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LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Wednesday's Daily.

Eleven carloads of sheep will be shipped East either tomorrow or Friday.

The regular quarterly examination of teachers begins tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock.

The ladies of the Catholic church have arranged for a moonlight excursion Saturday night on the Regulator. Don't forget the time and don't fail to go.

Farmers in the vicinity of Ritzville, according to a correspondent of the Spokane Spokesman-Review, are being compelled to discontinue harvesting spring grain on account of a scarcity of field hands.

A New York crowd has arranged for a trip to Alaska next spring. It will take a steamer of light draft, about 70 tons for them. In this the crowd expect to go prospecting the various tributaries of the Yukon.

There are about twenty-five Dallesites camped at the Meadows. They expect to break camp and return to the city Monday. Mrs. Bolton is steadily improving, and hopes are entertained of her entire recovery.

The young women of the Epworth League of Abnon, Ohio, to encourage the attendance of mothers at the church, have provided a nursery for the care of babies during church hours. The nursery will be taken care of by volunteers from the League.

The regular quarterly examination of teachers began at 1 o'clock this afternoon, with nine applicants, eight young ladies and one gentleman. Professor J. C. Neff, who is on the board of examiners, came up from Hood River last night to attend to the duties of the position.

And still the candidates for government offices are kept on the anxious seat. It begins to look as though the president had concluded not to appoint until congress meets next December. The fact that the delegation has reached no agreement concerning the appointments also indicates that they are not to be made soon.

Spokane is to have a grand fruit fair, beginning October 5th and closing October 16th. Wasco county should make an exhibit, as the fair is well attended and thousands of strangers, attracted from the East by the mining boom, will thus get an idea of what can be done in this neighborhood in the way of fruit raising.

The Southern Pacific railroad during the state fair, beginning September 30th and ending October 8th, will sell tickets from all stations on its lines in Oregon, for one fare for the round trip. Abundant crops will assist materially in making the attendance at the fair larger than usual, and the Southern Pacific very laudably is endeavoring to aid in making the affair a grand success.

Raspicking sometimes has its sunny side. A woman now residing in North Walpole, Vt., not so long ago was employed in a ragroom at Bellows Falls. One day she found a sum of money stitched into the lining of an old coat. She quit work at once, and no one has ever been able to ascertain the amount of her find, but she has erected a neat and comfortable house, and is prosperous and contented.

Mr. P. P. McCully and Miss Angie M. Julian were married last night. Mr. McCully, being a printer, should have known better than to put off procuring the license until after the paper had gone to press, and so rob us of an item. However he can't get away from this one. We forgive him, even though items are scarce, and heap coals of fire on his head by giving him THE CHRONICLE's paternal blessing, which is warranted to ward off spooks and bring prosperity.

The Bozeman (Montana) Chronicle tells of a Montana legislator who, when some corrections in spelling and grammar in his bill was called to his attention by the committee, said: "Why, you fellows have mutilated it!" It was the same statesman who said, in addressing a committee of which he was a member: "The muddy slough of politics was the boulder upon which the law was split in twain, and fell in a thousand pieces from the pedro of justice. Let us, then, gear up our lions, that we can go forth with a clear head."

Thursday's Daily

The committee appointed to collect money for the tournament has not met with the success anticipated, and will so

report to the executive committee tonight. What the outcome will be will be known later, but it is a foregone conclusion that without money the tournament cannot be carried out.

The Eugene Guard is responsible for the statement that "Fred Withrow had one of his right hands cut by an accident."

An exchange says that an Ohio man started for the West with a wagon load of nitro-glycerine and the last heard of the outfit was the explosion.

Several of the young men belonging to the fire department, are dressed up this morning, but whether from over-weening pride, or damaged clothing, is open to guess work.

Congressman Ellis arrived at his home in Heppner Tuesday. In an interview at Walla Walla he expressed the opinion that "the people will find it is not free silver they want."

This thing of being a fireman is not all tournaments and parades, as was apparent last night. The boys got pretty thoroughly wet, and several suits of clothes are only fit for the junk man.

