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Wednesday's Daily.
A gentle rain today has added to the moisture in the ground.

The peace of the city was unbroken last night and the police court this morning was bereft of occupants.

The Excelsior Club has completed all arrangements for their grand masque ball on the 10th. Do not forget the place, the armory hall.

Quite a number of our citizens are engaged in sturgeon fishing, and lines are being strung at various places along the Columbia's banks. Sturgeon fishing is proving quite a profitable industry.

Pedestrians are rejoicing in some new cross walks on Second street. One at the corner of Second and Court streets was laid this morning, and another is being built today at the corner of Washington and Second. No one will deny but that they are badly needed.

The reading room of the Commercial club is constantly used by the members. At any time after business hours members can be found perusing the latest magazines and papers. The need of such a place is proven to have existed, by the manner in which it now is being used.

Mr. J. O. Mack returned today from Portland, where he attended a meeting of horsemen from different places in the Northwest. The session was a successful one and arrangements were made for a good circuit during the coming year. The date for The Dalles fair has been set for October 19.

The members of the Jackson Engine company held their regular meeting last night. A committee consisting of Messrs. Geo. A. Liebe, W. H. Butts and Ad Keller was appointed to audit the accounts of the officers as the present year for which the officers were chosen is nearly at an end. The election will take place the first Tuesday in February.

The Regulator has been pulled up on the ways till her hull is high and dry. Work will be begun at once, taking up the planking and making repairs where needed. A large force of men will be kept steadily at work and the sound of mallet and chisel will break the stillness of the air at Hungry Harbor. The interior of the boat will be cleaned and painted while the hull and outside is being cared for.

No word has been received from Hon. D. P. Thompson explaining why he did not fulfill his engagement to lecture in The Dalles last evening, but as today's Oregonian contains a report of a lecture Mr. Thompson delivered in Portland, it is probable a confusion of dates is to blame for the non-fulfillment of the engagement here.

Mr. F. H. Rowe of Klickitat is in town today and is happy over the rise of water in that stream, as it insures him plenty of logs for his mill. The low water of the past season has prevented him from making a successful drive, but there is lots of it now, and he assures us that Klickitat pine will be plenty in the future.

Another train of twenty-eight loads left The Dalles last night for Portland, and was followed by a train of the same number of cars this morning. Both trains were compelled to "double up" before reaching Rowena. The first train of this length which left The Dalles yesterday morning arrived in Portland two hours late. The company is determined, however, that the engines shall do the work, and long trains will be the rule from now on.

Seventy-four coyote and wild-cat scalps were received at the county clerk's office today. They were sent in by the Stockman's Union of Antelope. A bounty of \$1 is paid by the county court for each scalp, and as the Stockmen's Union has also offered a similar bounty, scalps taken in Antelope precinct are worth \$2 apiece. The union pays the party bringing a scalp \$2 and then receives \$1 rebate from the county. Previous to today sixty scalps had been brought to the county clerk's office.

County court began its regular session this afternoon. Judge Blakeley, county Commissioners Blowers and Darnelle, and County Clerk Kelsay were in attendance, while the judges big dog, Guy, assisted in lending dignity to the opening of court. The session this month will encounter plenty of work, as a great many reports of road supervisors will come up for auditing. It is not probable that the tax levy will be made at this term of court, as the returns from the state equalization board were only received today.

A writ of habeas corpus was sued out before Judge Bradshaw yesterday after-

noon and, Patsy Griffin, who had been sent up from the Cascades because of some difficulty concerning the payment of his road tax, was given his liberty. There must be something wrong with the way things are run at the Locks in regard to the collection of road taxes, as this makes the second case of where a man has been sent to The Dalles for failure to pay and each time the alleged offender has been discharged. The costs to the county have been large, with no resultant good. Expenses are heavy enough already without having them needlessly increased.

A freight train, numbering fifty cars, from Umatilla, arrived in The Dalles last evening. The cars contained wheat which was shipped from near Pendleton. Two engines in charge of Engineers Earhart and Patsy pulled the train. This year is seeing longer trains run over the road than previous seasons and as a result, the number of men in the employ of the company is lessened. When two trains can be combined into one a considerable expense of labor is lessened. There are several engineers in The Dalles who have been working on the road a good many years, but this season are out of employment owing to the reason stated.

