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LOCAL BRIEVITIES.



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Wednesday's Daily.

Circuit court begins in Sherman county one week from Monday.

Mr. Wm. Cantrell has sold 160 acres of land to Mr. John W. McCorkle, the deed being made today.

Cholera has broken out among the people employed on the relief works in India. In two days 160 deaths occurred from this disease.

Professor Birgfeld will furnish the music for the minstrel rehearsal this evening, and all connected with the entertainment are requested to be present.

Louis Mansfield, who was confined in the county jail at Baker City on a charge of robbery, committed suicide yesterday morning by hanging himself with a scarf in his cell.

Mr. Anderson, who came in from Dufur yesterday, tells us the roads are getting in good condition again. Another week of good weather would put them in fine shape.

One drunk, the first for a long time, was before the recorder this morning, and was given a chance at the city wood pile, to even up a fine of \$5. He is the first certain sign of spring.

At the Snipes-Kinersly drugstore a rather unique figure graces the window. It is that of a man made entirely of sponges, with the exception of his stunning scarf and his goggles.

The Yamhill County Veterans' Association on Washington's birthday passed resolutions favoring pensions for Indian war veterans of the civil war who served thirty days or more, and were honorably discharged.

Frank Castle, who a few days ago killed John Beck at Cleveland, Klickitat county, waived preliminary examination at Goldendale Monday, and was held in \$10,000 bonds to await the action of the grand jury.

A letter was received from County Judge Mays yesterday, in which he stated he would be home March 2d. His health is much improved, but he still suffers with rheumatism in his hands, which are quite lame.

Mr. Herman Heppner, formerly of this city, will be married to Miss Carrie Freeman this evening at San Francisco, the bride's home. They will return to Portland by the next steamer, where they are to make their home.

The legislature session last night would have been a decided success had it been where it could have been heard. It is quite certain that something will have to be done to improve the acoustic principles of the Vogt, or else some other place will have to be provided for public entertainments.

T. B. Harryman, of Long Creek, has been awarded the contract for putting the poles on the ground from Long Creek to Monument for the Heppner-Long Creek Telephone Company. Mr. Harryman has commenced work on his contract, and expects to have all the poles along the line by the first or middle of April.

An interesting sight was to be seen in the John Day river near Poplar, in Grant county, during the recent cold snap. Three otter, one of them of large size, played up and down the river several days. Joseph Woods, while trying to pitchfork them, fell into the river, and, if it had not been for help, might have drowned.

We have received a copy of a little pamphlet sort of a paper known as Present Problems. It is published semi-monthly at the selling price of 1 cent a copy or 20 cents a year, and is too high even at that price. It is the strongest argument in favor of the immediate passage of the Lard postal bill that we have seen.

Assessor Britt, of Douglas county, has on exhibition at his office in the courthouse a small bottle filled with flake gold which he picked up at different times along the river on his place near Riddle. He has about 50 acres of bottom land on his farm, and says there is not a rod of it that does not contain gold in greater or lesser quantities.

Thursday's Daily

One carload of cattle was shipped from the yards today to the Sound points.

The Pilgrim made a much better run yesterday than on her first trip, arriving

here at about 5 o'clock.

Agent Allaway was out on his bike yesterday, we think the first rider in this city of the season.

If it is thought the next move of Joe's part, will be to organize the house with less than 40 and call it legal.

A crated bicycle of the pattern of 97 was among the express matter for Prineville today. It indicates the arrival of spring.

Return engagement of the popular Payton troupe, supported by a company of unusual excellence, and fine band and orchestra, at the Vogt March 21.

We rise to remark that this has been the most perfect day of the winter. A few more such and the bicycles will be in evidence, and the marble games running on every back street.

A passenger on the Pilgrim last night, states that below the Cascades the little steamer struck a rock with such force, that the passengers were thrown from their seats, and the fireman was knocked down and quite badly hurt.

Professor Love arrived from Portland at noon, and the rehearsal tonight will be under his supervision. Professor Birgfeld will furnish the music, and every member of the company is requested to be present promptly at 7:30.

Mr. Stubling received a telephone call to Portland this morning and left on the afternoon train to be present at the bedside of Owen Williams. The message announced that death was likely to happen at any moment, and is not expected that he would survive the night.

