TO OPEN MAY FIRST

SCOURING MILLS WILL WORK A DOUBLE SHIFT.

New Talent in the Managerial Force From the Start One Man Coming From The Dalles, the Other From Massachusetts—Apprentices Wanted in the Sorting and Grading Department.

J. M. Russell of The Dalles, who has assumed charge of the scouring mills, will reach here in a few days to make preparations for the opening of the season's run.

The mills will commence work about the first of the month, and will run during the entire summer, or until all of the wool of the territory tributary to this mill has been scoured and shipped.

Fred S. Dobson of Lynn, Mass., is in town and will have charge of the sorting and grading gang of the mill, occupying about the same position that was held by Leon Strauss last year. He will be the superintendent and head sorter. Mr. Dobson has been for some time an employe of the E. Frank Lewis Scouring Mill at Lynn, one of the largest, if not the largest scouring mill in the United States, and with that training will make a good man for the superintendency here.

A day shift of 10 or 15 men will be put to work the first of the month, and as soon as the wool begins to come in fast enough to warrant the increase, a double shift will be put to work, both night and day. When the mill is working with a full force it will have 25 or 30 men at work besides the apprentices.

About 20 young men will be put to work this year to learn the wool sorting and grading business, if that number can be found who would like to learn. All the buyers who are now buying wool for the big mills are those who have at one time sorted wool in a scouring mill and learned the grading and shrinkage qualities during their experience in the mills. The sorting business is picked up by some young fellows with close application and good eyesight in a few weeks, while others are over a year learning to sort or grade with any good results.

The rains of the past week have retarded shearing to some degree, and the mills will not get under full headway for a week or so later than would have been the case otherwise.

Twelve Cents for Idaho Wool.

J. E. Clinton, Jr., has returned from Gleans Ferry, where he has been spending considerable time the past few weeks looking after his sheep. He has finished shearing and sold his clip of wool amounting to about 70,000 pounds for 12 cents. He says his sheep sheared better than the average this season. The sheep are now lambing and Mr. Clinton says the results are very gratifying. —Boise Capital News.

Saturday Night Fire Sale.

The bargains at the fire sale, grand good old Saturday night, extend to every department of this big store. Men's clothing and furnishings. The shoes, the ready-to-wear, and all the hosiery, underwear and dress goods contribute to make the Peoples Warehouse a scene of unrivaled activity for this grand old Saturday night.

Returned From California.

Walter M. Pierce returned last night from an extended trip to California, where he was called to look after his interests in the Victoria Island case, which is still in the California courts. He has been gone for three weeks.

IN SOCIETY

Knickerbocker Dance.

Have you heard of the new dance heralded from the far East—by name the Knickerbocker? It has not yet been introduced in the ball rooms or at the large assemblies, but it is vogue in every gilt-edged dancing school, and girls and matrons are privately practicing its measures upon the polished floor of the parlor. The education of every debutante brought out next year, it is said, will be considered incomplete without a knowledge of its intricacies.

In it are combined the joys of the old-time glide waltz, which one always associates with Strauss music, and the vivacity of the modern two-step. Strictly speaking it is a society dance, refined and elegant like the eclipsed minuet.

It possesses all the charm of the cotillion without its disadvantages.

Musicale.

One of the entertaining features of the week was the musical given at the Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening, under the supervision of Mrs. Mary Moule.

The first number, a piano solo by Miss Ermial Mann, was especially well rendered, as was the vocal solo, "When the Heart is Young," sung by Mrs. Ross Dickson, which called forth an encore. Roy Wilkins showed extreme aptness for one of his years in the rendition of the solo, "I Love You, Dear, and Only You." The piano solo of Mrs. Pruitt and the vocal solo of Miss Hartman, both deserve special mention; also the whistling of Miss Whittemore, which never fails to please.

One of the most pleasing features of the evening was the recitation, "Archie Dean," by Mrs. Bleakney, which shows that lady to be an elocutionist of no mean ability. The last three numbers of the program—a song by Mrs. Dickson, guitar and mandolin duet by Scott and Owenhouse, a piano duet by Frank and Lizzie Weber—well merited the applause they were given.

Thimble Party.

The second party of a series given by Mrs. Thomas Warner, occurred on Tuesday at her home on Thompson street, when a number of ladies spent the afternoon very pleasantly in conversation and plying their needles. A guessing contest in which Mrs. A. D. Stillman won the prize, proved a pleasing diversion.

The invited guests were Mesdames Lina Sturgis, J. F. Robinson, F. S. Younger, A. W. Nye, William Hislop, A. D. Stillman, N. E. Despain, A. Kunkel, William Matlock and R. Alexander.

Lantz-Wheeler.

A quiet wedding of the week which united two well known Pendleton people, took place on Wednesday evening, when Miss May Wheeler became the wife of Dr. Lantz. The wedding ceremony was performed at the Methodist parsonage, the Rev. Robert Warner officiating. Only immediate relatives of the contracting parties were present. Dr. and Mrs. Lantz are now at home at 640 Thompson street.

