

LOCAL ITEMS.

District Attorney F. S. Ivanhoe is in Walla Walla county today. Engineer and Mrs. R. B. Cunliff left last evening for Walla Walla. George Baird is over from Union on business matters today. Andrew Lund, the ice king of North Powder, was a La Grande visitor today. Hector McDonald passed through the city this morning en route from Walla Walla to his home at Walla Walla. Mrs. J. F. Phyl returned this morning from Baker City, where she visited Miss Jewell, one of the nurses at the hospital, left this morning for Portland to spend the holidays. Mrs. Surbrick of Baker City, was a passenger on this morning's train, en route to Walla Walla. George Hansen, the Telocaset helper engineer, is here looking after his property today. Viola and Countess Kirtley left this morning for Walla Walla to spend the holidays with friends and relatives. Miss Maud Clements, who is attending Whitman college, Walla Walla, arrived last night for the holidays. Miss Lillian Holman, who is a student at the Weston Normal school, has returned to spend Christmas at home. Mrs. L. M. Bloom of Cove, who came over yesterday to do her Christmas shopping, returned home this morning. Miss Lucrece Woods, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Woods, and a student at St. Helen's Hall, Portland, is spending the holidays at home. Miss Viva Little and son left today for their home in Toppensish, Wash., after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. George Ackles. Mrs. Roy Pickler of Cuplum, Idaho, is here visiting her father and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Pickler. Miss Evelyn Frances Kellog, of the San Francisco Opera company, is a guest while in the city of Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Moore. Mrs. J. F. Campbell and son took their departure this morning for Milton, to visit friends during the holidays. The Pixton boys, who are attending the Weston Normal, passed through La Grande today en route to their home at Cove for the holidays. Mrs. William Anderson arrived last night from Portland, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Warren. Dr. O'Connor, who has been visiting his wife and daughter, who are spending the winter in Portland, returned last evening. Miss Clara Hancock, who was injured in a runaway east of this city several weeks ago, has recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital and will return to Cove. C. W. Todd, the Portland horse buyer, writes that he will be in La Grande January 30 and 31, and that he wants horses varying in weight between 1150 and 1300 pounds. Joint Masonic installation tonight. The quarterly conference of the M. E. church will be held this evening at the church. District Superintendent J. D. Gillilan will be present. Another handsome calendar was sent to The Observer office last evening. This time it was Mr. Taylor, of the Sugar company, who remembered us. The calendar is a handsome six-piece affair and most beautifully calendared.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sanford of Pendleton, were in the city today transacting business with a Grande merchant. Mrs. Otto Diddon will leave in the morning for Pendleton to spend the holidays with relatives. Miss Irma Alkino is home from Portland, where she is attending the Behnke-Walker Business college. Brakeman and Mrs. J. Stiles left last evening for The Dalles and other points in the northwest. Judge and Mrs. Henry expect to go to Baker City tomorrow to take Christmas dinner with Editor and Mrs. G. B. Small. Dr. Phyl, who has been making an extended tour of the eastern states, is expected here Monday afternoon next, to stay a month. William Lundson, formerly a switchman in the local yards, has returned to La Grande and will again join the crew here. Hugh Shelley, a brakeman on the O. R. & N. main line, has resigned and will accept a position in the N. K. West store in the near future. Thomas Price, a timekeeper on the Joseph extension, came in on the train last evening and left for Portland to spend the holidays. Mrs. J. C. Kissler has gone to Portland to visit her daughter, Miss Blanch, who is attending a school of music in the metropolis. Senator McDonald was an Observer visitor today, stating that the Sunday school at Alice is preparing for a most interesting program Christmas eve. Miss Hazel Small, was a passenger on the morning train en route from Portland to Baker City. Miss Small is attending St. Helen's Hall, and is going home to spend the holidays. J. F. Graham, chief of motive power on the O. R. & N., and J. T. Langley, the master mechanic, were visitors in La Grande last night, going west this morning. Mr. and Mrs. William Ericson and Mrs. Sarah Chase of Spokane, arrived last night to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. William Bohnenkamp. Mrs. Ericson is a sister, and Mrs. Chase an aunt of Mrs. Bohnenkamp. Nearly all of the Sunday schools of the city have their Christmas exercises tomorrow evening. There will be several hundred happy young folks listening and taking part in the various programs. Miss Belle Sills, who is teaching the Grange Hall school, has been instrumental in arranging a most interesting program which will be presented by the school children tomorrow evening. John Shaw, the Sandridge farmer, was in La Grande this afternoon. Mr. Shaw reports farmers in his part of the valley waiting for the cold snap to break so they can finish plowing for spring grain. James O'Sullivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter O'Sullivan of this city, came to La Grande last evening from Joseph en route to Pendleton, where he will visit his mother, who is ill there. J. S. N. Smith, the veteran hunter, farmer and fruitgrower, is in town today from his Cove home. Mr. Smith says this sort of weather is just to his liking, as the snow makes hunting easy, the cold keeps the fruit back, and the wind keeps things moving and gives the country the air of being on the go. The old gentleman Cummit, who has been quite ill for the past few days, was taken to the Grande Ronde hospital this morning. His sons, who are ranching on the upper Grande Ronde, came down today to adminis-