Miss Hext acquitted herself most ably, reciting with pathos and thrilling power. "The Madman," "The Wreck of the Rivermouth," and in comedy "Alzina Ann," from "Joshua Allen's Wife," while staccato posings were a revelation. Altogether it was a brilliant effort.—Toledo Commercial.

One of the finest entertainments of the kind ever afforded the people of any community was given last night at the Park Avenue United Presbyterian church. She convinced her audience that she is an artist of high order. Miss Hext's posings in Greek costume were an exhibition of the highest art.—Omaha Bee.

Jack Andrews, the energetic Indian who runs the store on First street, and owns most of the sturgeon lines run by the Indians, was arrested this morning for catching salmon. Being taken before Justice Filloon, the statue was read to him, and he was informed of his right to hire a lawyer to represent him. He was allowed to go down town and in a short time came back, pleaded guilty, and paid his fine.

The Hext Company, one of the finest that ever visited the coast, will be here Monday night. This company comes from the East, and will remain here all night, so there will be no cutting of the programme, but it will be rendered in full. Those who have signed for seats are requested to select them at once, as the only rule observed will be first come first served. The box sheet is now open at the Snipes-Kinersly drugstore.

A. M. Williams & Co. are showing an extensive line of ladies and gentlemen's tan and oxblood shoes. Their east window presents a striking display of the same, a prominent feature of which is the combination of orange and black, used in the background and drapery, representing the Princeton college colors and advertising their new "Princeton," the coming popular red shoe for gentlemen. This shoe is made by the Brocton Shoe Co., in the new coin toe; is warranted, and sells at the reasonable price of \$4.50 a pair.

Friday's Daily.

The audience will please wait for tableau "Genius of Dickens" tonight.

Mr. Mansfield left for Salem this morning, but will return in a few days.

Dr. Hines of Portland exchanges pulpits with Rev. J. H. Wood of this city next Sunday, both morning and evening.

The Payton Comedy Co. opening bill will be, "Is Marriage a Failure." This is not a senseless farce, but a comedy built on sensible lines, and it is very, very funny. Look up their ad.

All participants for Part 2 of entertainment "Evenings with Dickens" will please be on hand promptly at 7:30. Last night's performance was delayed thirty minutes through the delay of a participant. Curtain will rise promptly at 8 o'clock.

All members of the Hilario Jocondi, are requested to be in their hall promptly at 8 o'clock tonight, as that is the hour set for the commencement of the exercises, and they will not be delayed. The exercises are not public, but only for members of the Woodmen or the Circle.

It is rumored that the O. R. & N. will put on a through passenger train to Spokane about March 10 to 15. At present there is a large passenger traffic to Spokane, caused by the mining boom of Trail creek and other mining camps north of Spokane. The train will run by way of Pendleton, and will do away with the present local between this point and Portland, or rather take its place, arriving here about 10 in the morning from Portland, and returning in the evening.

Dalles-Moro Stage Leaves the Umatilla house 8 a. m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. DOUGLAS ALLEN, Prop.

BOY KILLED AT WALLA WALLA.

A Sad Accident Occurs Monday—Stephen Ringhoffer Shot.

A sad accident occurred shortly before noon Monday near Walla Walla that resulted in the death of young Stephen Ringhoffer, 14-year-old son of Joseph Ringhoffer. The particulars are as follows:

Stephen Ringhoffer, his younger brother, Eddie, and Chas Woody, a 16-year-old boy, started from Walla Walla about 10 o'clock to hunt ground squirrels. After wandering about for an hour or more, they took a position on an embankment west of the penitentiary, and awaited the appearance of the little rodents. Woody had an old fashioned Kentucky rifle, a muzzle loader, of 38 calibre, lying across his lap, with the barrel pointing toward Stephen Ringhoffer, who sat on his left. Woody had raised the hammer of his gun, and placed a cap on, but had not set the trigger, when he chanced to see a squirrel come out of its hole. "Let me have your gun, Steve, to kill that squirrel," he said to his companion on the left. "All right," responded Stephen, and he passed over the loaded gun. Woody raised his knee, took aim, and fired. Both guns were discharged at once, and Stephen jumped up crying, "I'm shot. Help! help!" There was a great hole in the sleeve of his right arm, and above it was ring of fire. He ran about two rods, and then fell limp and apparently lifeless.

