

LOCAL ITEMS.

city council tonight.

A. E. Knox, the Elgin jeweler, returned to his home today.

Attorney Johns of Baker City, is here today on circuit court matters.

Ernest C. Skiles, the popular drug drummer, left for Wallowa county today.

C. E. Moore, the real estate dealer, left last evening for Portland to transact business matters.

John Hazlewood, the Elgin miller, returned home this morning after transacting business in La Grande.

The February term of the county court convened today. The auditing of claims against the county will be the principal business of this session.

Mead Elliot, the Elgin farmer, stock grower and fisherman, was a La Grande visitor last evening, and returned home this morning.

Ed Blackburn, of Blackburn & Breck, Baker City wholesalers, was a passenger on this morning's train en route to Portland.

The O. R. & N. force has caught up with its work and is keeping the yards clear. A few scattering way cars today comprised the entire rolling stock.

Assessor T. A. Rinehart has returned from Walla Walla. Mrs. Rinehart, who accompanied him, will remain for some time in the hope of the change proving beneficial to her health.

Sheriff Childers went to Summerville this morning to arrest a man named Paulsen who lives near there. Charges of insanity have been lodged against Paulsen.

J. K. Romig, a former resident and business man of La Grande, was a passenger on this morning's train en route to Portland. He is now located in Baker City.

Brakeman Joseph Stiles is able to be on the street today, with the aid of crutches, after nearly two weeks' confinement on account of injuries received at Meacham when he fell from a freight train.

Miss Sarah Graves, who has been visiting friends in Wallowa county, and who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Ivanhoe the past few days, returned to her home in southern California this morning.

Engineer Lute Ferguson left this morning for Portland, where he will attend a meeting of the grievance committee of the Washington-Oregon Brotherhoods of Locomotive Engineers.

Snowstorms in Wyoming are abating a bit and westbound trains are running near to schedule time. This morning the train was an hour late, the company holding the Joseph train until its arrival.

Conductor J. C. Gulling returned to Pendleton this morning after a day spent with his daughters and friends in La Grande. His health is improved since he has been working on the Pilot Rock branch.

Mrs. W. P. McKeen and daughter, Miss Leula, of Walla Walla, arrived last evening from that city en route to Wallowa, where they will visit friends. They were joined here by Mrs. Polk Mays of Joseph, who returned to her home this morning.

L. Stoop of Elgin, wanted to return to his home this morning, but he did not. The Joseph train was on a side track and did not return to the main line before leaving. Lou watched the train pull out placidly enough, but was late in realizing that he was left. He is still here.

A New Printer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Carden are the proud parents of a 19½ pound boy, who was born this morning. Both mother and child are reported doing nicely. Mr. Carden is the foreman of the mechanical department of The Tribune.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

Mr. and Mrs. Carden were former residents of La Grande. Mr. Carden being one of the linotype operators at The Observer.

Mendelssohn Memorial.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—Throughout the empire today musical festivals and memorial exercises are being held in honor of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Mendelssohn, one of the German empire's greatest musical composers. In Berlin tonight there will be several elaborate concerts devoted to the rendition of Mendelssohn's works, and in Hamburg, the birthplace of the composer, an all-day celebration is in progress, with hundreds of prominent musicians and thousands of singers participating. Frankfurt and other cities have also arranged observances of the centenary.

Society

Presbyterian Dinner Tonight.

Those who love a dinner prepared by the Presbyterian Aid society, can be accommodated this evening at 5:30 and on, at the home of R. E. Smith, where a dinner will be served to the public. The price is 25 cents.

New Card Club.

Ten couples of the city have formed a new card club to meet once every two weeks. As to a cognomen nothing has been definitely decided upon, except that "Happy Hooligans" has been seized by some as sufficient until something more appropriate is selected. The club met for the first time last evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. D. McMillan. R. W. Logan carried off the first prize of the organization. A club ruling is to the effect that only one prize will be given at each party. The charter members are: Messrs and Mesdames Frank L. Lilly, A. V. Andrews, J. J. Carr, Robert Newlin, W. D. McMillan, M. K. Hall, Charles Vurpillat, Ray W. Logan, T. J. Scroggin and E. H. Foster.

Unique Debate.

The Baraca club meets next Friday night and among the many novel features scheduled is a debate on the question, "Resolved, That the United States senators should be elected by direct vote." There is nothing new about the question, but the manner in wrestling with it is another phase. The chairman of the occasion will call debaters indiscriminately from the guests the debater being unawares until he is called, as to what side of the question he is to follow. A social hour will follow.

Musical Enjoys Schubert Music.

Members of the Lyle Tuesday Musical met in their club parlors on Sixth street yesterday afternoon. The program was in charge of Mesdames Scroggin, W. W. Berry and E. D. Seider. Great credit is due these ladies for their successful endeavor, to make the program not only pleasing, but instructive. The composer for the day's study was Schubert. Mrs. O. E. Silverthorn read a paper on the life of Schubert, then gave an analytical study of the earl king. The manner in which Mrs. Silverthorn handled the subject not only showed her fine musical instinct, but great ability in the interpretation of a masterpiece. Every member was roundly applauded, showing the ladies appreciation of fine music well rendered. Mrs. Scroggin ably led a round table talk, which brought every member in conversation, making them all feel not only familiar with a great musician, but that they were better women for giving their time in the study of music of one of the greatest masters, Peter Schubert. The following program was rendered:

Piano solo—"Some Unfinished Symphonies"..... Miss Jean McDonald
Paper on "Schubert and His Songs"..... Mrs. O. E. Silverthorn
Vocal solo—"Hark, Hark, the Lark!"..... Miss Ada West
Piano solo—Impromptu No. 2, Op. 142..... Mrs. C. A. Vurpillat
Vocal solo—"Serenade".....
..... Mrs. A. L. Richardson
Round Table Talk—Conducted by..... Mrs. T. J. Scroggin
The club chorus adjourned for practice following the musicale. The ladies are anxious that singers in the club shall be present at rehearsals, which are planned for every meeting day.

