

Press Paragraphs

Bert Kirby of Adams, was in the city this forenoon.

Marshal Gholson was a county seat visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. L. S. Vincent visited relatives in Pendleton yesterday.

Mr. Frank Dooly, of Walla Walla, was in the city Tuesday.

George Gross was a business visitor in Pendleton Wednesday.

J. S. Ross of Weston, is in the city today transacting business.

Attorney Watts was in Pendleton Wednesday on legal business.

Ernest Walden of Weston, spent Saturday in Athena with friends.

Dr. Sharp desires all owing him to come forward and pay up at once.

F. B. Radtke and family visited friends in Walla Walla Wednesday.

Jesse Myrick has purchased a half interest in Henry Keen's barber shop.

Miss Merna DePeatt visited her sister Zelma at Walla Walla, over Sunday.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick and daughter Odessa of Weston, were in the city Tuesday.

The condition of Mrs. E. R. Cox is reported somewhat improved the last few days.

Mrs. Chester Gambal of Adams was in the city Tuesday trading with Athena merchants.

Mrs. Martha Ferguson was shopping in town yesterday, from her home on Weston mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Queener were in the city from their farm near Weston, this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. DeFrees visited friends in Walla Walla Wednesday, returning home Thursday.

Mrs. George Gerking and daughter Blanche and Miss Nettie Royce, went to Walla Walla Friday evening.

Butter wrappers were printed this week at the Press office for Mrs. Deau Wilabay and Mrs. E. W. Queener.

Mrs. Wilkinson is expecting the arrival of her sister, Mrs. Louise Glass, from near Goldensdale, on a visit.

The Griffith Stock company will open an engagement of three nights at the opera house, in the near future, opening in that splendid play, "St. Elmo."

Floyd Payne, who ran the two-mile race at San Francisco, during the Portland athletic events, ran third. He is proclaimed a corner by University enthusiasts.

"Oil and Water," in two reels, a story of the stage, incorporating classical Greek dances, at the Dreamland.

A Halloween social will be given at the Methodist Episcopal church this evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. D. B. Jarman and children came over from Weston Saturday morning and spent the day with relatives.

Colonel C. E. Rude, the well known auctioneer was in town Saturday from Pendleton, looking after business matters.

J. M. Swaggart has a number of shoats for sale. Mr. Swaggart also will take a limited number of stock to pasture.

Mr. and Mrs. Otha Reeder and children were in from the farm near Helix, and spent Sunday with relatives in town.

Roy Burke is home from Portland, where he was employed in the checking department of the Oregon Packing company for a while.

Misses Pauline Rios, Belle Sanford and Marguerite Colesworthy of Pendleton, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Steele.

Smallpox has made its appearance at Pendleton, several cases having been reported by the health authorities during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. O'Hara of Weston are spending the day with friends in town, while having repairs done on their automobile.

Miss Ruth Dunaway, who is teaching in Echo, and Miss Campbell were guests over Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Watts.

Mrs. E. A. Dudley is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Seeley of Seattle. Mrs. Seeley is the wife of Captain Seeley, a well known ship master.

A Mackenzie Meldrum was in Helix this week. Mr. Meldrum will go to Wasco next week, where he is booked to give a series of three of his most popular lectures of travel.

Mrs. Joe Forrest was in from the farm Wednesday afternoon. She reports her daughter, Miss Marguerite, who is training for a nurse in the Sacred Heart Hospital, Spokane, as progressing nicely in her work.

Foss & Winship Hardware company are ready for the small toy and his winter sports. A big consignment of the finest sleds you ever saw, has arrived at the store, and only the coming of snow is needed to put them in action.

The J. F. F. Club will entertain invited guests at a Halloween party, to be given this evening in the Lodge Hall. The members of the club have been engaged in decorating the hall today, and a pleasant time will be enjoyed this evening.

Jane Bushman, has brought suit for divorce from her husband, Paul Bushman. Their children are grown and property interests will be the main contention in the case.

Card of Thanks—Mrs. Samuel Booher and Mrs. E. McPherrin desire to express their thanks to all who so kindly assisted during the illness and death of their father, Wm. Helmick.

J. E. Froome is carrying his arm in a sling as the result of a seriously inflamed hand from blood poisoning. The affliction is the result of an embryonic boil pricked open with a pin.

Friday and Saturday night bill at the Dreamland: "Oil and Water," two reels. "Dangers of the Street," Sunday: "Broncho Billy's Ward," "Folly at the Ranch," "A Life in the Balance."

County Judge J. W. Maloney and Commissioner Cochrane were in the city yesterday. They were here to inspect the new steel bridge, recently built on Wild Horse creek, at the Lileallen place.

Mrs. Bryan, wife of one of the proprietors of the City Meat Market, accompanied by her little son, arrived in Athena Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan are residing in a cottage on College street.

Home movers have the Nelson farm residence in position over the basement walls at the site on Adams street. The new home gives promise of providing comfort and convenience for Mr. and Mrs. Nelson.

Byron Hawks has turned his elk over to Sam Pambron, taxidermist, who now has it in process of mounting. Mr. Hawks will give it the center of position at his store with his collection of game heads.

Rufus Campbell was in the city Monday evening from his ranch near Pendleton. He was one of a recent party that took a trip to the Columbia river in quest of wild geese, and returned with moderate results.

