Local News In Brief

Mrs. Lowney Improves—
Mrs. Andrew Lowney, who underwent an operation at the hospital Tuesday is today reported to be greatly improved.

Special Meeting Called—
The Ladies' Auxiliary to the B. of R. T. will meet at Eagle Hall at 1:30 Sunday afternoon to attend, in a body, the funeral of Oscar Springer.

Meets With Accident—
Grandma Stitzinger fell Wednesday and broke her right arm. Although the accident has proved to be painful, she is getting along very nicely.

Mrs. McIlroy Improves—
Mrs. Dexter McIlroy, who underwent an operation at the Grande Ronde hospital a week ago Thursday for appendicitis, is very much improved and will probably be released from the hospital Sunday.

Harry Edwards Improved—
Harry Edwards, who underwent an operation for appendicitis last Tuesday morning, is improved. Edwards is a car repairer on the rip track in the local yards.

Regular Church Services—
All regular services will be held at the Baptist Church Sunday, announces A. R. Sitton, pastor. Sunday School at the usual hour, preaching at 11 o'clock and 7:30. Young People's Meeting at 6:30. There will be special music.

Young People's Annual—
It is the Young People's Annual at the Salvation Army hall this week-end. On Monday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, a program of recitations, songs, tableaus and other entertainment will be given, and prizes distributed to all of the scholars of the past year. Refreshments will bring the evening to a pleasant close.

Baby is Born in Portland—
Announcements have been received here of the birth of wee Robert Bronson Frazier Jan. 12 in Portland. Mrs. Charles Frazier, mother of the youngster was formerly Miss Rachael Turner of this city.

Miss Catlin Visits Grandmother—
Miss Marion Catlin left this morning for Portland where she will be a guest at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Emma E. Thompson for a few days.

Enterprise Woman Here—
Mrs. Harry Bohlen arrived this morning from Union where she has been visiting relatives. She will be a guest of Mrs. Susie Callison for a short time here, before returning to her home in Enterprise.

Mrs. McMaster to Baker—
Mrs. W. A. McMaster who has been a guest at the home of her mother, Mrs. D. C. Slever for the past several weeks, left this morning for her home in Baker. She was accompanied by her wee son, William Edgar.

Miss Doolin Returns—
Miss Isa Doolin left this morning for Ontario, where she will be the guest of friends. She has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. R. M. Shafler. Miss Doolin is from Fruitland, Idaho.

Mrs. Galloway Visits Union—
Mrs. J. S. Galloway left this morning for Union where she will be the guest of friends over the week-end.

The Worrells to Baker—
Mr. and Mrs. R. Worrell left this morning for Baker where they will spend the week-end with their friends and also on business.

Telocaset Women Return—
Mrs. J. B. Smith and Mrs. T. O. Bramwell left this morning for their home in Telocaset after spending a short time in La Grande shopping.

Miss Lund to Weiser—
Miss Ruby Lund who has been visiting the Sam Ruckman family, in the valley, left this morning for her home in Weiser, Idaho.

Portland is Rainy—
Supt. W. Bollons arrived home this morning from Portland and his face was very long and weary looking. He said in a very bored tone that he was sick of Portland rains and that when he got here he certainly expected to see better weather. Needless to say Supt. Bollons was in Portland on official business for the O. W. R. & N.

Pendleton Man Here—
The was a big hat on the depot platform today and some one said he was from Pendleton. Under the light colored stetson the face of the ever jolly John Heath beamed. He has been Round House foreman at Keith but now claims Pendleton as his home.

Idaho Man Here—
R. K. Baily is in La Grande looking over the snow covered valley and incidentally comparing this valley with Buhl, Idaho. He is a rancher near that place.

The Turnipseeds are Here—
Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Turnipseed are down from Vincent on business. They are storekeepers up that way and report that business is very good.

B. B. Team Passes Through—
The Union girls' basket ball team left this morning on branch train for Wallowa where they will meet the Wallowa High School girls tonight.

Mrs. Moss Goes to Alicel—
Mrs. Irwin Moss, who has been spending the past few days in La Grande and Union left this morning for her home in Alicel.

Gus Bhrens to Summerville—
Gus Bhrens, who has been spending the past few days in La Grande said in a very homesick voice this morning that he was going back to Summerville where he could at least get a glimpse of his own stock and the snow covered hills without our one sky scraper, the Foley building, getting in the way.

The McKennons Return—
Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKennon left this morning for their home in Imbler. They have been the guests of L. A. McKennon while here.

Miss Dunbar to Wallowa—
Miss Lucile Dunbar left this morning for Wallowa, where she will spend a few days as the guest of friends.

Joseph Stock Man Here—
F. D. McCully is in La Grande these days, and all you can hear him say is that he is very fond of Joseph as a home town and would not trade any city for it. Also that his sheep are in very fine condition.

