

LOCAL ITEMS.

SOCIETY.

Attorney Robert Lloyd returned this morning to Elgin after spending Saturday and Sunday in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Haworth left last night to attend the apple show in Spokane.

J. H. Taylor and daughter, Miss Luella, of Baker City, are here today.

F. O. Johnson, one of the wealthy farmers of Haines, is in the city today transacting business.

Tom Bruce, who has been in Baker City for several weeks, has returned to remain permanently.

J. L. Rayburn returned this morning to Cabin creek, where he is handling a crew of section men.

Mrs. Peter O'Sullivan left this morning for Pendleton, where she will enter the hospital. Mrs. O'Sullivan has been in poor health for several months.

Contractor Kreiger is making quite a showing on the foundation of the M. & M. Co.'s new brick building. Everything will be ready for the walls very soon.

J. N. Klein, who formerly was proprietor of the Hickory saloon in this city, but is now engaged in the grocery business in Portland, is here on business matters today.

R. A. West, the well driller, who has discovered a liquid on the Gaskill ranch near Imbler, that resembles oil, left this morning to resume drilling after having spent Sunday with his wife here.

President Mrs. Fred Schilke and Secretary Mrs. C. M. Humpheys, have issued a call to all members of the B. L. A. to the B. of L. E. to be present tomorrow afternoon when the lodge will hold its annual election of officers.

The ladies of the Methodist church will give a cooked food sale on Saturday, December 13. Saturday before Christmas. The list offered will include cold roast meats, baked beans, home-made bread, brown bread, mince meat, jellies, pie and cake.

Accompanied by Eider Sebbelov and one or two others, Civil Engineer L. A. Pickler this morning commenced running a preliminary survey of the irrigation ditch that is to head towards Sandridge. The data which they seek will be compiled as quickly as possible.

Mrs. Lou Given has returned from the east, where she was called to attend the funeral of her grandmother several weeks ago. Mrs. J. R. Forrest will remain in Iowa until spring. Miss Bonnie will return in about two weeks. Mrs. Given visited many points of interest during her absence.

Register and Mrs. F. C. Bramwell returned this morning from Portland, where Mr. Bramwell was a witness in the James Meade case now on trial in the federal court. The entry over which the indictment was made, was entered in the La Grande land office in January, 1907. Mr. Bramwell is of the opinion that the case will go to the jury tomorrow.

STILL FIND OIL.

Water in Gaskill Well is Unfit for Use on Account of Oil.

Alicol, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Digging in the well which Saturday evening gave indications of containing crude oil, was resumed today by Well Driller R. A. West, and the entire community of Alicol is looking forward with interest to the time when it can be definitely decided whether or not Union county is going to be the center of an oil boom. When the digging was resumed today, through the sandy strata that is indicative of oil, the water continues to be unfit for use on account of the excess of oil. Mr. Gaskill, who owns the ranch where the digging is going on, is not unduly excited over the find, but naturally hopes that oil in paying quantities is to be found beneath his ranch.

Rusty Pistol is Effective.

Oakland, Dec. 7.—Six men were compelled to disgorge varying amounts of money, and the cash register of the Antlers saloon looted by a masked highwayman, with a rusty pistol, early today. He secured \$110. He lined the patrons up against the wall.

No Successor Named Yet.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—The police commissioners announced today that no successor to the late chief of police Biggy will be appointed inside of three months.

Gentlemen's dressing rolls and cases, leathered and leatheretts, at Silverthorn & Mack's drug store.

At the pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schilke a dinner was served yesterday in a very unique and delightful manner. Covers were laid for eight and dinner served in four courses. Each lady present prepared, served and looked after in every detail, one of the courses, and with the same ease as if she were herself the hostess. The festive feast which ushered in the dinner was as follows: "Some has meat and canna eat, Some wad eat but has nae meat; But we has meat and we can eat. And see the Lord be thankit."

The dinner was not the only enjoyable feature of the day. After attending the Elks' memorial service the guests were invited to return to the home and finish the day in friendly talk and all that goes to mark an informal but gracious and charming hospitality. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Richey, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Ivanhoe and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schilke.

Mr. and Mrs. Will French entertained Mr. and Mrs. Bridges, of the Bridges Concert company, at dinner yesterday evening.

