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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Saturday's Daily.

A marriage license was issued today to Charles Wallace and Edith M. Eastman.

In the land office this morning R. E. Williams filed a homestead entry for the NE 1/4, Sec 24, Tp 1 N R 13 E.

Four cars of cattle were shipped from The Dalles to Troutdale this morning. Two cars of cattle passed through town from Arlington to the same destination.

This afternoon S. R. Brooks redeemed the property which had been sold under foreclosure sale by the Solicitors Loan and Trust Co. The amount paid was \$383 and costs.

The Republican club of Columbia precinct held a meeting yesterday and chose George H. Riddell and Sylvester R. Brooks as delegates to the convention to be held in Portland February 4th.

The Rockland dairy, which has moved over to The Dalles, has established telephone communication with town, and is prepared to furnish milk at short notice. The telephone number is 252.

At the whist club last evening Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hobson were the entertainers. The evening passed in that pleasant manner, as do all the meetings of the club. When the scores were counted Mr. T. A. Hudson was found to have won the first prize and Mrs. A. J. Tolmie the second.

Lieutenant Taylor, who is the officer in charge of the engineering corps at the locks, and who thus represents the government in carrying on that work, is to be promoted to a captaincy. The recent death of Major Post has caused promotions to be made all along the line. Lieut. Taylor has proved himself a capable officer and his promotion is deserved.

An interesting case has arisen in the local land office. Some time ago Lewis C. Baker filed a contest against John Sperry for land situated near Mosier. Subsequently Baker went temporarily insane and was sent to the asylum. The time for completing Baker's contest passed and proceedings were begun by W. T. Meeks against Sperry for the same piece of land. Baker soon recovered from his mental trouble and was discharged from the asylum cured. He immediately took steps to regain his rights in the contest, making a showing to the department that the lapse was no fault of his. This morning Register Moore and Receiver Biggs received a circular from the department at Washington, which contained a notice to Meeks, citing him to appear and show cause why his claim of contest should not be cancelled in favor of Baker. The result of

the matter will be awaited with interest.

In the office of Mr. Hugh Glenn are three pen and ink drawings of the Regulator, cleverly executed by Mr. W. E. Campbell, the civil engineer. The drawings were made to illustrate the workings of a "wind spar"—a contrivance calculated to assist the steamer in making her landings when the wind is blowing. The spar is attached to the side of the steamer so that when she lands against a bank with her head to the wind the spar is swung out and prevents her from coming broadside to the shore. The first drawing shows the steamer landed with the spar acting in the manner above stated, the second drawing shows her backing away using the spar as a pivot for turning quickly, the third picture gives a side view of the Regulator steaming along with the wing spar drawn in. The drawings are very good likenesses of our handsome steamer and in the absence of nautical testimony to the contrary, the wing spar seems to be a clever contrivance. Mr. Campbell has also made a drawing of a steamer which he calls the "Open River"—a designation which will be as appropriate to the next steamer built at The Dalles as the name "Regulator" is to the one which has proved such a good investment to the citizens of The Dalles.

Monday's Daily.

One hobo appeared in the police court this morning and paid a fine of \$5.

Revival meetings will be continued during this week at the M. E. church. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. Mrs. Cox, who lives at Kingsley, is reported quite ill. Dr. Logan was called there yesterday, returning to town this morning.

The roads between here and 10 Mile are said to be in about as bad condition as they generally ever get. Travelling over them is by no means a pleasant occupation.

A telegram received this morning by J. S. Fish announces the safe arrival in Los Angeles of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Sinnott. They report the trip a pleasant one.

Jury men for the February term of court are being served with subpoenas. Sheriff Driver returned from Nankeen last night having summoned a number of jury men.

A deed was filed in the county clerk's office today from Harvey A. Hockett to N. W. Hockett. For a consideration of \$383, there was conveyed the S 1/4, SE 1/4, Sec. 17, Tp 2 N R 10 E, containing 80 acres.

C. H. Stoughten of Dufur is reported to be recovering from quite a severe spell of sickness. A gentleman in this morning from Dufur says that A. K. Dufur, the miller, is also under the weather.

