

The Weekly Chronicle.

THE DALLES, OREGON

Clubbing List.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Fast falls the snow, Oh! lady mine, Sprinkling the lawn with crystals fine: But by the gods! we won't rejoice While we're together.

Then stir the fire and pour the wine And let those sea-green eyes divine Four their love madmen into mine. I don't care whether 'Tis sun or snow, or storm or shine, If we're together.

Saturday's Daily.

The hills surrounding the city received a light coating of snow last night.

Navigation was suspended on Snake river yesterday on account of the freeze-up.

Are you going to the Redmen's masquerade? Of course you are, because everybody will be there and you don't want to get left.

The thermometer touched twelve below freezing point last night, and if this condition prevails any length of time we shall have good skating.

Some of the boys have been skating on the slough above town, but at noon it was not frozen across sufficiently to be safe except along the shore.

The case of the State against Adam Fleck, who was charged with assault and battery in striking H. C. Gordon with a shovel, Dec. 24th, was tried in Justice Davis' court yesterday by a jury, and a verdict of not guilty was returned.

Mr. M. V. Harrison, who has been appointed by the court to collect delinquent taxes, has completed the work of making a list of all the taxable real property in the county according to the assessor's books, for use in checking up the present ownership book now being made, and will at once begin the work of tax collecting.

The committee appointed by the city council to furnish plans for a sewer system for the city, have completed their labors as far as selecting the route is concerned, having had two competent engineers assisting them. The proposed system will make five miles in length of 24 inch sewer and would be almost perfect, but the trouble is going to be in the cost.

The Portland Illustrated Annual published by Peaselee Bros. of that city, is one of the very handsomest things of the kind we have ever seen. It is simply a masterpiece, in which the photographer the designer, the engraver and the printer have each tried to outdo the other.

Since the wreck in which Engineer Ready was killed the O. R. & N. is having decidedly bad luck at that point, or near it. A temporary track has been built around the scene of the recent accident at Tumwater, and nearly every day since a freight train has got into the ditch there. Last night several cars got off the track, delaying the west bound passenger six hours.

Monday's Daily.

The legislature meets two weeks from today.

Don't forget to write it 1895, for 1894 is a back number after today.

Probate court meets on the 7th, and commissioners' court on the 9th.

City council meets in regular session Thursday evening, the 3d day of January, 1895.

The weather bureau reports for today and tomorrow, occasional snow, and stationary temperature.

There is a special meeting of the city council to act upon petitions for liquor licenses, beginning at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

It is stated that Senator Dolph will return from Washington to take direct charge of his fight before the legislature next month.

Friday night some person or persons broke into Charley Cooper's cellar, on the hill, and swiped a lot of butter, pies and other eatables.

The awarding of prizes at Maier & Benton's will take place at their grocery store tonight at 8 o'clock, instead of 9 as advertised heretofore.

There was just snow enough fell last night to spoil the skating and not enough to make good coasting. The weather, at the same time, moderated so that the ice is no longer safe.

Quite a number of persons sampled the skating yesterday. The ice was only about an inch thick, and this only along the edge of the slough. Still it was skating, and so the boys stayed with it.

Florida has been visited by a blizzard that has cost the state millions of dollars. At least one-half of the immense orange crop, estimated at five millions of boxes, was still on the trees, and were frozen solid. It is the coldest weather ever known there, the thermometer marking

16 above. Water pipes were frozen and ice formed on the ponds.

The South Oregon Monitor, published at Medford, in its issue of Dec. 28th, makes the startling announcement that "three boys were fined \$10 apiece for stealing melons, and were serving out the fine."

A bold, bad man took possession of the Aiken boarding house for a short time this morning, and gave things a brisk Christmas appearance for a while until Marshal Blakeney was sent for, who took him in charge and put him in the city refrigerator to cool off.

We are requested to state by several of our business men that they will not collect until Thursday, the 3d day of January, A. D., 1895. Owing to the coincidence of the first day of the month falling on the first day of the year, and both coming before the usual collection day, or the 2d, caused this action, which we suppose will be made unanimous.

The grand masquerade given by Wasco tribe of Redmen, takes place at Wingate's hall tonight. The indications are that it will be one of the most successful affairs of the kind ever held in The Dalles, for everybody is going. We are told some very handsome costumes will be shown and there is at least one that we know of that is "fearfully and wonderfully made."

