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T. T. GEER A CANDIDATE

Three Solid Republicans In the Race For Governor of Oregon.

OTHERS TALKED OF.

Ex-Governor T. T. Geer of Salem last week announced to the voters of Oregon that he would be a candidate for governor at the primary election in April. His candidacy is believed to be a spoke in C. A. Johns' wheel. As Mr. John is the only Eastern Oregon man yet mentioned for Governor, and be announced himself some weeks ago. Mr. Johns is a Baker City man. Dr. James Withycombe of Corvallis was considered the foremost candidate of Western Oregon, and the candidacy of Mr. Geer will be sure to receive some support that would go to Mr. Withycombe, if Geer was not in the race, thus leaving Mr. Johns to receive his full vote while the vote of Western Oregon must be divided between several. Following are the candidates for Gubernatorial honors before the voters next spring that have announced themselves:

T. T. Geer, of Salem.

C. A. Johns, of Baker City.

C. A. Schlbrede, of Marshfield. James Withycombe, of Corvallis.

Others who have been spoken of

Henry E. Ankeny, of Eugene. Andrew C. Smith, of Portland.

E. L. Smith, of Hood River. O. Summers, of Portland.

Democrats in all probability will re-nominate George E. Chamberlain, incumbent.

The Mask Ball.

The Mask Ball last Friday night who handed their names and the was well attended, both by dancers and spectators. About 40 tickets keeper. There were quite a number were sold, and a neat sum was realized from spectators.

All who attended the ball seemed to enjoy themselves. Below is a list of those masked and the characters they represented, as handed in at

the door.	the cowboy miner, who lately at-
Miss Iva ThrustonFairy	tracted such widespread attention
Gussle Metzker\ Dancing Girls Essie Penland	through his lavish scattering of mon-
Docie Willits Belle of the Isle	ey and various spectacular episodes,
Ethel McKeeDorothy Manning	has been murdered in Death Valley.
Anna SchlagelBat	December 1 he left his mine in Death
Laura BoltonWeb-foot Girl	Valley, riding a mule and carrying
Eva ChandlerFlower Girl	with him \$1800 and two repeating
Edna Penland, Spanish Dancing	rifles.
,	According to a letter received by
Ida McBroom Good Luck	Rol King, Scott's manager in this
Mary Higby)	city, from Scott's brother William,
Mary Higby Fay Barnes Bessle Laird	at Bennett's Wells, the miner's mule galloped riderless into camp there
Eva HowardSilver Bells	
Gertrude Schlagel Christmas tree	December 7, with the saddle pierced
Lottle Chandler Dancing Girl	with a bullet and the blanket and
Selma AviragneteCow Boy	saddle covered with blood. Today
Amelia SmithFencing Girl	King telegraphed \$1000 reward to
Pearl Moss Tambourine Girl	Barstow and Bullfrog for the recov-
Alpha PenlandSchool Girl	ery of Scott's body.
Geneva WrightTwilight	King is satisfied that Scott has
Marie Bull Chrysanthemum bush	been murdered for his money some-
Mrs. W. P. NyswanerNothing	where on the desert. Scott's broth- er, accompanied by Shand Merricks,
Mrs. E. H. Smith Cake Walk Girls	a well-known desert scout, went back on the trail of the miner's mule
Mrs. E. M. BrownSeminole Girl	for 50 miles after it came into camp,
Myrtle Barnum, Red Riding	but a terrific sand storm finally ob-
	literated all trace, and, their water
Vida GuntherAutumn	supply having become exhausted,
Emma ReddenBlue and Grey	the men were compelled to return to
Rena PaxtonChristmas Tree	camp. Later they started out again
Alice Laird JCuristinas Tree	and the search is being continued.
Marie PaxtonLaurette	and the scarch is using continuous
Mr. E. O. PrattCity Dude	Murdered and Robbed.
John LewisGlitters of Silver	
Irvin GarrettAnything	Details of the murder near Diaz, in
Ivan Hamersley)	the State of Chihuahua, Mexica, of

.....Hunters

The above is the list of maskers not yet been learned, are slow.

