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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Saturday's Daily.

Mr. W. Ross Winans is up from his place at the forks of Hood River.

Two carloads of cattle belonging to Al. Lyle and Joe Hinkle were shipped to Troutdale today.

One drunk and disorderly this morning was fined \$5, which was paid, and one on same charge fined \$10, which was not paid.

We struck Judge Bradshaw this morning for an item and he responded by telling us the sun was shining. Thus it may be considered settled that it was the sun.

We saw yesterday some of the ore from Mr. L. L. Hills mines in the Greenhorn district, and it was way up in G, which in this case stands for Greenhorn.

The Woodmen Circle will meet on Christmas night and hold a short business session, after which a pleasant social time will be enjoyed by the Grove. All members please take notice.

The Woodmen Circle entertainment committee have made a slight change in their program, and will give a first-class entertainment at the Vogt on New Years night, followed by a social hop. Remember the date.

The total assessment of the state, not counting Marion, whose rolls are not yet submitted to the state board, is \$124,797,583, or a value somewhat less than that ascribed to the property of one man—Rockefeller.

We are requested to announce that there will be an entertainment and supper at Enderby school house Christmas eve, Thursday, Dec. 24th. Everybody is invited to be present and to bring their baskets well filled.

L. Neff and N. C. Evans of Hood River have been awarded the contract for putting a bridge across Hood river, for the company building the big irrigating flume and ditch. They are on the ground and will commence work at once.

The sturgeon catch continues to improve, and the shipments are getting quite large again. Yesterday the Indians fishing above town caught and brought in about 1200 pounds, which, with the roe brought about \$55 for the day's work. The largest of the lot weighed 321 pounds, quite a fish, but lacking a whole lot of sizing up with the 1100 pound patriarch caught below Crate's point a couple of years ago.

It has been suggested that the city rock crusher be leased to someone, on an agreement to furnish crushed rock at a given price, and that the streets under the bluff be then graded at the expense of the property owners. Whether any

definite action will be taken about it, remains to be seen.

Mr. M. M. Cushing, who keeps the poorhouse, has sworn out a warrant for the arrest of one of his charges, in which the arrested man is accused of committing an assault and battery on Mr. Cushing. The trial comes off today, and its result will determine whether the offender is to continue the guest of the county in the poorhouse or the jail.

For the purpose of increasing the membership of their order in this place, Dufur Camp, No. 212, W. of W., will give an entertainment Tuesday, Dec. 29th, at the M. E. church, at which time will be presented Edwin M. Stern's comedy-drama entitled "Hickory Farm." A company of carefully selected local talent has been chosen for this production, which is certain to be received with enthusiasm. The cast is as follows: "Exekial Fortune," Waldo Brigham; "Gilbert Darkwood," W. Staats; "Uriah Skinner," A. J. Stevens; "Jake Nelson," M. J. Anderson; "Sergt. Rankin," Geo. McMenemy; "Lawrence McKeegan," Jos. Bethune; "Jessie Fortune," Mrs. E. S. Hinman; "Mrs. Precilla Dodge," Miss Daisy Dufur.—Dufur Dispatch.

Monday's Daily.

Rev. E. B. Sutton delivered a lecture on Temperance at the Methodist church yesterday evening.

Leave of absence for three months was granted Friday to Fred W. Wilson, who is quartermaster sergeant of the Third regiment.

This is the shortest day in the year. We feel sorry for the day, for if there is one thing more heart-breaking than being short it is being shorter.

Work is being pushed on the big Hood River flume and ditch, and that company expects to have the water available for next spring's strawberry crop.

Hood River orchardists say that their first fears that their fruit trees were damaged by the November cold snap, were groundless. Little damage was done, and this to only young trees.

The ladies of the Good Intent Society will have on sale Wednesday and Thursday of this week, pies, cakes and doughnuts; also kitchen aprons, at the store formerly occupied by H. Herbring.

The jury in the Steeves case had not agreed up to midnight last night. Since Saturday morning it has stood ten for acquittal and two for conviction. There is no possibility of the jury agreeing, and it is quite probable the prosecuting attorney will have the case dismissed if the jury hangs.

We desire to call the attention of The Dalles girls to the fact that there only remain ten days of the year 1896, that said year is a leap year, and that there will not be another until 1904, seven years from now. This is the last call, and in the language of the fraternity, "now is the time to subscribe."

There was quite a complicated runaway this morning, starting on Second street and gradually terminating as the horses got tired. Cartwright's team started first and this started two others. They all went scooting down Second, then up to Third and out Fourth until they got tired. As far as we can learn, no serious damage was done.

Mr. J. C. Crandall has received a letter from the East Portland Mill & Furniture Co., inquiring concerning the location of their plant or a portion of it here. The company has a very extensive plant, and are engaged in the manufacture of sash, doors, etc., and

furniture. Mr. Crandall will lay the matter before the Commercial Club.

