

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Ben E. Snipes of Seattle is in the city on business.

Mr. Fred Barton is quite ill from the effects of a severe cold.

Mr. Wolf purchased a wagon load of sheep pellets this afternoon.

We are pleased to see Mr. William Michell on the street again.

The trainmen are arranging to organize a lodge here to be known as "Dalles Lodge."

St. Valentine with his conglomerated stock of love and nonsense will hold royal court Saturday.

Senate bill 156, being the new charter, can be seen at this office. It is too long to print or we would give it space.

Dr. Crossby the veterinary surgeon went out to Mr. Underhill's place today to examine into the cattle disease which has been so fatal this winter.

It is to be hoped the company will put on an extra passenger train on the 15th. The cars are so crowded now that it is almost impossible to find a seat.

Ten carloads of cattle were fed at the stockyard Monday, and eight yesterday. Four carloads of sheep were shipped yesterday, but today there is no business.

Hon. W. Lair Hill, of Seattle, came up on Tuesday's passenger and is quite indisposed, so much so, that he is confined to his room. It is hoped he will be out in a few days.

Dr. Candian of the Cascade lock is in the city, being sub-journed as a witness in the case against the Union Pacific. The Dr. attended the wounded in the Cascade wreck last winter.

A letter received by a gentleman in this city, this morning from M. Fossil, reports a heavy snow in that region, and that stockmen are riding after their stock, and that the rigors of winter is on them.

W. P. Miller, Esq., of San Jose, Cal., a Dalles old timer is in the city and is the guest of Mr. R. B. Hood. Mr. Miller is one of the old land marks of this county and we cordially welcome him to our city.

The bill extending the time for payment of taxes, in Washington, to March 1st has become a law. Parties who have paid the tax per cent penalty on delinquency since January 1st can probably recover the same.

Mr. W. R. Barrett, now of Lebanon, is in the city visiting his brother-in-law W. C. Alloway. Mr. Barrett says The Dalles is the nicest place to live in he has seen in Oregon and the best climate he ever saw, and we say so too.

Mr. J. H. Larsen has sold his place to Mr. L. Payette who will open a blacksmith and wagon shop in the corner now used as a warehouse by Mr. Larsen. The latter will not leave the city, but can be found as usual at his old office.

The reports from the country east of the Deschutes, and south of this city, is that snow has fallen on the high lands, and from 2 to 6 inches in depth, and with the rain of the past week has put the ground in fine condition, and that it is well down its usual depth for the season.

Mr. Josh Hardy has some excellent paintings on exhibition in his windows. The view down the Columbia is remarkably good, and "A Gray Morning on Naragansett Bay" is a masterpiece. They attract considerable attention and are well worth walking around that way to see.

It is dollars against nickels that the portage railroad bill is not kept, as it has been for nearly two weeks, in the committee for nothing, and that the intent is to kill the bill. It is also said that unless our citizens get a vigorous move on themselves the new charter bill will be hypnotized.

The testimony in the case of the Hood River Ditch and Water Co. was filed by the referee yesterday afternoon. It covers 703 pages of legal cap closely written and consists of 4234 questions and answers. It will probably furnish the court with reading matter, and food for thought for some time.

Within the past 90 days 60 head of cattle and horses have died near Mr. Underhill's place near here, from some unknown disease the symptoms of which are similar to those in blind staggers. The state veterinary surgeon has examined into the matter but has not yet made public his opinion.

Work on the reservoir which has been stopped for some time, on account of the ground being frozen so that it was unfit to go into the bank, was commenced again Tuesday. The reservoir will be completed by the middle of April and if the water bill and new charter passes, the supply pipes will be in place by that time.

We have been favored with a copy of the Biennial Report of Oregon Weather Bureau, through the kindness of the central office. The report is one full of interesting details of the climatology and agricultural productions of Oregon. There is no better emigration publication issued than this and our state should put it into general circulation throughout the east.

Our dispatches yesterday mentioned the shooting of Mr. J. O. Greenwood and the murder of his wife by robbers at Napa, Cal., Monday. They were uncle and aunt of Mr. John Dexter. They were very wealthy people which no doubt was the cause of their being attacked, although Mr. Greenwood stated that they secured \$4 that being all the money in the house.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brickell, formerly of The Dalles, but now of Victoria, B. C., to in this city on a short visit. Mr. Brickell had thought some of disposing of his property here, but seeing a strong indication that The Dalles is just on the eve of going ahead rapidly in a business way, has concluded to retain his interest here, and may return and help things along towards the good times that are coming.

