

LOCAL ITEMS.

Wholesale price on lard at the market tomorrow.

George Baird, one of Union's leading men, is in the city today transacting business.

Miss Lottie Howard leaves for her home in Hood River tomorrow, after an extended visit here.

Mrs. C. F. Merrill took her departure for Portland last evening, to be gone about two weeks visiting friends.

Eugene Holmes, the Wallowa merchant, passed through the city last evening en route to Portland.

E. D. Gams, of Alsea, who has been in the city the past few days transacting business, returned home this morning.

L. Oldenburg returned this morning from Portland, where he has been on business connected with the Aurelia Mining company.

W. E. Hills, traveling auditor for the Pacific Telephone company, who has been spending a few days here, leaves tonight for Baker City.

Frank H. Green, connected with the Blue Mountain Creamery company, is in Sumpter looking after personal and firm affairs. He left last evening.

Attorney Robert Lloyd, who has been transacting business before the circuit court, returned to his home at Elgin this morning.

Miss Anna Carlson, who has been following her profession as trained nurse in Union, returned to La Grande this morning.

T. H. Tatman, one of the big fruit men of Fruitdale, has gone to Spokane to attend the apple show. He returns by way of Seattle and Portland.

Elma Bay, 8 months' old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bay, today conveyed to the Park association, 54 pennies to help make out the mile of pennies.

Attorney J. A. Burleigh and wife, who have been visiting friends in Walla Walla, are in the city today. They are expected to return to their home at Enterprise tomorrow morning.

A. W. Leffel, for many years messenger on the Elgin and now on the Joseph run, will go on the logging train next Monday. This will permit him to be with his family each night, instead of alternating nights, as now.

Mrs. G. C. Osburn left this morning for Portland, where she will join her husband, who has been promoted to a Portland position with the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company. Mr. and Mrs. Osburn have many friends in La Grande who wish them every success in their new home.

Mrs. Fred Gilbert and daughter, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hoyt, left this morning for Dayton, Wash., where she will join her husband, who is located there. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert formerly resided in Haines. Mrs. Gilbert is a sister-in-law of Mrs. Hoyt.

Apostle John Henry Smith and Bishop C. W. Nibley, custodian of funds for the Mormon church, both of Salt Lake, will be in La Grande Sunday to attend the quarterly stake conference to be held in the local tabernacle at that time. The conference is an important one, and many will be here from valley points.

Fred J. Holmes and Robert Miller left this morning for Walla Walla, where they go to look after matters regarding the installation of the steam heating plant in the M. & M. company's new implement building. Mr. Miller will continue his journey to Portland to attend to other affairs regarding the building.

34 Cents for Butter Fat.

December butter fat, 34 cents. We need more butter to supply the demands and will guarantee 34 cents for December. Bring us your cream. Blue Mountain Creamery Company.

BLALOCK ON BOARD.

Walla Walla Has Place on National Association as Director.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The National Rivers and Harbors congress today ratified the recommendations nominating a committee for officers for the ensuing year as follows:

President, Joseph Ransdell, Louisiana; secretary-treasurer, J. E. Ellison, Cincinnati. Among the board of directors will be former Governor Pardee of California, A. Devers of Portland, and N. G. Blalock of Walla Walla.

UNCERTAIN ABOUT TRIAL.

Seems That Date of Trial Cannot Be Set Until Returns Come.

The liquor cases pending in the justice case seem to be rather unclear to the justice of the peace, as to when he will be able to hear it. All he knows of the case is that he issued the warrants after the information had been filed with him. Constable Faulk says he served the warrants, yet the returns have not been made. While it is supposed the case will be heard at 7:30 tonight, there is nothing to verify the statement. Late this afternoon Justice Stewart could not say whether Lincoln and Spillman will be tried tonight or not.

La Follette's Magazine.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 11.—Senator La Follette, following in the footsteps of William J. Bryan, and other literary statesmen, will shortly begin the publication of a new weekly magazine. The periodical will make its initial appearance within two or three weeks, probably during the Christmas holidays. The new journal will be devoted largely to politics, but will also have literary features.

Jealousy to Blame.

