

Press Paragraphs

Frank King was in town yesterday from Weston. M. L. Watts returned from Portland, Sunday. J. V. Mitchell made a business trip to Echo, yesterday. Born, January 24, to Mr. and Mrs. John Toland, a boy. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Alexander will reside in Walla Walla. Jim Spence was in town yesterday on his periodical soliciting trip for the Oregon Journal. Joseph N. Scott is a victim of the grip this week, being confined to his home west of town. "Peck" McBride came in from the ranch yesterday and placed an order for butter wrappers. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tompkins returned home from Portland last evening, both improved in health. A number of Pendleton-bound passengers were taken overland in sleighs during the fore part of the week. E. Forbes will open a plumbing shop in the Swaggart building, on Third street, between Main and Jefferson. Mrs. Ed. Kilgore is seriously ill with pneumonia at her home in this city. Dr. Sharp is the attending physician. The condition of A. Shick remains about the same as reported last week. He is said to be growing weaker, gradually. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wright came up from Hood River several days ago, and are visiting at the John Wright home in this city. Jack Vincent, Byron Hawks and Leslie Nelson obtained some good views of the trains and crews during the snow blockade. Mrs. Merle Roby visited friends in Walla Walla this week. Her visit was necessarily prolonged on account of trains not running. Frank Jackson who went to Portland some time ago for medical treatment, is reported to be confined to his bed with rheumatism. Marion Jack has returned to his home in Pendleton from Hot Lake, where he had been to recuperate from an attack of the grip. Carl Kopers has been appointed administrator of the estate of August Arp, who recently died at Helix. The estate is appraised at \$3500. An error in section 20, line two, of Senator Barrett's road bill, reads one-fifth per cent, when it should properly read 50 per cent. Sleighing has been exceptionally good during the week, and numerous parties were organized to take advantage of an evening's enjoyment. Mrs. Louis LaBranche returned from Walla Walla Wednesday evening, where she spent a week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Baddley. Sheriff Taylor arrested L. G. Stambaugh, Monday at Pendleton. He is wanted at Enterprise on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. J. E. Froome of the St. Nicholas hotel has invested in an electric vacuum cleaner and is prepared to clean your home, store or office at reasonable rates. District Attorney and Mrs. Frederick Steiner are the happy parents of a new baby girl, which the stork dropped into their Pendleton home Monday night. The annual Pythian ball at Weston tonight promises to be well attended. A large number of lodge members and young people from this city will be in attendance, all anticipating a good time. Starr Charlton returned Tuesday from a visit to relatives in La Grande. Mr. and Mrs. Charlton are visiting at the Sanders home west of town, and will return to their home in Alberta, next month.

