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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Wednesday's Daily.

Jackson Engine Co. met last night, and among other things voted \$50 for the tournament fund.

Large quantities of musk and water melons are being shipped from this point, the larger portion going to Portland.

The brewery hill grade has been put in good shape by Marshal Lauer, and work will be begun at once on Fulton street at Methodist hill.

The bids for building the schoolhouse here were opened Monday, but no contracts were let. It is probable nothing will be done in the matter for a week or two.

William Perritt, the man who was shot through the stomach by Mrs. Berkeley, in Spokane about six weeks ago, when the bullet punctured his intestines in five different places, was discharged from the hospital entirely well Saturday.

It is estimated that fully three-fourths of the wool in the warehouses here has passed out of first hands. The wool buyers claim that what is left is heavy, and as a general thing not of as good quality as that which has already been sold.

A freight train plunged through a burning trestle between Marion and Jefferson, on the Southern Pacific road, yesterday morning. Two men were slightly injured and five cars loaded with lumber and wooden ware caught fire and were burned.

The interest arising from the irreducible school fund, and amounting to \$135,154.24, was apportioned among the various counties Monday. Wasco county gets \$4,142.32, having 3,983 school children. The state has 129,956 children of school age, and the amount for each is \$1.04.

Hon. Wm. Biggs returned from Sherman county yesterday. Harvesting has commenced there, but the grain cut so far has been mostly volunteer. While there he saw a Booth harvester at work. Five men and thirty-two horses were required to operate it, and it cut and thrashed from forty to forty-five acres of grain a day.

Soon after the Umatilla House bowling alleys were opened, Joe Earhart made a score of 60, which remained the record until yesterday, when H. Maetz made 61. In making this score he got 1 in the first frame and in the other nine frames made seven strikes and three spares, the last frame being a spare followed by a strike.

Miss Ruth Cooper went to Portland this morning to attend the meeting of the Indian superintendents and teachers which began at that place yesterday. Miss Cooper is employed as teacher at the Indian school near Carson City, and will read a paper pertinent to the subject at the meeting tonight. At the close of the meeting she will probably return to Carson City.

Monday myriads of grasshoppers, coming apparently from the West, settled on the ranches across the river, and proceeded to take a feed. Fortunately they were going some place, and in a short time nearly all of them lit out for Clondyke, or some other place. At the same time there was quite a swarm of them on the ranches below town, but they left before much damage was done.

The supreme court Monday handed down a decision in the case of H. H. Northrup, respondent, against Ralph W. Hoyt, treasurer of Multnomah county, it being a suit brought to test the law requiring county treasurers to pay over the state's portion of taxes out of the first money collected. The decision upholds the law and requires the payment to the state of her portion of the tax at the times stated in the law.

Fall grain is being threshed in different portions of Adams county, and the yield, as a general thing, is much heavier than was expected, says the Ritzville Times. C. G. Dowdy, living southwest of Ritzville, threshed thirty-eight bushels to the acre, and M. E. Helme, of Rattlesnake flat, claims a yield of thirty-nine bushels per acre. Quite a considerable quantity of grain has been coming into Ritzville the past week. It is all of an excellent quality, and will command the best price going.

Thursday's Daily.

Wheat is quoted in Portland at 78 to 80 for Walla Walla and 82 for valley.

A rumor got started last night that a man named Elva Hollingsworth, who came here recently, had the smallpox.

The rumor ran on all fours and traveled fast, and all there was behind it was a mild attack of measles.

The Dalles City was loaded to the guards this morning, the larger portion of her cargo consisting of flour.

The Dalles City went down the river about a mile this morning to tow a wood scow up to the beach, and in consequence was a few minutes late in getting away on her regular trip.

Wasco county will have a damage case soon if the large rocks are not removed from the DesChutes grade. The rocks are large and easily lift a wagon off its balance.—Moro Observer.

E. E. Martin, deputy county clerk of Clackamas county, has been arrested on the charge of embezzling \$400 from a banking firm in Denver. He is also charged with having issued fraudulent county warrants in the sum of about \$400.

Yesterday was the first day of the year on which the atmosphere showed the presence of smoke, but today the air has the regular August blue color from it. It is supposed to have come from fires near Portland and they were not set by Eastern Oregon sheepmen either.

