PLEVNA ITEMS.

J. H. Barnes hauled a load of lumber from Long Lake to his ranch Monday.

G. F. Sevits and family visited G. W. Heavilin and family Sunday.

Mr. Adkins, of Klamath Falls, was visiting his niece, Mrs. Heavilin, last weeek.

Mr. Foster and his son, Steve, of Round Lake, were in this district on business Monday.

G. F. Sevits assisted G. W. Heavilin in butchering Monday.

B. E. Kerns passed here Thursday on his way to the Falls.

R. A. Alford took some hay to his residence in Klamath Falls Thursday.

Dr. White made a professional visit to Plevna Friday. He called to see Mrs. S. A. Brentner, who is quite ill again.

Mr. Mills has sold his lease to Mr. VanValkenburg and will move to Keno.

E. Thompson and Ernest Boyd were in this district from Pine Grove Friday.

Arthur Brentner just received word that his father would be in this vicinity soon.

Mr. Ager and daughter, Erma, went to the Falls Monday.

Mr. Mills moved a load of household goods to Keno Saturday.

Mr. Karecow and son, Alexander, hauled a load of hay Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Brentner went to town Monday.

Mrs. A. Brentner is now convalescent.

The school boys have been industriously grubbing sagebrush the past week at noon and recesses and have considerably improved the looks of the play ground.

The little ones are making scrap books for busy work.

PINE GROVE NEWS.

S. E. Icenbice and Jim Ranier were in the Falls Thursday.

Mr. Lee has moved from his place in this district.

The telephone company had one of its men, John McDougall, out in this country this week inspecting the Bonanza line which has been out of order.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Arant went to Dairy Wednesday.

Everett Griffith went to the Falls Thursday.

O. Short has returned from Sacramento where he has been visiting with his parents.

Mr. Cunningham went to the Falls Thursday and brought John Shepard out to his ranch.

John Hibberts went to Olene last Thursday.

Mr. Anderson and two sons, Myran and Truman, are burning sagebrush for Chas. Mack.

Mr. and Mrs. Lum Short, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hawkins, Chas. Bradley, Chas. Adams, Joe and Geo. Tramel Sam Short and Jim Rainer attended the dance at Turner's Friday night.

Sam Short and Jim Keninson hauled a load of shingles to the Falls the first of the week.

Henry Low was over to C. Harris' Tuesday.

Tom Short's little daughter is very sick.

John Hibberts went to the Falls Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Icenbice and children Bessie, Jennie, Callo and Iven, were at Tommy Short's Sunday.

Ernest Boyd and Mr. Thompson took a load of hogs to the Falls Friday.

Jasper Hibberts came down from the wood camp Saturday.

John Hibberts and son, Frankie, hauled a load of wood Saturday.

Berry Stiles came down from his Swan Lake ranch to John Hibberts Friday and went back Saturday.

Leo Thompson was absent from school Monday on account of sickness.

Miss Nina Wilson passed through here on her way to Bonanza.

Mr. Cunningham went to the Falls Saturday.

Henry Meier came down from Swan Lake Saturday.

Chas. Mack and Iven Icenbice went to Olene Monday.

Mr. Cunningham went up to Frank Irish's homestead Monday.

Jim Ranier went to the timber last Monday after a load of wood.

Henry Meier went to Olene Monday.

Jay Arant and Floyd Cunningham broke a horse Monday.

Chas. Mack and J. S. Mills were in the Falls Tuesday.

T. M. Harris was a business visitor to the Falls Monday.

Steve Griffith and Everett Griffith took some horses down to the former's place Tuesday.

Tommy Short and Mrs. O. Short were in the Falls Tuesday.

Guy and Leo Thompson were absent from school Monday on account of bad weather.

SINGING MUST BE LEARNED ABROAD.

It is absolutely necessary for one to go abroad for the study of singing. But the student should assuredly ask himself or herself a few questions before deciding on so momentous a step.

The whole question is a big one. The America of today is an art-loving nation—a music-loving nation especially. An operatic career does unquestionably make a powerful appeal to a girl gifted with a good voice and encouraged by a little local renown. The trouble is, so many American girls have good voices. They sing in church choirs, at a party or an amateur concert, and then siren voices are heard in well-meant adulation: "Why don't you go to Europe to study? With such a voice as yours you ought to make name and fame." And so on.

Now, criticism of this sort won't do; indeed, it may well bring about embitterment and disaster. Little girls of fifteen have written me regretfully, saying they have "not yet begun serious study." Why, it is positively criminal to embark upon a singing career before the age of eighteen, at least.