William A. Whitlock, mention of whose illness was made in the Press, died at the Walla Walla hospital. The funeral was held at Walla Walla Monday of last week. Bado's Bears, Walla Walla's pet basketball aggregation was taken into camp at Weston the other night by a score of 18 to 15. The game was clean and exciting from start to finish. Horsebound, Irish Moss, Tola, White Pine, Selected Pineapple, Lemon and Orange. Unexcelled for its curative qualities for the Grippe, coughs and colds. Guaranteed strictly pure, by Bert Caratano. New orders for printed butter wrappers have been filled for the following butter makers at the Press office this week: Mrs. Wm. Booher, Mrs. C. H. Downing, Mrs. Delbert Barger and Mrs. Harry McBride. Two teams from Walla Walla, bound for Pendleton, came through the upper road from Weston yesterday. They were the first teams to come through since the blockade, and had a hard time of it. The south side of Main street tents striking resemblance to the breastworks of a snow fort. Excavation of snow has been on that side of the street in readiness for the onslaught of the expected chinook. Miss Carrie Sharp came up from Pendleton Friday evening to spend the week end at her home in this city. She returned to her school work Tuesday by private conveyance, after vainly waiting three days for a train. Messrs. Koussak, Payne, Drew, Starr and DePott walked to Weston Monday evening through the snow, on a sort of cross country jaunt. They encountered huge snow drifts, but took them in approved athletic style. Miss Alta Sharp returned to her home Wednesday forenoon from Walla Walla, via Pendleton, having been delayed in the garden city where she was visiting friends, since Saturday, on account of the railway tieup. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kirk returned Wednesday from Halsey, where they visited with relatives for several weeks. They came to Pendleton from Portland, Tuesday night and arrived in town Wednesday forenoon in a sleigh. Mr. Sidney A. Barnes and Miss Edith May Garrett, popular young people of Weston, were married in that city last Thursday, the wedding being performed in their own home, which had been prepared by the groom. Weston Leader: Reports from Mabton, Wash., say that Mrs. M. J. Maybee is growing constantly weaker, and that fatal culmination of her illness is expected at any time. All of her children with the exception of one son are with her. Services at the M. E. church Sunday, January 26: Sunday school at 10 o'clock; young people's meeting at 6:30; preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject for the evening: "Short Weighted." Special services next week. You are invited. Weston Leader: Mrs. M. J. Richmond's illness has again taken a serious turn although she is somewhat better today. Mrs. Cora Simpson, Frank Richmond and O. M. Richmond were recent visitors from Walla Walla at their mother's bedside. There are but few quail in this vicinity, but the Press has readers in districts where the little game birds are quite plentiful, hence this paper hopes that Game Warden Averill's appeal to farmers to scatter grain for the birds during the deep snow, will be heeded. George Kidder, who seriously cut his leg last week by coming into contact with a piece of glass is getting along as well as could be expected. A fearful gash resulted from the outcrop of the large muscles being severed. Dr. Newsom took several stitches when he dressed the wound. The Leader reports that the Weston Mountain Telephone company has decided to string another wire from Weston up the mountain, the present wire being overloaded. The directors recently met and authorized this improvement, which was placed in the hands of a committee.

Strayed—G. M. Morrison, of Adams will pay \$20 for information leading to the return of a gray team, which strayed from his barnyard on New Years day. One of the horses had a red mane and wore a white halter when it disappeared. The man of the other horse was partly roached. The roads between Athena and Weston are reported to be in a deplorable condition. Travel between the two places has been confined principally to the lower road, a cut-off through the Wallaby field being utilized until Wednesday, when the tenant, Wm. King, closed the fence to further travel. Helix Advocate: T. G. Montgomery, formerly a resident of Helix, who was for a time cashier of the American National Bank of Pendleton but who for the past year has been in business in Portland, is again engaged in banking, having been appointed cashier of the First National Bank of Baker, Ore. The program at the Dreamland Theater for Friday and Saturday evenings: 1.—"The Redemption of Greek Joe," Sadie. 2.—"All in the Family," Essany. 3.—"The Spanish Cavalier," Edison. For Sunday: 1.—"Wanted, a Wife," Melies. 2.—"His Father's Son," Vitagraph. 3.—"Laughing Gas," Pathe. Two Northern Pacific engines have been stalled in the snow in the Oliver Dickenson field north of town for several days. The big machines became stuck while backing a snow-filled cut and have been there since. A crew of men are working to release them and it was expected the engines would make Athena last night. By attending the Caledonian concert at the opera house tomorrow evening, you will enjoy an evening of splendid entertainment, beside aiding the financial fund to be used in defraying the expense of holding this year's annual Caledonian Picnic. Tickets are now on sale. Buy one and assist the good cause. Mrs. David Taylor was pleased with a visit from an old friend, Wednesday night, whom she had not met in twenty-five years. The lady was Mrs. Effie Gray, of Boise, formerly Miss Effie Holland, who lived here some 25 years ago. Mrs. Gray was on her way to Spokane, to nurse her aunt, Mrs. McHone, who is ill at her home there. The affliction which has kept Judge Phelps from his bench during the present term of court, and which was at first thought to be an attack of la grippe, has turned out to be a severe case of small pox, and the judge is now under quarantine, reports the East Oregonian. Due to the fact that he had never been vaccinated, the disease has taken firm hold of him. County Judge Maloney has handed down an order by which James A. Fee, administrator of the estate of J. W. Young is instructed to release and transfer the NW 1/4 and the SW 1/4 of sec. 20 twp 4, N R 32, to Nora Walls, named under the accredited will of J. W. Young as heir in the property for title to which Mabel Young Warner has fought in the courts for years. For the very good reason that the troupe was unable to arrive in this city, after playing at the Keylor Grand, Walla Walla, Sunday night Athena theatre-goers were disappointed in not seeing the production of the "Bogey Prince." This was one of the really good companies touring the Northwest circuit, and Manager Rusie of the opera house went to considerable expense to secure the attraction. During the blockade the express office at the O. W. station took on the appearance of a poultry show. Hawks and Byrd had a consignment of birds there for several days, awaiting transportation to the Pendleton show. Finally the birds were dispatched in a outcove on the first train through from the county seat. The fowls were all awarded prizes, besides having the distinction of being the only ones at the show transported by special train. The reelection of W. N. Sweet to the presidency of the Tri-State League at a meeting held in La Grande, Tuesday has sprinkled a lot of burrs in the hair of Pendleton fans, and the East Oregonian is authority for the state-

