

LOCAL ITEMS.

The thermometer at Hilgard registered 3 below zero yesterday.

Judge Wilson is over from Union today attending circuit court.

George Chadwick of Cove, is in La Grande today. He made the Observer office a short call.

N. K. West, president of the new bank, is home from Portland, where he made a brief business visit.

Misses Irene Murphy and Edna Wisler leave Portland this evening to return to this city for the holidays.

Mrs. W. A. Inman left this morning for her home in Colfax, Wash. She has been visiting with her son, J. P. Donnelly of this city.

C. E. Happersett and family leave this evening for the metropolis, where they will spend Christmas with relatives.

Miss Nell DePeat is home from a vacation tour of the state and is again the manager of the Western Union office here.

Engineer W. R. Parker left on the morning train for Portland, where he will visit his brother, Leslie Parker, who is chief clerk to J. T. Langley, the master mechanic.

The girls of the high school have continued basketball on a small scale and this afternoon were out for one of the first practices of the year. The plan is not to prepare a very extensive schedule this season.

A Farmers' Institute is being held at Imbler today. All the O. A. C. lecturers who attended the Grande Hall institute yesterday having gone there this morning to participate in the meetings.

The smoker held last evening by the pupils of the I. C. S. was a most successful affair. About 35 pupils and graduates were present, and each and all express themselves as having had a most enjoyable time.

H. W. Vancore of Perry, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Washington and Idaho, have returned. They have been gone nearly three months, but say that the Grande Ronde valley still looks mighty good to them.

One of the peanut wagons which was chased off the streets recently, was shipped to Walla Walla this morning, and one of the proprietors left on the same train. That settles for the time being, at least, the conflict that has existed between the two factions of Greeks here over the peanut stand rights.

LOST—Two small pieces of carpet on the road between La Grande and Wm. Hunter farm. Finder leave at M. & M. store, Island City, or phone T. J. Snider.

SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES.

First Methodist Episcopal Church. Corner M avenue and Fourth St. Sunday, 9:45 a. m., Bible school; 11 a. m., morning worship, subject, "The Christmas Story," or "From Wealth to Want, and from Want to Wealth." At 12 m., class meeting; 6:30 p. m., Euworth League, subject, "Open Doors," leader, Miss Harriet Harris; 7:30, evening worship, subject, "Balancing Accounts." Monday, 7:30 p. m., "Christian Stewardship." Thursday, 7:30 p. m., Christmas program. Special music by the choir. A cordial welcome to all. Rev. C. E. Deal, pastor.

First Baptist Church. Corner Spring avenue and Sixth street. At 9:45, Sunday school, Dr. J. E. Stevenson, superintendent; 11, morning worship, sermon, "Wisdom's Tribute to the New Born King"; 6:30, Young People's meeting, led by Miss Clara Horstman, theme, "Why Was the King Born?"; 7:30, evening service, sermon, "The Needle Woman's

Monument; or Life's Leavings." Appropriate musical program will be enjoyed. The Christmas exercises will be held on Thursday evening. A good time is in store. Cordial welcome to all. Rev. W. H. Gibson, pastor.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Fourth 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. The Christmas services will be announced later. Rev. Upton H. Gibbs, rector.

People who care For SMOKED MEAT

and desire an article that is first-class in every respect, cannot make a mistake by purchasing one of the hams that the La Grande Cash Meat Co. have just finished curing. They are put up in the most careful manner; every detail in the curing of them has been looked after as carefully as a bank would look after its books. The care that they have given this meat and the extra cost of curing compels them to get a little larger price for them than regularly cured ham is worth. They will have a large amount of

THESE HAMS ON SALE AT THE MIDGET MARKET SATURDAY

and every day after if there is any left. If they sell like they should, we will have them all the time hereafter. Remember the place and time—Midget Market, Saturday—You couldn't get one before because they won't be ready before then.

MIDGET MARKET

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P. S.—If you don't want to pay a slightly larger price for a fancy Ham, we will sell you a Ham like others sell at a lower price than they will charge you.

