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.... LOCAL FREMS

R. Hibbord; the Imbler real esate man and automobile merchant, is visiting La Grande friends today. W. I. Saider and family are up from A large number have joined the Thomas dancing school. The first leson will be given Monday night. Joel Richardson, a University of Or-

egon student, is home for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Hattle Short is home from Mc-Minnville, where she is attending college. She will spend vacation with her the president's secretary, and Judg parents here.

Manager Eccles, of the Pastime thewill open a branch house n North Powder. Thomas Bruce has Dr. W. D McMillan been employed as planist there.

Misses Irene Murphy and Edna Wissler reached home this morning from Portland, where they have been La Grande National Bank Bldg attending school.

Julius Roesch is preparing for the natural lice harvest. He will have a pond Monday morning.

Skating parties are the order of the + day, and night, too, just at present. & Judge Lawler today postponed From all indications there is no dan- + until Thursday, the sentencing + ger of the ice giving way.

arrived this afternoon and will be a guest of Miss Helen Currey during the | + must take definite action in the + holidays.

J. A. Thronson and family are in the + ponement will be allowed. city today. They came up from their + + Imbler fruit ranch in their 60-horse power automobile.

Miss Imogen Russell returned home from Walla Walla where she had been attending St. Paul's, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Russell.

The cooked food sale held today under the management of the Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church was a most successful venture. The ladies netted a neat sum from their efforts,

The new calendars are being distributed today. Among those received at The Observer office today and which deserve special mention, are those of the La Grande National Bank and the Blue Mountain creamery.

M. Buchard, one of Union county' progressive farmers, was a La Grande visitor today. Mr. Buchard was accompanied to town by his wife and son, who took the time to make The & Ing a cablegram today announc-Observer office a pleasant call.

morning from Portland, stating that & president of Venezuela, Presi- 4 her son James, is resting easy, and & dent Castro opened negotiations + that the doctors are giving him encouragement in the belief that he will + and other munitions of war. fully recover from his injuries.

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The freight train crew which had charge of the train that yesterday morning luckily escaped a wreck due to a split wheel, may be discharged. They were put on the carpet this afternoon.

Loy Wissler met with an accident sired. this afternoon while working with an Observer job press, which will cause him considerable pain, though it is not a dangerous hurt. Three fingers of ger, both of Hilgard. the right hand were badly hurt,

though no bones were broken.

+ lation is indulged in today regarding the propable choice for attorney general by Taft, fortowing the officall announcement that Senator Knox of Pennsylvania, will be secretary of state. He will undoubtedly be picked from this list: Frank Kellogg, "trust self valley farm today, transacting buster"; Charles Nagel, of St. Louis; ansiness with La Grande merchants. Henry M. Hoty, of Ohio, Taft's college mate; George W. Wickersham, of New York, and George Knight of Califor-The authentic list of those consid-

ered for the commerce and labor portfolio includes William R. Wheeler of California, now assistant secretary under Secretary Straus; William Loeb Richard A. Ballinger, of Seattle.

Painless Denistry

Both Phones

Sentence Ruef Thursday. San Francisco, Dec. 19 .--of Abe Ruef, convicted of bribing + Miss Effie Baker of Summerville, + Supervisor Furey. The court an- + & nounced that Ruef's attorneys 4 meantime, as no further post-

EDUCATIONAL TEST.

Schooling.

bert Landone, director of applied sci- E. Chamberlain should not be elected ences and arts at Los Angeles, has United States senator. announced today that \$100,000 has been placed in his hands by a wealthy New Yorker, to be used at the rate of \$10,000 yearly, to gather reports on the phase of school work which fosters executive ability in children rather than that which fills their heads with theoretical knowledge

Castro Buys Rifles.

4 Berlin, Dec. 19 .- After receiv- + ✤ ing that Vice-President Vincente ◆ Mrs. Gavin received a letter this & Gomez had declared himself & + for the purchase of 50,000 rifles + ***********

Annual Election.

All members of the A. F. & A. M. are hereby notified that the annual election of officers will be held this evening and a full attendance is de-

A marriage license was issued today to D. W. Sanford and Miss Lottie Man-

Andrew J. Wisdom, who has resided on Indian creek for several years, was There were more farmers' teams adjudged insane today. He recently CLUB GOES THROUGH

University Chapples Are at Baker Today-Here Monday.

The University of Oregon Glee and Mandolin clubs passed through La Grande this morning en route to Baker City, where they give one of their popular performances before returning to La Grande Monday for their appearance here. The clubs are splendid ones this year and are capturing high praise wherever they go. It is conceded by the students themselves that the organization is much better than it was last year. The club members were joined here today by H. M. Mc-Kinney, the old-time football star in the university, who returned to his home this morning.