Pleasing Surprise Party.

On the evening of the 15th, a surprise party was given Mr. Reid, in honor of his 23d birthday, at the home of Mrs. Joe Fusee, his mother, at 617 Willow street. A short program was rendered, after which a dainty lunch was served. A number of games were played. After lunch Ed Jay took a flashlight picture of the party.

"Whist-Luncheon.

A pretty affair of the week was the "whist-luncheon" given Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Edwin Marshal. Covers were laid for eight. After the luncheon whist was played by the following ladies: Mrs. Ross Dickson, Mrs. Fred Judd, Mrs. G. A. Hartman, Mrs. Leon Cohen, Mrs. C. E. Roosevelt, Mrs. Charles Carter, Mrs. Harry Johnson and Mrs. F. C. Clopton.

Social and Personal Notes.

Mrs. F. W. Vincent is visiting in Portland.

Mrs. C. S. Jackson is spending a few days at Portland.

Mrs. A. D. Stillman entertained the Whist Club on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Leon Cohen will spend a few days of the coming week in Portland.

Miss Nora Wells, of Baker City, visited with Pendleton friends for a time yesterday.

Mrs. William Shultz entertained a few friends informally last evening, at "Five Hundred."

Mrs. Ross Dickson will entertain a number of friends this evening, to play "Five Hundred."

The assembly dance, that was to have taken place last Tuesday night, was postponed until next Tuesday.

Mrs. Ben Holt, of Walla Walla, who has been the guest of Mrs. C. J. Fergtuson, returned to her home Friday.

Mr and Mrs. William Matlock have issued invitations for a dancing party at their home, on Friday evening, April 29.

Mrs. Levi Ankeny and Mrs. McCabe, of Walla Walla, will be the guests of Mrs. Fred Judd for a few days next week.

Mrs. Thomas Ayres and Mrs. Eugene Vaughn will leave Sunday for Portland, where they will visit their sisters for a few weeks.

Mrs. G. A. Hartman entertained a few young people at dinner on Thursday evening, in honor of the anniversary of George, Jr.'s birth.

Mrs. John Hailey will entertain the Pendleton Boys' Athletic Club and their young lady friends this evening, at her home on the north side.

Mrs. Nellie Schoenhals, of St. Joseph, Mo., is in the city the guest of Mrs. C. A. Cameron, at the family home on Alta street, and will make her future home in this city.

CLUB AND FEDERATION.

Club Directory.

The Thursday Afternoon meets once in two weeks, Thursdays.

The Current Literature, alternate Fridays.

The Woman's Club meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Mrs. A. J. Owen entertained the members of the Thursday Afternoon Club at her home on Thompson street, Thursday of this week in a delightful manner. It was "Flag Day," and our national emblem was much in evidence. The following program was rendered:

Roll call—anecdotes, quotations, etc.
"Our Signal Flag"—Mrs. J. E. Bean
"History of Our National Flag"—Mrs. Stillman.
"First National Flag"—Mrs. Huffman.
Piano solo—"Star Spangled Banner"—Mrs. W. E. C. Pruitt.
"Writing of 'Star Spangled Banner,'"—
"Birthplace of Our Flag"—Mrs. C. Colesworthy.
"Three Epochs in History of Our Flag"—Mrs. J. Hailey.
Piano solo—"National Airs"—Mrs. Pruitt.

A star-cutting contest followed, in which a number of ladies successfully cut perfect five-pointed stars with one clip of the scissors. Delicious refreshments were served.

BASEBALL AT WESTON.

Expected That a Good Game Will Be Witnessed Tomorrow.

The Wonder baseball team, accompanied by a large following of rooters and friends, will leave in the morning for Weston, where they will meet the Weston team in the afternoon for the first game of the season. All of the team are in the best of condition and it is expected that a very good game will be the result. The Pendleton team is as strong in players this year as it ever was, and the management has hopes that it will be able to top the list through the season.

COMING EVENTS.

April 27—Umatilla County Sunday School convention, Pendleton.
April 30—Farmer's picnic, Echo.
May 2—Oregon Federation of Labor, Oregon City.
May 2—Supreme court, Pendleton.
May 4—General M. E. conference, Los Angeles.
May 18-21—I. O. O. F. grand lodge at Astoria.
May 27-28 — Caledonian picnic at Athena.
June 2, 3, 4—Umatilla county pioneers' reunion, at Weston.
June 6—General election in Oregon.
June 15, 16, 17—Oregon encampment G. A. R., Hood River.
August 22-27—American Mining Congress, Portland.

Dances Consolidated.

According to agreement, the two dances have been consolidated and will be given at the Armory hall as usual, every Saturday night, under the management of both parties. Music to be furnished by McMinn's orchestra.