"Little Johnny Jones." Everybody was satisfied with "Little Johnny Jones." There was not a dull moment or a tiresome situation. The girls were fair to look upon and the singing and dancing was all that could be expected. The scenery was fresh and complete. In fact, the stage settings were the best and most realistic seen in this city for many seasons. When ocean liners can be seen to take on their cargo of human freight, leave the dock and steam away in full view of the audience, the effect is certainly "going some." In fact, the entire production was so perfect that it seemed as if the management had followed their own admonition and had not "started anything they could not finish." "Little Johnny Jones" surely did make good.

The Pastime. Notwithstanding the counter attraction at the opera house, business at the Pastime was better than average. The L. D. S. quartet is surely drawing the crowds. The people, if they have an opportunity, are always ready to show their appreciation of good music. This is evidenced by the heavy increase of business this week at the Pastime. Tomorrow night will be the last appearance of the quartet. If you enjoy listening to the songs come. Remember this. They will offer an entire new selection of songs this evening.

The pictures are all good. The great sentimental drama film "The Blind Farmer's Daughter" is an exceptionally strong number. This is a short film, but every foot of this film brings forth a new and startling situation. As a sort of relief from the high tension work which is shown in this number comes the comic number, "Waterproof Willie." This number contains enough laughs to break up all the hospital in the state. Come out and take the laugh cure. The first dose will be sufficient to make you feel like a new man. For the benefit of those who cannot attend in the evening, Manager Eccles has arranged for the children's matinee tomorrow afternoon. This exhibition is expressly for the children in order that every little boy and girl in the city shall have the opportunity to see the beautiful pictures and hear Mr. Ferrin sing the best illustrated song of the season, "The Last Voyage." The price has been placed at the insignificant figure of half a dime.

Funeral Tomorrow. The funeral of the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Crossen, who died last evening, will take place tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 at the home on Cedar street. Rev. O. H. King will officiate.

Marriage Record. Justice Stewart performed two marriage ceremonies today. The first was Benjamin Rappin and Irene Hollenbach. The second couple was Ralph B. Hollenbach and Louise Bower. The bride's parents reside at Enterprise. Mr. and Mrs. Hollenbach will reside in La Grande.

J. J. Canley is over from Cove today, transacting business with La Grande merchants.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Johnson are over from their Cove farm today.

Tonight's Line-up. The line-up of the senior team against the juniors at the rink tonight, has been unofficially announced thus: Green and Reynolds, forwards; Borders and King, guards, and J. Williamson, center. The juniors will line-up as announced in The Observer last evening. The game will be called at 7:45.

JUBILANT OVER WATER. Nampa, Idaho, Dec. 18.—Tomorrow the Watersusers' association will turn water into the Deer Flat reservoir from the Boise river. A big celebration in which adjoining towns are interested in the Payette-Boise reclamation will participate, has been planned.

TOYS TOYS TOYS

Every nitch and corner of our immense store is crowded with toys. The ceiling shelves, tables, and floor are burdened with gifts to commemorate the greatest day in life. The day to breathe peace to every man, woman and child, and bring joy in every home has arrived again, only once in a year, why not be

HAPPY--HAPPY--HAPPY

Happiness does not come in receiving, but in giving. If you are blue, down cast and think no one cares for you, buy a few small presents for children or friends and see how light your heart will become and how bright the world will have grown and how easy it is to drive away life's cares. Of course the selection of these presents is of great moment to every person. To get the right present for John or Mary, one they will appreciate and one you can afford, is the greatest problem before you.

WITH OUR IMMENSE STOCK

At your disposal the selection of presents become a mere trifle and within the reach of all. We place presents from the greatest value to the mere toy at the LOWEST PRICE possible.

FREE --- SOUVENIRS --- FREE

Besides helping to make shopping a pleasure and to show our appreciation to our patrons, we are going to give absolutely FREE, 100 handsome souvenirs a day for one week commencing Saturday, December 19th. We limit these souvenirs to one in a family. Buy your Christmas Goods where you can get everything you want at the lowest price.

The Golden Rule Co.

ASSESSMENTS TOMORROW.

Not Expected That Great Bulk Will Come in Until January.

Tomorrow is the day set for the payment of the first instalments on the assessments of 100 per cent levied on the stockholders of the defunct Farmers & Traders National Bank. While a slow growth has been noticeable in the assessment fund, it is not expected that very many large payments will be made until the first of the new year.

The time limit for paying the assessment is set for the 19th of December, there is a provision in connection which makes it possible for the shareholders to make a part payment tomorrow and the rest in frequent but regular intervals for several weeks to follow.

