

LOCAL ITEMS.

W. B. Sargent spent Sunday at Hot Lake.

Mrs. Amanda Greider returned last evening from a visit at Union.

Miss Nell Morton spent Sunday with friends in Union.

Ben Knapper of Joseph, visited friends in La Grande over Sunday.

L. W. Wright, the Union banker, is a La Grande visitor today.

George Baird is over from Union on business deals today.

Councilman A. V. Andrews is home from a business trip to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Currey leave this evening for a three-day stay in Portland.

Miss Daisy Buell of La Grande, was the guest of Pendleton friends for a few days.—Pendleton Tribune.

Mrs. George Palmer and Vincent Palmer left last evening for Portland, where they will visit friends.

Miss Maude Caviness of Caviness, Oregon, is here visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Bodmer of Baker City, is a guest with friends in La Grande today.

Mrs. F. S. Ivanhoe has returned home from a brief visit with friends in Pendleton.

Mrs. Andrew Buckley took her departure this morning for Boise to visit friends.

William Miller returned this morning from a visit to Portland, where he transacted business matters.

Fireman W. W. Kinzie, of the La Grande-Joseph run, is back at his post after a week holiday.

J. B. Brittain and family have moved into the residence formerly occupied by E. E. Lewis on Third street.

Mrs. O. T. Galloway came over from Union last night for a visit with relatives.

Mox Block has returned from the metropolis, where he superintended, for a week, the finishing touches to his new building there.

A shipment of 10 cars of cattle passed through La Grande this morning from Baker City to Portland markets.

Miss Dolan Lilly, who is attending a school of music at Portland, arrived last night to visit her relatives, who reside here.

Fireman G. Williams went to Pleasant Valley last evening, to relieve Fireman C. Jackson, who is on a few days' lay-off.

The wrecker was sent to Island City yesterday to clear the wreck which occurred a week ago, when two logging cars went in the ditch.

Miss Elsie Leadworth returned to Baker City last night after spending Sunday in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Leadworth.

Misses Anna Kelsland, Anna Alexander and Edith Anderson were among the Sunday visitors who returned from Hot Lake last evening.

Col. Fred Boyd, editor of the Athena Press, was a visitor in La Grande Saturday on land business. He returned home Sunday morning.

Mrs. William Moxley of North Powder, is spending the day at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Schilke.

Una Davis, son of A. P. Davis, and who is located in the typewriter supply business in Spokane, is visiting friends in La Grande.

Miss Ethel Garfield has returned to her home in Walla Walla. She was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Matheson and Mrs. Hopas while in the city.

The family of Ira Stull, deemed by police officials to be in precarious need of food and clothing, is being helped today by public subscriptions from churches and individuals.

O. R. & N. Detective J. Fitzgerald of Portland, died last night of heart disease, according to news reaching here this morning. Mr. Fitzgerald was known to railroad men in this city.

Mrs. Pete Johnson of Huntington, is in the city the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Adams, while Mr. Johnson is staying at Hot Lake for a few days for the benefit of his health.

Miss Belle Myers went to Hot Lake on Friday evening's train, where she was called by Dr. Phy to take charge of a surgical case. She will probably remain at the sanatorium some little time.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McDonald Walla, are visiting at the home of their sister, Mrs. Will M. Peterson on Lincoln street. They are on their way home from Long Beach, Cal., where they have been spending the winter.—Pendleton Post Oregonian.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. W. J. Furnish gave a charming luncheon in compliment to Mrs. F. S. Ivanhoe of La Grande. Covers were laid for 10 and Mrs. George W. Weister of Portland was an out-of-town guest.—Pendleton Tribunes.

Ed Kiddle is in Union today to supervise the finishing touches to repairs being made on the Union flouring mill. It is the purpose of the owners to start the Union mill next Monday.

ACTIVE CANVASS FOR MORE SHARES

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The business institutions of La Grande and of every town in the valley will benefit by the successful consummation of this, the most important plan ever made for the progress of eastern Oregon, and they are showing their faith in the benefits to be derived by liberal subscriptions.

