

LOCAL ITEMS.

Miss Ellen Stafford is visiting at the E. E. Lewis home.

Mrs. Bertha Simms of Baker City, is visiting relatives in La Grande.

Lee Bell, the prince of boosters at Elgin, returned this morning.

C. C. Stackland is over from Cove today.

Mr. Kivette, the Imbler lumberman, transacted business in the city today.

A shipment of 15 carloads of sheep from Shaniko to Omaha passed through La Grande this evening.

Mrs. L. J. Wallington, Miss Delong and Miss Phyllis are here from Hot Lake today.

Lou Stoop returned to his home in Elgin today after transacting business here last evening.

Miss Della Rayburn came up from Elgin last evening to visit friends here.

Jack O'Neal, traveling passenger agent for the O. R. & N., passed through La Grande today.

Engineer Handrahan, who has been with a work train near Elgin, is home on a short furlough.

Harry Spencer, the Elgin lumberman, had business of importance here last evening.

Another work train has been pulled off the Wallowa extension. This time it was the train working near Elgin, in charge of Conductor Neff.

Mrs. R. Tulley left today for her home in Wallowa, after a visit with the W. T. Short home in North La Grande.

Mrs. C. L. Blakesley of Union, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. Oliver and her daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. E. E. Lewis.

C. Seemann, son of Rev. and Mrs. S. W. Seemann, left today for Joseph to spend the winter as caretaker of O. R. & N. engines at that terminus.

Archie McCall yesterday purchased the A. E. Huff place near Island City. The consideration has not been made public.

Chief of Police Waldon says that there are still a few bicycle riders who are not complying with the ordinance with reference to providing themselves with lights and bells.

Owners of dogs are invited to read Chief Waldon's notice to dog owners. This advice may save some one the grief of acting chief mourner for some much loved doggie.

Sam and Arthur Wall, local fishermen on the O. R. & N., are home from Kansas, where they were called by the illness of their mother. She is much improved.

D. M. Hunt made another visit to his Imbler artesian well today. At last reports the flow was continuing more prolifically than when it first started.

Mrs. George Hanson, Miss Roberts, Miss Etho Kelsey and Miss Casper came down from North Powder this morning to visit friends and transact business.

Chief Assistant Engineer H. A. Brandon, who has the construction and perfection of the Joseph extension in charge, arrived last evening en route for Portland, to spend Christmas. He was accompanied by his wife and son.

Prof. H. J. Hockenberry is still confined to his home, suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism. Mrs. F. S. Ivanhoe is in charge of the La Grande public schools during his absence.

John Ormond, sr., accompanied by his wife and sister, Mrs. Guard, arrived today to visit at the home of T. J. and John Ormond, jr. After a visit here until Christmas, they go to Idaho Falls to visit friends. There homes are in Spokane.

W. F. Clegg left this morning for Logan, Utah, where he goes to accept a position with the Amalgamated Sugar company as sugar boiler. Mr. Clegg occupied the same position here. He expects to make Logan his permanent home.

Dexter Eaton was in from his farm near Island City today. He stated that the roads were never in better condition than now, and that the farmers generally, were taking advantage of their splendid condition to do their heavy hauling.

From the number of Christmas trees which have been brought to town the past few days, it is evident that the president's example of saving the forests by hanging present on deer horns does not seem to be very extensively

cooled in this part of the country.

Mrs. R. W. Goodman, nee Alberta Hopper, arrived in the city this morning from Tacoma, to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

Mrs. J. Hopper and daughter, Mrs. E. Jacobson, came up this afternoon from Palmer Junction, where they now reside.

Miss Ethel Sheets and brother-in-law, Arthur Collingsworth, arrived this afternoon from Joseph, and will spend a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. William Earls.

J. W. Earls returned this afternoon from a business trip to Joseph. He reports that one night while there the mercury reached a point 14 degrees below zero.

Mrs. Ernest Grout and daughters, arrived this afternoon from Premier, and will remain in the city during the holidays, the guests of her brothers, E. E. and G. L. Grout.