The first of the suits against the railroad company was called Tuesday. It was that of John Carlson, administrator of the estate of August Carlson, deceased. All the morning was spent in getting a jury which was accomplished at noon, with the following members: W. E. End, J. Donaldson, Amos Root, T. G. Hayden, E. W. Trout, Alex. An-

CIRCUIT COURT NOTES.

The equity docket was gone through yesterday with the following action: John Cowdell vs. A. A. Clarno, dismissed. James H. Covention vs. F. A. Seufert, at issue.

Ben E. Snipes vs. W. Schoeder, at issue. Mary K. Britton vs. John Britton, at issue.

Z. F. Moody vs. Mary E. Miller, et al., demurrer overruled and reply filed today. Wm. Farre & Co. vs. C. I. Winnek, referred to J. M. Huntington to take evidence and report at next term of court.

Hood River Ditch & Water Co. vs. John Packer, evidence taken and court to view ditch. Clara Basic vs. Matt Basic, reference extended to report at any time.

Mary E. Patterson vs. Edward E. Patterson, amended complaint and T. A. Hudson appointed referee. Honoria Buckley vs. M. Buckley, default, referred to James M. Huntington.

Nathan Wheldon vs. John H. Birger, dismissed. Dunham et al. vs. Wilder et al., default, referred to J. M. Huntington.

Mrs. E. A. Cates vs. Harvey J. Hill, dismissed. Mary J. Armstrong vs. Adelbert Armstrong, referred to J. M. Huntington.

William A. Hanna vs. Elsie J. Hanna, dismissed. O. D. Taylor vs. J. Fredenburg, default and decree of foreclosure.

Attwell vs. Attwell demurrer overruled, default and referred to T. A. Hudson. The following disposition was made of the law cases: Ben E. Snipes vs. O. R. & N. Co., motion for judgment pending want of reply.

W. P. Hall vs. Alex. Finlayson, dismissed. John Phipps vs. Thompson & Henson, dismissed. WEDNESDAY'S SESSION.

The case of Brickell against the Travelers Insurance Co., was this morning continued for the term. Dufur Watkins & Menefee took judgment against A. Mowery by default.

The case of John Carlson administrator against the O. S. L. & U. P. will probably be concluded tonight. THE SHOE FACTORY.

Orders Coming in Freely and Being Filled. A few days ago the traveling men were put out soliciting orders for the Boston Shoe and Leather Company and they are meeting with excellent success.

Mr. Robbins got one order for six cases of goods from one firm in Oregon City and all the way up the valley he is meeting with like success. Mr. Fraser has been to Pendleton and one or two other points and has secured good orders.

Work has begun at the factory on the goods and they will be pushed right through to completion. The agents of the company find they can undersell eastern factories and furnish a better shoe. The factory will soon have a large force of employes at work.

TO BEAT TRAIN'S TIME. Willie Wiley Starts out to go Around the World. Willie Wiley the 12 year old boy, that conceived the idea of going around the world in eighty days, and got as far as New York, and was sent home to his parents a couple of weeks ago, has taken up his logbook and started out again on a proposed trip. This time, he went west on yesterday morning's extra. If he could be put before the mast of a sailing vessel, probably there would be some efficiency in a restraint that is required in such cases.

Parties from the east recently called on the Northern Pacific management and settled all of the claims of that company against George W. Hunt, taking up all the latter's notes. We learn the above from reliable authority, who is also responsible for the statement that work on the road from Hunt's Junction to Portland will be commenced in earnest next month, at or near The Dalles, at the Junction and at Portland, and that the work will be crowded as fast as possible.

The gentleman who gave us the above information is now in Mr. Hunt's office and expects to be here in charge of the work inside of a month. THE WORLD'S FAIR.

The House at Salem Appropriates Fifty Thousand Dollars. The house Tuesday refuted the charge that it was composed principally of monkeys, and passed a bill to appropriate \$50,000 for the world's fair. The bill was that introduced by Moore, of Benton, as amended by the committee on agriculture. It provides that \$10,000 shall be appropriated this year, \$20,000 in 1892 and \$20,000 in 1893. Judge Moore said he had favored a larger appropriation, but had become convinced that no more than \$50,000 would be appropriated by this legislature.

