

LOCAL ITEMS.

J. T. Williamson is transacting business in Pendleton this week.

H. P. Rowe left this morning for North Powder for a few days' business.

H. P. Lewis left this morning for Baker City to look after insurance business.

Mrs. Fred Schilke is visiting her daughter, Mrs. William Morrison, at North Powder.

Miss Mina Kelly left last night for Portland, having secured a lay-off from the land office.

J. H. Rinehart, who has been in the city, returned to his home at Summerville this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Geibel's baby, who has been quite sick for several days, is now rapidly improving.

George Carpy resumed his duties yesterday at the land office after taking a month's vacation.

Miss Belle Sills of the Cove, who has been attending the Monmouth Normal school, returned last night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Morton, left this morning for Union, where they will visit friends and relatives.

Miss Marjorie Silverthorn, who has been visiting in Spokane for several weeks, returned home last night.

Miss Mildred Bush, who has been visiting friends in Union the past few days, returned home this morning.

J. H. Rinehart, who has been at Hot Lake for several days, returned to his home at Summerville this morning.

M. Brizendine, the Huntington hotel man who has been in the city the past few days, left this morning for Pendleton.

Jess Paul returned last evening from a trip to the Aurelia mines. He reports the fishing good and the mines prospering.

F. G. Taylor, Ed Brady and A. Thomas have returned from a fishing trip to the Minam river.

Mrs. C. M. Humphreys went to El-Mrs. W. H. Gibson and children returned last night from Summerville, where they have been visiting for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Koontz, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ned Ackles, returned to their home at Athena this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Colburn, of Athena, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Smith on the Sandridge, returned home this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Conley returned this morning from a two weeks' visit in Portland and the beach. They report having had a most delightful time.

Police McAllister, a former Wallowa county resident, but who now resides in Tacoma, and who has been visiting in La Grande, returned home this morning.

Mrs. F. S. Murphy, formerly of La Grande, while en route home from Portland to Salt Lake, stopped over last night and today is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Berry.

Will Hawkins left Sunday night for Portland, where he will submit to an operation for appendicitis. His many friends will await anxiously for further news regarding his condition.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Baker of Lower Cove, are La Grande visitors today. Mr. Baker reports conditions at Cove prosperous and the outlook for a first class fruit crop never better.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Violes of Prosser, Wash., who have been visiting friends in Cove, drove over this morning and took the early train for their home. They have decided to return to Cove next spring and locate.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Faulk, who have been spending a few weeks in the city, returned to their home at Pasco this morning. Mr. Faulk is interested in the Aurelia mines, and has been looking over the property.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Skipton of Salem, arrived in the city this morning and will be the guests of Dr. and Mrs. P. A. Charlton. Mr. Skipton is horse buyer, and while here will probably purchase a few carloads of Grande Ronde valley horses.

Mrs. W. M. Ramsey and daughter Margaret, returned last evening from a three months' visit with friends and relatives in Seattle. While absent they spent several weeks on the lakes and bays. They report having had a most enjoyable trip.

Miss Helen McHugh, a teacher of the local schools, who has been spending her vacation at Stillwater, Minn., is expected to arrive here tonight. She will be accompanied by Miss Ruth Bush, also a local teacher, who

has been visiting in Nebraska. Joel Richardson and sister, Miss Helen and niece, Miss Ollie Richardson, went to Welser this morning to visit friends. They will remain several weeks, when Joel will return to Eugene, where he is a student at the University of Oregon.

Mrs. S. W. Oliver is at the Grande Ronde hospital this week, recovering from the effects of a surgical operation performed this morning by Drs. Bacon & Hall. This afternoon she is reported as having rallied satisfactorily from the operation, and there seems to be no reason at this time to regard her recovery as doubtful.

L. C. McLain arrived in the city this morning from Corvallis, and has accepted a position with the Red Cross drug store. Mr. McLain is a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural college, and is also a registered pharmacist. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. McLain of this city, two well known and respected citizens of La Grande. The Red Cross is to be congratulated upon having secured his services.