Miss Lilla Wentworth, accompanied by a black eye, visited the city recorder's office this morning and made complaint against Harry somebody, charging him with presenting her the black eye aforesaid. Her musical and rippling laughter as she invoked the law showed that she was not actuated by malice, but moved only by a desire to see the statutes of the state upheld.

Wednesday's Daily.

The weather report for Eastern Oregon for today and tomorrow is "snow and colder."

The local is certainly elusive today, and there is not much of him; in fact he is snow such a thing.

The weather bureau reports a general snowstorm prevailing from the coast as far east as Baker City.

There was some very good shooting done at pigeons on the beach yesterday, but few of those that left the trap getting away.

The Regulator will not tie up before the 6th, unless the river becomes impassable, and she will not be tied up long either.

The report of the county clerk for six months, ending Dec. 31st, shows that \$1034.35 have been collected in fees and turned over to the county treasurer.

The legislature meets on the 14th, and now is the time for the young lady who wants a clerkship to lay aside her gum and tackle the country members. Yet a few days and it will be too late.

A telegram from Cascade Locks this morning stated that the snow was falling at the rate of eight inches an hour. If this is correct the chances for a blockade are exceedingly good.

At the awarding of prizes by Maier & Benton New Year's Eve, Donovan Olsen of White Salmon got the cook stove, A. Fleck of this city the Columbia Garland, Jr., and W. C. McClure of Mosier the copper teakettle.

Some thin ice began running in the river this morning. Should the weather turn but a little colder the Regulator may have to tie up before the time advertised. She will not do so, however, unless the ice compels it.

It commenced snowing at an early hour this morning, there being about an inch of the fleecy added to what was already on the ground by 7 o'clock. The snow comes from the east, is "fine haired, and gives promise of staying qualities.

Quite a number of young folks spent their New Years on the ice east of the city. The ice was in good condition but thin enough to make many afraid of it, being in that condition called when the writer was a boy "ticklish tender." It is, no doubt, much stronger today, but the fast falling show has settled all chance to use it.

Captain Saunders, a life timer, who was sent to the penitentiary for killing a man named Campbell, at Albany, in 1885, was pardoned by Governor Pennoyer Monday, the pardon being conditioned that Saunders leave the state. It is understood that Saunders will go to Spokane, where he will be married, and will then go to Texas.

A telegram received from Mr. Birgfeld Saturday, states that McKee Rankin will play here on the 7th and 8th, giving the "Danites" on the 7th and "Cannuck" on the 8th. Mr. Rankin stands at the head of his profession. His coming should be appreciated and that appreciation should be shown by the largest house that ever greeted an actor here.

County Judge Northrop of Multnomah county has ordered the executors of the Dekum estate to pay the widow \$300 per month until further notice. The executors did not want to pay her anything unless she released her rights in the dower, which of course she refused to do. The matter will be carried to the supreme court before it is finally decided.

Stabling & Williams have at their sample rooms, corner Second and Court streets, a fine lot of claret, port and zinfandel wine, which they will sell to the trade or at retail at lowest possible prices. Dec'8.

SILVER LAKE HORROR

FRIGHTFUL CHRISTMAS EVE HOLIDAY IN AN OREGON TOWN.

An Overturned Lamp Set Fire to a Building, Burning Men, Women and Children to Death.

A dispatch from Klamath Falls yesterday gives the following account of the Silver Lake horror:

"A most horrible holocaust occurred at Silver Lake, Or., Christmas eve. Over 40 people gave up their lives. Sixteen were badly injured, five of whom will probably die. While Santa Claus was making merry, the little children who had assembled in the hall above Chrisman Brothers' store, with their parents, brothers and sisters, little dreamed of the horrible fate they were soon to meet. The Lakeview Examiner says:

"Some one attempted to get where he could see and hear better by jumping upon a bench in the middle of the hall. In doing so, his head struck a lamp hanging from the ceiling, causing the oil to run out, which immediately caught fire. While trying to take the lamp down, it was tipped so that the oil ran out on the floor. From that time on the scene was horrible to behold. Some said, 'Shut the door and keep quiet, it can be put out,' while others screamed and yelled. The lamp was finally taken down, but it fell to the floor. In the attempts of the people to escape, it was kicked to the door, where it lay motionless, as it could not be touched on account of the intense heat. People were compelled to go through the flames, in order to reach the door, and frantically rushed to their doom. The killed are:

Mrs. John Buick, Freddie and the baby; Mrs. Owsley, Lillie and Bruce; J. J. Buick and his daughter, Mrs. Snelling, Mrs. Howard and two children; Ed Bowen, Miss McCauley, Wood Hearst and wife, Mrs. Coshov, Frank West and wife and two children; T. J. Lambres and child, Mrs. Ward, sr., Mrs. U. F. Absier, Frankie Horning, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Nettie Williams and child, W. Clay Martin and wife, Robert Small, Mrs. Ella Ward and child, Frank Ross, his mother and sister, Roy Ward's child, Ira Hamilton and Mrs. Gus Schroeder and child.

