

**LOCAL ITEMS.**

Ed Conley came over from Cove last evening to transact business.

Attorney J. L. Brand is down from Baker City today on legal matters.

Mrs. Luther Ward came down from Hilgard this morning for a day.

Mrs. J. L. Overton of Elgin, visited friends here last evening and this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Van Buren returned this morning from Portland. They made from taking numerous side trips. He will again resume his position with the jewelry firm here.

Mrs. J. L. Reavis, who has been visiting friends here for several days, returned to Walla Walla this morning.

Mrs. Turner Oliver returned this morning from Long Beach. She stopped off at several points on her way home.

Mesdames O. P. Pratt and Gladys Baxter are in the city from Union today. They are registered at the Sommer house.

Manuel Snider, accompanied by his son, Delbert, left this morning for North Powder, where he will remain a few days, hunting and fishing.

David Brichoux returned last evening from Wallowa county, where he went to look after business matters for a few days.

Miss Bertha Blattner of Weiser, who has been at the beach for a vacation, arrived this morning to spend a few days with Miss Anna Reiland.

George Bernie of the Slegist & Co. jewelry firm, is home today after six months' absence, in which time he has visited in Minnesota and Nevada.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Spurgeon arrived this morning from Colorado Springs, and will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Cleaver for several days.

Mrs. W. F. Snodgrass, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green of Baker City, arrived this morning and will visit here several days before returning to Colfax.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Heacock of Newberg, Ore., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Heacock of this city. The gentlemen are brothers.

R. R. Kelley returned this morning from Walla Walla, where he was called by the illness of his wife. He states that Mrs. Kelley has sufficiently recovered to leave the hospital and is regaining her strength quite rapidly. She was a very sick woman for several days.

D. H. Steward returned this morning from a trip to Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Bellingham and Victoria and Vancouver, B. C. He reports having had a delightful time, but says he has had enough vacation and will now give his opera house his undivided attention.

The social given yesterday afternoon and evening at the home of Mrs. O'Conner, by the Catholic ladies, was generously patronized. A most enjoyable time was experienced by those who attended and the financial results were equally satisfactory to those arranging the affair.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Alken, accompanied by their daughters, Miss Moira and Erma, expect to leave this evening for Portland. Miss Moira, after spending a few days in Portland, will go to Eugene, where she will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde R. Seitz. Erma will enter business college, and expects to remain through the winter.

**Lumber Mystery Unsolved.**  
San Francisco, Sept. 5.—Officers of the revenue cutter Manning are today unable to explain the peculiar circumstances surrounding the floating ashore of a large quantity of lumber at Point Arena Wednesday night. The Manning made a long search, but saw no sign of a wreck.

One Douglas county man has sold 150 tons of Bartlett pears to a cannery.

**TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.**

**HELP WANTED**—Two experienced ironers and one experienced mangle girl. Apply at Cherry's New Laundry, 85-11.

**WANTED**—Competent girl to do general housework. Apply at this office, or phone Red 952.

**WANTED**—Girl or woman to do general housework. Wages \$25 per month. Inquire of Mrs. William Ash.

**A PROSPEROUS SHOWING.**

Only Three Mortgages Filed With Recorder so Far This Month.

Up to noon today, for the month of September, 40 instruments were filed with the county recorder for record. Of this number three were mortgages and three satisfaction of mortgages. The great majority being warranty deeds. These silent records speak volumes for the prosperous condition of the county. It is true, a mortgage does not of necessity bespeak disaster, often a mortgage is the basis of a most successful career, but during hard financial times the mortgages show a much heavier increase than during eras of prosperity.

**GRANGERS IN PICNIC.**

Enjoying Big Holiday at Proebstel Bridge This Afternoon.

Blue Mountain Grange No. 345 is having a picnic this afternoon at Proebstel's grove on the river. At noon their well filled lunch baskets were surrounded with groups of friends under the numerous shady trees. In the river the younger boys and girls were swimming, wading and fishing.

Miss Ada Roush, the photographer, was present and took several group photographs.

There was a good attendance and everyone, young and old, joined in the spirit of the occasion. The picnic was given in honor of the young ladies and gentlemen who will leave on the 13th to attend the Weston Normal school, of whom the following were present today:

Fred Huffman, Benjamin Gekeley, Lillian Holman, Jessie Smith of Alcel, Walter Parker, Burl Tuck, Nip, Stella and Irene Conley, Frank and Josie Miller, Joseph and Erastus Paxton, Claude and Bessie Kelley and Fred Sanford of Cove. Last year there were between 35 and 40 in attendance at the Weston Normal from this county, and there is every prospect of this number being increased this year.

Miss Minnie Holman has been secured to teach a three months' term of school on Grave creek, in the Mountain Home district.

**AT THE PLAYHOUSES.**

**THE GANS-NELSON FIGHT**

**THE TEN BEST ROUNDS**

**WILL BE PLAINLY SHOWN.**

The Pastime has secured the film of the Gans-Nelson fight, and will exhibit the same Monday afternoon. This film shows the 10 best rounds, the ringside, and the principal characters in the prize ring. The famous forty-second round, showing how Nelson loses to Gans by a foul blow, is shown as distinctly as the ringsiders could have seen it. On account of the high royalty which the film owners charge, the price of admission has necessarily been placed at 25 cents. Remember, the Gans-Nelson pictures can be seen Monday afternoon only.

