

LOCAL ITEMS.

Councilman S. N. Bolton is home from Portland.

Attorney and Mrs. George T. Cochran are spending the day at Imbler.

L. H. Russell is transacting business in Pendleton today.

J. H. Smith returned to his home in Elgin this morning.

Oscar England of Missouri is visiting relatives here.

William Hamilton spent the day at Summerville visiting friends.

Mrs. F. S. Ivanhoe is in Enterprise visiting friends.

Engineer Walter Parker has returned from a visit with his brother in Portland.

Mrs. W. F. Snodgrass returned to her home in Colfax, Wash., today, after a short visit with relatives.

Mrs. H. P. Pitcock left for Echo this morning to visit her son Ralph, who is employed there.

Mrs. Otto Didion is expected home from a week's stay in Pendleton with relatives and friends.

Charles England returned last evening from Missouri, and the funeral of the late Z. Benton was held today.

Thomas Bruce, employed on the Pastime branch electric theater at North Powder, is in the city today.

The Rev. James Henderson arrived last night on No. 2, and will remain until tomorrow at St. Peter's rectory.

Machinist Tom Williams is back at his post in the round house. He has been to Walla Walla and Portland.

Miss Gertrude Fike is home from Seattle to spend New Year's with her parents, Engineer and Mrs. Frank Fike.

Mrs. E. D. Selder, who has been in Huntington to visit her parents, returned this morning, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Hood.

Thomas Peach is one of the ardent football admirers who is going to back up the local team at Pendleton tomorrow afternoon.

George Lingren served a foreclosure proceeding on George Hanson at North Powder this morning. Mr. Forstrom of Union, is the mortgagee.

Postmaster and Mrs. G. M. Richey left today for Pendleton. Mr. Richey returns tonight, while she remains through the New Year's period.

Tomorrow being the festival of the Circumcision of Christ, the Holy Eucharist will be offered in St. Peter's church at 10 a. m.

Fireman Bert Anderson came down from Pleasant Valley last evening to attend the Locomotive Firemen and Engine-men's dance at the Elks' auditorium tonight.

The annual event of great interest to locomotive firemen is scheduled for tonight. The ball is always well attended and indications are that tonight will prove no exception.

S. A. Gardiner has rented his Fir street building to Mr. Hillman, who is now conducting a second-hand store in the new building adjoining the J. Childs residence, on Fir street.

Una Davis, a traveling representative for a Spokane wholesale house, returned to his headquarters this morning, after visiting during the holidays with his father, A. P. Davis.

Walter Pierce and Charles Gage returned this morning from Baker City and North Powder, where they have been transacting business for the light company.

Tra Watson, who has been attending the Rex academy at Rexberg, Idaho, arrived home last evening to visit his father, H. A. Watson, who is also home after a month's stay in Walla Walla county.

Miss Ruby Theison left last evening to resume her studies at Beaverton, after a Christmas visit with her parents, Engineer and Mrs. P. Theison.

Ed Rumble returned to Elgin today. Mr. Rumble bears the distinction of being a part owner of the last inland stages to be "bumped" by the advent of the steam "hoss."

Mrs. W. R. Eccles arrived this morning from Baker City, for an extensive visit with her husband who is proprietor of the Pastime theater. She was accompanied by J. E. Caldwell, of Baker City.

Mrs. J. K. Romig received word last night of the very serious illness of her father, William Macon of Enterprise. It is likely she will leave the city to administer to her parent—Baker City Democrat.

Ott Young of Elgin, was in La Grande this morning en route home after a visit of several weeks with his brother in Boston. Mr. Young is a brother of Cy Young, the best known baseball pitcher in the world. Though separated by a continent, the two men occasionally manage to get together for short visits.

W. A. Maxwell is again comfortably

nestling in his editorial chair at the Union Scout office, after a vacation of several months. Mr. Parkes was at the helm while the pioneer editor rested his brain to once more withdraw the musty pen from the old potato and proceed with his life-giving and moral-inspiring editorials.

Superintendent of Schools H. J. Hockenberry is still confined to his home with rheumatism. He is improving slowly.

Messrs. Ernest Gust and James O'Neal leave this evening to spend New Year's with friends in Garfield, Wash.

Milton Rowe, of Topeka, Ind., who is in the city visiting his son, H. P. Rowe of South La Grande, was an Observer-visitor this afternoon. Mr. Rowe is 75 years of age, hale and hearty, and has every appearance of a man not over 50. He says he has never been so ill as to require the services of a physician since he can remember. Mr. Rowe will remain the rest of the winter with his son. He says he is most favorably impressed with the Grande Ronde valley and says he would not mind owning a quarter section. This is his first trip to the extreme west and says he has seen enough to make him have marked respect for things western.

The money in the glass jar which has been in the window of Pennington & Co. for the past few weeks, will be counted tonight at 8 o'clock by Hugh McCall of the La Grande National bank.

Prof. and Mrs. F. K. Noordhoff of Pendleton, are spending New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Garret Top. Noordhoff has the chair of mathematics in the Pendleton academy.

Miss Bell Gray has returned from a visit with relatives at Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Huffman and children arrived tonight from Joseph and will go on to their home in Pendleton tonight.

H. Dodd of Enterprise, is shipping three cars of fine cattle to Idaho tonight.

C. J. Walker of Imbler, tonight sent two cars of hogs to Seattle.

The funeral of Mr. Hiatt will take place tomorrow afternoon from the Mormon tabernacle instead of Saturday, as was the arrangement at that time.