Grasshoppers are fast disappearing from Umatilla county. It has been discovered that the destruction of these pests is due to the large blow flies or blue bottles, as they are more commonly called. An experimenter found upon examining a number of the grasshoppers that there was nothing under the outer shell but a mass of maggots which had sprung into life from the deposits of the blowfly.

Col. Sinnott and Mr. Vanbiber have a Clondyke scheme that they think there is lots of money in. It is to drive 500 milk cows to that country, keep them as long as possible, and then as winter comes on kill them for beef. Col. Sinnott has the thing elaborately calculated, and the results, on paper, equal the best things in the line ever worked up by the immortal Col. Sellers.

The school census of this county for last year shows in round numbers 4000 school children. The census gives us a population of a little less than 11,000, which is now probably about 12,000. This would make the population three times as great as the number of school children. If the proportion is the same throughout the state, the population of Multnomah county would be 72,000 and of the state about 390,000.

John L. Austin, esq., who returned to his home at Union Sunday morning, while in Pendleton last week stated that the new woolen mill now in the course of construction at Union is about enclosed, and the water power, machinery and entire plant will be in running order by this fall. The mill cost, complete with all its fittings, \$20,000. The mill is three stories in height, covers a space of 60x80 feet and will get power from Catherine creek.

At an early hour this morning a light rain fell here. The shower was accompanied by a thunder storm of quite large proportions for Oregon, though it would not pass muster for such in the East. There was one double-ended peal that shook things up, but it was the only one out of the usual order. The night was extremely sultry, a condition that continued after the rain, and still continues. This is considered by the weather-wise a sure sign that more rain is to follow.

Mrs. Bolton, mother of Simeon Bolton, was stricken with paralysis yesterday morning while in camp at the Meadows, near the Johns' mill. She was sitting in a chair, and being spoken to and not answering it was discovered that she was paralyzed and speechless. Dr. Doane was sent for and went yesterday afternoon, and at this writing, 2 o'clock, had not returned. Mrs. C. B. Cushing was in camp at the time, coming in yesterday afternoon. When she left, Mrs. Bolton's condition was somewhat improved.

Friday's Daily.

The directors of school district No. 12 will receive bids for furnishing wood for the district up to August 16th. The district will require thirty cords of oak and forty cords of fir.

The Oregonian evidently made a slip the other day in mentioning the fact that the Oregon delegation, consisting of McBride, Tongue and Ellis, would be home by the 15th. And it never mentioned Corbett.

One of the most delightful places on the Columbia is the Jewett farm at White Salmon. The views are magnificent, the fishing good, while the table is supplied with every delicacy. Rates from \$5 to \$7 per week.

J. C. Church, a prominent citizen of Eugene, fell from the roof of the power house of the Eugene Electric Light Co. Tuesday and was instantly killed. He was painting the roof and slipping, was unable to stop. He fell about twenty feet.

Dr. Doane returned from the Meadows last evening, and from him we learn that Mrs. Bolton will remain where she is for some time. She was resting comfortably when he came away, and will, in all probability, recover in a great measure from the attack of paralysis.

It is at least a coincidence that following the statement made by Teela that he "is producing a disturbance of the earth's charge of electricity which can be felt to the utmost parts of the earth,"

comes a terrific hot wave cooking the corn in Kansas and sending moist humanity sweltering about its business. That Teela needs watching.

The board of directors of the Prineville Jockey Club met last Thursday and elected the following officers: President, L. N. Liggett; secretary, John Combs; treasurer, Ed. N. White. A speed program was arranged and purses decided upon. The club will hang up \$1050 in purses for the five days' race meet, which begins October 28th.

The cold of the Clondyke can have no terror for the man who had to work today. As the perspiration started from every pore and trickled down under the clinging underclothes, an intense desire was created to take a tour on a glacier with a through ticket, or to sleep with a spirit thermometer that was loafing around 70 degrees below anything. How nice it would be to crawl into a snow-drift, or get shipwrecked on an ice floe, or any old thing. Who is there wrestling with 100 above but that would gladly welcome 40 below? Is it any worse to die and be buried as an icicle, than to melt and be carried to your long home in a couple of coal-oil cans?

Forgery is Alleged.

