

LOCAL ITEMS.

Mrs. Hattie R. McDonald is spending a few days at Hot Lake. E. S. McComas, who now lives near Elgin, is in the city today. Charles Holman, of the Internal Revenue service, is in the city. Engineer Jack Carlson is down from Kamela for a few days. Attorney Sheehan arrived yesterday from Enterprise to transact business. Architect C. R. Thornton is transacting business in Enterprise. Engineer Blair is relieving Engineer Carlson at Kamela. Lucien Martin of Cove, transacted business in the city today. W. M. Porter, road supervisor in district No. 2, near Elgin, called at the court house today. Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles is home from Portland where he was called by the federal grand jury. The new Palmer Lumber company logging engine was sent out to the camp this morning. Miss Wilma Rinehart has returned to her home in Summerville after a visit in this city and Union. Miss Graham returned to Elgin this morning after attending Charles B. Hanford's production last night. Attorney L. J. Davis is over from Union with business at the court house today. Roy B. and Thomas Conklin were Cove spectators at "The Merchant of Venice" production last evening. Mrs. J. W. Kennedy and daughter, Mrs. Marshall Huffman are in Union, visiting friends. Seats for the Polmatier sisters, who appear in the Baptist church Monday, March 29, can be secured at Silverthorn's drug store. George Baird and Lucius Wright returned to their homes in Union this morning. They came over to hear Hanford. Rev. H. A. Ketchum of Salem, is here in connection with his work as Sunday school missionary for the Presbyterian church in this state. George M. Baker of Cove, is over today. He states the fields are alive with teams, plowing and seeding, and that the fall grain never looked better at this season of the year. "Uncle" John O'Bryant of North Powder, came down from there this morning, and is calling upon his many old friends as well as upon Sheriff Childers, who issues the tax receipts. Rev. E. F. Zimmerman, working with the Oregon Anti-Saloon league, left today for Pendleton, where he will center his forces during the immediate future. Archie Miller is over from Enterprise, which, according to Mr. Miller, is the metropolis of all eastern Oregon. We need a few more men of Mr. Miller's spirit in La Grande. J. W. Stuchell, manager of the Baker City Grocery company, came down from Baker City last night, and left for the Wallowa country this morning on a business trip. Rev. Haworth of Wallowa county, and Rev. Bradley of Elgin, came in this afternoon to attend the county Sunday school convention, which meets in Island City Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

**Dog Saves Lives.**  
Vancouver, B. C., March 23.—A dispatch from Cornwall, Ont., says three persons are dead and two seriously injured this morning in a fire which destroyed the Windsor hotel. A barking dog aroused the guests at midnight, saving many of them from death. The origin of the fire is known.

**TENNIS MEETING THURSDAY.**  
Summer Sport Revived at Business Meeting of Club Members.  
President George T. Cochran of the Algonquin Tennis club, has called a meeting of club members at the Cochran & Cochran law offices for Thursday evening, when plans for reviving the summer sport, immediately, will be taken. The meeting will have much to transact and all members should attend.

**MAY ASK OFFICIAL**  
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the purchaser, Charles E. Graham, who represents the committee of bond holders, gets ready to make the announcement. The road will no longer be known as "The Central Railway of Oregon," but the Central Railroad of Oregon.

Announcement of a policy to do immediate improvement to the property and to carry on extension work, is expected this week.

**CATTLE BUYER LIKES GRANDE RONDE VALLEY**

E. L. Routh, a cattle buyer of Asotin, Wash., is in La Grande today, having just returned from Wallowa county, where he bought about 1000 head of cattle, which will be shipped to the Montana ranges about June 1. Mr. Routh is very favorably impressed with the valley, and predicts a great future for us. He seemed surprised that we should need irrigation when our yearly crops average as well as they do. In the Asotin country dry farming methods have found great favor, and have resulted in largely increasing the wealth of the farmers.

**INSTITUTE AT UNION**

Nearly every teacher in the La Grande public schools is planning to go to Union next Saturday to attend the local institute to be held there at that time. There will be sessions both morning and afternoon and the program, which is given below, will prove interesting every moment:

**Morning Session.**  
Discipline, Mary Harris.  
History in the Lower Grades, M. Spider.  
Intermediate geography, Mrs. Nora Webb.  
Writing, G. M. Mickelson.  
The Abuse of German, Florence Laufman.  
Looking Backward, A. M. Wipn.

