

LOCAL ITEMS.

SOCIETY.

Mrs. Nels Holverson is down from Hillgard today visiting and trading.

A. A. Roberts went to Pendleton to visit over Sunday with friends, this morning.

Lee Bell, the Elgin boosters, and J. Sommer, drove up from Elgin today to transact business.

O. M. Hancock, the jeweler, has decided to remain in La Grande and will continue to conduct his shop in the Red Cross drug store.

J. A. Russell returned this morning from North Powder, where he transacted business for the Grande Ronde Meat Co.

W. H. Moore, a friend of Rev. W. H. Gibson, is in the city in the interest of Philadelphia. Mr. Moore is a student of McMinnville college.

J. T. Langley, master mechanic for the O. R. & N. company between Portland and Huntington, is registered at the Foley.

Ben Noyes has leased the Heidenreich building on Adams avenue, and will move his grocery store from Fir street on the first of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McKay, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Spencer, left this morning for their home at Aitkin, Minn.

Dr. C. T. Bacon visited Ray Morris of Imbler today, who is suffering with a diseased hip. He found his patient doing nicely.

R. W. Laughlin, manager of the Pacific States Telephone company for Union and Wallowa counties, returned this morning from a business trip to Wallowa county.

The Polmatier sisters who appear here next Monday evening in the Baptist church, passed through the city this morning to fill their dates in Wallowa county.

Special attention is called to the meeting of the Algonquin Tennis club tonight at the office of Attorneys Cochran & Cochran. Business of importance will come up.

R. E. Clarke of La Grande, and M. E. Carbury of Pleasant Valley, two railroad boys, were in the city last evening visiting friends.—Baker City Herald.

Mrs. McIntyre, formerly Miss Ada Robinson, passed through La Grande this morning on the way to her home at Enterprise. She has been in California during the winter.

Among the residents of North Powder, who spent yesterday in La Grande were Mr. and Mrs. Bertram, John T. Shaw and E. E. Sencerbox. Mr. Sencerbox is receiver of the sawmill at North Powder, in which W. R. Kivette was a partner at the time bankruptcy proceedings were begun against him.

Rev. W. H. Gibson, who has been engaged with the Baptist church at Elgin in special meetings, came up to attend the County Sunday School convention and will return to Elgin tomorrow. The prospects in the revival meetings are most encouraging. Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Starkey are also in Elgin rendering effectual services in the special meetings.

H. ROBERTS ON TRIAL.

H. Roberts, employed in J. Farquharson's place on Fir street, was up before Recorder Cox today on a charge of disorderly conduct. The complaining witness was Mose Harris. Roberts is accused of using profane and abusive language, directed toward Harris, near the Harris dance hall, late last night. The defendant conducted his own case, and Attorney Baker, for the city, made no argument. The case was taken under advisement, judgment to be rendered tomorrow at 3 o'clock.

ELGIN NEXT PLACE.

It is evident that Elgin will be selected as the next meeting place of the County Sunday School association, which closes a successful convention at Island City tonight. The attendance has been excellent during all sessions. The program as announced yesterday was carried out today with a few minor changes.

The delegates to the convention are elated over the royal hearted treatment accorded them by ladies of Island City, who have arranged the entertainment features.

BOAT SINKS IN WILLAMETTE.

Steamer Strikes Unknown Rock and Goes Down Off Milwaukie. Portland, March 25.—In a dense fog the river steamer Poonona, Captain Christ Bluhms, struck an unknown rock in the Willamette river on Wednesday this morning and sank to the main deck. None of the 20 passengers were injured. They were taken off in small boats. She is still resting on the rock with a gaping hole in her hull.

Lenten Supper. The ladies of the Presbyterian church will serve a Lenten supper on Wednesday, March 31, at the home of Mrs. J. M. Berry. The following menu will be served: Fish loaf, tongue and horse radish, mashed potatoes, egg salad, rolls, fruit, coffee, cake, 25c per plate.

Social at Island City. The Island City Sunday school will give an oyster supper from 6 to 8 tomorrow evening. Everybody is invited to attend and the affair will be a social entertainment from start to finish. The supper will be served in the M. & M. company hall.

Dr. W. D. McMillan Painless Denistry La Grande National Bank Bldg Both Phones

EXPLAIN SCHOOL QUESTION

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The county authorities shall pay to each high school in the county, that conforms to the state requirements, \$40 apiece for the first 20 pupils, \$35 apiece for the next 20 pupils, and \$30 apiece for all other pupils. This would have given our high school this year about \$4500, enough to pay all salaries. Since any child in the county who had passed the eighth grade was free to attend we should soon have the largest high school in eastern Oregon. All the trouble about collecting tuition from outside pupils would vanish.