Ernest F. Nieharge, formerly a single broker in Seattle, is a fugitive from justice. He is wanted in Seattle for forgery. Nieharge's system, it is said, was that of forging the names of railroad agents at shipping points to bills of lading, and then attaching the bills to invoices regularly made out on his company billheads, going to a bank where he did business and collecting ninety per cent of the amount named as the value of the shipment. The bank would take the bills and forward them to its correspondent at the purported destination. It was by doing this and finding no record of the shipments at the railway freight offices that the crookedness was discovered. A year and a half ago Nieharge got mixed up in much the same sort of a scrape that he now finds himself in, at that time operating with the bills of lading of the Burlington and a Seattle bank. This time it is the Great Northern, the Seattle & International and another Seattle national bank. The harvest that resulted from the judicious sowing of bills of lading and his own billheads is said to have netted Nieharge over \$2000. He disappeared from Seattle about a week or ten days ago, and is now supposed to be on his way to the Alaska gold fields.

Work on the Astoria Road.

The work on the Astoria-Goble railroad is reported progressing satisfactorily, and the general contractors expected to complete their work within the time stipulated in their contract, namely October 1; but, owing to some difficulties with swampy lands west of Rainier, they will not be able to do so until November 1st.

The men on the rock work east of Mayger's landing are making good progress, and doing excellent work. There are some 800 men at work regularly. The track is laid for ten miles east of Astoria to the John Day river, where the first drawbridge is located. The approaches to this bridge are nearing completion, and the center pier for the draw is expected to be completed in about ten days.

John Burke, of this city, has the contract for the pier work. The principal drawback to the grading has been in the marshes west of Rainier, these occurring in patches and keeping seven dredges busily occupied in banking the oozy matter. The weather has been excellent for the work, and the conditions generally have so far been very favorable.—Oregonian.

Wheat Going Up.

A dispatch from Walla Walla, August 4th, says: There was much excitement in the wheat market today, and dealers were rushing around like wild men after every farmer that came to town, in order to secure the first option on what wheat he had to sell. The market opened this morning at 71 cents, and representatives of Tacoma and San Francisco dealers began raising each other till this afternoon, when 75 cents was freely offered. About 20,000 bushels were sold at 75 cents, and 30,000 at 71 1/2 cents this morning. Many offers of 75 cents were made, but farmers are still inclined to hold for higher prices.

The Tournament.

The Jackson Engine Co., at its meeting last night, very generously donated \$50 of its funds towards assisting in preparing for the firemen's tournament this fall. We understand a committee will soon wait upon our business men for the purpose of soliciting funds for the tournament. To make the matter a success will require considerable money and donations should be liberal. The efficiency of the firemen is the only protection we have against fire and as their services are given free, the giving of money should be looked upon as a business transaction, for which every business man and property owner gets a valuable return.

Wanted.

Upright and faithful gentlemen or ladies to travel for responsible, established house in Oregon. Monthly \$65 and expenses. Position steady. Reference. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. The Dominion Company, Dept. H., Chicago. jy20-3td

City Council Meeting.

The city council met last night in regular session, present Hon. M. T. Nolan, mayor; Councilmen Kuck, Stephens, Johnston, Champlin, Clough, and Recorder Sinnott.

The minutes were read and approved. Clough, of the fire committee, made verbal report that he had ordered five fire plings.

Champlin, of the committee on streets and public property, reported that the marshal had been instructed to repair the brewery grade.

Marshal Lauer reported that there was a stagnant pool of water in the lot at Maetz & Pond's. The matter was on motion referred to committee on streets and public property.

Clough made verbal report that Rowe desired to put a cess pool at his place, there being no sewer within 300 feet.

Reports of officers were read and placed on file, and the bills as reported by the marshal were ordered paid.

Ordinance No. 293 in relation to fixing and establishing salaries of officers of Dalles City. The purpose is to increase the salary of city treasurer from \$20 to \$35 per month. On motion the ordinance was placed on final passage, the vote being as follows: Ayes—Kuck and Clough. Noes—Champlin and Johnston. Not voting—Stephens. So the ordinance failed to pass.

On motion the bills added by the finance committee were allowed and warrants ordered drawn for the same.

On motion the bills of Drs. Logan and Doane and Mrs. Hitchcock were ordered paid.

