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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Saturday's Daily.

Quite a number of Elks of the local lodge will visit Heppner next Wednesday to assist in instituting a lodge of the order there.

The charity ball, given by the Elks last night, proved a decided success; as also did A. M. Williams & Co.'s special twenty per cent discount sale of men's furnishing goods.

Rev. J. H. Wood received word today of the serious illness of his mother, and will leave on the morning train for University Park.

Joseph McCabe of Five-Mile, was examined as to his sanity by Dr. Hollister and Justice Filloon yesterday, and was declared insane.

Mr. Wingfield's team ran away today, starting from in front of The Dalles Commission Co.'s store, and running up Washington street.

If the senate recognizes the Benson house, and a senator is elected by them, he will undoubtedly be seated.

Miss Hoffman, national secretary of the W. C. T. U., will speak in the Dalles on the 7th of February.

Hon. F. N. Jones was the choice of the sheepmen of this district. He is peculiarly their representative.

Several carloads of cattle and sheep were shipped to Portland and Tacoma yesterday, and another large lot followed them today.

Mr. S. L. Brooks telegraphs up from from Portland today to look out for water pipes tonight, the indications being that the mercury will drop down to zero before morning.

An old gentleman named Evans, a resident of Grant county, in crossing the street in the East End this morning, slipped and fell, dislocating his right shoulder.

We have been in the newspaper business in this county nearly ten years, consequently from the very nature of the circumstances, we represent a multitude of sins.

The committee from the Elks has balanced accounts and find that the receipts were \$204 and expenses \$51.15, leaving a balance of 152.85 for charity.

According to the weather bureau, there are indications of quite a continued spell of cold weather.

Mr. T. A. Hudson, general agent, and Mr. E. F. Sharp, surveyor, for the Eastern Oregon Land Company, started yesterday on an extended trip into the interior in the interest of the company which they represent.

owns the land originally granted to the Dalles Military Road Co., and embraces about six hundred thousand acres extending from The Dalles to the Snake river, opposite old Fort Boise.

About twenty Elks will leave tonight for Heppner, to assist in installing a lodge of their order at that city tomorrow night.

The sun has shone in a half-hearted sort of way most of the day, but it was not strong enough to raise the temperature above the freezing point.

The city council met last night and levied a tax of 5 mills. The assessed valuation of city property is \$1,202,575, and the tax should raise \$6012.

The Oregonian really ought to mark those pictures, so that its readers, suffering humanity, might know whether they represented "before" or "after taking."

People are hard to satisfy. A week ago all the people of the state wanted a lower house, and now the thing has developed into twins, they are still dissatisfied. Truly, we have too much of a good thing.

The Salvation army is preparing for a special time Saturday evening, in the representation of their slum work as it is carried on in the large cities of this and other countries.

Dr. Hartman, an expert miner from Groveland, N. Y., was shot and instantly killed at Chetso, a small mining camp in California, near the Oregon line, on the 21st.

Mr. Lydell Baker will deliver the second of the course of lectures given under the auspices of the committee of ladies of the Congregational church tonight.

Mr. J. B. Eddy of the railroad commission, has purchased a half interest in the Roseburg Plasterdealer.

The weather is cold here, but we cannot complain on that account, for the same condition prevails all over the country west of the Mississippi.

Work is being pushed on the big irrigating ditch at Hood River, and it is expected that it will be ready to furnish water by the last of May.

Jack Frost was out again last night with his magic brush and left some beautiful specimens of his artistic work on the big windows.

L. Rorden is busily engaged in moving his stock of goods into the Vogt block, where he will have elegant rooms. The rooms at present occupied by him will be used by Pease & Mays for their grocery department.

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MR. GRATKE'S STATEMENT.

Good Sense, and that, Too, Regardless of Politics.

Shortly after the house had organized yesterday a reporter of the Statesman in congratulating Representative Gratke upon the position he had taken in assisting in the organization of the house, saw an opportunity for a good interview.

