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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Wednesday's Daily.

Some interesting developments regarding the situation at the locks are looked for. A rumor today is going the rounds which is not given publication because of lack of confirmation.

A very interesting contest will take place at the bowling alley Thursday and Friday nights. It is between the single and married men—a series of four games, two each night. The game commences at 8:30 sharp. There will be ample incentive to spur both sides to do their best, and a spirited contest is assured.

The largest run of salmon so far this season was on Monday. Every fisherman had plenty of fish to sell and several wagonloads were delivered to The Dalles Commission Co. Since yesterday morning the catch has been light. If the strike at Astoria continues for another month it is thought there will be as large a catch as that of two years ago at least.

County Commissioner J. F. Sweeney of Skamania county was in the city Monday, consulting with Judge Miller and Prosecuting Attorney McCredie, concerning the case of Skamania county against Robert Carr, ex-auditor and clerk of Skamania county, in which Carr is charged with embezzling county funds. A preliminary hearing is being held this week at Stevenson.—Pioneer.

The suit of Donovan vs. Taffe has occupied the day at Justice Davis office today. Donovan sold Taffe a steam boiler some months ago, for which he was to receive \$50. Half was paid down. The contention is as to the other half. Taffe claims the boiler was no good and refused to pay the \$25, while Donovan claims there was no understanding as to the merits or demerits of the boiler, and the money is consequently payable whatever the shape the boiler was in.

The negro woman tramp arrived in town about 2 o'clock, but was probably disgusted with her reception and walked right through. She is a picturesque looking object. She is attired in a very dirty looking coat and dress and her feet are bound up in heavy cloth. She says the Lord revealed himself to her, telling her to go and preach His name. She was converted and baptized and started on her way. She did not tarry five minutes in the city, but dropping into about a 3-mile-an-hour gait, was soon lost to sight in the cut past the bridge.

The same spirit possesses her so graphically depicted by Gen. Wallace in his "Wandering Jew."

"Cultus Dave" was among the best-pleaded individuals when Mr. J. H. Cradlebaugh arrived in the city from the Mt. Adams mines. He is an Indian whom Mr. Cradlebaugh has befriended at various times and the aborigine conceived a friendship for him amounting almost to a passion. During the days when Cradlebaugh was daily expected, Dave wore a peculiarly woebegone expression and his comments took on a most doleful tone. "Heap snow in the mountains," observed the Indian, with a pathetic look. "Maybe can't get out; no muckamuck." The resources of the red man under similar circumstances are limited and Dave had pictured a possible state of affairs which would have been likely in his own case. When he saw Cradlebaugh again, he went to the opposite extreme and fairly dogged his footsteps for a day or two.

Thursday's Daily

The geese are returning from the South, some large bands being observed yesterday.

The trial of Donovan vs. Taffe resulted in a verdict for Donovan before Justice Davis yesterday.

Mr. W. A. Johnston is moving his grocery store to Honywill's dry goods establishment, the latter closing out tonight.

Special business will come before the meeting of the Congregational church this evening. A full attendance is requested.

Mr. Gourlay will deliver a lecture next Saturday evening at Henrix farm near Dufur. The lecture will be upon some of the features of the A. P. A. movement.

Moore Bros. have disposed of the dry goods and mercantile branches of their business in Moro to R. C. Craven, and will hereafter carry on the business of banking, implements and wheat buying and selling.

Mr. Schanno has made special inquiries this week regarding the probable fruit crop the coming season and finds that it will be generally good, with only rare exceptions. From Grants, Hood

River, Mosier, 3-Mile and the country south comes very encouraging reports that all kinds of fruit will mature a full crop, except in places some varieties of peaches are partially affected.

There is a certain clique of boys on the hill who amuse themselves by breaking windows in houses, when the occupants are away. If this conduct continues, an example should be made of one of them.

Herrick's cannery was started up this afternoon on 2 1/2 tons of fish. About 21 operatives are employed. The cannery has a capacity of from ten to fifteen tons daily. Its fullest capacity will be demanded later in the season.

The bowling contest committee wish to state that all who desire to enter the lists will have the privilege of doing so, and the games will be continued until all have had a chance to play, when the ten on each side who have the highest scores will compete for the final honors. Anyone desiring to enter will have the opportunity to do so upon application.

A stranger under the influence of liquor entered Mr. Frank Egan's house last evening, and without ceremony sat down in a chair and at once commenced a refreshing sleep. The ladies in the house very naturally were much alarmed at so unusual an occurrence. The telephone was brought into requisition, and a neighbor arrived, who with the same disregard of ceremony as the stranger, boosted him out of the house and into the street. When an officer arrived the man was nowhere to be seen.

