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LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

E. M. Greig of Ontario transacted business in town Thursday.

Quite a number of citizens have been summoned to appear before the grand jury in Vale to give evidence next Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Share and Mrs. Ruth Share of Caldwell are visiting relatives here this week.

Joe Mayer, who is working a large crew on an extension of the Nyssa Arcadia drain ditch, reports good progress despite poor weather conditions.

Charley Warren of eastern Idaho is visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity.

Merchants are putting in long hours this week, everybody seeming to be busy taking stock and figuring out the net loss or gain from the past year's activities.

Three carloads of stock were shipped from Nyssa to the Portland market today, one each by Joe Beck, Dick Tenson and Frank Miller.

A big dance and supper will be given Thursday, January 8, by the Nyssa Commercial Club in the Sharp building. Good music, good time, everybody invited.

Geneva Woods, who has been teaching near Portland, is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Poorman of Tacoma, Wash., are visiting Mrs. Poorman's sister, Mrs. Arthur Cook, during the holidays.

Miss Evelyn Schweizer is spending her vacation with relatives in Ontario. Miss Viola McCarty, who is teaching school in the interior, is spending the holidays with her parents.

E. M. Blodgett is in Vale today on legal business.

Clarice Tillman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tillman, is convalescing from an attack of pneumonia.

For sale or trade, one high grade Edison phonograph with records, cheap. Would consider Ford car or vacant lot. Inquire at Journal office.

Practically all residents on islands in the Snake have moved themselves to the main land, where they will remain until danger from high water and ice is past.

Frank Sherwood, who has been home for the holidays, will return to Corvallis Saturday.

Harry Sharp of Nampa is in town looking after business interests here.

Marjo Owens is the new waiter at the Silver Grill.

Peter Mellink of Parma spent Thursday and Friday in our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. George P. Ward spent New Year's day with friends in Caldwell.

Remember the dance Saturday evening in the Sharp building. Excellent music and a good time for all.

Those possessing kodaks should not miss the opportunity to secure pictures of the present wintry scenes for the benefit of posterity. Especially does the arctic aspect of Snake river deserve to be preserved in permanent pictured form. Generations may pass before the river is again frozen over.

Joe Minton moved Thursday from the Test & Greig ranch to the G. P. Lackey residence. Fred Wood has leased the ranch for the coming season and is expected to arrive from Montana shortly to take possession.

Jesse Thompson and family have returned to Nyssa and are now domiciled in their old home on north First street.

E. M. Blodgett spent Friday and Saturday in the Vale and Ironsides districts on legal business.

G. VanDusen, expert accountant of Boise, audited the town books last week for the years 1923 and 1924. His report will be submitted to the council at its meeting on the first Monday in January.

Gordon Ray left Tuesday for Portland with a carload of fat hogs for the Nyssa Packing Co.

E. M. Blodgett was in Ontario Wednesday on legal business.

Sheriff Lee Noe was in town Wednesday on official business.

The Nyssa town team vs. the Nyssa high school team played a game of basket ball Friday evening. The score was 18 to 17 in favor of the town team.

Miss Olive Windette of Seattle and F. D. Sherwood of Salt Lake were holiday guests at the Sherwood home.

Mrs. Cletus Minton spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Post, of Meridian, Idaho.

Misses Lucy and Dora Thompson leave Saturday to resume their duties in their schools, Dora going to Pilot Rock and Lucy to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Brady Fowler and Don Gamble were dinner guests at the A. H. Wilson home New Year's Day.

D. MacLafferty will leave Monday for California to spend the winter. He will be with his son, who is a physician in an Adventist sanitarium near San Francisco.

Born Saturday, December 27, a 5 1/2 pound daughter to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McCoy.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Miller and daughter Ethel Marie visited friends in Fruitland Sunday.

A Daring Rescue

To be marooned on an island in the middle of Snake river from December 17 to December 26, eleven days, and daringly rescued at the last possible moment before the ice closed in and stopped the running of boats was the experience of L. M. Weddel, a man 65 years old, who has been making his home on an island a few miles above Nyssa for about a year.

The rescue was effected Saturday by Messrs. Emmett and Lester Larking, Marvin Warren and Pearl Bingman, neighbors who live across from the island on the main land. They discovered Mr. Weddel's perilous position Saturday and in spite of the fact that the river was full of floating ice two of them crossed to the island in a row boat and brought Mr. Weddel safely to shore. Before reaching the shore, however, the ice had solidified and the last 50 feet was made over the ice, the boat being dragged to the bank by a team.

Mr. Weddel, in narrating the story of his rescue, was loud in praise of those who risked their lives on the treacherous waters of the Snake to go to his aid, stating that they went about the dangerous work of rescue as cool and unconcerned as though rescuing marooned people was an everyday job with them. In fact, he insists that they displayed heroism of a high order, and those who understand the risk involved in the adventure will agree with him.

Snake Freezes Over

The old timers who used to tell the skeptical younger generation of the winter when the Snake river froze over are entitled to an apology for the obvious smiles the story used to evoke.

The Snake has frozen over. At this writing it is a solid sheet of ice clear across and as far as the eye can reach in both directions. Large numbers of people have visited the river to view the unusual scene, which will probably not continue long as the indications are for rising temperatures.

Strengthen Dam

The threatening condition of the river on account of the great amount of ice piled up in the vicinity of Bridge island brought home very forcibly the weak condition of our line of defense at the point where the Wilson ditch passes under the Hamedale line. A crew of men under command of Dick Holmes worked Thursday and Friday building up the dam which blocks the ditch, and in spite of adverse conditions succeeded in elevating and strengthening it to a point where it is believed it will hold any possible high water in check.

Freeze Causes Damage

Considerable damage and a great deal of inconvenience was caused by the extremely low temperatures during the recent cold snap. Frozen water pipes were the main source of trouble, followed by leaking roofs with the warmer weather on Monday. Ice on the eaves of buildings prevented the water from running off freely, with the result that it formed miniature lakes on the flat roofs, some of which quickly found its way to the rooms beneath. Though quite a number of buildings were affected the damage was nominal.

The most serious damage was sustained by Jesse Thompson, in whose residence the water pipes and hot water tank were burst open and completely ruined. The house has been vacant and the water shut off, but a slow leak from the main permitted sufficient water to fill the system.

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Nothing is finer at this season than for us to study our faults and determine to overcome them.

Are we getting ahead? If not—why? Surely we can locate some pet extravagance that is a material cause in "keeping us down."

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