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LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Saturday's Daily.

License to marry was issued today to Oliver H. Kerns and Miss Myrtle B. Patterson.

There is no change at Salem. This remark is getting to be somewhat similar to that during the war, "All quiet on the Potomac."

Sixty clerks for thirty senators really seems like a good many, especially in view of the fact that the senate cannot expect to do anything.

The weather today is just immense. Bright sunshine and a breath of spring, taking the place of the lowering fogs and drizzling rains of the past week.

Sheriff Wilcox of Gilliam county came up from Salem today. He told us confidentially that he saw no chance of a third house organizing and so left for home.

Word was received last night from Crook county that John Gage was dangerously ill. His son, living in the Willamette valley, was telegraphed for last night.

There were thirty-eight members yesterday in attendance on the "joint session." The legislature adjourned to Monday, but the joint session only adjourned until noon today.

The Dalles Commercial club has provided a beautiful medal, to be competed for by the bowlers of the club. It is of gold and has the lodge emblem, an arrow head, as the pendant of the jewel.

A. M. Williams & Co. have just opened a new line of men's percale shirts, with laundered collars and cuffs, ranging in sizes from 15 to 18 neck, to sell at 95 cents. Boys sizes in same style and material at 75 cents.

Mr. Arthur Clarke has completed a very pretty design for a button for members of the Commercial Club. It is of gold with a white enameled arrow head for a center, and the letters D. C. A. C., also in white enamel.

Mrs. Wingate received a letter today from Ed. She says he is delighted with the islands, and thinks Honolulu the paradise of the world. He and Fred Wilson are having a splendid time, and are kept busy enjoying something new and delightful in scenery or climate. The boys have not yet fixed a date for their return.

The lecture last night on the subject of Forestry was quite well attended. Mr. Jones proved a very pleasant talker, and handled the subject well. He gave quite a full history of the order, from the time of Robin Hood, illustrating his lecture with some very handsome stereopticon views. The inclement weather, no doubt, kept many away, but those who attended were well repaid for defying the weather.

Monday's Daily.

The docket for this term of court is a remarkably short one.

At the city council meeting Saturday night six lots were ordered sold.

The city jail had one inmate last night, a man who seems to be off his balance mentally.

The highways are said to be, by those who travel them, simply the abomination of desolation.

Hood River has a delegation of half a dozen of its leading citizens here to take part in the business of the courts.

What was the matter with the weather today? If it wasn't a harbinger (whatever that is) of spring, what was it?

The circuit court term has brought quite a number of citizens from the outside precincts to do service as jurors, among them our old friend, C. W. Haight, who lives down on the borders of Crook county.

The Newberg Graphic is responsible for this almost incredible story: "As strange as it may appear in this day and age of the world, a man walked into this office the other day and tendered the proprietor the loan of \$300 or \$400. It was not accepted either."

The Woman's Relief Corps having changed their meeting night to the second and fourth Monday of each month, will hold their regular meeting this evening at Fraternity hall, at 7:30 o'clock. All members are requested to be present. The G. A. R. post and their families are invited guests for this evening.

The lecture Sunday night at the Vogt, by Mrs. Clara Hoffman, was well attended and is very highly complimented. Mrs. Hoffman in handling the temperance question puts it in an entirely new and very taking light. Such lectures as her's do more good for the cause, than a thousand of the old stereotyped kind

with a fearful example as a text, and a pale faced widow with nine small children as a moral.

Tommy Conger killed on Pine creek, in Grant county, recently, a monster gray eagle, positively one of the largest ever captured in that county. Its wings measured 8 feet 2 inches from tip to tip. The bird was large enough to carry a child, its claws measuring 8 inches from tip to tip, one of its spurs being 3 1/4 inches in length.

Yesterday morning Mrs. Esther Alvarina Reno, wife of George Reno, died at her home at Mosier from consumption. She has been sick for some time, and was about 43 years of age at the time of her death. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. John Miller. The funeral will take place from the family residence at Mosier tomorrow at 12 o'clock.

