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LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Saturday's Daily. Wheat dropped 1/4c in the Chicago market yesterday.

The Regulator had a good sized passenger list this morning.

The Regulator will not make a trip to the Cascades tomorrow as expected.

The Regulator carried a small band of sheep for the Cascades this morning.

A plat of South Waucoma was filed today with the county clerk by Kitty Coe.

A fruit car loaded mainly with berries, will leave The Dalles for Denver this evening.

Five cars of wheat from Rufus were received by the Diamond Mills this morning.

Collections in town were reported better yesterday than at any time for several months.

A large quantity of hay comes into town every day and stock are going to have something good to eat next winter.

All that was left of Caroline was buried yesterday and a familiar character around The Dalles will be seen no more.

Eight cars of cattle went west last night from Saltmarsh's stockyard. They were driven from near Antelope to The Dalles.

Union services will be held tomorrow evening in the Methodist church. The Congregational and Methodist churches will unite in worship.

The finance committee held a meeting in the recorder's office last night and reported the bills presented. Some of the claims provoked warm debate.

No freight trains have run east here on account of the big blast near Seuferts. The passenger train will run as usual tonight and tomorrow all trains will go on schedule time.

Is The Dalles going to let other towns get ahead and be represented at the hose tournament, while no team goes from here? Nearly all the sprinters are in town and a splendid team could be picked. Who has patriotism enough to start the ball rolling?

Isaac C. Matney received his commission today as postmaster at Matney a new postoffice just created. Its location is twelve miles from town up Mill creek, five miles this side of the Dalles Lumbering Company's mill, along the line of the flume.

It had been supposed that the bicycle contest, between two of our well known citizens, had been allowed to drop, but this morning one of them was seen riding at 5 o'clock, so there will probably be a challenge issued next week. Jockeying is evidently going on.

There will be a basket meeting at the camp ground on Three Mile, Sunday August 11th. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. Rev. J. H. Wood of The Dalles and others will be present to take charge of the preaching services. All are invited to come with well-filled baskets.

The excursion from Eastern Oregon to the Cascade Locks will be the largest ever given by the people of the interior. The arrangements are made on a large scale. Everybody in the Eastern part of the state is desirous of attending, and the locks will see the greatest crowd in its history.

THE CHRONICLE hopes the subject of a band stand will not be allowed to drop. The summer is hurrying past and if we are to have any evening concerts the stand should be built at once. Fifty dollars could easily be raised and this would be a cheap price for the music that will be heard.

The wool press in the Wasco warehouse is still running, though the amount of wool remaining is very small. A few more days will see all the wool shipped and the baler will be quiet till next season opens. The Dalles has had a prosperous wool season—thanks to competitive transportation, which made this the best market. Next year we may expect still larger business.

The contractors at the locks have finished building the large dredge which has been in process of building for several days. As soon as the water gets low enough the dredge will be put to work sluicing the upper entrance to the canal and when this is finished the apparatus will be taken to the lower end. The dredge is a huge affair and will discharge the dirt very rapidly.

The telephone to Dufur, Tygh Valley and Antelope will be a great benefit to the country through which it passes and to The Dalles. The stages are slow and it takes four days for an answer to come from Antelope. When the telephone line is complete the volume of business will be greatly increased and the position of

of this city as the distributing point of a large radius of country be all the more strengthened.

Word was received yesterday evening that the government buildings were on fire, and it was feared that a general conflagration would ensue. By hard work, the fire was confined to the building in which it started, the stables, which were a total loss. It will not interfere with the work in any manner, and it is safe to say the sound of the steamboat whistles, that are now heard only on the lower river, will awaken the echoes here at Christmas time.

A man named W. J. White is being looked for by the officers with a warrant charging him with forgery. He came into R. E. Williams store this morning and bought a bill of goods tendering in payment a check purported to be signed by "S. S. Johns, Dalles Lumber Co." Mr. Williams becoming suspicious took the check to Van Bibber & Worsley and afterwards to J. T. Peters. After examining the check it was agreed that it was a forgery and so it proved to be. The imitation was not a very good one and the forger had neglected to perforate the corner with the amount as is the custom with Mr. Johns. A warrant was immediately issued for White but up to a late hour this afternoon he had not been found.

Monday's Daily.

The hottest of the season. Mr. Pague gives assurance that tomorrow will be fair and warmer.

Two hobos appeared in the police court this morning and received the usual sentence.

The election for chief of the fire department will be held today. Polls will be open from 5 to 7 p. m.