Woody, almost frightened to death, ran to the house of Mr. Barton, a short distance away, and hurriedly told Mrs. Barton, who ran to the rescue of the unfortunate boy. Just as she reached him he gave two faint gasps and expired. He was carried to the Barton residence, while his brother, Eddie, hastened home to break the terrible news to his parents. Both were rendered almost frantic by the dreadful shock, and while the father has regained self-control, serious alarm is felt as to the mental condition of the poor grief-stricken mother.

Young Ringhoffer was a promising lad who worked in his father's saddle tree factory.

They Can Shed.

The right of counsel to shed tears before the jury was recently decided by the supreme court of Tennessee, in the case of Ferguson vs. Moon, which was a case for breach of promise. The court, speaking through Judge Wilkes, said:

"It is next assigned as error that counsel for plaintiff in his closing argument, in the midst of a very eloquent and impassioned appeal to the jury, shed tears and thus unduly excited the passions and sympathies of the jury in favor of the plaintiff, and greatly prejudiced them against defendant. Bearing upon this assignment of error we have been cited to no direct authority, and, after diligent search, we have been able to find none. The conduct of counsel in presenting their cases to juries is a matter which must be left largely to the ethics of the profession and the discretion of the trial judge. No cast-iron rule should be laid down. To do so would result that in many cases clients would be deprived of the privilege of being heard at all by counsel. Tears have always been considered legitimate arguments before the jury, and we know of no power or jurisdiction in the trial judge to check them. It would appear to be one of the natural rights of counsel which no statute or constitution could take away. It is certainly a matter of the highest personal privilege. Indeed, if counsel have tears at command, it may be seriously questioned whether it is not his professional duty to shed them whenever proper occasion arises, and the trial judge would not feel constrained to interfere unless they are indulged in to such an excess as to impede, embarrass, or delay the business before the court."

Fully Appreciated.

The ladies Good Intent was privileged last week to say "Thank you" to the gentlemen of their church for services rendered. They now find themselves under great obligation to that most honorable body, the Oregon legislature. Honorable gentlemen, will you please accept our thanks for the substantial help you have given us, and most of all the fun and laughter you furnished us, thus lightening our heavy burden of care and anxiety in lifting our church debt.

Gentlemen, we thank you heartily, and while we desire not to seem partial, we must especially mention Mr. B. F. Laughlin and S. French, whose fertile brains conceived and willing hands performed all the labor necessary to success. Again we thank you.

Adjourned sine Die.

The session of the legislature at the Vogt last night was not as interesting as though a senator was to be elected and the vote about to be taken, so the lobby was not as full as it might have been. It took considerable time to organize the house, and had it not been that many of the members were so far back on the stage that they could not be heard, the affair would have been much more of a success. There were some very bright things said, and some much needed bills were introduced. The session lasted until 10:20, and it was only when someone put out the lights and lowered the curtain that the house seriously con-

templated adjourning. A vote of sympathy with the audience was passed, and everybody went home delighted to do so. And yet that session was a vast improvement on the genuine legislature.

A Deserved Tribute.

Mr. Editor:—We, of this time, often have our attention called to things we have not. For instance, clean crossings, well-swept sidewalks after snow storms, good sewerage, good street lights, not make-shifts. Will you permit me to call the grateful attention of the residents to some we have, most excellent in themselves, and which should be a matter of pride and heart-warm interest to everyone? I refer to The Dalles public schools.

Those who listened with so much enjoyment and appreciation to the debate on Tuesday evening at the Congregational church on the military merits of Washington and Napoleon, will all agree with me, especially in reference to the high school department, as it was particularly the excellence of the work done in that department to which our attention was called that evening. The clear and beautiful articulation and enunciation, the modest and pleasing manners, the careful study which was necessary in the preparation of the debate, was evident and most satisfying to those of the audience who had the keenest interest in the debaters, and many a mother's heart was happy that night because she was where such privileges could be granted to her best beloved.