"Mr. Gratke," said the reporter, "you are accused by the Bourne faction of assisting in the organization of a Republican house. How will your action be looked upon by your Democratic constituency?"

"If you will amend the accusation by striking out the word 'Republican,' I will plead guilty. I am a member of the 'house of representatives,' and was elected to it in a county that went for McKinley and Hobart by 714 majority.

I was nominated by the county Democratic convention, and so far as their political interests can be served on the broad basis of Democratic principles I am with the party at all times, but on all measures affecting the efficient and economical administration of government I am here as a business man and not as a machine politician.

I was not sent by my people to the legislature for that purpose. I was sent here to assist in the enactment of such legislation as will benefit the people of Clatsop county and the taxpayers of the state generally.

HON. F. N. JONES' LETTER. Commissioner Blowers Explains Why it Was Written.

HOOD RIVER, Jan. 23, 1897. EDITOR CHRONICLE:

"In reply to communications from friends at The Dalles, will you please publish this:

"I am a little surprised that Mr. Jones should deny having promised to vote for J. H. Mitchell for senator, yet his saying to M. Nolan or anyone else that all those parties who signed that article were d--d liars does not make it so, nor does it constitute a denial.

"The following is Mr. Jones' letter, written on a sheet of paper with the Umatilla House heading:

"I was working at all times for the whole Republican ticket (as I have done all my life). In doing so I met a great many Republicans who said they were not going to vote for Jones.

"The charity ball given by the Elks last night was undoubtedly the most successful affair of the kind ever given in The Dalles.

Dress Goods Offerings. Yard 33 1-3c Yard. WILL BUY EVERY YARD OF Colored : Dress : Goods. In the House, sold regularly at 50c. This sale will last for two weeks, and will be an excellent opportunity to buy Dress Goods at a very low figure. PEASE & MAYS. This store closes at 7 p. m. sharp.

Jones, he is as good a Mitchell man as you are." He then reiterated statements he had made to me and added: "Don't be uneasy about that, but rest assured that if I am elected I will vote for Mitchell."

"I took that letter to the polls, and with it and the several witnesses who had heard the promises, secured a good many votes for Mr. Jones. I did this with the very best of feeling, believing that I was helping him all the time, never dreaming for one moment that I would ever have any trouble for doing my best to help elect him.

"I am at liberty to permit anyone to read it who doubts its authenticity, but please be sure and return it to me. I want it not for its intrinsic value, but as a gentle reminder in the future of the fallacy and uncertainty of some things here below.

"A. S. BLOWERS."

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in excellent condition, and it was kept filled with the happiest crowd of dancers ever gathered in The Dalles. Each of the ladies was handsomer than the others always excepting, of course, the one, who is always prettiest to that gentleman who admires her, and consequently we have our own opinion as to who was the "belle of the ball," but we are not going to express it, not for the world.

The hall was beautifully decorated. The front of the stage was covered with ferns and plants, while just to the left of the center of it the big Elk stood, his majestic form gracefully posed and head drawn back as though he had been startled by suddenly coming on to a dance of dryads.

A REFORMATORY NEEDED Where Such Girls as Beulah Gilgard Can Be Cared For.

Beulah Gilgard, a 16-year-old ward of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, is now confined in the Magdalen Home, where she will remain till she repents of her misdoings.

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The girl's conduct had demonstrated that she could not be controlled by the society any longer, and, their being no reform school for girls in the state, Mr. Gardner was obliged to send her to the Magdalen Home.

The lack of a girls' reformatory very frequently works a severe hardship on the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, which often is forced to keep girls that are really too vicious for such an institution, or to send them to the Magdalen Home, where they are thrown in with girls whose society is not helpful to them.

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Made Him an Elk.

Saturday night the Elks lodge initiated the representative from Crook county, Mr. Misener, into the mysteries of Elkhood.

A special to THE CHRONICLE from Salem this afternoon says: "The senate by a vote of fourteen to fourteen today refused to recognize the Benson house. Two senators are absent, both of whom are supposed to be in favor of recognition.