

The Weekly Chronicle.

THE DALLES, OREGON

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

From the Daily Chronicle, Tuesday.

The Columbia to-day at The Dalles is twenty-four inches above low water mark.

The train which left Portland at 7 p. m. yesterday reached The Dalles at 2:15 p. m. today.

Mayor Mays is in the city, but was rigging up a sleigh to-day with which to return to the ranch.

F. J. and Gus Boon and Leo Schanno are home from Mount Angel college for their holiday vacation.

Mr. Phil. Brogan is in the city, spending the holidays with his family at their home on Third street.

Miss Annie Roberts, teacher of the Fulton Park school in Multnomah, is home for a holiday vacation.

Messrs. E. H. and V. H. French, and Ed and Robert Mays, are home from college for the holiday vacation.

The east portion of the Richmond stables in the East End collapsed from the weight of snow upon the roof.

The steamer Regulator will be started out on the ways to-day and get the benefit of the rise in the Columbia.

Mr. McCoy of 15-Mile was in the city yesterday. There is about the same conditions of snow, etc., out there as here.

Mrs. P. M. S. Briggs was delighted to receive a Christmas visit from her father from Chehalis on the first train yesterday.

Goods were damaged in several stores throughout the city Sunday night, by an overflow of water from snow and rain on roofs of the buildings.

Mr. N. Whealdon managed to get home from the consolidated city yesterday. He may be set down as a perfectly competent manager after this.

The Congregational Sunday school will give an invitation party tonight in THE CHRONICLE hall, which is to take the place of a Christmas tree.

According to the weather bureau records for the month of January for the past 20 years, that month in 1893 is likely to be a fairly average winter month.

At the Diamond mills one day last week, Mr. Wenzler informs us there might have been seen an icicle 10 inches thick at the eaves, and 50 feet long.

The worst blockade on the U. P. R. between this city and Portland was a drift at Bridal Veil. The melting snow was packed in almost as hard as a rock.

The common council will meet Saturday evening 31st to finish up the business of the year. All bills against the city should be presented before that time.

There will be a meeting of the Ladies Club at the residence of Mrs. W. E. Garretson this evening at 8 o'clock. All the members are requested to be present.

Capt. Sherman, who is placing the Regulator on the ways today, says the ice is more solid and compact along the edges of the levee than he supposed. It is pretty hard ice.

The gorge in the Columbia at Hellgate has broken away and the river is filled with floating icebergs today, but it is not an obstruction to navigation. It has caused the river to rise rapidly.

Vancouver is cut off from connection with Portland because of ice in the river which prevents the running of the ferry to connect with the east side motor line. In this region running ice has not impeded navigation at all this season.

The I. O. G. T. will meet this week on Friday evening instead of Saturday, on account of the Experience social. All members are earnestly requested to be present.

The Fairfield elevator burned on the 22d. It contained 60,000 bushels of wheat, and the loss is estimated at \$50,000, which is thought to be fully covered by insurance.

The first trains to reach The Dalles from Portland since last Thursday, came in at 4:30 yesterday afternoon. A good big wagon load of mail was hauled to the postoffice.

Mr. Singleton's team of horses, drawing a lizard, near Mosier went down over a steep embankment Saturday, so crippling one of them that it could not be recovered.

The administrator sale of the Moore property which was to have occurred on Saturday last, was postponed until Saturday next. This is for a sale of desirable residence property in the city.

Mr. Price, who came in Saturday night from a point sixty miles beyond Prineville, says the snow extends that far south, and is about eighteen inches deep on the average level. He left Prineville Wednesday evening.

The roof of the large livery barn on Fourth street was cleared of snow by a craper rigged so as to work it by a horse in the street. It was one of Lute's stunts, and it worked like a charm.

Mr. Parish, of The Dalles and Prineville stage line, returned from his trip over the route Sunday night. He has provided for plenty of hay and grain at all the stations, and as prompt service as the weather will admit of.

The ladies of the Good Intent society are leaving nothing undone to make the Experience social a success, Saturday evening. The small sum of 25 cents contributed for the organ fund, admits one to the social and the lunch.