"The five injured, who are likely to die, are: Mrs. J. T. Labrie, Bob Snelling and sister, and Ed Payne and son. "The postoffice and the entire stock of goods of Chrisman Brothers, which were in the building, a two-story structure, were consumed with it."

Examples of Communism in the Lower Animal World.

Professor Stewart, in a lecture before the London institution, gives some instances of the curious partnerships which are sometimes formed in the animal world, the principal of which has been differentiated by naturalists under the term commensalism. The organism of the lower animals are inter-dependent, and, like human beings few of them are able to live only for and by themselves.

There is a hermit crab, who carries about him attached to his shell, or even to his claw, a sea anemone. When the crab feeds his partner shares the feast, and moreover enjoys the benefits of free locomotion, though little able to move itself. The parasite fully repays this service by hiding the crab when he is in danger, aiding him to namb or kill his prey, and, when the time comes for the crab to change his shell, assisting him to his new home.

Another example of this spirit of communism is found in the protection afforded the acacia tree of tropical America by a colony of ant warriors. The acacia tree, finding itself in danger of destruction by leaf-cutting and other ants and other insects, enlists in its service a tribe of ants, which are not only innocuous, but ready to fight for the plant and keep off its enemies.

But the ants are true mercenaries and will not serve without pay, and for them the tree affords food and a shelter—hollow appendages (stipules) to live in and nutrient fluids on which they feed. As soon as the foe sets foot on the leaf stock he is assailed by the guardian ants and either killed or compelled to beat a hasty retreat.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Christmas Tree on Mill Creek.

UPPER MILL CREEK, Dec. 28, '94. DEAR SIR:—I have come to life again and will say news is scarce, still we had the finest Christmas tree in the far west. The tree was loaded with good presents for both old and young. Lots of the young people from Three Mile and Dutch Flat were present and laughed till their sides ached at a piece acted by J. W. Fauser, entitled "Jo Abb the Greenhorn."

Well Mr. Editor I will come as soon as I can again. Yours as ever, SPOONS.

We Will Still Smoke.

Tomorrow being New Year's day, the usual amount of good resolutions will be made in the morning, many of which will be broken before night, and all of them before a month. When you see Jones going around looking like his mother-in-law was coming to visit him, you may know that he has discarded his pipe. By noticing his face each morning you can tell when the unequal

struggle is lost. Jones can quit any time, and as soon as he satisfies himself on this point by abstaining for from 24 to 48 hours, he knows that no habit can ever get the best of him, and so, feeling perfectly safe, he finds his pipe again. Smith has the same plan for rum. Robinson is equally successful in quitting pool and staying out late, and so in turn the whirling turns round, and we all pursue the even tenor of our sinful ways. As for us, gentle reader, we have but one really bad habit, and that is a hankering after a good cigar. We have no intention of swearing off, either, for we have tried it just enough to know that we can if we want to. No, sir, we don't intend to swear off until we see if we have to.

Florida Will Lose Millions of Dollars by the Cold Weather.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 31.—Three million dollars will hardly cover the loss in Florida from the cold of the past 72 hours. The mercury dropped to 22 deg. above zero last night, and the cold completed its work of destruction. The apple plantations are ruined, as well as the oranges and the winter vegetable crops. Next year's orange crop will be shortened by 1,000,000 boxes, which means an additional loss of \$1,500,000 to the growers and the transportation companies. The direct and incidental losses by this spell will aggregate \$5,000,000 in the next two years. Last night at 8 o'clock the mercury was 41 deg.

The mercury went down to 14 deg. above zero at the signal station in this city just before sunrise this morning, this record being 1 deg. colder than the temperature during the great freeze of 1886, and the lowest since 1835. The thermometer at the station is 100 feet above ground, and the surface readings about town average from 10 to 3 deg. lower. Reports from Titusville, Tampa, Ocala, Gainesville, Palatka and Sanford indicate the mercury dropped about 18 above zero in these localities. The orange and vegetable crops are practically ruined. The best estimate places the number of oranges on the trees at fully 2,600,000 boxes, and officials of the Florida Fruit Exchange, in this city, think fully 2,000,000 boxes have been frozen either wholly or in part. If this estimate is correct, the remaining 600,000 boxes will bring fabulous prices. These reports cannot be verified until tonight or tomorrow, but the best informants in fruit matters say "The jig is up with the oranges of 1894-95." Ice formed on the streets of Jacksonville this morning.