Friday evening the Excelsior club will give a grand ball in the armory. The masquerade costumes for the dancers arrived last night and are now on exhibition in the old CHRONICLE building and are of late design and elegant make. The Excelsior club is one of the most recent social organizations of the town. It is composed of young gentlemen who believe in enjoying life and making their friends do the same. Its officers are president, C. H. Brown; vice-president, A. N. Varney; secretary, Glen O. Allen; treasurer, S. L. Thurman. The executive committee, in whose hands are placed the arrangements for the Friday evening masquerade, consists of S. L. Thurman, A. N. Varney, George H. Dufur, Glen O. Allen, R. A. Spivey and C. H. Brown. The membership of the club is quite large.

A meeting of the vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal church was held last evening at which arrangements were made for the temporary supply of the church. The members of the vestry, who attended the meeting were L. S. Davis, J. T. Peters, W. H. Lochhead, Fred. Bronsen and D. W. Vause. When the subject of securing a rector came before the vestrymen it was decided that an arrangement be made whereby Rev. J. N. Goss should occupy the pulpit for two Sundays in each month, the time of the rector, between the two consecutive services to be spent in The Dalles. This arrangement will undoubtedly give satisfaction to the members of the church and congregation. Some repairs were also ordered made to the church. Mr. Goss has preached twice in St. Paul's church and the expression regarding him is quite favorable.

Thursday's Daily
A liquor license was granted today to C. V. Lane of Antelope.

Snow shovels are at a discount now. There may be use for them later on.

Thomas Haslam is filling the position of engineer at the electric light works.

D. L. Cates of Cascade Locks has been appointed notary public by Governor Lord.

Two cars of sheep and two cars of hogs were shipped from Grants to Troutdale today.

A car of cattle was shipped to Portland this morning by the Columbia Packing Co. They were in fine condition and brought a good price.

A man from the interior lost a \$100 cheque on the streets yesterday. As it is made payable to order and not endorsed, payment was stopped at the bank.

Justice Davis was called upon today to unite in marriage Miss E. Florer and Mr. John D. Button, both of Sherman county. The ceremony was witnessed by a number of friends of the bride and groom.

The little Wood boy, who has been so seriously ill for several days, is reported to be holding his own and the attending physician thinks that if no change for the worse occurs in the next twenty-four hours the little patient may recover.

Deputy Clerk Gilbert and County Assessor Wakefield are busy today working upon the assessment roll and making the changes ordered by the state board of equalization. The work will be done with all haste consistent with accuracy.

C. P. Balch of Dufur, who has been dangerously ill for some time, was brought into The Dalles this morning and will be taken to Portland tomorrow. Mr. Balch is somewhat improved, though his condition is far from being what his friends would have it. He is taken to Portland where the hospital facilities, it is hoped, will be conducive to his recovery.

S. F. Gill of Portland has been chosen engineer on the Regulator. Mr. Gill is a brother of J. K. Gill, the well-known Portland book merchant, and is well known among steamboat men on the Columbia river. He is well qualified for his new position.

The county court is well into the work of the session. The most important business transacted, was the changing of the 8-Mile voting place from the white school house to the Endersby school

house. A road petition from German Sequie was received and continued until the next term.

The number of claims which have been presented to the county court this term is unusually large. Five hundred and forty bills have been filed and will be taken up for consideration at once. The reports of the road supervisors will come up before the court at this time, so the amount allowed will of necessity be large.

The members of the Masonic chapter held a meeting in their temple last evening. The Royal Arch degree was conferred upon Dr. Siddall and Mr. McDonald of Cascade Locks. After the work was completed the members sat down to a sumptuous banquet, and according to all reports, thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The open weather of the past two weeks has made the farmers think of plowing. A number of them are already making furrows in their fields, but it is generally thought it is yet too early for plowing to be done. The grass is growing finely, and every day that this mild weather continues means a saving of feed to the stock-raiser and farmer. So far the winter is proving satisfactory to everybody.

A pleasant afternoon party was given yesterday by Mrs. A. L. Newman and Miss Newman at their residence on Fourth street. The affair was given in honor of Miss Moody of Salem, who is visiting in The Dalles. The afternoon was spent amidst fancy work, while conversation and music combined to make the hours pass swiftly. A dainty lunch was served to the guests who were fortunate enough to be present. Those who accepted of the hostesses' hospitality were Mrs. Hilton, Mrs. Mack, Mrs. H. W. French, Mrs. Bronson, Mrs. W. H. Moody, Mrs. Price, Miss Lang and Miss Moody.

Parties driving into The Dalles over the lower road to 5-Mile are loud in complaint of the road leading from the brewery to the railroad company's ice house. The thoroughfare could hardly be in worse condition, they say. At the last meeting of the council it was ordered that the marshal be empowered to employ a man at \$2 per day to do work upon the streets, and there is no better place for work to be done than the portion of Second street between the places mentioned. Two dollars a day should get good men, as a multitude of laborers could be found glad to do the work at even a less figure. We hope to see a great deal of work on the roads leading to town, as they are in need of it.

