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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Wednesday a Daily.

State Senator Mulkey's wife died at Dallas of pneumonia yesterday.

The county commissioners court met today, Judge Mays being in the chair.

The social, which was to be given by the Good Templars next Saturday evening, will be postponed one week.

The 9-year-old daughter of a man named Middleward, who lives on the old Husband place this side of Mosier, died one day last week and was buried Sunday.

Dick Fisher is up from Mosier today, and noticing the extra breadth to his smile, our reporter asked him the cause thereof. "Oh! nothing," said he, "only a twelve-pound boy."

Owing to the delayed train, which prevented Commissioner Blowers from arriving here until after 1 o'clock, the bids for building the Hood River bridge were not opened until after 3 o'clock.

President Cleveland vetoed the immigration bill for two columns of reasons. One of the many being that the immigrants who cannot read are better for this country than those who can.

Eugene is giving itself a minstrel show by local talent, and it just goes one better than The Dalles by having the ladies of that little city taking the parts. It is an out-and-out minstrel show, with ladies in all the roles, even to the clog and jig dancing.

We note that strips of bunting have been stretched across the Vogt, and that it improves the acoustics somewhat. With a little study and experimenting, it may be possible to remedy the defect in the hall in this line.

The sage hen was hatched last night, for which we, as well as those who were present, are no doubt thankful. The lecture was very interesting for us, having been on for some time, but interest has ceased and our life-size lithographs will no longer compete with those of Nick Sinnott, Johnny Hampshire and the other leading minstrels.

The Wheeland real estate agency reports the sale of ninety feet square on the southwest corner of Fifth and Washington streets, to Hon. E. O. McCoy. This is a very desirable corner, and we understand Mr. McCoy will build a fine two-story residence thereon during the summer.

The box sheet will be open Friday morning at 9 o'clock at the Salpes-Kinnersly drugstore for the sale of tickets for The Dalles Commercial and Athletic Club (or words to that effect) minstrel show. Two extra policemen have been provided for the occasion of this show, one to keep the audience quiet, and the other to manage the actors.

The new marriage law in Argentina provides that every male from the age of twenty to thirty shall pay a tax until he marries, and shall pay it once a month. There is also a provision to the effect that young unmarried person of either sex who shall, without sufficient reason, reject the addresses of those who may aspire to their hands and who shall continue contumaciously unmarried shall pay 500 piasters for the benefit of the young person, male or female, who has been refused.

Last night Nightwatchman Wiley arrested as handsome a joblot of tramp as one could wish to see. They had secured some alcohol, and when arrested were on the post-meridian side of a drunk of magnificent proportions. When arrested they were just beyond the Wasco warehouse, and had only a few minutes before completed a free for all battle. In consequence, they were bruised, scratched and bloody. When pulled, it was found they had razors, razor straps, brackets and dozens of other things, used to trade, but which they had evidently swiped. It required the hiring of a dray to get them to the city jail.

Thursday.

The weather took a regular spring flop last night, and this morning it was quite chilly and the hills across the river were covered with a light fall of snow.

Pease & Mays have a very attractive decoration in their big show window, it being a miniature white house about four feet long, with a big portico on which stands Uncle Sam, ready to welcome President McKinley, who is approaching the steps.

It was made by Earnest Jensen, as he

says by "nights of labor" and must be seen to be appreciated. President McKinley is up to his knees in business before he reaches the steps, but from the look on his face he seems determined to get there.

The city marshal had a nice job-lot of hoboos at work near the city jail on Third street, shoveling up the mud preparatory to having the same carted away. There were two or three young fellows, boys who did not have a hardened look about them, but it will be acquired in a short time.

Mayor Pennoyer has settled the nickle-in-the-slot machines in Portland, the edict prohibiting them, going into effect at midnight last night.

The Salem Statesman notes the death at Portland of A. H. Morgan, Wednesday. Mr. Morgan was quite well known to many of our Dalles people.

The dainty lunch served by the dainty girls at the Congregational church, Wednesday evening, was served as advertised, daintily, and a delightful evening was furnished for all who attended.

The Rathbone Sisters last night entertained their friends in a charming manner at the K. of P. hall. There was a fine program, followed by a supper. The hall was handsomely decorated, and the drill by the team was very pretty. After the supper had been attended to, dancing was the order of the evening, and was kept up until after midnight.

When the box sheet for the local minstrel show opened this morning at 9 o'clock, there was a string of crowding humanity reaching out into the street, each waiting his turn to purchase a ticket and have a seat reserved. Some held from three to ten tickets, and one is said to have had a block of over forty. The house is going to be jammed and standing room will be at a premium.

