

LOCAL ITEMS.

Howard Gaunt left today for Portland.

Hon. Frank Clark of Enterprise, is a visitor in La Grande today.

Councilman S. N. Bolton left Saturday night for Portland.

Dr. W. T. Phyl returned last evening from a month's visit in eastern cities.

The Christmas tree exercises of St. Peter's Episcopal church will be held this evening.

Miss M. Barbee of Detroit, Mich., is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Huggins today.

Attorney Robert Lloyd came up from Elgin today to transact legal business at the court house.

Miss Ida Hill came up from Summerville this afternoon to visit friends a few days.

Sheriff Childers returned this afternoon from Summerville, where he went on official business today.

Messrs. Kelley and Crummit, who have been in the hospital a week, are reported much better today.

Mr. Shell, an employe of the La Grande Iron works, is getting well rapidly at the Hot Lake sanatorium.

Eight thousand attended the opening services of Evangelist Billy Sunday in Spokane yesterday.

Conductor Neff leaves soon for Spokane, where he will be employed in the future.

Prof. Knox, the elocutionist, will be in La Grande tomorrow night—not tonight as at first announced.

Mrs. C. T. Bacon and son Archie, left last evening for Portland to be gone for several weeks.

Mrs. C. P. Ferrin and wife returned last evening from Union, where she has been visiting since Thursday.

T. E. Buehler, the yard foreman at the railroad yards, is in Portland on railroad matters.

Walter Elrod, druggist at the Hill drug store, has gone to Ellensburg, Wash., to visit friends this week.

Terry Tuttle and H. P. Rogers, who spent Sunday in Pendleton, returned last evening and went to Elgin this morning.

William Lumsden, a local switchman, has gone to Huntington to remain two weeks in the switching service there.

Conductor H. C. Grady is back on his La Grande-Joseph passenger run. J. B. Gilham spent Sunday in Union.

A. J. Rogers and family, of Elgin, arrived Saturday evening to proceed on their way to Missouri. They will visit friends there for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Hamilton returned this afternoon from Summerville, where they spent Christmas with Fred Hamilton and family.

The meeting of the Neighborhood club, which was to have been held tomorrow, has been postponed until the next regular meeting, on account of the illness of the chairman.

Judge H. J. Bean of Pendleton, is on the bench today hearing the case of the City vs. Turner Oliver, in which Judge Knowles, prior to being elected, was interested. Judge Bean is a guest of Judge Knowles.

The certificate necessary for the United States National bank corporation to open its bank doors, has not arrived, the mass of business in the Washington office evidently being too extensive to permit prompt attention to the request of the La Grande bankers.

Three Cent Fares.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 23.—One of the first official acts of Philto Breitmeyer, mayor-elect of Detroit, who assumes office next Friday, will probably be the appointment of a commission of 50 business men to treat with the local traction company in regard to lower fares on the street railways of Detroit. Eight fares for 25 cents, universal transfers and the best possible service are among the demands that the new executive of the city will make upon the United Railways company.

TRAIN ROBBERS INDICTED.

Jack Walton, Alias Hayes, Accused by Portland Grand Jury.

Portland, Dec. 28.—Jack Walton, alias Hayes, who with two accomplices is accused of holding up an O. R. & N. train on December 10, was indicted by the grand jury with W. J. Burkhardt and "Sam Doe," who are the third missing man. Burkhardt confessed to the crime. The train was held up just outside the Portland city limits, but only a trifle was secured.

READY TO
LEAVE OFFICE

The books and keys of the county assessor's office, now in charge of R. A. Hugg and his deputies, are ready to be turned over to the assessor-elect, T. A. Rinehart. Mr. Rinehart will assume his duties next Saturday. The formalities attending the change in office have already been completed. Rinehart already filed bonds which were approved at the time. He has not yet announced his deputies.

Mr. Hugg, the retiring assessor (republican), will join his family on their Elgin ranch just as soon as his county office obligations are removed. He closes a successful term in office, having established a new record for completion of the assessment roll.

Off for Panama.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Members of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce gathered in Washington today, preparatory to leaving for Panama, where they will make a thorough inspection of the construction work on the canal and the management of the canal zone. They are expected to be back in Washington on January 13. Owing to the prominence that has recently been given to canal matters, and the charges of mismanagement and inefficiency, the result of the tour of investigation is awaited here with a great deal of interest.

Importance of Touch Sense.