The Red Men held an enthusiastic meeting last night, at which it was decided to give a grand ball February 22 in the Baldwin opera house. A committee consisting of W. H. Butts, F. Lemke and Ad. Keller was appointed to make all necessary arrangements for the event. The Orchestra Union will furnish the music and the dance will be first-class in all respects. The Red Men chose Washington's birth day as the occasion for the festivities, because George Washington was the first grand sachem of the order. The Red Men date back to the famous Boston Tea Party, when fifty citizens of Boston disguised as Indians, threw a cargo of tea into Boston harbor. The ball next month will be a masquerade affair.

Interest in the militia has been greatly stimulated in The Dalles of late, and Co. G is receiving a number of new recruits. Since the completion of the new armory the boys are taking a great deal of pride in the organization. The drill last evening was largely attended, forty-five militia men being in the ranks. Seven new men were mustered in, the names being as follows: Fred Hilgen, Arthur Hendershott, W. M. McGee, Max Bartell, Archie Barnett, Will. Brown and Will. Johnson. The members of the company are each acting as a recruiting committee and several new names are expected to be added to the muster roll at the next drill night. The material that is going into Co. G is of first-class kind, and The Dalles will have the crack company of Eastern Oregon. Socially the members of the militia take pleasure in their organization and in their fine armory find many opportunities for recreation.

A good criterion of the increase or decrease in the amount of business done in a town is the change which the receipts of the postoffice exhibit. A further proof that the present year has been a better business season for The Dalles than was last year, is shown by the fact that the receipts in the local postoffice for 1895 greatly exceeded those of 1894. A comparison for the two years shows that from Oct. 31 to Dec. 31, 1894, the receipts of The Dalles office were \$1813.52. For the same period in 1895, they were \$2098.26—a gain of nearly \$300 for three months. In the quarter preceding the above, or from July 1 to Oct. 2, 1894, the postoffice took in \$1613.70. For a like period in '95 the amount was \$1804—a gain of nearly \$200. This showing is a very satisfactory one, and is evidence that the business done in The Dalles is better this year than last and constantly increasing.

Dodson & Hill,

Of St. Louis, Mo., put up a special line of Pickles designed expressly for Retail Trade throughout the United States. We are now catering to that trade in The Dalles, hence we have placed in stock a full line of that productions.

- Fancy Sweet Pickles in bulk,
 - Fancy Sweet Mangoes in bulk,
 - Mixed Pickles, 1/2 pints, pints, quarts,
 - Sweet Mixed Pickles, pints, quarts,
 - Onions, pints, quarts,
 - Fancy Sour Pickles in bulk,
 - Ghirkins, English, 1/2 pints, pints, quarts;
 - Sweet Gherkins,
 - Chow Chow, pints, quarts,
 - Olives, pints, quarts.
- Celery Salt, French Mustard, Chili Sauce, Horseradish, Tomato Catsup, &c.

SEE DISPLAY IN CORNER WINDOW.

We are Continuing our Special Sale during January.

All our Dry Goods, Furnishing Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, are marked at prices that make every article a genuine bargain to purchasers. We feel assured that we are warranted in saying that no goods have ever been offered in The Dalles at prices as low as our goods are now being sold. Would you object to call and ascertain for yourselves?

PEASE & MAYS.

ALL GOODS MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES.

ing will be much larger than the one now in use.

The bounty which was set by the last county court upon coyote scalps is causing persons to bring in such trophies almost daily. Three such scalps were received today.

The Foresters met last evening in their new hall, over Brown's grocery store. The officers elected at the last meeting were installed and several applications for membership received.

Mr. Balch was taken to Portland on this morning's passenger. Dr. Kane of Dufur accompanied the sick man. At the time of leaving, Mr. Balch seemed slightly better, but his condition on the whole is regarded as very precarious.

The longest train of cars that ever left Albina on the O. R. & N. track arrived in The Dalles at noon. When the engine started from Albina it had 56 cars behind it, ten of which were set out at intermediate stations. A ten-wheeler, No. 112, with Engineer Christians at the throttle, pulled the train. The cars were empty, and will be filled with wheat for shipment to Portland.

The county court is in the midst of examining bills. A good many claims will be cut down, as people who live in The Dalles and were summoned as witnesses will be allowed pay for only actual days spent in court. Most claims were put in for the time from the date of the subpoenas till the discharge, but the court will not allow this procedure. Some of the claims will be slashed away down.

