

PERSONALS.

James Mutch of Portland registered at the Foley last night.

A. M. Meldrum of Athena registered at the Foley yesterday.

Mrs. Metzler of Hilgard spent yesterday in the city with friends.

Miss Edna Winsler is here from Pendleton the guest of Miss Irene Murphey for a few days.

Mrs. Atkinson of South La Grande is reported to be confined to her rooms with la grippe.

Sprat Montgomery is out about town after a protracted illness keeping him within doors for some time.

Clifford Kall went to Enterprise this morning to join the La Grande basketball team there.

Miss Helma Reed went out to Wallowa this morning to spend a few days with relatives and friends.

George Clark and wife were here from Stanfield yesterday evening, and stopped at the Foley.

Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp and Mrs. E. Polack journeyed to Union today by automobile.

J. H. Bawon of Portland and H. Lowe, also of Portland, were at the Foley yesterday while Mr. Bawon transacted business with local Chinese merchants. Mr. Lowe is a Chinese interpreter.

WANTED—Girl or woman for general housework. Apply to Mrs. Geo. T. Cochran, 702 Washington. 12-29-11

FOR RENT—Furnished room with bath, 1609 Wash. Ave. 12-29-11

POOL ROOM IS UNDER PADLOCK

GREEK QUARTERS CLOSED PENDING FURTHER ACTION.

Chief Closes Place Following Attack on Campbell Yesterday.

Padlock fixtures have been added to the equipment of the Greek pool room on Depot street today following the assault on Harvey Campbell there yesterday morning. Acting Chief of Police McLachlen is steadfast in his determination to keep the place closed until the council acts on the matter and Mayor Richardson is backing the chief-elect in his attitude toward the place. Campbell was quite badly injured there yesterday morning when he was accused of stealing a pack of cards and fearing personal injury stepped behind a chair. The Greek proprietor is said to have called in a fellow countryman whom leaders of the colony agree is a bad Greek, and no sooner had the so-called bad man entered the place than he struck Campbell over the head with a coal bucket and then fled. He is still missing. In the subsequent investigation the chief found the Greek proprietor up on a high horse, it is said, and promptly padlocked the place and it is still closed.

It is unknown just what the upshot of it will be but it will likely be that the council will either abrogate the existing license or allow it to be reopened later on.

Knights of Zion in Session.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 29.—The Knights of Zion, a Jewish organization with a considerable membership throughout the United States, began its annual convention in Detroit today. The chief aim of the organization is to aid in the movement for the return to Palestine of the persecuted Jews of Russia, Roumania and other countries.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that most infectious diseases such as whooping cough, diphtheria and scarlet fever are contracted when the child has a cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will quickly cure a cold and greatly lessen the danger of contracting these diseases. This remedy is famous for its cures of colds. It contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given to a child with implicit confidence. Sold by all dealers.

Treasurer's Call for City Warrants. Notice is hereby given that there are now funds on hand to pay all outstanding warrants on general fund of La Grande city up to and including No. 9327. Endorsed. Interest on all warrants on general fund from No. 9021 to No. 9327 inclusive ceases from this date. La Grande, Oregon, Dec. 14, 1911. ROY W. LOGAN, City Treasurer.

COCHRAN TALKS ON IRRIGATION

WATER SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSES THE SCIENCE.

Address Heard Before the Walla Walla Society of Irrigation. (Pendleton Exs: Oregonian.)

George T. Cochran, superintendent of water division No. 2 in this state, gave a lecture last evening before the Walla Walla valley society of engineers at Walla Walla in which he dwelt upon northwest irrigation problems that are now at issue in this vicineland upon several questions that are now at issue in this vicinity. He made statements that are of particular local interest in view of the fact that he is one of the board that must adjudicate the local rights and determine the duty of water on streams in this section.

Mr. Cochran's address in part was as follows:

Duty of Water. "The question of duty of water should be scientifically worked out in each case. Experiments with accurate measurements should in all cases be made. Soil experts can be used on soil moisture. Our agricultural colleges have ascertained that you cannot put more than one and one-half acre inches in the first foot of soil without saturation or having excess water, and that three inches for most soils is sufficient water to put on the ground at one irrigation. However, there are some soils upon which five acre inches can be put at one irrigation without injury, but these soils do not require so many irrigations during the season. On this basis it would take only from 20 to 30 acre inches of water to irrigate an acre of land.

"Again, actual experiments have shown that it takes about 750 pounds of water to produce one pound of dry matter in alfalfa. Now, alfalfa hay is ordinarily about 15 per cent water. Five tons of alfalfa per acre per year is a very good crop, or 10,000 pounds. Deducting the 15 per cent water leaves 8,500 pounds of dry matter. Multiply this by 750 and it gives us the number of pounds of water required to produce that amount of dry matter, which is 6,375,000 pounds of water. Now, one acre inch of water weighs 226,875 pounds. Dividing the weight of water required to produce the dry matter by the weight of one acre inch of water gives us the number of acre inches required to irrigate an acre, which in this case is 21.8 acre inches, or less than one-half a miner's inch.

About New Rights.

