

The Weekly Chronicle.

THE DALLES, - - - OREGON

PERSONAL MENTION.

Saturday's Daily. E. Jacobsen is home again, arriving last night. Mrs. A. L. Newman is in the city from Portland. Miss Lena Robison of Walla Walla is visiting Miss Bee Sterling. Mrs. A. M. Williams came up from Portland last night, and is visiting here. Hon. L. N. Blowers, mayor of the town of Hood River, was in the city last night. Tuesday's Daily. Deputy Clerk Bolton returned from Goldendale this morning. Mrs. Chas. Johnson and family went to Corvallis yesterday on a visit. Mr. J. F. Nowlan, school superintendent of Umatilla county, is in the city. Mr. H. Krause, who is in the city from Wasco, called at THE CHRONICLE office today. Attorney Joe Teal, Jr., of Portland is in the city looking after business in the circuit court. Mr. H. H. Riddell returned last night from East Portland, whither he went on a fishing trip. Mr. E. G. Patterson left yesterday morning for Ranier, where he will be in the employ of Mr. H. Glenn. Conductor Charles Hansen, who has been on his ranch at Hood River for nearly two months, returned yesterday and has resumed his position. Mr. A. Floyd, formerly a resident of this city, and employed in the O. R. & N. shops, came down from La Grande Saturday and returned Sunday night. Mrs. J. E. Barnett, Miss Ethel Riddell and Miss Edith Randall went to Portland yesterday as delegates to the grand lodge of Good Templars which meets at that place. The two former from the local lodge and the latter from the Juvenile Temple, of which she is superintendent.

Endersby School Report.

The following is the report of Endersby school district, No. 57, for the month ending May 28: Number of days taught, 19; No. days attendance, 325; No. days absence, 38; No. times tardy, 0; total number pupils enrolled, 20; average number belonging, 19; average daily attendance, 17; No. of pupils neither absent nor tardy, 6. The following is the list: Lena Longren, Alice and Mable Endersby, Wilbur Dickson, Georgia Read and Orville Smith. Visitors—Miss Constance Harriman, Maud Brown, Bernice Read, Mrs. Endersby and Mrs. Dickson. BESSIE N. HASTINGS, Teacher.

INDIANS OF YUCATAN.

Strange Customs with Infants and with Brides in Early Days. In an old book called "The Buccaneers of America," recently reprinted, is given a curious account of the customs in vogue among the Yucatan Indians two hundred years ago. It runs substantially as follows: As soon as a child is born it is carried to the temple where a circle of poles is made and filled with ashes. On this heap of ash the naked child is placed and left there a whole night alone, not without great danger, no one daring to come near it. The temple is open on all sides, so that all sorts of beasts may freely go in and out. The next day the father and relatives return to see if the tracks or step of any animal appears printed in the ashes. If no track is found the poor baby is left there until some beast has left behind it the marks of its feet. To this animal the newborn babe is consecrated, as unto its God; and this beast he is bound to worship and serve all his life—it being his patron and protector. When grown to intelligence the parents instruct him in regard to his patron beast, and teach him to serve and honor it as his own proper God. He goes to the temple and makes offerings to the beast. In the course of his life, when injured or harmed in any way, he makes his complaints to this beast, "whence," adds the narrator, innocently, "many times it comes that those who have done the injury of which he complains are found to be bitten, killed or otherwise hurt by such animals. After this superstitious and idolatrous manner, no one confines, do live those miserable and ignorant Indians that inhabit all the islands of the gulf of Honduras, as also many of them that dwell upon the continent of Yucatan. A man desiring to marry applies first to the damsel's father or nearest relative. He is carefully examined concerning the manner of cultivating their plantations, and other matters. He is then given a bow and arrow. With these tokens he repairs to the young maid, and presents her with a garland of green leaves intertwined with fragrant flowers. The wreath she is obliged to put on her head, and lay aside her virgin's garland which she has hitherto worn. All the relatives and friends now assemble to consult as to the propriety of the marriage of this couple. Having agreed as to their approval, they meet at the house of the damsel's father, where they drink of a certain liquor made of maize, or Indian wheat, and here, in the presence of this company, the father gives his daughter in marriage. The next day the newly-married bride comes to her mother, "pulls off the garland and tears it in pieces, with cries and bitter lamentations, according to the custom of the country." Yellow washing powder will make your clothes the same color. Avoid this by using Soap Foam. It's pure white. a2-3m

NEWSPAPER PICKINGS.

The average height of the elephant is nine feet. The will-o'-the-wisp is caused by the decay of vegetable matter. A RUSSIAN immigrant arrived in New York the other day clad in a long coat made from the skins of more than 1,000 Russian mice. MASSACHUSETTS still reveres the memory of the codfish, once the chief industry of her people, and keeps a wooden model of one hanging in her house of representatives. COMFORT for the fat and the lean can be derived from some recent medical statistics which show that at the age of thirty-six lean men generally become fatter and fat men leaner. THE tombstone marking the grave of Rev. Wareham Williams, a leading preacher of colonial days, was unearthed at Waltham, Mass., recently. Antiquarians had long searched for the grave. NEARLY all the gold coin that is sent abroad from New York city is packed in kegs made by James Shay. He has been a cooper for thirty-six years. Each keg holds \$50,000, in ten bags holding \$5,000 each. IT is said that the new city directory of Baltimore indicates an increase of 36,000 in the population of the city during the past year, due largely to the growth of manufacturing interests in the city and suburbs.

