

LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs. J. W. Scott is down from her Hibbard home today.

Division Foreman Watson is in Pleasant valley today.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Bailee of Sumpter transacted business matters at the land office today.

Lee Tuttle, editor of the Elgin Recorder came up on the afternoon train.

Claud Childers and C. R. Hibbard returned this morning from a tour of inspection of Canada.

George Stoddard returned this morning from a business trip to Portland.

Robert Blumenstein of Elgin came up this afternoon, and will remain over to attend the Farmers meeting in this city.

Joe Parkes the genial justice of the peace in Pendleton is a land office visitor today. He will return tomorrow.

Doctor and Mrs. C. H. Upton, accompanied by their daughter, spent the day in Pendleton. They hope to return this evening.

Mrs. C. H. Conkey and N. Moller, at the latter's home on Fourth street, will entertain the Kaffe Klatsch Friday evening.

Mr. Couch of the firm of McDonald & Couch of Wallowa town, returned to his home this morning after transacting business here.

Contractor Douglas left this morning for Baker City preparatory to making the contract for the construction of a new 200 barrel flouring mill.

Will Day of Dayton, Wash., returned home this morning after spending a short time with his old friend Recorder Kiddle of Island City.

Mrs. Frank Bowman of Joseph, left this morning for Pendleton to visit her mother, Mrs. Peter O'Sullivan, who is still in a precarious condition. While in La Grande she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walsh.

Mrs. John Shanks of Imbler, left last evening for Spokane, where her husband is ill at a Spokane hospital. She took her departure in response to a telegram stating Mr. Shanks was worse.

There will be a special rehearsal of the M. E. church choir tonight at 7 o'clock sharp at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Williams. It is important that all members attend.

Mrs. W. A. Kirby, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Curtis, of South La Grande, returned to her home in The Dalles this morning.

J. B. Gilham, deputy county clerk, has found that he is not yet sufficiently recovered from a recent serious illness to keep steadily at his work, and is off for today. He will try to go to work again tomorrow.

Mrs. Oliver Edward Silverthorne and Mrs. Alfred Lawrence Richardson will be at home May 15, at 1802 First street in honor of Mrs. J. M. Berry, who leaves next week for Portland.

Fred. D. Taylor and family left this morning for Lewiston, Utah, where Mr. Taylor has accepted the superintendency of the large sugar factory. Fred's many friends regretted very much to see him leave, but naturally O. R. Cassyoung of Portland is here to be employed by the O. R. & N. In a short time he will be joined by his wife, and they will make their future home here. Mr. Cassyoung is a brother of Mrs. Dell Jackson of this city.

Roy H. Campbell writes from Central Point, Oregon, that the prospects for a fine fruit crop in his section are extremely bright. Mr. Campbell at one time lived near Imbler, devoting his energies to raising "spuds."

Misses Fern Conrad and Cecile German of Imbler are here taking the eight grade examinations. They paid the Observer office a visit and were shown the mysteries of the linotype and the workings of the job plant and newspaper shop.

NOTED LADY COMING

The general morality loving public will be interested to know that Mrs.

E. E. Shepard of Salt Lake City will soon come to La Grande, the city of conventions, to make addresses on the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. She has for years been at the head of that department of aggressive activity in Utah and has been justly kept in the forefront of the institution because of her optimistic zeal and her never-failing success.

Her husband is one of the well-known attorneys of Salt Lake City.

REPAIRS PROGRESSING.

Mr. Taal will have finished the grading on the court house grounds by tonight or early tomorrow morning, and will at once begin hauling the top dressing, of which several hundred loads will be required.

Construction of a two-story brick between the Foley hotel and the La Grande restaurant, facing Adams avenue, is soon to be commenced by J. E. Foley, according to rumor today. Mr. Foley could not be found to verify the report, but it is said that the lower floor will be occupied by a new abstract and real estate firm.

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Jamestown Neglected.

RICHMOND, Va., May 13.—The annual excursion to Jamestown took place today. The visitors noticed with indignation the very disfiguring whitewashed picket fence, which has been placed by the government around the base of their monument on the island.

The Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities gave to the government an acre and a quarter of land for their monument, which has been left in most unsightly condition, with piles of rubbish and dirt overgrown with broomstraw and weeds. The fence erected about the monument almost completely conceals the instigators at the base. Mrs. John Lightfoot was appointed a special committee by the association to make immediate appeal to the government, and try to have the grounds improved by them.

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