

City and County Brief News Items

Never-Slip Horseshoes at Keltner's.
Miss Eula Forsythe began teaching school on Prairie Creek, Monday.
Take your porcelain and granite ware to the Women's Exchange and have them repaired.

Mrs. Charles Thomas left Tuesday for Bedford, Pa., called there by the serious illness of her mother.

Absence of lights, cutting the working days down to just a few hours, causes the paper to be a day late and short of the usual amount of news.

The high school teachers treated the pupils to a jolly sled ride Saturday night. They all went out to Sam Litch's where Mr. and Mrs. Litch gave them a royal welcome.

The library association entertained a large company at the reception at the library room, this Wednesday afternoon. The affair was a delightful one socially, and the proceeds were \$15.15.

Enterprise has been in darkness except for a few hours in the middle of the day, since Saturday. The extreme cold weather caused a shutdown of the electric light plant Saturday, and Monday when the water was turned in about 12 feet of the ditch went out. This mishap was repeated this Wednesday morning, so there will be no lights tonight. Mr. Forsythe and helpers are doing every thing in their power to remedy the trouble.

A mighty football game will be played at the baseball park in Enterprise next Saturday at 2:30 p. m., when the Wallowa city school team meets the Wallowa county high. The former won the last game but the county high boys will try and even matters up Saturday. The local line-up: Asa Craig, re; Ed Long, le; Chetser Riley, rt; John McPetridge, it; Aaron Olmsted, rg; Theodore La Certe, lg; John McCulloch, c; Irvin French, qb; Parke Wilson, rh; We'don Makin, lh; Fred Himmelwright, fb.

Mrs. O. M. Corkins was delightfully surprised by the boys and girls of the Christian church Sunday school choir and a few invited friends Friday evening. Mrs. Corkins has been directing the choir and as there was no practice Friday night they decided to end the evening with their teacher. They left as a token of appreciation.

tion of her efforts in their behalf a beautiful hand-painted chocolate set. Mrs. Corkins and Miss Corkins served impromptu refreshments of home-made candy and popcorn. Laurence Crockett took a sack of hickory nuts brought from his home in Missouri. They were especially enjoyed by Mrs. Corkins as she came to Wallowa county from Missouri 13 years ago. A pleasing feature of the affair was the sleighride to and from their homes in Roy Crockett's big bob-sled. The party was composed of Cecil, Lucile and Regina Chauvet; Verna Haney; Carmen Clark; Roseland Marvin; Lora and Arlene Combes; Nana and Neza Miller, Mabel and Gladys Post, Angeline Merzmann, Grace Beeman, Pansy Foster, Gladys Amey, Vera Stubbiefield, Sallie and Nellie Poulson, Roath Sanders, Lela Pace, Maggie and Ethel Weaver, Merle Moss, Bernice and Wilma Lewis, Wayne, Dee and Glenn Wagner, Gilbert Funk, Kenneth Hanville, Orde Wortman, David Reavis, Laurence Crockett, Aubrey Haney, Roland Marvin, Claude Emmons, Charles and Joe Tibbets.

The Colonial Saxophone and Male Quartette and Miss Victoria Lynn, reader, were a great success Monday night, and a large audience braved the cold, and enjoyed the performance in spite of the hall being poorly lighted. Miss Lynn is a real reader, the best we have seen for years, and it was a real pleasure to hear her.

DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. Mary E. Wood, wife of Wm. H. Wood of Lostine, died Tuesday night at 12 o'clock, of general debility due to extreme old age. Mrs. Wood was one of the pioneers of this county, having come here in 1881. She crossed the plains in 1859 and settled in the Willamette valley. Her maiden name was Francis, and she leaves besides the aged husband, a sister, Mrs. J. I. Pace of Prairie Creek, a brother, Samuel Francis, and two sons, M. K. Boatman and George Wood. The funeral will be held Thursday at 1 o'clock.