A letter received from a gentleman at Antelope says stockmen are well pleased with the record the winter is making so far. The grass is growing nicely. From near the Deschutes word comes that the stock are not in the best of condition just at present, owing to them eating the new grass, which is too tender to be nourishing. This is but a passing condition, however, and with weather such as the authorities are giving us now, stockmen will have no complaint to make.

Pneumonia seems to be prevalent to a considerable extent. Mrs. I. N. Sargeant was taken sick yesterday morning, and within twenty-four hours her condition was such as to cause her friends much anxiety. Her daughter, Mrs. Wilson, at Nansene, has been summoned and will arrive this afternoon. Mrs. Sargeant is in her eightieth year, and has many friends, who will watch anxiously for news from the sick room.

Tomorrow evening will be Elks' night in The Dalles. The members of Cascade Lodge, No. 303, will pay their brethren in this city a fraternal visit. They will come up on the noon train, bringing with them the necessary requisites for holding a session here. The meeting will be held in the Foresters' hall. It is expected that the lodge now at Cascades will be moved to The Dalles about the middle of next March, as the expected completion of the locks will cause many of the members to seek new pastures.

A letter was received this morning from Hon. D. P. Thompson explaining why he did not come upon the date set for his lecture in The Dalles. It seems a misunderstanding occurred and Mr. Thompson understood that February 4th, instead of January 4th, was to be the date. It has been arranged that Mr. Thompson will deliver his lecture in The Dalles January 28th, at which time he will undoubtedly be greeted by a large

audience. Holders of tickets for the course are asked to write the date upon their admission cards.

C. W. Barzee returned today from Sherman county, where he went in the interests of the Rattlesnake road. Mr. Barzee brings back the good news that the Sherman county court appropriated \$600 to be used in completing the grade. Mr. McDonald signed a \$1200 bond, with Mr. Barzee as surety, that the work would be completed by May 1st. The commissioners expect, however, that March 1st will see job done. Messrs. Barzee and McDonald made an earnest plea before the court and presented the matter in a strong light. The action of the court will be universally commended.

A meeting of the executive committee of the McKinley-Republican club was held last evening in Mr. Menefee's office. Messrs. M. T. Nolan, T. A. Hudson, Frank Menefee and H. H. Riddell, comprising a majority of the committee, were present. Matters pertaining to the welfare of the club were informally discussed, but the principal object of the meeting was to take some action regarding the convention of the state league, which will be held in Portland, February 4th. It was decided to hold a meeting of The Dalles club next Thursday evening in the council chambers, at which delegates will be chosen for the state meeting and matters of procedure during the coming campaign decided upon. Secretary Riddell received the official call of the state convention this morning. The meeting next Thursday should call out a large attendance and the initial session be a rousing one.

Advertised Letters.
Following is the list of letters remaining in the postoffice at The Dalles un-called for Jan. 11, 1896. Persons calling for the same will give date on which they were advertised:

- Andrews, Jake
- Benson, James
- Boroman, Rev. C. P.
- Boulton, Miss Rosy
- Booth, Miss Ella
- Burch, Mrs. Myrtha
- Fields, Leon
- Frier, Mrs. B.
- Gomas, J.
- Honkersmith, J. L.
- Liles, J. J.
- McKay, A. W.
- McCormick, J. W.
- Nelson, N.
- Roth, Mrs. J.
- Stewart, G. W.
- Stioms, H.
- Thompson, Louis
- J. A. CROSSEN, P. M.

The prizes for the Excelsior masquerade are on exhibition in several store show-windows.

Assessment Roll Returned.

At the county clerk's office today was received the report from the state board of equalization. The changes made in Wasco county's assessment are considerably more than was thought probable at the time the assessment was completed. In the item of town lots the state board made a reduction of ten per cent., a similar deduction being made from the assessed valuation of improvements upon the same. The valuation of improved lands the state board reduced from \$3.66 to \$3.48 per acre. The improvements on decayed lands were reduced five per cent. The value of the O. R. & N. Co.'s railroad track in this county, was cut down \$250 per mile, while the Oregon Telephone and Telegraph Company obtained a five per cent reduction. In personal property the assessed valuation of horses and mules was reduced twenty per cent. Railroad rolling stock was increased three per cent. The changes made by the state board necessitates a great deal of work to be done by the efficient force in the clerk's office, and Clerk Kelsay and Deputies Bolton and Gilbert will have their hands full making the ordered changes and carrying out the extensions.

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Most Perfect Made. 40 Years the Standard.

BORN.
At The Dalles, January 8th, to the wife of W. O. Hadley, a son.

"Old Hickory" Wagon



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