Drays have passed down Second street all day hauling wool to the Regulator dock. A large load will go tomorrow.

A marriage license was issued by the clerk this morning to C. W. Greene of California and Miss Flora Hartley of Hoj'd River, Oregon.

The directors of the D. P. & A. N. Co. held a meeting Saturday. Some important measures of benefit to The Dalles were discussed, which will soon be announced to the public.

The polling place for the fire election will be in the engine house. John W. Lewis, R. B. Sinnott, Mat Shoren will act as judges, while George Gibbons and Fred Van Norden will serve as clerks.

A joint meeting of the different fire companies will be held this evening at 8 o'clock, in the city hall. The project of buying a racing cart will be further discussed. Every member is expected to be present.

The Portland Military Band came to the Cascades on the Dalles City Saturday and discoursed some fine music on the trip. They are anxious to come to The Dalles if suitable arrangements can be made.

A lot of new music for the Orchestra Union arrived this morning from the East. The selections are the very latest and all of them pretty. The band stand should be built so the people can hear the new music by the time the boys have practiced.

The Wasco warehouse is just cleaning up its wool consignments for the present season, and clearing away for the wheat crop. General satisfaction is expressed by every one from this section with the treatment received at the hands of this firm during the wool season.—Prineville Review.

Apropos of the band stand agitation it has been suggested that the vacant lot on Third street, where before the fire the engine house used to be, would be a good place for the band stand. The place is central and there is considerable open space surrounding. Most any place will do, however, if only the stand is built.

The Columbia Hose Company at its meeting held in the water commission office Saturday night, nominated Fletch Faulkner chief and Ernest Jacobsen assistant. Henry Maier is president of the company and C. C. Cooper, secretary. The boys decided to co-operate with the other companies and if suitable arrangements can be made buy a racing cart.

Our fellow townsman, Mr. H. Herbring has met with a severe loss in the disastrous fire at Sprague. The large opera house erected by Mr. Herbring at a cost of \$15,000 was in the path of flames and reported as destroyed. The walls may be standing, however. Mr. Herbring's loss will be between \$8000 and \$10,000, which in these times is a heavy blow.

A meeting of the Jackson Engine company was held Saturday evening to make nominations for the position of chief and assistant to be voted for today. A. Sandrock presided over the meeting and James Fisher acted as secretary. As a result of the voting, Chas. F. Lauer was nominated chief and A. C. Wyndham, assistant. The project of sending a hose team to Vancouver was informally discussed as also was the matter of buying a racing cart. Definite action was postponed till the joint meeting tonight.

Harry Liebe was severely hurt by being thrown out of a buggy two miles this side of Dufur. In company with his brother Theodore, he was driving home from a chicken hunt, when the horse shied at a cleft near the road and

made a lunge up a steep bank. Harry was thrown out and two wheels of the buggy passed over him, severely hurting his back. The horse started to run and went a considerable distance before being stopped by Theodore Liebe, who remained in the buggy. Harry was brought home and his injuries attended. The doctor says he will be all right in a week.

A good joke is told on one of The Dalles society young men, who at present is visiting at Lower Cascades. About 10 o'clock Saturday night the camp was started by a lady running breathless saying some ferocious animal was in the bushes and that she had just escaped with her life. All the gallant young men hastened to be brave and the gentleman in question, grasping a gun, started for the scene of the disturbance. He saw what seemed a wild panther or something worse and leveled his gun ready to fire when a closer look disclosed the fact that he was about to shoot the only milk pan in camp. His bravery was proven however, by his intentions and he is more than ever the idol of the ladies.

The silica mines at Mosier are attracting considerable attention. There are immense bodies of it, and the only question to be determined is as to its value, and the demand. Specimens on exhibition seem to be of remarkable purity, and should bring the top price. The substance is of very fine grain and is used for polishing, but its principal use is in the manufacture of glass and the glazing of earthenware. It is composed of decomposed chalcidony, which includes the opal and moonstone, and is simply the vitreous, white rocks, found so abundantly in the basaltic of this neighborhood, and which have been decomposed by the action of silicic acids. Some seven or eight men are engaged in mining it at the present time, but its value seems to be problematical.

A joint meeting of Jackson and Columbia Hose companies was held Saturday night in the recorder's office. A large number of members from both companies were in attendance. H. J. Maier was chosen president of the meeting and W. L. Hunter secretary. The principal topic for consideration was the proposition to buy a racing cart. The Revere Rubber Co. presented a communication offering to sell the company one of the latest improved carts. The cost of the cart, including nozzle and freight charges laid down in The Dalles, would be something over \$2.50. A motion was made and carried that the president of each company appoint two members to serve as a committee to draw a contract for submission at the meeting tonight. Roger Sinnott and Chas. Lauer, from the Jackson Engine Co. and E. C. Pease and Judd Fish from the Columbia. After some informal discussion the meeting adjourned till 8:30 this evening.

