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**LOCAL BREVITIES.**

Wednesday's Daily.

Hon. Henry Blackman was a passenger on the west-bound train this morning.

The weather forecast for tonight and tomorrow is snow or rain, with chinook wind probable.

Joe Howard is in from Prineville with 300 head of cattle for shipment east. He has his stock on 10-Mile, awaiting the opening of the road.

The town is flooded with book agents today, nearly every man you meet having one under his arm. They are gathering up lots of money too.

The west-bound passenger arrived at 9 o'clock this morning. The rotary from Pendleton reached the Cascades at 10 o'clock last night, and is cleaning the track below that point.

The suit in equity of Mary Davenport against Stephen M. Meeks and others, the declare void a certain mortgage on the ground of fraud, was argued before Judge Bradshaw today and submitted. H. H. Riddell for plaintiff, Dufur & Menefee for defendant.

The sleighing seems to be good, at least the fellows in the cutters look as though they enjoyed it. The walking, however, the only means of locomotion permitted to the newspaper fraternity, is execrable. The snow crawls under a fellows feet as if it were alive.

The Si Perkins company is billed for Saturday, Dec. 5th. This company is meeting with great success in this part of the country and is receiving flattering press notices. Their midday parade is novel and funny and the band is the talk of every town they have played in. They give a free band concert in front of the opera house at 7 o'clock and all lovers of classical music should hear it. Remember the date. Admission 50 and 75 cents.

The west-bound passenger arriving this morning is still held here awaiting developments at Bridal Veil. It is hoped the road may be opened some time during the night. The rotary is moving slowly down from Bonneville, meeting with considerable trouble on account of the sliding snow. The cuts made by her have been partly filled, so that it is impossible to tell exactly when the blocked train will be got out. The snow is melting, and if this continues the road will soon be open, as the plows can handle it if it gets damp.

Thursday's Daily

Captain Waud and Mr. Alden, mate on the Regulator, came up from Portland last night.

State Treasurer Metchan was married in San Rafael, Calif., yesterday afternoon to Miss Sweetser Sutherland.

License to wed was issued November 30th to Charles D. Smith and Miss Ida J. Hansberry, both of Hood River.

The sleighing is still good and certainly more pleasant than when the thermometer was hunting the cellar a few days ago.

There was a bowling contest at the club last night between the married and single men, the blessed benedicts winning as usual.

The ice jam here shows no sign of breaking, being still hard and firm. The crossing is safe yet, many people making the trip every day.

The ice gorge below Vancouver broke last night, but that above the town is still solid. No boats are running on the Astoria route on account of floating ice.

The Republicans of Salem have nominated Dr. J. A. Richardson for mayor. The Dr. was formerly a resident of this city, being a member of the firm of Richardson & Logan. Dalles people always come to the front.

Miss Clara Grimes returned to Portland on the afternoon train. A sleighing party was given in her honor last evening, and enjoyed by the members of the last summer's camping crowd, of which she was one.

The blockade between here and Portland was broken last night, and no further trouble is anticipated, at least until the coming of another storm. It was quite warm west of the mountains yesterday, a chinook blowing all day.

Sid Kelley and Robt Jordan yesterday loaded 8,000 pounds of lime for the Warm Springs agency. The roads are in bad condition, and it is quite probable they will have trouble in getting down the big hill this side of the agency.

The weather forecast for the past week has been remarkably good, striking conditions here every time. For tomorrow the forecast is rain and warmer. We know this storm was not intentional on the part of the weather clerk, and that

as soon as he discovered his mistake it would be rectified. As a matter of fact the storm was cut to fit Montana, and was missed.

The bright sunshine and higher temperature are conducive to a more cheerful view of life, but they fail to bring any items to this shop. The item market is absolutely bare, and the belief might easily be entertained that the crop is still in the ground, like the potatoes.

It works both ways at La Grande. One man is sending hogs to Nebraska to fatten on cheap corn, and another is importing corn from that state to fatten his hogs. The latter plan is the one that ought to win. Wheat is too dear to leave any profit in feeding hogs, and hence the demand for Nebraska corn.

The fellow who formulated the proverb that "No news is good news," lived long before newspapers were invented, or weary reporters anguished for items. He knew nothing of the hunger and thirst after items, the joy of a scoop or the mild satisfaction of a two-line personal on off days, when a couple of local columns waited to be filled. Besides we believe he was a liar on general principles.

Friday's Daily.

Si Perkins, at the Vogt Grand tomorrow night.

The trial of X. N. Steeves is going on at Hilleboro.

As we go to press we learn that Mr. Edwin Comfort, formerly a resident of this city, died at Arlington last night.

Senators Mitchell and McBride and Congressman Hermann called on Mr. McKinley at Canton yesterday, on their way to Washington.

A dispatch from Heppner yesterday says the snow is all gone from that part of the country, and that everywhere it is a sea of slush and mud.

Joe Howard this morning shipped a trainload of cattle to Omaha. The cattle were brought from Crook county, and were held at 10-Mile during the storm.