Mr. and Mrs. William Scott arrived this morning from Spokane, and will remain here a few days the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick. Mr. Scott is a lumberman residing at Elgin and has been attending the fruit fair at Spokane.

Mardi Gras in Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—An ice palace and allegorical processions and pageants are included in the plans for the Winter Carnival and a Mardi Gras celebration to be held in Montreal for 10 days, from February 10 to 20. It is expected that the festivities will be carried out on a larger scale than ever before.

Dr. W. D. McMillan  
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The Scenic.

Plenty of fun and foolishness at the Scenic this week. The new vaudeville people are certainly live ones. The lady who does the Highland fling sure understands her business. Her stouter song pleased the house, but her dancing could truly make the sons of Thisland set up and say, "Hoot, mon!" The Dutch and Irish team have the monopoly of the laugh industry and keep the audience working overtime. The pictures are all good. The feature bill is the "Queen of the Arena." This is a strong bill. In this number one can go to the circus and see a death-dealing accident and witness a marriage and attend a funeral. There are several comic numbers and plenty of thrillers.

The Pastime.

The pictures at the Pastime this week are just such pictures every one really likes. There are some that are comic, some that are otherwise and some that make your hair stand on end. They are all clean and entertaining. Manager Eccles has given his film house strict orders to send nothing but the best and to eliminate from his order all that could in any way be construed as tainted or even suggestive. The illustrated songs are new and sprightly. Mr. Eccles calls attention to the fact that his show is open every day in the week with the exception of Sundays. Business last evening was good, notwithstanding the fact that the weather was rather cool.

Suicide at Salem.

Salem, Dec. 22.—Claiming he has lost his last dollar in a land deal near Portland and unable to find work, Tom Sullivan, aged 63, leaped from the bridge over the Willamette here, 100 feet into the water. His coat, on which was pinned the pathetic note, was found on the bridge today. He had outlived his usefulness. He had at Tacoma.



Teddy Webb, the Cockney Comedian, as "Hawkins" in "aFantana" at the Steward Wednesday Night.

Jetty at Mouth of Siuslaw.

Eugene, Ore., Dec. 22.—J. B. Cushman, of Acme, has received word from Congressman W. C. Hawley, that the chief of engineers of the United States army has secured from the secretary of war a loan of the government machinery now at the mouth of the Coquille river, for the building of the jetty at the mouth of the Siuslaw river in Lane county. The county will probably be bonded for \$200,000, if the bill providing for that amount is passed by the legislature.

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COMPLETE BLOWER SYSTEM.

Bay & Zweifel Install New System in North Powder Mill.

Frank Bay, of the firm of Bay & Zweifel, plumbers, has returned from North Powder, where he has installed a complete blower system in the North Powder planing mill. The system is in detail similar to the one now in operation at Imbler, and will be a big fuel saver to the North Powder plant. The pipes convey all waste from each machine by means of suction. It is being rapidly adopted by all first-class planing mills of the county.

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SOCIETY.

Mrs. S. F. Richardson entertained last evening at dinner in honor of her son Joel, a university student, Messrs. Harvard Moore, Reuben Steelquist and Donald Lewis of the Oregon University Glee club, and Benjamin Grout of this city. Mrs. Richardson was assisted in serving by her daughter, Miss Helen, and Miss Ruth Cotner.

Sportsmen in Boston.

Boston, Dec. 22.—Sportsmen are beginning to gather in Boston today to take part in the various contests arranged for the annual Sportsmen's Show of the New England Fish and Game association. A feature of the

show, which opens Christmas eve, will be an indoor rifle shooting tournament under the auspices of the National Rifle Association of America. There will also be an athletic carnival and a fly and bait casting tournament.

To Welcome Congressmen.

Panama, Dec. 22.—Officials of the canal zone and business men of Panama and Colon are preparing a hearty reception for the members of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, who will arrive here early next month.

Spokane Politician Killed.

Spokane, Dec. 22.—Allen F. Gull, a well known Spokane contractor and politician, was found dead last night in Moses Lake, Douglas county. He was hunting and it is supposed he was accidentally shot.

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