

LOCAL ITEMS.

# GOVERNMENT AGENTS CONDUCT LAND CONTEST

Testimony is being taken today at the land office in the case of the United States vs. John H. Blumenstein. The case is the result of a charge brought by the Forest Reserve people that Blumenstein had not lived on the land, had neither established nor maintained residence nor had he cultivated the land as required in the Homestead law. The land in question was put into the Forest Re-

serve after the Homestead application was made. C. H. Finn appeared for the defendant and H. F. Jones special agent for the Forestry, appeared for the plaintiff. Mr. Jones was assisted by Thos. G. Sharman, another Forest official. The testimony was taken down by R. E. Hanna, court stenographer.

## SOCIETY.

One of the most enjoyable receptions of the summer was tendered yesterday afternoon at the Presbyterian manse to Mrs. C. P. Wellman, who in a few days departs for Portland to spend several weeks with her mother and then go to Seattle. The manse was most artistically arrayed, with beautiful arrangements of sweet peas and roses. Light refreshments were served, and the receiving functions were ably cared for by Mrs. S. W. Seemann, the mistress of the manse. The hours of the reception were from 3 to 5 o'clock and during that time a large number of people were guests. The reception was given by the missionary society and the mission band. The latter organization has been taught in Sunday school hours by Mrs. Wellman for several years, and Mrs. Wellman was heartily appreciative of the honors bestowed on her by her many friends.

**Pastime Stock Co. Makes Good.**  
Last night before a large audience the Pastime Stock Co. presented "Caprice" or "Dad's Darling" and the verdict of everyone who saw the piece was that there is the making

of a good repertoire company in the personnel of Mr. Strong's troupe.

In all companies, large and small, where some of the people are strangers, everyone is a little nervous on the first night, but tonight things will be settled down.

Miss Claire in "As Long as the World Rolls On" received such an ovation that she had to respond with an encore. Her voice is a rich female baritone and it is indeed a treat to listen to her.

### War Seems Inevitable.

BERLIN, July 15.—Only a continued occupation of the island of Crete by four powers of Germany, England, France and Italy, can prevent a declaration of war between Greece and Turkey, early in August, according to information emanating from the German foreign office today. As the powers are determined to withdraw troops from the island this month, war seems inevitable. Indications are that fighting will begin on the mainland and extend to the island.

**LOST**—Generator for carbide lamp on road between Hof Lake and La Grande. Finder please leave at the Home Independent Telephone Co.

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## C. C. PENINGTON & CO

C. R. Thornton arrived home today from Enterprise.

Mrs. Bert Huffman and son, M. H. Pendleton, are visiting friends in the city.

Deputy Sheriff Lindgren, who has spent a couple of days in Elgin is home again.

Ed Rumble, of the Bolton & Bodmer company, is home from a business trip to Wallowa county.

H. W. Bertrum, a lumberman of North Powder transacted business in La Grande this morning.

Leo Brazeo, of the Van Duyn Employment agency, is attending to business in Joseph today.

Engine No. 200 is back at the local shops after undergoing a general overhauling at Albina.

Jess Robins sustained a serious bruise on his hand while working on an engine in the round house yesterday.

A. J. Morris, general storekeeper for the O. R. & N., with headquarters at Albina, is in La Grande today on business.

Geo. Owensby, a former resident of the Grande Ronde valley, but now of Portland, is visiting old time friends here for a few days.

J. T. Williamson returned last night from Seattle where he had been attending the A. Y. P. He reports having enjoyed his visit immensely.

Mrs. Henry Rinehart, who with Mr. Rinehart, returned last evening from Walla Walla, went on to Elgin this morning where she will spend a week with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hunlock and children, left today for Portland where Mrs. Hunlock will take treatments for failing health. Mr. Hunlock is connected with Matlock in management of the skating rink.

Mrs. J. C. Martin and little daughter returned this morning after a six weeks' stay in Portland. Mrs. Martin left her daughter Mrs. C. G. Cummings very much improved in health.

Carlock & Gilham, insurance agents representing the Germania Life, left this morning for Wallowa. They will be gone a week or two. Mr. Carlock is the supervisor of all of the agents in Eastern Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Mackey, of Illinois, who have been visiting at Albany, are in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Mackey. They are on their way to their home in the east.

Mrs. Sarah Longworth Smith and daughter Miss Octavia, of Clearwater, Minn., arrived yesterday from Seattle and will visit with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Upton H. Gibbs, for a few weeks.

Contractor Mars is today laying a cement walk across Washington on the north side of its intersection with Depot street. This is in compliance with the determination to build permanent cross walks where present walks are decayed or insufficient.

The Fair Store is making quite a change on the dry goods side of their establishment by running an additional line of shelving through the center, which makes it look like a metropolitan department store.

W. A. Worstell returned last night from Pendleton, where he had been attending Mrs. Worstell while she underwent an operation for the removal of a cancer. He reports that the operation was entirely successful, and that Mrs. Worstell was getting along splendidly.

### Wheat Reaches \$1.29.

CHICAGO, July 15.—July wheat reached a new record today when it went up to \$1.29 but declined. It is reported James Patten holds 4,000,000 bushels of July wheat, and is attempting to repeat his coup of a few weeks ago.

### Reservation Openings.

For full information regarding Coeur d'Alene Spokane and Flathead opening, send 25 cents for pamphlet to P. Simons, Nezperce, Idaho.

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