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### LOCAL BREVITIES.

Saturday's Daily.

Farmers everywhere report roads in splendid condition.

The excess in the number of males over females in Oregon is 48,253, or more than 13 per cent.

Rev. Roland D. Grant announces his intention of resigning the pastorate of the First Baptist church at Portland.

Word received this afternoon announced the death of Bill Nye, which occurred at Asheville, N. C. this morning.

The Stars and Stripes floated free and aft from the Regulator this morning as the boat gracefully steamed down the river.

In February six years ago, the farmers, as they now are doing, got their crops in early and reaped a bountiful harvest.

In answer to Mr. and Mrs. Farley's invitation through *THE CHRONICLE*, seventeen ladies called yesterday to see the baby.

The Republican state convention meets Thursday, April 9th, at Portland. There will be 236 delegates, of which Wasco county is entitled to 7.

George Runyon's boy, 10 years old, proved himself a hero the other night, when a burglar tried to enter the house. The boy awoke by the noise of a window being very cautiously raised, and instead of shouting to his papa or pulling the clothes over his head, made a break for the closet, where the gun was. The burglar became alarmed and fled in the darkness, but if Master Runyan had got a bead on the prowler he would certainly have been shot.

Monday's Daily.

Mr. Robert Irvine, who has been janitor of the Corvallis agricultural college for 24 years, died on the morning of the 21st at the college.

The improvements now being made to the dock at Stevenson will advance it thirty-five feet further out into the river and give a depth of fifteen feet at dead low water.

Through the kindness of the Good Templars Lodge, the Elks will be given the use of K. of P. hall next Saturday night, when they remove from Cascade Locks to The Dalles.

Sheriff Driver left this morning for Portland with Ed. Sheer and G. P. Bradley, sentenced to one year each in the penitentiary, and John Osborne, who will be placed in the reform school.

The large store buildings soon to be erected in The Dalles do not comprise all the building to be done this season. A dozen or more new residences on the bluff are contemplated, in many cases the contracts having been let.

Goldendale may soon experience a mining boom. Recent assays from the mines, recently discovered near that city, reach as high as \$72 per ton. The Homestake of South Dakota has profitably worked thousands of tons of ore yielding but \$1.50 per ton.

A very pleasant party was given the young folks of the M. E. church by Mrs. Smith French Friday evening last. Suitable and entertaining games were played and a nice lunch served and the hours sped all too quickly for those fortunate enough to have been present.

Seven men who were in the land office this morning mutually discovered that they were all Democrats, and the thought occurred to them that there was the first chance they might have this season to hold a democratic convention and nominate candidates—a bigger representative gathering than would likely occur again.

Mr. Otto Kohler has reached New Brighton, Minn., with a trainload of sheep and intends to feed them for about sixty days on wheat screenings. They are feeding about 4,500 head of sheep there, mostly Montana sheep. Mr. Kohler writes that the weather is very cold and windy there and that it is really not very pleasant for an Oregonian to experience a cold wind of forty miles an hour.

Work commenced this morning on the bowling alley of the Commercial Club. This healthful diversion of most ancient origin, is yet and will undoubtedly forever be a permanent favorite. The old-time sport is immortalized in "Rip Van Winkle," by the jolly dreamland companions of that hero occupying the greater share of his twenty years' sleep in that pastime. The bowling alley will complete the most thoroughly-equipped gymnasium in the Northwest, if all reports are true.

A great many religiously-inclined statisticians are figuring it out that the end

of the world will come in May, and Rev. Hazel, who has taken up the interpretation of the prophecies leading to this interesting event, announces that he will not be through before August. However, considering the thousand years of the millennium, Mr. Hazel's audience might be induced to extend his time, if he would promise to get through in two or three hundred years.

The graves of the defenseless dead are being robbed of the loving tributes of the living at the Odd Fellows' cemetery, and a committee appointed by that order is authorized to offer a reward for information leading to the conviction of anyone caught stealing flowers from the graves. Shameful and disgraceful are words hardly fitting the total depravity of the individual who trades human kind by such an act. The bare necessity of publishing this item, acknowledging in public the existence of some one who robs graves of flowers, is demoralizing to human nature.

Tuesday's Daily.

Scarlet fever is reported in La Grande. Julius Wiley is reported worse today.

Forecast—Fair tonight; rain tomorrow.

The second Sunday after the first full moon after the 21st of March falls on April 5th—Easter Sunday.

