

LOCAL ITEMS.

Lee Young of Elgin, is in La Grande today.

C. W. Todd, the horse buyer, is here from Portland.

Walter Ferguson ate Christmas turkey with his mother at Union.

Miss Georgia Stewart of Pendleton, is a guest at the J. C. Gulling home.

C. C. Clark returned to his home in Union last evening after attending the football game yesterday.

Floyd Jones of Baker City, ate Christmas turkey with friends in Island City.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thorson came up from Elgin to attend the leap year party last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Fox of Imbler, spent Christmas night at the W. B. Thomas home in Island City.

Luther Ward and wife of Hilgard, spent Christmas day with Mr. Ward's father, J. Ward, of this city.

Ben Knapper of Joseph, returned to his home today. He played with the Pendleton team here yesterday.

Miss Ella Coe of Baker City, is spending a day here with friends. She is en route to Portland.

Will Church is ill at a hospital in Portland. His condition is not reported serious.

Mr. Hayes, a student in the University of Oregon, leaves tonight for Baker City, after a short visit here.

Gilbert Barron returned last evening from Baker City, where he spent the Christmas holiday with his parents.

Miss Bonnie Forrest returned Thursday night from Stewart, Iowa, where she spent two months with relatives.

Alma and Florence Har, who are teaching in the Pendleton public schools, are home for the holidays.

Miss Harriet Young, director of music in the Pendleton academy, is home for the holidays.

Miss Netta Kiddle, who is attending the University of Washington in Seattle, is home for the holidays.

Mrs. C. T. Bacon and son Archie, leave this evening for a month's visit in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Wade of Summerville, are visiting their mother, Mrs. Jennie Gilham.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Peare are enjoying a visit from M. J. Halley and family of Weiser.

James O'Sullivan returned to Joseph this morning. He visited La Grande and Pendleton a few days.

C. P. Ferrin is home from Union, where he went with his family to spend Christmas day.

Mrs. E. J. McCall and daughter, Miss Marjorie, left this morning for Portland, where they will visit friends and relatives a few days.

W. C. Kelly, who is at the Grande Ronde hospital suffering from an attack of appendicitis, is reported resting easy today.

Charles A. Guerne, who is principal of the school at Allice, is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. U. H. Gibbs, at St. Peter's rectory.

Miss Ethel Gulling, employed in Portland, arrived last evening from Pendleton in company with her sister, Miss Lulu, and returns again tonight.

Miss Clara Pierce, a student in Whitman at Walla Walla, is home for the Christmas holidays with her parents, Hon. and Mrs. Walter M. Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner Oliver of La Grande, came in yesterday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald.—Wallowa Sun.

Mrs. D. Ingle left yesterday for La Grande, where she expects to remain during the winter.—Walla Walla Union.

Gus Binglesdorff left this morning for San Francisco, where he goes to be married. He expects to return in about two weeks.

Mrs. Winnifred Adams, who has been spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. Chester Newlin, has returned to her home in Omaha.

County Bridge Superintendent J. F. Campbell and family, are spending the holidays at their former home in Milton.

Mrs. J. S. Galloway, the Misses Myrtle and Mabel Galloway, Emmett and Leprele Smith of Union, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith of this city.

Miss Pauline Loderle of La Grande, is a visitor in the city, spending Christmas with her father, who is at St. Anthony's hospital.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Hanna of Eugene, accompanied by their daughter, Miss Katherine, are guests at the home of Court Reporter and Mrs. H. R. Hanna. Mr. Hanna is a son of the visitors. Yesterday noon a family Christmas dinner was served by Mrs. Hanna in honor of the guests.

G. T. Fleming is in Baker City today visiting relatives. He expects to return Monday.

Members of the Blue Mountain association will take notice of the meeting to be held this evening at the home of George H. Currey.

There were quite a number of farmers in from the valley today, considering that the greater portion of the trading was done prior to Christmas.

In the case of Leon C. Huntly vs. J. W. White and I. W. Faulk, where in the ownership of some potatoes and carrots was involved, Justice of the Peace Stewart decided today in favor of the defendants.

The case of the State of Oregon vs. Price Bates, wherein the defendant is charged with practicing as a veterinary without a license, the trial was postponed until the early part of next week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Morrison came to La Grande last evening to spend Christmas with Mrs. Morrison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Schilke. Mr. Morrison returned this morning, while Mrs. Morrison will remain until after Sunday.

At the final try-out for positions on the high school debating team, held last Thursday afternoon at the high school, Joe Williamson was selected leader, Joe King second, and Harry Zurbrich third. Marbel Green is utility man.

Mrs. H. C. Grady, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Ellen, left this morning for Walla Walla. Mrs. Grady will spend the post-Christmas season in the Garden City, while Miss Grady goes on to Portland, where she is preparing to be a nurse.

The forest service sent a grizzly skull to the chief of the biological survey at Washington, D. C., Monday. The chief requested the skull some time ago and the forest officers secured one from a grizzly killed last summer by Joseph Carper.—Wallowa Sun.