Tuesday's Daily.

The Orchestra Union holds its regular practice this evening.

The luscious watermelons now frequent the markets in large numbers.

The county jail contains five prisoners all awaiting action by the grand jury.

The Regulator took a load of ninety-six bales of wool down the river this morning.

The condition of Frank Reynolds who has been very sick for nearly a month is reported improved.

The weather bureau missed the turn this time and today instead of being warmer than yesterday is much cooler.

All firemen who wish to run in the tournament races are requested to meet at the engine house tonight at 7:30. Let everybody turn out.

The new building erected by John Marden on Second street is rapidly being completed. This season has been a busier one for carpenters than any for several years.

Harry Liebe is still very sore from his injuries received Sunday; but the physician thinks they are in no way serious. A few days of quiet will make him as good as new.

A proverbial Dalles sephyr is blowing today. The river is lined with whitecaps while dust clouds fill the streets. No one complains, however, for the winds come from the ocean and are laden with refreshing moisture.

The Dalles will make a showing at Vancouver. The different hose companies are exhibiting great zeal in their efforts to see the town worthily represented. All the boys need is practice and they will come home laden with trophies.

A telegram was received today saying U. P. car 31,887 loaded exclusively with peach plums reached Cleveland in fine condition. Seven crates sold for \$1.00 apiece and a portion of the boxes at 75c each. All had not been sold when the telegram was sent but the prospects were good.

The Independent Workers lodge met in its regular session last evening and it was thought best to defer the installation of officers for one week and secure a larger attendance. All members of the lodge are requested to be present next Monday evening, as business of importance is to be brought before the lodge.

Rev. F. M. Fisher, of Oakdale, Wash., will deliver a lecture next Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the Methodist church. The subject will be "The American Saloon." Mr. Fisher is a speaker of

acknowledged ability, and all will do well to hear him. No admission fee will be charged but a collection will be taken.

The July and August issue of Harmony, the new musical journal published in The Dalles is just out. Between the covers is found very interesting reading, part of which a history of the Orchestra Union. The editor and publisher is J. G. Miller. All those interested in musical matters will find this little magazine a pleasant visitor.

Mr. T. T. Nicholas, of the Columbia Hotel, a man experienced in coal mining has gone to Lyle for the purpose of investigating the reputed coal fields there. Several finds have been made but it is not known to what extent they run into the mountains. If coal is found in any large quantity capital will be obtained easily to develop the discoveries.

Considerable excitement was occasioned Saturday night among the residents of Dry Hollow. Henry Teague and W. A. Miller had gone shooting in Dutch Flat and made agreement to meet at a certain place. Mr. Miller passed the meeting place without seeing his companion and thinking he had gone on to Mr. Stewart's house about five miles distant, proceeded to the latter place. Mr. Teague waited four hours and then becoming alarmed started to Dry Hollow and gave an alarm. Mr. Miller by this time started to find Mr. Teague and going to the place where they had parted found it deserted. The rescuing party from Dry Hollow, numbering nearly twenty people, arrived and began looking for Mr. Miller who in turn was seeking Teague. Mutual explanations followed and everybody returned home, the Dry Hollow boys getting to bed at 3 a. m. without there having been any need of their services.

The election for chief of the fire department and first assistant was held yesterday in the engine house. The polls were opened from 5 to 7 under the supervision of Emil Schanno, R. B. Sinnott, John W. Lewis, Fred Van Norden and Matt Shoren, who served as judges and clerks. The rivalry between the friends of the different candidates was very strong and during the day a good deal of rustling was carried on. Several buggies were used in carrying voters to the polls who it was feared might not otherwise attend. F. Faulkner and E. Jacobsen were named by the Columbia and C. F. Lauer, and A. C. Wyndham by the Jackson for the position of chief and assistant. As each company was supposed to support its nominee the vote of the Mt. Hood company was an important factor. Judging from the votes most of them supported the Columbia candidates. When the votes were counted Faulkner had 57, Lauer 33, Jacobsen 51, Wyndham 39. So Mr. Faulkner will be chief of the fire department for the next year with Ernest Jacobsen assistant.

A Curiosity.

