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WAYSIDE GLEANINGS.

Wednesday's Daily.

Four cars of cattle will be shipped tomorrow night to Troutdale.

Wamic school district has been divided, and the new district will be numbered 63.

The East End is as dull as a sermon and quiet as a woman's conscience, hence there is nothing in the shape of news in that part of town.

Mr. W. Lord is to build a warehouse at Arlington, and his nephew, Charles Lord, will open a general merchandise store there at the same time.

Fern Lodge, Degree of Honor, will celebrate its birthday one week from tonight, and has invited Riverside lodge of Hood River to assist in the festivities.

Mr. Malcolm S. Jameson, who for some time has been night clerk in the Hotel Imperial in Portland, where his Dalles friends were always glad to meet him, has accepted a position in the Hotel Portland. His many friends in this city will be pleased to learn of his success in securing such a desirable place of employment.

The case of the State against Clabe Cooper, charged with the larceny of a gold nugget from the Columbia hotel, was tried before Recorder Phelps yesterday, but some questions of law arising it was continued until this afternoon, when the attorneys will present some authorities. Mrs. Cooper testified that she found the nugget on the parlor floor and gave it to her husband.

The display of millinery at Mrs. Briggs parlors yesterday afternoon was a very handsome one, and that it was appreciated was shown by the large number of ladies present. The regular Easter opening will be given Friday, April 9th, at which will be shown the largest and most fashionable stock of millinery ever brought to The Dalles. With one of the most artistic trimmers on the coast, there is no room for competition.

The log drives in the Palouse are making some progress, although the river is too high for speedy driving. The Palouse Lumber Company's drive has arrived in Palouse, and is tied up, waiting for the Elberton and Colfax drives to pass. On account of the lack of snow during the winter the necessary logs could not be banked, hence each drive is short, one of them 1,000,000 feet. However, enough will reach the mills to keep them busy most of the summer.

Mrs. H. W. French entertained a few of the most intimate friends of Miss Daisy Beall at her home, on Fourth street, from 4 till 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The parlors looked very pretty in their decoration of yellow, with large bouquets of rock lilies placed where they looked the most artistic. Conversation was the rule of the afternoon, and of course there was not an exception to the rule, unless it may have been when they were seated around the table and, if possible, more busily engaged doing justice to the exceptionally tempting lunch there spread.

This has been the dullest and hardest day for the CHRONICLE reporter that he ever experienced in the city. There was an absolute famine in the matter of locals, the market being as bare of an item as the front row in a pedal opera is of hair, the senate of courtesy; the Oregonian of consistency, or Mitchell's seat in the senate of an occupant. We can manage somehow with a little something to work on, but taking nothing as a raw material, we have to pass. The poet who desired to "give to airy nothing a local habitation and a name" would call it The Dalles, if he wrote here today.

The silver service for the battle-ship Oregon, at a cost of almost \$4000, which sum was raised throughout this state by public contribution, arrived here from the East this morning, and is now in the custody of Mr. Albert Feldenheimer, the jeweler, to whom the contract for its manufacture was awarded. It is a gorgeous service, and said to be the most massive and beautiful in design in the United States. It consists of a punch bowl, of 10 gallons' capacity, with ladle and 24 glasses in silver holders; a toddy-bowl, of 12 pints, with ladle, and a grand massive salver. Up to noon the service had not been placed on exhibition, as at that time it had not yet been formally received by the committee having this matter in hand.—Telegram.

Thursday's Daily

If the program is carried out as arranged, that good old stand-by, the Regulator, will be here Saturday night.

The Degree of Honor held one of its most harmonious meetings last night. Arrangements have been made for celebrating the third anniversary of the

lodge next Wednesday, at which time Riverside lodge, of Hood River, will be the guests of Fern lodge.

A drove of 100 calves was brought up on the Dalles City last night, coming from the Willamette valley, and destined to crop the grass from the bunchgrass hills down towards Prineville.

By the dropping of a letter yesterday we inadvertently sent Mr. George Ross to Cheney. Now the truth is that George is at the old stand in the freight depot, and Mrs. Ross is in Cheney.

There will be a business meeting of the Epworth League tomorrow (Friday) evening at 7:30 o'clock. All members are requested to be present, as officers will be elected at this meeting for the ensuing six months.

Dr. Lannerberg went to Goldendale this morning to remain a week. The doctor is a first-class oculist, and Klickitat people who have any trouble with their eyes, will do well to take advantage of his visit to have him examine them.

Three more persons have come forward in the meetings at the Christian church and will be baptized this evening. Friday night Evangelist Pierce will give his reasons for leaving the Baptist and joining the Christian church. Preaching Saturday and Sunday.