Mr. Birgfeld's wagon and harness was recovered from the river uninjured. He says today he is glad the horse is dead. It has smashed two buggies for him, torn his clothes and endangered his life and altogether has proven a very expensive animal. It came near dragging him to death yesterday. At one time when he was caught beneath the wagon box and wheel, his head was nearly forced between the spokes. If the horse had turned to the right instead of the left, he would have been squeezed to death, and if it had gone straight onward he would have drowned with the horse. The turn to the left alone enabled him to escape.

Friday's Daily.

Mr. Wm. Michell, present county treasurer, has filed notice of his intention to run independently for that office for the coming term.

D. J. Cooper, who has superintended the department of farming at the penitentiary since October last, was relieved of his position yesterday, and John H. Porter was installed as his successor today.

Elmer Hemenway plucked near Springfield, in Lane county, last Wednesday, a cluster of wild strawberries that must have found a warm spot somewhere in nature's breast to be so far along.

A public installation and photograph social will be given tomorrow (Saturday) evening at 8 o'clock in K. of P. hall by The Dalles Lodge No. 2, I. O. G. T. An open invitation is extended to all. Admission free.

The ladies of the Christian church will serve a chicken dinner, Friday, May 1, 1896, from 5 to 8 o'clock p. m., at the store formerly occupied by Maier & Benton on Second street, between Washington and Court streets.

Judge Bradshaw's record has been the highest at bowling until today, when it was broken by Mr. Lewis Porter, who raised it one point. The best records are now C. F. Stephens 48, Judge Bradshaw 52, Lewis Porter 53.

The water commission has collected in the last two months about \$1,700. After paying current expenses there will be \$1,600 to deposit in the bank who bids the highest rate of interest. The water commission is one of the best paying investments the city ever made. It will pay off our entire city debt yet.

A letter was received today by the land office officials from S. W. Lamoreaux, commissioner of the general land office, reversing his decision in favor of King in the case of the Eastern Oregon Land Co. vs. Rufus H. King. This decision gives unqualified possession to about 25,000 acres of land claimed by the company, and means the evacuation of 100 homesteaders more or less who have not yet obtained patents or the forfeited land grants of the Northern Pacific Ry. Co.

The committee on manufactures of the Commercial Club considered the proposition last night of boring a shaft for coal near Buchler's. The experiment is to cost \$500, under the direction of Mr. E. B. Burns, who volunteers to charge nothing for his time if the experiment fails of result. The temper of the citizens on the proposition will be ascertained before a decided step is taken, as the amount must be raised by private subscription.

There will be an aiming and sighting drill at the armory tonight. Mr. Ad. Keller has volunteered to give the proper preliminary instruction, and will be present tonight. Every member of the militia should attend, as the drill is important. Besides, the law provides that every member of the National Guard must practice. The present season the instructions will be at 100 and 500 yard ranges, as per order from brigade headquarters. Visitors are welcome.

COL. E. D. BAKER.

Resume of the Life of the Citizen, Soldier, Statesman and Poet.

The address of Mr. Beekman of Portland at the Congregational church last Tuesday partook more of the character of an eulogy than a lecture, and was a most graceful and comprehensive tribute to the memory of Oregon's greatest man contemporaneous with his time—Col. Edward Dickinson Baker. The lecturer followed his history minutely from the cradle to the grave, adorning the way with flowers of rhetoric, fulsome praise and poetical allusions, all inspired by the magnificence of manhood of the subject under discussion. Since the life of Col. Baker is not so generally known as it should be, we shall attempt a review of Mr. Beekman's lecture, rather than a description of its excellence.

Col. E. D. Baker was born in London, Eng., Feb. 24, 1811. His father before him was a soldier, orator, statesman and patriot, and his mother was a sister of one of the heroes of Trafalgar. Baker early developed a ravenous appetite for books. While he was quite young the family moved across the water and settled in Philadelphia, where under the influence of a patriotic environment, a martial spirit was developed, which later in life gave him eminence as a soldier. In 1825 the family moved to Belleville, Ill., where Baker's unusually bright mind attracted the attention of Gov. Edwards, who gave the boy the privilege of his vast and well-selected library. His memory was like wax to receive and marble to retain. Later being compelled to seek employment, he went to St. Louis, where he drove a dray; but in a short time returned to Illinois, taking up the study of law. April 27, 1831, he was married to Mrs. Mary A. Lee, a widow with two children. Four children were born as the fruits of this union, which proved a long and happy one. In 1832 he enlisted as a private in the Black Hawk war, where he served with distinction.

