

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS

B. Wise left this morning for Seattle where he has a large real estate deal pending. He will return the first of the week.

Al. Hewitt arrived in the city this morning fresh from the Eller Piano company. Indications are now that the Ellers will put on a big piano campaign during the spring and summer.

J. A. Gaskill, one of the prominent ranchers of the Alced country, was in the city today on business. He is optimistic on the outlook for the coming season in the Grande Ronde valley.

Mrs. Preston Lewis and daughter Maxine left for Portland this morning to remain until Mr. Lewis returns from his trip to Texas, where he went a few days ago with 15 cars of potatoes.

Dan Hines of La Grande and Mr. Stein, representing a maple syrup factory of the Adirondack mountains, left this morning for Kamela and Meacham in the interests of the grocery business.

John Schaub, one of the enterprising young men of the Wallowa country, son of one of Wallwa's big sheepmen, was in the city on business. Mr. Schaub is now engaged in raising a fine breed of horses.

John Goebel, formerly one of the foremost sheepraisers of the Wallowa country, now a merchant of that place was in the city laying in supplies for his new establishment. Mr. Goebel followed the sheep industry for 21 years.

Rev. Father Casimir Butler of Baker was in La Grande last night and delivered a very instructive Lenten sermon at the Catholic church. A non resident priest will occupy the pulpit every Wednesday night. Father Butler returned to Baker this morning.

Old General Retires.

Washington, Feb. 12.—After a life check full of adventure and achievement, honored in the service of his government, Brigadier General James Allen, chief signal officer of the United States army, will on February 13 retire from active service and go back to live the remainder of his life at his boyhood home, La Porte, Indiana.

General Allen has a military record of 41 years which reads like a novel.

Himself of modest bearing, it is in the official routine, perfunctory records of the war department that the full story of his adventures may be gleaned.

All the way from fighting on the old Indian frontier down to handling the highly scientific questions of development of military aviation and the wireless, General Allen has been in the forefront.

Allen graduated from West Point in 1872, and, in the cavalry branch, immediately saw service in the Indian campaigns in the middle west. In 1891 he was transferred to the signal corps because of his unusual ability in arranging means for military communication.

It was, however, in the Spanish-American war that the army officer forever established the reputation of the army signal corps. For locating Cervera's fleet in Santiago harbor and supplying the information which resulted in its destruction, Brigadier General Allen received a letter of commendation from President McKinley.

"Gen. Allen," says the official military report, "furnished daily communications under the most difficult conditions. He reported that the Spanish squadron was short of coal and could not renew its supply in port. His efficient work enabled the navy to strike the blow that destroyed the entire fleet."

Brig. General Allen is very proud of the fact that the president was notified of the destruction of the Spanish fleet, by his cable dispatches, 14 hours in advance of any other official information.

He was ordered by the secretary of war to destroy the Cuban cables. On the cable ship Arias, with a foreign crew and harassed by Spanish torpedo boats, he completed this perilous task. While working on the last of the cables a Spanish ship opened fire on the Arias, and Allen's crew revolted. At the point of a pistol, he, assisted by several other officers, forced the crew to work until the cable was cut in two in two places. At the close of the war, Col. Allen restored the cables.

For the next three years he laid telegraph lines in the Philippines and

kept communication from the interior parts of the islands open with Manila. Then he was ordered to Alaska to take charge of laying the Seattle and Alaska cable.

Since becoming chief signal officer Brig. General Allen has been in charge of military aviation. He was instrumental in inducing congress to make the first appropriations for an army aviation school. He purchased two aeroplanes, designated five aviators, and selected a site at College Park, Maryland.

Each year he has urged congress to greatly increase the appropriation. He has fostered the science and is secure in the knowledge that when he retires he will leave behind an avia-branch of the signal corps which, although not as large as that of many other nations, is considered by experts to be probably the most perfect.

TO MAKE A HOME.

To make a home you need not build. An edifice of stately size With tapestries and treasures filled And turrets reaching to the skies; The jeweled window, gilded dome— It is not these that make a home.

To make a home you need not wait. Till fortune fills your lap with gold A simple cot, an open gate, May more of cheer and comfort hold Than all a Caesar's castled Rome— For love, not splendor, makes a home.

To make a home, take some content. A little saving year by year, Some homely-fashioned ornament, A keepsake christened by a tear, A voice to greet you in the gloam— Such little matters make a home.

To make a home, take simple things— A peasant fire, an ample chair, A picture that to memory clings, A quiet beauty ev'rywhere— To other towns you need not roam To buy the things to make a home.

—DOUGLAS MALLOCH.

HIGH RINK OPENING.

Prof. Mazanti to Have First Event Next Saturday Evening.

Opened under the new management the new dancing school at the rink

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will be in full swing by Saturday night. Heacock's orchestra will supply the music for the occasion. Prof. Mazanti, the dancing master, will maintain perfect decorum and anticipates that there will be a big attendance the first evening.

Starkey Personals.

Starkey, Feb. 13.—(Special)—A. J. Sullivan made a trip to the valley to look after his horses.

Miss Elsa Burnett is at home after spending a month in the valley. W. Briggs is attending court this week.

Valentine Social at Y. M. C. A. by M. E. Ladies' Aid. Cafeteria lunch. Home-made candy and valentines for sale Friday evening. A postoffice where valentines may be mailed to anyone in the room or in any town will be a special feature. Come all and help enjoy the fun and goodies. Bring your pocketbooks. 2-13-21

Amethyst—Sincerity.

The February born will find Sincerity and peace of mind, Freedom from passion and from care If they the Amethyst will wear.

Couldn't Get Away.

"I understand that after waiting 20 years she married a struggling young man?"

"Yes, poor chap. He struggled the best he knew how, but she lauded him."

Paternal Goodness.

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