The warm spell which prevailed recently around the head waters of the Columbia, and sent that lordly stream on the upward grade, struck here this morning and it really seemed uncomfortably warm after our long spell of cold and gloomy weather. It was entirely unexpected, and being so was a really pleasant April fool.

John Bollinger left Albany last Monday on foot for The Dalles. He is by no means broke, as he has accumulated some few thousand dollars by industry and economy. He said that he had a job of work at shearing sheep near The Dalles, and, having plenty of time to walk there, concluded to save the cost of a ticket, and at the same time take a little healthful exercise.

A trapper, of the name of Powell, who has been hunting and trapping on the Malheur river south of the agency valley this winter, reports to the Vale Advocate one of those prodigies of nature known as a wild man. The Advocate says the biped is of giant stature, being at least seven feet high, having long and massive arms that reach to his knees, while the whole body is covered with curly, glossy hair.

There is a sequel to the kissing bee held at the Umatilla House the other night, a veracious account of which appeared in these columns. The parties to that hugging match left here in the morning, with a four-horse team loaded with household furniture, and managed to do their kissing without stopping the team, and so they arrived at Moro about 4 o'clock. A deputy sheriff was at once dispatched after Justice of the Peace Hunting, who at once tied them tight and fast, and they climbed up on the furniture again and drove on home.

This was St. Folly's day and the April fool joke has been worked on many unsuspecting persons. We acknowledge having done duty on several occasions today, for which the kind perpetrators have our sincere and heartfelt thanks. If our mild perambulations have added anything to their pleasure, we are really glad, because being a soldier of fortune, with nothing but a borrowed lead pencil and a dull pair of sheep shears for a stock in trade, we feel that we are a sort of eleemosynary institution, fit subject for other people's amusement, football of Chance, and only happy when making others happy.

The trout season opens today, and those who want to catch them, can, provided they can. The weather here has not been such as to give the lovers of the art piscatorial any ardent desire to seek the banks of their favorite streams. Instead, the comfortable room and the warm stove outweigh all desire to tackle the underbrush on the creeks, and practice up on the spring run—of profanity. This afternoon the gentle zephyrs whirled around in such a manner as would have made an angler wild, and a fly could no more have been cast than an Ethiopian can cast his skin. With a few warm days, the spring crop of lies will hatch, and until that time what use is there of the fishermen going out at all.

Friday's Daily

Mr. C. M. Grimes shipped four cars of cattle to Portland this afternoon.

A tea train of seventeen cars passed through today bound for New York.

Mr. Rhea, of Ione, brought in a carload of cattle this morning for the Portland market.

The city recorder's court was rather lonesome this morning. Not even a D. D. cast his shadow across the door.

This is an "Age of Soap." Why use any but the very best. Best soap means Hoe Cake. Sold by Pease & Mays. a2-3m

An army of collectors is on the street today gathering in the shekels. The collectors report that collections are exceedingly good.

Mr. Welsh and A. Brown have several horses in training at the race track, and they are expecting to have several more placed in their charge.

The town of Fossil is considerably excited this week over the discovery of

gold about one mile from town, on top of the hill above Squire Donaldson's ranch.

Yellow washing powder will make your clothes the same color. Avoid this by using Soap Foam. It's pure white. a2-3m

Mr. Max Vogt has a force of men working on the Chapman block. He expects to remodel some of the offices and make repairs wherever they are needed.

Harmony Juvenile Temple will postpone their entertainment, which was to take place tomorrow afternoon, for one week, on account of one of its members, Roy White.

Marshal Lauer, with the assistance of the gentle zephyrs, has put our streets in good condition for driving and wheeling. A number of our enthusiastic wheelmen have been sampling our roads, and pronounce them in excellent condition for this time of the year.

John Fiester, Dick Fiester and William Eutid are in jail in Grant's Pass, charged with burglary in having broken into James Devaney's smokehouse in Martin. This makes three members of the Fiester family in charge of Josephine county, as the father of the two Fiester boys is in jail, under sentence of death, for killing his wife.

Yesterday Mrs. T. J. Seufert again won the ladies bowling medal at the club. This is the third time Mrs. Seufert has carried off the coveted prize. The following ladies have carried the medal for a week or more: Miss Alma Schanno, Mrs. C. Stephens, Miss Lone Ruch, Mrs. J. S. Fish, Miss C. Martin and Mrs. Hobson.

