

LOCAL ITEMS.

Mrs. J. H. Buhl is looking after business in Elgin today.

Joseph McCrary went to Baker City this morning to visit for a time.

Local Agent J. H. Keeney left last evening for the metropolis to spend the week there.

County court convened this morning. To audit bills was the principal line of action taken by the commissioners and court.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cox of Endicott, Wash., went to La Grande this morning on a business trip.

Mrs. A. Westover and Cora Poe, both of Mineral, Wash., passed through the city on their way to Wallowa, where they will visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Holmes of Wallowa, are visiting friends in the city for a few days, after which they expect to go to Portland.

Superintendent Campbell and Division Engineer Bollons, were in the city this morning on business connected with the O. R. & N.

Lee Leavitt left for Portland this morning. He will remain during the week and join in the festivities incident to the race show in the metropolis.

Rudolph Buckler, familiarly known as "Dutch," took his departure for his home in The Dalles today. He has spent the past year in La Grande, Oreg.

Stanley Carpy arrived home last evening from Corvallis, where he went as a representative from the La Grande high school to the interscholastic track meet.

Mrs. M. Fitzgerald and mother, Mrs. E. Abbot, returned to their home in Elgin this morning, after visiting several days with Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Fitzgerald of this city.

Ed Murphy, of the firm of Hanson Bros. at North Powder, is in this city on business. He is accompanied by Volney Lee, who is a rural mail carrier on the route out of North Powder.

Mrs. Turner Oliver will leave tonight for Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Padgett of Flora, returned this morning from a visit at Eagle Valley.

Mrs. P. M. Henderson returned to her home in Pendleton this morning after having visited several days with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wetzel of this city.

Mrs. M. Grandon of Island City, is visiting friends in Pendleton.

Miss Nellie and Dilla Morton left this morning for College Place, Wash., where they will make their future home. Mrs. Morton having preceded them several weeks ago.

Mrs. T. T. Glenn of Summerville, left this morning for an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Daisy Settlement of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kiddle and son Lyle, and Miss Elva Gaskell, went to Portland this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Holmes left this morning for Portland.

Joe Gray, who submitted to an operation for appendicitis yesterday, is doing nicely.

About 50 have applied at the local ticket office today for berths to Portland this evening.

Amy Cornett of Galloway, Ore., and E. L. McBroome of Riddle, Ore., transacted business at the land office today.

Sherwood Theatre. An especially strong set of films is shown at the Sherwood theater this week. The songs "The Nightingale is Singing Sweetly" and "In the Shadow of the Apple on the Hill" are especially good. If you want to laugh, go to Sherwood's; if you want to weep, go to Sherwood's—in fact, Sherwood's is the place to go at all times.

Only the most delicious chocolate is served at Silverthorn & Mack's soda fountain. D5-27-627

Superintendent Busy. County Superintendent Bragg is busy today sending out blank forms necessary to conduct school affairs in the country districts. He has already forwarded the blank notices of the annual school meetings.

LIST OF PROMOTIONS.

Large Number of Applicants Pass the Eighth Grade Examinations.

Out of 120 taking the eighth grade examinations in the county, a 44 per centage were promoted.

County Superintendent E. K. Bragg has received returns from the county schools, where eighth grade examinations to test the proficiency of pupils in the common branches were held, and below are given the names of the successful students, with the exception of Alice applicants:

North Powder, Dora Ashby, Elsie Caspar, Harry

Nico, Lily Graham, James Wilson, Sylvia Hall, Aliver Negro, Ethel Kelsey, Minnie Batram, Martha Graham, Elsie Dalton, Edith Bailey, Jack O'Bryant, Jessie Evans.

Island City. Reba Williamson, Ellis Lupper, Clarence Garity, Clara Shafter, Irene Dahlstrom, Ray Couch, Rhoda Hlatt, James Perry.

Ferry. Albert Hansen, Robert Kelley, Bud Spickelmire.

Summerville. Naomi Lewis, Lulu Ames, Ernest Atterby, Thomas Atterby.

Cove. Hazel Chadwick, Erastus Platon, Esther Brasile.

Grange Hall. Joe Harrison, Joseph Anson, Zoe Golden, Alice Snow.

Starkey. J. D. McMillan, Manville Ayers.

Telocnet. Wanda Haller, Lester Haller.

Fruitdale. Frances Carbine, Clarissa Carbine, Blanche Lambert, Clara Lambert.

Hilgard. Jennie Casey.

Iowa District. Ida Rettig, Angie McHatton, Ladd Canyon.

Mary Benton, Lulu Cunnell, Imbler.

Bernee Lloyd, Leora Billings. In Alice three passed but names have not yet been sent in.

TAKE SEVEN OF EIGHT.

Last Game of Baker Series Goes to La Grande and Locks Stand Well.

The Baker City series in this city has ended and La Grande has fared well. Out of the eight games of the two series, the locals have lost but one and have secured a lead that will be hard to overtake. In the final game yesterday fans saw a fast game that had some of the complexion of the Sunday game, in which La Grande won. Fournier, the southpaw, occupied the pulpit for La Grande and did some fine work.