Pacific Grove, Cal., Dec. 11.—Jealousy over a woman has brought Private D. C. Duke, of Co. B, 26th infantry to prison under a charge of murdering First Sergeant Edward Stanton, of the same company, and attempting to kill the woman of whom both quarreled. Duke, Stanton and the woman eating in a restaurant at the Presidio, and returned with a revolver. He opened fire without warning, Stanton falling dead in the restaurant. Two of the bullets fired at the woman missed. Duke was shot in the shoulder by Policeman Dosch as he was running away.

Coal.

Just received two carloads of Rock Springs coal. The best handled in the city. Grande Ronde Cash Company.

Dr. W. D. McMillan Painless Denstry La Grande National Bank Bldg. Both Phores

The Scenic.

Pleases them all. That is the only way to properly express the character of the Scenic program this week. Gordon & Price, the vaudeville team, are springing an entirely new line of dope and every line is making a decided hit with the patrons. May Hart, in black face, ranks right along with them and it would be difficult to decide who has the best of it. She has the "Colored Mammy" act down so fine that it is hard for the spectators to believe that the greater part of the day she is a decided blond. The pictures are good and refreshingly new. Remember the matinee tomorrow afternoon for the school children.

Mae Hart puts on tonight her very best in the way of a guitar accompaniment to a song hit that pleased Portland and Seattle.

The Lyric.

The Lyric changes program three times each week now. The pictures last evening dealt with new subjects and were acceptable in every way. The vaudeville act would have been all right if the black face artist had been a little more careful with his lines. An occasional slip of the tongue nearly ruined the very good act. Mr. Hoyt, as the professor of the school of acting, was good. His interpretation of the generally accepted idea of the old school actor was really first-class. Jumbo will make good when he learns to keep his English within the proper bounds. Remember the three times a week change.

The Pastime.

The Pastime pictures last evening were exceptionally good. The feature number was far better than the average, the acting being of a character far superior to that usually shown in moving pictures. The film is a long one and to give a proper description would require more space than we can devote to amusements today. Mr. Ferrin's song is a most delightful one and gives him ample opportunity to display his wonderful vocal powers. Next week Manager Eccles will be able to offer as a special attraction, the L. D. S. quartet. This quartet needs no introduction to La Grande audiences. The reputation has been long established.

SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES.

First Presbyterian Church. Washington avenue and Sixth St. Rev. W. H. Bleakney, Ph. D., president of the Pendleton academy, will preach morning and evening. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m., W. L. Brenholts, superintendent; C. E. service, 6:30 p. m., leader, George M. Rogers. Prayer meeting Thursday, 7:30 p. m. Rev. S. W. Seemann, D. D. minister.

First Methodist Episcopal Church. Corner M avenue and Fourth street. Sunday, 9:45, Bible school; 11 a. m., morning worship, subject, "A Sufficient Friend"; 12 m., class meeting; 6:30 p. m., Epworth league, subject, "Oys of the Overcomers," leader, Mrs. Loda Redhead; 7:30, evening worship, subject, "A Call to Men." Monday, 7:30 p. m., at parsonage, the class in Christian Stewardship. Thursday, 7 p. m., teachers' meeting, followed by prayer meeting at 7:45. Special music by the choir. A cordial welcome to all. Rev. C. E. Deal, pastor.

St. Peter's Church.

Third Sunday in Advent. Holy communion, 8 a. m.; Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning service, 11 a. m.; Bible class, 4:15 p. m.; evening service, 5 p. m. Litany and choir practice Fridays at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Upton H. Gibbs, rector.

LAND BUSINESS GOOD.

Uncle Sam's Real Estate Office Prosperous—Halley Here.

Business at the local land office was good today. In fact, land purchasers were so numerous that the office force was kept more than busy taking filings, entering contest applications and listening to final proofs.

Enough of the government domain was disposed of to make a good sized county, but this fact did not in any way discourage the officials, as Register Bramwell stated there was no fear of working themselves out of employment, as he had enough land listed to make the average real estate man turn green with envy. The customers who exchanged their hard-earned dollars for government land all seemed pleased and wore the expression of patrons who were laboring under the belief that they had secured a real bargain.

United States Commissioner John Halley, jr., is over from Pendleton today, transacting business before the United States land office. He expects to return to Pendleton this evening.

Desperado Kills Negroes.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 11.—Without the slightest provocation, William Latura, a desperado, today shot up a dive full of negroes, killing four, and wounding several. He was captured later.

James F. Wall leaves tonight for Portland to spend a few days. He expects to return early next week.

Fancy Work Lesson FREE

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