Wm. Marders is the possessor of a curious relic, which to any collector of curios would possess great value. Mr. Marders, while on a hunting expedition to Waukiakus springs, on the Klickitat river, became acquainted with the Indian chief, Waukiakus, from whom the springs are named and in the course of their friendship the old Indian presented Mr. Marders with a pipe of quaint design. It is of wood inlaid with silver and lead and instead of having a bowl the piece is perfectly straight. The Indian gives his age as 100 years and says his wife is 110. The old Indian felt that his days along the Klickitat would not be many and that in the happy hunting grounds he would get a new pipe. Waukiakus remembers when there were no white people in the land and says he recollects distinctly when the Lewis and Clark expedition passed down the Columbia. At that time he was about 9 years old. He still has the eye and look of a chief and in spite of a bent form and the heavy weight of years, carries himself with dignity. Mr. Marders highly prizes the "pipe of peace" and intends giving it to the Red Men's society to be preserved in its archives. It is now at THE CHRONICLE office.

A Day at the Locks.

The special Cascades Locks excursion train will leave Pendleton Saturday evening, August 17, and will reach the Locks the following morning. A program for the day's entertainment is being prepared by citizens at Cascades. Every visitor will be made to feel at home and his comfort as well as enjoyment will be looked after. After the locks have been inspected, the excursionists will have plenty of ways to enjoy themselves for the balance of the day, such as visiting the fish wheels, the old block house, where settlers sought refuge from the attacks of hostile Indians' way back in 1857; the rock quarries; to go boating, either sail, row or steam launch; trout fishing, bicycle riding (there are four miles of splendid wheeling through dense woods); lovely picnic grounds with large dancing platform, swings, etc. Refreshments of all kinds will be kept on the grounds, and eating accommodations will be ample and service of the very best. Messrs. J. G. and I. N. Day, the government contractors at the locks, are on the committee on entertainment, which is sufficient guarantee that every visitor will be handsomely treated.

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SALOONS TO CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT

The Council Orders Such an Ordinance to Be Drawn—Full Report of the Meeting Saturday Night.

The meeting of the city council Saturday night was unusually interesting. The fact that petitions would be presented, looking towards closing the saloons, had attracted interested spectators. When the roll was called Mayor Menefee and Councilmen Hood, Nolan, Saltmarsh, Ross, Johns and Thompson were found present. Messrs. Crowe, Eshelman and Wood came in shortly after, making the entire council present. Several petitions signed by a large number of citizens were read looking towards the closing of the saloons and the subject provoked warm debate. Mr. Nolan moved that the matter be referred to the committee on health and police and that the council would go into caucus and informally discuss the question. Mr. Saltmarsh seconded the motion, which was afterward amended that the committee report Friday night. After quite a lengthy discussion the question was put by the mayor and the motion declared lost. Mr. Hood then moved that the recorder be instructed to draw an ordinance requiring all saloons to close at midnight. After a second by Johns the question was put before the council. Some good speeches were made pro and con. Every member of the council declared himself either on one side or the other. When the vote was called five councilmen voted in favor of the motion and four against it and the recorder was instructed to prepare the ordinance. After the reading and approval of the previous minutes a petition from C. W. Denton to furnish wood for the city, was read and placed on file.

The committees on health and police and public streets made verbal reports. Mr. Hood from the select committee appointed to interview the commission, reported that the commission would carry an open account with the city for water rent and not present the bill until the future state of our finances would permit.

The question of Mr. Gehres' water rent about which there was some dispute, was referred to the committee on fire and water. The reports of the treasurer, marshal and recorder were read and placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hood, a committee consisting of Nolan and Crowe was appointed to revise the ordinance regarding shows and circuses.

The matter of an ordinance regarding the licensing of bill posters and persons distributing advertising matter, was indefinitely postponed.

A motion was carried that all bills recommended by the finance committee be paid.

The council unanimously passed a motion instructing the marshal to enforce all city ordinances.

The recorder was instructed to buy two copies of the session laws of 1895.

Mr. Phelps, the recorder, was granted a week's leave of absence.