In the meantime Walla Walla has taken enough from Pendleton in the series at the Garden City to put it in the second place. This was done yesterday when she won out over the Fets by a score of 7 to 2.

Standing of County Clubs. Played Won Lost P. C. La Grande 7 1 875, Walla Walla 4 3 571, Pendleton 7 3 428, Baker City 3 1 125.

THIRTY-FIVE FRESHIES.

School Report Shows That 35 Passed the City Eighth Grade Exams.

The school year just closed shows a decided increase in the number of pupils enrolled in the city schools. The superintendent's final report for 1906-07 shows an enrollment of 617 boys and 527 girls, a total of 1044. The enrollment the year just passed is, boys 554, girls 543, total 1117. Thus the school population has increased nearly seven per cent during the past year. Mr. Hockenberry estimates that the proportional increase will be even greater during the year to come.

The high school, of which the city and the men at the head of school affairs, the school board, have reason to be proud, shows a decided improvement in numbers over last year. At the final examination in 1907 70 members of the high school were present. The total enrollment for the year was 103. Ninety-six were examined this year. The enrollment was 136. The high school of La Grande has the distinction of being probably the only one in the state in which the number of boys at the end of the school year equals the number of girls.

Thirty-five have been graduated from the eighth grades of the city schools into the high school next year at the opening term.

ACCEPTS COLLEGE CHAIR.

Baker City Man Goes to McMinnville to Take Chair of English.

Rev. G. R. Varney, just retiring as pastor of the First Baptist church of Baker City, spent yesterday in La Grande as the guest of Rev. W. H. Gibson. Mr. Varney has accepted the chair of English and Public Speaking in McMinnville college, and left this morning to take up his residence in that city.

OFFICIAL COUNT TOMORROW.

Board of Election Canvassers Will Convene Tomorrow to Count the Ballots.

The county board of election canvassers will convene tomorrow at the court house and for a period of perhaps two days will canvass the re-

turns and attend the many matters that always come before the board. County Clerk Gilham is undecided as to just what the personnel of the board will be, but it will be composed of the county clerk and two justices of the peace. The Observer will give its readers the official county in the Saturday afternoon edition.

SOCIETY.

Graham-Evans. Sherley E. Graham and Mamie E. Evans, both of Elgin, were united in marriage last night at the home of Rev. O. H. King officiating.

Both are popular young people of Elgin, the bride being a former "hello" girl at the central office of that city.

Kaffee Klatch.

The ladies of the Kaffee Klatch will meet at the home of Mrs. George Palmer Friday afternoon.

Five Hundred.

The Five Hundred club will meet at the home of Mrs. W. R. Jones on Depot street.

Downing-McFarlane.

James Downing of Eden, Wallowa county, and Ada McFarlane of Walla Walla, Wash., were married at the Methodist parsonage last evening. Rev. Deal officiating. The happy couple will make their future home in Eden.

St. Peter's Guild.

The Ladies' Guild of St. Peter's Episcopal church will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Gibbs. This is a special meeting and important business is to be transacted. A good attendance is desired.

Walnut-Goodnough.

The wedding of James Walnut and Bessie Goodnough, which is to take place tonight at 8 o'clock, promises to be one of the prettiest little home weddings of the season. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Upton of the Episcopal church, and only relatives of the contracting parties will be present.

The bride will appear in a charming gown of white silk trimmed in valenciennes lace. The groom will wear the conventional black.

The couple will be attended by Edith Anderson of Hot Lake as bridesmaid, and Frank Rechlin of this city, as best man. The bridal pathway will be marked by ropes of green asparagus ferns leading from the stairway to the altar, over which will hang an immense white bell and draperies of green ferns.

In the dining room the color scheme is red and white, with an immense bouquet of carnations in the center of the table. Covers will be laid for 12. The room will be lighted with many candles and a two-course luncheon will be served.

Both young people are well known in the social circles of La Grande. Miss Goodnough has taught in the public schools for several years, and Mr. Walnut is a fireman on the O. R. & N.

Just try these elegant chocolate sodas at Silverthorn & Mack's.

Pastime.

One of the best features of this week's program is Nate Ardrey and his banjo. And if you want to hear the banjo really played, come and hear him. The songs as sung by Sherwood Williams would satisfy the most critical, and the films are especially attractive. Program changes every Monday and Thursday.

Marriage License Issued.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to W. A. Hackett and Miss Leona M. Venable, both of Elgin.

Visitors Locked Up.

The police yesterday rounded up a couple of hard-looking characters, giving the names of Charles Nilson and Charles Burke. They are booked on the charge of vagrancy.

Pullman for La Grande.

La Grande people wishing to visit Portland during the race show, and who have been waiting until a berth could be secured, will be glad to learn that half of a car will be reserved for La Grande tomorrow night. However, in order to reserve a berth for the trip, tickets must be purchased tonight.