Marshal Blakeney gives notice to the hoboes in town that a nice rock pile has been selected where those who are arrested for minor offenses and convicted, will be put to work. In other words, going to the city jail will cease to be a snap.

The railroad company is getting deeds for right-of-way a few miles above town. Today were filed three deeds, one from Seufert Bros. granting to the O. R. & N. Co. a strip of land 200 feet wide for a consideration of \$500. One from The Dalles Packing Company granting the same amount of land for \$200, and a third from Hans Wicks deeding the ne 1/4

se 1/4 of sec 5, tp 2 n, r 8 e. Consideration \$50.

The McKinley Republican club of Hood River has elected as delegates to the Portland convention, A. B. Jones, T. R. Coon, W. A. Langille and E. S. Olinger. The club held a further election and chose A. S. Blowers president and James B. Hunt secretary for the ensuing year.

The distillery at Grant has resumed operations, and a good sum of money has already been circulated in Sherman county for the purchase of wheat and stock, the latter not to be used in making alcohol, but for the purpose of being fed and sold in the markets. The distillery has been re-organized on such a firm basis that a successful career seems undoubtedly assured.

The end of the famous "Five to One" case came this morning. The defendant, Lane, concerning whose case the jury deliberated so long Friday, came up in the police court this morning and plead guilty. The other defendant, T. Maloney, did likewise, and both were fined \$5 each and costs. This brought the litigation to a close. We have not heard whether any of the jury have changed their vote.

The Dalles Assembly of United Artisans held their installation ceremonies Saturday evening, when the following officers were inducted into office: M. A. T. A. Hudson; Superintendent, N. Wheelton; Inspector, S. H. Frasier; Secretary, D. H. Roberts; Sen. Con, Harry Liebe; M. C., W. G. Kerne; Treasurer, E. Kurtz; Jr. Con, Miss Alexander; Warden, H. Readell; Instructor, G. A. Clarke. The new lodge starts off with a large membership, though the charter list is not yet closed.

Effie Ellsler, who will appear in The Dalles next Thursday and Friday evenings, begins an engagement at the Marquam Grand in Portland this evening. The Portland press speaks in high terms of her ability and the worth of the company which supports her. The class of plays which she presents is a high one, and the people of The Dalles will be glad of the opportunity to witness performances of the kind to be given at the Baldwin this week. As the demand for seats will undoubtedly be large, it would be well to secure them early.

Tuesday's.

E. E. Lytle is having a barn built near the depot for the accommodation of his racing stock.

Wheat was strong in the Chicago market yesterday. The closing prices were, January, 61 1/2, June 64 1/2.

Four cars of cattle and one car of hogs from Grant passed through town today on their way to Troutdale.

Work on the Regulator is progressing rapidly, and if occasion required, the boat could be put in condition for service in a week or ten days. The painting remains yet to be done.

Some interesting school statistics, which were read at the meeting last night, must wait till tomorrow for their appearance in print, as a rush of work prevented their composition.

One homestead filing was made in the land office today. James M. Cameron entered an application for the nw 1/4 of nw 1/4 (or lot 1) sec 19, tp 4 s, r 20 and e 1/2 of ne 1/4 and sw 1/4 of ne 1/4, sec 24, tp 4 s, r 19 e.

This week will provide various entertainments for the people of The Dalles. Tonight will occur Hon. D. P. Thompson's lecture in the Congregational church and a dance at the opera house.

Thursday and Friday evenings Effie Ellsler will appear at the Baldwin.

The work of the carpenters in fitting up the commercial club is completed. The partitions are all up, and all that remains before the gymnasium and billiard rooms are ready for occupancy is for the furnishings to be put in. The billiard table will probably be in place tomorrow. The gymnastic appliances have not yet arrived.

Those who have any travelling to do in the country are loud in complaint of the roads. Deputy Sheriff Butts returned today from serving some papers near Deschutes. The roads, he says, are in the worst condition he ever saw them, while the creeks are full of water, so the conditions of travel are about as bad as generally found.