Steamer Dalles City.

A large number of people assembled on the D. P. & A. N. Co. dock last evening to greet the grand little steamer on her return to this port after her memorable experience in the gale of last November, which left her so near a wreck that the conditions were almost hopeless for her ever being restored to service; but energy, perseverance and money will overcome great difficulties, and from the appearance of the noble craft, the stockholders may feel assured that every effort has been made to make her a thing of beauty, of which they may well feel proud.

Mr. S. L. Brooks, who has so ably conducted the repairs, is to be congratulated upon his success. The enjoyment he had in showing the visitors through the cabins and noting the improvements is well earned.

Capt. Johnston was on deck, his countenance adorned by his ever-pleasant smile of welcome. His hearty handshake seem to say, "You do me an honor." Such courtesies are what make this the popular line, and say in such emphatic terms "No others need apply" for the patronage of the Inland Empire, of which The Dalles is the open gateway.

The Dalles, Portland & Astoria Navigation Company is to be congratulated for its strong hold upon the business community and the traveling public, which has been maintained through such trying circumstances as few corporations are called upon to overcome; but by an honest and steadfast purpose to succeed, assisted by the live-and-let-live principle, they have established themselves upon the firm foundation of popular favor.

"Only a Tramp" Tonight.

"The Lancashire Lass" at the Vogt last night did not draw so good a house as it should, but the play was well put on, and the audience got the worth of their money. Senter Payton is always good; but last night Miss Vins as "Spotty" did some of the best work the company has yet given us. Curtis never fails to be a perfect villain, and last night added to his laurels in that line. Miss Lucy Payton shows much improvement in the emotional parts since last here, and last night did some very clever work.

Tonight the play will be "Only a Tramp." It furnishes abundant opportunity for the display of Senter Payton's originality, he taking the part of "Jerry," a poet, painter and philosopher, yet only a tramp.

Tomorrow afternoon the company will give a grand matinee at 2 o'clock, with that old, but always interesting and realistic play "Ten Nights in a Bar-Room." Admission to the matinee is only 10 and 20 cents, affording an opportunity for the young folks to see this famous play and to learn its moral.

A New School District.

School district No. 68 is the number of the district newly formed from the western part of district No. 16. It includes all residents of that district living west of 15-Mile creek. Mr. Louis Schwabacker, well and favorably known to the business men of this coast, has donated one and one-half acres of land near the center of the district for a school house site. The district will at once build a house 22x30 feet. This will furnish a good school room, and a place in Columbia precinct for meetings and voting purposes.

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LOOKING FOR ABSENT MEMBERS.

The Legislative Troubles Are Transferred to Portland.

The "drastic measures" as adopted by what is left of the Oregon legislature yesterday to bring in the absent members to do business fell through this morning.

The legislative operations were transferred to Portland by a resolution which was adopted in the temporary house at Salem yesterday to send sergeants-at-arms after the members. On last night's train from Salem were Sergeant-at-Arms Glen Holman with five assistants. They prowled about Portland with warrants in their inside pockets, looking for representatives of the house. By midnight some of the assistants had found four of the gentlemen sought after. They resisted arrest and out of that meeting grew an assault case before Justice McDevitt.

Following this, Judge Stephens was applied to for a writ of habeas corpus for the arrested men. This was made returnable before Judge Shattuck this morning at 10 o'clock.

Ten o'clock came and found the courthouse in a hubbub of excitement. Judge Shattuck's courtroom was crowded, and a large and eager audience awaited the arrival of the four determinedly obstinate legislators. They were: Representatives Jennings, of Wallows; Hope, of Malheur county; Conn, of Lake county, and Gurdane, of Umatilla county.

But they did not come. Judge Shattuck went on with the court's business expecting the attorneys, but not an attorney nor a client showed up. The information was brought that the writs had not been served. Of course, if a man is not arrested, there is no such thing as habeas corpusing him, and so the matter dropped.

Sergeant-at-Arms Holman, when seen soon after at the Perkins hotel, said that he was only carrying out his instructions. He had merely informed some of the men that they were under arrest, and he intimated that was about all that he would do.

"I am going back to Salem this afternoon," he said, "and will make my report. If the members don't go, what am I to do? They sent us out to get the absentees, and" - Glen held up his finger significantly - "you know that you can take a horse to water, but you can't make him drink." Then Holman said he was not siding with the factions, and went on to discuss how and why the house was not organized.

Until the frost lies in Hades and the River Styx is good for skating the Benson men today say they will not go back to Salem. An expression quite equivalent to this is used by them in declaring their intentions. Representatives Jennings and Conn said they would go back there when Governor Lord called a special session.