Then, is their health robust? For that is vital. Can they bear up against disappointment after disappointment? Have they a facility for acquiring languages? Vital again, this. Is their mind cultivated and broadened by reading and knowledge of the world? And are they determined to study on true physiological principles? Lastly, have they sufficient money so as to avoid positive heartache and misery?—Mme. Melba in Success Magazine.

GUMPTION ON THE FARM.

It gets to be an old story to read every year about the importance of buying good seed; and yet, thousands of men think they are saving money by getting poor seed. It is a great mistake. Inferior seed almost always has weed seed in it. It costs to reclean good seed, and that is one reason why it is so high in price; but we had better pay a little more than to have our farms all grown up to weeds. The best is none too good.

An hour of hard work getting a stone out of the public road is well spent, even if nobody thanks you for it.

Talk over your plans with your wife as you sit around the evening fire. You will be surprised to find how sound her advice is.

For a farm covering, good barnyard manure is much better than a mortgage; and judiciously applied the former will speedily remove the latter.

Here it is February, and in almost no time the rush of spring work will be on. We had better get ready for it by doing all the odd jobs we can now.

Far above the production of wheat and corn and hay and potatoes is the growth and cultivation of character; for, after all, this is the main purpose of life.

Have you done your best and been beaten? Keep a stiff upper lip. Do a little better than your best this year. You will win; only be true, fair and square.

A mule may never be known to kick and yet around his heels is no place for small children; for after the explosion regrets won't mend the pieces, nor clubs better the mule.

If you know a good thing, tell your neighbor about it. It will help him about his work, and it surely can do you no harm. Bottled-up goodness soon turns sour and spoils.

Some interesting figures as to the individual wealth in Great Britain are given in a report of the inland revenue commissioners. According to this there are businesses in the United Kingdom whose incomes are more than $250,000 a year. Of those whose incomes range from $50,000 to $250,000, there are 241. Between $25,000 and $50,000 there are 517. Three hundred and twenty-two receive between $20,000 and $25,000, 581 between $15,000 and $20,000, and 6155 between $5000 and $10,000. The large number of small fortunes and businesses in the United Kingdom is shown by the fact that 241,440 persons are credited withincomes of from $5000 down to $800, the lowest taxable limit. These figures do not include employes whose pay gives one an idea of the small salaries paid in England. There are 342,111 whose salaries range between $800 and $5000. Only 5256 receive between $5000 and $10,000, while those who receive more than $10,000 there are only 1233.

A well known Senator was asked why some politicians were always making such a howl about the preservation of our forests. "Oh," he replied, "they probably never know just when they may have to take to the woods."—Success Magazine.

FEARS FOR MISSING MAN.

Lake County Game Warden is Not Heard From Since He Left for Williamson River Three Weeks Ago.

Deputy Game Warden Gibson reports that Dan Hitchcock, who is deputy game warden of Lake County, left Klamath Falls about the 15th of January for Williamson River and no word has been heard from him since. Mr. Gibson fears that some accident may have happened to him.

Mr. Hitchcock was up on Williamson River some time ago and he had a team of horses which he sold to J. F. Adams. He returned to this city and about January 15 left for Williamson River in company with an Indian to get his saddle which he had left there when he sold the horses. His chaps and some other goods were left at the Klamath House where he was stopping at the time. He stated that he expected to be back in about three days and had planned to accompany Mr. Gibson to the eastern part of the county. It is said that he had quite a sum of money with him, the proceeds from the sale of his horses.

He has not returned to the hotel and Mr. Gibson has tried to find his whereabouts by phone but can get no information. It was thought that he may have gone to work for Mr. Adams on his dredge, but Mr. Adams who left the Agency the first of the week, stated that he wasn't with his crew. He remembered buying his horses and promised to see if he could find any trace of him when he arrived at the Agency, but no report has been received.

WAITING FOR SOME MAN TO COME ALONG.

Woman has been handicapped through the ages by being brought up to think that there is not much worth while in life outside of marriage.

How many precious years and opportunities for growth, for life enlargement she has missed while waiting for marriage!

Even today, in this progressive age, we see young women everywhere with splendid possibilities who seem to be just waiting for what they have been brought up to believe is the supreme event in their lives. Many of them might broaden their education and mprove themselves wonderfully while they are waiting for the right man to come along. Did they but know it, they are not half as likely to find the right man while waiting inactively as when they are vigorously preparing themselves for a large and useful life.

It is most unfortunate that any girl should be brought up today with the antiquated idea that marriage is everything, and that other things do not count much.