RUSSIA. WOOLGROWERS AND RAILROAD NEWS.

ispatches dated December 23, from Moscow, Russia, state that the situation is hourly growing worse. The insurgents hold several quarters of the city, and fighting continues desperately. Two large arms stores have been pilaged and the weapons distributed among the men who have erected barricades along the Sadovia, which encircles the city. The military has succeeded in isolating various sections, preventing communication. From the heights colored signal rockets are showing instructions to the isolated commanders. The search lights on the Soukaroff and other towers illuminate the streets where the fighting is proceeding. The roar of cannon continues. Machine guns are being employed to clear the Sadovia. It is impossible to estimate the number of dead and wounded, but it probably will run into thousands.

In a square in the heart of the city the insurgents are making a desperate fight from a house, using an English machine gun from the window against a battery which is cannonading them.

character represented to the door

who failed to do this and consequent-

Spendthrift Missing.

A dispatch from Los Angeles, dat-

ed, Dec. 20, says: It is now confi-

dently believed that Walter Scott,

ly they do not appear in the list.

A n enthusia tic meeting of sheepmen of Umatilla county met in Pendleton on the 23d and organized the Umatilla Woolgrowers' Association and elected the following officers: President, Perry Gould; vice-president, D. Belts; secretary and treasurer, Dan P. Smythe.

The association adopted resolutions which will be presented to Secretary Hitchcock, asking that the division of the range in the Wenaha reserve, as decided upon at the Walla Walla meeting be made permanent.

The association discussed plans for making a concerted campaign agains scabbies, with which sheep in Eastern Oregon is more or less affleted. A special tax on each member was levied for the purpose of rasing funds for the capture and conviction of persons guilty of maliciously killing sheep on the ranges. Each member was assessed \$4 for each 1,000 sheep sheared last spring. Over \$300 was raised at the meeting for that purpose, and the organization is determined to protect the interests of its members.

Things have been quiet in railroad circles the past week, the center of gravity being Eastern Oregon, in the vicinity of Bend, in Crook county, where several surveying crews are at work. Two crews recently made their appearance at Bend and pitched camp for an indefinate stay. One of the crews is alleged to be running out a line for the extension of the Great Southern, south from Dufur, which makes it appear that that road is to be extended further in the interior of the state. It is said that the Great Southern is a Hill road.

Another crew of surveyors that is attracting considerable attention is working in the vicinity of Bend on a route supposed to be a Harriman project. While it is not definately known just what course this line will take from Bend, it is believed that it will keep on south and meet the N-C-O. at Lakeview. There is now very little doubt in the minds of the people that the Nevada, California & Oregon will be extended to Lakeview within the next year and a half.

State Line Topics.

to attend the X-mas tree.

Henry Cook and L. C. Vinyard have engaged the Lakeview orchestra to play for the Ball Monday night.

Man Whorton went to Lakeview Friday pight.

Two old men camy together the damage done.

time and say they will go again.

town one day last week. Oliver Charlton is on the sick list

this week.

The X-mas tree Monday night was full of presents.

Mask Ball Monday night, tickets \$2,50.

Surprised Her School.

Miss Myrtle Smith, who is teaching at the Union School House on the West Side, gave her pupils a complete and happy surprise last Friday evening, just before dismissing school for a week's vacation. She had secretly arranged a nice little Christmas tree in a cabinet used for the organ when not in use, and loaded the tree down with presents for the children. Just before dismissing them she requested a couple of the boys to move the organ cabinet to the center of the room in full view of the pupils. This done, Miss Smith drew a curtain and exhibited a beautifully decorated Christmas tree to the amazed school. It was a happy affair, indeed.

Miss Smith is spending vacation week in Lakeview.

this week.

CHRISTMAS AT SCHOOL

Pupils Make Good Progress in Their Grades At Examination.

ONE WEEK VACATION.