Real Estate Transfers

For week ending December 16. Reported by La Grande Investment Co.

Harris French to Robert S. French, \$40 acres in Union county, and 6 lots in town of Cove. \$5360.

Freeman Ladd to G. J. Quilby, S-W 1/4 SE 1/4 of section 14, township 2 south, range 28 E. \$500.

J. E. Hunter to T. S. Smith, S 1/2 SW 1/4 of section 14, township 2 south, range 28 E. \$500.

State of Oregon to J. S. Hunter, same as last above. \$100.

United States to Minnie Hills, lot 14 of section 15, and lot 3 of section 22, township 2 north, range 40 E.

Minnie Hills to Arie Rysdam, same as last above. \$500.

Emma E. Wilbur to Bank of Cove, lot of block 6 of town of Cove. \$1.

United States to W. Wigglesworth, E 1/2 SE 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4 and lot 1 of section 6, township 6 south, range 41 E.

United States to S. M. Wigglesworth,

E 1/4 SE 1/4, NW 1/4 SE 1/4 of section 31;

SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of section 32, township 6 south, range 41 E.

G. A. Lee, et al, to A. Hutchinson, tract in NE 1/4 SW 1/4 of section 22, township 6 south, range 39 E. \$100.

F. M. Rutherford to W. D. Delmore, lot 4 of block 8, of Grandy's add. to La Grande. \$1600.

H. L. Buell, estate, to Robert Blumenstein, lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 of block 65, of Hindman's add. to Elgin. \$5,500.

L. J. Davis to John Sylvester, part of lot 3 of block 10, of Union. \$600.

W. A. Laidlaw to W. C. Hansen, blocks 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7, of Coggan's add. to La Grande. \$2000.

State of Oregon to C. B. Wade, W 1/2 SW 1/4 of section 16, and S 1/2 and SW 1/4 NW 1/4 of section 17, township 4 south, range 39 E. \$610.

United States to Frank Bridges, SE 1/4 section 28, township 4 south, range 36 E.

Frank Bridges to Cora I. Steere, same as last above. \$1.

United States to Mary E. Bridges, NE 1/4 of section 33, township 4 south, range 36 E.

Mary E. Bridges to Cora I. Steere, same as last above. \$1.

United States to Frank Forman, S-E 1/4 of section 21, township 4 south, range 36 E.

Frank Forman to Cora I. Steere, same as last above. \$1.

Lillie Fix, et al, to Amanda Southwell, N 1/2 NW 1/4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4 and NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of section 11, township 4 south, range 35 E. \$1.

Luella Wade to Amanda Southwell, same as last above. \$1.

Guy Southwell to Amanda Southwell, same as last above. \$1.

C. F. Chattin to C. A. Bridewell, lots 12 and 13 of block 46; lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, block 28, Hindman's add. to

Elgin. \$750.

Wm. Tillman to Ada J. Robertson, NW 1/4 of section 10, township 3 south, range 38 E. \$4000.

Nancy Ross to Wm. Tillman, W 1/2 NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of section 10, township 3 south, range 38 E. \$1.

Mary B. Parker to L. Denham, E 1/2 NW 1/4 of section 16, township 1 south, range 40 E. \$1.

W. E. Ruckman to J. L. Andrews, lots 22, 23 and 24, of block 19, of town of Imbler. \$500.

Zach Lilly to Emmett Monsell, lots 1 and 2 of block 7, of East Side add. to La Grande. \$800.

ANDERSON IS NOW ON TRIAL

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place generally, was disorderly, but following a long series of arguments, again commenced to introduce testimony when the first tact had proven futile.

PLENTY OF PRAYING.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—The state legislature will next month probably have a variety of praying, as leaders of both houses are seriously discussing a proposition of installing six chaplains instead of two. A tentative list includes a Roman Catholic priest, a Jewish rabbi, an Episcopalian rector, and pastors from the Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist denominations. This innovation is the result of an incident of the last session when Senator Edward Wolf of San Francisco, a member of the Jewish faith, made formal objection to the use made of "Jesus Christ" in the invocation of the chaplain. He said this prevented him from participating in the opening session.

CHRISTMAS WILL SOON BE HERE

CHRISTMAS seems to be quite a long ways off and yet by the Galendar 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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