Everyone was not satisfied with the award. When were they ever after any contest? One thing is sure, no better advertisement of the advantages of The Dalles as a place for residence could be given than that afforded by the exercises of Tuesday evening.

The Speedy Razorback.

A wild boar hunt was the exciting sport a number of the young men of South Jacksonville had looked forward to last week with a great deal of pleasure. The wild boar was a razorback hog. He was installed in a den and fed red pepper, gunpowder and dynamite, and became as fierce as his reputed cousin of the Black Forest.

On the day of the hunt a cavalcade assembled at the meeting place armed with javelins and spears made of bamboo, with hunting knives tied to the end.

The wild boar was liberated and trotted away into the woods. He squealed a half contented, inquisitive, where's-the-rest-of-my-family sort of a squeal, with no thought of the pursuers, who spurred and whipped their horses into furious pursuit.

The wild boar trotted along—just simply and coolly trotted. He didn't look as if he were going, but the gait soon distanced his pursuers, and they were thus robbed of the pleasure of "jabbing" him full of holes.—Florida Times-Union.

"Evenings With Dickens."

The "Evenings With Dickens" last night was quite well attended, and a good program was very well rendered. The High School quartette carried off the honors of the evening, but the number of characters is too large to permit of individual mention. Mrs. Jarley's wax works was a good feature, and Mrs. Stephens as Mrs. Jarley made some very clever hits in introducing the "figures." The greatest trouble, that has pertained to the making of the affair a success, was the large number of characters (some ninety in all) and the consequent impossibility of getting rehearsals. It is really astonishing that the parts were so well taken when this fact is realized. The greatest burden of all this labor has fallen upon Mrs. Eshelman, and Mr. F. A. Ernst. The latter has been indefatigable in his drilling of the actors. Taken all in all, the entertainment was a remarkable success, and we think the scenes this evening will increase the standard of excellence.

They Surrendered.

A pleasant surprise was given the Woman's Relief Corps at the close of their meeting on Monday evening. A drum serenade was followed by the entrance of the members of the G. A. R. post, filing in in military order. The leader, Col. Patterson, exclaiming, "We demand immediate surrender, and take possession of this corps and hall." A social time followed the complete surprise. Later on we were ordered to "fall in," and the march ended in Mr. Kellar's dining hall, where an oyster supper awaited us, after which some very sweet music was listened to in Fraternity hall. So ended one of the pleasantest meetings on the records of this post and corps.

MARY S. MYERS, Secretary.

Won by One.

The debate at the Congregational church last night was well attended, and the subject was excellently handled on both sides. The subject was the relative merits of Washington and Napoleon, and the decision was based upon the point system, our great and glorious George W. coming within one of it. The decision was in favor of Napoleon by 22 to 23. The next, and we understand the closing entertainment of the series, will be the lecture next Tuesday evening on the early days of Nevada, and entitled "The Hatching of the Sage Hen."

Advertisement for Blackwell's Bull Durham Smoking Tobacco. Includes portraits of men and text: "The highest claim for other tobaccos is 'Just as good as Durham.' Every old smoker knows there is none just as good as Blackwell's BULL DURHAM Smoking Tobacco."

BAKER IS CONVICTED.

His Land Deal and Forged Check Not Accepted by Jury.

C. F. Baker was convicted in the criminal court yesterday of passing a forged check on A. B. Steinbach. The jury was out but a short time. Counsel for Baker did not offer any defense, but admitted that Baker passed the check, and relied upon the proposition of law that Rosa Lovelace was an accomplice of Baker and that the evidence of an accomplice, unsupported by other convincing testimony, is insufficient to sustain a conviction.

In admitting that Baker passed the check the inference was drawn that Baker received the check from Rosa Lovelace on the sale of land, and was not supposed to know that it was not what it appeared to be upon its face. By introducing no evidence to contradict the statement of the woman that Baker planned the whole scheme, and gave her the check, the jury was also presumed to infer that Rosa Lovelace, being an accomplice, was not entitled to receive full credit as a witness, and that she would not confess against herself, but naturally would throw all the blame upon Baker.