The month ending Dec. 18th shows a larger per cent. of absence than any preceding month, but it was all unavoidable absence; whooping cough and other slight indispositions were prevalent during the month. The close of the month found nearly all the pupils in their accustomed places.

The average attendance for the month was 95 per cent. The sixth and seventh grades made an average attendance of 98 per cent. and won the banner.

The quarterly examination proved very satisfactory; the pupils all made very cemmendable grades. Only three failed to make the required grades.

Friday, Dec. 21, the school closed until Tuesday, the second of January, 1806, when we hope all will be able to take up their respective grade work with renewed zeal.

Friday was a day thoroughly enjoyed by all. Miss Blough and Miss Snelling combined their programs ond very pleasantly and profitably entertained patrons and pupils by rendering a very appropriate Christmas program, cosisting of recitations, drills, pantomimes, songs and instrumental music.

The Principal was very agreeably surprised Friday morning when Geo. Ross, during the study period, arose in a very diguified manner and in a well-worded little speech presented him, in behalf of the pupils of his room, with a very artistic Christmas present, and the wishes of a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year." The token of regard was very highly appreciated by the Principal.

Mrs. Cloud and Miss Hallcombined their programs. James Judge and Walter Dutton erected two neat Christmas trees in Mrs. Cloud's room and displayed artistic taste in decorating the room.

The pupils of the two rooms, with other day, in a one round fight. No marked credit to themselves and their teachers, rendered a very unique Ivan Hamersley, Henry Cook, program, after which Santa Claus Omer Hamersley and Sylvester Gal- entered and distributed the presents. lagher went to Lakeview Friday to Each child was very graciously rethe Mask Ball, they report a good membered. The teachers each received may tokens of regard from the Sam Sargeant passed through children. All were happy and the best of feeling prevailed.

Died.

Snyder.-At the Loveless ranch six miles north of town, last Sunday at 11 o'clock, Pearl, daughter of F. H. Snyder, aged 16 years, of typhoid fever. The remains were buried in the I. O. O. F. cemetery Monday evening. The funeral was preached at the Baptist church by Rev. J. H. Howard.

Only a few weeks ago Pearl's mother was taken away by the same disease, and at the time nearly all the family was sick with fever. Mr. F. H. Snyder has the deserved sympathy of the entire community in his series of sad misfortunes. He has several small children. His case is a sad one, indeed.

Dog Has Whooping Cough.

Cap, the big brown dog that Hobart Miller plays with has the whooping cough. Hobart had it, and played with the old dog so much that the dog caught the disease, and coughs and whoops just like a person with it. He has coughing spells when he shows every symptom of whooping cough, except that he Albert Dent is stopping in town doesn't swear with the first breath he catches.



MISS MABEL CHOATE.

Miss Choate, the pretty daughter of former Ambassador Joseph H. Choate was a great favorite in London society while her distinguished father was stationed abroad. She is very fond of automobiling, is an expert chauffeur and has toured thousands of miles in the British isles and on the continent of Europe in company with her father.

e men were compelled to return to icans returning home from Diaz to mp. Later they started out again Rutherford's ranch when they were ad the search is being continued. beset by bandits and commanded to give up their valuables. The men attempted to escape, but seeing Details of the murder near Diaz, in flight was useless gave battle. The he State of Chihuahua, Mexica, of bandits, outnumbering them several Robert Rutherford and M. C. Murthem down, taking their valuables of earnings every five years. Creed Pendleton, Spanish Caveller ray, of Philadelphia, and the wound-Chris. Stanley Bum Character ing of H. L. Finstad, of Los Angeles, and escaping. One of the men was

Private information received thus

far, however, reports the four Amer-Company, the Germania Life Insurance Company and the Bankers' Life Insurance Company divided the attention of the legislative insurance investigating committee for a day last week. John Tatlock, president of the Washington Life declared that times, closed in and mercilessly shot personally he favored a distribution

Officers of these small companies H. B. YeuntKing of Hearts and another man whose name has an uncle of Mrs. Wm. Harvey of state that their companies are all

Small Companies all Right.

The Washington Life Insurance