"In obtaining new rights the first thing that the state must guard against is monopoly. Our water supply is a natural resource. The great fortunes have been built out of the monopoly of natural resources. It is not right to permit such to be done. Therefore, the law wisely says that beneficial use shall be the measure of the right. It is impossible to institute a water right in a short space of time. Hence the initiation of the right must be under some central control. The Oregon code places this supervision with the state engineer. Application on blank forms furnished by him is filed in his office, together with maps and plans showing the proposed use of the water. The law then allows a certain time, not more than five years, as designated by the state engineer, within which the water must be applied to a beneficial use. Under certain conditions this time can be extended. The use so developed measures the right, and that right by relation dates back to the time of filing the application. In the administration of this law, the date is very important. Now the granting of the initiation of the water right of a water right is not absolutely compulsory. In certain cases the state engineer may deny an application. Our supreme court has passed upon the legality of these powers of the state engineer in the case of Cookinham vs. Lewis. This decision sustains the law in every respect and liberally construes these powers."

SMITH PLEADS GUILTY.

After Deferring Action Either Way, He Comes Forward With Guilty Plea.

Charles Smith, indicted jointly with George Evans for the theft of some grain from T. T. Glenn, who deferred his pleading at the time that Evans pleaded not guilty, yesterday asked to be allowed to make his plea at once. This granted, he admitted his guilt and sentence will be pronounced later, no date having been set at this time.

DON'T EXPERIMENT

You Will Make No Mistake if You Follow This Advice.

Never neglect your kidneys. If you have pain in the back, urinary disorders, dizziness and nervousness, it's time to act and no time to experiment. These are common symptoms of kidney trouble, and you should seek a remedy which is recommended for the kidneys.

Doan's Kidney Pills is the remedy to use. It has cured many stubborn cases in this vicinity.

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WINGED RASCALS.

Birds That Are Accomplished and Daring Thieves.

HOW A GULL ROBS A PELICAN

It Works a Clever Trick on Its Clumsy Victim and is in Turn Fleeced by the Lightning-like Frigate Bird—Villainy of the Butcher Bird.

The system of living at the expense of somebody else and in turn affording a living for another parasite is as common in the animal world as among men, and as a chance example of it we may take the mosquito, which, feeding on man's lifeblood, is in its turn preyed upon by a tiny insect which sometimes causes its death. One of the most common instances of living by robbery in the animal world is that of the osprey, which is spoiled of its fairly caught fish by the more powerful but also lazier eagle, for the eagle can catch its own fish and does so when it cannot steal them.

But a much more interesting case is that of the flying fish. Pursued by its enemies in the water, it leaps into the air and is caught by the pelican. When the pelican has got its pouch full of fish it wings its way to land and proceeds to eat. The pouch is a bag of skin hanging from the under mandible, and in order to get a fish out of it the bird must open its mouth and by a toss of the head throw a fish out of the pouch.

The gull, knowing this and being a lazy fellow, watches the clumsy and rather stupid pelican until it goes ashore to feed. Then the gull, with the impudence which comes so naturally to villainy, actually perches on the long head of the pelican and waits. Open yawns the great mouth, flip comes up a scaly morsel, wide gapes the hungry throat of the pelican; but, alas for it, the fish is already in the jaws of the gull, which, with a wild scream, has mounted aloft to enjoy its stolen meal.

But the sharp eye of the lightning-like frigate bird has been watching the whole game, and the moment the laughing gull has thought to begin its feast it sees a stronger and a quicker bird than itself darting toward it like an arrow. With a shriek of disgust the fish is dropped, and with a graceful swoop it is caught by the

last thief of all.

A sneak thief is the owl. It lies concealed all day and only ventures abroad when its victim is asleep and when its movements cannot be seen. Its body and wings are covered with downy feathers, so that as it goes through the air it makes none of the rushing noise which characterizes the swoop of the hawk, and therefore its sharp talons are buried deep into the body of its prey before the latter is aware of its presence.

There is a little bird called the shrike, which for its cunning and accomplishments deserves a high place in the rogues' gallery. It is not swift enough to catch many of its feathered fellows in fair pursuit, so it sits in ambush and imitates the cry of a distressed bird until a tender husband or a selfless wife flies to the spot to lend the aid supposed to be wanted, whereupon the wicked creature pounces on the beguiled bird and, if not hungry enough to make a meal at once, impales its prey on a thorn.

Almost as great a villain as the butcher bird, as the shrike is usually called, is the bee eater of Africa. It is very fond of bees, but is sometimes too hazy to hunt for them. It sits on a bush and waits for a bee to come along. But if none should come the cunning fellow has still a chance left, for here comes a more industrious bird with a bee in its bill. Now is the rascal's opportunity. The moment the newcomer is near it it flies up with a cry as if pursued by a hawk. The newcomer is immediately put in a fright, drops its prey and scuds away for safety. The thief then picks up the bee and enjoys it at leisure.

It must be said for most animals that they rob or murder for the purpose of getting food, but here and there is a thoroughly depraved fellow who steals for the fun of it. One of these is the wolverene. It is very fond of following a trapper at a safe distance and, after the man has carefully baited all his traps to steal all the bait quite as carefully. Sometimes it will wait until a fox has been caught and then coolly walk up and kill the fox, tear it from the trap, eat as much as it wishes, bury the rest and go on



Merrill McGregor, who appears as "Gate," in "The Barrier," coming to the Steward Saturday, Dec. 30.

Special Sale of Hand Painted China At About Half Price. That's it exactly, just about half price is what we are asking for the "left overs" of our decorative china. Plates, Candelabra, Plagues, Cups, Vases, Saucers. There is quality, beauty and workmanship in every piece of this select line of china goods. This is certainly a chance to make yourself a present at comparatively little or no cost. Wright Drug Co.

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