January 1st the Regulator line will put in effect its reduced tariff, which in some cases amounts to almost fifty per cent. It is in the line of the policy of this company to give its patrons the benefit of every reduction in running expenses, and the completion of the locks and consequent stopping of portage charges permit a generous decrease in freight charges.

It is about time to look out for a burglary here. About ten days ago a series of postoffice robberies and burglaries commenced in Southern Oregon, and the gang had burgled its way as far as Oregon City at last accounts. It is quite likely Eastern Oregon will receive a visit, and it is well to "look a little out."

Mr. Glenn came home Saturday from his headquarters in the Astoria-Goble right-of-way to remain over Christmas. He tells us they are employing all men applying for work at wages that leave the men \$25 a month over and above their board. The number of men at work is being rapidly increased, and the grading will all be done sometime next summer. Mr. Glenn's control is for forty-eight miles.

The possibilities of obtaining electric power from running water are beginning to interest the towns of the state. McMinnville is agitated, and the La Grande Observer puts its meditations in this form: "It may be an idle dream, but we believe the time will come when from out the dark canyon through which Grand Ronde river now runs will come light enough to illuminate every highway, street and dwelling in this valley. From the same source will come power to plow our fields, harvest our grain, haul it to the mills, and grind it into flour. What a delightful picture will our valley present, when along all our roads the electric lights blaze. The dream is of possible realization."

Tuesday's Daily

Professor Martin gives away presents each night to ticket holders, the principle gift being \$5 cash.

A little child of B. F. Miller of Hood River died Sunday morning, and was buried at Hood River yesterday.

Tomorrow and Thursday the ladies of the Good Intent Society will sell pies, cakes and doughnuts, as well as kitchen aprons, at the building formerly occupied by H. Herbring.

Great Sachem J. Carr and Great S. S. O. Schuman are in town on an official visit to Wasco Tribe No 16, I. O. E. M. All members of the tribe are requested to attend the council fire tonight punctually at 7:30 p. m.

The South Carolina supreme court recently decided that it is not arson to set fire to one's own dwelling-house, either at common law or under a statute making it arson to set fire to "any house," and the fact that the property is insured makes no difference.

The greatest number of desertions in the department of the Columbia have occurred recently from Fort Spokane, which has only a moderate garrison. General Otis is inclined to the opinion that the reason is that the soldiers have been tempted to run away to the mines in that vicinity.

A Christmas tree will be had in the audience room of the Methodist church Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. All members and friends of the Sunday school and church are invited to be

present and to place any gifts on the tree. All presents should be brought to the church as early as possible Thursday afternoon.

Arrangements are nearly completed for a course of lectures to be given in the Congregational church. The time chosen will be later than that of last years course and probably will take place in the latter part of January, February and March. The topics are not yet fully known. As soon as they are, the schedule will be published.

Arrangements are completed for taking County Judge Mays to Paso Robles, California, and he will start tomorrow. He has been suffering from an attack of inflammatory rheumatism for nearly three weeks, and though everything possible has been done for him, he gets no relief. It is expected the baths at Paso Robles may soon put him to rights and permit his return.

The preliminary steps are being taken for organizing a company here for the purpose of building a woolen mill. It seems assured that the move will be successful and that in the near future the matter will take definite shape. If the matter meets with the response on the part of our business men, that is anticipated. Work will be begun very shortly and some of next spring's wool clip will be worked up into goods here.

The legislature will meet in a few weeks and the stockmen of Eastern Oregon should get a move on towards circulating a petition of that body, asking that it memorialize congress to open the Cascade reserve to the pasturage of stock. If our stockmen expect to accomplish anything, they must work, and the memorial from the Oregon legislature will have more effect than all the petitions that can be drawn up directly to congress.

Foot-Ball New Years.

A foot-ball team has been organized here for the purpose of playing with a team from the Portland high school at the fair grounds here New Year's day. The boys are practicing steadily, and will put up a good game. In the teams are Messrs. J. and H. Clyatt, the young Japanese merchants. The latter is said to be a wonder. The following gentlemen will do the kicking on the occasion:

F. Snipes, center; J. Maloney, right guard; J. Elton, left guard; E. Jenkins, right tackle; V. Schmidt, left tackle; G. Dufur, right end; C. Burget, left end; B. Barrett (captain), quarter back; J. Clyatt, right half; R. Fisher, left half; H. Clyatt, full back.

Something Good.

The Cascade Locks edition of the Oregonian, issued this morning, consists of thirty-two pages of reading matter, interspersed with plenty of good illustrations, notably among which are some fine cuts of Dalles business houses and leading citizens of our city. In addition to these is a colored supplement of four pages, which is a very fine piece of work. The management of Oregon's great daily deserves much praise for the enterprise shown. This creditable edition will serve as a good advertisement for Oregon and her diversified industries.

Refrigerator Line.