Bryan & Meyer, proprietors of the City Meat Market, shipped a car load of hogs to the Walla Walla Meat company this week. They paid 7 cents for the porkers, and are in the market at all times for hogs and cattle.

Miss Flora Booth came down from Lewiston Tuesday night on a short business trip. Miss Booth is 2,000 miles from South America and 1,400 miles east of Pitcairn Island, has on all the forty-five square miles of its area less than 200 people. But it has other inhabitants, great masses of rock, 600 in number, each carved into the semblance of a human figure, the origin of which is a mystery. These statues weigh on an average from ten to twelve tons each, some of them reaching a weight of forty tons. A few of them stand on strong platforms 400 feet long, and many similar platforms stand unattended.

At the quarry, which is a crater (for Easter Island is of volcanic origin), a number of these images lie half formed as the vanished sculptors left them.

There is another crater where the crowns of the figures were made from rock of a different sort. Here, too, are found unfinished specimens.—Churchman.

Gordon's Orchestra of seven pieces will furnish the music for the Halloween ball at the opera house this evening. This is the first dance of the fall season to be given at the opera house and a large attendance is anticipated. Prof. Gordon has a better orchestra than ever, for his winters work, and is prepared to furnish music for all occasions at satisfactory prices.

Two young deer are contentedly domesticated at the home of Guy Jones in this city. The little fellows are twins and were bereft of their mother when quite young by a pot shot from some Indian's gun. They were found by a MoKay Creek rancher and raised on cow's milk. Mr. Jones will apply to the state game warden for a permit to retain them in captivity.

John Stone's prowess as a hunter is not on the wane, by any means, for one more notch has been carved on the old stock of his rifle commemorating the fall of another big buck to his unerring marksmanship. Mr. Stone found the big fellow back on the head of the Grand Ronde, where he has encountered others in the past. The buck was of goodly proportions and carried a splendid pair of antlers.

B. E. Riebard is having his new office remodeled before moving there. He has acquired additional room by causing the front to be changed, and more light is gained by the addition of a couple of windows in the west side of the room. The Judge will possess a neat little office, and doubtless his friends will show their appreciation of his enterprise by bestowing upon him frequent and timely visits during the dreary winter days. All know him to be a generous provider of fuel and matches.

EASTER ISLAND.

A Deserted Land and its Mysterious Crude Stone Statues.

Huge and grotesque stone images stand and lie over the fertile surface of a deserted island far south in the Pacific. It is a place that Poe might have sung into existence or Rider Haggard created for the scene of some fantastic romance. Even its name—Easter Island—seems more literary than geographical. Easter Island, 2,000 miles from South America and 1,400 miles east of Pitcairn Island, has on all the forty-five square miles of its area less than 200 people. But it has other inhabitants, great masses of rock, 600 in number, each carved into the semblance of a human figure, the origin of which is a mystery. These statues weigh on an average from ten to twelve tons each, some of them reaching a weight of forty tons. A few of them stand on strong platforms 400 feet long, and many similar platforms stand unattended.

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THE NORTHERN LIGHTS.

It's a Mistake, Says a Scientist, to Say They Emit Sounds.

German scientists are greatly interested in a discussion regarding new phenomena revealed by the aurora borealis, according to recent Norwegian and German observers. People living in the northern part of Norway maintained that they often hear sounds accompanying the northern lights. These sounds are described by some as similar to the crackling of flames.

Accordingly German and Norwegian scientists started out to investigate the phenomena, and one of them, Olav Aabakken, has spent a long time at the Halde observatory in Finnmarken. Aabakken thinks that it is very unlikely that any sound is to be heard from the northern lights. He maintains that the human senses are not to be relied on, especially regarding the phenomena of sight.

Aabakken says that the idea of sound connected with the northern lights may result from the fact that these lights look like flames, and as people are accustomed to associate the crackling sound with flames the rather uncritical observer of the blazing movements of the aurora borealis is apt to think that he really hears the sound of those flames.—New York Press.

A man who had lost the sight of both eyes trained his hearing until he could tell by the sound of his footsteps on the sidewalks as he made his way about town whether he was in the middle of the walk or at one side, whether he was walking past a brick or a frame house or a fence or open ground. He knew in what part of the town he was not only by his memory or sense of general direction, but by the difference in the "tones" of his footsteps, and he walked about freely, seldom running into anything or anybody. Some one in his presence once called in question his total blindness.

"Which eye do you think I can see with?" he asked the skeptic.

"The left one, of course," was the reply. "I can see that the right one is blind."

In reply the blind man merely opened his penknife and tapped the left eye with the little blade.

It was a glass eye.

Freaks of Nature.

Monument park, near Colorado Springs, Colo., contains some queer freaks of nature. Among the most singular is a group of light grayish-yellow sandstone pillars twenty or more feet high capped with a thin layer of dark colored rock which resemble the tops of giant mushrooms which have shriveled and partially dried up. The dark colored capping being of a much harder (ironstone) rock than the pillars has to some extent protected the latter from disintegration. Especially at nightfall is the traveler impressed with the weird effect of these gigantic and grotesque forms which in the uncertain light assume the attitudes of huge human or animal shapes.—Argonaut.

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