Mr. B. F. Sensheimer, W. J. Clark and Dave Ackeman, three traveling men from Portland, returned yesterday from a six weeks trip in the interior. They went as far as Burns and report that in spite of the unfavorable weather, sheep and all kinds of stock are doing well. The sheepmen expect to break all records with the clip this year.

Mr. A. A. Bonney received a telegram today announcing the death of his mother, Mrs. B. Bonney, at Woodburn. Mrs. Bonney was 85 years old today, death having overtaken her on birthday. She was an Oregon pioneer, crossing the plains in 1847 and settling in the Willamette valley, where she has since resided. Mrs. Bonney leaves three sons and five daughters.

A tramp at Arlington last week asked a woman for something to eat. She said she would furnish it if the tramp would saw some wood. The tramp agreed to the proposition, was fed and shown the wood pile. The woman went out in the yard an hour later to see how the fellow was getting along, and found the following note on the sawbuck: "Just tell them that you saw me, but didn't see me saw."

Sheep are finding better market this spring than for some time, says the Fossil Journal. Yearling and 2-year-old wethers find a ready at \$1.50 and \$2 per head, respectively. W. S. Brown of Fremont, Nebraska, has come out to Oregon this spring in quest of a band of sheep. He will purchase a large band of 2-year-old wethers. Lacy & White, sheepbuyers, have returned to Fossil, after spending a week in the interior. They purchased wethers from Messrs. Fremonger, Trosper and others in the Caleb country.

Mrs. Addie Hostetler, wife of Edward Hostetler, died at Salem on Wednesday. The Statesman says: "The sad and sudden death of Mrs. Hostetler leaves three motherless daughters, Lillie, aged 9; Nellie, aged 7, and Lou, aged 5 years. Besides these mourning little ones, the grief occasioned by her demise is shared by her devoted husband, parents and only sister, Mrs. A. C. Geiger of The Dalles, all of whom, as well as J. C. Hostetler of The Dalles, were with the deceased at the sad climax of her five weeks of suffering."

About 6 o'clock yesterday, Roy, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. White, died of spinal meningitis. He had been ill for the past three weeks, but not until the last week has his life been despaired of, the parents hoping against hope that their oldest son might be spared them. He was a bright boy, and a pupil in the room of Miss Ball at the public school. The funeral will take place from the family residence on Fifteenth street, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. C. Baker, formerly of the Baptist church in this city.

Messrs. O'Reilly and O'Brien of the O. R. & N., accompanied by E. E. Lytle and T. A. Hudson of The Dalles, came up Saturday and spent the day looking over the proposed route of Columbia River & Southern Railway. They also took a run out to the top of Gordon Ridge in order to get a good view of the surrounding country. They were highly pleased with their trip, and returned fully satisfied that the railroad project would be a paying investment. They gave out the positive assurance that the road would be finished by the time wheat begins to move this fall.—Wasco News.

At the Stubling Greenhouse you will find strong, well-rooted geraniums, fuchsias, white and yellow marigolds and heliotropes, from five cents up. Roses in bloom, 15 cents, or two for 25 cents; calla lilies in bloom, 25 cents; pansies 25 per dozen. Appropriate floral designs furnished on short notice. 24 dlw-wlm

AN UNENFORCED LAW.

Compulsory Education Required by Oregon Statutes.

THE CHRONICLE is requested to publish the following circular letter from State Superintendent Irwin and urge all school directors to heed the law here cited:

SALEM, Or., March 24, 1897.

To County Superintendents and Board of School Directors:

The attention of the county superintendent, and through him, the attention of the boards of school directors, is called to the following law pertaining to compulsory education:

Section 65. Every parent, guardian, or other person in this state having control or charge of a child or children between the ages of 8 and 14 years shall be required to send such child or children to a public school for a period of at least 12 weeks in every school year, of which at least eight weeks school shall be consecutive, unless the bodily or mental condition of such child or children has been such as to prevent his or her or their attendance at school application to study for the period required, or unless child or children are taught in a private school, or at home in such branches as are usually taught in public school; provided, in case a public school shall not be taught for the period of 12 weeks, or any part thereof, during the year, within two miles by the nearest traveled road of the residence of any person within the school district, he or she shall not be liable to the provisions of this act.

Section 66. Any parent, guardian, or other person having control or charge of any child or children failing to comply with the provisions of this act shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$25 for the first offense, nor less than \$25 nor more than \$50 for the second and each subsequent offense, besides the cost of the prosecution.

Section 67. It shall be the duty of the directors and clerk of each school district to make diligent effort to see that this law is enforced in their respective districts.

Section 68. Justices of the peace shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court in all prosecutions under this act.

