

LOCAL ITEMS.

C. W. Todd is here from Portland buying horses again. S. A. Gardiner returned this morning from Portland. Mrs. McElroy returned this morning to Union, after spending the day in La Grande. E. Z. Carbine, the fruit grower and shipper, is in Cove today, closing contracts for cherries. P. P. Hammond came over from Union yesterday evening to attend to business matters here. Mrs. Frank Smith returned to her home in Walla Walla this morning. She has been a guest with her brother, J. W. White of this city. County Surveyor Arthur Curtis left this morning for Thief valley, which is situated about 19 miles south of Telocast. E. Sebbelov went over to Union this morning to inspect the beet fields and to attend to other business of the sugar company. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson of Portland, who have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Carr since yesterday morning, left today for Ontario. Ernest Funk of Wray, Col., will enter the employ of the Golden Rule. Mr. Funk is a nephew of Engineer Henry Henson. Fred Taylor, superintendent of the sugar factory, came in from Hot Lake this morning and will remain at home for a time if his health continues to improve. Max Zimmerman, the original market day promoter, says that he is considering making Eugene his home. He has an option on some local property.—Eugene Register. Dwight Jesse, an employe of the O. R. & N., with headquarters at La Grande, is in the city to spend a few days with his wife. They reside at 102 Newell.—Walla Walla Bulletin. Miss Margaret Streck, who has been visiting friends in La Grande for the past month, left today for southern California points. Her home is in the east. Miss Crystal Kaster, who has been visiting her friend, Jeannette Smith, since the Fourth, returned to her home in Union this morning. She was accompanied by Miss Smith. J. K. Romig returned last evening

to Baker City, after spending the day looking after business interests. Mr. Romig is now operating the old Virtue mine, near Baker City, and is well pleased with the results. A contest case, George Palmer vs. Mrs. Lydia Snow, is on at the land office today. C. H. Finn is attorney for the plaintiff. Mrs. Harvey Rinehart returned this morning to her home in Summerville. Mrs. Rinehart is state conductress for the Eastern Star and attended the function arranged by Hope Chapter last evening. M. Green, recently from the east with his parents, has accepted the place of night expressman for the Pacific Express company here. Mr. Green takes the place of Mr. Rice, resigned. Superintendent Campbell's private car reached here from Huntington this morning and was cut out from the westbound. The occupants of the car, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Langley, are in the city today. Hon. Jay Dobbins returned to Elgin this morning, en route to his Wallowa home, after a short business visit to La Grande. Mr. Dobbins is an ex-representative from Union and Wallowa counties. Joseph Hollenbeck, Frank Blake and H. Conyers, pleaded guilty to the charge of drunkenness today before Recorder Cox. They were each fined \$10 for which they are now serving time, with the exception of Conyers, who paid his fine. Mrs. D. C. McNabb and Mrs. E. A. Vaughn left on No. 1 this morning for Meacham, where they will stop for a few days before returning to their homes in Pendleton. They have been the guests of Mrs. A. A. Roberts since Friday. Several at Land Office. J. A. Thomson has made application for a timber and stone quarter section. Isolated tracts were sold today to William M. Slusher of Pendleton, and to Albert J. Gill of Nye, Albert Mitzsch of Troy, and Francis E. Bierne of Heppner, have made homestead applications, and Albert I. Sprague has made proof on his homestead filing. Birth Record. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Echstein, at their home in Home Investment addition, a son.

STUDY THE RIVER ROAD

For years the business men of this city have realized the necessity of having a road up the Grande Ronde to the Camp Carson mining district. That nothing has been done is due, perhaps, to the reason that no leader for the movement has been found. Now that the Commercial club has been reorganized, and has no other business than to pursue propositions that will result in benefit to the city, this lack of a directing force will no longer be felt. The road in question, which is needed, and which will bring considerable trade to La Grande that is now going to North Powder and Baker City, bids fair to be built. This morning several of the principal stockholders of the Aurella mine, who, with the interests owning the Indiana mines, are greatly interested in the question, started up the river and will make it their business in the very near future to examine the proposed route, determine upon its feasibility, and make, through the Commercial club, recommendations to the county court. It is not proposed to ask the county to build the road, but the matter must necessarily be handled through that body.

REVIVE THE EXHIBIT HALL

The Commercial club has secured from E. C. Moore of the Eastern Oregon Colonizing company, the building used last year for housing displays of our products, and will put it to the same use. They are now in correspondence with Portland parties, and with the Oregon Agricultural college in regard to formulas for properly preserving fruit for display, and in a short time the hall will be cleaned up and filled with exhibits of fruit, vegetables, grain and ores. The headquarters of the publicity campaign, as told before in this paper, are not definitely settled upon, but the club rooms will be temporarily used for the purpose.