EXPERT'S REPORT OF COUNTY BOOKS

(Continued from first page.)

and submitted to the County Judge for his approval or rejection. If the County Judge approves the requisition it should be returned to the County Clerk attached to the invoice by the person or firm furnishing the supplies or material. The requisition system can also be employed in a similar manner as to the various road districts.

I would also recommend doing away with the printed form books in the recording department of the Clerk's office. These books cost about one third more than the ordinary blank book, and besides about one third of the space is not utilized, thereby making them very expensive books for the County to use, where the blank books would serve the purpose just as well, inasmuch as you have a book typewriter in this department.

I appreciate very much the courtesies which have been extended to me by Mr. Boatman, Mr. Marvin and their deputies, and I fully approve of the changes they have made in handling certain lines of County business in their respective offices.

In conclusion I will say that while some minor errors and discrepancies have been found, nothing has appeared to indicate any intention to mislead or defraud on the part of any of the officials.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. MINNAUGH, Auditor.

WEDDING BELLS.

Miss Goldie Sa'sbury and Mr. Jesse Kinney of Prairie Creek were married Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, by Rev. W. P. Samms, at the home in Enterprise of the bride's mother, Mrs. Duraina Salsbury.

WALLOWA

Wallowa, Jan. 12.—Joint installation of the officers of the Rebekahs and I. O. O. F., took place Friday night in Odd Fellows hall, followed by a banquet, Bert Hammack of Lostine was installing officer for the I. O. O. F. and Mrs. Mumford acted in the same capacity for Carnation lodge.

The depot is finished and the agent moved in January 10.

Supervisor Harry Harris left Monday for La Grande on a business trip.

Mrs. E. A. Tully and Mrs. Charles Hunter gave a sleighing party Saturday night. They drove out to McDonald's and had an oyster supper.

Mrs. D. C. Fischer, mother of L. Couch, the real estate man, left for her home at Cove, Monday.

Will Bursell made proof Monday of his timber claim in sec. 29, 4n, 41. P. Fordney came in from Flora Monday.

FARMERS TO HOLD SUGAR BEET MEETING

The farmers of Alder Slope, Prairie Creek and all the upper valley, and anyone else interested in sugar beet culture, are asked to meet in the office of the O. R. & I. company, first door west of the post-office in Enterprise, Saturday evening, January 15, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of considering the leasing of a certain amount of land to the Amalgamated Sugar company, and the price to be paid therefor.

The sugar company men have made two trips here and while they have received a good deal of encouragement in a general way, not enough land has been definitely pledged to warrant the experiment on the scale the company wishes to make it.

The company not only offers to bear all the expense of the experiment, but in addition to benefiting the land by cleaning it, a small rental will be paid.

It is up to the land owners whether the beet industry is established in this valley or not.

Come out to the meeting, Saturday evening, at 7 o'clock.

LAW-MAKERS MEET

OREGON AND WASHINGTON LEGISLATURES MEET IN SALEM AND OLYMPIA.

L. O. Meigs Chosen Speaker of Washington House—C. N. McArthur for Oregon.

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 11.—The organization of both houses in the legislature went through smoothly today as the result of caucus agreements. L. O. Meigs, of North Yakima, was elected speaker of the house without opposition. At a conference Sunday morning the supporters of J. W. Slayden, of Tacoma, checked up their strength and found 85 votes out of the total 89 Republican members. The Slayden men then announced their withdrawal from the contest.

Meigs will appoint Frank H. Renick, of Seattle, chairman of the appropriation committee.
Loren Grinstead, of Seattle, de-

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feated J. W. Lysons, also of Seattle, for chief clerk of the house by a vote of 36 to 35. The defeat of Lysons removes a familiar figure from the legislative roster, he having been secretary of the senate for five years.

The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant-Governor Charles Coon, who will preside over that body until Wednesday, when the change of administration takes place and M. E. Hay becomes Lieutenant-Governor. The new members will then be sworn in.

