

Local and General.

SOMETHING YOU HAVEN'T HEARD AND WANT TO READ.

According to latest advice, small-pox is again prevalent in Baker City.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Donagan on the 23 inst., a daughter.

M. V. Smith of Lawen, made proof on his Timber and Stone entry, Tuesday.

Married.—At the Hotel Anderson, on Dec. 23rd, 1903, by S. W. Miller J. P. Mr. Carey E. Smyth and Miss Minnie M. Schull, both of Happy Valley.

In the case of State of Oregon vs. Chas Nelson in Justice Miller's Court, Dec. 23, Nelson was placed under \$750 Peace Bond which was readily given, with Sam King and Green Hudepeth as sureties.

Mr. Toba Duncan who has been seriously ill with lockjaw, at the home of Mr. Dyke Jameson, of this town, for several days, is pronounced by his physician, Dr. Geary, to be in a fair way to recover.

"As the days begin to lengthen the cold begins to strengthen" is one of the very trite old sayings, and it might also be truthfully remarked that this year politics begins to strengthen, with the lengthening of the days.

Chas Johnson of Lawen was among the Items' visitors this week, and made the necessary arrangements to have the Items and Maxwell's Tailor sent to his address for another year. Mr. Johnson says Lawen is in need of a good blacksmith and a druggist.

Upon the recommendation of the City fire department at its meeting, last Sunday, Mr. I. S. Geer, has been appointed by the City council as Chief. This position is not a salaried one but is in fact a very important one. We think the appointment a good one.

One of the pleasant scenes of Christmas day in this town, was the Band boys standing in the bright, warm rays of an almost summer sun, and under a deep blue sky, giving the crowd that thronged the streets, a few choice pieces of music.

Mr. H. B. Smith, who is managing the affairs of the Abner Robbins' estate, has sold all the cattle to the P. L. S. Co., and the land to J. L. Sitz and I. M. Davis. Mr. Sitz purchased the greater portion of the real estate; Mr. Davis bought the Drewsey ranch. This deal places Mr. Sitz name on the list of large land owners of this county.

"Old Santa has come and gone" his sleigh was full to the brim with nice things for the people, both young and old, but his team of reindeers seemed very tired, and consequently they didn't jingle jangle their bells very long for the entertainment of the junior population.

Among the more important laws passed at the present session of our legislature are the following: House Bill 1, to repeal the tax law of 1903; House Bill 2, to reenact the tax law as it stood before the regular session; House Bill 23, amending the act of 1903, so as to allow householders a \$100 exemption from taxation on household goods, tools, &c.

Last Tuesday evening, as little Johnny Morrell, was leaving town, on horseback, his horse slipped and fell on the icy street, breaking the larger bone of the boy's right leg, below the knee. The plucky rider never left his saddle however, and as his horse regained his feet, he turned him and galloped to the house of his relatives Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Cummins, two or three streets distant from the scene of the accident where he was assisted in dismounting, and where he is now resting under the care of Dr. Geary, and progressing satisfactorily.

PASSED AWAY.

On Sunday morning last, after a brief illness from pneumonia, Amy Pougade, the two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dora Pougade, passed silently into the other life. Little Amy was a bright, sweet child and the shadow of sorrow cast over her home by the Savior's gentle call "come home" is deeply felt by its members. After the funeral services which were presided over by Revd. A. J. Irwin, in the presence of many who knew and loved her, the little one was laid to rest in the Burns cemetery. The many friends of the bereft family extend their kindly sympathy.

That was a very diplomatic little piece of flirting on the part of the Republican committee by which Chicago was induced to write a check for \$75,000 in order to secure the convention next year. Chicago was the logical choice and the minds of the jury were already made up, but a little judicious contemplation of the advantages offered by other cities, caused the check to be forthcoming.

An eastern paper tells of two young people who become engaged on purely scientific principles. There was no bother about love and all that kind of tommyrot, but they had planned out an ideal platonic, scientific marriage, one that the family physician could endorse, one that was calculated to warm the cockles of the heart of the psychological laboratory. The thing was running along like clock work when in stepped one of the old fashioned lovers the kind father used to want to shoot at and science received a terrible short arm jolt. The psychological laboratory engagement was broken, so quick it sounded like a small boy nipping off a hunk of peanut candy with his back teeth. Grandma will tell you that you cannot improve much on the good old fashioned "courtin'" the sleigh rides the husking bees and the "red ear." In the face of glories such as these, those psychological laboratory methods would not last fifteen minutes.

If you want to know all about the great irrigation schemes that are being carried out all over the world; what our government is doing and purposes doing in this line, in all parts of our country, read Maxwell's Tailor, and when you have read one number you will surely wish to continue reading it. The December number of this Journal shows a beautiful picture of the Salt River reservoir site, in Arizona, where the Government is now beginning its work of reclamation of a vast area of desert. The following is from the Dec. number of the Tailor:

The Phoenix, Arizona paper report that there is much activity at the Tonto basin reservoir site since the issuance of the order for the construction of the dam. About 200 men are employed about the various works, one-half of whom are Apache Indians, and are said to be giving excellent service at \$1.50 per day with board included. The white men receive \$2.00 per day and rations, lodging, etc., and the force is being increased as rapidly as men make application for work, and it will be but a few weeks when the force will reach the proportions of a small army.

Road building is the principle detail at present—blasting through the box canyon to the Salt river and working into the Virginia pine forests at the Sierra Ancha mountains, where saw mills are to be installed, and from which section all the lumber for the construction of the great reservoir will be taken.

All Arizona is all ready feeling the beneficial effect of the big water project which promises so much for the development of the Territory.

The farewell dance to the Old Year will be given by the orchestra Dec. 31, at Locher's hall. As 1904 is Leap year, after midnight the ladies will assume control, and conduct the ball to a successful terminus.

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Harry Smith, proprietor of the Red Front livery barn, wants your patronage and he will care for horses entrusted to his care in such a manner as to deserve it. The present extremely high price of hay has compelled a raise in livery feeding and after Dec. 1st 50c per head will be the regular price for feeding.

READ THIS.

For \$1.50 in advance we will send you this paper and Maxwell's Tailor for one year, beginning with the Jan. number of the Tailor.

According to a recent decision of the supreme court of the state, Miller and Caldwell who were sent to the "pen" for the murder of Warren Curtis, are to have another trial here. They will be brought here for appearance at next term of circuit court, but may possibly not be retried at that time. They will be tried on a charge of manslaughter as that was the crime they were sentenced for.

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