Benefit "500" Party.

Preparations are well under way for one of the most elaborate benefit card parties of the season, to be given by the ladies of the "500" club, Friday eve, at the spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp on Second street, for the benefit of the park. Verbal invitations are being issued, and a large attendance is hoped for. Refreshments will be served.

Current Topic Club.

The Current Topic club was entertained last evening by Mesdames H. R. Hanna and S. C. Williams at the home of the former. The rooms were decorated with streamers of hearts, typical of St. Valentine. The topic was "The Revolt in Turkey," under the leadership of Mrs. F. E. Currey. Mrs. J. K. Wright gave a most interesting account of the condition of women and how many reforms were brought about through the instrumentality of Princess Fatima ed Medmed. F. E. Currey described the re-

volt which, without bloodshed, secured the re-establishment of the constitution, and S. C. Williams reviewed the life and characteristics of the sultan.

Refreshments and games followed and it was after midnight before parting sentiments were given voice. The next evening meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Wright. The topic will be "Earthquakes," with Attorney John Hodgkin as leader.

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MINERWORKERS ELECT.

Lewis is Officially Named President Following the Count.

Indianapolis, Feb. 3.—President Thomas Lewis was today re-elected when the official report of the tellers was announced. He received a majority of 16,268 over Walker, his opponent. W. D. Vanhorn, of Indiana, received the most votes for vice-president. Edwin Terry of Iowa, was elected secretary-treasurer.

John Mitchell, as candidate for delegate to the American Federation of Labor, received 114,572 votes, the biggest of votes ever cast.

Squires Licked by Lang.

London, Feb. 3.—A message from Australia says Bill Lang defeated Bill Squires in the 17th round of their battle today.

Chicago Dark at 9 O'clock.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—Midnight darkness prevailed here until 9 o'clock this morning, due to fog and smoke. The same condition existed in Milwaukee, Wis.

The Missionary Society of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. O. M. Heacock next Thursday afternoon.

Cashier J. B. Thorsen came in on the afternoon train from Elgin.

Mesdames R. B. Niles and W. A. Hackett of Elgin, are in the city.

Mrs. J. A. Newman of Portland, is registered at the Foley house.

PROGRESSIVE YOUNGSTERS.

Adding Their Mites to Make Park on Grande Ronde a Reality.

Stock in the Riverside park association is looking up, and with the increased demand for membership come numerous pennies. The progressive and laudable spirit which animates the donation of pennies by the little tots is commendable and many a youth, in the years to come, will be not only proud but grateful that he helped bring to a successful culmination what will undoubtedly be La Grande's most beautiful breathing spot.

Park Notes.

The children's Mission band of the Presbyterian church has sent in 59 pennies to add their mite to the mile of pennies for the park.

Little Harry Proctor of Fruitdale has sent in 59, which entitles him to a certificate of membership.

Masters Sam Cochran and Howell Didion have become members of the Park association, having sent in their money-bags with the required number of pennies. Thus the fund is growing.

Not only the children of the city have become interested, but the little tots in the country districts tributary to La Grande are not going to be left out in the wet, hence the contributions from that source.

To the children who have received no penny sacks, the association would say to have patience and save your pennies, and the bags will surely be given to you. When the pretty spring days come, every home will be visited.

The more progressive little ones are not waiting for the distribution but are making their own sacks and will fill them without procrastination. In another column is given an account of a benefit for the park.

RECORD SET IN FEED LINE

Recent years have not seen a more enjoyable social affair along stag lines than that which last evening was arranged by Rescue Hose Company No. 1, for the entire fire department, and several special guests. Contrary to banquet customs a big feed started the evening's mirth. To enumerate all that was on the three long tables would be a hard task, for the clam bake course was a minor one compared to all that was arrayed before the hungry guests. It was apparent that some had slighted their 6 o'clock dinners purposely for it was shortly after 8 o'clock when the guests were seated to spend nearly an hour at devouring the goodies before them. The best testimony of the toothsome-ness of the "vittles" would be the verbal verdict of one of the near-hundred in attendance. Eventually "inner man" was satisfied and then came song and music, interspersed with speeches. The La Grande band was there, nestled up in a corner purring like a contented kitten, eliciting hearty applause at the finish of each rendition. The concert included in all a half dozen numbers, ending up with an overture entitled, "Little Joe Jones." The crowd caught the spirit of the music and toasted Chief Jones' little son, who some day will be a fire fighter—according to Joe, Sr.—in a hearty manner. But the band did not capture all the attention. Colonel Ivanhoe spun a yarn or two, ending up with references to the late fire and then a touching encomium to the fire department. Chief Jones, as toastmaster, from his perch on a block of stove wood, cracked one or two in introducing the quartet, Messrs. Bunker, Osborne, Gilham and Pattison. The four were routed from their seats to "produce" on several occasions. Councilman F. L. Meyers lauded the department and did not forget to mention the hospitality of the fire department in which he voiced the opinions of all the invited guests. Sometime between 3 o'clock p. m. and midnight, the affair came to an end, when over 75 trilled out of the doors, a contented and happy lot.

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