

LOCAL ITEMS.

Ed Rumble is in Elgin today.

Miss Cora Day of Conalla, Wash., is here transacting business matters.

Mr. Arthur of Audrey, Ore., transacted business in the land office this morning.

John Brown and family and J. D. King, all of Wallowa, were land office visitors today.

W. A. Dutch, the water bonds attorney sent to La Grande by the American Light & Power company, left today.

R. S. Steere of Tacoma, has been attending to personal matters in this city for a few days.

Operator Warren did not leave for Victoria last night, but expects to go this evening.

Mrs. G. W. Peach left this morning for Farmington, Wash., to visit friends.

Mrs. F. S. Ivanhoe took her departure last evening for Pendleton to visit friends.

Mrs. J. D. Fontaine of Pleasant Valley, was here yesterday on her way to La Grande.—Baker City Herald.

Ex-Chief of Police Walden left last night for Portland in charge of Thomas O'Brien, the young fellow sentenced to a term in the reform school.

Charles O. Pollard, a special agent of the general land office department, was a visitor at the local land office this morning.

Attorney Charles Ferguson of Pendleton transacted business at the land office yesterday. He returned home the same day.

day for Enterprise, where the same company has a contract similar to the one now being promoted in La Grande. He was accompanied by F. K. Lowry, who is the agent for the company.

Winn Bunker left this morning for Joseph, where he will be employed by the O. R. & N. Mrs. Bunker will join him in a few days, and they will make their home there indefinitely.

Bishop Paddock of the Episcopal missionary jurisdiction of eastern Oregon, will leave soon for California, where he will preach on Sunday at Lealand Stanford university and later in the day he will speak at Berkeley.

Walter Gorrie, subscription clerk at the Silverthorn drug store, left last evening for his home in Payette in response to a message saying his 3-year-old daughter was critically ill with pneumonia. Latest advices from Payette say the girl is in a critical condition.

J. Louis MacEvoy, the song writer, who is playing here at the Pastime theater, has just received a letter from Arthur Cunningham, who is starring in "Kerry Gow," that he is singing Mr. MacEvoy's Irish song, entitled, "Molliecan," and it is the musical hit of the play. Mr. Cunningham will sing the song when he appears here April 5, at the Steward opera house. This adds another song hit to the long list of popular pieces that Mr. MacEvoy has written.

China is an Exporter of Flour.

Washington, March 17.—The United States consul at Shanghai reports: It is said that there are about 35 flour mills in the Chinese empire, producing 1,500,000 barrels of flour, which of course, comes into direct competition with the foreign-made article, and which, as time goes on, will some day develop to satisfactory proportions. The foreign made article is bound to feel the competition of the local product, for in the near future more flour mills will be erected, there will be more lands under cultivation, and the wheat raising of the empire will present itself as a factor of importance in the supply of its own breadstuffs. As China is today entirely dependent upon her home agricultural products, it would be put an increased development of her natural resources if she would enter upon the raising of wheat and the exportation of flour to the markets now being monopolized by the surplus production of India. In the northwest of Kansu, which province is considered among the most fertile in China, wheat of fine quality is harvested. In lower Yunnan the product is large and satisfactory. In the provinces of Kwei-chow, Quantung, Fekien, Chekiang and others wheat of a fair quality is raised all, however, capable of being made richer by the application of the methods of modern farming.

Mrs. Charles McLean is arranging to leave Friday for an extended visit, which will extend through the summer. Her itinerary will include Spokane, Portland, San Francisco, and from there she will visit her home in the east.

For expert piano tuning, see Thomas Bruce. 1-2817

SOCIETY.

Art in musical lines is not confined to the older members of the Lytle Tuesday Musical, for the program arranged yesterday afternoon and rendered entirely by the young ladies of the club, was perhaps the most pleasing one of the year. Those who arranged the affair were Miss Florence McCall, Miss Eva Nash and Miss Lytle. Both the arranging committee and the members who rendered their parts so well, have been showered with compliments from their more experienced fellow club women. Nevens, the American composer, was the subject of discussions and many valuable hints were obtained during the round table talk. The program as delivered follows:

Paper..... Miss Stella Oliver Instrumental duet—"Shepherds All and Maidens Fair"..... Lela Wilson, Nell Disquin

Vocal solo—"The Roses," Etta Foley Instrumental solo—"Narcissus,"..... Gertrude Ralston

Songs played on violin— (a) "Necklace of Love," (b) "Nightingale,"..... Bertha Young

Vocal solo—"Sweetest Eyes That Ever"..... Jean McDonald

Instrumental solo— (a) "Gondoliers," (b) "Canzone Amorosa,"..... Mary Nell

Round table talk.

Among the St. Patrick's day society events for La Grande will be the Good Fellowship party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Fritts tonight. All members of the club are requested to attend.

The Current Topic club will be entertained at the home of Mrs. J. F. Richardson Friday afternoon.

The Presbyterian social at the home of R. E. Smith tonight, promises to be a real treat. All young members of the church are especially invited.

Members of the Baraca club are requested to meet at the office of Attorney Hodgkin tonight at 7:30, to attend a business meeting.

The Kaffee Klatch will be entertained Friday afternoon by Mrs. Jay Van Buren.

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cided upon the legality of such action.