The soft weather for the last few days has been causing considerable annoyance to the train men on the Elgin branch of the O. R. & N., by loosening rocks in the canyon south of Elgin. These loosened rocks, some of them weighing several hundred pounds, roll down on the track, causing the trains to stop until they are rolled out of the way.

A story is going the rounds in Umatilla county to the effect that Joe Hinkle, a school teacher at Juniper, probably owes his life to some of his scholars. The report has it that Mr. Hinkle fell asleep with his feet in the stove during school recess last week, and his shoes and trousers were on fire when some of his scholars rushed in, roused their teacher, and saved him.

Veni vidi and went away perfectly satisfied and fully convinced that men are still capable of holding the reins of government, even in domestic matters. When is all this? Next Friday, Feb. 12th, at 7:30 p. m., in the auditorium of M. E. church there will be a literary and musical program by some of the best male talent in The Dalles. After the program, refreshments will be served, consisting of clam chowder, coffee, cake and sandwiches. Remember that all cooking and service will be performed by the men. All ladies are asked to give this special notice and to bring well sharpened appetites.

Doorkeeper Blundell is a very small man; but he has a reputation for wit which survives past sessions of the legislature, of several of which he has been a member from Douglas county. Blundell got into a friendly controversy the other day about the occupations of the residents of Yaquina bay. "Lazy?" said Blundell. "They're the laziest and sleepest people on earth. They live on raw oysters, and when the tide has ebbed the table's set. Their pulse is like a clam's, and beats once in five minutes. They wake up just once in two years, and then it's only to inquire if congress has passed the river and harbor bill." Of course, Blundell was simply jesting.

The Saturday Review says that when he was in Egypt, Mark Twain hired two Arabs as guides to take him to the pyramids. He was familiar enough with Arabic, he thought, to understand and be understood with perfect ease. To his consternation, he found that he could not comprehend a word that either of the guides uttered. At the pyramids he met a friend, to whom he made known his dilemma. It was very mysterious, Twain thought. "Why, the explanation is simple enough," said the friend. "Please enlighten me, then," said Twain. "Why, you should have hired younger men. These old fellows have lost their teeth; and, of course, they don't speak Arabic. They speak gum Arabic."

Good Templars hall was crowded Saturday night on the occasion of the public installation of officers for the ensuing term. After the installation ceremonies were completed, a fine program was rendered, and later a general good time was had and a lunch generously served. Dalles Lodge, No. 2, is in a flourishing condition, new members being added weekly. Following were the officers installed: C. T., Mrs. J. E. Barnett; V. T., Mrs. J. Berger; Secretary, Chris. Schwabe; Asst. Sec., Miss Vesta Bolton; Financial Secy., W. D. Harper; Treasurer, Ed. Michell; Chaplain, Mrs. Ulrich; Marshal, Archie Barnett; Deputy Marshal, Miss Effie Bolton; Sentinel, Mrs. Blagdon; Guard, Edward Davenport; Supt. Juvenile Temple, Miss Edith Randall; P. C. T., Freas Saunders.

Tuesday's Daily.

The regular quarterly examination of teachers begins tomorrow at noon and lasts until Saturday.

Hawthorne entered a plea of guilty to a charge of assault and battery, this morning in the circuit court. He will receive his sentence tomorrow.

Mr. Frank Woodcock is in the city. He has taken the agency for W. J. Bryan's book, "The First Battle," and will canvass the country for subscriptions.

Professor Martin, the strong man, might do a good thing for himself, and also for the country by devoting a portion of his three months extra time to lifting some of the mortgages in this section. He is the only man strong enough to lift one of them.

The county commissioners, after examining the plans submitted for a bridge across Hood River, today concluded to advertise for bids for a Howe

truss, a steel bridge and one the name of which we do not know, but the plan of which was submitted by Mr. Langille of Hood River.

Miss Gladys Jones and Miss Harriet Stevens, both of Portland, are in the city, and with the assistance of local talent, will give a concert at the Congregational church tonight. Miss Jones has a remarkably good voice, and Miss Stevens has few superiors as a pianist. Music lovers will not neglect the opportunity.

