LOCAL BITS

W. G. Libby of Lamonta was in town the first of the week.

Albert Seales spent several days in Prineville the first of the week on business

Fine barred Plymouth rock roosters, full blooded, for sale at $2.50 each. C. B. ALLEN. tf

C. P. Becker was in Bend Saturday from his ranch near Laidlaw. He returned home Sunday.

Full-blooded, brown Leghorn roosters for sale at $1 each.
39tf Mrs. L. D. WEST.

Mr. and Mrs. George McAllister of Sisters came to Bend Monday to visit and attend the dance in the evening.

We have for service at our homestead, three miles south of Bend, a Hereford bull.
tf FRANCIS & GARRATT.

The Madras Pioneer, chronicling the Percival-McReynolds wedding, says: "They were given a most cordial welcome by the groom's many friends, on Wednesday evening."

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. J. M. Lawrence gave a party in honor of her daughter Marion's 10th birthday. The afternoon was spent in a jolly good manner by the little girls. The dining room was darkened at 4:30, candles lighted, and dinner served. A little cooky boy at each plate served as the favors.

The Bend Social Club will inaugurate a series of entertainments, one for every Saturday night. The improvements in its hall are nearly finished, under the direction of Harry Esping, F. Milo Lobdell doing the scenic painting for the stage. The attraction tomorrow evening, Dec. 30, will be a social card party; Jan. 6, negro minstrels; Jan. 13, dance; Jan 20, home talent play, "Old Acre Folks."

Irvin Reed is recovering nicely from the severe injuries received in the recent explosion of dynamite, and has been sitting up a little the past week. His eyes received the worst injury and practically all he can see is to distinguish between daylight and darkness. His recovery in all respects is better than was expected. As soon as he is able to travel he will be taken to some city to consult a specialist concerning his eyes.

Dr. A. A. Burris and son Jesse of Hillsboro arrived in Bend on the Monday evening stage. They will be here several weeks and are clearing the sage brush and junipers from their ditch land about a mile east of town. In the spring the doctor will build a residence and barns on the place and will put the land into crop. Mr. Burris has always been very enthusiastic over Bend's future. He says he has witnessed the development of three or four new countries and none of them had so promising indications as has the great Deschutes valley. Mr. Burris prophesies that Bend will have a railroad by this time next year.

C. A. Riddle of Prineville was a Bend visitor Thursday.

J. M. Patton of Laidlaw was a Bend visitor Wednesday.

Have you seen Grant's display of fruit—oranges, apples, bananas and lemons? 40tf

Elmer Merrill came to Bend from his homestead to spend Christmas at home.

For sale some fine brown leghorn roosters at $1 each. L. H. McCann, Bend, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Drake opened their pleasant home to a few of their friends to lunch Christmas.

F. F. Smith and wife of Tumalo were the guests of the Thursday Evening Bowling Club last evening.

I. D. Jarvis went to Redmond the first of the week, returning Wednesday. He was visiting his sister, Mrs. Redmond.

H. C. Benedict, who has been in Bend several weeks investigating the Deschutes valley, left Wednesday morning for Silver Lake.

T. A. Rutherford and Dr. Gail Newsom came from Laidlaw Saturday to attend the dance given that evening by the Bend Social Club.

Sixteen-inch dry wood cut from green timber for sale at Francis & Garratt's ranch; $1.25 per rick of $3.50 per cord at the ranch. 35 tf

F. M. Buzan, Emil Stolder, C Roy and A. L. Crocrin of Eugene passed through Bend Saturday on their way to the Christmas Lake country.

Miss May Belle Reed, after a week's visit at her home in Bend, returned Tuesday to her work as deputy in the county clerk's office at Prineville.

Some of Bend's citizens belonging to the Masonic fraternity are quietly working to secure enough member to enable them to start a Blue lodge here.

Christmas morning Billy Robison started on a drive to Shaniko to bring Mrs. J. J. Hogan of Portland to Bend. Mrs. Hogan comes to visit her sister, Mrs. Hugh O'Kane.

H. L. Gibbs, who has been investigating timber properties in Crook county for several weeks, left Bend this morning for Portland. He will probably return in the spring.

Mrs. C. A. Jones and daughter Grace served dinner to a few friends Christmas evening. A tiny Christmas tree with the usual decorations of candles, etc. made a very pretty table center piece.

Hugh O'Kane has just received two fine plate glass mirrors measuring 3x4 feet. These will be mounted in a fine new case for his barber shop. I. D. Jarvis is making the case and will mount the glasses.

O. C. Wilson, G. W. Payne and the Misses Lizzie and Ella Taylor of Mitchell, Oregon, registered at the Bend hotel Monday. They came to visit at the William Bates home at Deschutes. The Misses Taylor are sisters of Mrs. Bates.

A masquerade ball will be given in the B. M. hall on New Year's evening. Good music has been secured. Suitable prizes will be given for the most original and best sustained characters. The masquerade feature will last only about an hour, after which an opportunity will be given those to dance who do not wish to masque.

J. N. B. Gerking of Laidlaw, accompanied by his son, Deane Gerking, and J. V. Robinson, was in Bend Monday. The Gerkings are farming on a large scale near Laidlaw, having a ranch of 1,000 acres. Last season they sowed a ton of alfalfa seed and got very good results from it. Part was sowed alone, the remainder with grain. That planted alone made the better growth, but the entire planting did very well. Mr. Gerking is an extensive land owner in Umatilla county. Three years ago he was offered $93 an acre for a 240-acre tract but refused to sell. He, like so many others who have had experience with irrigated countries, has great faith in the Deschutes valley, and looks for a rapid development here.

