

**TALK OF THE TOWN.**

David Wilson is in Spokane this week. Miss Effie Young, telegraph operator here, is visiting friends in Seattle. Paul Poindexter has been in Baker City for a couple of days, working on a mining deal. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jackson returned Monday from Portland, where they had been for a week or ten days. J. N. Esselstyne, the Baker City mining engineer, came up this morning on his way to Granite. Assayer Townsend, formerly with the smelter here, has accepted a position with the Bald Mountain. Dr. Dodson, of Baker City, came up yesterday to attend Al Jones, who is seriously ill at his residence here. M. E. Balne left Sunday for the Quartzburg district, where he will remain for some weeks looking after mining interests. George W. Weigand, the Bourne merchant, left last Friday for an extended trip through Arizona, for the benefit of his health. There is a movement on foot to present a drama here, with local talent in the cast, at an early day, for the benefit of the schools. W. D. Cushman has secured control of the Board of Trade saloon corner, in the Healy building, which place he will hereafter operate. Mr. and Mrs. Owen Mahan went to Baker City to spend the holidays. The former returned to the Red Boy this week, where he is the steward. Roy Miller left for La Grande yesterday, where he will remain for several weeks, in charge of the bank there, while President Schriber is absent. Hon. George Barrett, representative from Grant county, passed through Sumpter today on his way to Salem, where the legislature meets in a few days. Arrangements to open a modern foot cycle rink in the opera house are being made by Messrs. Newton & Stevens. The new cycle, or cushion tyre skate, is to be used, whereby no injury to the floor will occur. W. T. Thatcher, manager of the Bonanza, passed through town yesterday en route to Baker City with the monthly clean up of that big producer, the amount of which is mere guess work, so far as the public is concerned. James Snyder, one of the carpenters employed on the Healy building, received a fall while at work yesterday, from which he will be confined to the house with a strained ankle for some time. He is attended by Dr. Brock. W. H. Mosby returned Monday from Portland and left Tuesday for Nevada, accompanied by F. O. Buckram. They will investigate a proposition over there and if it proves satisfactory, will remain;

if not, will return to Sumpter in two or three weeks.

There is reported to have been numerous relocations on the first of claims in this district, on which assessment work had not been done; some being jumped and others located by the original owners. Around the Ibex much of this kind of work is said to have been done.

Mrs. Stanford, the brilliant writer on the American, over the pen name of "Honor Bright," and under the heading, "Through Feminine Eyes," left several days since for Oakland, California, to remain some weeks. Readers of that paper will surely miss her radiantly dazzling literary gems.

Since yesterday morning the temperature has moderated considerably. Snow has been falling for more than twenty-four hours past, and still is. The ground is now covered to a depth of about two feet and there is no longer any doubt in the mind of the most skeptical that winter has arrived with both feet.

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