The traditions of the past, however, are rapidly falling away from the emancipated woman of the twentieth century. In this new era tens of thousands of girls have found glorious openings in all departments of life. Vast fields of usefulness are awaiting woman on every side. She is realizing that achievement is sexless; that she can be just as independent as man, and that there are just as many opportunities and fields of usefulness for her.

Who can estimate what this new era means to the plain girl, the girl with splendid mental powers but who may be physically unattractive, or who may prefer a single life?—Orison Swett Marden, in Success Magazine.

Senator Thomas Kinney of St. Louis will probably again introduce his bill to tax bachelors. He introduced a similar bill two years ago. A Randolph county bachelor writes him as follows: "I am a bachelor. I believe it would be better to introduce a bill requiring the state to teach girls to keep house and cook and learn to save. The girls are to blame. A woman today thinks if she marries all she has to do is to sit in the parlor or go to a card party. That is the reason a bachelor is afraid to marry. I hope you don't blame a bachelor for being a bachelor."

Smokehouse at small cost: Needing a smokehouse I boarded up a corner of an outbuilding, fitted in a door, hung it by leather hinges, and ran a pipe from an old sheet-iron stove to the smokehouse. Result: Cool smoke, little danger of setting building on fire; and a chunk of green hickory will smoke all winter. From February Farm Journal.

During the past twelve months the railroads equipped 900 miles with automatic block signals and during 1909 2000 miles will be equipped. The Union and Southern Pacific are credited with more than half this work.

The Loyal Legion will maintain headquarters on the grounds of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition this year.

MERRILL ITEMS.

Wedding bells will soon be ringing in Merrill.

W. P. Rhodes, Gene Hammond and T. A. Barrows have been summoned for the Grand Jury, and started to Klamath Falls Sunday morning.

Ed. Terwilliger received word this week that his mother had died in Shasta Valley. He has left for that place to attend the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Tolly were in Merrill this week.

Mrs. T.J. Offield has returned from San Jose, Calif., where she has been for some time.

Sollie Dewey and Herbert Fitch were absent from school Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Lee Clemins and baby spent Thursday night with Mrs. W. P. Rhodes, while her husband was absent on a trip to the railroad.

G. H. Graybael and Lee Clemins returned from Mt. Hebron Friday afternoon, where they went to get a load of freight. They report that the roads are very bad.

Mark Howard, of the Hartery ranch, was kicked in the head by a horse last week.

The upper room of the Merrill school had a debate last Friday. The question was, "Resolved, that liquor has caused more sorrow than war." Those on the affirmative side were Harriet Garrison, Calvin and Luther Haskins and Lee Brown; on the negative, Alla Balis, Chester Haskins, David Fitch and Elmer Carr. The affirmative side won.

A whist party was given by Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Merrill, assisted by Miss Edith Allen, last Saturday evening. Dainty refreshments were served. Mrs. A. R. TenBrook won first prize. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Tenbrook, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Carlock, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ennis, Mrs. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Scroggins, Miss Lena Kattenhorn, Miss Edith Allen, Herman and Rudolph Kattenhorn, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Merrill, Dr. Alex. Patterson and wife, Joe Dewey, John Martin and Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Merrill.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Balis made a trip to the Falls this week.

Mrs. Frank Graybael and children, Mary and Cleo, are visiting with her sister, Mrs. John Colwell.

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church gave an ice cream social Friday night. A large crowd was in attendance and everyone enjoyed themselves eating ice cream and cake and coffee even if it was in the cold, bleak time of winter. They realized $17.50 from the social.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin and daughters, Veva and Dorothy, went to the Falls Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Dave Cox has received word that her father is dangerously ill at Yoncolla, Oregon.

LONE PINE ITEMS.

The ladies sewing circle met at Mrs. S. Booth's last Wednesday. On account of the bad wather there were not many present. Those attending were: Mrs. Ella Robley, Mrs. E. C. Ream, Mrs. Alma LaPrarie, Mrs. C. Steeman, Mrs. Harry Booth, Mrs. J. Enman, Mrs. L. A. West, Mrs. H. Phillips and Mrs. John Koontz.

Among our Merrill visitors this week were Mr. and Mrs. H. Booth, Chas. Liers, Mrs. Carl Robley, Mr. and J. B. Cole.

Fred Steeman has been on the sick list for the past few days but is now improving.

James, Cole, Pink Barks, Harry Booth and Mr. Brady helped Joe Dervan butcher nineteen hogs last Monday.

Venus Booth and Anna Beebe are keeping house for Mr. Beebe on his homestead.

We understand that Mr. Moon has accepted a position in Tampico, Mexico, and has left for that place.