Of course, the people of the county will expect proper facilities if we ask them to adopt this plan. This would put the cost of maintaining high schools upon the county instead of upon the cities and would give every boy and girl in the county the right to attend. This has given Eugene the largest high school in the state outside of Portland.

Did you ever consider how many of the young men who graduate from our high school stay here? Many people say it is because there is nothing for them to do. This is a great mistake, for there are four drug stores, the Palmer mill, the railroad shops, the sugar factory and planing mills who are always eager to secure men who know something about their work. Graduates of the La Grande high school can not apply with any hope of success because they have no laboratory training.

Surely every one believes that we should have a laboratory, but why do we need a new building? There are several reasons, each of which plainly shows that it would be folly to install a laboratory in anything but a new structure: first, a laboratory will cost too much to be placed where it will have to be moved after a few years, as it will become much damaged in the change; second, a room fitted for a laboratory must be equipped with many closets and shelves, connected with some water system, making the fitting up of temporary quarters cost nearly as much as one properly built; third, a first-class laboratory would not be bought for an old class room.

Chemistry has not been taught in the La Grande high school for three years, so if it is not taught next year, one whole class will have to say through life that they completed a high school course without even having a chance to take chemistry. This is so also of last year's class and this year's, for no freshman or sophomores are allowed to take it. Why do we, pupils of the La Grande High school, not deserve our rights? Those things which students in other places receive?

If the voters of La Grande do not decide to build a new building it will be the best way they can possibly do to knock La Grande. In nearly every high school there is a laboratory. Among the people must be partly taught by a course are mechanics, doctors, chemists, drug inventors, agriculturists and engineers. For a moment we of the women studies a beneficial agriculture are botanists, agriculture misty cannot be and Union, whose together are no larger

than La Grande's have each as good facilities for teaching these practical subjects as the La Grande high school. Baker City and Pendleton both have laboratories, why should we not have the same privileges?

MARJORIE MC CALL, JOE WILLIAMSON, SARAH SMITH, GEORGE CURREY, CECIL BOLTON, Committee.

Amusement

Pastime Has Good Program. Orton and Leota put on their new change last night and the change proved to be a good one. They will put on the same play this evening again and tomorrow night they will be seen in "Regan's Visit," an Irish comedy in which Miss Orton introduces "Buster Brown." Harry Cramer introduced some new and pleasing features in his act last night for the change. The pictures are excellent.

At the Scenic. The Watsons will not put on their "Dog Catcher" this evening, but will play an intensely humorous act, "Hen-pecked." The act put on by DeCotret and Rigo last night was so well received that they will repeat it this evening. You certainly get your money's worth at the Scenic this week.

TO PRESENT CLASS PLAY

"The Man From Germany" is the title of the class play which the seniors of the high school will present this year. In addition to the play there will be commencement exercises in the Steward opera house at some day to be decided later. Rehearsals for the class play will be commenced next week and the public will see the production about May 28.

BUILD TWO NEW BRIDGES

At least two new bridges will be built in the county this year, and extensive repairs will be made to several others. The new bridges, according to County Judge Henry, will be the Stricker bridge north of Imbler, a steel structure to cost in the neighborhood of \$6000; and a new wooden structure across Willow creek at Tall Glenn's place.

The "Red" bridge at Lower Cove, the Harris bridge south of Imbler, and the Morelock bridge at the mouth of the canyon below Summerville, will be repaired. The county court will spend about \$8000, realized from the one-mill road tax, in macadamizing a stretch of road. This amount of money will build about two miles of first-class road. The commissioners are divided as to the proper place to do the work, but will probably agree at the next term of the court, to be convened the first Wednesday in next month.

Mrs. J. E. Stevenson is in attendance at the Sunday school convention at Island City today.

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ASSERTS TAFT CHANCES

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labor, and that Roosevelt ceased attacking the "malefactors of great wealth" during the recent campaign, to secure for Taft the support of the business interests.

The editorial refers to an address by Taft at Seattle in 1907, while he was on his way to the Philippines, in which Taft stated his views on the use of the injunction by the courts. Gompers dreaded the occasion for such a remark, which was to catch votes of the manufacturers.

PLAT LARGE ORCHARD

Forrest Ivanhoe, clerk in the county recorder's office, is busy this afternoon tracing a plat of the Powder River Home Orchard tract, situated about two miles this side of North Powder, and owned by Miles Lee of Baker City and L. S. Kelsey of North Powder. There are about 900 acres in the tract, divided into five-acre lots. Water for irrigation will be brought from Wolf creek through a canal several miles in length.

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