Afterwards he moved to Springfield, Ill., and re-commenced the study of law. At that time Springfield was a center of unusual legal ability. No less than five great lawyers practiced at the bar, among them Lincoln, Douglas and Trumbull, and in such an atmosphere Baker grew and broadened and became a learned and profound advocate himself, his reputation as a criminal lawyer attaining wide renown. His eloquence was irresistible. In 1842 he was elected state senator. An interesting anecdote was related, in regard to Baker who in a speech, took occasion to administer a general rebuke to the land offices of the country, and stating that wherever there was a land office there was a Democratic newspaper to wink at their corruption. Abraham Lincoln was overhead stretched on the floor looking down at the speaker through a trap door in the ceiling. A Democratic editor, impatient at the tirade of Baker, arose and began a disturbance, which began to assume proportions of a riot. Baker was about to suffer violence, when Lincoln swung himself down through the hole above, seized a water pitcher, and threatened to fell the first man who laid violent hands on Baker, and reminding them that this was a country of free speech, and he would defend that principle at any time with his life if necessary. No one seemed to want to try conclusions with Lincoln, whose great strength was a matter of notoriety, and Baker resumed his speech more scathing than before, and was uninterrupted to the end.

In 1845 Baker was sent to congress and was a colleague of Stephen A. Douglas. The principal question of that congress was the Oregon boundary question, and thus long before he was a resident of Oregon he was fighting in its interest. He made a speech in congress on the Monroe doctrine, remarkable for its vigor and patriotism. Col. Baker served in the Mexican war, fighting with all his wonderful ardor in the two greatest battles of that campaign. On July 10th, 1850, he delivered the funeral eulogy on President Taylor, which is regarded as a masterpiece. In 1851 he became interested in the Panama enterprise across the isthmus, and in 1852 moved to San Francisco. In 1860 he removed to Oregon, where he was elected to the U. S. senate. He had the honor of introducing Abraham Lincoln at the inauguration ceremony. At the outbreak of the civil war Col. Baker engaged in the service of the Union army, and served as soldier and statesman at the same time. March 4th, 1861, he made his famous reply to Col. Breckinridge of Kentucky. Breckinridge was engaged in making a treasonable speech in the U. S. senate, when Baker walked in in his military garb, laying his sword on his desk before him. At the conclusion of Breckinridge's speech, Baker arose and made one of the most masterly arraignments ever delivered in the U. S. senate. Mr. Blaine commented on it at length in his work "Twenty Years in Congress." On October 21st, he fell at Ball's Bluff. He has been called "the old gray eagle of Republicanism," and "the Prince Rupert of Battle and Debate."

The speaker was introduced by Mr. D. H. Roberts. This ends the winter course of lectures at the Congregational church, which has proven a very pleasant and profitable feature of the season to those who have regularly attended.

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AN AFTERNOON RUNAWAY. Otto Birgfeld's Horse Drowns, But Himself Escapes.

Parties along Union and First streets were horrified on Wednesday afternoon to see Otto Birgfeld caught between the side of his wagon and the brake, while the horse attached was madly racing directly down the street to the Columbia river. A serious accident seemed inevitable, but Mr. Birgfeld succeeded in extricating himself from his perilous position when about 100 feet from the plunge. The horse made a turn to the left and ran to the mouth of Mill creek, leaping into the water. The wagon following pulled the horse down, its head under the surface and feet up. It pawed the water for a minute or two, but its struggles gradually became weaker and finally disappeared beneath the surface.

Mr. Birgfeld fortunately did not receive any severe injuries. He pried himself out from his position and dropped to the ground, while the horse was at full speed, but fortunately fell in the dust. His clothes were badly torn, which was about the extent of his misfortune in a personal way. Grappling hooks were used to recover the dead horse and wagon attached.

Barrels Better Than Boxes.

In the "note and comment" column in the Portland Oregonian a writer refers to the fact that it has been the custom in Oregon to ship apples to market in boxes instead of barrels. In the Eastern states the packages universally used and approved is the barrel of a given standard dimension, holding about three bushels of fresh fruit. It is claimed that Oregon apples shipped in 50-pound boxes are handicapped to a considerable extent by reason of the package not being uniform with those received in the same markets from other places. It might be greatly to the advantage of apple-shippers to use barrels instead of boxes. Several elements enter into the problem, chief among which are, of course, cost and adaptability of the barrel as a fruit package, compared with the box ordinarily used on this coast for that purpose. It is charged for the barrel package also that the contents are thus liable to injury. Then, again, we are told that all apples reaching the Eastern market in boxes are rated below No. 1, and cannot be sold at the highest prices, no matter what their condition. It is claimed to be a rule of the trade that all apples rated as No. 1 must be in barrels. The cause of the difference in custom probably lies in the fact that the Oregon fir makes up more readily into boxes than into the barrels made out of more fibrous woods in the East.