The snail is not without compensation, however, as it has largely killed the scale, one of the deadliest orange pests, and exterminated another, the white fly, which was becoming active in some groves and threatened the state.

The Glorious Climate of Texas.

"Yes, seh," said Representative Hutcheson, of Texas, to a Washington Post reporter, in reply to the usual remark: "yes, seh, this certainly is a charming day. But us folks from Texas don't enthuse over it, because you know seh, we have this kind o' weather right along down in our state. Ourskies rival the blue of Italy's far-famed cerulean vault, and from the birth of winter, seh, till the beautiful month of May melts in the lap of gorgeous perfumed June, the fragrance of whose roses sweetens the breath of our nostrils till winter, those skies look down on the Lone Star state and see just such weather as this."

"As good as the far-famed weather of Florida, Mr. Hutcheson?" "As good, seh? Better. And what's more, we are not eternally talking about it, either. But then we don't live through the summers on fish and through the winter on Yankees."

School Notes.

At a special meeting of the school directors last Monday Miss Lura Welch and Miss Ella Cooper were employed as additional teachers, and will begin work January 21st. One of them will be placed in the East Hill primary, after which the third, fourth and fifth grades will be taught there. This will fill every room belonging to the district, and will necessitate the moving of the kindergarten school from the Union school annex. The change also made necessary the purchase of 100 desks, which are now being placed in the rooms.

After the additional teachers begin their labors the average number of pupils for each teacher employed will be 43, and the number of teachers 15. School commences Monday.

I. O. O. F. Installation.

There will be an installation of the officers of Columbia Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F., at their hall on Friday evening, Jan. 4th, 1895, at 8 o'clock. The grand master is expected to be present. All Odd Fellows with their wives are cordially invited to attend.

By order of the committee of arrangements. tf

Real Estate Transactions.

The following deeds were filed for record Saturday:

United States to John C. Ward, sec 4, ne 1/4 and e 1/2, sw 1/4, sec 33, t 1 n of r 14 e; patent.

F. M. Thompson and wife to J. A. Gulliford, ne 1/4, sec 17, tp 2 s of r 13 e; \$425.

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Christmas at the Agency.

SIMNASHO, Or., Dec. 29, 1894.

A very pleasant time was spent at Simnasho boarding school Christmas night, of which the following is the program:

Song, "Glory to God, the Father," by the choir.

Prayer, Rev. J. A. Speer.

Opening address, Fannie Hull.

Recitation, "Christmas Has Come," Dan Butler.

Recitation, Samuel Schoolie and Alvin Smith.

Recitation, "Something for Children to Do," Martha Tzumba.

Song, Five Little Girls.

Recitation, George Smith.

Recitation, "The Last Hymn," Miss Sherrard.

Recitation, Frank Wewa.

Recitation, "Learning My Letters," Eliza Fall.

Address, Miss Black.

Song, "The Village Bell," Miss Heisler.

Recitation, "The Babe of Bethlehem," Fifteen Little Children.

Recitation, Jesse Pipsber.

Recitation, "Somebody's Mother," Miss Laird.

Song, Supt. Ferguson.

Recitation, "My Stocking," Eliza Tohet.

Recitation, "Over the Line," Miss Morgan.

Recitation, McKay James.

Reading, Harry Queachpahma.

Recitation, Jennie Fruit.

Song, Mr. and Mrs. Kalama, Misses Heisler and Morgan.

Recitation, "The Baby's Stocking," Anna Luxillo.

Recitation, "The New Church Organ," Miss Sherrard.

Dialogue, "Train to Mauro," Mr. Kalama, Miss Taylor and Edward Welch.

Address, Rev. J. A. Speer.

Mr. James Hayes acted as Santa Claus and distributed the presents from the tree.

A large number of outside Indians were present, and altogether it was a very pleasant affair, and one long to be remembered. UTTICHER.

The Masquerade.

The masquerade ball given by the Redmen drew a very large crowd, most of whom, however, were content to look on instead of taking part. There were about eighty maskers who held possession of the floor until 10 o'clock, at which time the masks were removed and the dancing became general. The floor was filled all the time with people determined to have a good time, and so they had it.

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