

LOCAL ITEMS.

J. A. Thorsen is here from Imbler today transacting business.

Oscar Jackson has gone to Durkee to visit relatives.

Deaconess Alice Knight arrived last night on No. 5 and will stay at Peter's rectory for about two weeks.

Mrs. L. C. Allen, who has been visiting relatives in Union, returned to home in Wallowa this morning.

H. W. Harris, the new forest supervisor in Wallowa county, is visiting at the land office on business matters.

Chester Foreman of Portland, is here in the interest of a timber and some claim.

George Ferguson of Union, spent last night in the city as the guest of his brother, Walter Ferguson.

Mrs. H. U. Meyers went to Union today in response to a telegram saying her mother was dangerously ill.

Mrs. O. T. Galloway, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Budge, has returned to Union.

C. E. Hackman, who manufactures one of the best cigars in the northwest, visited Baker City today.

Mrs. T. J. Hughey, who has been visiting friends in the city returned today on the late No. 6 to Union.

L. B. Stearns of Cove, who was among those train-bound for many hours, returned this afternoon.

Commissioner J. M. Selder, who has been here on county matters since last Wednesday, returned home today.

W. J. Snodgrass went to Hot Lake today where he expects to remain several days for the benefit of his health.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Oliver returned this afternoon to Union, after spending a few days in La Grande visiting friends and relatives.

W. D. Wilson left this morning for Baker City, from where he will take charge for John Day. He expects to be absent about two weeks.

Ira Baird, a former resident of La Grande, but now residing at Tacoma, was a passenger on delayed No. 6 en route to John Day.

H. H. Thomas left this afternoon for Baker City. Mr. Thomas is again on the road representing a San Francisco paint house.

Fred Preston, Dr. James E. Rice, Arthur Pender and Joseph J. Pender, all of Vancouver, are among the few business visitors at the land office today.

Mr. and Mrs. Decard, who were married yesterday, left today for Baker City, where they will visit a few days before going to Elklogg, Idaho, their home.

Prof. H. J. Hockenberry has recovered sufficiently from his severe attack of rheumatism to attend school a few hours today. He has not fully recovered, by any means.

Leonard Harney, a recent arrival from Des Moines, left today for his old home, where he will dispose of his property and then return to Joseph, where he expects to locate.

Bishop Paddock arrived on the train from Portland this afternoon and will make La Grande his headquarters for the next two weeks. The bishop has many friends here who would like to see him make La Grande his permanent headquarters.

Druggist William Morrison of North Powder, came down yesterday morning on business matters, and returned home today. "Billy's" many friends here are glad to know he is making success.

SENATE COMBINE SEEMS BROKEN

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 12.—The senate combine met its first setback this morning when Senator Both decided not to rush his bill for another judge in King county. The measure went to the judiciary committee without a fight.

The local optimists are elated over the apparent break in the combine. Routine matters were transacted in both branches today.

This afternoon a joint session of both branches is being held to canvass the votes for state officers.

Lieutenant Governor Hay will take oath of office today. Present Lieutenant Governor Coon will make complaint, charging Hay with violation of newspaper advertising law. Governor Mead will appoint M. F. Goz of Emery, to fill the vacancy in the supreme court.

LAW LOOKS TO SCRIBER

McCOURT CALLS NIEDNER IN FOR CONFERENCE.

Receiver Will Confer With McCourt in Portland as to Procedure Against Scriber—Federal Grand Jury to Meet Soon—Planned for McCourt to Come Here.

The time is not far distant when J. W. Scriber will be prosecuted for his misdeeds while cashier of the Farmers & Traders' National bank. United States District Attorney McCourt has been apprised of several new matters that have come up in the bank recently, and he is now working on the case. He was originally desirous of coming to La Grande personally, but on account of overabundance of business, has decided that the only desirable solution is to have Receiver Niedner confer with him at Portland. As soon as the trains assume normal schedules, Mr. Niedner will go to McCourt's office, and there outline the government's action in the case. At that time it will be definitely announced just when the federal grand jury will sit to hear the evidence against Scriber.

Scriber Due Here.

Scriber is slated to arrive in La Grande today, but he may possibly not reach here for a day or two. He has been spending the past few weeks in Portland and Salem.

LEGISLATURE MEETS

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with the assessor a true sworn statement of the valuation of the timber, with a copy of the cruiser's estimate of the kind and character of the timber. If any owner refuses to make a statement he shall forfeit \$50 to the county.

Delay is in Sight.

Both branches of the legislature may be compelled to adjourn tomorrow or the next day, to allow bills to be printed before they can be considered on a second reading. Congestion stares the public printer in the face. The secretary was late in getting copy to the printer and other officials were also late without cause. A flood of resolutions and bills are flowing in. The office is snowed under.

Branch Asylum for Eastern Oregon.

Eastern Oregon will endeavor to secure a branch of the state insane asylum this year. A bill will be introduced soon as the legislators from east of the mountains are able to confer and agree upon a location. Pendleton and Baker City are candidates for the asylum site.

For Single Board of Regents.

In the house, Libby of Marion, introduced a bill providing for the creation of a single board of regents to manage, and supervise the affairs of all institutions of higher education in the state. Superintendent Ackerman and Governor Chamberlain endorse it. The board will be composed of five members with salary. They will be compelled to give most of their time to the management of the different state schools. The house commenced the grind with a flood of 30 bills.

Following the first reading adjournment was taken until 1:30, when a joint convention assembled to listen to the governor's message.

The senate disposed of its order of business in 12 minutes during which bills were introduced. Five measures were presented, the most important being a highway bill by Senator A. J. Johnson, which is widely published.

Senator C. J. Smith of Umatilla, introduced bill No. 1, authorizing the formation of districts for sinking artesian wells. Five resolutions were introduced relating to appointments of senate messenger, and calendar and journal.

SOCIETY.

Neighborhood Club.

The Neighborhood club was entertained this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Anthony. The topic for the meeting was Gen. Le Wallace, and the discussion was upon his great book, Ben Hur. Mrs. A. T. Hill was the leader for the meeting.

High Noon Wedding.

A quiet but beautifully impressive wedding took place today at high noon when C. A. Martin and Miss Hilda Smith were united in holy matrimony at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Fred Gaskell, at their delightful country home near this city. Only a few intimate friends and near relatives were present. The Presbyterian marriage service was impressively performed by Dr. Seemann, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of La Grande. The bride is a former La Grande lady, but recently residing in Ontario, where the groom is a well known and respected young business man. The bride's nieces, Miss Kathleen Thomas and Elva Gaskell acted as bridesmaids, and the bride was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. Fred Gaskell. Master Gaskell acted in the capacity of ring bearer. The bride was beautifully gowned in white silk mull over white taffeta, and carried white carnations. Her brides of honor were artistically gowned in white and pink respectively, and carried carnations to match. After the ceremony was solemnized a three-course wedding luncheon was served.

and the out-from-town guests returned to their homes. Mr. and Mrs. Martin expect to leave this evening for Boise, where they will visit friends a few days before returning to their home in Ontario.

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WANTED—Horses for pasture, \$3 per month. Hay feed and run to straw. Inquire of J. E. Reynolds.

Mrs. A. G. Laughlin has arrived from Spokane to join her husband, who is located here as manager of the Pacific States Telephone exchange. At present she is visiting with Mrs. Adolph Newlin.

Ed Rumble arrived on the Joseph train today on his way to Portland on business matters.

George Palmer Returns. George Palmer, president of the La Grande National bank, returned this afternoon on late No. 1, from Chicago.

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