The rotary snow plow came back to The Dalles this morning and is now in the shops receiving the repairing which she should have received along in last August and September, if she had been in the hands of prudent managers.

The rain fall at The Dalles Sunday night from 8 p. m. till morning, was the heaviest ever yet experienced in this vicinity. The fall was equal to 1.57 inches, which, together with the snow, gives us three inches on the ground.

Mr. A. W. Coffin, of the firm of Coffin Brothers, Arlington, was in the city spending Christmas with relatives. Messrs. Coffin Brothers have recently disposed of 1,500 head of lambs at \$2.50 per head. They are wintering 10,000 head of sheep.

The road was so difficult to follow Saturday, six miles this side of Bake Oven, because of snow, that the stage driver was lost for several hours. Snow is a good thing for the country, but it is not pleasant at all times to drive through.

Mayor Mays will be thankful if any one who knows the whereabouts of his thoroughbred Leghorn rooster, will inform him. The chicken left the perch presumably during the snow storm, and if not perished, may have located in some neighboring yard.

Mrs. K. F. Miller, managing editor of Chicago Industrial Magazine, paid us a fraternal visit yesterday. Mrs. Miller is out for a vacation, and will write up her observations for a special edition of 1,000,000 copies. She left The Dalles well posted with respect to resources of the Inland Empire.

The air has been full of rumors concerning accidents and Balfe Johnson, of the W. U. T. Co., turned it to profitable account by hanging out a bulletin with "an accident" scare head in big 40-line pieces. The details directed travelers to the advantages of a policy of insurance in Balfe's company, when an accident should happen.

Gov. and Mrs. and Miss Moody, anxious to return to their Salem home, made the start today. They had got as far as The Umatilla house on their journey at one o'clock, and with others were patiently watching the clock tick the hours away—it should be an act punishable by a severe penalty, for any railway company to suppress information of the kind, and keep people waiting for trains that never come.

We had the pleasure yesterday of taking a short walk with Capt Lewis, register of The Dalles U. S. Land office, at his residence in this city. He walked with us from his sick chamber to the dining room, which is considerably of a tramp for him, when one considers how very near Death's Door the captain was so recently. If he has no relapse he hopes to get out on the street with the advent of fair weather.

Messrs. Will Corson and Fletcher Faulkner enjoyed their Christmas by a fraternal and social visit to friends on 15-Mile. They started out at an early hour in the morning, in an elegant cutter, behind a pair of spanking roadsters, the sleigh loaded with a Santa Claus, and after dispensing of the gifts in true Kris Kringle fashion, returned to the city, arriving about 11 p. m. They found the sleighing excellent, and say they never before enjoyed such a "Merry Christmas."

The weather the past few days serves to remind a few old timers of the days when the Canyon City mail contractor started out with the mails daily for the south, for several weeks, but never got beyond the foot of the hill at East End. There the mail was securely packed away in a safe place, and when travel became possible it went on its way. By this little device the contractor was paid, and there was no fines imposed by the "knowing ones" at headquarters in Washington city. It was a necessary deception.

Remark upon the policy pursued by the managers of the U. P. R. during a crisis in travel like this, a prominent man in the city who has been a close observer since the imported "pets" of the company took charge, says it appears to him that the company is as heartless as it is soulless. They compel passengers to remain caged up in cars twenty-four hours at a time, simply in order to avoid the payment of bills incurred for their keeping, and they keep women and children out of bed all night in expectation of a start, for no other purpose than that of selling a ticket to some other deluded traveler.

The Nez Percé Indians now refuse to sell their allotted lands in the reservation. Editor Alfred, of the Lewiston Tribune, who was here yesterday, says there has been a syndicate at work on the Indians to prevent sales. The syndicate propose leasing the lands for a term of years. The commissioners have called another council for the 29th, and will then endeavor to get the poorer Indians to consent to the sale. The council as at present constituted is composed entirely of the wealthy members of the tribe, who have big herds of cattle and horses themselves, and wish to retain the pasture lands as long as they can and to lease what they do not require themselves to white men for grazing purposes only.