INDICTMENT DEFECTIVE.

Alleged Box Car Robber Given Non-Suit—Grand Jury is Still Out.

R. T. McFerrin, accused of robbing a box car near this city, was the subject of the circuit court's attention today. McFerrin was given a non-suit on account of a defective indictment. This was the principal matter to come before the court for the day.

The grand jury is still out and though some are looking for a return of true bills this evening or tomorrow morning, others are of the opinion that the body will remain intact until later tomorrow, and may not then bring true bills.

Birth Record.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson of Cove, twins, a boy and a girl.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Union County. The Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, plaintiff, vs. John Eastlack and Susan Eastlack, his wife, Alfred W. Crane, a minor, and Christopher Crane, a minor.

To the above-named defendants, John Eastlack, Susan Eastlack, his wife, Alfred W. Crane, a minor, and Christopher Crane, a minor:

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 cause, on or before the 12th day of June, 1908, that being six full weeks after the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to so appear and answer said complaint, the plaintiff herein will take judgment against you for the relief demanded in its complaint herein, to-wit: For judgment of the above entitled court in the above entitled cause, appropriating to the plaintiff all of lots two (2), three (3), four (4) and five (5), of block twelve (12), in Riverside addition to the Town of La Grande, in Union county, Oregon, for the purpose of furnishing additional

side tracks, switching facilities and repair shops within the town of La Grande, Oregon, to properly serve the public, in order that the public and different persons traveling or shipping freight over plaintiff's road may be accommodated, and public interest requires the construction of such side tracks, additional switching facilities and repair shops and the prosecution of said enterprise, and for an assessment of all the damages that will result to the said defendants, John Eastlack, Susan Eastlack, Alfred W. Crane and Christopher Crane, by reason of the taking an appropriation of said property by the plaintiff, and upon the payment by the plaintiff of the damages assessed and awarded on the trial of the said cause the plaintiff take a judgment appropriation all of said property upon which to construct, build, equip, operate and maintain additional side tracks, switching facilities and repair shops within the town of La Grande.

This summons is published for six consecutive weeks by the order of the Hon. T. H. Crawford, judge of the above entitled court, made on the 24th day of April, 1908; the date of the first publication thereof being on the 1st day of May, 1908, and the 12th day of June, 1908, is to be the date of the last publication thereof.

W. W. COTTON, W. A. ROBBINS, and COCHRAN & COCHRAN, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, March 26th, 1908.

The United States of America, and Frances Harris, plaintiffs, vs. William H. Patten, defendant.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Frances Harris, contestant, against Homestead entry No. 10188, made May 18, 1901 (C. C. 8500), for the SE 1/4 Section 5, Township 3, N., Range 40, E. W. M., by William H. Patten, contestee, in which it is alleged that the said William H. Patten wholly failed to comply with the homestead law prior to proof, that he failed to maintain residence prior to proof and has since wholly abandoned said entry, and that said alleged absence from said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman, or marine during the war with Spain or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged, and said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m., on June 3, 1908, before the register and receiver of the United States land office in La Grande, Oregon.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed April 29th, 1908, set forth facts which show that after due diligence, personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

F. C. BRAMWELL, Register, Attorney for Contestant.

FOR RENT—Furnished modern flat. Inquire of Mrs. S. C. Zuber.

Newport, Ore., is likely to have a water system.

WILL GO EAST.

H. W. Stoner Takes Trip East and Will Spend Summer in Atlantic City.

H. W. Stoner, for long a resident of this city, and until recently street superintendent, will leave tonight for the east, where he will spend the summer with relatives. After visiting 150 larger cities on the way, he will go to Atlantic City, N. J., and remain for the summer. Mr. Stoner will not see a time for his return, but we predict that ere many moons he will begin to think longingly of old Oregon.

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LOW RATES EAST.

Will be Made by the O. R. & N. This Season as Follows:

ROUND TRIP Direct To Chicago \$72.50, St. Louis \$7, St. Paul \$63.15, Omaha \$60.00, Kansas City \$60.00.

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE.

MAY 4, 18, JUNE 5, 8, 19, 20, JULY 6, 7, 22, 23, AUGUST 6, 7, 21, 22.

Good for return in 90 days with stop-over privilege at pleasure within limits.

DON'T FORGET THE DATES.

For any further information call on J. H. KEENEY, Local Agent, or write to WM. McMURRAY, General Passenger Agent, PORTLAND, OREGON.

PAINT AND WALL PAPER STORE.

PAINTING AND PAPERHANGING. Stanieis & Bugg. 1420 ADAMS AVENUE, La Grande, Oregon. Phone Red 1921.

ELKS BENEFIT.

WATKIN ORIGINAL TENNESSEE JUBILEE SINGERS.

AUSPICES LA GRANDE LODGE ELKS. Proceeds to Apply to Building Fund.

AT ELKS HALL THURSDAY JUNE 4.

PRICES RESERVED SEATS : : : : 75c GENERAL ADMISSION : : : : 50c CHILDREN : : : : 25c