Payne Optimistic.
He said: "We have a large deficit, but the revenues under the present system are improving monthly as the business conditions become better, and the last normal year for imports was fiscal year ending June 30, 1906, and therefore the committee took 1906 as a basis upon which to form the estimate of the revenue-producing qualities of the new bill, and with the return of anything like normal conditions during the next fiscal year, it is safe to predict the deficit will be entirely wiped out. If not, the bill provides for an issue of Panama canal bonds to reimburse the treasury, and there is also re-enacted a provision for an issue of certificates running a year, for the purpose of replenishing the treasury and raising from 100 million to 250 million dollars."

The Lumber Reductions.
A reduction of 50 per cent on lumber duty will work greatly to the advantage of Canadian lumbermen. The reduction is opposed by lumbermen of the Pacific northwest. Advocates of the reduction claimed the prices of lumber were excessive, and that the great manufacturers are curtailing the output for the purpose of increasing the market price. It is expected a hard fight will be made on this feature of the bill. It is expected that the establishment of free trade with the Philippines, provided in the bill, even though limitations are placed on tobacco, cigars, sugar will work an immediate benefit in increased traffic to Pacific coast shipping interests.

Divorce Granted.
A decree of divorce has been granted to Bertha H. Holmes from James Holmes.

Columbia double disc records, 65c. at Newlin Book & Stationery Co.

Amusement

At the Pastime.
That the performances at the Pastime made a hit with the public was evidenced by the large number who came both nights to hear them. Those who have heard them know that their work far exceeds anything that has ever been in the city in their line. Mr. Kippy, the cartoonist comedian, keeps his audience roaring from start to finish. Tonight, besides the other changes, Mr. Ferrin will sing the illustrated song, "When I Marry You."

HIGH PRICE FOR WATER.
Hermiston People Glad to Get Rights at \$60 Per Acre.

Men are buying desert land near Hermiston at enormous prices and figuratively speaking are breaking their necks to secure water rights at \$60 per acre and \$1 maintenance fees under the Hermiston project. This is the report brought from there by local real estate men who have been there. Seventeen thousand acre-feet of water will be turned into the ditches next Saturday. If these same men were to buy water rights for \$20 per acre as can be done in this county, the rush would be but little more for these men realize that water is cheap at even \$60. When a comparison of prices is made between two different projects lying so closely together geographically, it is really marvelous how low the Meadow Brook project is.

HERMISTON LAND AGENT.
Headquarters for Big City and Acreage Tracts Located Here.

Hermiston land will be on sale in this city hereafter. Ray W. Logan, of the Logan-Sherwood Realty company, has returned from a visit to Hermiston, where he closed a contract for the exclusive handling of 1900 acres of land, in, about and near the growing oasis of the Hermiston desert. Of this amount, 250 acres will be platted at once and sold in quantities varying between city lots and five-acre tracts. The price will be about half of what similar land is selling for now.

B. M. Sherwood will go to Hermiston tomorrow to take the management of the project locally, while branch offices will be established in several locations, the headquarters being in La Grande.

NEW PARK MEMBERS.
New Members Have Been Added and Park Fund Grows Steadily.

The following names, some of them secured early in the history of the association, and just turned in to the secretary, have been added to the membership of the Park association: Mr. and Mrs. George Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Geddes, Mr. and Mrs. William Ash, Mrs. C. H. Finn, Mrs. D. C. Brichoux, Mrs. Otto Didion, Mrs. E. M. Jackson, Mrs. George Stoddard, Willie Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Fleming, Mrs. Josie Conley, Harvey Bay, Mr. and Mrs. David Bay, Mrs. Mary Parker, J. B. Stoddard, Mrs. F. S. Bramwell, Mrs. A. V. Andrews, Mrs. J. L. Ward, George Cleaver, George Currey, A. W. Nelson, Mrs. Joseph Jones, Mrs. Anna Brooks, Don Scott, James Kilpatrick, Luckel, King & Cake Soap Co., Charles Spencer, Mrs. J. D. Sullivan, M. V. Ward, C. B. King, Crane Co., Mrs. S. Shields, Portland; Will Allinson, L. Orton, Dr. and Mrs. Molitor, Dr. and Mrs. Moore, Mrs. L. Smith, Sudline Johnson, Ed Rumble, Mrs. J. H. Alkine, Mrs. T. Rinehart, Mrs. T. T. Donovan, Mrs. J. E. Conners, Mrs. J. C. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Byrkit.

Total of \$585.
Bessie Allinson and Wilma Wade turned in pennies which, with others, makes over another red. There is now in the treasury \$585. Save your pennies that the tax man gives back, for the park fund.

New Trial Denied.
Judge Knowles has denied a motion for a new trial in the case of Nodine vs. Townley.

ELDER BIRD SPEAKS.
Delivers Seventh Day Adventist Address on "Searching Scriptures."

The importance of searching the Scriptures was the theme of the sermon delivered last evening by Elder Bird of the Seventh Day Adventist church. The speaker called attention to the fact that study of the Bible is neglected by professing Christians. Yet it is the only means by which we may know God's thoughts and will con-

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cerning us. He emphasized with great earnestness the necessity of not only listening to its words from the pulpit, nor an occasional reading of a chapter or even of memorizing portions to receive a price, but of earnest daily study of the word which is able to make us wise unto salvation for we read of the events which transpired in times past and recorded in the Sacred Writings, that "All these things happened unto them for examples and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

This evening will begin a study of some prophecies which we are generally overlooked, but nevertheless are of great importance to us as they relate especially to the days in which we live. Come, bring your Bibles, note paper and pencil and follow the worthy example of the people of Berea, of whom we read that they were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scripture daily whether those things were so.

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