

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Hildreth spent Sunday in Roseburg. Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Maynard on Sunday started for Laymon, Mont. Melvin Emerson went to Roseburg Monday on business. Chas. D. Welter went to Dorris Monday on timber business. Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Crouch returned to Alameda Monday, after visiting in the city. H. B. Hendricks went to Alameda Monday to visit his daughter, Mrs. E. R. Crouch. Mrs. Nellie E. Emerson of Kerby returned Monday morning from Lapunto, Colo., where she had been visiting. Mrs. C. L. Barlow went to Portland Saturday night to meet her husband and together they went to Bellingham to visit for some weeks. Mrs. G. A. Brian and Mrs. Sam McConnell of Roseburg arrived Sunday afternoon and are the guests of Mrs. A. M. Evanson. J. D. Cain, special agent of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Portland, is spending a few days in the city in the interest of the worthy institution he represents. Mrs. Mary DeLamatter arrived from Portland Sunday to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. E. T. McKinstry, and also to be present at the celebration of the 20th anniversary of Josephine Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of which she was a charter member.

A. B. Cornell went to Medford this morning. C. C. Grimes of Kerby left Monday night for a trip to Oregon City. E. E. Strickland and family departed Monday for Medicine Lodge, Kansas. Albert Snyder and Balfour Spiker of Glendale spent Monday in the city on business. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pennington arrived Tuesday morning from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, and will make Grants Pass their headquarters. Attorney H. D. Norton went to Salem Monday. C. L. Glazier went to Medford Tuesday morning to attend the funeral of a friend, J. W. Barr, who died Sunday. Mrs. E. P. Hilsley arrived Tuesday morning from Hermiston, eastern Oregon, to spend a few months with her son, Dr. W. W. Hilsley. H. E. Maynard and family left Tuesday morning for Los Angeles, and later will go to Kansas, their former home. Fred Mensch returned Monday night from Klamath county, where he spent the summer on government survey contracts. He will be in Grants Pass during the winter. Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Mooney arrived Monday night from Clemons, Iowa, for an extended visit with their daughter, Mrs. Sam Stinebaugh. Miss Anna Rolf, formerly of Medford, but now a resident of Idaho, and Mrs. Morris, who has been visiting friends here, went to Merlin Monday and will visit relatives there during the holidays. H. G. McCarthy was a Tuesday visitor from Ashland. Wm. Harris of Harvard, Illinois, is in the city looking after business interests. Mrs. B. W. Riggs left north Monday night. Mr. Riggs joined her at Roseburg and they went to Portland for a few days. Thos. Wilson of Manhattan, Nev., who has purchased mining interests in the Illinois valley, has arrived in Grants Pass and is stopping at the Josephine. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stone of Sparks, Nev., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allison for a few days. Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Allison were girlhood friends in Portland. Mrs. Lottie P. Gilbert, a sister of Mrs. A. C. Holcomb of Grants Pass, won the automobile offered by the Portland Telegram in her district—No. 2, Portland—with over nine millions of votes. She led her nearest competitor by five million, and was third highest in the hundreds of contestants in the entire state.

Saloon is Attached— Through an action brought by Sacramento wholesale liquor dealers against Hardy & Maple, proprietors of the Oregon Wine Company saloon, the establishment was attached for debt, and is now closed and in the hands of the constable. The amount involved in the suit is \$237.70. Saloon Makes Assignment— The Oregon Wine Company has made an assignment in the interests of its creditors, the assignment being made to F. W. Capp, who has been in the employ of the company. The liabilities of the company are placed at between \$3,000 and \$3,500. The saloon conducted by this company was attached for debt by a Sacramento liquor house, precipitating the financial difficulties. Mining Man Arrives— Arnold Becker arrived in the city Tuesday from New York and will remain here for some time, giving his attention to the mining properties in the Holland district in which he is interested. He was met here by Leo Leonard, the manager of the Holland property. Mr. Becker, whose health is not the most robust, is accompanied by his nurse, and hopes that southern Oregon climate will prove beneficial. Swindler Nips Barber— Even barbers fall for graft and hold-up games, J. L. Myers being the latest of the craft to be fleeced by a smooth guy with a sure-thing game. This was an alleged salesman for a well-known toilet compound used in barber shops, and to get the "premium" offered Myers made an advance payment on an order. The house now discredits the salesman and offers \$200 reward for his arrest and conviction. The swindler has worked his game on many barber shops and druggists throughout the Pacific coast. VISITS GRANTS PASS AFTER 55 YEARS M. J. Luark, the pioneer stage driver through the Rogue River valley, is in the city taking a look at the country through which he carried the mail in 1858, or 55 years ago. Mr. Luark was only a young man those days, and has interesting tales to tell of the pioneer times, as well as of his experiences since. His route was between Oakland, Oregon and Yreka, California, and he drove a two-horse wagon from Oakland to Grants Pass, and from here continued on with pack horses, the wagon road ending at this point. The Grants Pass of that time, however, was located somewhat further up the river than it is at the present time. Since leaving southern Oregon in 1859, Mr. Luark has been in California, and for many years has been a well known citizen of Chehalis county, Washington, his home being at Montesano. Since his experience in carrying mail through the embryo Grants Pass, he has been prospector and mining man, newspaper man, county sheriff and assessor, and in his later years an active preacher of the Congregational church, though now retired. He will visit at Selma for a few days, but will go to Watsonville, Cal., in time to hang up his sock at the fireside of his brother's household. This is the first time Mr. Luark has stopped off in Grants Pass since he left it in 1859.