Lecture on China by Mr. W. S. Holt at the Congregational church tonight, a part of the winter course.

The Democratic county central committee will meet at the court house in The Dalles on March 7th, 1896.

The school clerk, Mr. E. Jacobsen, informs a reporter that there will be about a 5 per cent increase of enumeration.

The members-elect of the fire board will meet for organization this (Tuesday) evening in the council room at 8 o'clock p. m.

The next term of the circuit court will be held in Moro on March 9th. The next term in The Dalles will commence the fourth Monday in May.

Spraying of the orchards should now begin. It is important that the trees be treated before the buds come out, for then it is hard to reach them.

A special meeting of the parish will be held in St. Paul's Episcopal church this (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock p. m. All interested are requested to be present, as matters of importance will be presented.

The Walla Walla Statesman takes the same stand as *THE CHRONICLE* on the question of the city buying a chemical engine, and says: "If our business men favor it because it will give them lower insurance rates, they should chip in and buy it."

Mr. W. S. Holt of Portland will lecture tonight at the Congregational church on China and its customs, illustrating it with fine stereoscopic views taken by himself while residing in that country. This is a lecture of the winter course at that church and will be most interesting.

Mr. F. C. Sexton of Antelope valley went to Portland on the Regulator this morning with a living curiosity in the shape of a curly-haired horse, a freak of nature produced in that country. It was a rich chestnut in color and was a very pretty animal, the light shining and glistening on the closely-woven curls, making a very handsome effect.

It has come to the attention of the Rod and Gun club that parties are fishing for trout in different parts of the county. As the club cheerfully complies with the provisions of the law prohibiting trout fishing until April 1st, they announce their determination to prosecute anyone who is apprehended breaking the statutes.

Governor Lord yesterday appointed Hon. Charles Hilton of The Dalles a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Oregon, to fill the unexpired term of S. P. Sturges, deceased, which will end April 15, 1905. The appointment of Mr. Hilton will give universal satisfaction in The Dalles and throughout Eastern Oregon, wherever Mr. Hilton is known.

Train No. 23, a through freight which passed this point yesterday bound east, was wrecked last evening near Camilla, the other side of Umatilla. The accident occurred at a trestle, which was partially burned and rendered unsafe. The locomotive crossed in safety, but the five cars following, loaded with merchandise, went down and were consumed, with the bridge, by fire. No one was hurt.

### Taxes Nearly Due.

The tax roll is about completed, and will be placed in the hands of the sheriff for collection tomorrow. The law provides that the roll shall be completed by the county clerk by March 1st, but Mr. Kelsay is oftener a little ahead than behind time. A glance over it showed it to be of unusual excellence, as regards descriptions, so much so that the data from it would be sufficient to convey title, without legal aid. Taxpayers will all be notified within three or four days of the amount of their taxes, which may be remitted by mail, in case the payer has not the time or inclination to make a trip to town for the purpose. Taxes will become delinquent by April 1st, and a disposition is apparent this year not to extend the time.

Spray pumps for rent at Maier & Benton's.

### URGING ON THE WORK.

The Dalles Commercial Club and the Cascade Locks.

The Commercial Club was called to order at 8 o'clock last evening at the club rooms by President J. S. Schenck, who stated the object of the meeting to be to hear the report of the delegates sent to Cascade Locks on February 11th, and take suitable action thereon. Thereupon Mr. A. S. Mac Allister, chairman of the committee, presented a report, clear in expression, complete in detail, exhaustive in information, and altogether a careful and painstaking paper, embodying as well a resolution, the wisdom of which was made apparent by being adopted by the club without opposition.

The report, which is quite lengthy, stated that "on Feb. 11th the committee met J. H. D. Gray, of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, and James Crawford, of the Vancouver Board of Trade, and together called on Messrs. Day and Lieut. Taylor. They came to the following conclusions: That the contract work will be completed by March 1st; that the bulkheads at the upper and lower ends of the canal will be removed so as to allow the passage of boats within six weeks; that it is uncertain if the locks can be successfully operated without additional work to be done in the middle locks, in which there is no way to prevent the loose rock and dirt from washing down, and thereby interfering with the operation of the lower gate by choking the valves. If this should happen, the operation of the locks would be suspended until such time as suitable walls could be built to prevent such a condition."