**Afternoon Session.**  
Suggestions, C. L. Sheets.  
School Spirit, G. W. DeLay.  
The program for the day will not be as solemn as it looks at first glance, for music, both vocal and instrumental, will be interspersed among the more sober and solid numbers, and Professor Mansager, of La Grande will be called upon to give several readings, and his talent in this direction assures his audience of a most delightful treat.

**AT SOUTH POLE**

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from New Zealand, where the Nimrod has arrived.

Announcement was made by wireless from New Zealand today that the British Antarctic expedition, which left England in 1907, has discovered the south pole has created a sensation here. A motor sleight and a number of Siberian ponies were carried on the expedition by the ship Nimrod.

**Will Sign Primary Bill.**  
Sacramento, March 23.—Governor Gillett will sign the direct primary bill passed by the legislature yesterday, although he is not in favor of it.

**SUMMONS.**  
In the Justice's Court for the District of La Grande, County of Union, State of Oregon.  
Wadhams and Kerr Bros., (a private corporation), plaintiffs, vs. W. E. Amos, defendant.  
To W. E. Amos, the above-named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action within seven days from the date of the service of this summons upon you, or suffer judgment to be taken against you for the sum of forty-three and fifty one-hundredths dollars, together with the disbursements of this action.

This summons is published in the La Grande Weekly Observer for full six weeks, by order of the undersigned justice of the peace, the first publication thereof being made on the fifth day of February, 1909.

Given under my hand this first day of February, A. D. 1909.  
2-5-12-19-26-2-5  
A. STEWART,  
Justice of the Peace

**Dr. W. D. McMillan**  
**Painless Denistry**  
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**Amusement**

**HANFORD WELL RECEIVED.**

Charles B. Hanford's interpretation of "The Merchant of Venice" was witnessed at the Steward last evening by a well pleased audience. He who averred that Hanford is at his best when in comedy only, mistakes, for he plays Shylock with its tragedy and subtle humor equally well. Those old familiar lines from Shylock never rang out with such great meaning, or never came nearer perfection in the way of interpretation than when Hanford spoke them. Shakespeare's idea of what Portia should be is no doubt analogous to what Marie Drofnaah interprets. While not possessing that famed beauty, perhaps that Shakespeare accords to Portia, still Marie Drofnaah recited the lines admirably. In the court scene especially, did she excel. Her mastery of Portia's part was superb. Again, as usual, John M. Kline was the main prop of the Hanford support. The audience regretted only that Gratiano was not oftener seen. He who is inclined to be critical to a fine point would say that Antonio was the weakest spot in the leading parts. But, as stated, it would require close discrimination between the parts to draw that conclusion. The old masterpiece was well rendered. Theatergoers who overlooked the chance, let an evening of instructive amusement and unalloyed pleasure slip by. Hanford can come again.

**Pastime Has Strong Bill.**

Orton and Leota are a very strong eccentric comedy team and made a hit last night in the presentation of "Jimmy Gass."

Harry Cramer's act is new to the La Grande public and judging from the audiences last night it strikes them just about right. Matinee and an entire change of program tomorrow afternoon.

**Opened With Success.**

The Scenic reopened last night with a splendid attendance at a splendid show. "The Dog Catcher" is easily the star attraction and Manager Gardiner wears the broad smile as he realizes he has a crowd-attracting attraction. The dancers and singers are live and amusing with their intricate stunts. The re-arranged seating capacity makes things more pleasant for the patrons.

**GREAT BATCH OF SUITS**

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money belonging, not to himself, but to the bank.  
The detail work necessary to the payment of a dividend is almost completed, and the 45 per cent dividend ought to reach the depositors not later than the middle of April; but if the suit filed this morning is successful, there will not be another dividend, and in any case a goodly share of the assets will be eaten up by attorney's fees.

**BIDS HOME FAREWELL**

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that the representatives of the press will go as far as Naples, and probably as far as Mombassa. Roosevelt smiled, saying: "Well, I hope they will fall overboard; that's the best I can wish them under the circumstances. I hope the reporters will not try to go into the interior."  
Italians Remember Him.  
The suite occupied by Roosevelt was formerly reserved for the German emperor on his Mediterranean trips. It is decorated with flowers.  
Roosevelt was presented with a big bronze pipe by the Italians of New York, in memory of his action in sending such quick aid to the earthquake sufferers. He ordered it sent to his wife.

The government tug Timmons, with Captain Butte, an aide, and personal representatives of Taft, Col. Leonard Wick and... alongside the Hamburg as she... down the river. The... played "Gary Own," Roosevelt's favorite tune.