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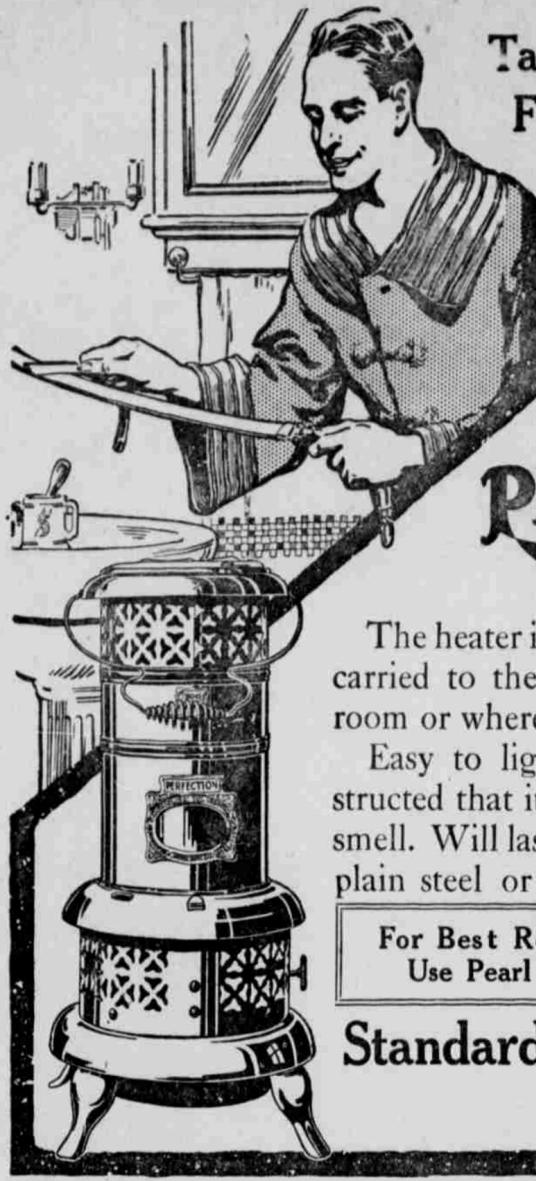
Suit for Divorce— Suit for divorce was filed Monday in the circuit court, Mrs. Florence Baerlocher being the plaintiff and Edward A. Baerlocher the defendant. Mammoth Incubator Arrives— The mammoth incubator ordered by Dr. Wilcox arrived last week and is being installed. It has a capacity of 2,400 eggs. Xmas Stamps on Mail Matter— Christmas stickers, including Red Cross stamps, are now allowed on packages going through the mails. No stickers are permitted on the address side of foreign packages, but they are allowed on the back and sides of such mail. Holiday Greeting for the Coyotes— Arrangements are now being made under the direction of the local fish and game protective association for a series of coyote drives between the holidays. It is now proposed to hold the first one on the 27th, a second on the 28th, and the third on the 29th of the month. One drive will be held in each of the Murphy, the Merlin and the Fears creek districts. Leonard Purchases Dairy— The Leonard Orchard Company has purchased the dairy business of the Englewood dairy and will hereafter conduct that enterprise. Geo. M. Flint will continue to manage the city end of the milk route and the milk and cream will come from the herds of cattle owned by the Leonard people. Another Blue-Blooded Rooster— A valuable addition to the poultry population of the valley arrived by express from Creswell Tuesday morning, billed to John Summers, whose Barred Plymouth Rocks have been winners in shows held here in years past. The new bird, "Quality," Barred Rock cockerel, is a brother of "Blue Queen," a winner of many prizes at the big Chicago show, and pullet sisters of "Quality" were winners at Portland and Eugene shows, and at the state fair during the past year.