Little beyond organization was accomplished today. Tomorrow the vote in the last election will be canvassed, and Wednesday the official notifications of their election will be delivered to the state officers-elect.

Oregon Legislature Convenes.
Salem, Or., Jan. 11.—The 25th Oregon legislative assembly convened in this city at 10 o'clock today and organized by electing Jay Bowerman, of Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties, president of the senate, and C. N. McArthur, of Multnomah and Clackamas, speaker of the house.

The fight over organization was entirely abandoned Sunday and practically all the Republican members of the two houses participated in the organization caucuses.

The Democrats in the two houses took no part in the organization, except to cast a complimentary vote to one of their party.

Senator A. J. Johnson, of Benton, called the senate to order. The house, according to custom, was called to order by W. Lair Thompson, of Lake county, chief clerk of the last house.

Many Killed in Coal Mine.
Zeigler, Ill., Jan. 10.—The series of mishaps in Joe Leiter's famous \$1,000,000 colliery here during the last few years reached a climax shortly after 1 o'clock this morning, when a mysterious explosion killed 24 men. Nineteen dead have been recovered, five are missing and are undoubtedly dead, and two are injured critically.

WOULD WHIP WIFE-BEATERS

Law Introduced in Montana Legislature to Establish Floggings.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 11.—Among the bills which have been introduced in the legislature, the most important are the appropriation bills and a measure to stop pool selling on races outside of the state, and a measure which would make it possible to punish wife-beaters and others at the whipping post and those regarding the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

Will Register Pedigrees.
New York, Jan. 9.—Official registration of pedigrees in order that persons who have traced the branches of their family trees may have the records published in books form, is to be provided by the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. By this compilation it is hoped to present a standard authority on American pedigrees.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 90c; red Russian, 88c; bluestem, 96c; Valley, 92c.
Barley—Feed, \$26.50; rolled, \$28@29.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$32; gray, \$32.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, fancy, \$15; do. ordinary, \$12; Eastern Oregon, mixed, \$16; do. fancy, \$18; alfalfa, \$12.50; clover, \$12.
Butter—Extra, 36@37c; fancy, 33@34c; choice, 30c; store, 18c.
Eggs—Extra, 40@43c.
Hops—1908, choice, 6@7c; prime, 5@6c; medium, 4@5c; 1907, 2@4c.
Wool—Valley, 14@15½c; lb.; Eastern Oregon, 8@16c, as to shrinkage.
Mohair—Choice, 18@19c.

SEATTLE MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.01.
Oats—\$32@33.
Barley—\$27.50@28.
Hay—Eastern Washington timothy, \$18 per ton; Puget Sound hay, \$13@14 per ton; wheat hay, \$13 per ton; alfalfa, \$13@14 per ton.
Butter—Washington creamery, 37c per lb.; ranch, 23c per lb.
Eggs—Selected local, 42@43c.

COUNT IN TROUBLE

VON GASSENDORFF LAYS CLAIM TO GERMAN NOBILITY—HIS A REMARKABLE STORY.

Shows Picture of Fiancee, Said to Be Daughter of Countess—Police Believe His Story True.

Portland, Or., Dec. 11.—Charged with obtaining money by false pretenses, Winrich von Gtug Gassendorff, who declares himself to be the eldest son of the late Count von Gassendorff, of Dortmund, Westphalia, war returned from San Francisco Sunday in the custody of Detective Smith. With him he brought the picture of a beautiful German girl, daughter of a countess and his betrothed, he says, and the only sign of emotion he betrayed was when the picture was taken from him, with his other effects, at the police station.

Letters in his possession and his conversation with the chief of police convinced that officer that his claims to exalted birth and lineage are true. The German consul will investigate the claims.

Oswald Lohan, imperial German consul at Portland, was notified of the young man's predicament and will take immediate steps to investigate and if he finds the prisoner's story true, interest his relatives in the case. Von Gassendorff is accused of having secured \$25 from an employe of the Studebaker Company while attempting to have a check cashed.