Among the many plans for the improvement of the river between The Dalles and Celilo, the most novel we have heard was one expressed by a business man this morning. His scheme is to have the penitentiaries of Oregon and Washington located on the shores of the Columbia and for the convicts to be put to work building whatever it was decided to build—canal or boat railway. By these means, the projector of the plan argued, the convicts of the two states would be kept at employment which would keep their hands from growing soft, and at the same time be hastening on the good work of opening the Columbia river. If the convicts of Tennessee work upon the roads and those of other states do work requiring them to be without the prison walls, why shouldn't the inmates of the Oregon and Washington penitentiaries roll away the rocks that bar commerce upon the Columbia? In the season when the salmon were running food would be cheap and a few guards sitting upon the basaltic cliffs that line the Columbia, with their feet hanging down (we mean the guards' feet) could, by their Winchester, prevent any attempt at escape. Solomon's saying, "There is nothing new under the sun," is proved erroneous and here we have a scheme that beats Alexander Kane's grain donation party all hollow.

Five Mills City Tax.

The city council met in special session Saturday night. The object for which the meeting was called was to consider the matter of levying a city tax for the current year, and Mayor Menefee stated the purpose of the meeting to the following councilmen: Messrs. Lauer, Wood, Thompson, Nolan, Ross and Saltmarsh. Evidently the matter had been well considered in the mind of each councilman before coming to the meeting, as there was little hesitancy in arriving at a conclusion. When the estimates needed for the year had been read, Mr. Nolan moved that a tax of five mills be levied upon all city property. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion, and it quickly passed the council. According to the certificate of County Clerk Kelsey, the total amount of taxable property in Dalles City is \$1,090,644. A five-mill tax will yield an income of \$5,453.22. The estimate, which has been prepared, of the expenses for 1896 is as follows:

Interest on bonds.....	\$ 3,420 00
Current expenses on basis of expenses for the last 6 mos.	7,577 16
Total.....	\$10,997 16
To meet these estimated expenses of \$10,997.16 it is expected revenues will be received as follows:	
Tax of 5 mills on \$1,090,644.....	\$5,453 22
Liquor licenses.....	5,000 00
Incidentals.....	2,000 00
Total expected revenue.....	\$12,453 22

This will leave a balance, if the revenues and disbursements prove as estimated of \$1,456. The council could have added to the tax levy three-twentieths of one per cent for the payment of interest on bonds. In this way an additional revenue of \$1,635.96 could have been obtained. The additional levy was, however, thought unnecessary.

The only other action taken by the council was the giving of permission to Mr. Saltmarsh and his neighbors to lay a crosswalk on Second street, near the East End.

The work of the evening was quickly and satisfactorily accomplished, and so the council adjourned—some to their homes, some to the Commercial Club, and all of them hoping the expenses of the year would prove smaller than the estimate and the revenues larger.

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"Five to One, or Where the Taxpayer's Money Goes."

The beautiful working of our jury system was exemplified yesterday by a case which was tried in the recorder's court. A young man named Harry Lane was arrested night before last for disturbing the peace. He was arraigned before Recorder Phelps yesterday morning and, through his attorney, N. H. Gates, demanded a jury trial. As this was his prerogative, of course the request was granted, and, armed with the proper authority, the marshal started out after jurymen and succeeded in obtaining the following gentlemen, who were found competent to serve as talesmen: W. E. Sylvester, S. B. Adams, J. F. Staniels, J. W. Carey, F. N. Hill and N. Wheelton. The city was represented by H. H. Riddell.

After listening all afternoon to the details of the row, the jury retired for deliberation at 5:30, and just precisely at that hour, we are informed by a jurymen, the fun began. The city hall was turned over to the jurors for their deliberation and the plaster of the walls cracked at the echoes of eloquence which reverberated in every corner. At 6 o'clock the jury had not agreed; neither had it at 7 or 8 or 9. Ten o'clock came, and still they were hopelessly at variance—five for conviction and one, Mr. Adams, for acquittal. As the weary hours passed along, and all hopes of supper had melted with the snow, some of the jurors lost that urbanity of manner so essential to good feeling, and some rather vehement speeches were delivered. Eleven o'clock found them in the same fix—five to one, and at 11:30 the jurors asked to be taken before the recorder, to whom previously had been handed this document, which, in looking over the records of the case, a CHRONICLE reporter ran against, and thought it too good to keep from print: TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