ment that they will have none of him. Exceptions are taken to Sweet's actions during the close of last season's schedule which are alleged by Pendleton to have been responsible for the possibility of his home team winning second place in the percentage column. Services at the Christian church January 26: Bible school 10 a. m.; sermon and Communion 11 a. m.; subject for the evening sermon "Christ, the Great Physician." This sermon will be illustrated with 60 of the most beautiful paintings in the world. These pictures will greatly aid the mind in grasping the character of the Master's work as they vividly portray his ministry of mercy among the sick and sinful men and women of Israel. Come; you are invited and made welcome. THE GILA MONSTER. Repulsive in Looks, It is Really a Harmless Creature. Probably there is no other living creature more feared by the ignorant than the Gila monster, about which all manner of weird tales have been told. It has even been held that the mere breath of this animal is sufficient to cause death to the one upon whom it fell. Scientific inquiry, however, fails to disclose a single instance wherein the breath or even the bite of this creature has resulted fatally. The fact that dissection and microscopic examination do not reveal any trace of glands for the secretion of venom is sufficient evidence to indicate that this curious member of the lizard family has been slandered. Some years ago a civil engineer in the southwest undertook to settle once for all the question whether "the monster" was deadly or not. A fine specimen was captured and confined in a wire inclosure. A chicken was obtained, and its feathers were removed in order that the lizard might have every opportunity to strike at the breast. The chicken was then held quite close to the Gila monster, which soon snapped viciously and secured a firm hold on the fowl's breast, retaining this grip for more than ten minutes. When the victim was released it was found that the chicken's breastbone had been broken. Nevertheless the fowl quickly recovered, the bone knitting and the wound healing with no symptoms of poisoning. It is very probable that the reputation for evil borne by the Gila monster is due simply and solely to its most repulsive appearance.—Harper's Weekly. THE UBIQUITOUS SEA LION. He Strayed a Long Way From Home Before He Was Killed. The following story is taken from the American Magazine: "Sunday is a dull day, and the city editors had a habit of detaching men to go to the zoological gardens and get animal stories for Monday morning. The reporters got together one Sunday morning and perused the head animal keeper to let them publish a fake story. It was rather commonplace, concerning the alleged escape of a non-existent sea lion from the pool to open water. "Fake," said the managing editor as he read the story. "Let's make it a good one." "Thereupon he sent telegrams to every country correspondent on that water or its tributaries, merely inquiring if anything had been seen of the escaped sea lion. The response was appalling. The correspondents needed only the hint. That day the sea lion was seen by at least twenty correspondents, and Berghand printed all the reports one after another. Thus spurred, the correspondents went to it in earnest. The following day the sea lion was reported at every point within 200 miles. The story spread like ripples on water. In five days the lion was sighted over half the world, and an enthusiast at Southampton cabled that he was heading toward the north sea. Then a cruel correspondent up on Lake Superior killed him and wired that he was sending the skin as proof. I always suspected that the managing editor did it himself."

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