We received this morning a communication from a gentleman in Antelope, in which he undertakes to answer a communication of Mr. Gourlay's appearing in this paper a few days ago, concerning the political status of Senator Mitchell. We generally take pleasure in publishing communications, especially if something in the paper has suggested them, but we have to draw the line somewhere. The communication in question would fill a column, and if there is a tangible idea in it, we failed to find it. It has two faults. One that the author had nothing to say, and the other that he did not know how to say it. We do not mind giving a reasonable space to even that kind of mental fog, but when it comes to a column or two of inane vapors, it becomes a painful duty to refuse it.

The Second Sander.

Professor Martin who showed his wonderful strength in many ways, before the Commercial Club last night, is certainly a phenomenon. He breaks a steel horse shoe in two by bending it backward and forward, it apparently being as pliable in his hands as so much taffy. He took an iron rod about 3 feet long, three eights of an inch in diameter, and placing one end between his teeth, he took the other in one hand and twisted it into a spiral cord of three or four circles. He lifted a 52 gallon barrel of water weighing altogether about 525 pounds with one hand, and a cask of 32 gallons with one finger. Resting his heels on one chair and the back of his head on another, he permitted eight men to sit on him at once, thus sustaining a weight of about 1400 pounds. He then put three decks of cards together and then tore the bundle in two, apparently without an effort, and this being done he tore the half-decks cross-wise.

These are only a few of the remarkable feats he performs. He tells us he is making the tour of the United States on a wager that he will get home in 18 months with \$1500 money earned on his trip. He has three months yet to complete his trip, and when he struck The Dalles only lacked \$43 of having the amount. He charges nothing for his exhibition, but passes the hat for whatever any are disposed to give.

Of Course It Was.

Lillie Devereux Blake, a very strong woman's rights woman, has done considerable writing in defense of the "Woman's" Bible. She says, among other things, that the story of the creation was "manipulated by some Jew in order to give heavenly authority for requiring the woman to obey the man she married." And then to show that the female sex in all creation was just as good, if not better, than the male, with a devotion to her cause much stronger than her judgment, she writes page after page to prove that "the chief point of interest in the parable of Balaam and the ass is that the ass belonged to the female sex." Of course it did. How else would it ever have recognized the angel? The average male man or ass wouldn't recognize one without an introduction. And, besides, the fact that the ass couldn't refrain from talking back to her master, was conclusive evidence of sex.

Miss Devereux Blake should desert on something not so peripatetically self-evident.

The Hood River Flume.

Mr. Frank Davenport, who has been in the city since yesterday noon, returned to Hood River today. He has the contract for building the big flume for the irrigating company on the west side, and has about completed the first mile, at a cost of \$6,000. The worst and most expensive part of the work is done, including a bridge across Hood river. About three miles of flume remain to be constructed, and one mile of ditch, and he expects to have water running through it by the 1st of May. The flume will furnish plenty of water for 10,000 acres of land.

The Minstrel Show.

Mr. R. K. Love came up from Portland yesterday to complete arrangements for the minstrel show to be given by members of The Dalles Commercial Club in about three or four weeks from this time. Mr. Love is an artist in the minstrel line, and expects to spend three days of each week here in training the company selected by him.

The Dalles has some good talent, and the coming show is already looked forward to as the event of the season.

Ira Campbell Married.

Ira Campbell of the Eugene Guard, has gone and got married, without saying a word to any of us, his old newspaper friends, and then he goes circulating down into Mexico for a bridal tour. Ira is a genial, generous quill driver, who deserves a quarter section of heaven right here on earth, and he has taken the only step possible to secure it.

DURRANT TAKES A BACK SEAT

Scores of People Offer Gifts to the Murderer—Officers Say Butler Is Weakening.