EASTERN STAR ENTERTAINMENT

Hope Chapter No. 13 Entertains Many Guests at Elaborate Banquet. Wednesday night will long be remembered by the members of the Order of the Eastern Star of Grande Ronde valley. In response to an invitation sent out several weeks ago by Hope Chapter No. 13 of La Grande, members were present last evening from Grande Ronde chapter No. 49 of Union, Blue Mountain chapter No. 52 of Elgin, and Olive Branch No. 62 of Summerville. Officers of the Union chapter did the initiatory work and were recipients of many deserved compliments for the beautiful manner in which it was executed. The floral degree was put on by the La Grande team. The banquet tables were twice spread to serve the 160 members and visitors present. Dr. M. K. Hall distinguished himself as an ideal toastmaster. Attorney Charles E. Cochran, on behalf of Hope Chapter, delivered the address of welcome to the many visitors, which was responded to by Mrs. Jennie Rinehart of the Summerville chapter, who is also grand conductress of the state. She was followed by the grand worthy master of the state, E. E. Kiddle, of Island City. It is not often in local entertainments that it is possible to secure the attendance of two grand state officers as was the case on this occasion. Hon. W. T. Wright, who is a past grand worthy master of the state, was also present and favored those present with a few remarks, characterizing the gathering as a new epoch in Eastern Star circles; as being the first time such an attempt at a joint social gathering being carried out, and concluded his remarks by wishing that it would not be the last. There were members present from no less than 14 different chapters representing as many different states, and

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the registration contained the names of two who held their membership in the Philippine islands. The Eastern Star is among the strongest orders in the county. The work is beautiful, impressive and furnishes a social life for its members that is difficult to obtain elsewhere.

NOMINATE COL. W. J. BRYAN AT DENVER THIS EVENING. (Continued from page 1.)

tions would not issue if no industrial dispute were involved. In the railroad plank appears the following: "We assert the right of congress to exercise complete control over interstate commerce and the right of each state to exercise just as complete control over commerce within its borders; we demand such enlargement of powers of the interstate commerce commission as are necessary to enable it to protect persons and places from discrimination and extortion, and to compel roads to perform their duties as common carriers." Hobson Jecred. The prediction of Congressman Hobson of war with Japan, which was made from the lecture platform in all the cities of the Pacific coast, was not taken seriously here by the convention. The prediction was jeered and hissed at the convention last night. Applause from the coast delegates was the only encouragement received when Hobson brought the favorite subject to the notice of the delegates. Nearly half of those in the hall tried to prevent Chairman Bell from according Hobson the privilege of addressing the convention, but Hobson declared the United States was in immediate danger of war with Japan. He was greeted with cries of "Go home," "Sit down" and "Get the book."

He stopped several times. At the conclusion Chairman Bell said he came from the coast and he did not see any danger. The convention adjourned at 1:15 this afternoon until 7 o'clock tonight, when it will meet to nominate Bryan.

BAT AND COON SIGN UP. San Francisco, July 9.—Batting Nelson and Joe Gans last night signed articles for a fight against Ely, Nev., on Labor day. Tex Rickard is promoting the fight. The purse for the scrap is \$30,000 and Nelson is to receive \$20,000, win, lose or draw. Gans is to receive \$10,000. Rickard and the contestants are each to post \$1000 to bind the agreement.

Good Pastime Program. The adventures of the old countryman in town are very amusing. The race of the love-lorn for a wife will hold your attention. "The Wlg" and "An Economical Trip" are just plain funny. The program is unusually long, and besides the films, which, especially that portraying the wool industry in Norway, are better even than usual, there will be two excellent songs by Sherwood Williams, and the banjo music by Nate Ardrey. Electric fans were put in today, and the room will be pleasantly cool from now on.

Ernest Houston Arrested. Ernest Houston, a wood cutter on Fox Hill, was yesterday charged with pointing a gun at H. H. Brill, another wood cutter of the same locality. The crime is alleged to have been committed on June 29, and the warrant was sworn out by Brill. Houston's friends do not believe that he is guilty of the deed, and expect him to be released when the hearing before Justice Angus Stewart, set for Saturday at 10 a. m., is over.

Heard Party Plans. Chicago, July 9.—A sub-committee of the national committee of the Hearst Independent party will meet here tomorrow for the purpose of perfecting arrangements for holding the national convention in this city on July 27 and 28. Daily sessions will be held until the convention opens. It is announced that Orchestra hall, on the lake front, has been secured for the convention, which will begin Monday evening, July 27. Approximately 1900 delegates are expected. Special trains have been arranged by the New York and Massachusetts delegates. California and the Pacific coast will also be well represented. The various work of organizing the various states is going on rapidly.

To Celebrate Battle. Sulphur, Okla., July 9.—Confederate veterans from all over the southwest will gather here on August 10, to celebrate the battle of Oak Hill, or Wilson creek, in Missouri, the first clash and the first great victory for the Confederate forces west of the Mississippi. At this meeting the Oklahoma and Indian territory divisions of the United Confederate veterans will be merged into a single organization.

LOST—Suit case on train between Baker City and La Grande, containing baseball outfit. Finder will please return to Observer office and receive reward. 7-9-14

Funeral Services. The funeral of the late H. A. Blaker was held this afternoon at the residence of J. Bull, Mr. Blaker's brother-in-law. The service was conducted by Rev. Deal of the Methodist church, and the remains were interred in the Masonic cemetery.

At the annual election of officers in the state medical board meeting at Portland last night, of which Dr. F. E. Moore is a member, Dr. Pantton of Portland was elected president, and Dr. R. C. Coffey of Portland secretary, to succeed Barnum Miller, who has held that position since the board was established.

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