

**LOCAL BREVITIES.**

**Additional Record of Current Events in The City.**

V. A. Dunlap of Klamath falls, is in the city.

L. J. Lusk of Prineville, is in the city today.

Up to 12 o'clock noon, today, 4 1/2 inches of snow had fallen in The Dalles.

"O, the snow, the beautiful snow." How quickly it comes. How quick does it go.

The Columbia at this point today measures one foot and 7-10ths above zero.

License to wed has been issued to Mr. Jefferson D. Hockman and Miss Katie Caselberger.

A colony of beaver in Hood river will probably be exterminated this winter, as trappers are on their trail.

Capt. Stump, the well known Snake river steambot man, is confined at St. Vincents hospital by sickness.

Frank Middleton, formerly of the Sun in this city, lost his little daughter Francis, in Portland last week.

Hon. J. P. O. Lowndale, and other members of the state board of equalization, are in The Dalles today.

C. E. Corson is enjoying the snow storm in Portland today. That is if they have snow down in webfoot.

A detachment of Watson's surveyors, employed by the government, are taking the high and low water levels in The Dalles today.

In 1883 the heavy fall of snow at The Dalles commenced December 13th, pretty much the same as it did at 8 o'clock p. m. yesterday.

A whole month of fine weather gone and yet nothing is being done at the cascade locks. Let the motto be, "Work while it is Day."

Judge A. S. Bennett was a passenger to Portland by the afternoon train last night. He will be absent a portion of this week on legal business.

Capt. J. E. Lombard of the Portland ice company, is at Hood River today arranging for a crop of ice to be delivered on board cars at the station.

Work on the Oak Grove water ditch has been suspended for the winter, and the outfit of the Celestial camp hauled in to The Dalles for shipment to Portland.

The office furniture, safe, etc., for the Columbia Railway and Navigation company, arrived today, and is being placed in headquarters over French & Co.'s bank.

Senator Steiwer will introduce a bill to amend the charter of Fossil, greatly increasing the powers of the common council in the matter of street improvements and levying taxes.

Passenger No. 7, west-bound, due here at 4:20 p. m. yesterday, did not arrive until 7:20 on account of snow in the Blue mountains. The passengers dined here, and proceeded on their way.

A good landing at Palmers has been sounded out by the Regulator. A road is to be built up the side of the bluff, and a hotel and livery stable at that point is proposed, as a means of accommodating the Trout lake travel.

Dufur claims the largest and best hall in the county, it being 40x100 feet. Our good friends up Dufur way, evidently overlooked Hood river says the Glacier, which has in its Armory building a hall 48x100 with a mortgage in addition.

Dr. C. F. Candiani has disposed of his stock of drugs, liquors, etc., at Cascade Locks to Frank Pozzi, who will continue the business at the same place. Dr. Candiani retains a connection with the business as dispensing druggist. The consideration of the sale was \$847.75.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Kuck left this morning upon a bridal tour to Chicago. A host of friends and acquaintances extend the happy couple many wishes for a joyful and pleasant trip, long life, perpetual happiness, etc.

Winans Bros. contemplate some pretty extensive improvements at their Columbia river fish wheels above The Dalles this year, one of which will be a cable and cage system of shipping across the river to the cannery from the Washington side.

W. Ross Winans, of the new Hood river town Winans, is in the city. He reports a fine discovery of onyx, and other valuable materials and minerals in the vicinity of his place, which will very greatly enhance values about that region.

Hon. G. Wingate, an Astoria capitalist, is in the city today. He says the prospects of Astoria are growing more hopeful daily for railway connection by two lines with the outside world. One via the Willamette valley, and one down the south bank of the Columbia.

The Glacier says Will Languille was at Cloud Cap last week, and found everything snug and safe. He traveled on snow shoes from the 9-Mile post, and found the snow at the Inn from five to ten feet deep. It is probably very much deeper today.

Looking out upon the streets today, one can see with what earnestness Dalles city people avail themselves of the delights afforded by "a streak of winter."

Snow-balling, sleighriding, coasting, in all styles "and to order," prevail on every hand. The Dalles can turn out some nice rigs in a short time for gliding over the snow, and the plow-ugly puts in its appearance about as readily.

Judge Bradshaw adjourned court in department No. 2 in Portland, Saturday afternoon and left on a trip up the valley. He will return Wednesday, and will sign the journal, but will not hear any cases. He is expected home Thursday morning of this week.

Hon. H. S. Wilson has returned from his official visit to Goldendale. The contested election cases in which he was retained turned out very satisfactory to his clients. In some respects the Australian ballot in Washington differs from that of Oregon.