"Lieut. Taylor, in explanation to the committee, said that the examination of the character of the rock was originally made by boring, and that it was thought the rock was of sufficient firmness, but since the excavation it was found that it slacks when exposed to the air, making it necessary to protect the banks with concrete work and masonry on both sides. The concrete work could be put in at an estimated expense of \$6,000, which would be sufficient to protect the locks and gates until masonry could be put in."

"Still another important feature is the protection of the locks, which are now endangered by any ordinary high water. It was recommended by the engineers to the special session of congress of last year that a further appropriation of \$413,000 be made by congress to riprap the entire north bank of the river between that and the locks, setting forth that any ordinary high water is likely to wear away the bank, composed of loose rock and dirt, and sweep away the labor of years. That of this amount \$179,597 could be profitably expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897. That there is an unexpected balance of \$3,893.90, which with the 413,000, would be sufficient to make the locks durable forever."

In conclusion the committee offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That we, the Commercial Club of The Dalles, Oregon, an organization composed of business men, representing every interest and social faith, believing in the importance of this great work and the necessity of its early completion, join and invite the co-operation of all the chambers of commerce, boards of trade and commercial clubs of the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho in a memorial to congress, and urge through our senators and representatives the immediate appropriation of at least \$179,597 asked for by the chief of engineers, and that it be made available and at once, and that a committee of five members be appointed to carry out the objects of this resolution."

A. S. MAC ALLISTER, CHAIRMAN.

EMIL SCHENCK, SECRETARY.

"What will you do with the committee's report, gentlemen?" asked President Schenck.

Mr. Wheelon promptly moved that the report be received and placed on file and that the resolution be adopted. The motion carried.

The memorial to congress by the Astoria chamber of commerce was then read. This memorial calls attention to the uncertainty of the opening of the locks, that agricultural, horticultural, wool, lumber and transportation interests are involved, involving the loss of thousands of dollars daily, and urges the urgent need of the appropriation of \$179,597, which can profitably be expended for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1897.

This led to a general discussion, participated in by Messrs. Bradshaw, Wheelon, Mac Allister, Laughlin and Schanno. Mr. Bradshaw believed that in the light of the report it was important to do the work at once for which \$6,000 estimate was made, and that the amount should be secured with the least possible delay. He believed that a committee representing The Dalles Commercial Club and congressmen to ascertain if \$6,000, \$8,000 or \$10,000, could not be secured from congress at once by tacking it to the general appropriation bill; and that the request be backed by the commercial clubs, boards of trade, etc., of the entire Northwest. He urged all possible haste, and that the letters to the congressmen be sent at once, so that if the amount could not be secured by congress, other suitable action could be taken immediately to open the locks for traffic. These remarks he embodied in

a motion that a committee of five be appointed for such purpose.

Speaking to the motion, Mr. Schanno said Capt. Gray assured him Astoria would alone raise half the amount required to wall the canal with cement between the upper and lower locks, if the amount had to be raised by subscription. The motion carried, and the committee appointed were Messrs. Bradshaw, Wheelon, Mac Allister, Laughlin and Schanno. This committee will assemble at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the club rooms to formulate definite and prompt action.

Mr. Mac Allister again called attention to the danger of the whole works being destroyed by high water, and believed no time should be lost in securing an appropriation of the amount that could be expected during the fiscal year—\$179,587. The work should be going on now, and the telegraph should be used if necessary, to urge the importance of this work of protection. This matter will also be considered by the committee at the meeting today.

### Republican Central Committee Meeting.

The meeting of the Republican county convention was called to order at 1:39 this afternoon by Chairman J. M. Patterson. The first business before the committee was choosing the time for holding the county convention. On motion of Mr. B. S. Huntington the date was set for March 28th at 10 o'clock a. m. The motion was seconded by Mr. C. E. Bayard and unanimously carried. Mr. Bayard also moved that the time for holding the primaries be fixed at Saturday, March 21st. It was also decided that the time for holding the primaries outside the city be fixed at 2 o'clock. Within The Dalles precincts the polls will be open from 12 o'clock to 7.

On motion of Mr. B. F. Laughlin, seconded by Mr. A. S. Roberts, it was voted that the apportionment of the delegation to the county convention be one delegate at large for each precinct and one delegate for each twenty-five votes cast for Governor Lord at the election of 1894, or fraction thereof greater than one-half.

The following gentlemen were appointed judges for the primary election in The Dalles precincts:

West Dalles—T. A. Hudson, H. H. Leonard, C. L. Schmidt.  
Trevitt—C. L. Phillips, Frank Vogt, Sr., Thomas Haslam.

