

LOCAL ITEMS.

L. J. Jordan of Enterprise is a visitor in the city today.
 J. H. Bowlesy the upholster went to Elgin today.
 Charles Flinn of Baker City is transacting business in La Grande today.
 Cashier J. B. Thorson of Elgin is doing business here today.
 Frederick McKinzie of Summerville was shaking hands with his numerous La Grande friends today.
 R. Morris of Lower Cove was trading in La Grande today and called at the Observer office.
 Lovell E. Tipton, forrester of the Whitman National Forest is in La Grande from Kamela.
 Miss Edna Barton of Baker City is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Carr.
 Mrs. Grace Foye and Miss Miller are over from the Cove and are registered at the Hotel Foley.
 J. H. Robinson, a contractor of Joseph Oregon, is transacting business in La Grande and is registered at the Hotel Sommer.

Fred Swaney who has been home for some time after a lengthy stay at Hot Lake on account of falling health has returned to Hot Lake.
 Bishop Robert Padoock of the Eastern Oregon diocese of the Episcopal church is in the city today the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Upton H. Gibbs.
 Miss Edith Davis of the Cove left last evening for Heppner where she will spend the winter the guest of Mrs. T. W. Ayers.
 Attorney J. S. Hodgkin has received notification that he has been elected a member of the Pacific Coast Astronomical society, made up of astronomers and men interested in astronomy.
 Charles Black of the Forest Service with his headquarters at Wallowa, is in the city on his way home from a two week's trip on Snake river.
 Mrs. F. E. Moore who has been visiting for the past few days with Mr. and Mrs. Jay Van Buren, returned to her home in Enterprise this morning.
 Mrs. M. J. Crandall of South La Grande, who has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Mina Black at Baker City, has returned home for a few days and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Kirtley at their home on Fourth street. Mrs. Crandall will leave in a few days for Spokane where she expects to make her future home.
 D. Fitzgerald left this morning for Enterprise to be present at the opening of the bids by the Wallowa county court for the construction of a 75 foot span bridge across the Wallowa river. Messrs Fitzgerald and Campbell who received the contract for the Oro Dell bridge were invited by the Wallowa county commissioners to submit a bid.
 Poe Caylor and Edgar Winkler left last evening for Seattle in charge of eight carloads of stock, four of cattle and four of hogs. The stock was purchased by C. F. Walker who is a buyer for one of the large commission markets in Seattle.
 Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Conkey and family of Island City have moved to La Grande and will occupy the A. L. Richardson residence on the corner of Penn and Greenwood Avenues during the absence of Dr. and Mrs. Richardson who will leave on the eighteenth for a trip to California and from thence to New York. Dr. and Mrs. Richardson will be found at the Hotel Foley until the time of their departure.

Dr. W. D. McMillan
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 Where you will always find those thousand and one little things that are never at hand when wanted as well as every thing in mechanics tools, builder's and shelf hardware of superior manufacture and best quality. It is the store that is always sought for when you don't want to waste time or money, and this is always at **LILLY'S.**

B. A. Benham of the La Grande Investment Company has returned from a business trip to Union.
 Mrs. Peter Beiver left this morning to visit friends in Pleasant Valley for a few days.

Cut This Out.
 Take me to Van Buren's News stand, purchase one 20-cent ticket and receive one lady's free ticket for Della Pringle Company Monday Night, December 13, at Steward's Opera House.

WANTED—Girl for general house work. Apply Mrs. T. J. Scroggin, Fourth and Washington.

DR. M. P. MENDELSOHN
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The eye is so intricate in its mechanism, so delicate in its structure, so full of complexities, that it is understood by few. Whatever can be provided by practical experience, whatever can be done by minute and complex machinery, whatever may be yielded by careful and accurate testing is at your services the minute you enter my institution. Between the old-fashioned "spectacle fitting" and modern optical service there is a very wide difference, and this difference counts in the preservation of the sight.
 My new method for instantaneous sight testing is endorsed by the highest medical authorities.
 Twenty-nine years experience in handling difficult cases ought to make some difference. Notwithstanding the modern methods employed in examining the eyes, no extra charge is made for this service. Glasses are so moderate in price that anyone can afford them, and you can rest assured they will not be recommended if you do not need them.
 The doctor is endorsed by all of the leading oculists in Portland and all of the physicians in La Grande.
 The entire problem lies in these three words—**Rightly fitted lenses. YOUR CASE WILL NOT PUZZLE DR. MENDELSOHN.**
 Office hours from 9 to 12; and from 1 to 5. By special appointments in the evening.