He related to the chief of police a long and remarkable story of his life and experiences. And he corroborated it with so many details and letters that the chief was convinced of its verity. Von Gassendorff, according to his story, is the eldest son of the late Count von Gassendorff. He served in the German army and reached the rank of second lieutenant, when an accident caused him to be sent to a sanitarium.

RAISE PRESIDENT'S PAY

Senate Committee Proposes \$100,000 a Year Salary.

Washington, Jan. 11.—By an amendment to the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, the salary of the President of the United States is increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000, the increase to include the \$25,000 now annually appropriated for the President's traveling expenses.

Amendments also were reported from the finance committee increasing the salaries of the Vice-President and the speaker of the house from \$12,000 to \$20,000 a year. The amendments were referred by the senate to the committee on appropriations, which, if it approves them, will incorporate in the minutes the appropriation bill which is now under consideration and report them back to the senate for action.

Senator Bourne, of Oregon, introduced a bill recently to make the President's salary \$100,000 and the salaries of the Vice-President and speaker \$25,000 each and this bill formed the basis of the amendments reported.

NO DANGER OF PLAGUE

Stringent Measures Are Taken at Messina—Looters Shot on Sight.

Messina, Jan. 12.—General Mazza has adopted stringent measures to protect people and property. In addition to establishing a police service around the city, he has issued orders that any person found excavating without a permit shall be shot.

General Mazza declared that under the guise of rescuers, many thieves were committing robberies.



HARBOR OF MESSINA AND MAP SHOWING REGION AFFECTED BY RECENT SEISMIC DISTURBANCE.

Sanitary conditions have greatly improved, and it is now believed that there is little danger of the spread of disease.

The American relief ship Bayern, flying the Red Cross flag, has arrived. A small amount of clothing was sent to the American consulate and the remainder of the stores are being distributed to the ports along the south coast.

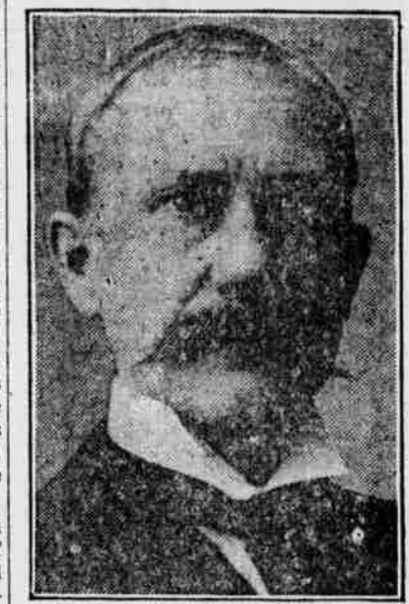
The United States supply ship Calgoa, which arrived from Port Said Friday, carried 130 tons of provisions and was well stocked with blankets and wearing apparel. The stores were sent ashore and distributed.

MAY HAVE CABINET POSITION

Seattle Man Can Have Appointment If He Says He Wants It.

Washington, Jan. 12.—It is the desire of President-elect Taft to give the Pacific Coast representation in his cabinet, but up to the present time no Coast man has been selected, no has any particular cabinet office been set aside for a Pacific Coast man.

There is a very strong belief that Richard A. Ballinger of Seattle could have a cabinet office if he desired it, but he himself has discouraged his friends who have been urging his appointment and has strongly indi-



RICHARD A. BALLINGER.

cated that he has no desire to again take up official work at the national capital.

Information comes from various sources that Secretary Garfield will not be continued in the cabinet after the fourth of March. There has been no formal announcement to this effect, but men who have talked with the President-elect assign various reasons for their belief. If it is true that Mr. Garfield is not to be in the Taft cabinet and the incoming President should insist upon Judge Ballinger taking a cabinet office, his most likely appointment would be that of Secretary of the Interior.

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