Bigelow—Hugh Chrisman, Fred Bronsen, J. E. Barnett.  
East Dalles—F. D. Creighton, Horace Rice and W. H. Butts.

At this juncture the matter of allowing the representation to Ramsey precinct came up and on motion, the question was left for decision with a committee consisting of Geo. W. Johnston of Dufur, C. R. Balch of Ramsey and Alex. McLeod of Kingsley. Mr. W. H. H. Dufur of Ramsey made an earnest speech upon this matter, after which the committee retired for deliberation. It had not reported at the time of going to press. The following is the personal of the committee in session today:

Chairman, J. M. Patterson; secretary, H. H. Riddell; Committee men—West Hood River, M. P. Isenberg by E. S. Olinger, proxy; East Hood River, E. S. Olinger; Baldwin, Albert McCamey, by W. R. Winans, proxy; West Dalles, Geo. Runyon; Trevitt, C. E. Bayard; Bigelow, J. M. Patterson; East Dalles, L. L. McCartney; Columbia, H. Gilpin; Eight-Mile, W. J. Davidson; Deschutes, A. S. Roberts; Nansene, E. A. Griffin, by J. M. Patterson, proxy; Dufur, C. P. Balch; Kingsley, A. McLeod; Tygh Valley, C. J. VanDyke, by B. F. Laughlin, proxy; Wamic, P. W. Knowles; Oak Grove, O. L. Paquet, by F. Gabel; Bake Oven, H. C. Rooper; Antelope, W. Bolton, by B. S. Huntington, proxy. Absent: Falls—E. P. Ash, Mosier—A. C. Fisher.

LATER—The committee made a report allowing two votes to Kingsley, two votes to Ramsey and three to Dufur. This closing up the business before the committee the meeting adjourned. The representation for each precinct in the convention will be as follows:

Falls, 5; West Hood River, 6; East Hood River, 3; Baldwin, 2; Mosier, 3; West Dalles, 5; Trevitt, 6; Bigelow, 6; East Dalles, 7; Columbia, 2; Deschutes, 2; Eight Mile, 2; Nansene, 2; Dufur, 3; Ramsey, 2; Bakeoven, 2; Tygh Valley, 2; Oak Grove, 2; Wamic, 3; Kingsley, 2; Antelope, 6.

### Thirty-Five Conversions.

A Fairfield correspondent, a locality on Dutch Flat, speaks of the beautiful sunshine, etc., and continues: But sunshine, and good weather and bright hopes are not all that the people of Fairfield have been blessed with in the past ten days, for the majority of them, young and old, have been blessed with sunshine in their souls and now we bright prospects of a glorious reward which is promised to all who will follow the precepts of their blessed Redeemer. Religious meetings have been carried on for ten days under the direction of the Holy Spirit, and through Mr. and Mrs. Wilder, three members of the Salvation Army, Joseph Miens and many other Christians, and the result has been that some thirty-five sought mercy from the living God. An eye witness speaking of it, said surely this is a miracle. "In the last days I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh," saith the Lord.

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### A TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Will be Held at Dufur, Beginning on February 27th.

Chiefly through the efforts of Prof. Aaron Frazier, the progressive principal of the Dufur Public Schools, an institute will be held at that place on February 27th, continuing three days. Prof. Shelley has signified his willingness to co-operate in the plan and will lend his aid and presence in making it a success. Teachers and all others interested in educational work should try and be present. There is always a plenty of instruction and entertainment to be gained at these institutes. The following program has been prepared, but is subject to additions or changes:

THURSDAY 7:30 P. M.

Song of Greeting—Dufur School. Declaration—Hattie Sternweis. Essay—Maud Peabody. Declaration—Arina Moore. Song—"Golden Days," School. The work of our schools, past, present and prospective, Troy Shelley.

FRIDAY 9 A. M.

Opening exercises, 15 minutes. Methods in primary work in reading—Nellie Hudson. The institute will then be conducted by W. L. Harrington, treating on arithmetic, geography and physiology.

AFTERNOON.

Song—"Song of All Songs," School. Methods in Teaching—O. K. Butler. The institute will then be conducted by P. P. Underwood—how to teach language and mental arithmetic.

EVENING 7:30 P. M.

