

LOCAL ITEMS.

Miss Syd Budge is detained at her home with a slight illness.

E. Johnson of Allice, has returned from a visit to Nampa, Idaho.

H. A. Monson, of the Amalgamated Sugar company, returned this morning from a business tour of Utah.

David Briceaux, lumber cruiser and hunter, left on one of his regular visits to Wallowa county this morning.

Mrs. Edna Swart, who for several weeks has been in the Grande Ronde hospital suffering an operation for appendicitis, was brought to her home today.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur McCully, who have been visiting at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. N. M. Cahoon, in West La Grande, returned today to their home in Joseph.

Attorney and Mrs. Colon R. Eberhard contemplated returning to their home in Joseph this morning, but missed the Joseph Limited by a car-length. They will go tomorrow morning unless the unforeseen ordains differently.

Mrs. Luther Ward and daughter, Dorothy, expect to leave in the morning for Portland, where they will join Mr. Ward, who has accepted a position with one of the large wood-working firms of that city. They expect to make Portland their future home.

Tim Donovan, O. R. & N. and Western Union wire trouble doctor, was called to Hilgard today to make repairs of breaks caused by the high wind last night. The Western Union office was temporarily out of commission this morning, as far as service west was concerned.

Mrs. H. S. Minkley of Woodburn, Wash., returned to her home today. She has been visiting at the home of her brother, R. W. Leighton for a few days. Mr. Leighton accompanied her on the return trip and will visit there briefly before returning to his bench in the O. R. & N. machine shop.

Appropriations for the month of February are running low and to all appearances Harriman cannot afford to operate his machine shop, blacksmith shop and round house with a full quota of men tomorrow. It will be definitely announced this evening whether or not the one-day holiday will be ordered Thursday.

J. E. Reynolds, as agent for a Calgary land company, has an exhibit of Canadian-grown grasses and grains at the former Preston shoe store stand, that is attracting considerable attention. The exhibit includes varieties of oats, wheat, barley, alfalfa, native grasses and other seeds. The exhibit will be maintained for some time.

Judges Must Wear Gowns.

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 24.—The senate today passed the new school code with but the one dissenting vote of Senator Whitney of Spokane. It also passed the bill requiring superior and supreme court judges to wear black gowns while trying cases.

The house killed half a dozen bills, including the three-mile limit saloon bill, which was principally directed against Bremerton; also the bill requiring a dollar license for all hook and line fishermen and a bill prohibiting hounding deer. The house passed the bill creating the office of state hotel inspector, requiring the inspection of all hotels.

Things without remedy should be without regard; what is done, is done.—Shakespeare.

A LARGE EGG.

Hen Fruit That Rivals Anything Exhibited for Size Yet.

This afternoon F. B. Houston presented an egg to The Observer which for size puts anything else in eclipse we have seen in the egg line this season. It measures 6 3/4 inches one way, and 7 3/4 the other way. The parent of this blue ribbon egg is a full-blooded Plymouth, and one of the finest ever brought to this valley. She was imported direct from Petaluma in a specially prepared cage, which was plainly labeled "Handle with care; this side up."

Railway Meeting.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—The Central Supply association convened here today in regular session, with representatives of many railroads in attendance.

The past which is so presumptuously brought forward as a precedent for the present, was itself founded on some past that went before it.—Mad de Stael.

STORY TALKS OF CHARGES

Storms in the middle west are delaying the arrival in La Grande of the sheriff from Valentine, Neb., who will come to take Samuel L. Story to Valentine on a charge of murder. Story was arrested near Union by Chief of Police Walden Saturday night, and has been held in the county jail pending the arrival of the Valentine officer.

Story Grants Interview.

Story was seen this morning by an Observer representative, and when asked if he was willing to talk, said he was. Did not know as there was much to say, and asked the reporter what he wanted to know. When asked if he knew Fred Smith, the man whom he is charged with murdering, he answered that he had known him about five months at Douglas, Wyo., and that he was his traveling companion for two or three days while they had beat their way from Douglas, Wyo., to Long Pine, Neb. There they had separated and since that time he had heard nothing regarding him. According to his story they both attempted to make a freight train at Long Pine, but Smith failed to get on and he (Story) supposed that Smith would make the next train and they would get together again.

Tells Plausible Tale.

Story is a young man 28 years of age, and does not seem a bad sort of fellow. He does not seem to be fearful of the final result and apparently gives a straightforward story regarding his actions since leaving Valentine, Neb., near which place the murder is said to have taken place. That he has made no effort to conceal his identity is evidenced by the fact that he has been in constant communication with his mother and brothers, receiving mail directed to him under his real name. He claims to have had no information advising him of the killing of Smith, which is rather surprising when Smith was apparently so well known to the Story family. He is making an ideal prisoner, giving the officers absolutely no trouble. This morning he asked Sheriff Childers to send his mother \$50 and has also written his brother at Valentine to arrange for an attorney to meet him upon his arrival with the sheriff. His last remark as the reporter left, was: "Well, if they hang me for this they will hang me for something I did not do, and hanging me will not make me guilty."

Scarlet Fever Case.

Miss Eva Conley is quarantined in one section of the George Ball residence, corner Washington and Sixth street, with scarlet fever.

EATON GETS TAX JOB

Salem, Feb. 24.—C. V. Galloway of McMinnville and J. B. Eaton of Union were this morning appointed as tax commissioners to serve with the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, as provided in the bill passed by the legislature.

Mr. Eaton of Union, enjoys the distinction of being one of the best-posted book experts and for several years has been closely identified with the assessment of Union county. He is located at Union, and is one of the stalwart republicans of this county. The appointment is meritorious.

DEADLOCK CONTINUES.

Drys Seem to Have the Upper Hand in Olympia Fight.

Olympia, Feb. 24.—The local option situation is still at deadlock, the drys apparently holding the whip hand. The caucus of wets called for last night fell through. This afternoon the house took up the bill passed by the senate prohibiting candidates for offices making any pledges under penalty of losing seats.

SOCIETY.

At their parlors on Sixth street, the ladies of the Neighborhood club were entertained by an exceptionally fine program yesterday afternoon under the leadership of Mrs. O. E. Silverthorn. The subject was "Emerson," and after an instructive sketch of his life, habits and ideals by Miss Anson, Mrs. J. D. Smith read a paper, in which she was supposed to criticize the great essayist, but there were so many attributes to laud that the critics mwas lost sight of. Mrs. Silverthorn gave a well prepared paper on Emerson's style of writing. The discussion that followed was general, and showed that the ladies had given the subject generous thought. The idea of a department club was brought up, which met with enthusiasm; the purpose being to allow each member to choose the department she like most, and felt she would derive the greatest benefit from. A committee was appointed to outline a sketch of what would be practical for the next year's work. To get an idea of what the club's tastes were, each one was given a chance to say what she wished to study. Mental science, art, literature, music, history and domestic science were called for. The club adjourned to meet March 29, and further discuss the plans for next year's work.

"Bring patriotic quotations" is the watchword sent out to members of the Eastern Star, who contemplate attending the reception given by sektion 5 this evening at the lodge home. A patriotic program has been arranged.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hoyt entertained at dinner last evening for Miss Nellie Chandler of Baker City, who has been visiting in La Grande for several days. Covers were laid for eight. An elaborate course dinner was served.

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church held a most enjoyable meeting this afternoon at the home of H. R. Hanna. The attendance was most pleasing and a most enjoyable time was had. This evening, beginning at 5:30, the ladies will serve supper, for which a charge of 25 cents will be made.

Mr. and Mrs. DeLile Green entertained a few friends informally at cards last evening at their home on First street.

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