On motion the bill of J. W. Lewis and others, clerks and judges of election, was referred to judiciary committee.

On motion a committee of three was appointed on street lights, as follows: Kuck, Johnston and Stephens.

On motion the committee on streets and public property was instructed to improve Fulton street at what is known as the Methodist bill.

On motion it was ordered that when council adjourns it be to August 17th, to consider sewer system.

On motion the marshal was instructed to cause all boxes on sidewalks to be removed.

BILLS ALLOWED.

Table listing bills allowed with names and amounts: C F Lauer, marshal \$75.00; Geo C Brown, engineer 75.00; J J Wilers, night watch 60.00; R B Sinnott, recorder 50.00; C J Crandall, treasurer 20.00; Logan and Doane, prof services 20.00; Mrs M E Hitchcock, Miller case 2.00; Electric Light Co 14.60; H L Kuck, register for fire department 15.50; Gunning & Hoekman, labor 5.00; J W Blakeney, hauling engine 2.50; Wm Henzie, hauling hose cart 2.50; D W Mann, hauling 5.00; J E Ferguson, hauling hose cart 2.50; James Like, labor 1.50; J Millard, labor 1.00; E Benjamin, sawing wood 1.00; Mays & Crowe, mdee 10.52; C V Champlin, labor 15.45; W A Johnston, mdee 3.50; J T Peters & Co, mdee 17.60; Gunning & Hoekman, labor 2.05; Maier & Benton, mdee 9.00; Dalles City Water Works, water 32.00; J W Blakeney, hauling 2.25; Dalles Lumbering Co, lumber 33.81; Chas F Lauer, killing dogs 3.00; Jack Stanleys, work on streets 4.30; Sam Klein, work on streets 1.80; James Like, labor 4.60; Jack Stanleys, work on brewery grade 6.00; Jas Like, work on brewery grade 12.00; Charles Jones, work on brewery grade 6.00; Antone Knechtley, work on brewery grade 10.00; Sam Klein, work on brewery grade 12.00; Applegate, " " 9.00; J Millard, " " 11.00; Joe Berger, work on brewery grade with team 6.00; J Huebner, police 4.00; Chas F Lauer, taking Miller to Portland 6.70; California restaurant, meals 2.25; Columbia hotel, meals 1.50.

The treasurer's report shows as follows:

Table showing treasurer's report: Balance on hand July 1st \$8,398.43; Amt rec'd during month 842.28; Total \$9,240.71; Warrants redeemed 443.46; Balance on hand Aug 1st \$8,797.25; Eight dollars were sentenced during the month, one forfeiting bail in the sum of \$5; Seven ten, one dog, one hotel runner and one liquor license was issued during the month.

Shot His Thumb Off.

Charles Sandoz met with an accident this morning from fooling with a shotgun, unloaded, of course. His wife wanted a chicken for dinner, and Sandoz sent a man after his shot-gun. When it was handed over to him he asked if it was loaded, and was told that one barrel was. He evidently misunderstood the answer and playfully put the gun against his head, when his wife told him to be careful or he would shoot himself. Then he held his right thumb over the end of the barrel and pulled the trigger. The gun did not miss fire; guns seldom do that under such circumstances, and the result was the thumb was shattered back to the first joint.

Our reporter went up to Dr. Hollister's office to get the item, and found Sandoz in the chair, with the doctor cutting the broken pieces out. He at once began to tell us how the accident happened, seemingly unconscious of the fact that the doctor was whittling his thumb.

Nebraska corn for sale at the Wasco warehouse. Best feed on earth. m9-if

Advertisement for Blackwell's Durham tobacco. Includes text 'I WANT BLACKWELL'S DURHAM AND NO OTHER. SEE?' and an illustration of a man holding a pipe.

A PECULIAR RAILROAD.

Skamania Has One That Belongs to a Class of Its Own.

Skamania county, Washington, has a railroad that is a curiosity. It is less than four miles long, but is said to have cost \$3,000,000. It is the old portage road from the Upper to the Lower Cascades, and was built by the old O. S. N. Co., and is now the property of that company's successor, the O. R. & N. There was a time when the road did an immense business, carrying all the products of the Inland Empire to tide water, all the freight destined for the mines of Idaho, Eastern Oregon and the vast region east of the Cascades.