The situation is such that it is probable the entire legislative force may be taken into the courts, now that it has begun. It was seriously expected that the writs of habeas corpus would come up today. Even some of the officers who are carrying out the orders of the assembly laugh with the arrested absentees and say the have no more power to arrest absentees and take them to Salem than the president of a Slabtown literary society has power to jail a recalcitrant member for tardiness.

Today members of the Multnomah delegation who have absented themselves from Salem, were visited by the assistant sergeant-at-arms and mildly informed of the act of the assembly yesterday. Deputy Cotton left last night for Astoria to arrest Representative Gratke, and on his return home will stop at Clatskanie and take Representative Norman Merrill in tow.

Others of the deputy sergeant-at-arms will today go to Washington county and Eastern Oregon for the purpose of serving notice on the members who have gone away. What the result will be time will tell.

The manner of making the arrests was in keeping with the farce that has been on the boards at Salem far beyond constitutional limit, as well as the limit of human patience.

"How-do-you-do?" said a sergeant-at-arms, approaching Mr. Conn.

"I am well, thanks."

"Say, step over here; I've a little private matter to discuss with you."

"Certainly."

"I have a warrant here, old man," carelessly and reluctantly drawing it forth. "Would you like to see it?"

"No, not particularly."

"Well, now, I'll tell you. You are supposed to be under arrest. Now the others are going back, and want you to go, too."

It was like a skit from a farce-comedy where the policeman says to the culprit: "Please let me arrest you. I hope to die if I ain't a policeman."

The outlook is that the entire matter of legislation must be held in abeyance until the courts determine whether it is or is not their business to interfere in the legislative muddle. The expectation is that, if a test case be brought at Salem or in Multnomah county, it would be heard immediately in the circuit court and an appeal taken to the supreme court. Chief Justice Moore would cause it to be advanced on the docket. If all expedition be used by both sides to the controversy, a final decision may be reached within two or three weeks. If either side fight for de-

lay, a settlement may be deferred indefinitely. How it will terminate or what will be the next step when the sergeant-at-arms makes his report cannot be prophesied.—Telegram.

Bids for Hood River Bridge.

The bids for building the bridge across Hood river were opened yesterday afternoon. There were seven of them, four for wooden bridges, three for steel bridges, and show a wide divergence in cost. They were as follows:

James Langille, Howe truss \$1928; bow string \$1250.

W. C. Eddings, Howe truss \$1828; bow string \$1250.

H. C. Martin and Edward Hawkes, Howe truss \$1572.62 and \$2.35 per lineal foot for approaches.

H. B. St. John, Howe truss \$1249; stone piers \$18 per foot in height extra; Smith truss \$1160.

The bids for steel bridges were the San Francisco Bridge Co. \$3799, and \$2 per lineal foot for approaches.

The Pacific Bridge Co., one plan \$3969; another \$3885.

The Chicago Bridge Co. put in a bid for a steel bridge without any plans or specifications for \$2100, which was thrown out on account of its indefiniteness.

Those Reserved Seats.

This morning when the box sheet for the minstrel show Monday night was opened, there was a grand rush for tickets, and as always happens on such occasions, there was some ill feeling. Unfortunately the box sheet was so arranged as to deceive many. Usually the reserved seats will not number more than 200, so the front 300 seats only are marked on the sheet, and these were all sold. Now the fact is that the hall will seat easily 1100, and the 300 seats only take a trifle over one-fourth of the hall. The best place to hear is not in front, but from the middle, back half way to the door. There are just as good, and in our opinion better seats yet to be had than those reserved. The box sheet has been re-arranged so that there is now plenty of chance to get good seats and get them reserved. Professor Love has a plan in view for improving the acoustics of the hall, which he thinks will work, and the improvements will be made Monday.

Again on the Route.

Steamer Dalles City left Portland this morning with a large load of freight, and will arrive here between 7 and 8 o'clock this evening, returning tomorrow morning, leaving the D. P. & A. Co.'s dock at 7:30. Although her repairs are not entirely completed, one would hardly recognize this staunch little steamer as the wreck laying on the sand spit in the Columbia river on that memorable night of wind and cold in November last, which will never be forgotten by the passengers and crew waiting so anxiously for daylight.

The gen'l Capt. Johnston resumes command and she will take her place on the line as the pride of the traveling public, which she has so long maintained as the swift water boat of the Columbia river. "May she live long and prosper."

The Session Ends.