We, the jury, called to try the case of Dalles City vs. Lane, will never agree in God's world, and ask to be discharged for the following reasons:

- First—That we have had no dinner or supper.
- Second—Our cows are not milked.
- Third—We have no case of any importance to decide.
- Fourth—We are getting too old to stand such hardships.
- Fifth—Jack Staniels is out of tobacco.
- Sixth—William Sylvester wants to go to the Salvation Army.
- Seventh—Mr. Hill has contracted to work on the railroad.

S. R. ADAMS, Foreman.

Could human heart withstand such an appeal as this? Not unless it was made of harder material than flesh and blood. And seeing from the looks of the jurors that all hopes of an agreement were impossible, and as Mr. Adams said he wanted to go home and was going home, the recorder consented to their discharge. This case will probably be re-tried Tuesday, as the city authorities are determined to see whether or not the city's peace was made to be broken or preserved. The general opinion seems to be that the position of the five jurors was the correct one.

Jury for the February Term.

The jury list for the February term of court has been selected and a perusal of it leads to the conclusion that the

county is going to have some good men

try the causes at the next term. Court

will convene February 10th, and the following will be summoned as jurymen:

- M Randall, capitalist, The Dalles.
- C J Brown, farmer, The Dalles.
- Wm Yates, farmer, Hood River.
- W Bolton, merchant, Antelope.
- S E Bartmess, merchant, Hood River.
- W E Waltner, clerk, The Dalles.
- S R Brooks, farmer, The Dalles.
- J A Nickleson, blacksmith, Hood River.
- Harry Clough, machinist, The Dalles.
- W A Gates, farmer, The Dalles.
- S S Johns, merchant, The Dalles.
- A E Griffen, stockman, Boyd.
- W H Williams, farmer, The Dalles.
- Geo Montgomery, farmer, Boyd.
- E P FitzGerald, clerk, The Dalles.
- Parkin Lamb, farmer, Mosier.
- James Darnielle, farmer, Boyd.
- C S Smith, farmer, Boyd.
- J F Staniels, carpenter, The Dalles.
- L S Klinger, capitalist, Dufur.
- W Boorman, farmer, Hood River.
- J C Wheeler, farmer, Hood River.
- A Winans, farmer, The Dalles.
- F A Seufert, canneryman, The Dalles.
- L Smith, farmer, Boyd.
- Geo Reed, farmer, The Dalles.
- C W Phelps, merchant, The Dalles.
- Wm Vanderpool, farmer, Dufur.
- Jos T Peters, merchant, The Dalles.
- Wm Frizzell, farmer, Cascade Locks.
- J S Easton, farmer, Dufur.

Makes a Good Showing.

It is not yet a year since The Dalles put its city finances upon a cash basis; or rather, by the issuance of bonds, redeemed all outstanding warrants and declared that hereafter claims against the city would be paid in cash, and incidentally it was understood that the city government would be run with the greatest economy consistent with good administration. In the minds of many citizens it was believed the new system would work satisfactorily, and the report which has been made by the city officers, show that this belief was justified.

It has been ascertained that for the six months preceding January 1, 1896, the receipts of the city other than taxes and liquor licenses, were \$1,076.67, or an average of \$179.45 per month. For the corresponding period of 1894 the receipts were \$546.55, or a monthly average of \$91.09 per month. This is good, but there is more to follow. The showing made in the reduction of expenses will also strike the taxpayer favorably. For the six months previous to Jan. 1, 1896, the expenses of the city were \$3,788.62, or an average of \$631.43. For the corresponding months of 1894 the expenses were \$6,368.77, or a monthly average exceeding \$1000. There is now in the city treasury an available cash balance of \$4,675.45, including liquor licenses paid on January 1st.

The showing made by these figures can be called very satisfactory, and as times improve, at the same time the expenses being kept down to the low water mark, the revenue of the city will increase and a steady reduction be made upon our bonded debt—an indebtedness which is too large for a city of this size.

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