

## Local and Personal Town and County

### SANDOW FLOUR.

Were your water pipes frozen Monday evening?

Arthur Sargent was a new man at band practice Monday night.

Use White Pine and Tar for that cough prepared at Wasco Pharmacy.

Read Pepper & Eaton's new ad then see them about the work you want done.

We sell 1847 Roger Bros. knives, forks, and spoons. L. W. Ross, Jeweler.

It seems like old times again, now that winter comes in January instead of March.

Will Howell is exercising his muscle on the Sandow Milling company's wood pile this week.

Owing to the high prices of wood and coal we will sell for cash only. Wasco Lumber Company.

Fred Meader is making arrangements to move to Portland. He intends to leave today, Friday.

If you like to read the home paper make yourself a present of a year's subscription to the News.

Dr. Hartley, the dentist, is in the rooms formerly occupied by S. W. Stark as a law office.

Mrs. C. P. Pollard and children are out of town this week visiting in Gilliam county and other points.

Vick Anderson was in town Thursday. Part of his business was to renew his subscription to the News.

Mrs. E. R. McMillin, who has been in the Willamett valley visiting relatives, returned to Wasco Sunday.

**SANDOW FLOUR**—It is not necessary to cut prices to sell Sandow Flour. Once used, always used.

All kinds of performances are in progress across the street. The Pastime club is moving into its new quarters.

Myra Stanton, who has been in town visiting her sister, Mrs. Ellis, returned last week to her home in Gilliam county.

Miss Ona Austin, who spent the holidays with friends and relatives in the valley, returned Saturday to Sherman county.

A good time is assured to every one who attends the Valentine ball at Akers opera house, given by members of the Wasco band. Date is Thursday, Feb. 14.

Early renewals of subscriptions will enable us to lay plans for improvement in the paper, which will otherwise be impossible.

In some way the water at the railroad tank was allowed to freeze until it was necessary for engines to take water from a hydrant near the depot.

We acknowledge a pleasant call from W. M. McNab of Rufus, who stepped in one day last week for the purpose of renewing his subscription.

Dressmaking and plain sewing done. Reasonable prices. Residence, 2 blocks north of the M. E. church.

19 Mrs. J. T. ARMSWORTHY.

Bob Rennie, who was recently in the plumbing business here but is now a resident of Portland, was in Wasco last week looking after business interests.

One of the passengers on Sunday's afternoon train was Herbert Dodson, who came to Wasco from LaMotte, Calif., on a visit to his grand uncle, E. Siskle.

What would be more beneficial to Wasco than a free reading room? A place where visitors could rest and find profitable employment for their idle moments.

Tuesday evening the little babe of Mr. and Mrs. Winn Fields answered the summons of its Creator and returned to its final home without being called to endure the cold, harsh experiences of this ruthless world. And it may have been better so. The child was born Tuesday, January 8, and its funeral occurred Wednesday, January 16.

The way to make the News more interesting is to phone us or write us or call and tell us what is of interest to your neighborhood. We will appreciate it and so will the many readers of the paper.

Joe Marsh had plenty of water Wednesday morning. Indeed, he had more than plenty. The water faucet had been broken in such a manner that it could not be closed. The result was that the water so flooded the ground as to make it a difficult matter to turn off the bleeder below the surface. Finally the plumber arrived on the scene and all was well again.

L. W. Ross, the Jeweler.

The legislature is in session. Watch it. A fresh line of box candles at the Wasco Pharmacy.

Dutch Barnett left on Saturday's train for Portland.

Twenty degrees below zero at Prineville Monday night.

I have some dressed hogs for sale at right prices.—E. Sisk.

Sheriff McCoy arrived in town on Wednesday morning's train.

Y. C. Smith and wife spent a couple of days last week in The Dalles.

C. J. Bright was one of the outgoing passengers on Saturday's north-bound train.

Don't forget the Valentine ball, given by the members of the Wasco Concert band.

You can always find a fine and up to date line of stationary at the Wasco Pharmacy.

Corwin Barnett and family were departing passengers on the north bound train Wednesday.

Tom Eaton will clean, press and repair your clothes. Leave your orders at Brown's confectionery.

On Friday night, January 25, there will be an all-night dance at the Akers opera house. Be sure and attend.

We have a nice line of engagement and wedding rings; also a nice line of wedding gifts. L. W. Ross.

The members of the Wasco Concert band will give a grand ball in Akers opera house, Thursday evening, February 14.