Jack Dillinger, a former La Grande man, but now located at Cornucopia, arrived in town this morning and will spend a few days shaking hands with old-time friends. His family accompanied him as far as Baker City, where they remained, visiting friends.

William Herr was in the city today from his farm near Hot Lake. Mr. Herr says the elements seemed to have been celebrating in his vicinity yesterday. He says he has seen several wind storms in his days, but yesterday's efforts surpassed anything yet produced on his farm.

Charles Conkey, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Conkey, arrived yesterday morning from Culver, Ind., where he is now well advanced in the second year of his course in a military school. After about two weeks spent with relatives he returns for the final half of this year's work.

Frank Williams, the veteran mail carrier, who for the past number of years has been carrying the mail between Hilgard and Starkey, expects to return to his Hilgard home Monday. He has been in La Grande the past two months suffering with typhoid fever.

John Brown of Allice, was a La Grande visitor yesterday. He was the Christmas guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Fitzgerald. The younger member of the Fitzgerald family, James and William, returned to Allice with him and will remain over Sunday.

SOCIETY.

Thursday evening at the home of the bride, Mrs. N. M. Cahoon, on Third street, Rev. W. H. Gibson united in marriage Wilmer D. McCully of Joseph, Ore., and Miss Martha Cahoon of this city. It was a pretty, quiet home wedding, following the ceremony the wedding party partook of a wedding supper served by Mrs. J. L. Gibson.

Mr. McCully is a son of F. D. McCully, one of the pioneer merchants and business men of eastern Oregon. Miss Cahoon for the past four years has been a faithful and accommodating employe of the Pacific Telephone company of this city. After spending a few days in Portland, the young people will make their home in Joseph, where Mr. McCully is cashier of the Joseph National bank.

Engineer Thronberg Married.

Engineer Thronberg of this city, was married at North Powder last evening to Miss Zella Hope. The ceremony was attended by but a few intimate friends. Mr. Stoop of Elgin, accompanied the groom, and Miss Lela Lee of North Powder, was bridesmaid. Following the nuptials at the home of Albert Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Thronberg left for San Francisco via Portland.

intending to return to La Grande in about two weeks, to be at home to their friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Scriber entertained yesterday noon in honor of Mrs. Scriber's grandmother, Mrs. Marion Young, who leaves for Salem in the near future, to spend the winter with friends. Covers were laid for six.

Few balls this year have reached the standard of the leap year party given last evening at the Elks' auditorium by 19 ladies and gentlemen. From the initial waltz to the "Home, Sweet Home," it was a continuous whirl of amusement. With excellent music, glass-like floor and a crowd that was just right, there was nothing to mar the affair in any manner. The ladies in attendance proved themselves fully capable of coping with the unfamiliar duties of looking after their own dances. Fancy gowns were many and beautiful. There were so many dancers of the old school present, that the evening's entertainment could not be complete without the old-fashioned square dance, and great was the amusement derived. The party broke up at midnight and the hostesses and hosts have been showered with congratulations for the big success the function attained. These were the hostesses and hosts:

Mrs. W. R. Jones, Mrs. E. Polack, Mrs. M. B. Donohue, Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp, Mrs. F. R. Swaney, Mrs. F. Kiddle, Mrs. W. S. Allinson, Mrs. H. C. Grady, Mrs. J. H. Alkine; Mr. W. R. Jones, Mr. E. Polack, Mrs. M. B. Donohue, Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp, Mr. F. R. Swaney, Mr. F. H. Kiddle, Mr. W. S. Allinson, Mr. H. C. Grady, Mr. J. H. Alkine; Miss Moina Alkine.

One of the most pleasant Christmas dinner parties at Island City was that at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Thomas, who entertained for a few friends. The guests who enjoyed the hospitality of the suburban hostess and host, were Misses Ruth Bush, Ada Roush and Katherine Thomas; Messrs. Oscar Jackson, Henry Rosechant and Joseph Nelson.

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**G. A. R. ELECTION.**  
Officers for the Ensuing Year Selected This Afternoon.

Oliver P. Morton post elected the following officers for the coming year this afternoon:  
I. W. Faulk, commander; William Thompson, senior vice; George Jacobs, junior vice; W. T. Grider, sergeant; W. F. Burnett, chaplain; Frank Kilpatrick, quartermaster; William Caldwell, officer of the day; Mose Thompson, officer of the guard.

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.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.  
Department of the Interior,  
U. S. Land Office, at La Grande, Or.,  
November 2, 1908.  
Notice is hereby given that  
GEORGE C. KISSELL,  
of Portland, Oregon, who, on October 24, 1908, made timber and stone sworn statement No. 02060, to E 1/2 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, SW 1/4 NE 1/4, section 16, township 5 south, range 36 E. W. M., has filed notice of intention to make final timber and stone proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the register and receiver, at La Grande, Oregon, on the 18th day of January, 1909.  
Claimant names as witnesses: David C. Brichoux, Allen J. Webb, H. E. Coolidge, J. T. Williamson, all of La Grande, Oregon.  
F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.

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