

LOCAL ITEMS.

Fireman Robinson has gone to Kamela to relieve Fireman Kinney.

C. M. Bollinger of Baker City, is here today on business.

Dr. C. T. Bacon attended to professional matters at Imbler.

John Anthony came up from River Junction, the coming summer resort of the inter-county country.

L. W. Hornbeck, the nurseryman, of La Grande, is in the city. -Baker City Herald.

Mrs. Hansaker of Walla Walla, who has been visiting friends here, returned home this morning.

H. A. Watson is in North Powder explaining the advantages of the Oregon Life Insurance company.

Mae Wood, manager of the Golden Rule store, has returned from a business visit to Portland.

Mrs. J. W. Hampson of Kamela, is here today visiting friends and doing some shopping.

Engineer Handrahan has been sent to Pleasant Valley to relieve Engineer Morgan, who has been stationed there.

Chester Hansen came down from Telocaset last evening and is transacting business in La Grande today.

Prof. H. J. Hocckenberry suffered another relapse last night and was really in a precarious condition for a time. Today found him some better.

George Miller placed an order yesterday for a new automobile and it will not be long until he will be making frequent trips across the valley.

E. E. Willard, the stock buyer, is here from Portland, stating the market fell off a shade a few days ago, and sales are at a standstill at present.

Mrs. F. G. Wilson went to Baker City on the morning train. For the past few days she has been a guest with Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hanna.

Van R. Meade, Walter Spencer and D. C. Brichoux, all of them timbermen, are in Wallawa county on business matters today.

J. D. King and J. M. Brown and family, have returned to their homes in Wallawa county, after transacting business at the land office.

A family by the name of Lee arrived last evening from Minnesota with the expectation of buying a farm in this valley.

C. C. Penington, of the firm of Penington & Co., clothiers, has returned from the metropolis, where he transacted business.

Mrs. Minnie Blake has returned to her home in Baker City after a visit with her mother, Mrs. J. J. Crandall of South La Grande.

Miss Hazel Landrum went to Baker City this morning. She has been visiting for the past week at the H. R. Hanna home.

Councilman George Kreiger, who has been in Baker county, returned last evening in time to take his seat in the council.

Jewel and Hiram Hendricks of Marysville, Idaho, are here looking over the valley, with a view of buying farms.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Hendricks, who have been touring California since last December, arrived this morning en route to their home in Elgin. They report having had a delightful trip.

J. S. Perry, who two years ago sold out at Mt. Glenn and returned to Teton Basin, Idaho, is here with the intention of reinvesting and making this his home.

J. W. Bush, president-manager of the Blue Mountain Creamery company, went to Pendleton today on business matters connected with the creamery.

Mrs. Georgia Reed, who has been visiting Miss Golda Hopper, took her departure this morning for Pendleton, where she will visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hopper before returning to her home in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Beckley are home from Portland. Mrs. Beckley will remain here a few days before going on to Boise, where she was visiting her relatives when called to Portland last Monday.

Secretary I. B. Rhodes of the Y. M. C. A., who was here several days ago working up interest with a view of securing such an organization in La Grande, passed through the city en route from Boise to Portland this morning.

Miss Ora Cates, president of the Epworth League for La Grande district, writes that the board of control will meet in La Grande next Saturday for its annual meeting, at which time the date and place for holding the spring convention will be decided upon.

J. B. Weaver, proprietor of the Union nursery, is in the city today taking orders. If interested, read his advertisement in this issue. Mr. Weaver states the demand in this section of the country for choice winter apple trees is much greater than the nurseries are able to provide.

SOCIETY.

Herman Selgrist and Miss Ada West, daughter of N. K. West, were married last evening at the West home on Fourth street, Rev. Upton H. Gibbs, officiating. The affair was a quietly planned and guests were limited. William Selgrist, a brother of the groom, N. K. West, the bride's father, and Mrs. Upton H. Gibbs being the only ones to witness the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Selgrist left on the evening train for a short wedding tour. They will return to La Grande soon and make this their future home. The bride is an accomplished musician and popular. The groom, too, claims distinction as an amateur baseball player and enjoys a large circle of intimate friends.

Fifty people were last evening delightfully entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Fritts, on Third street, when Miss Nora Fritts entertained members of the Good Fellowship league. Parlor games, both novel and of the interesting sort, occupied the attention of the guests. Light refreshments were served. This league is a social branch of the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thelson, at their home on Spring avenue, charmingly entertained a few friends last evening at table "500," for Mrs. Otto E. Didion who leaves the latter part of the week for Pendleton, to reside permanently. The decorations were in keeping with the day—St. Patrick's. W. Harry Rush was awarded the honors of the evening and Mrs. Dan Tanner the consolation. Dainty refreshments were served.

Tomorrow evening at the Methodist parsonage, the Ladies' Aid society will serve a supper to all who are fortunate enough to attend and after dinner, Dr. Rader, editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate, will deliver an address. To those who have never heard Dr. Rader, we may add that there are few more polished talkers and thinkers on the coast. To those who have heard him, the announcement that he is to talk is sufficient.

The Young People's Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church had a most enjoyable meeting last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Smith. There was a splendid attendance and those present thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Amusement

The Pastime Changes Tonight.

