

Local News.

Mr and Mrs. Tonningsen were visiting relatives at Weiser.

Twelve and a half shares of Owyhee Ditch stock for sale. Inquire Burbridge & Doolittle.

The mule is equipped with a voice that would make a kick out of any kind of an animal.

E. F. Pratt, who has large property interests on the Owyhee, was in Ontario Wednesday.

Each ticket at the Cozy entitles you to a chance on the diamond or watch in C. C. Payne's window.

Two daughters of Dick Dearmond's, who are attending school at Boise, were visiting in Ontario this week.

Any physician that knows the Wilson-Duffy Drug Co., will not hesitate to trust his patient's medicine to us for preparation.

NATIONAL WOOL GROWERS CONVENTION.

Ogden, Utah, January 6, 7, 8, 1910. Reduced rates via Oregon Short Line. Tickets on sale from Utah stations, January 5, 6, 7 and 8. From all other points, January 4, 5 and 6, 1910. Ask agents for rates and other particulars.

Quitting Sheep.

The Baldwin Sheep and Land Company, breeders and exporters of first class Rambouillet sheep, announce that they will close out all their sheep within a year and assign as a reason that the government has so restricted the summer range that it is no longer profitable to operate the Haycreek ranch, in Crook county.

The company originally had grazing permits for 40,000 head but this has been gradually cut down until they are now allowed only about 12,000 head.

The Haycreek ranch has exported annually about 4000 fancy rams and for many years owned the only pure bred French Rambouillet flock in this country.

The Baldwin sheep is the only established and reproducing sheep known that is covered with long, heavy, crinkley wool from its nose to its hoofs, without wrinkles or grease, these latter objectionable perquisites having been eliminated in the breeding.

Church Services

M. E. CHURCH.
Sunday services—Sabbath school 10:30 a. m.
Preaching—11:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Epworth League—9:45 p. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening.
Business meeting, first Monday evening of each month.
J. W. Miller, pastor.
W. H. Allison, superintendent Sunday school.
M. W. Warring, president Epworth League.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN.
Services on Sabbath at Methodist Church as follows: Sunday School 2:30 p. m.; preaching, 3:30 p. m.; Young Peoples Christian Union, 5:45 p. m.
Topic for sermon next Sabbath, "The King in a Manger."
Sabbath School and preaching at Cairo school house at 10:30 a. m.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.
Preaching—11:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Christian Endeavor—7 p. m. Sunday School—10:30 a. m. Junior Endeavor—3 p. m.

N. P. Minster has taken a year's lease on the Opera House and will endeavor to provide good entertainment. See announcement for the 30th.

WAGE INCREASE ON MANY RAILROADS IS WANTED
Pittsburg, Dec. 20.—The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen today served notice on 75 railroad companies east of the Mississippi river that an increase in wages is demanded of from 3 to 40 per cent. It is said the recent referendum vote of the trainmen regarding the demand for an increase resulted in a practically unanimous vote in its favor.

Knowing that the referendum vote was being taken, railroad heads are preparing to meet the situation, and several conferences have been held within the last two weeks looking to a settlement of the difficulties.

Strikers Teup Effective.
Spokane, Wash., Dec. 19.—Despite reports to the contrary it is ascertained that freight traffic on the Hill and Harriman lines out of this city is practically at a standstill. The Spokane yards are heavily congested with loaded cars, and both lines are reported unable to move freight with any regularity.

Mrs. Malaprop.
"You mustn't think you ought to run around barefooted, Johnny," said Mrs. Lapsing childishly, "just because Holly by Stapleton does. He's no centurion to go by."—Cassell's Journal.

Engagement Broken.
Merchant—I have had hard luck—lost all my money. Suitor—Surely you would not wish to lose your daughter also.—Pilegande Blatter.

OREGON PARAGRAPHS.

Pendleton—Pendleton will have two graduating classes from her high school in 1910, something that has never occurred before.

Portland—J. C. Arday, of Milwaukie, has been recommended by Senator Bourne for appointment as Receiver at the Portland land office.

Salem—The figurehead of the battleship Oregon has arrived and will be placed in position in the lobby of the statehouse on the second floor.

Roseburg—Christmas turkey shipments from Douglas county were about one-third less than the Thanksgiving shipment, or approximately 7500 birds.

Hood River—It has been decided that Hood River will have paved streets before another winter. It is estimated that it will cost between \$50,000 and \$60,000 to do the projected street work.

The Dalles—Forty-five days in jail is the penalty Tom Maloney will pay for stealing half a dozen chickens. Maloney is an old resident of The Dalles, and was formerly a railroad brakeman.

Eugene—Work will soon begin on the \$100,000 improvement to the Singaw river, the amount having been raised by popular subscription among the residents of the section to be benefited. It is expected that the work will occupy two years.

