that come his way.

Jack Childs of La Grande, candidate for the republican nomination for assessor, was in the city Thursday. Mr. Childs was chaperoned by W. W. Randall, candidate for the republican nomination for sheriff, and the pair took in the city together.

A letter from Fred Allen, who left Oregon for Colorado recently, states that he has located at Grand Junction, and is delighted with the country. He has bought 12 acres of land for \$3,500, and is going into the fruit business, his land being already set to fruit. Many Union friends will wish him well.

(Union Scout.)

Dr. Law has been appointed deputy county health officer for Union and vicinity by Dr. N. Moilitor of La Grande.

Mrs. M. F. Davis arrived home Monday from Portland, where she attended a meeting of the Home Cottage committee W. R. C. and G. A. R.

Mrs. J. F. Bator and Miss Ida, spent Tuesday in La Grande and attended the Buster Brown show at Steward's opera house Tuesday night.

Andrew Wilkinson has rented his farm in High valley to Charlie Haggerty and will move to Union, where he will take it easier the rest of the time.

Martha and George Washington will receive at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Kaster Monday evening February 24, at the social. The original paper containing the notice of George Washington's death will be on exhibition. Everybody invited.

An important meeting will be held at the city hall in Union, February 25, at 8 o'clock p. m. As matters of special interest are involved all fruitgrowers are requested to be present. The establishment of a fruit cannery at Union will be a vital question and much other business will be taken up.

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## TEN BOXES FOR MAIL

Postmaster Richey is already receiving preliminary instructions relative to the free mail delivery system which is to be inaugurated in La Grande in the near future. Some of it, the department wishes kept quiet, but other bits of information of interest to the public, however, are available. Among these is the fact that 10 mail boxes will be posted throughout the city, where mail can be dropped, to be picked up twice a day by the carriers. There are to be two routes, and in the near future advertisements for applicants to take the examination for carrier will be posted by the local office.

The present mail train arrangement will be the cause of considerable study by the department. Under normal conditions the last mail to arrive reaches La Grande at 9:25 a. m. and whether or not the mail from the early morning trains and the night previous shall be held for the arrival of the late morning mail, remains to be seen. Mr. Richey does not know definitely as to the number of deliveries each day, but it seems logical that two will be instituted. This will insure an early morning delivery in the business district, and the full service as soon as No. 1 has reached the city.

But according to advance news and rumors, the arriving time of No. 6, the morning train, is to be changed to something like 8 o'clock, and in this way the first, or early delivery, would only carry mail from two trains, both of them the evening before.

When the time approaches for real inauguration of the service, these details will be arranged.

The salary for carriers, it is believed, will be \$50 a month.

### Current Topic Club.

The regular reception of the Current Topic club was held last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Cleaver. The hostesses for the evening were Mesdames Seemann, Wright and Cleaver. The entertainment took the nature of a Washington birthday party. The rooms were elaborately decorated with festoons and streamers of red, white and blue,

and American flags innumerable. The flags of other countries were very effectively intermingled. The topic for the evening was, "The Different Phases of the Immigration Question." The various phases were ably handled by Mrs. Kirk and Messrs. Hanna and T. Oliver. A very interesting impromptu talk was given by Prof. Hockenberry. At the conclusion of the program Mr. Cleaver produced a quantity of maps of the various states and as it is leap year, the ladies were requested to guess from the outline the state represented. Each map was found to contain the name of one of the gentlemen present, who was to be the successful guesser's partner for supper. Much merriment was caused by this part of the entertainment. A delicious luncheon was served later, consisting of hot chicken timbals and crumpets, olives, followed by cream puffs and coffee. At a late hour the guests departed well pleased with the delightful evening which all had spent.

Those present were Mesdames Hanna, Seemann, Osburn, Hockenberry, Bhenholts, Oliver, F. Currey, Mallory, Kirk, Hill, Williams, Wright, Pearce, R. Smith, J. T. Richardson, Deal; the Misses Huffman, Seemann, Pearce and Anson; Messrs. Seemann, Wright, Brenholts, Oliver, F. Currey, Mallory, Hill, F. Currey, Williams, Miller, McMillan, Hanna, R. Smith, Deal.

### Notice to Rural Patrons.

Patrons of the rural delivery wishing their mail on Saturday or Sunday, can get it at the postoffice by calling at the "Carrier" window from 9:30 to 10:30.

### To Delinquents.

Notice is hereby given to all water patrons of the city of La Grande who may be in arrears at the present time, that unless the same is paid by March 1, 1908, the water will be cut off.

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