

LOCAL BITS.

Chas. Wimer was a business visitor in Bend yesterday.

W. F. Bogue of Rosland was a Bend visitor on Wednesday.

Fine line of shoes for men, women and children at Merrill's.

H. P. J. McDonald left for Portland Monday on a business trip.

T. A. Rutherford of Laidlaw was visiting friends in Bend last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Lakin are expected in Bend about the 10th of this month.

L. H. and Robt. McCann were in Bend yesterday from their homesteads in 19-12.

Joe Taggart came down from the Rosland country Wednesday night for a few days in town.

Rev. Tavenor's theme for Sunday morning will be: "How to Build for Time and Eternity."

News comes that Father Hickey is quite ill with pneumonia in the St. Vincent hospital at Portland.

We are selling goods as cheap as can be sold at a living profit. Step in and see for yourself.—THE MERRILL CO.

Mrs. W. R. Wilkinson arrived in Bend on the Wednesday evening stage after a visit of several weeks at Portland.

W. E. Guerin, Jr., and Hon. E. H. King have opened an office in Portland and are engaged in the practice of law.

The finest display of valentines ever on sale in Bend can be seen at the postoffice news-stand, where they are being sold at cost.

Miss Marion Wiest is suffering from an attack of la grippe this week and has been unable to attend to her school duties a part of the time.

News reaches Bend that a baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Bierman on January 14. Mr. Bierman was formerly cashier for the D. I. & P. Co. at Bend.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society will meet with Mrs. H. R. Satchell next Wednesday afternoon, February 6, at 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Emma Troy Sullivan writes from their place near Sisters, the Bellevue Ranch, that Mrs. Bernard Leonard recently shot and killed a wild cat one mile north of Mrs. Sullivan's home.

C. B. Allen is spending a few days in town with his wife and daughter, who are now located in Bend with Miss Ethel attending school. Mr. Allen is feeding about 50 head of cattle this winter.

J. W. Harrison is wintering 40 head of cattle on the C. B. Allen ranch at the Big Meadows. Mr. Harrison is one of a company that recently bought 1100 acres of land at Beaver Marsh with the intention of engaging in the stock business.

The regular monthly consecration meeting of the Christian Endeavor society next Sunday evening. Topic: "What Christian Endeavor means." Text, Phil. 2: 1-18. Leader, Miss F. Violet Reed. All

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members are requested to be present to respond to roll call.

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John C. Stiles and Miss Winnie Updike were married Wednesday evening at Laidlaw. The ceremony was performed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wallace, with only the relatives present. Mr. and Mrs. Stiles will start housekeeping at once on his homestead adjoining Laidlaw.

The basket social at the Baptist church Wednesday evening was a very successful affair, \$70.25 being realized. The prize cake for the most popular girl in town went to Miss Eva Morris, who had 735 votes. The amount raised by this contest was \$15.89. The money will be used to paper the church.

The rapid thawing of snow, accompanied by considerable rainfall during the past week, has changed the desert country into a very wet one. Water is standing in puddles everywhere, large ponds are being formed in low places and the ground is getting a thorough soaking. A great blessing for the dry farmers.

Mr. and Mrs. John Overturf treated a few of their friends to a most delightful sleigh ride last Saturday evening, the objective point of the ride being a visit to a large cave lying about three miles east of Bend on the Bear Creek road.

Brush was carried into the cave and a blazing fire started which lit up the underground chamber to perfection. The ceiling of the cave is some 20 to 30 feet high in the highest part and gradually slants to the floor at the rear. It is some 300 to 400 feet long and lies in a half moon or ell shape. The trip made a very pleasant and interesting evening, especially to those who had never visited a natural cave. The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Overturf and daughter Bernice, Mrs. Michael Morrison, Miss Houlder, Mrs. L. D. Wiest, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Tompkins and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. D. Rowe.