Nine head of thoroughbred Angus cattle were killed by the train coming in from Portland yesterday afternoon, as it passed through the Snipes pasture near Rowena. We understand the cattle belonged to Mr. Sharp. They were strung along the track and obstinately refused to take the snow, so were given the locomotive snow plow.

A. T. Wheeler and wife of Portland, who have been on a five months visit east, were with the snow bound passenger at The Dalles from Christmas morning until yesterday. They left Mishawaka and South Bend on the 20th, and had a perfect picnic across the country. No delays until The Dalles was reached.

Mr. E. Jacobsen was severely injured yesterday by falling through the awning in front of his store. He was engaged in shoveling snow off the roof, which was pitched on to the awning. After quite a pile had accumulated he left the roof to shovel snow off the awning into the street. To reach the awning he jumped from the fire wall above, but when he struck the awning he didn't stop, he kept right on through to the sidewalk a distance in all of about 20 feet, and was badly bruised by the plunger.

Mr. B. F. Laughlin, manager of the Regulator line, did not know, while he was sitting in The Umatilla office until 12 o'clock last night waiting for the 4:20 p. m. train to come along and take him to Portland, that bridges were being washed out at Latourelle; and that another blockade, worse than snow, was upon the company. The train from the east, due at 4:20 p. m., got in at 11 a. m. and remained in the yard. The only trains from Portland since Thursday were the ones which arrived yesterday afternoon. If any train has left here since that hour for Portland, it is safe to say that it has not yet reached its destination, and the passengers are fixed as those who were out on Saturday. It should be the law that railway officials shall furnish truthful bulletins respecting trains in such times as this, or be punished by heavy penalties.

From the Daily Chronicle, Wednesday.

Mud is beginning to show up at the street crossings.

Trains on the U. P. R. are now running nearly on time.

Medal contest at the Court house tonight. Be sure and attend.

F. H. Prior of Hartford, Conn., is in the city on a tour of observation.

The river this morning stood 3 1/2 feet above zero level, but is slowly falling.

In the upper John Day and Mitchell regions snow is now only about one inch deep.

Train men report the snow all gone below Hood River, with a prospect for more.

Mr. Frank French and Miss Gertrude French are spending the holidays at home.

The Antelope Herald has an excellent article on sheep from the pen of Mr. Murphy.

F. C. Sexton, R. Lidman and M. Ligner, of Dufur, registered at The Umatilla today.

Mr. Ed. Wingate is in the city from his business home at Antelope, to spend the holidays.

Archbishop Gross passed through at noon today en route to a mission at Pendleton.

A heavy train of freight came through from Portland today, reaching The Dalles at noon.

A boom of logs burst away at Bridal Veil yesterday, and came very near tearing out another bridge.

The rain down Portland ways on Monday last was one of the most pouring kind witnessed for years.

Several train loads of delayed cattle are held at Heppner where feed is cheap. Freight trains began moving today.

The legislature will meet at Salem under the new dome, on the second Monday, the 9th day of January, '99.

A portion of the shed at the stock yard scales fell in from the weight of snow and water on the roof yesterday.

Rain commenced falling in this city about 12:30 p. m. and continued as we go to press, with prospects of increasing.

It is a waste of time to read the papers deluged by the blockade. They are truly "back numbers" void of news or matters of interest.

Cholera is still prevalent in Hamburg. Four more cases and two deaths were reported yesterday. Three cases are reported from Dankirk, France.

Reports from Morrow county say the snow has nearly all disappeared. In the region of Antelope there is only about an inch of snow left on the ground.

At the special election on the 20th for a joint representative for the Grant and Harney district, the republican candidate, Gowan, was elected by 200 majority.

Albert Roberts of the Big Bend region of the Des Chutes, eighteen miles from The Dalles, reports the snow rapidly disappearing. The ground was frozen, but the soil is getting a thorough soaking.

Geo. McKinney, the U. P. yard man, has surrendered his job, and goes to Portland tonight. He has filled the bill here faithfully for two years. Never made an error in the make up, nor got a wheel off the track.