Portland—Eighty years old and never until Saturday having seen a railroad train or an electric street-car and never having used a telephone—this is the record of which Owen Donnelly of Placerville, Idaho, boasts.

Eugene—A unique specimen of the bird family has just been placed on exhibition in the show window of a gunstore here, and has attracted great attention from sportsmen.

Salem—The Siletz homesteaders will meet on December 29 to talk over their claims and present affidavits of the true condition of affairs in the Siletz. The affidavits and a report of the meeting will be sent to Senator Chamberlain and the other members of the Oregon delegation at Washington.

Eugene—The Council has passed an ordinance declaring a common nuisance any place where near-beer or any other beverage containing insufficient alcohol to cause intoxication is sold or kept for sale. A penalty of from \$25 to \$300 is provided.

Portland—The treasury department has decided to recommend an appropriation of \$1,500,000 for a new public building at Portland, exclusively for postoffice uses. The present building will be devoted to court and other federal purposes if the appropriation goes through.

Pendleton—George Tracy, alias C. W. Arnold, was arrested on an O. R. & N. train between The Dalles and this city. Tracy was a cab driver for one of the hotels in this city. He is accused of the murder of Andy Rabeal, whose dead body was found five miles east of Umatilla Thanksgiving day.

Klamath Falls—Southern Pacific surveyors who have been establishing the permanent survey between Klamath Falls and Natron have completed the work and have departed for Redding, Cal., where they are to take up the permanent survey of the road from Redding to Alturas and thence to this city.

Salem—Certificates for grand prizes awarded to the state of Oregon for its general educational display, for its hops, wool and complete display of woods at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition have been received by Governor Benson. A certificate of honorable mention for the flax display from this state was also received.

Pendleton—Hearing of the case of the Allen Ditch company against the Henrietta Milling Company, in contest over water rights, came to a temporary close after two weeks had been consumed with introduction of testimony. Both sides have been granted 30 days in which to file depositions. It will probably be the first of February before the case is argued and submitted.

Eugene—The Patron-Teacher association of Eugene has been organized with over 200 members, the object of which is to promote a better mutual understanding between home and the school, cooperation in all work for the interest of the

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST CONDENSED FOR READERS

King Leopold, of Belgium, died Friday in Brussels.

A cougar measuring eight feet from tip to tip was killed by two boys near Seaside, Oregon.

Henry L. Wilson, brother of John L. Wilson, of Seattle, is to be promoted to be ambassador to Mexico.

Edhem Pasha, commander of the Turkish forces in the Greco-Turkish war in 1897, died last week in Cairo, Egypt.

President Taft journeyed from Washington to Watertown, Conn., Sunday to attend the funeral of his brother's wife.

A campaign for the extermination of mosquitoes in the great inland valleys of California is being planned by the state board of health.

After living in three centuries, Mrs. Brayne Makedensky, aged 115, died in Philadelphia. Her oldest grandson is 70 years of age.

Five lions, a leopard and a variety of other wild animals, the gift of Colonel Roosevelt to the zoo at Washington, have been received.

Governor Marshall, of Indiana, has been informally launched as a Democratic candidate for the presidential nomination in 1912.

One black ball was found in the ballot box when Colonel Theodore Roosevelt was elected to membership in the Academy of Political and Moral Science in Paris.

William Watson, the British poet who came to this country recently, has disappeared completely. His brother believes his mind is affected from stress of overwork.

Judge Taylor, acting as arbiter in the famous Cleveland, Ohio, street railway dispute, decided in favor of a 3-cent fare, with a 1-cent transfer.

Flax sold at \$2 a bushel on the Minneapolis grain market last week, a record price. According to the government's estimate, Minnesota and the Dakotas raised 25,000,000 bushels of this grain this year.

A handsome silver loving cup was presented to Commander Robert E. Peary by his fraternity brothers at the annual banquet of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Association at the Hotel Astor, New York.

The railroad commission of Tennessee has launched a movement to secure an amendment to the interstate commerce law permitting members of railroad commissions to ride free on the railroads of the country.

The jury found guilty five of the six employees of the American Sugar Refining Company who have been charged with criminal conspiracy to defraud the government of customs duties on imported sugar.

Attorneys for the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, its subsidiaries and the seven individuals against whom the government recently won its dissolution suit, have filed an appeal from the adverse decision of the federal circuit court.

By command of King George of Tonga, Africa, a baker of Auckland, New Zealand, has designed and built a cake for the coming nuptials of that potentate that weighs 500 pounds and stands eight feet high.

Plans for the confederation of Costa Rica, Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua are under discussion, following the outlining of the plan for the creation of one government in Central America, by John Barrett, director of the Bureau of American Republics.

Oregon's claim against the federal government on account of its expenditures incurred in raising and equipping troops during the Civil war, amounting to \$193,000, will be presented before the house of representatives next month.