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COURT CONVENES.

Morning Session Delayed by Non-Arrival of Jurors on Time.

Circuit court opened this morning, the forenoon being occupied with the awaiting the arrival of the morning westbound train to bring the jurors from the eastern portion of the county, which was several hours late, and did not reach here until noon.

The case of the State vs. John Minnick, charged with larceny of a calf, is on trial this afternoon.

The case of the State vs. Charles Anderson, charged with violating the local option law, has been set for Thursday, December 10, at 1:30, and the case of the State vs. Stevens on a similar charge, will follow the Anderson trial.

The Cunningham case has been set for tomorrow afternoon.

**Xmas Booklets
At
Ferguson's**

The Scenic Has New "Dope."
"The best I ever had in vaudeville" is the way S. A. Gardiner describes his vaudeville attractions for the Scenic this week, commencing tonight. Gordon & Price, a lady and gentleman, arrived in La Grande this morning to put on a variety of features that will please. The Observer leaves it to patrons to be judges for themselves. May Hart is here for white face and colored costume features in dancing and singing. This makes three new faces for the Scenic this week. "Reception of the American Fleet in Australia" is the title of the head-liner in the moving picture department. The story is new, of course, and has never been seen here before. "Old College Chum" and "Cave of the Spook" are two other new and up-to-date films that go on tonight.

The Pastime.

The Pastime has a real comedy bill for its patrons this evening. The new stenographer is an extra strong number and one that would make a mummy laugh. The other great laugh-maker is the one entitled An All-Wool Garment. This one will cause even those who have a continual case of the blues to forget their troubles for the time and laugh just like a healthy mortal should laugh. Practical jokes will find food for reflection in the film entitled The Impersonator's Jokes, and will finally come to the conclusion that they have overlooked a few good things themselves. Come out tonight and see where you have failed in the past to make the other fellow happy by your own cleverness. Mr. Ferrin will sing the illustrated songs. The one which make the greatest hit is the Miner's Home, Sweet Home. This is considered the greatest song which has been written expressing western sentiment, and one which has made its author famous the world over.

Patrons of the house will be pleased to learn that G. C. Scheurer has again taken the management of the lamp house and hereafter he will manage the picture machine. He assumes his position this evening and says that from this time on the Pastime would have the finest pictures between Portland and New York. Clyde has given the tip for the boys; a tip to watch for the eyebrows on "The New Stenographer" this evening.

St. Peter's Guild Tea and Sale.

The ladies of St. Peter's Guild will serve a substantial tea, Friday afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. James Russell, corner of Main avenue and Third street. They will also offer for sale a selection of useful and fancy articles, suitable for Christmas gifts and other purposes.

Birth Record.

In Baker City on Sunday, December 6, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Eccles, a 12½-pound son.



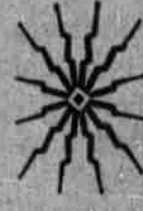
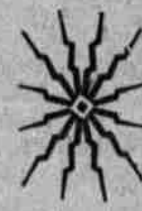
The above cut is an exact reproduction of one of the interesting acts with the Al G. Barnes trained animal show that appears at the Steward opera house for two nights, commencing tonight, December 7.

The stage at Steward's opera house today has more the aspect of a circus ring than that of an opera house. The entire stage is enclosed with strong steel bars and a strong netting covers the top. This is done in order that there may be absolutely no opportunity for the animals to escape. Every precaution has been taken to prevent accidents, and there does not seem that a burglar, let alone an animal could escape without the aid of human appliances. This evening this iron-bound arena will be the scene of many animal acts which will be seen to the wonder and admiration of all who see them. This morning six large lions occupied the arena, and they seemed to be enjoying themselves to the fullest extent. The dressing rooms were filled with animals of every description. The special dressing room which is usually set aside for the leading lady when the high-class attractions come to the opera house, are being used today by three baby elephants, and the next room, usually reserved for the leading gentleman, is the home today for the educated monkey and pony. The parade at noon was bright and attractive and gave the streets the appearance of circus day. Three baby lions are on exhibition in the display window of the Lilly-Foster hardware store, where they are the center of attraction for the day. Steward's opera house this evening and tomorrow evening.

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