

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss M. Vann of Walla Walla visited with friends in the city today.

Arthur Roberts of Wabburg is in the city for a short visit with friends.

William Jackson, of Pilot Rock, was in the city today for a short business visit.

H. C. Phillips of Wabburg is the guest of friends in the city for a short time.

Joe Kennedy is home from Whitman for a short visit with relatives in the city.

G. W. Cooper, a mining man from Coeur d'Alene, is in the city for a short business visit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Steen, of Milton, are in the city, the guests of friends for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Whiteley and family, of Moro, are the guests of friends in the city for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bowers and family, of Coud Springs, are in the city for a short visit with friends.

C. O. Henry of Athena was a business visitor in the city today, having business to transact at the court house.

Dave Nelson, the road supervisor of road district No. 14, was in the city yesterday to make his report to the office of the county clerk.

J. N. Teal of Portland, one of the O. R. & N. attorneys, and a director of the First National bank, has returned to his home after a short business visit in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Hibbs, of Lewiston, are in the city for a short visit with friends. Mr. Hibbs is a well known resident of the Idaho city, and is here on a business trip.

Mrs. Lillian Foster, of Walla Walla, was the guest of friends in the city yesterday while en route to Weston to attend the wedding of Miss Garfield and Carey W. Foster, of Princeton.

Professor E. Ray Jones, of the Pendleton branch of the Modern School of Commerce, arrived in the city Thursday morning and will remain the balance of the week.—La Grande Observer.

Richard McCann, of La Grande, secretary of the Malheur Gold Mining & Milling Company, was a guest at the Hotel Bickers this morning, while en route home from Walla Walla, Walla, where he had been on business in connection with the company.

TODAY AND TOMORROW ARE DAYS OF MOURNING.

(Concluded.)

evidently by burning fragments from above.

"We will make every effort to sift this matter to the bottom," said Coroner Treager.

Some one must be to blame and the fault will be placed where it belongs.

It is estimated that the property damage to the theater will amount to \$250,000. To build and furnish the theater cost \$450,000 and the proprietors believed it to be so entirely safe from damage by fire that they carried upon it insurance amounting only to \$10,000.

NEW BUILDINGS.

Bowman and Schemp & Schmidt Buildings Will Be Crowded.

All of the brickwork is now done on the Purl Bowman building as far as the second story and the workmen have been engaged for several days in putting the joists in place for the floor of the second story. This has now been practically completed and the masons have started to work on the walls. The work will be pushed as fast as possible, provided that the weather will permit. During the cold weather, when the bricks and mortar are freezing, it is impossible to work with any good results, so that for some days the progress of the building has been slow.

The workmen on the Schemp & Schmidt buildings are putting in the joists for the second story and will have them in place in a short time when they will begin the construction of the second story walls. This building will be completed in a short time, perhaps in a couple of months, when the new laundry will immediately start operations.

REV. POTWINE'S ONLY PARISH.

Has Been Rector of the Church of the Redeemer for 22 Years.

Rev. W. E. Potwine, who goes to the Sandwich Islands, the coming spring, to take charge of one of the most important Episcopal churches in the islands, has been rector of the Church of the Redeemer in this city for the past 22 years, and has never held another charge in the ministry, having come direct to this parish from the divinity school.

Rev. Potwine has seen Pendleton and his church grow from small beginnings and the present excellent condition of the Church of the Redeemer is a fitting tribute to the ability, zeal and energy of its pioneer rector.

Mr. Potwine's father and sister will accompany the family to Honolulu, where the even temperature and mild climate it is thought will be bigly beneficial to health. It is impossible to say who Mr. Potwine's successor will be.

CASHIER SUICIDES.

No Known Cause—Bank Closed for Investigation.

New York, Jan. 1.—Otto Ahlmann, a reputed millionaire, and for 18 years cashier of the Bank of Staten Island at Stapleton, suicided today by shooting. He was practically sole owner of the bank. The bank has closed its doors pending an investigation.

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ALFALFA HAY PAYS

EMARKABLE RETURNS FROM BUTTER CREEK FARM.

Blue Mountain Ranch of 93 Acres Averages 7 1/2 Tons Per Acre Last Year, Which Sold at \$7.83 Per Ton, or an Average Yield of \$59 Per Acre—More Land to Be Reclaimed.

One of the most remarkable instances of the productiveness and profit of irrigated land in the Butter creek district is found in the record of one Butter creek alfalfa farm for the past year.

The ranch in question is the Blue Mountain Ranch, 15 miles from Echo on Butter creek, owned by W. W. Cotton, H. F. Conner and George Stevenson, with George Kimball as foreman.

The land is the typical sage brush land of the Echo district, sandy and warm, but absolutely unproductive in its original state. On this farm are 93 acres of alfalfa, at the present time. Three crops were cut from the land the past season, and a total of 704 tons of hay was cut in the three harvests, although most of this was cut in two crops, as the third cutting only yielded 80 tons.