The public schools of The Dalles are enjoying the customary holiday vacation, which will continue the balance of the week. Studies will be resumed on Monday, at the academy, the sisters school, and the public schools.

Kennedy's steam yacht went adrift yesterday when the ice broke away from the shore below the mouth of Mill creek. The steam ferryboat started after the derelict craft, and towed her to a safe place where she was again moored.

The sheriff of Baker county finally landed his prisoners in the Salem penitentiary. They were James Reedy and J. T. Marcum. The first will serve six years for manslaughter, and the latter one year for larceny. They were four days making the trip from The Dalles to Portland.

The turkey which has escaped the Scylla of Thanksgiving and the Charybdis of Christmas may look forward to gobbling times of peace. Humanity has had an abundance of the white meat and a surfeit of the black meat, and nobody will take turkey in his for many and many a week.

Horace Rice has a letter from Rep. Hermann which shows that there is little hope of the Dolph bill, or any other measure, passing the democratic house for the relief of the possessor of a tract of railway forfeited land. If the applicant for the land resides upon it, he has until next fall to prove up.

The children of the Congregational Sunday School, to the number of over a hundred, had a jolly good time at the party given last night in THE CHRONICLE hall. They had a splendid collation, and plays to their hearts content, enjoying the occasion ever so much better than they would the prosy Christmas tree.

Three serious accidents occurred to coasters in Port Townsend the other night. One victim had his thigh bone broken, another suffered from a fractured wrist, and the third escaped with severe and painful bruises. Every snow fall in the western towns is attended with some such accident to careless coasters.

Eastern colleges, etc., are liberally provided for by the millionaire. John D. Rockefeller has made another big donation to the University of Chicago. The sum is understood to be over \$100,000. Dartmouth college has also just received a bequest of \$200,000 from the late Ralph Butterfield, M. D., of Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. P. F. Bower, who has many friends in this city, but who has been a resident of Astoria for a number of years, was married in that city on the 17th to Miss Mabel, only daughter of P. W. Parker, editor of the Astorian. The bride was a composer in the Astorian, where she had labored for several years. Both were well known and very popular in Astoria society.

A farewell social party was given to Miss Clara Story by Miss Dacie Folsom, on leaving Pendleton for her home in The Dalles. Card-playing was followed by the ever-pleasant pastime of candy-pulling, and refreshments were then served. As a fitting finale to the evening's pleasure, the guests were taken out for a merry sleigh-ride.

The government has prepared to issue in January a complete new set of postage stamps, commemorative of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America. They will be called the "Columbus issue," and will be the finest ever made by any government. They will be on sale at the various postoffices only during the year of 1893, and then will be withdrawn from general issue.

A gentleman of considerable influence in Portland business circles, who was laid up in The Dalles by the snow blockade down towards the centre of Wisdom, was asked to explain why it was that the U. P. R. Co. didn't send out a boat to take the passengers to Portland from Bonneville? The prompt answer was: "The U. P. R. Co. do not wish to recognize the river in any way, shape or manner." That is about the size of it.

We are pleased to learn from an Astoria dispatch that Messrs. W. H. Rington, of Salt Lake, and A. B. and W. W. Corey, of Ogden, Utah, contractors on the Astoria and Portland railway, arrived there in time to straighten up the affairs of the company. They have resumed work on the road in fulfillment of the terms of their contract with the subsidy guaranty company. Nothing definite could be given to the public as yet.

Vice-President Houston, of the Pacific Mail, says the fight of the Panama railroad with the Pacific Mail in opposition to American interests will, as much as anything else, be the means of building the Nicaragua canal. He says he is now in full sympathy with the work of building the canal. It is announced officially that the president of the Nicaragua canal construction company is carrying on negotiations with a syndicate of bankers looking to placing a large amount of the bonds of the company.

A cotemporary says the official figures show that the portage railway at the cascades is a decided success. It was put in operation in September, 1891, the first receipts reported being \$917.05 on November 4th, 1891. During the past year the total receipts were \$7,030.91, and the total expenses \$6,202.29, leaving a balance of \$828.62. The road has been a great benefit, giving to the farmers a saving of six cents on every bushel of wheat shipped to Portland.