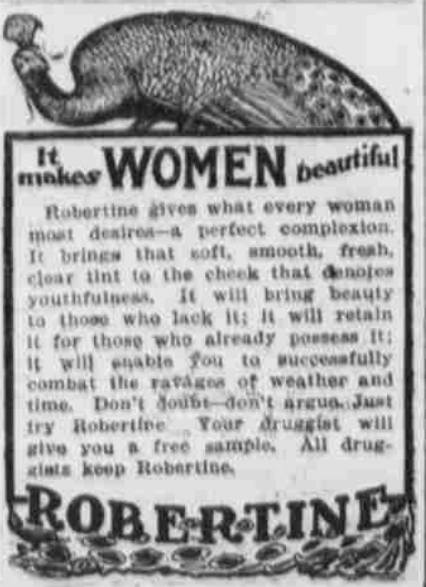
Grain Not Damaged by Freeze.

No bad effects resulted to the growing wheat in this section from the severe cold weather last week. The farmers say that fall-sown wheat is growing nicely. When the cold spell came the ground was covered with snow to a depth of from three to five inches, affording ample protection from the frost. This week the weather has been unusually fine, and the snow has been gradually melting and sinking into the ground. The outlook for a good big grain crop next harvest is better now than it has been at this season for several years past, although the area of fall-sown grain is much smaller than it was last season.—Madras Pioneer.

Not Dead; Only Married.

Last Sunday this quiet little town was thrown into a high state of excitement over a report that Ralph Spencer, editor of the Central Oregonian, had suddenly and mysteriously disappeared. Various theories were advanced as to where he had gone and why he had so suddenly vanished. All his usual haunts were visited, but no one had seen him, and his disappearance began to worry as well as mystify every one. Toward evening Cope West came to town and he was soon informed of the matter and after listening to all the rumors and surmises suddenly burst out laughing and said, "Spencer ain't dead, he's just gone to Bend to get married." We won't say anything more now, but just wait till he gets back!—Central Oregonian.

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ROBERTINE

PEOPLE ARE INVESTING.

Every Week Witnesses Sales of the D. I. & P. Co.'s Lands.

REDMOND, Jan. 28.—Mr. O'Connor calls our attention to an error in one of our recent communications. He says the company has not raised the price of the land but that the state has made a re-adjustment of rates. We gladly make the correction. He states further that sales, of course, are slow while snow is on the ground. The best day for the month was \$6,000 when most of section 14 in 17-14 was sold to eight or nine eastern parties who will probably be out in the fall to settle on it.

The continued cold, stormy and snowy weather has somewhat retarded material developments for the present so that more time and attention have been given to developments of a social nature. Being only one of the common people and no politician, we cannot say what is doing in the political field.

The dance given by Miss Morgan at the hotel Thursday night was well attended and everybody enjoyed themselves, as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Immelee entertained friends at dinner yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt. Cobb of near Sisters have been visiting friends in Redmond.

Several ladies met with Mrs. McQueen one day last week and formed a euchre club.

Mr. Kowlec has gone to Ohio on business.

Carpenters are busy putting up a residence and buildings on the fair grounds and D. I. & P. Co.'s experiment farm. We understand that Mr. Gotter has charge of the work.

Frank Glass has returned from an extended trip to Portland and other points. The colored is expected in some time this week.

Our friends, Percy, Sam and Harry went to Prineville Thursday, returning next day.

Hauling hay is the order of the day for those who can get it and whose horses can stand up to the work.

Several reports are in circulation which your reporter has not been able to verify. One is that F. C. Rowlee has sold the hotel and the new owners will take possession before long. Another one is that Messrs. McCaffery and Young are going to put up a blacksmith shop. We earnestly hope that this one is true as it is mighty inconvenient to have to go to Prineville to get a horse shod or a screw thread cut, and then there is the danger that folks from this section might get a Prineville ring around their necks and not be able to get home again.

Mr. Landes returned from Shaniko Friday and Mr. Muma on Sunday. Both report the roads rather slow.

Stages of the B. M. S. Stage Co. are running now about every other day. The company keeps eight teams at the Morgan stable and are running right through on good time.

Ehret Bros. have been putting up ice for summer use, as has also Frank McCaffery. Papers from the old home in Iowa state that the ice men are still looking down their noses and so are the customers at the prospect of having to pay 60 cents a hundred next summer for manufactured ice. We wish some of them could buy a little chunk at five cents a pound. It would make them think it was something to be handed down as an heirloom to their children.

Mr. McCaffery got ready to commence building operations, having started his foundation, when the weather interfered and the business is at a stand still.

What a tempest in a teapot has been raised by a little talk about county division. One would think from the amount of talk that the magnitude of the question involved was commensurate with the size of the county instead of being out of all proportion to it.