SOCIETY.

The "La Viellesse" Terpsichorean Club will hold the second of their series of dancing parties this evening.

A new dancing club has been formed by the popular young men of the city. The club is to be known as the "Inter Nos" meaning "just between ourselves." Following are the members: James O'Neal, president; Ernest Gust, L. L. Snodgrass, Oscar Jackson, P. A. Foley, Archie Bacon, Harris French, Charles Conkey, Ben Noyes, H. M. Bay, A. W. Nelson and Hugh McCall. The dates of the parties will be December 15; December 28, January 10 and February 8, the last one being the evening before the Lenten season.

Still Cold in Denver.
 Denver Colo., Dec. 10.—The cold griped up in southeastern this morn-

We have one index that tells with unflinching accuracy to every recorded transaction affecting the title of any lot or parcel of land in the county.

It is a dragnet which nothing can escape.

To get this information from the public records at the court house would be like hunting a needle in a hay stack.

You could never know what your search was ended.

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Plum Pudding.
 The Franco-American Plum Pudding; raisins, currants, cider, oranges and lemonade sweet cider for mince meats, Heinz Mince Meat and "None Such" mince meat in packages. Oil Olives in the bulk, pop corn, etc., at the City Grocery today.



We have ready a notable showing of superb, dainty, little novelties in gold, silver, copper, nickel, and also in pottery, things for the bric-a-brac, etc. Just the things for a brisay gift by the one who doesn't desire to spend heavily yet give something of high intrinsic value and that will ever be remembered.

J. H. PEARE

THE EYE IMPORTANT

The eyes is one of the most important and delicate part of the body. "Sight is Priceless." Glasses should not be worn where no error of refraction exists, but where an error does exist they should be put on as soon as possible and worn constantly until the defect is cured. Wearing glasses once does not signify that they will always be worn. You can at any time (before the defect is cured) go back to the poorer vision if you so desire. The vision will not be poorer than it was before the glasses were worn, but will be more noticeable on account of having been accustomed to better vision. I have made a special study of

Everything for Christmas
 AT
The Peoples Store

WHETHER IT IS TO BE FO RMAID OR MATRON, BATCHELOR OR BENEDICT, YOU WILL FIND IT HERE.
THE CHRISTMAS RUSH WILL NOW GROW WITH THE PASSING OF EACH DAY, AND EACH DAY THE GIFT COLLECTION, NOW COMPLETE, WILL BE MORE DEPLETED COME EARLY WHILE THINGS YOU MOST DESIRE IS STILL HERE.
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 The nicest line that it has ever been our pleasure to show you. There is nothing more acceptable to your wife, daughter or sweetheart than furs.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS
 Buy "Him" a house jacket, pair of hose, shirt, or suit of underwear. He may need them all. What he likes awaits you here.

HAIR BRUSHES AND TOILET SETS
 A nice assortment at very low prices.

BELTS AND BUCKLES.
 Attractive gifts styles. Our holiday lines contain pleasing efforts in the inexpensive grades as well as the more elaborate affects.

HOLIDAY HANDKERCHIEFS.
 If you don't know what to give—give handkerchits—they are always a safe Christmas proposition.
 A large assortment her to select from.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST—The beautiful premiums that we give for your cash slips—handsome Haviland, German and Austrian Ware—Equal to fully ten per cent of the amount of your purchases.

BIG GIFT LINE OF UMBRELLAS

This popular Christmas article is here in such a variety that anyone intending such a gift cannot afford to disregard the many advantages offered. The handles embrace varieties from plain styles in woods to the most elaborate novelties, insuring gifts that will be appreciated.

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IN PRETTY EFFECTS.
 Specially selected holiday lines at rare price inducements. Jabots, Bows, in Faces, Silks Etc. Very appropriate. **GIFT SUGGESTIONS FOR THE HOME.**

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The Temple of Economy
 Opera House Block - - La Grande, Oregon

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Administrator's Notice of Sale of Real estate.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Union County, made and entered on the 21st day of October, 1909, I will from and after the 1st day of January, 1910, proceed to sell at private sale and for cash, all the interest of Anna M. Stearns, deceased, in and to the following described real estate, to-wit: Lots 1 and 4 in Block M in McDaniel's Second Addition to the town of Cove, Union County, Oregon.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 29 day of November, 1909.

J. E. STEARNS,
 Administrator of the Estate of Anna M. Stearns, deceased.
COCHRAN & COCHRAN,
 Attorneys for Administrator.
 (12-3-10-17-24-31.)

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