The jury, however, evidently was not on a fishing expedition, and accepted matters as they presented themselves. It is said that the case will be appealed to the supreme court on the point here stated that Rosa Lovelace is an accomplice, and that her evidence is not sufficient to convict, without corroboration. If the supreme court should decide that the testimony, excluding that of Rosa Lovelace, is not ample, Baker would probably then win his case in the higher court. It is alleged that the case of John A. Carr, in which the supreme court held that Mrs. Huntington was an accomplice, etc., is a case in point.

No evidence was introduced at the trial of Baker that he did not own the land he is supposed to have sold to Rosa Lovelace, as Rosa Jones, or that he himself executed the forged check, or knew it was forged, save the evidence of the woman. There was plenty of evidence that it was forged.

Just Petty Larceny.

Yesterday John McGraff was arrested on a telegram from Sherman county. As near as we could learn, he was charged with stealing a woman, in which case, or rather in this particular case it will prove no more serious offense than petty larceny. It seems the woman has two or three or more children, and went from some point down the river five or six months ago. McGraff met her, and cupid twanged the bow-string. The sunlight of love came flooding over the eastern horizon, bathing the high spots on his heart with the brilliant rays of divine puppy love. He venied vied and was viced. The object of his affection would not take first prize at a beauty show, but what was that to a youth of 22. To his eyes she was Aphrodite, Juno and Minerva, all in one, only he did not recognize the divinites by that name. Through his eyes she was as the hours promised the faithful by Mohammed, she was to be desired above all things, and so he just plucked the blossom unmindful of the

difference between daisies and dog fennel and hid him away from his native beach on the wind-swept plains of Sherman county to a foreign country; but, alas! the cruel law stepped in, and, armed with a requisition from the justice of the peace at Wasco, the wicked minion of that law, the constable, came down and tore apart these loving hearts. It was awful, but both parties will recover.

Bonds or No Bonds.

Tomorrow the question of bonding the district for \$20,000 will be settled. We print elsewhere a tabulated statement showing the increase in school children since 1888. It shows indisputably that our present school facilities will have to be enlarged. Since 1888 the number of pupils in attendance has nearly doubled. The present school rooms are over crowded. There can be, and is no question about the necessity of more school room, the only one is as to the manner in which they shall be paid for, whether by levying taxes to meet the expense now, or by spreading the payments over a period of twenty years. It is not a question either of how much we should bond for. It must be either for \$20,000 or nothing. Another feature of the situation is that the district now owes about \$7,000, and it is proposed to pay this off or rather refund it if bonds are voted. This \$7,000 now draws 8 per cent interest, when refunded it will draw over 6, probably not much over 5 per cent. This would leave \$13,000 for the proposed improvements. If the bonds are not voted, a 5 mill tax will be necessary in the near future to pay this indebtedness. We must have more school buildings, and it is for the voters of the district to say tomorrow how they shall be paid for.

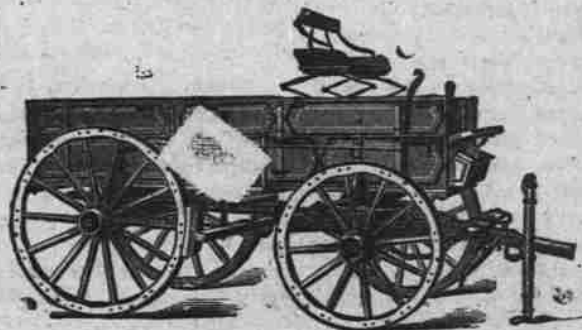
The Minstrels.

Tickets for the grand minstrel and vaudeville show, to be given by The Dalles Commercial & Athletic Club, were placed in the hands of some of the members yesterday. Already there has been a big sale. The box sheet will be opened next week. Rufus K. Love, or "Prof." as the boys call him, says that the show will be a credit to the town. The following will participate: J. Hartnett, A. Clark, W. Crossen, F. VanNorden, C. E. Dawson, W. Vogt, H. Fredden, J. Bonn, N. Sinnott, C. Heppner, V. Schmidt, G. Dufur, H. Morse, A. Barlett, E. Patterson, T. Hudson, H. Lonsdale, A. McCully, W. Frank, S. Frank, C. Clark, F. French, J. Hampshire, Prof. Birgfeld, musical director; Rufus K. Love, director-general.

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