This office has become aware that but little or no attention is paid to the law compelling children to attend at least 12 weeks during the year. To look over the statistics one is impressed that there must be many children of school age who do not attend our public schools. This law was enacted for a purpose, and it is apparent that the purpose contemplated was to have the children attend the public schools in order that illiteracy and ignorance may be reduced to a minimum.

The safety and welfare of the country largely depends upon the efficiency of our public schools, wherein not only knowledge of books and literature is considered, but where good government, loyalty, and love of country is inculcated.

The law is on the statute book, and should not remain a dead letter. The duty of seeing it enforced rests with the boards of school directors, and the clerks of the several school districts.

The clerks of the several districts having the number of pupils on the statistical roll, and the teacher or teachers of the district having the ages and number enrolled as in attendance at school, some knowledge may be gained as to how nearly this law of school attendance is observed.

This is also one of the duties of the county superintendent, that he should acquaint himself with the attendance at school and give direction to the board of directors in regard to the matter of school attendance. Bring the law before the people, acquaint them with its requirements and penalties, and it is believed that there will not be so many children, of the age included under the law, who do not and will not attend the public school. The state does not get near the value it deserves for the support of the common schools, because of the fact that so many do not avail themselves of the privilege. The state cannot afford to allow this neglect and indifference of the public schools to exist, but must, in some way, see that the children have some education.

Yours truly, G. M. IRWIN, State Sup't Public Instruction.

Boas Peach Man Governor.

Max Pracht, Ashland's greatest peach cultivator and authority on orchard pests, will be the governor of Alaska. It is Senator Mark Hanna's dictum. Thus saith a personal friend of Pracht's, not as an addition to his boom, but as confirmation to the report that the appointment had all been arranged and settled in the private councils of the powers that be, and are, months ago. The information comes from a man who has been in Alaska and knows the politics up there.

It is said that Pracht was positively promised the place long ago by Senator Hanna, McKinley's manager, and the announcement is expected at any time. Max himself has always had the greatest assurance that this plum would fall to Oregon.

As governor of Alaska he will get about \$4,000 a year, and then he will have a juicy little plum to hand out to one of his friends in the shape of a private secretaryship with an ordinary salary attached, but extraordinary perquisites that makes it worth scrambling for.

The Alaska spoils will be pretty well divided in East Portland, if reports count for anything. Judge Hannum has his eyes on the United States district attorneyship and there are others all scheduled for federal jobs. One advantage enjoyed by the East Portlanders is that they got in on the ground floor early, and more than that they are at Washington urging their claims and endorsements while the other candidates are doing their skirmishing at long distance.—Telegram.

The Dalles-Fossil Road.

Chas. McKenzie was around this week with a paper taking subscriptions for the road from Fossil to The Dalles. Up-

Advertisement for Blackwell's Genuine Durham Smoking Tobacco. Includes an illustration of three men's faces and text: 'BEST with a big E. Blackwell's Genuine Bull Durham is in a class by itself. You will find one coupon inside each two ounce bag, and two coupons inside each four ounce bag of Blackwell's Genuine Durham Smoking Tobacco. Buy a bag of this celebrated tobacco and read the coupon which gives a list of valuable presents and how to get them.'

wards of \$300 was subscribed and work has been commenced. The Butte Creek Land, Live Stock and Lumber Company has subscribed 15,000 feet of lumber for bridges, and the owners of the ranch where the road runs into the John Day have placed an order with that company for lumber for a ferry boat, which will do duty until a bridge can be built.

It is the intention to have the road in good condition to the county line ere wool hauling commences, and whether or not The Dalles will get Gilliam county wool this year depends on the people of that town, who must complete the road on the other side of the river (a small job compared to the work on this side) in order to get the wool, as well as considerable wheat and stock shipments.

Last year a great deal of wool was hauled from this section to The Dalles, by way of Leonard's bridge, a much longer route than over the road now being made, but the bridge went down, and freighting can't be done that way this year. And we would remind The Dalles that every wool team that went there last year from this section brought back a load of goods, not one returning empty.—Fossil Journal.

It is undoubtedly true that the city that wants trade must reach out for it, must be wide awake to grasp every opportunity offered to extend her trade, must count costs, only in comparison with results. The southern portion of Gilliam county wants to trade here, and wants to bad enough to expend money in building roads to get here. We must meet them half way.

Dalles City School Bonds.

An advertisement in this issue invites bids for bonds in the sum of \$20,000. The bonds are issued by The Dalles school district, which has property assessed at \$1,200,000. The bonds may be redeemed in ten and must be redeemed in twenty years. The Dalles is one of the most thrifty and prosperous towns in the state, and her bonds should prove gilt-edged. The district already has two fine brick schoolhouses and three frame ones, and the money received from the bonds is to be used in erecting another handsome brick. This fact alone is the strongest possible proof that the investment is a good one, for it shows that the district is steadily growing.