Butler, or Ashe, the Australian murderer, who is in jail at San Francisco, has been equipped with a wardrobe and now presents a very different appearance in new clothes of city cut from the figure he presented in sailor garb. He is getting polite to everybody and refuses many presents offered to him by scores of visitors and come to look at him through the prison bars.

The authorities believe if everything moves smoothly Butler can be started on his Australian trip in charge of the police within two weeks. Butler says he will not fight for a delay. He says he is getting his evidence together slowly and that when he reaches Australia he will place in the hands of his attorneys sufficient proof of his innocence.

The Australian detectives say Butler is already weakening, and that he would not have refused to go to Australia today on the Monowai were it not that his attorneys here urged him to show fight.

The Australian detectives say Butler's attorneys here are working for Butler gratuitously, expecting to be rewarded by the notoriety they will obtain. The longer the case is before the San Francisco courts the more notoriety they will achieve.

As evidence that Butler is weakening under the strain, the Australian detectives cite the fact that to Detective Conroy Butler today said he would clear up Weller's death and name the real murderers if the police in Austria would allow him to turn queen's evidence and escape punishment. He intimated to Conroy that two other men were concerned in Weller's murder and that he himself was not directly connected with the murder.

Butler says these two mysterious murderers, whose identity he does not disclose, forced him to take Weller's belongings found here in his possession. This statement differs from Butler's former statement that Weller was killed by the accidental discharge of a gun. The Australian detectives consider Butler's statements tantamount to a confession.

Free Course of Study by Correspondence.

To meet the needs of large numbers of people, both old and young, who live in remote sections of the country or in places where the schools are not advanced, the university of Oregon has made arrangements to conduct a four years' course of study by correspondence. The plan is to make this course entirely free except a small charge, which will cover the actual expenses. This charge will be in the form of a small sum for each lesson sent out. It will not exceed what is actually paid out for postage and clerical work in course. Students will be expected to order their text books either through local dealers or from the Portland book stores. It is hoped that large numbers of people will avail themselves of this opportunity to do intellectual work under competent guidance. It is also hoped to interest the press of the state in the undertaking, so that it may become very widely known. No newspaper can be paid for publishing the announcement of the course, since it is not a plan for making money, but it is hoped that a wide-spread public spirit may be awakened and that the press will lend its powerful assistance toward the success of the work. The course will be divided into five departments of study: English literature, Latin, history and civics, mathematics, science. Four years of work have been planned in each of these departments. Any person may take up one or all of the departments, as he chooses.

The course will be conducted as follows: Any person who wishes to take one or more of the studies may send in his name to the University of Oregon, Eugene, Or. The words "Extension Department" should be written on the envelope. He should also state clearly what lines of study he wishes to take up. Directions will be sent to him at once for procuring text books and instructions concerning the details of the course.

Questions will be mailed to students covering definite portions of the text books from time to time as they are needed. These should be carefully answered and the answers mailed to the Extension Department of the university. They will be corrected and returned, together with a new set of questions. This is in brief the scheme of the course. The university has been carrying on this work in a limited way for two years, but it is now hoped to make it much more extensive and more generally useful to the people of the state. The experience of the past, however, places the extension department in a position to manage the practical details of the course accurately and promptly. The only charge which will be made will be for the lists of questions and for marking the answers which are sent in. It is thought that this can be reduced to 10 cents for each set of questions and 10 cents for examining each set of answers. This small fee will probably cover the actual expenses of the course, and nothing further is desired by the department.

It is to be noted that this course is open to all persons who desire to engage in study. It will cover the ground of the usual good high school course, and

the questions and suggestions which will be sent out may often be used with profit in reviews and examinations in city high schools. No person should feel that a course of this kind is a complete substitute for a good school, but if the school is not available for any reason then such advancement in sound learning may be made by taking a correspondence course.

Full outlines of the course will be sent free upon application.

C. H. CHAPMAN.

Circuit Court Docket.