While pulling up a steep place with a load of hay last Monday the reach of Mike Galarneau's wagon broke. The team became frightened a nd ran for about a quarter of a mile when one of the horses got fastened to a tree and fell. No serious damage was done.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Durkey are spending a few days with Mrs. Anderson.

Charlie Merrill was up in this district Tuesday after a stray mule.

Miss Inez and Sam Comps spent last Sunday evening at the Beebe's.

Last Tuesday while M. H. Beebe was filling up a well, one of his horses slipped and fell into the well, falling seventy-five feet and breaking his neck and back.

James Cole went to the Falls Sunday to serve on the jury.

Camille Flammarion, the French astronomer, is of the opinion that a dark spot on the planet Jupiter, which changes its position, is an island floating about on the molten surface.

"PLEDGE SYSTEM" AND ITS FRUITS.

From the way in which the great majority of the members of the Legislature "line up" in support of the "more salary" bills it becomes evident that "Statement One" was by no means the only object on which pledges were made before the election. Men anxious to go to the Legislature apparently have promised and pledged all increases of salaries that have been asked by officials or candidates. These pledges, clearly, were exacted as conditions of support and election, and the fruits are now appearing in the general rush of the "more" bills, some of which now for the first time appear, while others are bills arrested two years ago by the Governor's veto, and now are being passed over it.

Men who want to go to the Legislature often will promise anything or pledge anything for support. They allow themselves to be intimidated by portions or factions of the electorate, and since the "Statement" has come into vogue and the pledge it authorizes is common, the practice has become a precedent for all other pledges and promises—to do in the Legislature whatever personal or selfish interests may require of the member. It is an abominable system, at variance not only with representative government, but with the rights of the people and with honesty and decency and economy in the public service.

Yet it is argued that the "pledge system" is right; that it secures and enforces the will of the people. But no pledge ever is exacted by the body of the people, or in the interest of the body of the people. For that really is not necessary. On political questions members of the Legislature in general will act with their party, and are expected to do so; in other matters there is always some private interest against which all ought to be on their guard. A fraction of the people is not the people; a faction of a party is not a party. The "Statement" pledge was a mere factional expedient and effort, which in its results has completely defeated the will of the people, not merely in the election of Chamberlain, but in the election of Bourne as well.

Pledges of candidates for the Legislature to salary grabbers have produced a most immoral combination for extortion in the shape of "more" for officials in all parts of the state, and for the creation of a great list of unnecessary and hitherto unknown offices.

Perhaps the time is coming when the state of Oregon will signify that it has had quite enough of this system, and will put an end to it, from "Statement One" down the whole line. For it cannot long be pleasing to the people to find that their political rights have been bartered away by pledges which elect men to the highest political offices who do not represent their principles at all, and that the revenues of the state, paid by a drastic system of taxation, are "pledged" in vast sums for increase of salaries and creation of an additional horde of officials. The pledge system is indeed bearing its fullest fruit.

And to clinch the peldges as to salaries and offices the "emergency" clause, which in these case is merely an assumption as false as impudent, is freely used, so as to cut off the referendum and avert the sure rejection that would be the fate of the jobs if the popular vote were brought to bear upon them. Might it not also be suggested that each of these acts, in order to provide sure protection for the various jobs, should declare that the initiative never should be used for their appeal.—Oregonian.

AID ASKED FOR THE MALHEUR PROJECT.

Support of Western Oregon of the irrigation project that is intended to develop Malheur County is asked in a letter received at the Portland Commercial Club from D. R. Houston, secretary of the Commercial Club of Nyssa, Or. Mr. Houston points out the advantages that will accrue not only to his section of the state but to Oregon as a whole and particularly Portland by the completion of the Malheur government irrigation project, which will cover about 230,000 acres of land tributary to the Malheur and Owyhee rivers. The Nyssa organization asks for no definite help from the club but is anxious to have the arid lands reclaimed through the Government Reclamation Service and writes with the view of informing the Portland organization on the needs of that section.

Every foreign nation having warships in Pacific waters will be invited to participate in an international fleet review at Seattle this year. Already the United States government has signified its intention of having the Pacific squadron in the harbor twice during the life of the Exposition.

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Department of the Interior, Washington, December 7, 1908.

Subject to the terms and provisions of the public notice dated November 18, 1908, notice is hereby given, in pursuance of Section 4 of the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat., 388), that water will be furnished under the Klamath project in the irrigation season of 1909 for the lands designated upon farm unit plat of T. 39 S., R. 9 E., W. M., approved by the Secretary of the Interior December 1, 1908, and on file in the local land office at Lakeview, Oregon.

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