Remember that Rev. Walton Skipworth, presiding elder of the Methodist church, will be in Wasco and hold quarterly conference Saturday and administer the Sacrament of the Lord's supper.

Swell residence lots in Portland to exchange for good wheat land. Address Moore & Frost Land Co., 303 1/2 Washington St. Portland, Or.

W. H. Biggs is in Salem and, according to the Oregonian reports, he has a rate bill in his pocket. If so it is assuredly a good one. Mr. Biggs has had some experience with railroad legislation.

Lost—Between Wasco and Grants, Friday night, January 4, a merchant pipe and case. Finder will please return to Paramount stable and receive reward.

Alonso Young died at Rufus, January 12, 1907, of old age. He was born in Suquehana county, Pa., January 14, 1825. From that place he moved to Rufus, Oregon, and in 1886 he was married to Mrs. Mary Weatherford of that place. Besides a wife, he leaves four children, Mrs. A. W. Mee, Misses Mary and Alta and Grover, all of Rufus.

David Fulton appreciates the value of the News, also the premium we are offering at this time, so when in town last week he stepped in and renewed his subscription.

Business has been pretty generally tied up by the cold weather. Those few who have ventured out have made their errands brief. Work in the country is confined to the necessary chores.

Early Wilbur seed wheat for spring seeding. Farmers should place their orders early, as we have only a few hundred sacks on hand.

**SANDOW MILLING COMPANY,**  
E. S. CATTION, Agent.

Since their church could not be properly warmed the Methodist people decided that it was best not to hold the regular service last Sabbath. Rev. Holaday very much regrets the suspension of services.

When in want of any plumbing, cistern work, flue building or tin work, call on Jas. Pepper. He is a first class workman and his prices are reasonable.

J. E. Forbis, one of Wasco's leading citizens, made the News office a pleasant visit Friday evening. Mr. Forbis re-matriculated for the "light of Wasco county," and as a consequence will continue to receive the News.

Renew your subscription to the News and be in company with many others who are now being enrolled. We are making every effort to put out a first-class, clean local newspaper and are pleased to know that we are pleasing so many of our readers. Good papers cost money and they are worth money.

Most people were compelled by the extreme cold weather to stay at home. But it was different with A. G. Stevens of the John Day neighborhood, who came to town the first of the week for a load of wood. He was caught here by the storm and found it necessary to stay over until the weather moderated.

## NEVER ABANDON IT

### The Portage Road Salvation of Oregon Shippers.

**The Rumor that the State is Considering the Proposition to Discontinue Work on the Cello Canal Without Foundation.**

That there should be talk at this time of abandoning the portage road seems to those who are receiving such great benefit, directly or indirectly, from that institution. Yet this seems to be the case, though the statement is discredited by J. N. Teal, "Father of the Portage."

Up to the present Oregon has borne all the burden and received but part of the benefit of the road. But now the different commercial organizations of Washington are awakening to their duty in the matter and will attempt to furnish aid from their state. Walla Walla has recently had an awakening along this line and has gone to work in earnest to stir up things all over the state. The commercial club sent Professor Lyman out on a tour of the state stirring up enthusiasm. He has now returned and reports to the Bulletin of that city as having been entirely successful. Everywhere, he says, the people are awakening to the importance and significance of opening to unobstructed navigation the great waterway of the inland empire, and that as a regulator of freight rates it is more reasonable and effective than any legislation yet attempted.

Thus, as the new year begins, affairs of the portage take on a new aspect. A better system of management and a minimum rate of expense brings the institution nearer than ever to a paying basis. Superintendent Steelsmith says that with the assistance of three men he now handles all the business over the road. Therefore it made a better showing during the first five days of the new year than it ever made before, the receipts exceeding the expenditures.

### FALSE IMPRESSION NOW CORRECTED

EDITOR NEWS: Since an erroneous impression has become current I deem it proper to say that neither Mr. Akers nor any other business man in Wasco was or is responsible for the effort to call to account the culprits who have been disposing of booze contrary to law. As deputy district attorney I assumed that responsibility and expect to continue so to do while I remain in that position and circumstances seem to demand it. C. J. BRIGHT.

It has been reported I said that C. A. Akers was the cause of the investigation before the prosecuting attorney here in Wasco last Wednesday, the 9th inst. He had nothing to do with it whatever. W. B. MCCOY, Sheriff.