O. J. Gray of Portland spent several days in Bend the first of the week, looking after timber interests for eastern parties. He drove in from Sisters and brought with him a fine hide of a very large cougar. It measured eight feet nine inches from tip to tip, and the fur was a fine reddish color. On his last trip to Bend, Mr. Gray bought the hides of a large black bear and two cubs. These he took to Portland and had made into rugs for the "den" he is fixing up in his quarters there. Much of his time is spent traveling through California, Washington and Oregon, and he frequently picks up some curio or hide which he takes to his "den." He had cleaned and polished four or five of the cougar's teeth, which measured about three inches in length.

F. C. Rowlee and C. M. Redfield of Redmond were in Bend on business matters Tuesday and Wednesday.

Office rooms for rent in the Pilot Butte Development Co.'s office building. Apply at the company's office. tf

The Linsters have several teams at work hauling logs from the timber. They will soon commence sawing lumber.

C. A. Jones, notary public, can be found at The Bulletin office ready to draw and acknowledge deeds and mortgages, and attest papers of any sort. Typewriting done. 41tf

E. A. Baldwin, vice president of the D. I. & P. Co., and Jesse Stearn, interested in the same corporation, were out from Portland to see the work at the Baldwin ranch and stopped over a day in Bend.

Miss Jones gave quite a treat to the pupils in her room on last Friday—the last day before the holiday vacation. A pretty little Christmas tree was provided, and candy and nuts distributed. A program of recitations and songs was given by the pupils.

Wednesday H. L. Gibbs, J. N. Hunter and W. J. Ward of San Francisco returned from a week's trip in the timber south of Bend. At Odell, about 60 miles from here and considerably higher in the mountains, the mercury one night registered 24° blow. Mr. Gibbs reports that that is pretty cold in a log cabin with nothing but two little camp stoves for heating purposes.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Minor entertained a few of their friends at dinner Wednesday evening. The event was in harmony with the holiday season, and the favors at each plate were most unique. They consisted of a tiny Christmas tree rooted in a large red apple. Icing was sprinkled on the tree to represent snow; nuts and candies were hanging on the boughs, and a tiny candle twinkled in the top of each. It was a very pleasant social gathering.

The Christmas exercises at the Baptist church Saturday evening were a decided success. The church was filled with a large crowd of little tots and their elders, and everyone enjoyed the excellent program that was given. Bags of candy to the number of 160 were distributed among the children, besides a goodly amount of pop-corn balls and apples. The committee in charge succeeded in collecting a fund of $36, which easily defrayed all expenses. The contributions by Bend citizens to this fund were most liberal.

Oldest Man in the State.

John B. Blair of Lakeview passed through Bend Wednesday on his way to visit his father, C. P. Blair, of Pendleton. John B., the son, is 61 years old in March next and his father will be 101 on New Year's. Mr. Blair says the old gentleman is hale and hearty, goes up and down stairs regularly to and from his bedroom, and is a wonderfully preserved man for one of his advanced age. The son says his father is now the oldest man in the state.

It seemed strange that a man 61 years old, with hair white as snow and features showing the marks of age, should be going to visit a father who was still vigorous and enjoying good health. The grandson of the old gentleman is living in Montana and it is hoped that he and his child will be present at Pendleton on New Years, when there would be four generations represented in the gathering—father, son, grandson and great-grandchild.

WILL RAISE PORKERS.

T. F. McAllister Will Convert Alfalfa into High Priced Pork.

T. F. McAllister, who formerly owned the fine fruit ranch in the Cove, on Crooked river, recently sold it to F. Boegli of Prineville. The Madras Pioneer says Mr. McAllister still lives on Crooked river about 10 miles below Prineville. He has turned his attention to the raising of hogs, and expects to kill a large number of big porkers during the present year. He realizes that the demand for cured meats in Central Oregon has always exceeded the local supply, and that at the prevailing prices for imported cured meats, there is a fortune in the packing business in Central Oregon. Mr. McAllister owns an ideal place for raising hogs. He has plenty of water and good alfalfa and is going into the business on a more extensive scale.

HORSES BECAME FRIGHTENED

Team Broke Away and Left Two Bend Men in the Woods.

Two of Bend's citizens had a long and tiresome walk last Saturday. John Steidl and Charles Rowe were out in 20-13 looking at a timber claim. When hitching up for the homeward trip, just as the horses were crossing the pole, they became frightened at something unknown and dashed away like a couple of wild deer. Neither Steidl nor Rowe saw the slight thing to frighten the animals, but it is supposed they got the scent of some wild animal. After circling about a mile through the timber the horses came back to the road and followed it about three miles to the ice caves when they bore off through the woods in a northerly direction. The men here left the trail and came on to Bend, walking as far as the John Ferguson home, which is about six miles southeast of town. Here they received a most cordial reception, were given a fine supper and lent the use of a horse and buggy with which to drive to town. Counting the trip over the claim they had walked about 19 miles through three inches of snow, and the light in the Ferguson home was a welcome sight to the two tired men.

Early Sunday morning Albert Seales and Rene West started out to track the horses through the snow. After a long, hard ride they found the team near Powell Buttes, and got back to town late that night. The harnesses were somewhat damaged, but not so badly as might be expected—lines broken, one back pad gone, and a few rings, buckles, etc. put out of use.

The report is heard every few days that the surveyors now in Bend are actually doing cross-section work. This is flatly denied by the engineers. The crew is locating U. S. section corners and running section lines in order to locate on plats the line they are surveying. This is the only work they are doing that has the word section appeating in its description.