The following is the docket for the circuit court for the February term, commencing this morning:

LAW.
A Shereckau vs J C Murphy.
C W F Dick vs W J Wright et al.
Prineville Land & Livestock Co vs R W Mitchell et al.
Annie Urguhart vs The Manchester Fire Insurance Co.
John Brookhouse vs J M McIntire.
A L Spronie vs The Dalles National Bank.
Z F Moody vs W D Richards.
William Brune vs F W L Skibbe.
W D Jones vs Frank Bishop.
William Tackman vs David Patterson.
W L Wheeldon vs L E Ferguson.
C G Hickok vs C L Daggett et al.
A Bronsgeest vs J B Hannah et al.
W A Wilson & Co vs W E Theodore.

EQUITTY.

Assignment of E O Co-operative Association Patrons of Husbandry.
Assignment F Vogt.
Assignment John F Root.
Assignment H E and J W Moore.
Assignment R E Williams.
J F Bains, confirmation.
Thomas M Denton, confirmation.
Board School Land Commissioners vs P T Sharp.
Mays & Crowe vs John Wood et al.
A M Williams & Co vs J E McCormick et al.
Hattie Kizer vs Henry Kizer.
T D Green vs J L Story.
J Snipley vs William H Neabeck et al.
Almira Hargis vs Jefferson Hayes.
Frank J Meyers vs Annie M Myers.
Geo F Tucker vs The Hood River Army Association.
Geo A Liebe vs Lizzie Baxter et al.
Lottie Koontz vs Adrian Koontz.

A Copsious Prevaricator.

Junius Crosby, a Boston drummer, gave the Oregonian a great fill about getting capsized in the Columbia river at Wyeth recently, the article appearing in Saturday's paper. If Junius can eat beans as rapidly as he can improvise, there will be a famine in the Hub when he gets back. There are some slight discrepancies in his story. He says he knew where his friend, Charlie Green, lived, because his mail was addressed to Wyeth. There is no postoffice at Wyeth. He says he caught a floating railroad tie, the first piece of drift he came across, yet it is an impossibility to find a piece of drift in the river at this time of year. He says he could hear the proverbial dull roar of the rapids, when they can't be heard a mile above them at any time. He says that he caught on a boom, put in the river to catch drift about a mile above the Cascades; yet there is no such boom anywhere below Wyeth. He says the only man he met at Wyeth was "a big backwoods-looking fellow, who came from somewhere and shoved a sack of mail aboard." As we have said, Wyeth has no postoffice, and gets no mail, trains only stopping when flagged.

Excitement at Prineville.

One day last week the usually quiet village of Prineville was aroused from its lethargy by an all-round fight, which, for the number of participants, the zest with which they went at it, the sexes represented, the lawsuits accruing therefrom stands without a peer, says the Prineville Journal. The fun was started by Mrs. Delia Frazier taking it upon herself to give Emmet Holman a hiding for insulting her. The beleaguered party naturally objected to this treatment, whereupon Theo. Cadle flew to the rescue. Then followed a scene of the wildest hilarity, a sort of free-for-all fight. No arrests were made until several days afterwards, when Theo. Cadle was called before Recorder Bell, and, upon hearing, fined \$15. Later he was again called upon to defend himself, this time before Justice Biggs and a jury. George Cline has also been arrested and will have a hearing next Friday. It is understood more arrests are to follow.

Hold-Up.

Saturday night Thomas Lacey, who is the track-walker for the O. R. & N. from Hood River to Mosier, while crossing a trestle, was held up by a tramp. The tramp was hidden under the edge of the trestle, and as Lacey passed him he fired a shot, and then by the time Lacey had recovered from his surprise, he found himself covered by a pistol in the hands of the tramp. He was asked if he had any money, and replying in the negative, the tramp went through his pockets and finding nothing, took his watch, which Lacey valued at \$40. The other track-walker was held up, probably by the same tramp; but upon

being called upon to halt, never limped a bit. He just filed his own recognition and helped himself to that kind of bonds known as "leg bail." He fled so fast and so far in fifteen minutes that it took him a whole day to get back on the freight train, but he saved what property he had with him.

Circuit Court Proceedings.

All the cases of assignment on the docket were yesterday continued for the term.