GOOD THINGS TO EAT.

RHUBARB SHORTCAKE.—Split the rhubarb—an ordinary cream biscuit is nice for this use—butter it liberally and spread with baked sauce. Serve with sweetened cream.—Rural New Yorker. FRUIT SALAD.—One pineapple chopped fine, one pint strawberries, six sliced bananas, six oranges cut in small pieces and juice of one lemon. Sweeten this to suit taste.—Orange Judd Farmer. FRENCH STEAKS.—Cut steaks a finger thick from the fillet. Season, dip in melted butter and broil. Serve with melted butter, a squeeze of lemon juice and chopped parsley.—Good Housekeeping. HASTY PUDDING.—Put on a quart of milk to boil. As soon as boiling stir in two tablespoons of flour moistened with a little cold milk or water. Cook till thick. Serve with sweetened cream.—Detroit Free Press. HYGIENIC COFFEE.—Two quarts of wheat bran, one cupful of molasses, white of one egg; to be well mixed and browned in the oven until of a dark brown color, stirring often to prevent scorching.—Housekeeper.

TEMPLES OF WORSHIP.

GREEK temples erected in honor of the superior deities were always uncovered or open to the sky. The temple of the sun at Palmyra covered a square of twenty-two yards on each side. It was approached by a magnificent avenue over half a mile long, inclosed by rows of columns and statues. The cathedral tower in Berlin was blown up (or rather down) with dynamite a few days ago while the kaiser looked on from a neighboring castle. A new and more magnificent structure is to take its place. The temple of Diana at Ephesus was four hundred and twenty-five feet long, two hundred and twenty-five feet broad, and with statues and columns innumerable. Of this magnificent structure not a trace remains even of the foundations. PASTOR AND PEOPLE. THERE are 200,000 Norwegian Lutherans in the United States. THE largest Gothic church in the world is Cologne cathedral. Its foundation stones were laid in 1248, and the edifice was completed in 1880. THE emperor of Germany asserts that the court preachers are taking too much of his time, and ordered that no sermon shall last more than six minutes.—N. Y. World. THE lord bishop of Winchester is the oldest bishop in England. He is over ninety years of age, and yet he attends to all the duties of his diocese without the aid of a coadjutor. MRS. SARAH B. COOPER, of San Francisco, has a Sunday-school class of more than three hundred intelligent men and women. She has taught a Bible class for more than forty years.

Disgraced Russian Officers.

Eleven officers of the Biograd dragoons have been reduced to the ranks, and one lieutenant dismissed from the army for their share in a disgraceful riot at Mejiubuje, in Podofia. Lieut. Bakounine, while drunk, grossly insulted and struck some Jewish civilians who were sitting quietly in a wine shop. After protesting for awhile they gave him a sound thrashing, whereupon he went to the barracks, got together some other officers and 150 dragoons, and set out to avenge the honor of the regiment. The wine shop and the adjacent houses were sacked and set on fire, a number of Jewish houses and shops were pillaged, and five Jews killed and thirty seriously injured. As the colonel of the regiment did not think the incident worth reporting the czar has ordered him to be placed on the retired list.

An Odd English Village.

Buckland-on-the-Moor, a secluded village of Devonshire, England, has no public house, parson, policeman or paupers. The squire owns all the land. The farms are small, but profitable. The farm laborers live in the squire's cottages. When they fall sick the squire pays their wages as usual, and when they are too old to work any more they are continued on the pay list, and potted about, doing what they please.

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THE CAMEROONS.

A Country That is Giving Germany Much Trouble.

An African Territory About Which the English Government is Viciously Concerned—The Dispute About Its Boundaries.

"Battle in the Cameroons," says a recent cable. What and where are the Cameroons? This from the New York Herald will elucidate a little: The Cameroons is a territory on the right of Biafra, West Africa, one hundred and fifty thousand square miles in extent, and with an estimated population of two millions. It has a coast line of one hundred and twenty miles between the Campo river and the Rio del Rey, is bounded on the north-east by a treaty line, running north-east to the east of Yola, on the upper Benue, and on the south by a line running inland, due east from the mouth of the Campo river, to about the meridian of longitude fifteen degrees east, which may be regarded as the eastern or inland limit of the so-called "protectorate."

In 1882 there were one hundred and sixty-six whites, of whom one hundred and nine were German and thirty-one English. It became a German protectorate in 1884, and is placed under an imperial governor, assisted by a chancellor, two secretaries and a local council of three representative merchants. The country is fertile, and numerous valuable African vegetable productions grow in profusion. Plantations of cacao and tobacco have been farmed by a company, and numerous factories carry on an active trade in ivory and palm oil. On January 1, 1888, an import duty was imposed on European goods, and from this the revenue is mainly derived. The chief towns are Cameroons, and in the South Batanga, Bimbia and Bakundu Town are other important trading stations, and Aqua Town and Bell Town are the principal native settlements. The imports and exports are quite large.