R. C. PARK.

DORRANCE MILL BOUGHT.

Hightower & Smith Purchase It and Will Run Both Mills.

TUMALO, Jan. 29.—Hightower & Smith have taken over the Dorrance mill and have bought the Melevin timber and will run both mills in the future.

There is some talk of dividing the Laidlaw school district. Seems to be the fashion to divide up. But this would be a good division if the school house is centrally located in the district.

Messrs. Ellis and Rude of Bend, drove out here Monday in interest of the Deschutes Telephone Company. They state there is no doubt but Tumalo will be supplied with the Bell telephone system soon.

John Edwards passed through here Monday enroute to Bend.

Mr. Giffman of Grass Valley, was in Tumalo Tuesday night. He is buying hides and pays the top notch for them.

We see soon to have a farmers' telephone system established, throughout the western side of the Deschutes river. A little sleet, a little wind, and now a Chinook. The snow is melting fast.

Rosland and Big Meadows Notes.
(Too late for last week.)

A very pleasant party was given last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. Caldwell on Paulina creek. Music, dancing and games were indulged in by all. A feature of the evening was a song and dance rendered by Mr. Bob Catherwood, and a sumptuous supper sent every one home happy. Next!

The new hotel at Rosland, although not quite completed, is open to the public. Mr. and Mrs. William Bogue are the genial proprietors. Everything first class.

Neil Smith is spending a couple of weeks at Rosland fitting eye glasses.

We understand the thermometer registered 22 below, at Cort Allen's during the cold snap.

Two brand new lambs at F. A. Shonquist's ranch born out doors in the severe cold spell and doing fine. Best that.

DUNDRE.

A Few Pertinent Questions.

TUMALO, Or., Jan. 22.—Editor Bulletin: Will you kindly allow me a little space in your valuable paper? I want to ask the Prineville people, and more especially the honorable county court, what they have done for western Crook county, and what they have not done for western Crook county since Judge Bell has had control of the county court? We would like to ask the honorable judge why he has turned down every road petition that our people have sent in from western Crook county since he has had control of the county court? And I would like to ask the judge why he made the people of western Crook county so many nice promises when he was securing votes for the judgeship and why he has seen fit to turn a cold shoulder to everything that western Crook county has asked for since he has been in office? I will remember when Judge Bell came over to Tumalo seeking votes for his honor's election, how enthusiastic he was for the good of the poor people of Crook county and how he said he intended to see that the people had good roads and good bridges if he was elected. His honor said that there was \$14,000 of road funds then in the county treasury and if he was elected he was going to see that it was spent on the roads. I then called his honor's attention to the fearful condition of the roads from Tumalo to Bend and the honorable judge said: "Well, Wimer, if I am elected I will see that the people have better roads. I will not board up the road funds in the county vault as the other county courts have done but I will have it spent on the roads where it belongs." On the strength of his honor's nice promises I went to some expense and spent a great deal of time and got up a petition asking the judge to grant us the measly sum of \$100 for the purpose of repairing the roads from Tumalo to Bend. The petition was signed by 80 or 100 tax payers and representative men of this part of the county. I sent this petition to the honorable county court. In about seven or eight months the honorable judge sent out the honorable road master to examine the Tumalo-Bend road and I heard that the road master intended to report adversely to our petition. I then wrote to the road master and asked him to let me know on what grounds he intended to turn us down. His answer was to the effect that the Tumalo and Bend road was good enough, but he suggested that if our people would give \$200 that he thought he could get the county court to give \$200. I then wrote to Judge Bell and called his attention to his nice promises when he was out here seeking our votes for his election and he wrote me that he would see what could be done for us. I suppose the judge is still busy seeing about it for I have heard nothing further from our petition. But from what I hear, his honor intends to chuck that wonderful \$14,000 into that new court house foundation and when his honor gets done milking the people of western Crook county he will put it all into that court house foundation. Then he will have a good lot of rings and staples fastened to the floor of the foundation and then chain the western Crook county people to it when they visit the county seat, in order to keep them from molesting his honor's county business while he is holding them up for taxes.

That foundation proposition reminds me of the first court house that was built in Lancaster, the county seat of (Continued on page 8.)

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