### WHOOPEE! G'KLIST! STOVE BLUSTED!

An explosion, which occurred at the City restaurant last Wednesday morning, completely demolished the kitchen range and the proprietor, Joe Lee, escaped with his life only by happening to be out of the kitchen at the time.

The explosion occurred about 8 o'clock after Joe had prepared breakfast. It was caused probably by steam, which could not escape from the range boiler, owing to frozen pipe connections. The Chinaman left on the train Wednesday forenoon and will return as soon as he can procure a new stove. He looks at the matter in the proper way, declaring himself thankful that he happened not to be in the kitchen at the time of the accident.

Joe Lee, the restaurant Chinaman, has been so often cheated and mistreated by worthless and drunken scalawags, that he cannot now tolerate a pure accident in his place. The Chinaman is not to blame, however, when you consider what he has been forced to put up with in the past.

Various reports have been received concerning the weather. Some claim the thermometer has registered as low as five or six below, but the report by J. R. Howell, who keeps a complete temperature record, was three below Wednesday night.

The orchestra boys were inclined to believe that this is leap year, when Wednesday night their lady friends came around for them and all went for a sleigh ride. Such a jolly time is seldom enjoyed by a sleighing party—so say the boys.

## Our First Snow Blockade

No passenger train arrived here Monday. The train left Shaniko at the regular time in the morning and passed through Grass Valley without experiencing any considerable resistance from the snow which fell Saturday, and has been blowing and drifting ever since.

But when it arrived at the cut three miles north of that town it ran into what proved to be an impassable snow drift. The engineer saw

the drift but thought he could run his train through. This, however, proved impossible and he succeeded only in getting stuck. It was necessary to wire to The Dalles for a work train, which came up during the afternoon. The passenger passed through Wasco about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning and went on to The Dalles. Wednesday it came back pushing a snow plow ahead of the engine.

## An Intolerable Nuisance

One of the intolerable nuisances of the day is the endless prayer chain plan. There are promoters of the endless chain whose schemes and threats are diabolical, says an exchange. Several Nunda persons are in receipt of this letter. This letter contains a threat that is not so guarded but what the author could be punished for violation of the postal laws. It is simply no prayer at all. Nearly all of these letters are alike and one of many contains this preposterous language:

"O, Lord Jesus Christ, we implore Thee, Eternal God, to have mercy on all mankind. Keep us from all sin by Thy blood and take us to be with Thee in glory. Amen"

"The above prayer was sent by Bishop Laurence, recommending it to be re-written to nine others. He or she who will not do this will be afflicted by some awful misfortune."

One person who paid no attention to it, met with a dreadful accident.

"He or she who will re-write it to nine other persons the day it is received will have great joy at Jerusalem during the holy feast. He or she who will re-write it will be saved from every calamity. Do not break this chain."

The greater part of this letter is a falsehood, pure and simple, and the threat should cause the writer to receive just punishment. No one should pay any attention to these horrible screeds, for the person who writes them has little else to do or is maliciously and not religiously inclined.

A bunch of these letters have been circulated and the clergyman advised those who had received them to throw them in the fire. There is not a bishop or a clergyman in any church in the land but will condemn such letters and practices.

### VIRTURE TO ROB OLD UNCLE SAM

According to Wilbur Atkinson, publisher of a farmers' periodical in Philadelphia, railroad transportation cost the government last year \$46,825,994, while the regular charges of the express companies for the same service for private customers—charges high enough—would have been only \$9,365,128, a difference of \$37,460,795. Mr. Atkinson says that if the railroads can transport live hogs for individuals 800 miles at \$6 per ton, it ought not to cost the government \$100 per ton (5 cents per pound) to transport literature 500 miles.

For a complete line of postals go to Wasco Pharmacy.

### MUCH MACHINERY FOR UMATILLA DAM

The 70-ton steam shovel and four narrow gauge engines which will be used in the construction of the reservoir at the big dam on the Umatilla project, and which are being moved from Hermiston to the dam site, five miles from Echo, are now on the ground and active work will soon begin on the great reservoir, where over 200 men will be employed for two years. It is said there are over 60 applications for the position of locomotive engineer on file with the reclamation service.

Go to the Wasco Pharmacy for formaldehyde. It will completely destroy the spores and prevent smut.

## THE Rev. I. R. Hicks ALMANAC

**T**N order to secure a goodly list of paid-up subscribers for the New Year, we offer this Almanac **free** to all who pay for THE NEWS one year in advance. This offer will stand during the month of January, 1907, only.

The above offer applies to both  
**Old and New Subscribers**