Several opposed the bill because the amount was not large enough, and one member moved to refer the bill to the committee on ways and means, who have still under consideration the bill of the state board of trade, which appropriates a much larger sum for the same purpose. Minto said he was in favor of a larger appropriation, but was satisfied it could not be passed. The people of Marion county whom he represented, did not favor a large appropriation. A good display could be made with \$50,000. It might not do much advertising, but it would make a fine display. Jennings introduced a remonstrance from 800 citizens of Lane county against a larger appropriation than \$50,000. The motion to refer was lost, and the bill then passed by the following vote:

YEAS—38. Armstrong, Manning, Richey, Barnes, McAlister, Sheild, Barrett, McCall, Starr, Botkin, Stewart, Butler, McCracken, Stillwell, Durham, Merritt, Story, Meensdorfer, Thompson, Minton, Wood, Welch, Henry, Moore, Wilkins, Jennings, Mulkey, Wright, Johnston, Myer, Mr. Speaker, Lamson.

NAYS—16. Bindell, Hardy, Miller, Coleman, Hartman, Paquet, Crook, Holmes, Snider, Furry, Kellan, Thomas, Gantze, Leeper, Tracy.

ABSENT—6. Baker, Little, Morey, Fox, Montgomery, Stephenson. Teacher—Tommy, will you give an example of tautology? Tommy—Saw one in our paper this morning. It spoke of a "brainless dullard."

The standard military pace is 2 1/2 feet. On a double-quick retreat it is more.

NOW LET'S CELEBRATE.

Arrangements being made for a Big Ratification in This City on Tomorrow Night.

THE FARMERS WILL PARTICIPATE. Blow the Whistles, Beat the Drums, Independence Day Has Come!

THE BOARD OF TRADE HAS PERFECTED ARRANGEMENTS FOR A GRAND CELEBRATION TO BE HELD HERE TO-MORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING. IT IS THE EARNEST DESIRE OF EVERY CITIZEN OF THE DALLES THAT EVERY FARMER WHO CAN POSSIBLY COME, ATTEND TO JOIN IN THE REJOICING IN THE VICTORY OF THE RIGHT. THE OPERA HOUSE HAS BEEN ENGAGED AND THE CELEBRATION WILL TAKE PLACE THERE.

THE FINAL FORFEITED LANDS. The Final Instructions Received at the Land Office. WASHINGTON, Feb. 3, 1891. Register and Receiver, The Dalles, Or.

Sus: By act of congress approved September 29, 1890, the grant to the Northern Pacific railroad company, by act of July 2, 1864 for that portion of its main line lying between Wallula, Wash. and Portland, Or., was declared forfeited, the same having been unconstructed at that date, and the odd-numbered sections of land within the limits of the withdrawal therefor, which took effect Aug. 13, 1870, those lying within the limits established pursuant to the definite location of the Cascade Branch of its road, were, under the terms of the forfeiting act, resumed and restored to the public domain.

As the limits established for the branch line overlap the limits of the main line, the forfeiture act provided that only a moiety of the odd-numbered sections lying within the overlapping limit was affected thereby, and the railroad company pursuant to instructions from the Secretary of the Interior, called on to designate which of the alternate odd-numbered sections it would elect to take, that is, whether it would take the sections numbered 1, 3, 9, 13, etc., or those numbered 3, 7, 11, etc. The company has elected to take those numbered 1, 5, 9, 13, etc., with certain exceptions.

These exceptions are of lands in the alternate sections numbered 3, 7, 11, 15, etc., which the company has sold and in sections of which it has surrendered lands in sections 1, 5, 9, 13, etc. A list of the lands in the numbered sections to be restored which the company has furnished as having sold and which it wishes to retain is enclosed herewith, and opposite the tracts, descriptions of the surrendered lands in the numbered sections the company elects to take, are given. I also enclose for your information and guidance copies of the instructions under the forfeiting act which were prepared with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and have to call your attention particularly to that portion thereof relating to the second section, and defining who are entitled to a second homestead entry under its provisions.

In order to carry the restoration into effect, you will at once, cause to be published in some newspaper of general circulation in your district, a notice that the lands (with the exception above mentioned) heretofore withdrawn for the Northern Pacific railroad company, have been restored to the public domain and will be opened to entry upon a day fixed by you, not less than thirty days from the date of the notice and that all persons who were actual settlers in good faith upon any of the restored lands, on September 29, 1890, the date of the approval of the forfeiting act, and who are otherwise qualified, will have preference rights of entry to be exercised within six months of such approval.

The forfeited and restored lands are subject to disposal only under the homestead law, as provided in the act of forfeiture.

In the over-lapping limits of the main and branch lines, only the alternate odd sections numbered 3, 7, 11, 15, etc., will be restored, and the notice of restoration must contain a copy of the list hereto attached, of the lands in those sections the company has sold, and which will be excepted from the restoration. The list also contains the lands surrendered by the company in lieu of those sold as aforesaid, and will be published as included in the restoration.