Tomorrow at noon the parade of the famous Pughtown farmer band, with the Si Perkins Co., will take place. The band is a daisy sure, and always attracts a large crowd.

A lecture will be given by Bishop Earl Cranston at the M. E. church on Monday evening, Dec. 7, 1896. Subject, "Professor Satan." Admission, adults 25 cents; children 15 cents.

Bishop Cranston of Portland, Or., resident bishop of the M. E. church for the Pacific Northwest, will preach next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. at the M. E. church. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

The Columbia is rising slowly, and this, coupled with the warmer temperature, is causing the ice gorge to work considerably this evening. It is liable to go out at any time, but may hold until tomorrow.

Parties coming in from Bakeoven yesterday say that the chinook took nearly all the snow off the high country between that place and here. The snow fall has not been heavy in the country south of us, and it is now about all gone.

The board of trustees of The Dalles Commercial and Athletic Club met last night and elected officers for the coming year as follows: President, W. L. Bradshaw; vice-president, H. M. Beall; secretary, John Hampshire; treasurer, W. H. Wilson.

Captain McNulty came up from the scene of the Dalles City disaster last night. He reports the steamer as in pretty bad shape, but thinks she may be saved. The lumber had arrived for building the bulkheads and making the repairs before he left.

The chinook ordered by the weather bureau yesterday arrived all right, but we failed to get much benefit from it here. It was a line shot, but carried too high. The top of the hills across the river are bare, while the bases are still covered with snow, reversing the usual order of things.

And Winans went to Hood River at the beginning of the cold snap, and put everything in shape for putting up 15,000 tons of ice. The snow was cleaned off the ice and it was all marked off and steam up in the boilers at the elevator when the chinook struck it, and in a few hours the ice was gone.

The ice gorge still sticks, but is continually working. Last night it began crowding in shore, breaking some of the piling at the D. P. & A. N. Co.'s wharf. It looked for a while as though the foot of the wharf would be carried away, and teams were kept at work nearly all night moving wheat and merchandise from the small warehouse. The ferry boat is fast in the ice, and it may move down the river some distance should the gorge go out.

Among the varied features to be introduced during the performance of "Si Perkins," which will be presented by the Burton-Coleman company at the opera house next Saturday, Dec. 5th, is their olio of specialties and the famous "Si Perkins" orchestra, directed by Prof. Thos. Marshall, which is sure to be entertaining. Of the play itself we need only say that for laughing purposes there are no better, and this has been proven by the large audiences it always attracts, and which is sure to be in attendance next Saturday evening, Dec. 5th. The parade given by the famous Pughtown farmers' band is great, be sure and see it at noon.

**SHE CAN BE REPAIRED.**

The Dalles City Will Be Raised and Repaired.

Agent Allaway arrived home from the Cascades last night. He reports the condition of the Dalles City as not nearly so bad as reported. She is resting on a smooth bed of sand in about four feet of water and is in no danger from the ice. Since she struck, the water has fallen about two feet, enough so that the extent of her injuries can be told. She struck on the starboard side, the point of contact being about opposite the fire-box, and the hole in her side extends from that back about the length of the boiler. The hog chains parted, but owing to the fact that she is lying nearly level on the sand the wood work is not much twisted or damaged. Lumber was sent down this morning to the Cascades, from which point it will be taken to the scene of the accident, and used in repairing damages. A bulkhead will be built around the damaged part, and it is thought she can be patched up in pretty good shape in twenty-four to thirty-six hours. If the river falls another foot she cannot be floated, but from present indications there will be a slight rise in a day or so, so that no trouble will be encountered on that score.

In this connection it is proper to correct an erroneous idea that the locks were closed on Thanksgiving day on account of it being a holiday. Superintendent in charge, Engineer Morris, says that the valves in the hydraulic machinery used in operating the gates had frozen, and when the water was turned on were injured. The locks were therefore kept closed necessarily until the damage could be repaired, and so instead of taking a holiday the employes, as well as Mr. Morris, were having an extra hard day's work. The officers of the D. P. & A. N. speak in the highest terms of Mr. Morris and his management of the locks, he sparing no effort to facilitate the passage of the boats, and are under obligations to him for valuable suggestions in the present trouble with the Dalles City.

**A FAMOUS OLD HOTEL.**

Col. Sinnott Grows Reminiscent Over the Old Hostelry.

The burning of the old Peoria hotel at Peoria, Illinois, a week or ten days ago put Col. Sinnott in a reminiscent mood, and to our reporter he gave quite a long account of what he calls one of the most famous old hotels in the country. "I was head clerk in the hotel during the 50s," said he, "and in those days it was the meeting place of the political leaders of those days. While there I often saw Douglas and Lincoln, and to give a list of those who have slept within its walls would be to publish the names of all the great Westerners of the West. Judge Lyman Trumbull, the great statesman and jurist; David Davis, senator from Illinois and member of the supreme court, also one of the commission of fifteen to settle the Hayes-Tilden election controversy; Col. E. D. Baker, who afterwards became famous on this coast, was senator from this state and fell early in the war; General Shields, Mexican war veteran and United States senator from two states; William Pitt Kellogg, afterwards governor of Louisiana during reconstruction days; Robert Ingersoll, and his brother; Congressman Kellogg, who went out from Washington to see the battle of Bull Run, and saw more than he wanted; General Lew Wallace, the famous author; Horace Greeley, prince of newspaper men; Col. A. Bush, the shining light of the old-fashioned Oregon Democracy, friend of Grover Cleveland, and boss banker of Salem, besides hundreds of others. "It was here," added the colonel, "that Abraham Lincoln had his first and only fist fight, of which I am the sole surviving witness." I will give you that story some time, said he, and then he turned away to attend to one of the hundred guests who came in on the west-bound train this morning and who are awaiting the opening of the road.