Unpleasant references to Americans in Zelaya's message resigning the presidency of Nicaragua having inflamed the lawless element among his followers, to the extent that lives of Americans are in danger, the United States cruiser Buffalo has been ordered to hurry to Corinto with her 700 marines.

THE MARKETS

Portland.
Wheat—New crop, track prices: club, \$1.10; bluestem, \$1.21@1.22; red Russian, \$1.08.
Barley—Feed and brewing, \$30.
Oats—\$43 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$18@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$18@21; alfalfa, \$16; clover, \$16.
Butter—Extra, 39c; fancy, 33@35c.
Eggs—Ranch, candled, 43c.
Hops—1909 crop, 18@22c; 1908 crop, nominal; 1907 crop, 12c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@23c per pound.
Mohair—25c.

Seattle.
Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.17@1.18; club \$1.07@1.08.
Oats—New, \$30@32 per ton.
Barley—New, \$28 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, \$20@24 per ton; alfalfa, \$16 per ton.
Butter—Washington creamery 39c; ranch, 22c.
Eggs—Selected, local, 47@50c.
Potatoes—\$14@18 per ton.

Ne'd Had Experience.
Her (readings)—And so they were married, and that was the last of their trouble. Him (sotto voce)—Last, but not least.—Cleveland Leader.

Not That Kind.
Tim—Would you scream if I kissed you? Tessie—I suppose you flatter yourself that I'd be speechless with joy!—Mobile Register.

List's Advice.
Being asked one day what one should do in order to become an efficient piano player, List replied laconically, "Ouf must eat well and walk much."

WILL INVESTIGATE BALLINGER AFFAIR

PRESIDENT GRANTS DEMAND OF SECRETARY.

PARTY LEADERS CONSENT

Mr. Ballinger Has the Support of Leading Republican Senators and Representatives.

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Taft has yielded to the demands of both Secretary Ballinger and his critics for a public investigation of the whole subject matter underlying the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy.

Mr. Ballinger served upon the President an ultimatum to the effect that such an investigation was the price of his remaining in the cabinet. He made it clear that he was no longer willing to sit silent and wait for the thing "to blow over."

Mr. Taft, it is said, reluctantly admitted the disappointment of his hope that the country at large would accept as final his own vindication of Mr. Ballinger in his dismissal of



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charges brought against the secretary of the interior by L. R. Glavis, ex-special agent of the land office, and his conclusion that the investigation demanded by both sides was inevitable.

Mr. Ballinger has the support of the leading Republicans in congress—senators and representatives.

A joint committee of congress will be appointed after the Christmas holidays to investigate and report its findings in the controversy.

Both senate and house concluded their labors at 2 o'clock and an adjournment of two weeks for Christmas holidays was taken.

CARVE NEW STATE OUT OF CALIFORNIA AND OREGON

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 19.—Information has been coming to Sacramento for some time of a movement under way for the organization of a new state to be known as Siskiyou and to be composed of eight California and seven Oregon counties, with Yreka as the capital.

The counties to be included in Siskiyou are:
In Oregon—Coos, Douglas, Curry, Josephine, Jackson, Klamath and Lake.
In California—Del Norte, Siskiyou, Modoc, Humboldt, Trinity, Shasta, Lassen and Tehama.

Northwest Wheat Crop Is Large.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The department of agriculture has made public its statistics of the winter and spring wheat crop for the Pacific northwest. This report shows that 11,235,000 of winter wheat were produced in Oregon, 20,124,000 bushels in Washington and 9,135,000 bushels in Idaho. The spring wheat crop of Oregon is given at 5,142,000 bushels, 15,656,000 bushels in Washington and 5,330,000 bushels in Idaho.

Ashland, Or., Swept by "Drys."
Ashland, Or., Dec. 22.—At the annual city election yesterday the dries won the greatest victory in their history here, carrying the town by a large majority. The proposed Pasadena plan of allowing hotels the privilege of serving liquor at meals was defeated by even a larger majority.

Wanted to Talk.
Mrs. B. believed in infant baptism, but for some reason that rite was not performed for Tommy till he was some four or five years old. While the ceremony was in progress the mother was very much gratified with Tommy's behavior. He seemed duly impressed with the solemnity of the occasion and remained with bowed head for some time after the sprinkling had been done.

"The angel!" exclaimed the mother. "The little dear!" said a good sister as she went up to give him a "God bless you" and a pat on the head. But just as her hand was descending with that benediction a very wrathful and unangelic countenance was turned upon her, a pugilistic little fist delivered a paralyzing blow on her biceps, and the indignant Tommy exclaimed, "You get away from here!"

Of course he was let out in disgrace and questioned by his horrified mother. "Why, don't you know she would 'n' rubbed all the baptizing water off before it would 'n' had time to soak in?" explained Tommy, who from his point of view was fully justified.—Los Angeles Times.

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