An Episcopal cathedral, with pews forever free, is to be built in New York City at a cost of from five to ten million dollars. The corner-stone was laid yesterday. In its national aspect the cathedral project commands attention, on account of its aim and scope. Already, without any public appeal, and with very little individual solicitation, over \$1,000,000 has been subscribed or bequeathed to the cathedral. One of the first and largest subscriptions was made by a Presbyterian.

Speaking of the disaster between Bridal Veil and Latourelle, Supt. Baxter says the water from the hills had undermined and washed away about 60 feet of a fill a mile and a half west of Bridal Veil, leaving the track suspended in the air. As there was snow on the ties, the engineer could not see the washout. A little after 9 p. m. the train came along. The engine crossed over the washout, but the mail, baggage and express cars went down into the gulch. The coaches stopped just as the front wheels of the first one went off the rail, and no one was hurt.

A very stubborn fire occurred in Portland last night. The whole block of wooden buildings on East Alder and Union, 100x150, occupied by the owner, E. J. Bruce as a furniture store, and others, including the Barker hotel, was destroyed. Losses \$60,000. The fire appeared to originate on the second floor in the rear of the hotel, preceded by a sort of explosion, as if a lamp had burst. The flames quickly spread above and involved the upper portion of the three buildings, and the dense smoke poured upward from every quarter, indicating the presence of the fire throughout the building.

Umatilla county stockmen have suffered from thieves considerably this winter, and the maximum of impudence on the part of the robbers was reached Saturday evening when a strange cowboy rode into Umatilla and tied his horse in front of the hotel. For a time nothing was seen of him until he was noticed going from hotels to boarding houses taking orders for dressed beef. A. R. Jacks engaged a quarter of beef, but soon missed his valuable milch cow. His hired man went in search of it, and upon passing a vacant house, heard a cow bellowing. Going inside, he saw the lost animal awaiting its fate, surrounded by butcher tools of every description. The commercial cowboy, smelling a rat, very quickly mounted his horse and escaped.

How much better it would be all round, if the U. P. R. Co. officials had a standing order for employes to let the public know about matters which interest the public. The narrow escape of a passenger train from a 40-foot plunge at Columbus trestle this side of Grant, a broken rail having been discovered just in the nick of time and not one instant to spare, was what delayed the 4:20 p. m. train yesterday. The train backed up to Grant, sent for a detail of section men who came and made the repairs. But it was a very close call, and the waiting public had a perfect right to know the particulars. Just such a circumstance happened at Latourelle Monday night. A bridge went out under the weight of the locomotive, baggage and mail and express cars. The locomotive fortunately escaped, and it was providential that the passenger coaches kept the track. This accident delayed the train twenty-four hours but not a word could be learned by those having friends on board, or by waiting passengers at the stations, when the facts properly belonged to the public to know, as the public were interested.

A paragraph is going the rounds of the press which does the Inland Empire great injustice, especially just at this time, on the eve of the convening of the assembly, which it is expected will provide for a portage railway around the dalles obstruction. The paragraph in question reads as follows: "During the year 1890 the Oregon Railway and Navigation company carried to Portland on its line in Oregon 45,000 tons of wheat and in 1891, 50,000 tons. In 1890, 776 carloads of sheep, cattle, horses and hogs were shipped to Portland, and in the following year the number of carloads was increased to 793." The above figures are misleading. Sherman county alone, has shipped an aggregate equal to the above sum, which leaves Baker, Union, Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Crook and Wasco counties to be heard from. THE CHRONICLE gave the most reliable and authentic figures on the 16th, for the period of eight years, showing shipments of wheat alone aggregating 2,100,000 tons, which would present the sum of over \$525,000 at the price, 25 cents per ton transportation; a sum more than equal to the cost of construction, equipment and operating expenses of the road for the entire eight years. These matters should not be improperly represented, at this time especially.