Physiology teaches us that "the sum of knowledge which may be derived through touch alone is greater than that which may be derived through any other sense." A thoroughly developed sense of touch is one of the absolute essentials of the practicing osteopathist. Without this one acquirement his work in practice can amount to but little. It is not to be implied, however, that the osteopathist relies only upon the sense of touch in his work, for his respect for other methods of diagnosis is as great as that of any medical practitioner; although relative values of the different diagnostic measures may be changed. A carefully educated sense of touch is the keynote to both osteopathic diagnosis and operative technique. From the very nature of the osteopathic conception—the physical body viewed as a mechanism whose disordered or diseased conditions demand anatomical readjustment—it is imperative that a delicate and educated sense of touch be acquired in order to logically and successfully apply its tenets.—Osteopathic Advocate.

Mexican "All Fool's" Day.

City of Mexico, Dec. 28.—Today is the Mexican "all fool's" day, commemorating the feast of the "Santos Inocentes," which is the day on which Joseph and Mary with the aid of an angel fooled the soldiers of Herod, King of Judea, who had been sent to kill Jesus. According to the tradition linked with this day when Herod, king of Judea, heard that a king of the world had been born, he ordered his soldiers to kill every child in the kingdom under 2 years of age, thinking in that way to rid the kingdom of possible aspirant for his own throne. Joseph and Mary were warned by an angel and fled to Egypt. On the road they encountered a body of soldiers, but fooled the soldiers by hiding Mary and the infant Jesus in a bush, which quickly grew beside the road.

COADJUTOR APPOINTED.

San Francisco's Bishopric Given Coadjutor After Vacancy.

Washington, Dec. 28.—After two years of vacancy, the post of coadjutor to the bishop of San Francisco was filled today by Bishop Dennis J. O'Connell, rector of the Catholic university at Washington, D. C. A telegram from the Vatican announcing the appointment, was received yesterday.

Back From the North.

Case Prescott and "Chick" Shannon returned from British Columbia Saturday, having spotted a horse range which they expect to occupy with their band of horses next season. Mr. Prescott informs the Republican that they will be back in the country.—Union Republican.

FOR RENT—One or two rooms for light housekeeping. Phone Red 561.

SOCIETY.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Niedner last Saturday entertained at their apartments in honor of the second anniversary of their wedding day. A sumptuous five-course dinner was served to the 12 guests in attendance. Following the ensemble about the festal boards, music entertained the guests in a delightful manner. The affair was elaborate in every detail. The guests to the hostess and host were: Messrs. and Mesdames Jay Van Buren, G. E. McCully, Mr. B. M. Sherwood and Miss O'Neal.

B. M. Sherwood last evening entertained eight at a four-course dinner at the Model restaurant. The guests were Messrs. Walter Niedner, J. J. Carr, J. G. Snodgrass and G. E. McCully.

Dr. W. D. McMillan
Painless Dentistry
La Grande National Bank Bldg
Both Phones

SCRIBER FACES ACCUSATION

(Continued from page 1.)

Heppner and Umatilla counties, filed in the United States circuit court today by District Attorney John McCourt. Among the defendants is Jefferson W. Scriber, a former official of the defunct Farmers & Traders' National bank at La Grande. He was arrested some time ago, accused of having embezzled funds of the institution.

Scriber's First Step.

It is understood Scriber's first step downward was when he is alleged to have forged his name as A. B. Thomson to a \$6000 note. The original note was given by Thomson, Scriber putting the money in the land. It is charged that when the examiner was due to inspect the affairs of the bank, Scriber forged Thomson's name to cover up the deal. Thomson is also a defendant.

A. B. Thomson was receiver of the United States land office in La Grande, being succeeded by A. A. Roberts.

WATER HIGH
ELSEWHERE

The extremely low price for which Grande Ronde land owners can secure perpetual water rights under the present system now being promoted here is exemplified in the following from the Boise Capital News:

The Idaho Irrigation company has made application to the state board of land commissioners for an increase to \$50 per acre for water rights under the Dietrich segregation, embracing 50,000 acres. The land board has taken the matter under consideration pending a report from the state engineer.

The application for an increase from \$35 to \$50 is made on account of there being from 25 to 30 per cent of the first segregation of 100,000 acres, unsalable land and not readily susceptible of irrigation. In view of the fact that the company will be to about \$650,000 expense in raising the dam, constructing canals and enlarging the system, the application has been made to the state board of land commissioners for the increased price. The height of the dam will be increased about 20 feet at an approximate cost of \$150,000. The capacity of the retaining reservoir will be increased from 150,000 acre feet to 180,000 acre feet by the addition to the dam.

In order to get water to list No. 22 or the lands under what is known as the Dietrich segregation, some 20 miles of main canal will be built, Cottonwood slough enlarged and a diversion dam constructed in the Little Wood river. The cost of such construction aggregates \$500,000.

The application has been taken under consideration by the state board, pending a report from the state engineer covering the features above outlined and included in the application of the irrigation company.

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

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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.

Golden Rule Co.

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