The days of its glory have departed, and today it is scarcely more than two streaks of rust and a right of way. Its sole use now is to carry salmon from the fisheries along the rapids to the Lower Cascades, from which point they are shipped to Warrendale, so the road really "runs" only with the run of fish.

Mr. Jones, who has been employed on the road since it was first built has entire control of it. He is superintendent, engineer, conductor, brakeman, fireman, section foreman and section crew—the Alpha and Omega and all the balance of the alphabet. Mr. Jones has grown gray in the service of the company, yet every day he gets out the solitary engine, gets up steam and makes the round trip over the road. The engine has gotten wheezy, and to get up steam a fire has to be built in the smoke stack to get up a draft. Recently the railroad commissioners made a trip over the road, and to do honor to the occasion Mr. Jones got out the "directors' car," the one solitary passenger coach. It had been used for a long time as a storehouse for chicken feed, and occasionally the chickens had used it as a sleeper, but Jones oiled the hen coop up and gave the commissioners a ride over the road. He is good natured, happy, contented, and thoroughly enjoys his unique position as a whole railroad company.

Important Decision.

Among the decisions handed down by the supreme court in Pendleton Saturday was one in the case of McKennon vs. American Fire Insurance Company, garnishee. The main point in the case is that of sustaining the validity of the homestead exemption law passed at a former session of the legislature. The appeal grew out of the Cotner insurance case. McKennon garnished the insurance company for a debt owed by Cotner and the company refused to pay on the grounds that the amount of the policy, about \$900, was exempt from execution.

The homestead exemption act provides that a free holder may claim exemption to the amount of \$1500. Nearly all the circuit courts of the state have decided that the law is inoperative, but the supreme court has now affirmed the validity of the act.

A Beet Sugar Factory.

T. A. Hudson, who returned last night from San Francisco, tells us that while there he had several conversations with parties engaged in the manufacture of

beet sugar, during which he mentioned the fact that Wasco county sugar beets had shown a greater percentage of saccharine matter than any raised on the coast. This statement at once interested them and they expressed a desire to have a ton or more of sugar beets grown in this county sent them, promising that if the beets tested well and they could be assured of a sufficient crop being raised, that they would put in a plant here for extracting the sugar, to cost not less than \$300,000.

It is too late, of course, to experiment this year, but Mr. Hudson thinks that among our farmers from one to five or ten tons might be secured. If this can be done he will forward the beets to the factory at San Francisco, free of charge, and have the sugar returned here. Here is an opportunity that should not be neglected, and those farmers who have sugar beets, even though in small quantities, will do well to call upon Mr. Hudson and assist in getting the industry established.

Netted a Curiosity.

John Nelson, the well-known fisherman, caught a curiosity of a chinook salmon on Saturday afternoon about three miles below the bell buoy, says the Astoria News. As he pulled a fish out of his net he noticed that something was hanging from its mouth. Upon examination he found it to be a troll hook, spoon and a couple of feet of line. The hook must have been in the salmon a long time, and with a light pull it broke loose from the under jaw, pulling a part away with it. The fish weighed about thirty pounds and did not differ in appearance from the run now in the river. The spoon and hook gave evidence of being of Indian manufacture, but from where it came is a matter of curiosity, as the chinook salmon is known not to take a hook in these waters. Several years ago fish were caught in Tillamook bay with similar hooks and spoons fast to them, and at the time it caused some inquiry.

A Volcano Kills 500.

A dispatch to the Chronicle says: "Five hundred reported killed up to July 1st is the record of the terrible outbreak of the volcano of Mayon, on the island of Luzon, one of the Philippine group. On the night of June 26th the volcano began throwing up ashes and lava in immense quantities, and flames were thrown upward considerably over 100 feet. The next day fifty-six bodies were recovered at a considerable distance, and the recent dispatches to Hong Kong up to July 8th state that not less than 500 were known to be killed."

A gardener near New Whatcom has hit upon a novel method of getting rid of a neighbor's chickens, which had done much mischief in his garden. He wrote a number of cards: "I am likely to be shot," "Keep me at home," "I've been scratching up my neighbor's garden," etc. To each of these cards he attached a thread and at the other end a kernel of corn. The hens swallowed the corn and returned home labeled with the cards, every one having a sign hanging out of its mouth.

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