Mr. Salsberry of Imbler, has purchased the Mrs. W. T. Grider farm, four miles east of this city.

The Scenic.

Patrons of the Scenic surely received the full value for their money last evening. There have been many good acts at the Scenic, but the turn offered last evening by Brott and Mason certainly capped the climax. Their act was snappy and clean. They demonstrated that they were actors of ability. Their act required real dramatic strength and they did not fail in their parts. Its main strength was the fact that they did not depend upon the slap-stick work or exaggerated make-up to create a laugh. The humor was the sort all could see and enjoy. The Gilbert sisters did a neat musical turn which pleased the audience and elicited hearty applause. The pictures were better than the average. The one depicting the manner of reducing logs to paper was especially interesting as well as instructive. Friday evening both teams will combine to put on a special act. This will be the strongest act ever shown at the Scenic. This double act will be presented both Friday and Saturday. It is a comedy of the Brott and Mason and Gilbert Sisters' style.

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Quiet Tomorrow.

Practically every business in La Grande tomorrow will be at a standstill, the proprietors and their assistants devoting themselves to a proper celebration of the first day in the year, 1909.

To accommodate related shoppers several stores will be open tonight until a late hour, but when the doors do open again, it will be the second day of the new year. In view of the fact that commercial interests will be at a standstill, the Observer will not be issued tomorrow.

SOCIETY.

Miss Cecile Lilly last evening entertained 16 young lady and gentlemen friends at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Lilly on Fourth street from 7:30 to 10. Parlor games and singing by William and Kenneth Carpy and Glenn Conkey constituted the amusement program. Light refreshments were served. Those present were Martha Watson, Helen Currey, Lottie Jones, Bess Allinson, Bess Buehler, Laverne Wissler, Minnie Ash, Lyle Kiddle, Harold Newton, Ralph Jones, Ralph Russell, Glenn Conkey, Willard Carpy, Kenneth Carpy, Lynn Bohnenkamp and Robbie Pattison.

Mrs. William Ash, assisted by Mrs. A. Buckley, gave a juvenile stag party at the home of William Ash yesterday afternoon. The guests were entertained at the Pastime matinee, and later at the Ash home with refreshments. The home was tastily decorated in green and red. Each guest received a souvenir to blow in the new year. Those present were Reed and Grant Geddes, John, Howard and Waldo Stoddard, Freddie Synhors, Sherman Harvey, David Brischoux, and Arthur, Julian and Charles Ash.

Dr. W. D. McMillan
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though relatives are protesting bitterly. In one case the body of a husband was taken from the widow and thrown into the fire. The widow leaped into the same fire and was burned alive. The odor of burning flesh has given the city a new horror.

Few people who escaped from Messina had sufficient clothing and the number of cases of pneumonia is increasing rapidly. It seems impossible to reach half of the dead. The condition of refugees arriving from Naples is pitiful. They lost all of their worldly possessions. Most of them are injured. Some lost their minds. Relief ships report the situation at Reggio even worse than Messina. Reggio is one great tomb.

The Italian parliament will hold an extra session to provide relief measures as soon as the king returns from the scene of disaster.

The Italian naval commander at Messina telegraphed this afternoon that unless word was received from American, French, English and German residents within a few hours, there was no hope for their safety.

Sixty thousand refugees arrived at Naples this afternoon, and 50,000 at Catania and other cities along the coast of Sicily.

American Ship to Italy.

New York, Dec. 31.—Commander Ross, of the navy supply ship Celtic, has been ordered to proceed at full speed for Messina with 50,000 tins of fresh beef and other supplies which were intended for the Atlantic fleet.

Reggio is Sinking.

Reggio, Calabria, Dec. 31.—(Via wireless from the cruiser Coatt Emmanuel.)—It is apparent that not more than 5000 or 6000 out of a population of 50,000 could possibly have survived the quake and tidal wave. The lower part of the city is 25 feet under water, and the upper part is in complete ruin. The coast line is sinking gradually, having moved back a dozen feet during the night. Reggio's mayor and Representative Trippi, of the chamber of deputies, are among the dead.

King and Queen Loyal.

Palermo, Dec. 31.—Working incessantly on the fireswept streets, the King, Emmanuel, and Queen Helena, have taken little nourishment and less rest. It is feared they will collapse.

Thinks of Sending Fleet.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The state and navy departments are discussing the advisability of sending the Atlantic fleet to Sicily on account of the earthquake. The fleet is now in the Red sea, and will be near Sicily in four days.

New Booze Law.

New Orleans, Dec. 31.—That liquor cannot be sold to whites and negroes in the same building is the principal provision of the Gay-Shattuck liquor law which goes into effect in Louisiana tomorrow.

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Notice of Annual Meeting.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Eastern Oregon Trust and Savings Bank, will be held at the banking rooms of the corporation, on Thursday, January 14th, 1909, at 2 p. m., for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

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This country is now filled with people who migrate across the continent in all directions seeking that which gold cannot buy. Nine-tenths of them are suffering from throat and lung trouble or chronic catarrh resulting from neglected colds, and spending fortunes vainly trying to regain lost health. Could every sufferer but undo the past and cure that first neglected cold, all this sorrow, pain, anxiety and expense could have been avoided. Chamberlain's cough remedy is famous for its cures of colds, and can always be depended upon. Use it and the more serious diseases may be avoided. For sale by all good dealers.

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