Blakeley & Houghton, pharmacists, 175 Second street, have secured the services of Mr. A. Tizer, a graduate of the Moscow school of pharmacy and a licentiate of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Mr. T. is a "Deutscher Apotheker," and has had ten years' experience in the drug business in this country and Europe.

From The Daily Chronicle, Thursday.

Coming. Maj. and Mrs. Dr. Ingalls are wintering in Phoenix, Arizona.

A fine lot of furniture going very low at Crandall & Burget's new store.

Busy Bees are out today, but the usual bud and blossom have been nipped.

A transom at the academy was broken yesterday by snow balls. Badly smashed.

The experience social will be held in the lecture room at the M. E. church Saturday evening.

People wanted to select the shady sides of the streets today to keep out of the warm summer sun.

Messes Maie Williams and Laura Burgess came up from Portland today to spend the remaining holidays.

Mr. H. A. Pratt of Hood River, one of the pioneer steamboat engineers of the Columbia river, is in the city.

Carpets and furniture at reduced rates at Crandall & Burget's, next door to Floyd & Showen's drug store.

You can carpet your rooms at about your own price by calling on Crandall & Burget, at the new store on Union street.

Chas. La France, commonly known as "Stub," has returned from the east, and resumed his place on the U. P. R. line.

Mr. Fred Wilson of Mitchell, is in the city, combining business with a holiday visit to friends and relatives in The Dalles.

P. P. Underwood of Boyd, who is in the city today, informs us that the ground is thoroughly soaked by the snow and water.

Mr. and Mrs. Dysart of Centralia, are spending their holidays with Mrs. Dysart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Butler of this city.

Crandall & Burget are now settled in their new store in the Michellbach brick on Union street, next door to Floyd & Showen's. Call around.

The little son of Mr. Fred Bronson, a year and a half old, is very sick. He appeared somewhat improved this morning but was dangerously ill last night.

Mercury today stands at 45° above zero in The Dalles. The wind up to noon was just a gentle east breeze. It has vied around 10° to the west since.

Mud, mud, mud, begins again to peep up at the crossings from beneath the beautiful mantle of snow which has shut it from sight the past week.

Mr. S. Shoemaker of Washington City, who has been in The Dalles several days, is the guest of Mrs. C. H. Brown, left for home today via Portland.

Messes "Jack" Mays, "Pat" Patterson and "Tib" French left for a rabbit hunt this morning. It is thought the race of rabbits will now be exterminated.

There was a childrens party at the rectory last evening, composed of St. Pauls church Sunday school. We learn incidentally that the party was a perfect success.

Yesterday "Tib," Walter and Pau French were out hunting jack rabbits. After a day spent in the snow and slush they returned with one lone and lank rabbit.

Preparations for planting a hop field of 1,000 acres are being made in Gilliam county. Hop yards would be found to be paying investments at The Dalles. Why not?

Dr. Siddall is the happiest man in The Dalles today. He hasn't seen the sun shine since entering Egypt (Portland) before Christmas, until he returned home this noon.

The death of the Johns boy from diphtheria today was expected. It is not thought there will be any more cases in the city, and great care has been taken to prevent its spreading.

F. M. Thompson of 15-Mile, and J. B. Havely of Boyd, report the snow all going into the ground, and that, so far, this winter is the most favorable to farmers that has been for eight years.

C. J. Bright, the leading attorney of Sherman county is in the city. He says the country has been well snowed under, followed by steady rains, which will be a mint of wealth to the farmers next year.

At the Congregational vestry at 7 o'clock this (Thursday) evening, services preparatory to holy communion next Sunday morning. Business meeting of the church and parish at 8 o'clock this evening.

N. R. Baird of Antelope met Mr. Ben Snipes and Sullivan at Seattle a week or so ago. On recognizing Mr. Baird, they having met each other over on the John Day recently, the hobo detective hung his head and looked as sneaking as a hyena, and had nothing to say. The Herald says Mr. Snipes told Mr. Baird he was satisfied the Zachary boys and Cal Hale were innocent men, and he also expressed himself emphatically in condemnation of the fool Sullivan and his hobo gang.