**THE DALLES ATHLETIC CLUB**

Elects New Officers and Starts on Its Second Year.

The regular annual meeting of The Dalles Commercial and Athletic Club was held last evening at the club rooms, Vice-President E. C. Pease presiding. The secretary's report was read and adopted. W. H. Wilson being absent, his report was read by the treasurer, Roger Sinnott. It showed that the total receipts for the year were over \$4,000 and a balance on hand of about \$600. As the club rooms have been fitted up during the year, the showing is an exceedingly good one.

On motion it was ordered that the seven members receiving the highest number of votes should be declared trustees. Upon a ballot being taken W. L. Bradshaw, E. C. Pease, W. H. Wilson, R. B. Sinnott, H. M. Beall, Geo. C. Blakeley, received the most votes, there being a tie between the names of R. H. Lonsdale, J. P. McInerney and J. F. Hampshire. A second ballot was taken and Hampshire declared elected. The trustees will elect the other officers.

The outgoing board of trustees have made an enviable record, and as three of the old board are re-elected and some first-class material added in the new trustees, the affairs of the club will be

looked after as closely in the year to come as in the year gone by. The club has done much in the year of its existence towards advancing the interests of our city, and in the future will be able to do much more. It has become one of the features Dalles social life, and has come to stay.

**An Ice Pick in Her Head.**

Last night's Portland Telegram says: A most extraordinary attempt at suicide was made about 6 o'clock last evening by Mrs. Benjamin I Jones, a demented colored woman, living at 513 East Eighteenth street, who with one hand held a dirk-shaped ice-pick up to the right side of her head above the ear, while with a hatchet in the other hand she drove the pick with repeated blows through bone and brain five inches into the skull, when she fell unconscious to the floor. Her husband, in an adjoining room, found her lying upon the floor, the ice-pick imbedded almost to the handle in head, and it required the exertion of his utmost strength with his body braced against his wife's to draw it forth.

The woman was afterward removed to the Good Samaritan hospital, where Dr. Richard Barber, assisted by Dr. Harry F. McKay, performed a very delicate operation, trephining her skull and washing out the hole made by the ice-pick, which was followed with a probe for five inches. Her recovery is not anticipated, and death from septic meningitis is considered only a question of time.

The marvel is, where the woman obtained the strength to drive the pick to such a depth into her head, as her skull was of unusual thickness, and the operator who handled the keen-cutting trephine saw, experienced more than usual difficulty in cutting through the bone. The surgeons at the hospital are unable to understand this part of the case, as it is something new in their experience.

**Sharkey Won on a Foul.**

The much talked of fight between Fitzsimmons and Sharkey came off according to contract in San Francisco last night, and was won by Sharkey in the eighth round on a foul. Fitzsimmons had his opponent whipped from the first round, Sharkey being unable to do anything with him. It was claimed before the fight that the referee, Wyatt Earp, intended to give the fight to Sharkey on some pretext or other, and the sports all claim this was done. Sharkey had made a foul before that, but Fitzsimmons made no claim on that account. The fight all the way through was fair on Fitzsimmons side and if any foul blow was struck it was by accident. Fitzsimmons says he made no foul and that the referee has simply robbed him. The fight by rounds showed that Fitz had no reason to resort to a foul, as he had his man well whipped at the time, and it is doubtful if he could have stayed the round out. Legal steps will be taken to prevent Sharkey drawing the stakes.

**Just What Miners Want.**

All who are, or expect to be, interested in mines will be glad to know that Henry N. Copp, of Washington, D. C., land lawyer, has revised Copp's Prospector's Manual. The mineralogical part of the work has been almost entirely re-written by a Colorado mining engineer, who has had years of experience as a prospector, assayer and superintendent of mines and United States surveyor.

The book is a popular treatise on assaying and mineralogy, and will be found useful to all who wish to discover mines. The first part of the work gives the United States mining laws and regulations, how to locate and survey a mining claim, various forms and much valuable information. The price is 50 cents at the principal book stores, or of the author.

**General Applegate Dead.**

General Elisha L. Applegate died at Astland yesterday. He was 65 years of age, and had been in poor health for some time. The dispatch announcing his death, says:

He was sitting in a chair at his home, and had been conversing with the members of the family as usual, but complained of an inability to breathe easily, and requested that the door be opened to admit fresh air, when he suddenly and almost without warning dropped his head and was dead.

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