Hattie Kizer vs Henry Kizer, referred to L S Davis to take testimony.

Lottie Koontz vs Adrian Koontz, referred to Chas Schutz to take testimony.

Geo A Liebe vs Lizzie Baxter et al, default and decree.

Christine Schwabe vs J A L Schwabe, default, tried in open court and decree granted.

M G Davis vs O F H Davis, referred to L S Davis to take testimony.

On the call of the docket this morning cases were settled as follows:

A Shereckau vs J C Murphy, continued for term.

C W F Dick vs W J Wright et al, dismissed without prejudice, on stipulation.

Prineville Land and Live Stock Co vs R W Mitchell et al, settled.

Annie Urguhart vs The Manchester Fire Ins Co, passed for settlement.

John Brookhouse vs J M McIntire, continued for term.

Z F Moody vs W J Richards, continued for term.

William Brune vs F W L Skibbe, passed.

W D Jones vs Frank Bishop, settled.

William Tackman vs David Patterson, default and judgment.

Wheeldon vs. Ferguson, publication.

Hickok vs Daggett, default as to C. L. Daggett.

A Bronsgeest, executor, vs J B Hanna et al, default and judgment against defts, J B and L Hanna, and order to sell attached property.

W A Wilson & Co vs W E Theodore, continued for service.

Geo A Liebe vs Lizzie Baxter, default and decree.

PERSONAL MENTIONS.

Saturday.

Mrs. Clara Hoffman is the guest of Mrs. W. H. Biggs.

Mrs. Delos D. Meer, the Portland architect, is in the city.

Mrs. W. H. Fowler came up from Portland yesterday and will remain until Wednesday visiting relatives and friends.

Monday.

Dr. Gues Kinney of Astoria is in the city today.

Mrs. Geo. Herbert is quite sick with typhoid fever.

Mrs. J. H. Wood went to Biggs Saturday to visit her sister, Mrs. Clark.

W. A. Bert Campbell was a passenger on the boat for Portland this morning.

Misses Mary and Minnie Lay are very ill with pneumonia. A trained nurse arrived from Portland today to attend them.

Miss Harriet Stevens arrived in the city today, Miss Jones being delayed until tomorrow, as she is to sing in a concert in Portland tonight.

Tuesday.

Mr. A. E. Lake is in from Wamic.

Mr. Jack Tooney of Antelope is in the city.

N. Wheeldon is in Portland on a business trip.

Mrs. Julius Wiley, who has been quite sick, is improving slowly.

Miss Cora Copple arrived from Hood River today, for the purpose of attending the examination of teachers.

Mrs. Annie Winneck arrived in the city this morning from Moscow, Idaho, to be at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Herbert.

Commissioner Blowers who has been attending the adjourned meeting of the commissioners court, returned to Hood River today.

Mr. C. W. Dietzel, wife and child returned yesterday morning from a visit with relatives in Illinois. They report a pleasant trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Knight, who came here from the Willamette valley a few days ago, left last night for Boise City, Idaho, where Mr. Knight hopes to regain his health.

DIED.

In this city, Feb. 7, 1897, Mrs. Josephine R. Mussel, wife of J. L. Mussel, aged 31 years.

The remains will be taken to Moro tomorrow for interment.

BORN.

In this city, Friday, Feb. 5, 1897, to the wife of Fletcher Faulkner, a son.

On 5-Mile, Feb. 8th, to the wife of George Sherrill, a son.

In this city, at 2:30, February 9th, to the wife of J. F. Haworth, a daughter; ten pounds.

Teachers' Examination.

Notice is hereby given, that for the purpose of making an examination of all persons who may offer themselves as candidates for teachers of the schools of this county, the county school superintendent thereof, will hold a public examination at the county court house in Dalles city, beginning Wednesday, February 10, at 1 o'clock p. m.

Dated this 30th day of January, 1897.

C. L. GILBERT,
School Supt.

Ward Kerns & Robertson have the largest stock of timothy, wheat and wild hay kept in the city, for sale.

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