

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

To Drill Well Near Baker—J. M. Koehnsparger left yesterday for Baker to take charge of a well drilling outfit belonging to M. C. Bond. The first work will be done near Baker and later in the Sunnyvale and Virtue, Fall sections. This is no experiment in that part of the country as there are already a number of wells giving an artesian flow. Mr. Koehnsparger has just returned from an absence of four years in the Catlow valley in Harney county where he completed the required conditions for 320 acres of government land. In that locality there are many Union county people. His farm practically adjoins the places of Fred Young and W. N. Monroe. The government will undertake to supply water for that section from what is known as Smith Flat. Mr. Koehnsparger expresses himself as being greatly pleased to be back in this part of the state where he has made his home for many years.

Read Paving Held Up—Inability of the Warren Construction Company to get sufficient fine gravel here to supply their requirements has held up the laying of the hot stuff on the Island City road yesterday and today. A fine gravel is essential for the proper kind of top dressing and while the contractors have been anxious to purchase it all in this neighborhood they have found some difficulty in getting it fast enough. A new supply has been secured, however, and the work of putting on the bitulithic will be resumed tomorrow. Yesterday and today the men were kept busy building up the shoulders of the road on either side of the hard surface, using crushed rock for the purpose. The paving has now been put down to a point a short distance beyond the oil tanks on the north side of the town.

A member of the House of Commons recently asked the government representatives whether it was true that the Greeks had massacred their prisoners in Smyrna in full sight of the Allied War ships. Sir Cecil H. Harmsworth, now secretary of Foreign Affairs replied that numerous Turkish officers and men lost their lives in that way but the Greek Government, he said, segregated the affair and it was engaging the attention of the British minister to Paris.

Sunday School Picnic Tomorrow—The annual picnic of the Sunday School of the First Methodist Episcopal Church will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) at Riverside Park. All the members and friends of the Sunday School are invited to attend and all who wish transportation to the park are asked to be at the church not later than ten o'clock, a. m.

Rooming House Changes Hands—Mrs. William Johnston, who has been conducting the O'Connell Rooming House for some time past, has sold her interest therein to the Jap from whom she bought it. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston will make their future home in Seattle, Washington, and left this morning for that city.

Moving Electrical Store—The Nash electrical store is moving its stock of goods from the Foley Hotel building to the Sommer building, recently vacated by the United States National bank.

Red Cross Drug Store. The Prescription Store.

Julius Fischer Home Robbed—A number of articles of some value were taken by an unknown thief from the home of Julius Fischer last evening, while the family were away from home for a short time. The door had been left unlocked and the thief gained entrance easily. An Elgin wrist watch belonging to Mrs. Fischer, a watch and ring belonging to Mr. Fischer and a number of other pieces of jewelry were taken, along with a few dollars in cash. The fact that the thief overlooked a couple of valuable diamond rings which had been left near the jewelry which was stolen lead the police to believe that the job was done by an amateur, presumably the same person who looted two rooms in the Foley home a couple of weeks ago and robbed a couple of guests at the Savoy hotel only a few nights ago of quite a large amount. No clue as to his identity was left, however.

Pendleton Auto Man Visits—W. J. Burns, well known automobile man of Pendleton, drove over the mountains Sunday morning in his Case racer and spent the day visiting Mrs. D. C. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Charboneau and Mrs. Frank Bay and daughter. The whole party spent Sunday at Catherine Creek and Mr. Burns returned yesterday to Pendleton, by way of Walla Walla.

Excitement in Carpenter Home—A eight pound baby girl arrived yesterday at the home of Train Inspector and Mrs. L. Carpenter, in this city. Mother and babe are doing well, but the event has excited the train inspector so that he had to call quits with his job for a couple of days, his friends assert.

Herman Lafke Home—Herman Lafke arrived home yesterday morning from overseas, where he has been working under Food Administrator Hoover. He stopped over to spend the day with old friends, and will leave today for his home in Corvallis.

Union Farmer in Town—Jesse K. Gipson, of Union, who follows the rural life, spent a few hours in town on business today. He had matters to take up with the officials at the U. S. Land Office.

Family Returns Home—Mrs. Jay Dobbin and children, who have been visiting relatives and friends in Portland, Seattle and Union, were met here Sunday evening by Mr. Dobbin and the family returned to their home at Joseph yesterday.

Judge Phy in Portland—County Judge Phy left last night for Portland where he will look after Union country's highway interests before the State Highway Commission today.

The annual Sunday School Picnic of the 1st Methodist Episcopal Church will be held at the Park Wednesday, August 6th. Those desiring to attend bring basket lunch and meet at the church at 9:30 a. m.

