

LOCAL ITEMS.

N. K. West is in Portland.
 Mrs. G. E. Fowler has gone to Seattle to visit friends.
 F. B. Currey is in Elgin today looking after the interests of The Observer.
 Chester Coolidge is visiting Elgin today.
 Mrs. McDowell and Miss Luna of Telocaset, visited in La Grande today.
 Splendid headway is being made on the construction of the Island City mill.
 Miss Mae Roe, daughter of Hon. J. L. Roe of Durkee, is visiting friends in the Sandridge country.
 C. C. Clarke came over from Union last evening to go out to Grange hall today.

The Hi Henry minstrels car arrived from Union early this morning and went west with No. 1 later in the day.
 S. R. Haworth, the contractor, is home from the Apple show at Spokane.

F. A. Harmon, of the Fremont Power company at Baker City, is looking after business for his company here today.

Attorney Denham returned to Elgin this morning after concluding his business before the circuit court for the present term.

Evangelist T. S. Hansacker returned to Walla Walla today. He has been assisting Rev. O. H. King with special meetings at the Christian church.

Mrs. Lute Dunn took her departure this morning for Seattle, where she intends to spend about three weeks visiting friends.

Walter M. Pierce, president-manager of the Grande Ronde Electric Co. leaves tonight for Portland to attend a convention of the northwest electric light companies.

The land office continues to be a place of extraordinary interest. The case started yesterday is still on trial. Many of the witnesses in the city yesterday from Wallowa went home this morning.

The little Crossen boy, son of Oscar Crossen of Cove, is convalescent at the home of friends in West La Grande. He has been suffering with typhoid fever.

W. J. Snodgrass returned last evening from British Columbia. During his travels he went as far north as Vernon. The weather there is much less like unto winter than here, reports Mr. Snodgrass.

The Van Duyn company today presented The Observer with a beautiful bunch of mistletoe. The above firm has just received a barrel from the Willamette valley, where it grows to perfection.

To assist at the first concert given by the Symphony orchestra of Walla Walla, Miss Harriet Young, left yesterday for that city, where she will accompany Miss Grace Young, mezzo soprano soloist of the occasion.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

L. C. Smith is expecting a new 24-horse power, four-cylinder five-passenger Ford in a few weeks. The machine is equipped with a magnet that does away with batteries. The oiling apparatus is a new one, one large can being filled to lubricate every part of the machine.

During the action of that famous musical comedy, "Little Johnny Jones," which comes to the Steward tonight, the scene changes from a steamship pier at Southampton, England, to one in San Francisco's Chinatown, 6000 miles away. The stage hands do it in 10 minutes. That's migrating some.

The Foresters last evening elected the following officers: Chief ranger, H. B. Haisten; sub-chief ranger, Claud Mackie; treasurer, G. L. Biggels; financial secretary, C. J. Vanderpoel; recording secretary, L. S. Herring; senior woodward, Arthur Mulliken; junior woodard, L. L. Snodgrass; senior beadle, Paul Rohr; junior beadle, Harold Carpy; trustee, H. M. Bay.

The Lyric moving picture show has suspended business. The doors were

closed last night. Several attempts have been made to make three shows pay in this city, but viewing the future by the past it is not very encouraging from an investment standpoint.

At the cooked food sale Saturday to be held in the Frank Harris store, the ladies of the Methodist church will have a good supply of home made bread, baked beans, roast beef, mince pies, cakes, jellies and many other good things to eat. Also a number of fancy articles at reduced prices.

There was a splendid attendance yesterday afternoon at the Home Missionary society of the M. E. church at the home of Mrs. Herbert Pattison. A large box of useful articles were collected and sent where the society thought it would be acceptable during the winter season.

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.

A LESSON TO OTHERS

HEIDENREICH BOY IS HURT WHILE COASTING.

Several Sleds Going Rapidly Narrowly Missed Passing Vehicles—Parents Should Instruct Children—Dangerous Pastime.

What might very easily have been a fatal accident to a youngster of the grade school, but fortunately ended in nothing but a severe scalp wound, occurred at the junction of Fourth street and O avenue late last evening. By the injuries sustained by Theodore Heidenreich, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Heidenreich of East La Grande, parents should take profit and keep in touch with their children that coast down the steep hill from the Geddes residence on down O avenue. The pastime is extremely dangerous and hair-breadth escapes are frequent, though the accident last evening was the first of its kind this season. The little fellow was coming down the hill at a terrific speed, but struck a sandy spot which retarded his momentum. Just as he reached the crossing at Fourth street he collided with the White grocery delivery wagon, driven by Bartmess. So sudden was the collision that neither party could possibly avert it. J. A. Conner, driving the Bussey bus, was passing at the moment, having just a few seconds before narrowly missed a heavily loaded coaster bob that raced by him at a rapid gait, picked up the injured boy and took him to his home. Investigation disclosed the fact that injuries were confined to scalp wounds from which he will soon recover.

Mr. Conner took note of the frequency with which sleds came near crashing into vehicles that were passing at the junction of the two streets. Last evening alone it was a turn of good luck that several were not severely hurt or perhaps killed.

It is time something was done forbidding coasting on the steep grade which crosses a heavily traveled thoroughfare as Fourth street is. Some child is going to meet instant death or be maimed for life, if a vehicle is struck at the speed which the coasters attain in coming down the hill.

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At the Pastime.

The Pastime showed to a large crowd last evening and every one went away well pleased with the quartet and the pictures. The quartet is sure getting good hands and every one should hear this famous quartet. Tomorrow night we have an entire change of program. Remember, only three more night to hear the quartet. This theater you will always find warm and comfortable. Ladies should not miss our matinee as we are giving away fancy baskets and will continue doing so until after the holidays. These baskets cost more than the admission charge.

At the Scenic.

You will have time this evening to hear Lew Dunbar sing his catchy song entitled, "My Old School Days," at the Scenic before going to hear Johnny Jones at the opera house. There is plenty of time to witness one entire show at the Scenic before the 8:30 curtain at the opera house. There was a splendid attendance of enthusiastic people last night. Few have ever seen better dancing than the work of the Atkinson Bros. are giving nightly.

Dime Social.

The ladies of the C. W. M. S. of Central church will hold a social in the church basement tomorrow—Friday— evening. A short program will be rendered and sandwiches, cake and coffee served. You are invited.

Dancing School.

Mr. H. H. Thomas will open dancing school at the Elks' hall Monday evening at 7:30. Classes will be taught in the afternoon and evening. Thomas Bruce has been engaged to play for the school.

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CHRISTMAS seems to be quite a long ways off and yet by the Calendar there are only 9 days more until Christmas will be here. That is not too far away for you to begin to do some hard thinking about holiday gifts and it is so much easier to make right selections when you have plenty of time. We have made all our holiday preparations and the stock is now ready for your inspection. We cordially invite you to call at your earliest possible convenience and as often as you can, in extent, variety and novelty far exceeds any other that will be seen in this locality and our prices are proportionally lower. Any item on which a small payment has been made will, if you so desire, be laid aside for you. In case of duplication, gifts will be exchanged. We shall be pleased to be of assistance to you in any way.

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