In April last, Mr. Henry M. Stanley wrote to the peace association a letter in which he attributed the increase of trade in 1892 at African ports under German administration to the growing practice among German merchants of importing into Africa small arms and ammunition. These materials of war, he said, were sold to the slave traders and to inestimable damage. Mr. Stanley incriminated also the Portuguese in his charges. He appealed to the European nations to suppress the traffic in arms carried off by the Germans and Portuguese. Unless this step be taken, he added, all efforts to stop the slave trade would be useless.

In February a German expedition, which was under the command of Freiherr von Stetten, proceeded from the Cameroons coast up the river Sangha to Balling, whence it traveled to the thickly populated district of Tikar and reached Nrandere and Yola. Treaties were concluded with the native tribes in the districts passed through. This reappearance on the coast, the Kreuz Zeitung pointed out, was peculiar in view of the statement made by members of the expedition that Lake Tchad was their goal. It is a fact, though at present an inexplicable one, that German expeditions fail to reach the more easterly portions of the hinterland of the Cameroons. The expedition returned in September.

England and Germany had a long dispute about the boundaries of the Cameroons, which was settled in May last. The third section of the agreement reads: "The German colonial administration engages not to allow any trade settlements to exist or be created on the right bank of the Rio del Rey Creek or waterway. In like manner the administration of the Oil Rivers protectorate engages not to allow any trade settlements to exist or to be created on the western bank of the Bakassi peninsula from the first creek below Asibon's village to the sea and eastward from this bank to the Rio del Rey waterway."

According to the German view the new agreement is a purely fiscal one, intended to enable the British and German administrations to cope with the widespread smuggling, which was especially detrimental to the Cameroons. There had been no question of altering the frontier laid down by the provisional agreement of 1890, which, in consequence of disagreement between the two governments, left the Rio del Rey out of count and settled the frontier as a straight line running from the upper end of the waterway to the rapids of the Cross river. But this indefinite "upper end" has now been fixed as above set forth. Much satisfaction was expressed in Berlin at the pledge given by the English government not to allow trade settlements on the Bakassi peninsula, which otherwise would have afforded an excellent base for contraband operations.

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Under the new time card, which goes into effect tomorrow, trains will move as follows:

No. 4, to Spokane and Great Northern arrives at 6 p. m., leaves at 6:05 p. m. No. 2, to Pendleton, Baker City and Union Pacific, arrives 1:15 a. m., departs 1:20 a. m.

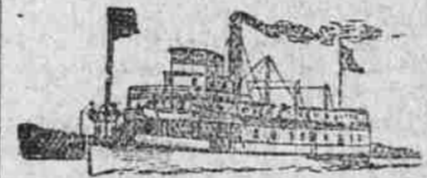
No. 3, from Spokane and Great Northern, arrives 8:30, departs 8:35 a. m. No. 1, from Baker City and Union Pacific, arrives 1:20, departs 1:25 a. m.

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Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Silas W. Davis, late of Wasco County, and now deceased. All persons having claims against said estate or against the estate of Corum and Davis of Wapinitia, Oregon, of which said firm said deceased was a partner, will present the same, duly verified, to me at The Dalles, Oregon or to my attorneys, Duffin & Menefee, of Dalles City, Wasco County, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof. Dated at Dalles City, Oregon, this 22nd day of May, 1897. B. F. LAUGHLIN, Administrator of the estate of Silas W. Davis, deceased. m26-64

Executor's Sale.

Pursuant to an order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for the Wasco County, made and entered on the 31st day of May, 1897, in the matter of the estate of James McGowan, deceased, directing me to sell the real property belonging to the estate of said deceased, I will, on Saturday, the 6th day of June, 1897, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., at the courthouse door in Dalles City, Oregon, sell at public sale, to the highest bidder, all of the following described real property belonging to said estate, to-wit: The southwest quarter of Section Eight, Township One South, Range Fourteen East W. M., containing 160 acres more or less. R. F. GIBBONS, Executor. m5-1

Administrator's Sale of Real Estate.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Wasco County, made on the 21st day of May, 1897, in the matter of the estate of Frank Ireland, deceased, I will, on Thursday, the 24th day of June, 1897, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., at the courthouse door in Dalles City, in Wasco County, Oregon, sell to the highest bidder the following described real estate belonging to said estate, to-wit: The southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 11 East, W. M., in Wasco County Oregon. Said premises will be sold in one parcel and for one-third cash at the time of the sale and two-thirds in four months after the conclusion thereof, the deferred payment to be secured by note and mortgage upon the premises sold. Dalles City, Oregon, May 22, 1897. GEORGE IRELAND, Administrator of the estate of Frank Ireland, deceased. m23-61

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