ter to his wants. William Condit is down from his Grande Ronde river hay ranch, and states that the mercury registered 7 degrees below zero Monday night. Mr. Condit says that it may be a little colder where he resides, but his hay stacks are large enough to break the wind, anyway. H. E. Williams was in the city today transacting business. Mr. Williams says the cold wave is not bothering him as far as he has plenty of shed room for his stock and hay enough to keep them fat until next harvest. He is devoting his attention to protecting an over-fat turkey which he expects to execute in time for Christmas dinner. Agent for Wadhams Bros. & Kerr, who makes his headquarters in this city, returned this morning from a trip through Idaho. Mr. French attended the Oregon-Idaho Irrigation convention, and reports the convention was a grand success. He suggests that La Grande citizens take steps to secure a meeting of the organization for some date in the near future. Bank Officer: In Trouble. Pittsburg, Dec. 23.—Edward W. Ramsey, and former Cashier A. A. Vilsack, of the German National Bank, charged with bribery in connection with the councilmanic scandals in this city, were today held by the court under \$15,000 bonds. They tendered their resignations to the bank directors Saturday when it was alleged that as discovered by the bank examiner that they had arranged to pay large sums of money to the councilmen to secure the appointment of the bank with which they were connected, as the city depository. SOCIETY. Schumann Day Interesting. Schumann day was an interesting one for the ladies of the Lyle Tuesday Musical, who attended the meeting of the club at the home of Mrs. Matilda Anthony on Sixth street yesterday afternoon. Robert Schumann, the composer, was the central figure for discussion, and aside from rendering some of his works, the musician was discussed in a round table talk fashion. The program was under the direction of Mrs. Clara T. Lyle. Herewith is the program as rendered: Piano duet, Opera 11, No. 1. MacClaymont Miss Lela Wilson and Nellie Disqua. Reading—"Life of Robert Schumann Mrs. C. H. Upton Piano solo—"Slumber Song," Schumann Mrs. G. C. Cummings Story and song—"I Murmur Not," Schumann Mrs. E. C. Moore Violin solo—"Abendlied," Schumann Miss Bertha Young Song—"Seit Ich Ihn Gesehen," Schumann "Until You Came," Metcalf. Miss Jean Macdonald. Piano solo—"Frühlingsrauchen," Schumann Miss Mae White Quartet—"Gypsy Life," . . . Schumann Mrs. O. E. Silverthorn, Mrs. E. Polack, Mrs. C. H. Upton, Mrs. M. Anthony.

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Round Table Talk—Subject: "Robert Schumann." Conducted by Mrs. E. C. Moore.
Christmas for Telephone Girls. The telephone exchange girls last evening enjoyed a Christmas tree party at the home of Miss Flora Mack. Only members of the Pacific exchange were present.
Monday evening the young lady friends to the number of 15 or more gave a linen shower to Miss Martha Cahoon. A most pleasant evening was the result and all departed realizing that wedding bells were soon to be expected.
Dr. W. D. McMillan Painless Denistry La Grande National Bank Bldg Both Phones
Scientists Observe Eclipse. Santiago, Chile, Dec. 23.—Five hundred of the leading savants of the New World, who are here to take part in the Pan-American Scientific congress, today witnessed the curious phenomena connected with the most interesting total eclipse of the sun in recent years. The Chilean government is acting as host to the visiting scientists, over a score of whom are from the United States, and the eclipse of the sun is but one of the interesting features on the program. Today's eclipse began at 5:22 this morning and ended at 8:18. It began as an annular eclipse, became total for 11 seconds, and again changed to annular. Some of the leading astronomers of North and South America took observations, and the eclipse will be discussed in several interesting papers to be read before the congress, which formally opens on Christmas day.
All members of the M. E. church Snuday school, who are to take part in the Christmas program tomorrow night, should be at the church tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, or as near after that hour as possible.

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