This enormous amount of hay was produced by one thorough flooding of the land in March, when the waste water in the creeks was plentiful and not another irrigating was given the land during the growing season.

This is an average of 7 1/2 tons per acre for the year and the price received for the first cutting was \$5 per ton, for the second, \$8 per ton and for the third cutting, \$10.50 per ton, averaging \$7.83 per ton, at 7 1/2 tons per acre or a total income per acre for the 93 acres in cultivation, of about \$59 per acre.

The total cost of irrigating this tract of land was \$200 for the season, and the cost of stacking the hay was 70 cents per ton, including the first cost of the stacking outfit, making the actual cost of caring for the hay about 50 cents per ton, or \$350 for the crop. This, added to \$200, the cost of irrigating the crop, makes a total expense of \$550 for the crop, and an income from the 93 acres at \$59 per acre, amounting to \$5,487.

The other incidental expenses, taxes, depreciation of improvements and other necessary expenditures would probably reduce this net income to \$5,000 for the year on a farm of 93 acres.

The owners will reclaim more and more land each year as fast as possible, as the longer the original tract is irrigated, the more land is reclaimed by sub-irrigation and the easier additional reclamation becomes.

No reasonable price would be fixed by the owners for land producing such returns, and this quality of land in the Echo district has practically no fixed market value for the reason that the owners will not sell. The raw land, in the native state, is worth from \$5 to \$10 per acre.

WHAT SHEEP DID.

Worthless Land Converted into Farms Worth \$80 Per Acre by Their Fertilization.

A man in Cass county, Michigan, bought a run-down farm five years ago. Its fertility was so badly exhausted that even the beans for which the Wolverine state is famous, could not be grown profitably. He took the advice of an expert, put it in grass and clover and began feeding Western sheep.

A year ago the sod was broken up on a 40-acre tract and corn planted just spring. A few days since the crop was run through a husking ma-

chine and recorded the phenomenal yield of 80 bushels per acre, which is not had for Michigan. Five years ago that farm was for sale at a mere song; today it is worth \$80 an acre. This story illustrates why sheep feeding is not likely to decline in popularity. It is to be the mainstay of the land owner all over the run-down grain growing region, affording, as it does, the only profitable and reliable means of restoring fertility.

FAIR WAS A SUCCESS.

Inter-Mountain Association Will Start Off Auspiciously Next Year.

Boise, Jan. 1.—The board of directors of the Inter-Mountain Fair association held their regular weekly meeting last night and transacted considerable routine business, passed upon bills and listened to the report of the committee which was appointed some time ago to solicit funds for paying off of the remaining indebtedness and the interest on the bonds.

The committee reported that it was meeting with very good success and that they expected to be able to raise the full amount by next week. The banks have agreed to contribute \$1,500, with the proviso that the citizens should subscribe an equal sum. The committee has raised over \$800 and there remains many liberal givers yet to be seen.

As soon as this money has been raised the unpaid premiums, amounting to about \$600, all bills and the interest on the bonds will be paid. A sufficient sum will remain in the treasury to pay all expenses until the next fair, when the association can start off with a clean ledger.

It was a Yankee who found the de-horning instrument in his jacket pocket when he was caught between the horns of a dilemma.

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Schedule of Fares
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" " 2.90	1.50 " " 1.15
" " 2.35	1.25 " " .98
" " 1.98	1.00 " " .78

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REMOVE HATS IN CHURCH.
Baker City Pastors Will Make a Start in This Custom on January 3.

The pastors of the Baker City churches will ask the women in their congregations to remove their hats, when they begin the services on Sunday, January 3, and will make an effort to introduce permanently this custom, which has been so long delayed.

The fact that women wear the same hats to church and theater is one reason why the Baker City pastors have decided to make this innovation. The wide and high head gear hides the pastor from view as he stands in his pulpit, and it has come to the knowledge that a sermon has but little effect on the person who cannot see the minister as he speaks.

Other Eastern Oregon towns are expected to lend their support to the Baker City ministers in their efforts to make church going more satisfactory through the introduction of this custom.

WHO GOT THE FREE RIDE?
Pendleton Business Man Gets Fooled in a Custom at Junction Switch.

A certain jolly business man of Pendleton, who had been in the habit of getting on the trains at the O. R. & N. depot and riding up to where the Spokane branch leaves the main line, there getting off when the train was stopped to have the switch thrown, thus saving a long and tiresome walk, as he lived in that vicinity, undertook to do so one day last week, but the trick did not work.

The switch was already thrown and the train did not stop. The result was that the gentleman paid a visit to Adams. He says that his call was not premeditated.—Adams Advance.

Returned to Walla Walla.
Levy Ankeny and son, N. Ankeny, have returned to Walla Walla after a short visit in the city, during which time Senator Ankeny visited at the First National bank, of which institution he is one of the principal stockholders.

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