THE BONDING ELECTION It has been ordered. Who asked for it; the taxpayer or the non-taxpayer? Who will pay for it; the property owners or those who have no property to tax? If we get the bond voted on us, who will be most benefited by it; we who provide the music, or the others who do nothing but dance? Who will have the bonds and the interest to pay; those who furnish the sinews of war, or those who furnish nothing? The good roads we are promised will bring an army of tourists, and each one is bound to leave some money. After they have come and gone, and left all their money, how much of the bond will be wiped out or interest paid? The hotel man, the garage man, John D., and a few merchants perhaps, will get some of it. What will the rest of the army of taxpayers get? Josephine county's debt is about \$125,000 now. The interest will have to be raised for this, which will make our taxes as high, or higher, than if we bond; but the principal would only be the same. If we bond, \$125,000 of it can be paid on the debt, the remaining \$100,000 will take care of the interest and leave the greater part to be expended on roads. Will it go on the roads or into some grafter's pocket? The principal will be doubled when the interest on it becomes due what will pay it; our property or another bond bigger than this one? Where is the limit? Are the taxes on our property now about as heavy as we can bear? At the pace being set for us to follow, how long can we hold out? Why is Josephine county in debt? What caused it? Which is the wiser policy; to go on plunging into debt for roads, or pay as we go and practice retrenchment and reform? When the prospective home-seeker comes to invest, sees our fine roads and palatial school houses not paid for, and a staggering public debt; will he stay or go elsewhere? Are we property owners furnishing employment on roads for an army of non-taxpayers. Better find time to register and vote; you will be compelled to "pay the fiddler."

THE PRICE OF GOLF London, Dec. 15.—England's annual golf bill, according to figures announced today, is conservatively estimated at \$25,875,000. The quarter of a million men who play the game at least once a week spend \$6,250,000 for club subscriptions, \$6,250,000 for golf balls, \$12,500,000 for caddies, \$625,000 for clubs, and \$250,000 for green fees.

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WILL WORK OLD GLORY PLACER MINE

C. L. Mangum, president of the Old Glory mine in the Silver creek district, left Friday morning for the mine to commence active operations for the winter. J. T. Hagan and Wm. Stock are on their way to the mine and a number of workmen will be put on later. The Old Glory is a hydraulic property equipped with 1,100 feet of pipe and a No. 1 giant, and a ditch furnishing 317-foot pressure. There is also a very rich quartz ledge on which more development work will be done, and during the winter the foundation for a mill and other work necessary for its installation will be completed. There is sufficient water to furnish power for all purposes.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED BY THE RELIEF CORPS

At the close of the regular business meeting of General Logan W. R. C. Saturday afternoon, the following officers were unanimously elected for the ensuing term: President, Mary C. Hildreth; senior vice-president, Minnie Harmon; junior vice-president, Mrs. Winetroun; chaplain, Etta Heston; conductor, Hattie Lamphere; guard, Anna Ahlf; treasurer, Mrs. Pratt. Delegates to department convention: Estella Howard, Ruth Harvey Matilda Kinkle, Mary Lewis, Mary Taylor, Elizabeth Wertz, Martha Cornell, Serephina Long, Minnie Harmon.

NEW OFFICERS OF MELITA COMMANDERY

The annual election of officers of Melita Commandery, Knights Templar, was held Friday night after regular routine business, and the following were elected: E. C. Jose X. Nelson; Gen. A. H. Gunnell; C. G. G. W. Donnell; treasurer, Frank Maaburn; recorder, Geo. E. Lundburg.

TIMBER CRUISE MADE IN NATIONAL FOREST

The local officers of the forest service have just completed a preliminary cruise of timber on the Siskiyou national forest. The cruise indicates that there is approximately fourteen billion feet of saw timber. Of this amount private owners control between five and six billion feet. The heaviest stand was found in the redwood districts, where single acres will cut 400,000 feet.

BUSINESS POINTERS.

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