

LOCAL ITEMS.

Editor Scribner, of the Union Republican, is in the city today transacting business.

Wibur McCully of Joseph, arrived in this city last evening.

J. W. McAllister, who is seriously ill, is reported as worse today.

The joint installation of new Eastern Star and Masonic officers will take place December 23.

Tom Ruckman of Alice, spent the night with George T. Cochran, returning home this morning.

A number of Union people are over from that city today to attend the L. D. S. conference, which is being held in this city this afternoon, to continue tomorrow.

Engineer King is on the passenger run in place of Engineer Pike, who is shooting deer in the mountains with Engineer Hillman.

An error occurred in reporting the donation of Elma Bay yesterday. She contributed 154 pennies to the park fund, rather than 54.

The Christian church will commence a series of revival meetings on January 3, with Evangelist and Mrs. Harris present.

In the case of Baumgarden against Herman Roesch in the justice court, a decision was rendered today that gives the plaintiff a judgment of \$6.20. Attorney Hodgkin, for Mr. Roesch, has filed an appeal.

The Farmers' institute slated for December 17, will be held at the Grange hall near Island City, instead of at Island City as announced in The Observer a few days ago. Local committees having details in charge, have perfected everything and a big turnout of farmers is anticipated.

Chief of Police Walden will leave this evening for Salem, where he takes Otto Stull and Edwin Norden, to the reform school. These are the boys recently committed to that institution by Judge Henry.

Express Agent George Hibberd will return tomorrow from Salt Lake, where he has been spending a short vacation. As soon as he assumes his duties here, the temporary agent, L. F. Masece, goes to Baker City, where he will be located until after the Christmas holidays as bill clerk.

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Central Church of Christ.

Sermons tomorrow: Morning, "A Great Promise to the Little Flock"; evening, "A Never-Falling Purse," prelude on "Law Enforcement," in the evening. Bible school, 9:45 a. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. and Junior C. E., 6:30 p. m. Special song practice for Christmas, at 2 p. m. Welcome to all comers. Rev. O. H. King, pastor.

Third Team Wins.

The third high school team defeated the Grange Hall football team yesterday afternoon by the score of 10 to 0. The game was stiffly contested, and the little fellows came back grinning with victory, but bearing the tired appearance accumulated by a hard fight for victory.

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FIRE NEAR HOT LAKE.

Townley Ranch House Burns With Complete Loss of All Goods.

The W. J. Townley ranch house near Hot Lake, variously estimated as worth \$1200, was destroyed by fire at 5 o'clock last evening.

The house was insured for \$500.

The origin of the fire is not known, though thought to be a defective flue. Mr. Woollever occupied the house, having leased the large ranch and the house on it.

MORE PARK MONEY.

Next Basketball Game and Skating Rink Receipts for Park Fund.

There is evidence of boost for the park fund from every corner. Next Friday night the second game of the high school basketball series will be given with the understanding that half the proceeds go to the park. Above that, the managers of the skating rink are going to donate half the skating receipts after the game, for the same purpose. If the same class of basketball is put up next Friday night that was seen last evening, the public will help a good cause along, and in turn receive some value for their liberality.

Card of Thanks.

I hereby wish to give expression of my sincere appreciation for the kindness extended to me by my kind friends and neighbors in the late bereavement of my dear wife.

JACOB B. WALTER.

Died at La Grande December 4, 1908, Mrs. Sophie Maye Walter, dearly beloved wife of Jacob B. Walter. Aged 29 years and 29 days.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the friends who so kindly assisted us during the last illness, death and burial of our father and brother.

J. S. PEACH,
G. W. PEACH,
D. J. PEACH,
ANGIE E. VANTRESS,
MARY L. YOUNG.

The Lyric.

Manager Parson has discovered a new film house, one which he believes will enable him to give the patrons of the Lyric better pictures and more rapid service. The new service will take effect next Monday. Mrs. Hoyt will be seen again at the Lyric with her beautiful and skillful rolling globe act. She will, while standing upon the globe, roll the same on a raised circular platform which has been built out from the stage and over the audience. Mr. Hoyt will do a specialty act which is sure to please. Mr. Hoyt will work in the bill this evening. Mr. Hoyt will begin her engagement tomorrow night. Next week the great shooting act will again be presented.

Boys' Books At Ferguson's

The best is none too good, is the motto which actuates Mr. Parsons in selecting his program. Remember the matinees Saturday and Wednesdays.

At the Steward.

"Little Johnny Jones," the musical comedy play by Geo. M. Cohan, which has made one of the greatest successes of recent years, will shortly be presented in this city by a company of 75 people, including a specially selected cast and a chorus which is spoken of as one of the largest and most efficient in America. This engagement is regarded by our theatergoers as one of the most important events of the theatrical season, and if indications do not fail it will attract a large and fashionable audience. At the Steward Thursday, December 17.

The Pastime.

Though there was only a medium sized crowd out to see the new change at the Pastime last evening, is only to say that there were a great many who missed the best program put on for some time. The picture, "A Dual Life," is one of the best of its kind ever put on a curtain. This subject was taken from life, and is one that points a strong moral and cannot fail to appeal to every honest man and woman. A Ragged Hero is a real drama, with a hero. This picture surrounds the beautiful daughter of a millionaire, who has befriended a poor little waif in time of need and who in his turn has a chance to prove his gratitude. The villain plays a prominent part, but is at last outwitted. The Football "band recounts the adventures of an enthusiastic football rooster in his efforts to see a big game of football vividly shown in a whirlwind of comic situations. Don't fail to see this program tonight. Remember, all next week the famous quartet at the Pastime.

Manager Gardiner received two new reels this morning, and the patrons of the house will receive the benefit of this extra set this evening. The films are entitled "Her Flowers" and "The Magic Handkerchief." These are both new films, having been released but a few days. Three new faces will be seen in vaudeville next week. They come from Ogdun. They are known as the Atkinson Brothers, and are recognized as the best comedy team on the road. Lou Dunbar, the well known German comedian, will come here from Boise, where he has been making good for the past two weeks. Business was good last evening and there is every reason to believe that even more will visit this popular playhouse this evening.

For a Lame Back.

When you have pains or lameness in the back bathe the parts with Chamberlain's Liniment twice a day, massaging with the palm of the hand for five minutes at each application. Then dampen a piece of flannel slightly with this liniment and bind it on over the seat of pain, and you may be surprised to see how quickly the lameness disappears. For sale by all good dealers.

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