Leaves for North Powder—Archie Holt left this morning for North Powder, where he has accepted a position with A. B. Huddleston at that place.

More Soldiers Pass Thru—About twenty soldiers enroute to Camp Lewis for discharge enjoyed a hot breakfast at the canteen this morning.

River Flow Increased—One of the results of the rain is an increase in the volume of water in the river. But the water was so low to begin with on account of the long drought that the present increase is not sufficient to cause any alarm.

Gone to Portland—Miss Mildred Stringham left Sunday evening for Portland, to be gone about a week visiting relatives and friends.

Back to Boyhood Home For Visit—"Jim" Sullivan, of the O-W, will leave in the morning with his daughter, Miss Ethel, for La Cygne, Kansas, Memphis, Tennessee, and other middle states points. Jim was raised in Kansas and knows all about the year the grasshoppers came. He also knows the value of a coyote pelt obtained in Missouri and brought into Kansas to claim the bounty. His knowledge of prohibition was first gained in the Sunflower state, and although he is charged with having appropriated horses in that country from the range in earlier days, this is not entirely believed and never has been proven. He expects to have a fine month of it away from the cares and worry of railroading and meeting the boys of years gone by who still linger in the Marais des Cygnes river bottoms.

Home From Outing—Mr. and Mrs. Dave Stoddard and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stoddard and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stoddard and family, Miss Helen Stoddard, Miss Nettie Adams, of Logan, Utah, and Miss Jeannette Stoddard arrived home last night from a two weeks' auto trip to Rainier, Washington. They reported a very enjoyable trip.

Joseph Man Gets Premier—R. D. Bade, of the Bade Auto Company of La Grande, drove into Walla county yesterday to deliver a new Premier to Mr. Hoffman, of Joseph. He reports the roads as being very heavy with mud, the result of soaking rains that fell in the eastern county.

Returned Home—Miss Hazel Hicks left this morning for her home in Weiser, Idaho, after spending yesterday with friends in this city.

Gone to Portland—Mrs. M. Westering left last night for her home in Portland, after visiting a few days with friends.

Baby Girl Born Today—Born, at Grande Ronde hospital at noon today, to Mr. and Mrs. George Rynearson, a daughter.

Young Daughter Arrives—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jones, on August 5, a daughter. Mother and child are both doing well.

Newlyweds Royally Welcomed—James McLaughlin, O-W, operator returned last night with his bride, formerly Miss Charlotte Bussing, from a honeymoon trip to California, to find the station platform crowded with friends intent upon giving them a cordial welcome home. An imposing procession was formed, the bride mounted in a horseless carriage along with the "royal" musicians, and the groom marching behind, handcuffed and unmistakably labelled as his most recent offense against the principles of bachelorhood. The crowd of friends led them up and down Adams avenue a couple of times, demonstrating plainly their joy in the occasion and their happiness in welcoming home so happy a bridal pair. The musicians rendered appropriate music as the procession moved along, the variety of their selections ranging from funeral strains to the wedding march. It was not until the friends had all paid full homage that bride and groom were allowed to absent themselves from the joyful gathering.

Box Car Breaks In Two—An empty box car on a freight train broke in two at Porters, a station about 20 miles west of La Grande yesterday, causing a tieup on the road for a couple of hours. Train No. 17, already several hours late, was held up an additional two hours by the accident, and did not reach Portland until close to midnight last night. No one was hurt in the accident on the freight.

Mrs. Vincent Palmer Returns—Mrs. Vincent Palmer returned the first of the week from Portland, following the recovery from an operation she underwent there a short time ago. Mrs. Palmer's friends in the city are very glad to learn that the operation has resulted in a distinct improvement in her health.

Home After Stay in Seattle—Mrs. Luther Dunn and daughter, Phyllis, have returned from Seattle, after a two months' visit to relatives. Mrs. Dunn went to Seattle during the illness of her father, and was at his bedside but a few days before his death.

Gone to Telocaset—Mr. and Mrs. James McLaughlin

left this morning on No. 6 for Telocaset, to be gone a few days.

Home From Monmouth—Mrs. J. C. Williams returned Sunday evening from Monmouth, Oregon, where she had been attending the summer school.

Home From Spokane—Mrs. J. C. Williams returned home this morning on No. 6, from Spokane, where she has been visiting relatives and friends.

A Traveling Man's Experience—You may learn something from the following by W. H. Ireland, a traveling salesman of Louisville, Ky. "In the summer of 1888 I had a severe attack of cholera morbus. I gave the hotel porter fifty cents and told him to buy me a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy and to take no substitute. I took a double dose of it according to the directions and went to sleep. At five o'clock the next morning I was called by my order and took a train for my next stopping place, a well man."

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