Two years ago the academy building was purchased on account of the rooms all being crowded, and it was thought then this would serve for five or six years at least. Instead of that it was long since filled, and again the rooms are crowded. It is thought the proposed building will meet all demands for eight or ten years; but if the next few years show a growth proportionate to the past two, in less than five years still another building will be required. By that time, however, the taxable property will have doubled.

La Grande Getting There.

The beet sugar factory at La Grande seems to be in a fair way to materialize, and we sincerely hope it may. Speaking of the matter the La Grande Chronicle of Tuesday says:

Messrs. Spaulding and Calhoun of New Haven, Conn., who are the owners of a tract of real estate north of town,

and who recently donated \$10 to the expense fund for the raising of the sugar factory subsidy, have now come forward with a cash subscription of \$500, the same having been received by the Commercial Club, as trustee, from the mail which arrived yesterday evening. This is very encouraging, and it certainly cannot be said that the donors are not doing their full share toward the success of the enterprise.

The exact status of the subsidy at this time may be put down as follows: Subscriptions of land aggregating 2,300 acres and cash subscriptions of about \$7,000. This is something in excess of 75 per cent of the required amount. These facts are published for the purpose of showing that the work is progressing favorably, and that it is within the range of possibilities to secure the entire amount within a short time.

Water Commissioners' Meeting.

The water commission met yesterday afternoon, all present but Commissioner Robt. Mays.

The minutes were read and approved. The monthly reports of treasurer and superintendent were read and placed on file.

In the matter of a coupon lost in transmission for which payment is demanded. It was ordered that the same be paid upon the filing of an indemnifying bond by the state treasurer and the insurance company. The bonds are deposited with the state treasurer by the insurance company, it being a foreign company, and the coupon was lost by the state treasurer.

On motion the petition for a water main on Ninth street was granted.

Claim of Erwin Hodson & Co. for \$30, was laid on the table.

Claims were allowed as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. I. J. Norman, salary \$75 00; W. S. Norman, assistant \$55 00; G. W. Phelps, clerk \$10 00; Maier & Benton, mds. \$70 00; Mays & Crowe, mds. \$2 85; C. W. Fouts, moving building \$10 00; D. W. Vause, mds. \$70 00.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Yearly statement from March 31, 1896, to March 31, 1897, to Dalles City water commission:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. 1896 March 31 - To Bal. \$ 773 17; 1897 March 31 - Sale city lots 75 00; " - County warrants 25 50; " - By cash 809 72; " - By balance 563 95; Total \$ 873 67 = \$ 873 67.

CASH ACCOUNT.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. 1896 March 31 - To Bal. \$ 1006 76; 1897 March 31 - From water rents 12657 50; " - Bills receivable 309 72; " - Interest 212 45; " - Sale city lots 150 00; March 31 - By int. on bonds \$ 6300 00; " - Redeemed bonds 5000 00; " - Redeemed war'ts. 1892 93; " - Balance 1144 60; Total \$14837 53 = \$14837 53.

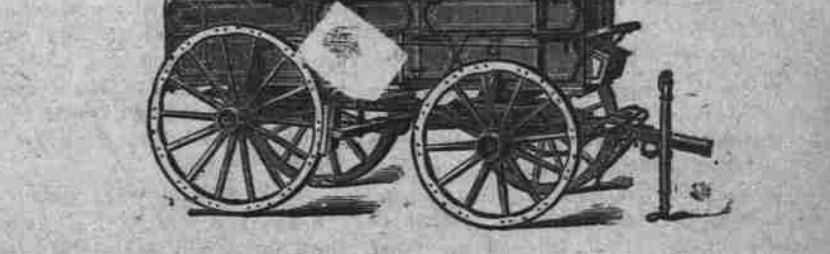
BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Blakeley and Houghton, druggists.

The merchant who tells you he has something else as good as Hoe Cake soap is a good man—to keep away from. a2-3m

The Price on Farm Wagons Has Dropped.

That is, the price on some wagons has fallen below our price on "OLD HICKORY" wagons. Why? Because no other wagon on the market will sell alongside of the "OLD HICKORY" at the same price. It is the best ironed, best painted and lightest running, and we guarantee every bit of material in it to be strictly first-class. If you want the CHEAPEST Wagon on the market, we haven't got it; but we have got the BEST, and solicit comparison.



MAYS & CROWE, The Dalles, Or.