The following bills were ordered paid: James H. Blakeney, marshal \$4 75

Geo J. Brown, engineer fire dept. 75 00

I I Burget, treasurer 20 00

F G Connelly, night watchman 60 00

Dalles Elec Lt Co, fire dept. 6 40

Dalles Elec Lt Co, street lights 180 04

Dalles Elec Lt Co, office light 5 40

G W Phelps, recorder's salary 50 00

Thos Haslam, special police 15 00

Wm Harding, " " 15 00

Frank Hill, " " 5 00

W H Butts, " " 12 50

A Keller, mdse 4 25

Stevens Bros, work after prisoners 1 50

T T Nicholas, meals prisoners 44 28

Teague Bros, hauling hose cart 5 00

Maier & Benton, 2 cords oak wood 12 00

J F Ferguson, hauling fire engine 5 00

John Farris, sawing wood 1 50

L S Davis, canvassing election returns 3 00

A M Kelsay, canvassing election returns 3 00

Chronicle Pub Co, six mo's adv. 20 00

Times-Mountaineer, advertising 2 00

Richard Fulton, window glass broken in making arrest 2 00

I I Burget, extra labor 50 00

Or Tel & Tel Co, telephone msg. 2 30

J H Blakeney, work team on street 2 00

W H Butts, working prisoners on streets 3 50

Mays & Crowe, labor on sewer and waste pipe 1 55

Teague Bros, work team on street 1 50

R. Hood, jr, work team on streets 1 50

The claim of Henry McNulty for \$70 on account of work during the smallpox

quarantine, was cut down to \$30 and it was ordered that he be paid that amount provided he sign a receipt in full.

The claim of J. H. Blakeney for a trip to Klind's and hauling hose cart, \$3.50, was referred to committee on fire and water.

The bill of Geo. Mungor, \$5, for painting hose cart was referred to the same committee.

The claim of Dufur & Hill for \$20 services in drafting city ordinances, was referred to the mayor.

As this was all the business before the council, a motion to adjourn was carried and the councilmen dispersed.

A Tremendous Blast.

In company with E. E. Lytle, P. Dehuff, Yardmaster Hogan, Ed. Howell and several other gentlemen connected with the railroad, a representative of THE CHRONICLE visited the scene of the big blast this morning. The switch engine, box car and a flat car loaded with ties made up the special train, which after a few minutes run and a short stop at Seuferts cannery reached the place where the work of improving the road bed and track is going on. Just around the bend beyond 3-Mile creek a gang of men are tearing down the hillside and moving the track some distance from its present location. This morning at 5 o'clock a blast—one of the biggest that ever occurred on the road—was fired and the whole hillside torn from its innermost depths. The exact location is what was known as the half bridge, where the river washes along a perpendicular bluff and where only a bridge was between the cars and the terrible depth of the river. Nineteen charges of powder, amounting to over 6000 pounds, were touched off at a little after 5 this morning. All the charges went at once, being fired by an electric battery. The result can hardly be described. The basaltic cliff toppled into the river and pieces of bridge, rocks and clouds of dirt filled the air in every direction. The smoke was seen from town and the low rumble heard several miles away.

The experiment—if such it may be called—proved a great success and the railway officials and those who had charge of the work feel well satisfied. A great mass of rock filled the river for a distance of over 50 feet from the track and made a sure foundation for the road bed. The track was torn for several hundred feet. A large force of men were immediately put to work and by tonight a temporary track will be finished so that trains can pass in safety. This improvement will be a great benefit to the roadway and remove a cause of worry that has always been present to train men.

For the Fruit Growers.

The latest reports from the East show that Oregon fruit is holding its own well in the East. The reports from the remaining car of plums will be received shortly. There was sold in Chicago yesterday U. P. car \$1,883 from Roseburg, peach plums, O. F. Godfrey, 70 to 75 cents; W. C. Winston, 70 to 75 cents; J. W. Wright, 70 cents. In Denver, car \$1,872, from The Dalles, peach plums were placed in cold storage on account of glutted market; on arrival, 250 crates sold today at \$5 to 95 cents per crate. It is very gratifying to be able to realize enough for peach plums to net the shippers from 1/2 to 1 cent per pound. It shows that with proper handling, we can make profitable the shipping of this heretofore worthless fruit. No other cars that have left Oregon have sold as yet, but we will give reports so that comparisons can be made. Peaches still remain very steady in Eastern markets and California crop is selling very short. Other California plums are selling from 70 cents to \$1.25, dark colored fruit bringing highest prices. Peaches still a glut east and there is no encouragement for Eastern shipments.

Portland—Local market very unsteady on Oregon fruits, except peaches, good free stone, selling 60 to 70 cents; second grade from 25 to 55 cents. Considerable shipments of peaches can be handled. Don't ship apples or plums. Apples go begging at 25 cents per box; plums 1/2 cent per pound to nothing. In Portland market, peaches, pears, tomatoes, watermelons and cantaloupes can be sold to advantage.