**At the Sherwood.**

From first to last the present program at the Sherwood is all that can be desired by the most particular patrons of the motion picture shows. Bluebird is perhaps the most talked about, because of the fact that it contains much that is mystifying. There are other good numbers. The comedy number especially is good, and at the same time shows some very clever acting. Remember, the program changes Monday evening.

**Hiatt Sings Again.**

Basilone Hiatt sang again at the Pastime theater this afternoon and will be heard again tonight. The "Robin Hood" feature is the stellar attraction at the Pastime for the week-ending.

**New Special Singer.**

The Scenic theater is enjoying a splendid run with its head-liner "Salome," and to add still new attractions has secured Miss Preston, of Salt Lake, who sang at the matinee this afternoon, and will appear at each of the shows tonight. The management has a good attraction this week-end, and look for a good run again tonight.

**BOOK REVIEW.**

Readers of The Observer who took advantage of the Pacific Monthly premium offer, have a treat in store, beginning with the current number of the magazine and running through the next year. Jack London begins his latest and best book, said to be a thinly veiled story of his own life, in the September number, and to those who believe they can forecast the conclusion of the story, the Pacific Monthly is offering a prize of \$500. The opening chapters begin rather tamely, except that the hero, Martin Eden, at once falls in love with an ethereal personage who, truth to tell, has about as much color as a washed out piece of calico. However that may be, "Martin Eden" promises to be a first-class narrative of the rise of a rough, seafaring youngster into something nobler and more worth-while.

The cosmopolitan for October has been out some days, and the cover is adorned with a print of the head of a baby. The little fellow is squalling, in sympathy we presume, with his fellows whose manner of living is described inside the covers—"The little children of the rich," or as the author has it, the "gold-spoon babies."

McClure's leading article in the September number is the beginning of General Kuropatkin's secret history of the Russo-Japanese war. In these opening chapters the author prints excerpts from Kuropatkin's narrative of the events preceding the war, and which were among the main causes of the conflict. The story is interesting, especially to the student of history.

**MAKING A RECORD.**

The Tax Roll Will Be Ready to Turn Over Before Requested.

The assessor's office is making a splendid record in the preparation of the 1908 tax roll, which is required to be in the hands of the county court on October 19.

On August 19, 16 days ago, clerks Humphrey and Vanderpoel, commenced transcribing the records, and they are now more than half through. It is often the case for the assessor to appear before the board and ask for an extension of time, but this year everything will be written up and corrected several days prior to the time fixed by law.

**HUNTING LICENSES.**

Nearly 400 Sportsmen in Union County This Year.

Up to date 384 hunting licenses have been issued from the clerk's office to applicants from Union county. This is quite an army in itself. It is no wonder the American citizen does not need the amount of training and practice to become soldiers as do the residents of the old world. The American boy is practically born with a gun in his hand and, as reflected in the book of licenses, keep right on handling firearms until they are physically incapable of snaring the wild game.

**A Snake Story.**

Last June some of the boys at Telocaset caught and imprisoned a rattlesnake five and a half feet long. This snake lived in solitary confinement until last week, when another rattler—a black one six feet long, was caught and placed in the same box with the other snake, the black one having 16 rattles, some having been broken off. Soon after the snakes were placed together, the first one was found dead, but whether it was killed by the black snake is not known. One of the strange things about the first snake imprisoned is that it lived from June until September without food, refusing to eat anything. The black rattler met a violent death this week while escaping from a box.—Union Republican.

**Presbyterian Cooking Exchange.**

On Wednesday afternoon, September 9, at 2 o'clock, the Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church, will hold a cooking exchange at the residence of Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp on Second street, to which all the ladies of the city are invited. Each lady will bring her note book, pencil and her very best recipe, and 25 cents. A buffet lunch will be served at any time during the afternoon.

A Eugene young man walking with his girl was held up by a highwayman, but didn't have a cent.

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**TAX NOTICES**

Are Being Sent Out by the Sheriff for Last Half Payments.

Notices are being sent out from the sheriff's office notifying those who did not pay their taxes in April last, that the last one-half is due and payable on or before the first Monday in October.

Those who paid one-half last April and neglect to pay the last half before October will have to pay 12 per cent interest from April 1, and in addition, a penalty of 10 per cent.

The unpaid taxes do not aggregate a very large sum as compared with the total. The total tax for 1907 was \$220,000, of which \$188,000 has been paid, leaving only a balance of \$32,000 unpaid.

**Two for One.**

Two bottle liquid hand lotion for the price of one. Red Cross drug store. \$3-5



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

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Time loans	\$ 77,666.00	Capital stock	\$ 60,000.00
Overdrafts, temporary	3,846.73	Surplus and undivided profits	2,712.45
Bonds, warrants, etc.	19,732.39	Circulation	15,000.00
Banking house and fixtures	15,611.00	Dividends unpaid	1,200.00
Other real estate	6,000.00	Rediscounts	4,500.00
CASH AND AVAILABLE ASSETS		Deposits and due to banks	179,078.57
U. S. bonds and premiums	\$15,676.00		
Demand loans	85,353.70		
Cash and due from banks	37,855.20		
5 per cent redemption fund	750.00		
	129,633.90		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$262,490.02</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$262,490.02</b>

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