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LOCAL ITEMS

O. L. Cazier of Imbler was a county seat visitor today.

C. A. Hill left this morning for Pendleton for a brief business trip. Lon Mitchell and Leland Clark of Union are here attending court.

Mrs. Robinson of Pendleton is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Russell.

J. A. Hearing and H. C. Robinson of Haines were land office visitors today.

O. B. Pratt and J. B. Wolf of Union, came in on the morning train to attend court.

Isolated tracts were sold today at the land office to Charles F. Garret of Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Tap Thomas of Elgin are here attending the Johnson revival meetings.

Several members will be taken in to the Farmers' Union of the La Grande local.

Mrs. Kate Frasler of Pendleton arrived today to visit her sister, Mrs. Annie Stevens.

Messrs Willis and Beaty of Idaho are touring the valley today with a view of becoming interested in real estate in the Grande Ronde.

Dispatcher Fisher who had a night trick at the O. R. & N. office here for several months but who is now located at Portland, is here for a brief business visit.

Father Campo of Baker City held services in the Catholic church last evening and there was a good attendance. Father Campo returned to his home this morning.

Mrs. George Ackles arrived from Portland last evening to remain for a few days only. Mr. Ackles is greatly improved in health since moving to Portland, weighing 210 pounds, and quite spry.

D. Fitzgerald, proprietor of the La Grande Iron Works, has purchased the Al Stephens residence on 6th street. The place will be offered for sale as Mr. Fitzgerald owns his own home and simply bought it on speculation.

The Misses Lela and Fern Sampson, who have been spending the past week with their father, who is in St. Vincent's hospital at Portland, returned home last night. Mr. Sampson is very low and the physicians are fearful of the result.

Mrs. Hewitt Dead

Mrs. Hewitt, wife of the proprietor of the Palmer house died at midnight last night and the funeral will be held Saturday if relatives from Joseph can reach here in time.

CONDITION IS SERIOUS

Semi-unconscious and in a very critical state as the result of her frightful injuries yesterday, Mrs. Ames, the Northside resident who was saved from death in the nick of time yesterday morning, was brought to the Fourth Street Sanatorium today. Her condition is very serious. She has been partly conscious at times but never fully able to realize what has happened to her. She has a child of about one month of age.

From her waist down, practically all the skin is crisp. Her hands and arms are badly burned as well, and there are few hopes for her recovery.

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SOCIETY

Section No. one of the Order of Eastern Star, Hope Chapter No. 13, last evening very enjoyably entertained Section No. two of the same order. Parlor amusements were a part of the entertainment, but musical renditions by Misses Mae Neill, Sara Smith and Hilda Anthony and recitations by Mrs. Lloyd Scriber, Mary Penington and Sara Smith were added features. A toothsome lot of viands were provided for, and all in all, the event was one of those "just right" affairs which characterize social ventures of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Alice Ladd, formerly of Walla Walla, and at present a realty holder in this city, was married at Seattle, March 2d, to George Tucker, a business man of Seattle. The ceremony was performed in the Presbyterian church, Rev. Matthews officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Tucker immediately commenced a tour of the Northwest and will be at Lome soon at 909 East Howell street, Seattle. Mrs. Tucker has many friends and acquaintances in this city all of whom, no doubt, join with the Observer in offering congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Couch last evening celebrated the 20th anniversary of their wedding which occurred 20 years ago yesterday at Moss Chapel. The occasion was well planned and well wrought out with the result that the host and hostess and the numerous guests were satisfied with the event. Only one room of the Couch home wore festival colors and that the dining room, where huge hearts in profusion were suspended from the ceiling with bride's roses to prettily match in abundance. An elaborate luncheon was served during the evening with Misses Elsie Couch and Marjorie McCall, assisted by Miss Florence McCall, serving. Following the luncheon came hours of amusement. Chief among these was a flowery romance, flowers supplying missing words in the story of a courtship, wooing and marriage. Roy Couch won first place and Frank In Zurbrick the consolation in ferreting out the thread of the story. A musical contest, unique in every respect, resulted in victory for Mrs. Merton Kiddle and consolation for Willard Couch.

A unique feature of the event was that Mrs. Couch wore her wedding trousseau of 20 years ago and it still gave her the appearance of a blushing bride of tender years. Sideboards were fairly groaning with the presents received by Mr. and Mrs. Couch and as the anniversary is designated as "China" the presents were of that kind and one would think the cream of Portland's china markets were transplanted to the Couch home. Mr. and Mrs. Couch were showered with good wishes and congratulations both on the event of the celebration and the uniqueness with which the celebration was planned.

Chance Directed Him.

A happy chance directed Charles B. Hanford's attention to "The American Lord" just at the time that he was desirous, for the sake of artistic contrast, to introduce into his repertory a character that would reflect modern life as vividly as those of the classic dramas portray the manners and customs of people centuries ago. He was discussing a desire to have a piece distinctly native in theme and authorship, with a friend who mentioned "The American Lord" as being in the line of his desires. A description of the play which had been presented with success by William H. Crane, led Mr. Hanford to send for the manuscript, his own engagement not permitting him to see the

performance. It became his ambition to render this role according to certain ideas which he entertained of how the plain American citizen ought to be represented. A contract placed the play at Mr. Hanford's disposal and he has given it not only close individual study but every advantage in cast, costuming and scenic equipment. The presentation of the leading feminine role by Miss Marie Drofna is one of the most important and at-

tractive features of the performance. Wednesday, March 16, is the date of Mr. Hanford's engagement at the Steward Opera House, in "The American Lord."

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