Miss Mary Snipes drove into the city today in her phaeton, bringing with her as many beautiful chrysanthemums as she could conveniently load behind the dashboard. Surrounded by snow, on the earth and falling from the sky, the contrast was one to be greatly admired.

Jameson's detachment of Indians created a furore in social circles. They appeared on the streets "admirably in all their glory of striped blankets. Blanket Indians are becoming so rare in the metropolis now that they attract considerable attention.

Last year Oregon's thirty-one county boards of equalization returned to the secretary of state a total taxable property of \$128,447,746. This year the same returns show a total taxable property of \$131,239,132.

When the morning Missoulian first appeared in its reduced size, brought about by hard times and the democratic triumph, the editor playfully observed: "We feel this morning very much like festive Samson when the fair Delilah clipped his whiskers."

A conference of Inland Empire stage managers is being held at The Umatilla today. Members of the conference are A. W. Branner of Nansene, A. H. Boomer of Boise City, J. D. Parish of California, and J. B. Keenev of Pendleton; all old veterans in the business, and closely connected with the lines of the Oregon, California and Idaho Stage company.

Mayor Mays was seen wending his way homeward Saturday evening with a beautiful Plymouth rock rooster under his arm. It is supposed to have come from Phirman's hen roost. At all events it may be taken as a fact that our worthy mayor has decided to branch out in the stock business and no longer confine his operations to cattle and sheep. It is understood Phirman raises no objections.

Since writing a paragraph on the subject of jute bags, we learn that the Walla Walla works cover a whole block. More than 100,000 sacks were made this year; which by reason of competition, greatly reduced the entire stock used by the farmers, and it is thought that within a short time enough sacks will be manufactured to fill the demand for eastern Washington.

Sheriff T. A. Ward of this city, Sheriff Leslie of Sherman county, and the sheriffs of Baker and Umatilla were passengers to Portland last night. They go to attend the annual meeting of the Oregon Sheriffs Association. This will be the last meeting of the association before the legislature assembles, and it is presumed they will be prepared to read the riot act to the assembly in case some existing wrongs in sheriffs official capacity are not righted.

Mr. Simeon Bolton of Goldendale is in the city. He says the Klickitat irrigation scheme, started on the eastern border of that county, is promising of the greatest favorable results. Water will be taken out of the Big Klickitat river, and the canal will cover thousands of acres of the finest land in the country. One can set a plow in the soil there and drive for eighteen miles without once taking the plow out, over a prairie almost as level as a house floor.

It has been announced in both the Oregonian and the Telegram, since THE CHRONICLE announced the fact, that Day Bros. have filed their bonds for the faithful performance of their contract for the cascade canal and locks "If there is any dependence to be placed upon" the Oregonian and Telegram, this announcement should settle the matter. But why is it that certain persons in Portland are so very anxious to make bets that the cascade canal and locks will not be completed within ten years? Perhaps it is the last lingering "wish, which is farther to the thought."

In passing sentence upon Williams, the colored brute of Portland, convicted of rape; after listening to his plea for leniency, and a promise to become a better man, Judge Bradshaw said: "It is extremely proper that Williams should become a better man; in fact, a much better man. The court further said that the crime of which the prisoner was convicted of attempting is one of the most atrocious on the records, and ever has been so. To be sure the crime was not so flagrant as it might have been. The prisoner had not succeeded in carrying out his purpose, and this fact would be credited to him in years of servitude. Therefore the judgment of the court was that Williams should pass the next seven years of his life in the Salem penitentiary." The report says Williams, apparently, could not realize for a few minutes just what had struck him, and had the sentence been for seventy years he would not have appeared more astonished.

"Why," said he, "I expected not over four years, and thought I would get off with two."

Following is the list of members of the state board of equalization, in session in this city today: 1st Judicial District, V. Dunlap; comprising Lake, Klamath, Jackson and Josephine counties. 2d, A. C. Woodcock, Eugene; Curry, Coos, Douglas, Lane, and Benton. 3d, S. D. Gibson, Salem; Tillamook, Yamhill, Polk, Marion and Linn. 4th, J. P. O. Lowndale, Multnomah county. 5th, G. Wingate, Astoria; Clatsop, Columbia, Washington and Clackamas. 6th, W. G. Hunter, Island City; Harney, Malheur, Baker, Union, Grant, Wallowa and Umatilla. 7th, J. L. Lusk, Prineville; Crook, Wasco, Morrow, Gilliam and Sherman.