The situation at Salem had a decided change today, it coming this time from the senate. Only six senators answered to roll-call, and these being tired of the farce, concluded to ring down the curtain. They were true to their principles to the last, and in quitting still maintained that the senate could not adjourn without the consent of the house, and so they just dissolved, faded out like a lengthening shadow at sunset. This settles the matter as far as the regular session is concerned, and nothing more can be done unless Governor Lord calls an extra session, which he is not apt to do for some time.

New Railroad Company.

Articles of incorporation of the Columbia Southern Railway Company were filed this morning. The duration of the company is perpetual. The principal place of business is The Dalles, Or. The capital stock is \$100,000, divided into 1000 shares of the par value of \$100 each. The termini of said road are Biggs, in Sherman county, and Prineville, in Crook county, Or.

Provision is made for branch lines and for engaging in navigating the waters of the Columbia and Snake rivers and tributaries thereof. The incorporators are E. E. Lytle, J. M. Marchie and T. A. Hudson.

A Steel Bridge.

The contract for building a bridge across Hood river was let today by the county court to the San Francisco Bridge Company. The bridge will be all steel except the floor and railing, and will cost \$3799, and \$2 per lineal foot for the approaches. The piers of the bridge are to be of steel filled with cement. It is a coincidence that the contract is let on inauguration day, and is to be completed July 4th.

Dalles City School Statistics.

Tuition collected by school clerk for the school year ending March 1st:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Amount. 1893 \$102 50, 1884 258 95, 1885 546 25, 1886 695 30, 1897 535 75

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LEGISLATIVE ENTANGLEMENT.

A Member States His Views as to Some of the Matters Involved.

THE DALLES, Or., March 1, 1897.

To THE EDITOR:

Your several recent criticisms of the representatives who decline to remain at Salem seem to disregard some considerations which justify, or at least excuse, the thirty members who are now referred to as absentees. Aside from all legal questions, it should borne in mind that for ten days every fair and lawful method was used by the members who answered to roll-call in the temporary organization, to induce the men who now are declaring themselves anxious for remedial legislation to do what they were sent to Salem to do—attend the sessions and effect a permanent organization, so that legislation would be possible. This they refused to do, and indicated their purpose to prevent, as far as possible, the permanent organization. After ten days of tedious waiting, thirty-three members met in the temporary organization and thirty-one of these members elected permanent officers, first having notified the absentees of their purpose so to do. These thirty-one members believed that section 12 of article IV of the constitution means just what it says: "Two-thirds of each house shall constitute a quorum to transact business." Section 11 of the same article provides for the choosing of officers, etc., but nothing is said as to what shall constitute a quorum prior to section 12. If, therefore, the choosing of officers is not transacting business within the meaning of section 12 the common law rule, that a majority shall constitute a quorum obtains, and therefore that a majority of members-elect had a legal right to organize, but not a legal right to transact business. It has always been the custom for the two houses, after choosing officers, to notify the governor that they were organized and ready to transact business; to this extent, at least, the organizing has not been heretofore considered "transacting business," either by the governor or the two branches of the legislature.

After waiting thirty-five days longer for what was their lawful and moral duty to do—take the oath of office and manifest a disposition to take part in the work of the legislature—the so-called "Benson house" adopted a resolution to adjourn, the senate first having adopted a like resolution. These resolutions were never rescinded, and it hardly seems probable that any unprejudiced person would claim that this was not a constitutional adjournment. About ten days before the adjournment, when it still seemed possible that Mr. Mitchell might be elected, the president of the senate expressed to me a wish that both houses might adjourn, and gave it as his opinion that should the senate and "Benson house" independently resolve to adjourn, such action would constitute a valid adjournment.

Judging from the past conduct of the members of the present "Davis house," I continue to say that should the absent members now return in a body, the would-be "remedial legislators" would vanish even as during the 45 days of the

session. But if not, with several legal questions hanging over the proposed "session," any legislation would be a detriment rather than a benefit to the people of the state. Better a special session, free from legal complications, than any session based upon the so-called Davis house.

Whatever may be said as to the desirability of electing a senator whose principles are at all points in touch with the republican party in place of Senator Mitchell, the methods used by the men who now appear to be making an effort to organize the legislature, to defeat Mr. Mitchell, should not be approved by any one, and cannot be upheld by any patriotic citizen. The immediate result may be well for the state, but the ultimate result will certainly be more disastrous than the election of any man to the senatorship, however objectionable he may be. In view of these considerations I do not feel that it is either my legal or my moral duty to return to Salem until the supreme court decides that the Benson house was not a legal body and the adjournment of the two houses ineffective, or a special session is called by the governor.

B. S. HUNTINGTON.

The above is clipped from yesterday's Oregonian and we reprint it to show Mr. Huntington's position in the recent political muddle.

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