The capacity of the Corvallis lumber mill will be doubled.

Men are to be known by their aims rather than by their origins.

NORTH POWDER BLAZE

North Powder, Sept. 1.—(Special.)

The elements stood between a barn fire and valuable residences here this afternoon, for, with the strong wind blowing in an opposite direction, at least one, and perhaps several of the best houses in the town would have been leveled to the ground.

A passing freight engine reaching the yards from the east soon after the noon hour, ignited the Chris Johnson barn. The fire department and volunteers fought the flames heroically, but notwithstanding, the structure was a complete loss, reaching in the neighborhood of \$400. There was no insurance.

The strong wind blowing at the time carried the sparks in a direction where no harm was done. Mr. Johnson is the mill man here, and owns a comfortable home, which was among those threatened by the flames.

Another blaze started from the same source, was discovered on the roof of the A. J. Willis barn. Prompt action by the fire fighters extinguished the flames before any serious damage was done to it.

SOCIETY.

Mrs. W. L. Brenholts entertained her Sunday school class at her home this afternoon. The afternoon was most delightfully spent with music and games, and in the afternoon dainty refreshments were served.

H. S. Massee Married.

H. S. Massee, vice-president of the Blue Mountain creamery in this city, was married on August 28 at Precourt, Ill., to Mrs. Jennie Campbell of Stewart, Wis. After an extensive tour of the middle west, Mr. and Mrs. Massee will be at home at the corner of First and Washington, in this city, about October 1.

Mrs. Richardson Entertains.

Twenty-two young ladies of this city were delightfully entertained last evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Richardson, by Mrs. Richardson, assisted by Mesdames W. W. Berry and O. E. Silverthorn, in honor of Miss Eunice Mapes of Salt Lake. Progressive anatomy, an extremely interesting and humorous parlor game, occupied the attention of the guests much of the time. The most adept at the progression were Miss May Neill and Miss Lena Jones, who won first and second prize, respectively. The Richardson home was handsomely decorated with nasturtiums. Musical features of the evening were vocal solos by Mesdames Berry and Silverthorn. Refreshments were served by the hostess, aided by Miss Eunice Mapes and Mesdames Silverthorn and Berry. Those who attended were: Misses Irene Murphy, Marjorie Silverthorn, May Neill, Gertrude Ralston, Edna Wissler, Florence McCall, Lena Jones, Laura Holm, Flora Mack, Louise Schilke, Etta Foley, Martha Cahoon, Ruth Russell, Eunice Mapes, Imogen Russell, Ethel McKennon, Anna Richardson, Hattie Short, Lizzie King, Lillian Baker and Hazel Landrum.

Robert Burton, tenor re-engaged for Pastime Theater.

Robert Burton re-employed. "The Baseball Fan," or the great game between the White Sox and the New York Americans at the Pastime theater last night, made a big hit. The house was crowded for three performances. But the feature bill is the "Padrone," which no doubt ranks as one of the greatest story pictures before the public today. Robert Burton, the popular tenor, who was formerly with the theater, has been re-engaged and will sing the songs tonight. This feature alone is a drawing card for the house.

At the Scenic.

The feature bill at the Scenic tonight is the "Girl Nihilist." This number tells the story of Russian cruelty and the pitiful plight of the peasant class in the Czar's domain. No one can see this picture without offering up a silent prayer that something might arise which would put an end suffering and anguish which constantly is being inflicted upon a great number of human beings whose very lives are held in the hands of the "Little White Father," as the subjects of the czar are forced to call their ruling master. The story shows the horrors of the journey to the tin mines in Siberia and the mode of mining and the treatment accorded the convicts. There are many thrilling situations, but the one which pleases the audience most is when the heroine of the piece makes her escape. There are many other pictures to be seen this evening, but the strongest, the one you will remember the longest is "The Girl Nihilist."