L. H. S. Team Leaves—
The La Grande High School Girls basketball team left this morning for Enterprise where they will meet the Enterprise girls of the [illegible]. There was a [illegible] bunch of the youngsters out [illegible] this morning to see the old home town team off, [illegible] rooters were [illegible] who were making the trip [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] Orlowas sure of bringing home the Enterprise scalp and the high school fellows are said to be betting on them.

S. F. Pace Visits Wallowa—
Samuel F. Pace left this morning for Wallowa, where he will smell out some moonshine. He is Deputy United States Marshal.

Mrs. Lilly Breaks Ankle—
Mrs. F. L. Lilly fell yesterday afternoon just in front of N. K. West's department store and broke her right ankle in two different places. While the accident was very painful, Mrs. Lilly is today reported to be as well as could be expected.

F. S. Bramwell Here—
F. S. Bramwell, who is on the executive committee of the State Chamber of Commerce, arrived in La Grande this morning from Hot Lake where he has been spending the past several days.

A. W. Perley Leaves—
A. W. Perley, who is the fuel inspector for the O. W. R. & N. left this morning for Rieth on official business. Perley has been spending the past few days here but has not made the fact public, it seems.

Union Boy Is Member—
Wakeena Club is to be installed as the Theta Nu Phy Fraternity at the Oregon Agricultural College. Among the Theta Nu Phi Fraternity at the is Curtis Miller, of Union, Oregon, a senior in Commerce.

Prize-Winning Pageant—
The Missionary Pageant prepared by Miss Hulda Anderson and put on by the young women of the Westminster Guild at Union last October, for which they received a prize of $10.00, which they gave to the Armenians, was given at the home of Mrs. Mossman yesterday and was so well received that an urgent request was made to have it put on at the Presbyterion Church Sunday at the 5 o'clock Vesper services. The young ladies have consented to do this.

Rev. J. A. Smith does not hesitate to say that it conveys a message as telling and effective as any sermon he ever heard. The public is most cordially invited to attend the services tomorrow afternoon and see the play.

COMING EVENTS.

Jan. 15.—La Grande High School girls basketball team plays Enterprise girls plays Enterprise girls team at Enterprise.
Jan. 17—Volunteer Firemen's Annual Dance, Rex Hall.
Jan. 20.—Ladies Columbia Symphony Orchestra will appear in concert under auspices of L. D. S. Choir at Tabernacle.
Jan. 21.—Opening of Country Club.
Jan. 31.-Feb. 5.—Deputies Payne and Gaffney, of income tax department will be at Court House to aid persons in making out their tax returns.

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PULLING HAIR IS CAVE MAN SIGN OF LOVE, SAYS IDE

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 15.—When a school boy pulls the hair of a girl sitting in front of him it is a cave man sign that he loves the young lady.

This is the conclusion of the psychologist of the Philadelphia public school, Miss Gladys G. Ide, director of special education.

"Manifestations of early love are found in the kindergarten, and are common enough through school life," said Miss Ide.

"The scuffling and wrestling, the twitching of hair braids, placing of pins in advantageous positions and many of the other smaller annoyances which cause friction between teacher and pupil are direct evidences of favor from one person to another.

"The ways of a young man of twelve with a maid are many and varied, from the placing of himself in perilous positions in emulation of deeds of valor, to the writing of notes and the drawing of pictures."

Gems Affected by Light.
The colors of most gems are more or less fugitive. That is, under certain circumstances they are liable to fade. Take two rubies exactly similar, shut one in the dark, and leave the other exposed to full sunlight, and at the end of two years there will be a distinct difference between them. The one that has been exposed to the light will be decidedly paler than the other. Similar results may be observed with both emeralds and sapphires. Garnets also will turn lighter while in the case of the topaz, sunlight ends by dimming and dulling the color of this pretty stone.

MATHEMATICAL MYSTERY

A complete upset of the theory that learning must be acquired is seen in the remarkable case of twelve-year-old [illegible] of Brooklyn, N. Y. About eighteen months ago Edward fell while at play. There followed a severe attack of sleeping sickness from which he emerged a mathematical marvel. Before the fall he was backward in his studies, and mathematics [illegible] to his teachers, was probably his hardest subject. [illegible] is amazing.

PUSS AND THE INK

Puss had a pure white coat and she was very proud of her fine looks, so proud that her friend Toby Dog called her vain.

One day when everybody was out Puss ran upstairs and began to look out for a nice soft place to take a nap.

She selected the sofa in the library, and was just about to jump up on it when something on the big desk attracted her attention. Some one had

left a plate there and Puss thought there might be something to eat on it.

But the plate was empty, and Puss was about to jump down when she suddenly caught sight of herself in a mirror standing on the desk.

Puss stood up and stretched herself. She turned her head to one side and then the other, while she admired her pretty self.

"My tail is much longer than the Pussy's next door," she thought, swinging her tail over her back rakishly.

Then Puss sat down in front of the mirror and began to wash her face, then licked her coat and all the time she kept her eyes on the mirror, wondering why she had not found it before.

Now Toby Dog had seen Puss go upstairs, and wondering what she was up to, he followed and arrived at the door just in time to see Puss switching her tail in front of the mirror.