Capt. Symons has returned from his investigation of Snake river above Huntington, to see whether it is adapted for steambot navigation, and to make a report in regard to the necessity for draws in the bridges built by the Union Pacific across that stream. He went up as far as Boise city, which is above the upper bridge. He makes no public report concerning the river, but of the Boise city natorium, with dancing hall and restaurant attached, he expresses himself delighted; says it is one of the finest places imaginable. There is a hot spring in the hills about a mile back of the city, and by boring there a plentiful supply of hot water was secured. This is used for filling the huge bath in the natorium, and is also utilized for heating houses. The water is very wholesome, but has a little sulphur in it. The bath is a favorite place of resort, and is a credit to the city.

The state board of equalization are in The Dalles today. The president of the board, Hon. J. P. O. Lowndale of Portland, was compelled by sickness to go home. They will not find an assessment in this county as it is in Multnomah, where it is said the county continues to assess mortgages at fifty per cent of their face and allow them to be deducted from assessments of individuals at their full value. This is the way it works: B has a piece of real estate worth \$400,000, which is assessed at \$250,000. On this piece of real estate is a mortgage for \$150,000 which is deducted, leaving \$100,000 for B to pay taxes on. Now, this mortgage is assessed at half its value, or \$75,000. Before B mortgaged his valuable real estate he paid taxes on \$250,000, but since he made a money lender his guardian the county has received taxes on only \$100,000 of real estate value, and on \$75,000 of mortgage value, a total value of \$175,000, a loss in assessment value of \$75,000. This fleeces the county, burdens the honest taxpayer, relieves the manipulator and gives the money lender a chance.

In the report of court proceedings in Portland recently, in a cause wherein the so-called "detective" service figured extensively, the reporter says: "At the evening session, Mr. Henry E. McGinn scored the Pinkerton national detective agency. He compared it with a certain animal of the southern states which first lulls its victim to sleep and then sucks his life blood. It was composed of men who would accept any occupation in order to escape labor by which they could earn a living. Men who wanted to get rid of the responsibilities of life were employed by the agency, and one of their duties was to first tempt a man to commit a crime and then profit by the result. These men traveled from one city to another, like tramps, with the exception that they were occasionally compelled to live under assumed names. Pinkertonism was a monstrous evil, born in iniquity and reared in wickedness, and should be abolished. He cited a case in which the Pinkertons had induced a man to enter a bank with the intention of robbing it, and then had him arrested. He would like to have the law so that no private detective's evidences could be accepted unless it was corroborated."

Mr. F. A. Cook, the traveling salesman of this district for Wadhams & Co., Portland, is now returning from his last tour of the Inland Empire for 1892, and is stopping over in The Dalles today. We do not flatter Mr. Cook a bit when we credit him with being one of the exceptionally few traveling salesmen whose mind and attention is diverted to thinking and talking of methods calculated to benefit the producer. His observations have led him to advise greater production of stock hogs. He has noticed that the farmer who has hogs to sell this fall does not complain of hard times like the extensive wheat producer and some others. Mr. Clark says Klickitat county could raise a million dollars' worth of hogs, and the cry from packers would be for more. If the figures were published, showing the sum of money sent from Oregon to the east, for hams, bacon, lard, butter, eggs, etc., commodities which may be readily and economically produced here, it would paralyze the public. He is of the opinion that large packing establishments located in The Dalles, would supply Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, and other points of the Pacific northwest, at a considerable advance on prices paid in Chicago, Kansas city, etc., because of the great saving in freights. THE CHRONICLE has advocated this branch of business for The Dalles hitherto, and we are pleased to find in Mr. Clark a first class assistant from whom, in a short time, we hope to obtain some solid facts and figures.

A member of the Marion delegation to the assembly is quoted as saying that "there is not a thousand jute sacks sold to the Oregon farmers in a year," and he will therefore, perhaps, be found standing in with the Oregonian correspondent, spectator, to prevent diverting the labor of Oregon convicts from casting stoves. Plainly speaking, such a man is unfit to represent the state in its legislative assembly. "Not a thousand jute sacks sold to farmers in a year" is one of the wildest exaggerations. Look at the millions of jute sacks going into ships' hold at Portland and Astoria year by year, and then qualify such an expression to harmonize with the facts, if one can. It is very clear that there are no wheat dealers yet discovered liberal enough to donate these sacks to the farmers, and they must be paid for in depreciation of the crop or some other manner. Eastern Washington farmers, who have the advantages of cheap sacks, by reason of the labor of convicts in the Walla Walla penitentiary, tell quite a different story as to the wisdom of the Olympia assembly in this matter, and when the Salem Solons assemble it will enhance the interests of Oregon if such gentlemen as this Marion county delegate are relegated to subordinate positions on the committees.



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