**RETURN ASHES.**  
A Boy Who Suicided in New York, Buried Last Evening.  
New York, March 23.—The funeral of Mark D. Rolfe of Eugene, Ore., who suicided on March 12 in the Grand Union hotel, was held today. The body was identified last night by the father who came here. The body was cremated and the ashes will be taken to Eugene.

**Michaelson on Trial.**  
New York, March 23.—Alexander Michaelson, partner of Fischer-Hansen, is up for trial today in the supreme court. He was indicted jointly with Fischer-Hansen and charges have also been laid before the grievance committee of the Bar association, seeking his dismissal from the bar.

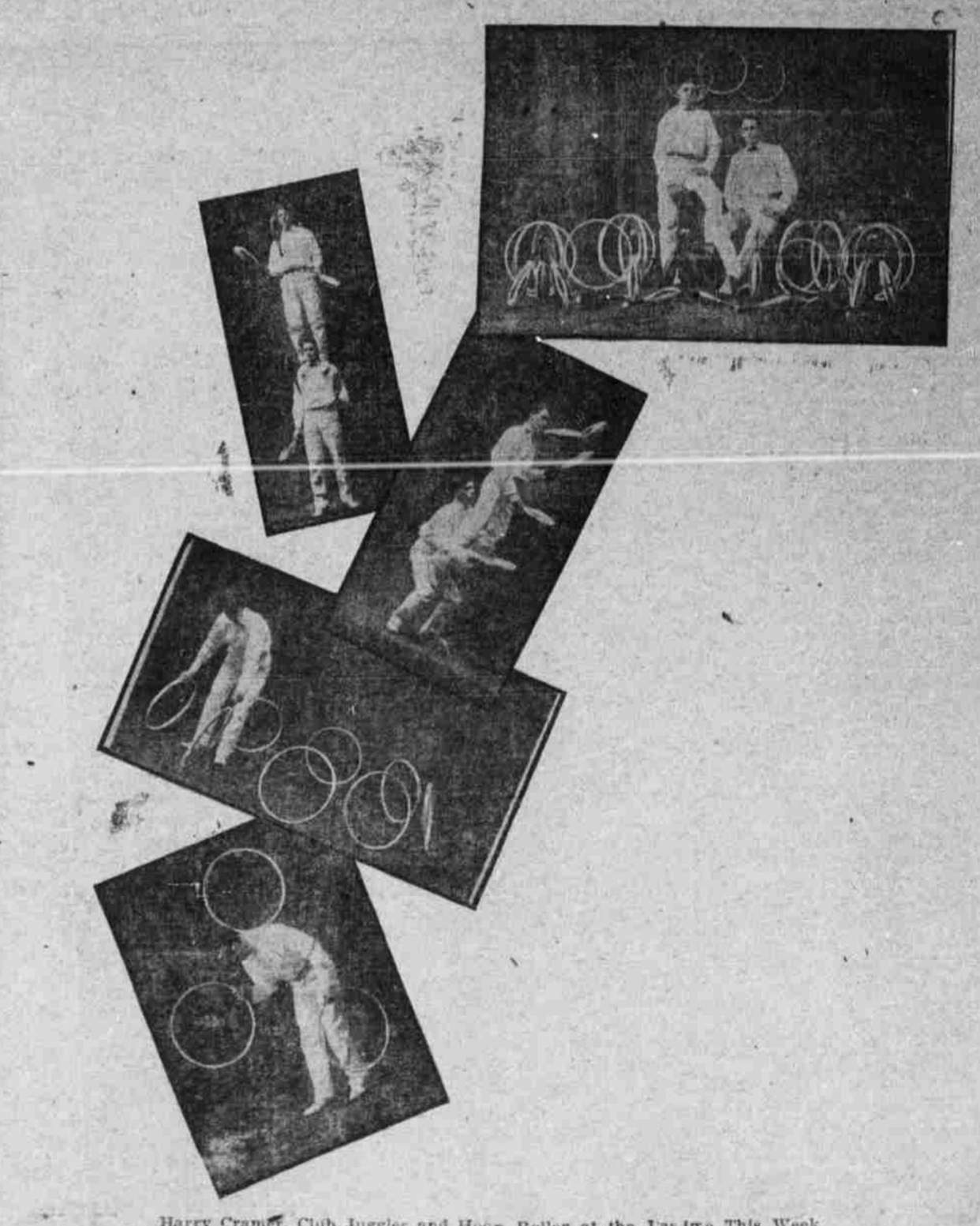
There was practically no loss of stock in southern Umatilla county during the past winter.

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