Toby softly stepped back and peeked around the side of the door frame, and when he was tired of watching he decided he would frighten Puss and see her jump.

So just as she was standing up to stretch Toby bounded into the room with a loud bark.

Puss jumped and tumbled over, scratching and clawing as she tried to save herself from tumbling off the desk.

When Puss tumbled over she upset the bottle of red ink and not only did she get her feet red but the end of her tail, and as she ran out she rubbed against Toby and daubed him red as well."

When their mistress came home they were both punished for getting into mischief.

Puss was rather proud of her red spots; they set off her white coat. But poor Toby crawled out of sight; he was quite ashamed.

"I'll keep away from her after this," he said. "She is so vain she can't see how funny she looks. Cats are of no use, anyway, only to get us dogs into trouble."

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Device Overcomes Sleeplessness.
No one need suffer from sleeplessness any longer. A device has been invented which, it is claimed, will end the worst case of insomnia to the land of nod in a few minutes. The machine, which in appearance is rather complicated, consists of a number of discs which, when the starting handle is moved, rotate in opposite directions. All that the sufferer has to do is to keep his eyes on the discs as they turn, until after a short spell of watching he gradually sinks into a sound sleep.

Of Dreadful Imagination.
The were-wolf belongs to the class that includes the dragon, the unicorn, the basilisk, the cockatrice and other fabulous monsters, but he was probably the most terrifying of all, for he was believed to have the malice and cunning of a man with the ferocity of a voracious animal. Man's imagination has made some strange animals with which to frighten him, but nature outstripped him with the ichthyosaurus, the megalosaurus and the pterodactyl, which she grew tired of and threw out before man made his appearance in the home of life on this globe.

Oldtime Toys.
In England during the eighteenth century there were no makers of toys of the better class and for the children of the wealthy the silversmiths made toys of solid silver, while Sheraton and Chippendale made doll furniture in exact miniature reproduction of the things they made for the palaces and the drawing rooms of the socially elect. Toy parachutes, the forerunners of the American toy balloon; lead soldiers, vast flat and thin and little more interesting than the flat wooden dolls of the Egyptians of 2100 B. C.; cheap mechanical toys and dolls of fanciful design but little beauty belonged to the time of King James I.

The Newly Married.
Nothing is to me more distasteful than that entire complacency and satisfaction which beam in the countenances of a newly married couple—in that of the lady particularly; it tells you that her lot is disposed of in this world; that you can have no hopes of her. It is true I have none, nor wishes either, perhaps, but this is one of those truths which ought, as I said before, to be taken for granted, not expressed.—Charles Lamb.

A Dream.
A Boston banker says we are an extravagant nation. In this he makes no reference to us personally. One of our fondest ambitions is some day to be able to have enough gathered together so that we can go out and try what it is like to be extravagant.—Detroit Free Press.

Mandolin Supplanted Lute.
An aristocratic musical instrument still found, but very popular in the middle ages was the lute. At the present day its direct descendant—the mandolin has all but entirely supplanted it. The lute is the "ud of the Moors, even in its very name—el-ud which means merely "the wood." It was introduced by the Saracens at the time of the invasion. From Spain it gradually spread over Europe, as also did its contemporaries the "gittern" and "rebec." All three were favorite instruments in medieval Europe.

Owls in Old University City.
Owls, as is proper in the case of birds of such renowned solemnity and secluded habit, have always exhibited a particular liking for Oxford university. Recently they have established a new colony in the ivy-covered walls of the Bodleian library and the Tower of the Five Orders, in the Old Schools quadrangle. Members of the library staff now occasionally find relaxation from their duties by rescuing the young birds which find their way down to the pavement of the quadrangle and are unable to fly up to their nests.

Color and Precious Stones.
Diamonds are not always crystal clear, but vary greatly as to color and few of the precious stones are true to color. The famous Hope diamond is a real and most beautiful blue. Green diamonds are found, and others of a lovely crimson, but these are very rare. Black diamonds are common enough. Black pearls are rarer, but are found. Pink pearls are greatly prized.

He Should Worry.
He was a wise man that said that he hadn't time to worry. In the daytime he was too busy and at night he was too sleepy.—The Black and Magenta (New Concord, Ohio).

Origin of Slang Term.
"Chaff," as a slang phrase, refers to the throwing of chaff instead of birdseed to allure birds, and consequently we get the phrase an old bird is not caught with chaff, that is a wise man, with all his wits about him, is not to be deluded by humbug. But "you are chaffing me," springs from an entirely different source. Here the reference is to the French word chauffer, to cook, chaff to vex, and the English expression still survives in the phrase to "roast" a person, which does not necessarily mean to cook him, although he may become heated.

How Man Spends His Time.
A French statistician has been dabbling with figures to find out just what man does with that precious thing called time. He concludes that at the age of 50 years the average man has slept 6,000 days, worked 6,500, walked 800, amused himself 4,000, spent 1,500 eating, and was ill 500 days.

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