At the Sherwood.

If you did not see the Fisher Maiden last night at the Sherwood, do not fail to attend this evening. There have been many good picture stories, or picture dramas at the Sherwood this season, but few which are so thrillingly interesting as The Fisher Maiden. To sit in the well ventilated auditorium in the comfortable chairs, surrounded by friends and family, viewing the master production of the film makers and regaled with the classical piano selections and popular songs, is indeed a pleasure sufficient to make ones very soul rejoice. It is all yours for one dime. The pictures will instruct as well as delight, and the illustrated songs will at least, for the time, cause you to throw dull care to the winds and the gentle hand of forgetfulness will smooth the wrinkles from that frowning brow, and for one night joy and peace will reign supreme and you will return to your home a more pleasant and seemingly younger person. The little ones, too, have their troubles. Take them to the Sherwood for an evening and receive your pleasure from the knowledge that you have given them an evening of unalloyed rapture.

Narrowly Escape Lynching.

Des Moines, N. M., Sept. 1.—Following a narrow escape from lynching, Julia Moon is confined in the county jail at Clayton today, with the family of William South, whom she implicated by confession, that she fired three stores and the Central hotel here today. Thirty guests were nearly burned to death in the hotel. The girl declared that the Souths wanted a fire started so their insured property would be destroyed. After telling her story an attempt was made by the citizens to lynch South, his wife, and the girl. The sheriff was notified of the intended lynching and spirited the culprits away.

Idaho Republicans Organize.

Boise, Sept. 1.—Major Fred R. Reed was elected today, to the temporary chairmanship of the republican state committee, which convened this morning. After the keynote speech and the appointment of the convention committee, adjournment was taken until this afternoon.

A Lucky Hindu.

Astoria, Sept. 1.—Haji Singh, a Hindu laborer, was informed by a letter today, that he is heir to \$50,000 through the death of an uncle, a rich cotton grower in India.

Hammocks-Guns-Hunting Coats. Why be tortured with heat when you can buy hammocks at your own price. We have a few left that we are going to sell for less than you would suggest.

Our prices cannot be excelled in builders hardware carpenter's tools and shelf goods. We carry the GILT EDGE line and every article is guaranteed.

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FOUR EXCURSIONISTS DROWN.

Wild Scramble for Lifeboats by English Excursionists.

London, Sept. 1.—Four persons were drowned in a scramble for life boats today when 100 passengers were rescued from an excursion steamer, Queen, which was disabled by a terrific storm off Selsey. The crew refused to leave until all the excursionists were saved.

Suicides Before a Crowd.

San Francisco, Sept. 1.—In the presence of a crowd on Jefferson square, A. C. Belkovich, a Slav, fired two bullets at his head and died instantly. He was despondent.

Stockholders' Meeting.

There will be a meeting of stockholders of the Aurelia Mining company at the real estate office of C. E. Moore, on Friday afternoon, September 4, at 2:30 o'clock.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thus publicly express our appreciation to the lodges and to the personal friends who came to our aid and comfort during our recent bereavement.

CHARLES DISQUA, NELLIE DISQUA.

Elks Own Pastime.

The Elks will take charge of the Pastime theater Wednesday evening, September 2. Don't fail to visit the theater, as the lodge gets all the proceeds.

MRS. ALTON DEAD.

Wife of Popular Clerk at Hot Lake Died at the Sanatorium.

Mrs. J. M. Alton, wife of Head Clerk Alton, at the Hot Lake sanatorium, died last night, aged 28 years. No funeral arrangements have been made late this afternoon.

Melon growers of The Dalles and vicinity have formed a union.

Statement of the Condition of the FARMERS AND TRADERS NATIONAL BANK OF LA GRANDE, at the Close of Business July 15, 1908.

Table with columns for ASSETS and LIABILITIES. Assets include Time loans, Overdrafts, Bonds, Banking house, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock, Surplus, Dividends, etc.

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