Knights of Pythias, Attention. There will be work in the first and econd rank Monday night, December 21. Members and visitors are urged to be present.

AFTER CONVERTS.

Baker County "Anti" Man Spent Yesterday With Local Solons.

Here for the purpose of converting local representatives-elect to the precepts of anti-statement No. 1. and going home without affirming his success one way or the other, is the sum and substance of the visit to La Grande yesterday by H. M. McKinney, erstwhile football star of the University of Oregon, but now an anti-statment member of the legislature from Baker county. He was here yesterday and Wants to Know Results of Modern lovingly replied to a query as to his access here, that he had devoted all is time to argument with Turner New York, Dec. 19 .- Dr. Leon Et. Oliver (democrat) why Governor Geo.

SELF-CONFESSED EMBEZZLER.

City Official Admits Shortage and

Threatens Suicide, Petaluma, Cal., Dec. 19.-E. C. Ward, for many years city marshal and ex officio tax collector, today confessed to having embezzled \$1300. He is almost a physical wreck and has threatened suicide. His friends are guarding him today.

Funeral Today.

The funeral of the 12-year-old son held this afternoon from the family home on Cedar street. Rev. O. H. King, pastor of the Central Church of Christ, will officiate.

Every nitch and corner of our immense store is crowded with toys. The ceiling shelves, tables, and lloor 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

TOYS=____TOYS=____TOYS

Happiness does not come in receiving, but in giving. If you are blue, down cast and think no one cares for ycu, 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.

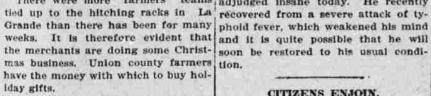
WITH OUR IMMENSE STOCK

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.



Clyde Kiddle of Island City, is winning honors in Holmes Business college at Portland. In a class contest held the other day, he won first place in a group where students were entered who had been in college two months longer than he. The test was to take five letters in shorthand and neatness, accuracy and speed being buke administered the countil Octoconsidered. His mark was 99 out of a possible 100.

Ralph Russell celebrated his 13th Main avenue, in a joyful manner, by inviting about 20 of his little friends to help make the occasion a memorable one. All the games listed in a boy's category were played and delicious refreshments were served to round out \$2,000. the evening's pleasure. Late in the evening the boys departed agreeing that Ralph was a royal host.

BALLINGER IS TIMBER. Attorney Generalship is Food for Thought-Knox is Named. Washington, Dec. 19 .- Much specu- 12-18-26t

CITIZENS ENJOIN. Eugene Citizens Object to Half Million Dollar Bond Issue.

Eugene, Ore., Dec. 19 .- Representative citizens of Eugene today filed an injunction to restrain the council from proceeding with the project to construct a power plant on the McKenzie ber 1 by voters in defeating the proposed half million dollar bond issue to birthday last evening at his home on finance the proposed Ritchey creek municipal gravity system.

Imbler Property

For sale by owner. Hotel and barn with 7 lots; price

Shop with 6 lots; price, \$400. 6-room house, with 6 lots; price \$1000.

3-room housew ith 3 lots; price \$700. For terms, call on or write W. T. HARTLEY.

Imbler, Ore.

DAY AND THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23th and 24th WEDNESDAY THE SAN FRANSISCO OPERA COMPANY

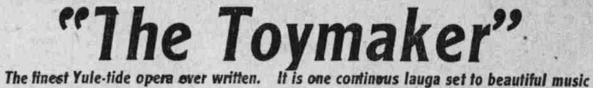
STEWARD'S OPERA HOUSE

Including Teddy Webb, Geo. Kimball, - Evelyn Francis Kellog, Addie Sharpe, Ame Liester and 40 PEOPLE ON THE STAGE 40 A BIG BEAUTY CHORUS

PRESENTING ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT SHUBERT BROS. JAPANESE-AMERICAN MUSICAL COMEDY

"Fantana"

The piece with remarkable recerd. Over on solid year in New York, six months in Chicago, five months in Boston COMEDY FROM START TO FINISH WITH 27 BIG MUSICAL NUMBERS ON THURSDAY NIGHT, CHRISTMAS EVE, H. C. CLINE'S TRANSLATION FROM THE FRENCH "LA PAUPEE" OR



Both Operas Produced on a Scale of Spectactular Magnificence

PRICES: \$1.50; \$1.00; 75c and 50c. Seats on Sale, Mail orders filled in the order recieved

HRISTMAS 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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