Attention of shippers is called to the new refrigerator line operated by the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company between Portland, Huntington, Spokane and intermeditated points, leaving Portland on train 22, Wednesdays and Saturdays. E. E. LYTLE, Agent.

HOOLEY-HOOLEY, WILY-WILEY.
In Three Chapters--The Arrest, the Foot Race, the Fall.

Nightwatchman Wiley is somewhat of a foot racer himself and it takes a pretty fleet-footed man to get away from him, even when he has the start and the benefit of bad lights and muddy streets.

Last night about 7:30 he arrested a man named Hooley on First street and escorted him in his usual Chesterfieldian manner to the city jail where he proposed extending to him the hospitality of the city. Hooley was supple of limb, of graceful carriage, gaunt flanked and wiry, just the kind of a man his name would indicate a regular dancer of the Hooley-Hooley stripe. As Wiley reached his hand in his pocket for the keys of the city, Hooley, with the spring of a cat, cleared the sidewalk, abandoning our simple republican platform, so to speak, and taking the Coxe plan instead, straight down the middle of the road. Wiley was after him in a bound and for a half dozen jumps, it was a pretty race. Our asphalt streets are in fine condition for foot racing, but the glare of the electric lamps blinded the fleeing Hooley, and his nimble feet, or one of them, caught on a piece of projecting basalt, and as he pitched heavily forward his hat fell off and his open-faced countenance plowed up the mud for many yards. He was up almost in a rebound, and again struck out, scraping the dirt from his eyes as he ran, and carelessly throwing it away. His name was mud, though from the time he fell, and not being able to see, he ran in a circle and the offending Hooley-Hooley was soon in the official clutches of the wily Wiley.

When he was safely inside the jail, and the lights were turned on, he was a sight, sure. At first Wiley was not quite certain whether he had arrested a man or swiped a back alley, but when the chunk of mud opened its mouth and spoke, Wiley knew he hadn't arrested Court street, and so turned the keys on him. Wiley didn't get off so easily, either, for he was without rubbers, and as he marched Hooley to jail, that gentleman, just to show he held no grudges, divided what real estate he owned with him, and Wiley had dirt enough to start a ranch if he had some place to dump it.

OREGON CITY OFFICE ROBBED.

Burglars Make a Haul of Two Thousand Dollars.

A telegram was received this morning, says the Telegram, in the United States district attorney's office from Postmaster S. R. Green of Oregon City, stating that the postoffice had been entered last night by burglars, the safe had been robbed and in the neighborhood of \$2000 in money, registered letters and stamps taken.

District Attorney Murphy at once started for the scene, and this afternoon telephoned to Assistant Attorney Schnabel the following particulars:

"The burglars are not only experts at their business, but are evidently members of a well-organized gang who have recently arrived in Oregon from California. The work of the men on the Oregon City safe is identical with that of the burglars who on Wednesday night last blew open the safe of the Hubbard postoffice. After that job they have come to Oregon City, and are no doubt now in Portland.

"The postoffice in Oregon City occupies the rear of a large store on the main

street, the front of the room being taken up with a stationary and cigar store. The burglars effected an entrance by prying open a rear door with a 'jimmy.'

"They must have first gone to the cigar stand, which was muffled of its choicest cigars and a few cents in change left in the money drawer. The men then attacked the safe of Postmaster Green, successfully opening it and taking every possible thing of value the safe contained, even to the private papers of Mr. Green, which could be of no value to them, and the pennies in the stamp drawer. With cash, registered letters, stamps etc., the robbers must have got away with at least \$2000.

"Secret Service Inspector Gordon, who has been to Hubbard investigating the burglary there, was intercepted while returning on the Salem train this afternoon and is now in Oregon City.

"Thus far no clew to the perpetrators of the burglary here, beyond that it is evidently the work of the same men who robbed the Hubbard office, has been obtained."

Barber Stock Counties.

From the list furnished by the state board of equalization we note that Crook county is first in number, with 275,141; Grant second, with 189,162; Umatilla third, with 184,635; Morrow fourth, with 136,930; Gilliam fifth, with 122,022; and Wasco sixth, with 106,787. Harney leads in cattle, with 54,660; Crook second, with 30,414, and Lake third, with 25,412. Umatilla has 12,413 horses, Crook 11,119, Malheur 9,506, and Harney 9,105. Douglas has 9,777 hogs, while Grant has only 338, and Marion, strangely enough, is not on the list.

How Will You Answer?

Five feet of coal means five thousand more people here in a year, and it will only cost \$100 a foot to get it. Can we afford to delay testing the question? Five feet of coal means that The Dalles would be the second city in the state inside of two years. Can we afford to neglect trying for it? Five feet of coal means the doubling in value of every piece of real estate in the city limits. Can the property owners hesitate about putting up a few dollars for the chance? Five feet of coal means the creation of wealth, the doubling of the city's revenues, the reduction of taxation, and the getting out of debt. Can any of us afford to refuse to contribute? Answer the question for yourselves.

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