The plan at present, and by the way the only feasible one yet presented, is for the new organization to take over the property of the Grande Ronde Reservoir company, use the rights granted already, etc., and—get busy.

The Reservoir company has an authorized capitalization of \$100,000, a part of which has been issued. The holders of this stock will cancel it, and have already subscribed largely for the stock of the Meadow Brook corporation.

Dr. W. D. McMillan Painless Denistry
La Grande National Bank Bldg
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EBERHARD GIVEN PLUM

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Ever since statement No. 1 theories have been propagated in Oregon, Mr. Eberhard has been a conscientious worker for that precept. He is an apostle of Bourne's principles and the rapidly growing faith, through conviction.

Eberhard Silent.
Joseph, March 22.—(Special.)—The United Press this afternoon told to Mr. Eberhard that his appointment had gone in. He refused to comment on the appointment except to say that he would not voice any statement until the appointment had been confirmed. It is believed that he will move to La Grande at once.

The red tape requisite in this connection requires weeks of attention. Unless a special dispensation is made of affairs due to the fact that the office is now vacant here, it will require something like 30 days for the new appointee to secure his bonds and be properly ordained. The bonds are in the neighborhood of \$75,000, and must be perused and accepted by U. S. District Attorney McCourt, after which they go to Washington to be finally accepted or rejected. The former done, the certificate of office is issued from Washington.

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STEAMER GOES TO PIECES

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bay, the captain is watching the vessel go to pieces. The Inman left this city Saturday bound for Portland, in ballast. It was off Point Reyes, when a fire was sighted, and in the rising gale the captain misjudged the shore for a ship and headed for it. The crash followed. The loss is estimated at \$125,000.

FERGUSON JOINS STAFF.

Well Known Business Man Will Complete Local News Hereafter.
To be in position to more thoroughly complete all the news of the day and present it to the readers the same day it happens, The Observer has secured the services of Walter Ferguson in its editorial department. He went to work this morning.

Mr. Ferguson is "one of us," is well known the city over, and will be a valuable asset to the news-gathering staff at The Observer. Any courtesy shown him will be appreciated at this office.

BOY WRITES PARENTS

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the famous reformed kidnaper, left this city today for Cleveland, to assist in the search for Billie Whittia, who was kidnaped from the school at Sharon, Pa.

Crowe is employed by the Scripps-McRae newspapers. He said: "A kidnaping to be successful, must be planned to the minutest detail. The easy time for them to get ransom has passed."

Kidnaper Written to.
Cleveland, March 22.—Before departure for Sharon today Detective Ward of Philadelphia, issued the following letter to the Whittia kidnapers: "The only unfortunate mistake in your affair with Attorney Whittia was that it was not closed Saturday night to the satisfaction of both parties concerned. I give you my word this is true. He waited five hours, while the money lay there on a cannon. He had done nothing to endanger you, and it was only through the unfortunate blunder that the Ashtabula police

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tried to arrest you. The letter you sent to the hotel was opened at the desk by persons without authority. Whittia did his best. He acted honestly and will do so again. Try him."

The kidnapers instructed Whittia to leave the money in the Flat Iron park at Ashtabula and they agreed to deliver his son to him. Smith was at the hotel at 3 the next morning. The Ashtabula police heard of the plans and went to the park, where their presence frightened the kidnapers.

Would Substitute for Boy.
John H. Drake, the reformer, president of the surgical instrument manufacturing concern, today offered to become hostage for Billie Whittia. He announced he would become a prisoner of the kidnapers if the boy would be returned in safety and unharmed to his parents. He proposed to take \$10,000 in gold and go unarmed to any spot designated by the kidnapers. The proposition is based on the condition of the boys' relatives deposit in the bank that the amount payable to Drake when the boy is returned.

Sharon, Pa., March 22.—It is practically certain that the third letter received from the Whittia kidnapers today was mailed near Sharon. Members of the state constabulary, dressed as plain clothes men, galloped across the line into Ohio today. They made a house to house search for the boy.

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