Free Road to Prineville.

Mr. W. H. Cook, of Tygh Valley is in the city, circulating a petition for a free road to Prineville. Two tolls now exist. It necessitates about nineteen miles of new road, commencing at a point three miles this side of the Deschutes river, connecting the two county roads. The expense is estimated at between \$4,000 and \$5,000. Wasco and Crook counties will be asked to assist in the work, and private subscriptions will be taken. Mr. Geo. Johnson of Dufur assured him that Dufur would contribute \$500. Mr. Cook informs us that Eugene is reaching out after the Prineville trade and already has a road over which lighter trains may travel. He says the Dalles will lose a great share of the Prineville

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trade unless the efforts now being made to open the new road meet with success. Last year Crook county paid \$8,300 in tolls. The list has been started with a subscription of \$50 from Crook county men. Mr. G. W. Barnes purposes to stump the county in the near future, working up a sentiment for the road. A citizen of The Dalles has also promised Mr. Cook \$50. The proposed road will re-open the long since disused Moppin's route, and there are only about five miles of new road to make, about three miles of which requires grading. The new route will be about ten miles shorter than the old one.

A Pleasant Affair.

The ladies of the Congregational church and their friends spent a pleasant afternoon Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Pease, in welcoming back to their society their former president, Mrs. Geo. P. Morgan. Either the old-time spirit of warm welcome and hospitality is not altogether dead, as some pessimists would have us believe, or these friends were very successful in reviving its appearance. The good cheer of toothsome viands and fragrant cup was the least of the welcome. The following guests were present: Mesdames Pease, Morgan, McFarland, Cooper, Cushing, Price, Marden, Thompson, Patterson, Beers, Doane, McCoy, E. V. Gibbons, Hobson, Guthrie, Dunham, Groat, Gilbert, Corson, Curtis, Gibbons, Deane, Gray, Funk, Butler, E. M. Wilson, Condon, Brooks, Kelsay, Herbert, Donnell, Huntington.

MARRIED.

On Wednesday, April 29th, at the residence of Mrs. P. Cram, on Liberty street, in this city, by W. C. Curtis, pastor of the Congregational church, Cal C. Simmons of Portland, Or., and Miss Maud Gaunt of Nansene, Wasco Co., Or.

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AN IMPORTANT MATTER.

Mr. Mays Expresses His Opinion—A Query and Answer.

The open letter addressed to Hon. Robert Mays, the Republican candidate for county judge, was received by THE CHRONICLE this morning. It is needless to say that Mr. Mays is in favor of free roads and would never, while he is county judge, favor any proposition to make Tygh grade a toll road. Mr. Mays published in yesterday's CHRONICLE a denial of any such rumor. We republish this denial so that it may appear as an answer to the letter from Wamic received today.

WAMIC, Or., April 27, 1896.

To Hon. Robert Mays: DEAR SIR:—It is reported, and extensively circulated by certain parties in this part of the county, that should you be elected county judge of Wasco county at the June election, you would use your influence, and work to make a toll road of the grade on the county road running from Tygh Valley to The Dalles, said grade known as the Tygh hill grade. The question is, will you, if elected, favor or aid the making of that certain grade a toll road?

Please answer through the WEEKLY CHRONICLE "Yes" or "No." The voters will then know how you stand on the road question, and can vote more intelligently for their best interest.

Yours respectfully, JOHN END.

EDITOR CHRONICLE:—There is a report in circulation in the southern part of the county that I am in favor of making the Tygh Hill grade a toll road. Such is not the case, and if I am elected county judge the people interested in the matter can feel assured that I will not allow any toll roads made on Tygh Hill during my term of office.

ROBT. MAYS.

The Bowling Contest.

Those who will participate in the bowling contest between the married and single men are as follows:

Table listing names of participants in the bowling contest, categorized by Married and Unmarried.

Notice.

I wish to explain that I do not sell Regulator cigars direct to the consumer at wholesale prices; neither do I retail. The dealer must be protected. Your dealer will sell you a box just as cheap as I can. O. A. PETERSON.