Song—Fairy voices. Reading—Inez G. Thomas. Declaration—Amy Johnston. Duet—Jennie Moore and Blanche Emerson. Reading—Eva L. Shisher. Song—"The Hillside of Life." Declaration—Nettie Sternweis. Declaration—Florence Brown. Address—"Education," by P. P. Underwood. Song—"She's My School Marm," by the school. Declaration—Maud McLeod. Essay—Nellie Hudson. Declaration—Roy Butler. Duet—L. G. Thomas and Ed. L. Shisher.

SATURDAY 9 A. M.

Opening Exercises. Faults of teachers from a student's standpoint—J. M. O'Brien. Spelling lessons, how to give them and how to hear them—Hattie Sternweis. School Experiences—To be engaged in by teachers and all that will talk. Closing remarks by Aaron Frazier.

### Republican County Convention.

A Republican county convention for the county of Wasco, state of Oregon, is called to meet in Dalles City, in said county, on Saturday, March 29, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following county officers: One county judge, county commissioner, county clerk, county sheriff, county treasurer, county assessor, county school superintendent, county coroner and county surveyor, and also precinct officers for the several precincts, and seven delegates to the state and second district congressional conventions, and to transact such other business as may properly come before such convention. The convention will consist of 73 delegates, chosen by the several precincts; and the several precincts of the county will be entitled to representation in said convention as follows:

Antelope.....6 Falls.....5  
Bakeoven.....2 Kingsley.....2  
Baldwin.....2 Mosier.....2  
Bigelow.....6 Nansene.....2  
Columbia.....2 Oak Grove.....2  
Deschutes.....2 Ramsey.....2  
Dufur.....3 Trevitt.....6  
East Dalles.....7 Tygh.....2  
Eight Mile.....2 Wamic.....3  
East Hood River...3 West Dalles.....5  
West Hood River..5

The same being one delegate-at-large on each precinct, and one delegate for every twenty-five votes, and one for every fraction over one-half of twenty-five votes cast for the Republican candidate governor at the election in June, 1894.

Primaries to elect the delegates in each of the several precincts will be held March 21, 1896. In East Dalles precinct the polls will be located at the Wasco Warehouse; and William Butte, Frank Creighton and Horace Rice will act as judges at said election; In Bigelow precinct the polls will be located at the office of William Michell. F. E. Bronson,

J. E. Barnett and H. Chrisman will act as judges at said election; in Trevitt precinct the polls will be located at the County Court Room in said precinct, and F. Vogt, T. Haslam and C. L. Phillips will act as judges at said election; in West Dalles precinct the polls will be located at the City Mills, and Charles Schmidt, T. A. Hudson and H. H. Learned will act as judges at said election. The polls in each of said four precincts will be kept open from 12 o'clock m. to 7 o'clock p. m. for the reception of votes. The polls in each of the other precincts in the county will be located at the usual places at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., and will be conducted in the usual manner for holding primary elections. J. M. Patterson, Chairman Rep. County Committee. Hayward Riddell, Sec'y Rep. County Committee.

### A Memorial to Congress.

The committee of the Commercial Club, consisting of Messrs. Bradshaw, Mac Allister, Schanno, Laughlin and Wheelon, met Saturday afternoon and formulated the following memorial to be presented to the present congress at once: To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled at Washington, D. C., U. S. A.

Your memorialist, The Dalles Commercial Club, of The Dalles, state of Oregon, through our senators, Hon. John H. Mitchell and George W. McBride and our representatives, Hon. Binger Hermann and W. R. Ellis, respectfully represent that from the best information we have been able to secure the date of the opening of the cascade locks of the Columbia river, to navigation, is still a matter of doubt and uncertainty.

Large agricultural, horticultural, wool, lumber and transportation interests are involved, and we believe thousands of dollars daily will be realized by the inhabitants of the Columbia basin as soon as this great work is made operative, and the transportation companies can depend on passing their steamboats from the lower to the middle Columbia. Therefore, your memorialist desire to urge upon the attention of your honorable body and pray that you will consider favorably:

First: The urgent need of the appropriation of \$179,597 asked for by the chief of engineers of the U. S. A. whose report for 1895 says, "and can be profitably expended in the fiscal year, ending June 30, A. D., 1897," to construct the walls between the first and second locks of the canal, and to protect from the powerful force of the falls the breaking of the outer walls of the lock by erosion.

Second: The importance of continuing an organized body of mechanics and artisans, who can economically and expeditiously complete the work, also the expense of housing and replacing the large plant required.

Third: The great loss to commerce should the locks remain closed for another year by reason of a few weeks delay in making this appropriation for which we will ever pray.

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