LOCAL ITEMS.

Mrs. J. R. Oliver went to Pendleton this morning to visit relatives.

W. I. Dishman is here from Portland after another shipment of stock.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Darbey left this morning to make their home at Vale.

Receiver A. A. Roberts returned this morning from across the mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Bramwell, who have been in Portland for several days, returned on the morning train.

C. F. Vandewater, a railroad official of Walla Walla, is transacting business in La Grande.

George H. Sutherland is in the city today meeting friends and attending to business matters.

Miss Ora Gates of Baker City is in La Grande and will attend a meeting of the district Epworth league officials here tonight.

Mrs. Coffin returned to her home in Walla Walla today, after a short visit with her son and daughter of this city.

C. W. Nelson expects to have his household goods packed and ready for shipment to Portland tomorrow morning.

Mr. Wiley, a well known stock shipper of Wallowa county, has just returned from Portland where he took a shipment.

C. M. Stackland, who has been making a tour of southern Oregon and the Willamette valley, returned home this morning.

A. N. Mayville, the cigar maker of North Powder, returned this morning from Portland, where he attended the state socialist convention.

John Wallace, a former Grande Ronde valley boy, but who for the past 10 years has been living at Sumpter, passed through this morning en route to his home from Portland.

Ed Rumble of Elgin, republican candidate for the nomination for joint senator of Wallowa and Union counties returned this morning from Portland and went on home.

Mrs. Walter Hopper and little daughter came over from La Grande yesterday to join her husband. They will probably reside here again permanently after a few months' absence in Baker City.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

T. B. Johnson returned last night from Endicott, Wash., where he has been for several days at the bedside of his brother Ed, who has been in a very critical condition as a result of appendicitis. He was operated upon and when Mr. Johnson left, had passed the crisis.

Warren B. Hurtley of Cottage Grove was a land office visitor.

M. N. Thompson of Payette, who is interested in oil properties in that vicinity, is doing business here today.

Ben. R. Bennett, Charles J. Anderson and Minnie Montigue of Manner, Wash., made proof on timber and stone claims today.

Miss Irene Kringle of North Powder is substituting for Mrs. F. G. Schilke, who has been ill for some time.

T. R. Ormond, who has been confined to his home for several weeks, was out today for the first time, greeting his many friends. For several days Tom was not expected to pull through.

O. P. Shappot of Cove, while 'phoning on business matters to The Observer this morning, stated that the ground was covered with the "beautiful" and that the past month was ideal from a fruitgrowers' standpoint.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church will meet tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. Brenholts to work on articles for the sale that will be held in the near future. This is a regular meeting and a kind invitation is extended to all.

After tomorrow anglers will not be bothered with the conflicting rulings on whether or not there is a trout law in Union county. It is certain that it will be perfectly safe to fish after that date, notwithstanding what has been the truth of the matter heretofore.

Hon. J. F. Johnson came out from Wallowa yesterday evening on land office business and will leave this evening for Baker City to spend a few days with a sister. Mr. Johnson is one of the early pioneers of this section and by thrift and sagacity has accumulated no less than 10,000 acres of land, 10,000 sheep, and cuts, year after year, between 800 and 1000 tons of hay.

R. J. Gordon, representing the Pacific Metal works of Portland, is in the city calling on the trade. Mr. Gordon began his present trip somewhat skeptical as to the number of orders he would receive. He states conditions have picked up wonderfully, in fact, on his present trip he has done more business than at any time before. That financial conditions are almost normal is the opinion of Mr. Gordon.

MRS. COLLIER DIED TODAY

Mrs. John Collier died at the family home on Park street this afternoon at 2:30, after a week of illness occasioned by heart disease.

Her death came as a shock. During the last few days her condition has been critical and last night it was evident that her recovery was not likely.

She is survived by her husband, John Collier, part owner of the Peoples store, and a 11-year-old daughter, Amelia.

Mary Ella Nash was born April 27 1867, thus reaching an age of almost 42 years at the time of death. Her father and mother both survive her and live at Allegan, Mich.

About six years ago Mr. and Mrs. Collier came to La Grande from Wyoming and for several years Mr. Collier was connected with the Golden Rule store, retiring last year from that firm to take up the management of the Peoples store.

Mrs. Collier has a very large circle of friends. By reason of her ardent and Christian life and conscientious work in the Episcopal church, she won the friendship and admiration of her co-workers in the church. The Neighborhood club loses one of its most honored and hard-working members. Any commendable task undertaken by that club would always enlist the services of the deceased.

No funeral arrangements have been made at this time.

For Sale.

Stock ranch of 1520 acres, located one-half mile south of Union: 80 acres in alfalfa. All under water. Stock, machinery, etc., go with place. Call on or address owner, C. F. Siemsen, Union, Ore. 3-27dwtf

Don't wait till your made of money. $1 a week does it. See Davis-Jordan Music Co. All makes of talking machines.

BURNS IS RELEASED

Frank Burns was released today after having been arrested in Pendleton two days ago, and brought to La Grande last night by Sheriff Childers on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

Mr. Burns last Tuesday had Joe Woods of this city endorse a check on a Wallowa bank, and the La Grande National cashed it. When presented for exchange it was found that there was no account with that name in the Wallowa bank. The arrest followed on a warrant sworn out by the bank.

All a Mistake.

As was proven today, the entire incident was a mistake. When Mr. Burns presented the check, he was under the impression that his brother-in-law at Wallowa would place that amount in the bank there. The latter overlooked the matter. Hence all the mistake. Since being arrested, Mr. Burns' brother-in-law at Wallowa has placed the required amount in the bank and the defendant has been released.

One dollar a week puts a talking machine in your home. See Davis-Jordan Music Co., about them. All makes.

Special Meetings.

The theme at the Baptist church tonight will be, "The Gentle Christ." Mr. Fretz will supplement the address with a solo, "The Sinner Forgiven."