Respectfully, Lewis A. Groff, Commissioner.

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REVIEW OF THE LOCAL MARKET.

There is not many changes to note in our review of the market for the past week. The great anxiety felt about the successful passage of the portage railroad bill for the Cascades, has absorbed everything else at the expense of all kinds of traffic and as a result there has not been much done in business lines.

Freight rates have been discussed thoroughly; also the condition in which the producing classes are interested. The high rates charged by the railroad company on grain from the interior of Eastern Oregon to the sea board and the increased rates on ocean tonnage of vessels to foreign markets has put a different phase on the situation and now as a result the greater part of the wheat is going east by rail, instead of west to the metropolis, thereby realizing more for the grain laid down in Chicago, net, than at Portland. The present freight rate on wheat is 10 1/2 cents per bushel, and were the rates reduced to 7 1/2 cents per bushel, our farmers would realize 59 to 60 cents instead of 56 or 57 cents. An open river from this point to the sea would remedy the evil as far as inland transportation is concerned.

In the present condition of the local wheat market here, there are no changes of importance. The European markets are up and down just as often as cargoes are reaped off the coast, and the quotations are correspondingly the same.

Chicago and New York grain quotations are as fluctuating as formerly, with no encouraging features to report. Chicago's May delivery quotation is 97 1/2, New York, 1.04 1/2.

Portland's market remains unchanged with a firmer tone. Its quotation is unchanged. Valley is quoted 81.5¢ @ 1.26 1/2; Eastern Oregon, 81.15¢ @ 1.16 1/2. Dalles market has no change to report since last week .56 for No. 1; .54 for No. 2.

Oats—The oat market is very quiet and offerings limited at quotations with an upward tendency. We quote, extra clean 1.50 per cental and inferior 1.35 @ 1.40 per cental.

BARLEY—There is nothing doing in barley. There is none offering. Quote prime brewing 1.05¢ @ 1.10, feed 1.00¢ @ 1.05 per cental, sacked.

MILLET—The supply is quite sufficient for the demand. We quote bran and shorts \$20.00 per ton. Shorts and middlings \$22.50 @ \$24.00 per ton.

HAY—The hay market is unchanged. The continued warm weather has checked the usual demand for the season. Quote Timothy, 47.00 per ton, wheat hay in compressed bales \$12.00. Alfalfa market is without change in former quotation.

POTATOES—Are in moderate supply and have a downward tendency. Quote, \$1.00, common 0.90 per 100 lbs.

BUTTER—There is a great scarcity of gilt edge and choice butter. Quote A. 0.70, good 0.65, and fine 0.40 @ 0.45, common 0.30 @ 0.35 per roll.

EGGS—The market is some firmer than noticed last week and a falling off in supply with an upward tendency, although quotations are unchanged. Quote 0.15¢ @ 0.18 per dozen.

POULTRY—The poultry market is stiffer since our last quotation, and a still farther advance is looked for as there is a scarcity in supply, which continues. We quote, good, average fowls \$4.00 per dozen, common \$3.00 @ 3.50, turkeys 0.10 per lb. Geese 0.90¢ @ 1.25 each. Ducks 0.35 @ 0.40 each.

WOOL—The market shows no movement or change in the quotations. Eastern Oregon 0.14 1/2 @ 0.16 1/2.

HIDES—Prime dry hides are quoted at 0.04¢ @ 0.05 per pound. Culls 0.02 1/2 @ 0.03 1/2. Green 0.02. Salt 0.03. Sheep pelts extra 0.75 @ 0.85, ordinary 0.40 @ 0.60 each. Bearskins, No. 1 \$8.00 common \$2.50.

BEES—Beef on foot clean and prime 0.03, ordinary 0.02 1/2.

MUTTON—Wethers, extra choice \$4.00, common \$2.75 @ \$3.50 per head.

HOGS—Live hogs, 0.04. Medium weight 0.03 1/2, dressed 10.5¢ @ 10.5 1/2. Lard 5 lb 0.11 @ 0.12; 0.05 @ 0.10; 40 lb 0.08 @ 0.08 1/2 per pound.

THE WORLD'S FAIR. A New Feature Proposed by a Frenchman. CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—One of the features proposed for the world's fair, news of which reached here today, is a scheme for dropping a projectile-shaped car from a thousand-foot tower into the water, in order to give the occupants of the car the sensation of falling a long distance without dangerous consequences in stopping too suddenly. The idea is that of a Frenchman, Aristide Begres, of the Paris polytechnic school. The details of the project are being worked out by Charles Carpen, an engineer at Grenoble.

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