Last night there was a change in pictures, but tonight, besides adding two new pictures, Angela May and Mr. MacEvoy will give an entire change of songs and the new opera skit will be "What the Papers Say." During the sketch Miss May sings several numbers and Mr. MacEvoy does a monologue and they close together with "Just My Style" from "Fantana."

Miss May was very ill all day yesterday and was forced to cut her performance a little short last night, but she is feeling all right again today. "Kippy" will be on hand again to make you laugh with his monologue and cartoon work.

These people make the strongest bill ever put on the stage here and no one should miss it. Read the program on page three.

"The Merchant of Venice."

Few plays of the higher class have the hold on popular esteem that is possessed by "The Merchant of Venice," in which Charles B. Hanford is now appearing with extraordinary success. So closely has this play been studied that the actor who undertakes a production of it submits himself to the most rigid criticism for every auditor has a distinct and vivid conception of the role in his mind. Many actors have undertaken to satisfy these ideals but few have succeeded. Mr. Hanford is one of the fortunate exceptions. This actor is now in full realization of the brilliant promise given by his earlier career. His present tour under the management of Mr. F. Lawrence Walker is one of the most successful that any tragedian has ever known. Mr. Hanford's career exemplifies the fact that the player of classic roles once established is fully compensated in prosperity and applause for the early patience that he may have been compelled to exercise. Mr. Hanford is fortunate in having so charming a leading lady as Miss Marie Drofna, who will appear as Portia. This presentation of Shylock which is described as ranking with the most magnificent of modern Shakespearean revivals will be the attraction at Steward's opera house on Monday, March 22.

CHEAP LUMBER

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fight for the retention of the duty on lumber will be ultimately won, despite the ways and means committee's recommendation of a reduction of 50 per cent. J. H. Bloedel, a prominent lumberman, says the lumbermen will fight to the last ditch. The lumbermen are especially encouraged with the change of attitude of Clifford Pinchet, who admitted the removal of the tariff will neither give cheaper lumber to the general consumer nor conserve the forests.

The Current Topic club will be entertained on Friday afternoon by Mrs. J. T. Richardson, on Sixth street.

A sleighing party went to Bourne last night to be the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Brown, and all report a splendid time. The sleighing time for this season will soon be gone and the young people are taking every advantage of it while it lasts, this being the third party within a week, all of which have proved most enjoyable affairs.—Sumpter American.

MAY PAY 40 PERCENT NOW

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within the next 10 days, the pro rata amounts will be compiled here, sent to Washington with the schedule, there recalculated, and checks dated and drawn. All of this will consume not more than a month's time, it is thought, and when April 19 comes around, it is very likely that the depositors of the defunct bank will have in their possession 40 per cent dividends.

But Little Hereafter.

With the exception of perhaps \$1,000, every cent that will accrue as dividend paying moneys hereafter, will come through winning of law suits, after expenditure of money and lapse of time. The difference between 40 per cent dividends and the amount now on hand will not be sufficient to fight the innumerable suits that will congest local courts in the immediate future.

Crisis Came Recently.

A sudden and new turn of affairs is directly responsible for the lowering

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The supervisor and office force of the Whitman National forestry service are extra busy just now filling out grazing permits as the sheep and cattle men are getting anxious to get to their feeding grounds.

Big Firm in Trouble.

New York, March 18.—A decree of foreclosure and sale of the Metropolitan street railway properties was issued this afternoon by Judge Lacombe of the United States circuit court, in a suit brought by the Guarantee Trust company. The decree requires the defendant to within 20 days after service of notice to pay the clerk of the court \$13,589,278, with interest at 6 per cent. In default, Special Master Turner has been directed to sell the property on June 1.



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CHERRY'S NEW LAUNDRY

of dividends. During the last few days, the estate of J. W. Scriber has filed a claim against every piece of paper in the hands of the receiver that is not made out to the Farmers & Traders' National bank. Those who know conditions are aware that there are many such instances.

Among these items is the Ontario property valued at \$9000. The receiver had figured on this item as an asset of the bank and as such figured it in the plans for the issuance of 45 or 50 per cent dividends. Now, then, the estate claims this large item because the deeds are not made out in the name of the bank, but are in the name of Scriber himself. There are many similar cases.

Will All Be Fought.

These claims will be fought to the bitter end by the bank and it is stated that there is ample of to offset the claims of the estate.

New Claim against Estate.

Out of the tangled state of affairs here is a new aspect. The government is willing to listen to complaints of notes in the class described, but never at any time did it intend to allow the claim for \$12,000 said to have been destroyed by Scriber on the day of the failure, slip by

SEEDS

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The same was true of the Ontario property. The new claims against the bank by the estate has caused the bank to file claims against the estate for every note that, for the difference between the notes and papers in their hands and the sum total of notes that should be there according to the books. The bank will sue for the abstractions in the loans and savings account said to have amounted to approximately \$12,000. It will sue for the \$12,000 alleged to have been destroyed when the bank failed, and it will sue for the collections on all accommodation notes. To properly describe the matter as it now stands would be a task of great moment, but the point especially emphasized is that the originally planned dividends cannot be paid because the estate has claimed the items which were considered to be property and assets of the bank, but must now be proven so by process of law.

Will Total \$175,000.

The various items so defended by the bank will amount to something like \$175,000, which, if allowed against the estate, will mean that the estate will pay a dividend something like 10 per cent.

On the other hand, should the state's contentions be upheld by the courts, the assets of the bank will decrease proportionately.