Wheat is selling in Walla Walla at 73 1/2 to 74 cents, which is a half cent better than the price quoted here today. A small lot was sold at that price, and at the mill it is said 75 cents is being paid.

"Dear ant Jane," wrote little Bennie Jimpping to his father's sister, "I thot I wood rite an' tell you that ma got a baby hopin' thes' fue linnies will fia' you the same your nefyou benny."—Harper's Bazar.

Miss Jennie Smitson, who fell while getting off a train at Albany sometime ago and lost both of her legs by the cars running over them, has brought suit against the Southern Pacific for \$20,000 damages.

From the account of the Arlington fire given by a dispatch to the Telegram, it appears that the fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp. A Miss France was in the house, but escaped by jumping from the window.

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.

Mr. Tom Harris is in from Nansene. He expresses himself as well satisfied with the McKinley tariff, and with the wheat outlook, both as to yield and prices. That broad smile of his is accounted for by the fact that he has just sold his wool.

Over the 'Phone—"Yes, this is Mand. Oh, is that you, George? Well, what did papa say? What's that? You didn't mind what he said? Well what did he do? Good gracious! Did he? And you can't sit down? Where are you now, George? In the hospital! Dear! dear!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mr. A. S. MacAllister received a letter from Dr. Siddall this morning, written on board the steamer. The doctor and his party were all well, delighted with the scenery and full of vim and courage. They have their own horses and the doctor thinks will get over the mountains and started down the river among the first.

A trainload of 350 head of 2 and 3-year-old stock cattle was shipped East from Eugene yesterday. The train will contain about thirteen cars, and will be consigned to Chicago. Mr. C. N. Thompson has been in Lane for some time, gathering up the load, and Mr. Frank P. Gardiner arrived from Chicago Sunday night. The same firm will ship about 1500 head from La Grande in a short time.

M. B. Murchie lost a fine horse yesterday a few miles from town. He had just had the animal shod, and a man who was going to work for him drove it in a single rig out toward 5-mile. The animal had not been driven much, and when trotting along, a hard piece of road was struck and the horse became frightened at the sound of his own shod feet upon the ground, and ran away, throwing the driver out of the cart. After going a short distance the animal ran into a barbed wire fence and cut his throat so badly that he bled to death.

Alexander Bovell, an ex-sailor, aged about 38 years, was arrested yesterday at Portland charged with criminally assaulting Hazel Fields, a little tot aged 5 years. He would undoubtedly have murdered the girl, had not S. H. Powers bravely gone to her rescue, and fought the brute. Powers was getting the worst of the fight, and being determined not to let the villain escape, drew a razor and commenced slashing away with it. Bovell managed to break away from him and fled, but fortunately a young man named Sammons saw the whole affair and taking after Bovell succeeded in capturing him, and lodging him in jail.

Mr. E. P. Whipple, representing the C. B. Jeffries Fruit Company, says the Register, has half a dozen men at work at the E. C. Smith warehouse in Eugene, manufacturing tables and boxes. Mr. Whipple expects to ship about fifty carloads of green fruit East this season. The fruit will be shipped to all the principal Eastern markets. He has placed orders for material for 4000 pear boxes, 3000 prune cases and 12,000 baskets. They are being shipped from Portland and Grant's Pass. The demand for

pears in the East is quite brisk, and Mr. Whipple expects to make the first shipment of the product next Thursday. Next week he will commence shipping prunes. Pickers and packers are now gathering and preparing the pear crop at the Sladden, Campbell, Weider, Burton and Wallace orchards.

Friday's Daily.

Columbia Hose Co. met last night and voted \$50 towards the tournament fund.

Wheat sold yesterday in Walla Walla for 76 cents, but it was blue stem. Club wheat sold for 2 to 3 cents lower.

Refreshments will be served on the steamer on the occasion of the excursion Saturday evening and those who desire it, will be allowed to dance.

The fleet of fish wheels is again anchored at the old grounds, near the sand bar. They have a desolate sort of look, as though they had been out of work for a long time.

The collecting committee for the tournament was out today and met with very liberal responses. The success of the matter is now assured, though considerable more money will have to be raised.

Do not forget that the ladies of the Catholic church have invited you to go on an excursion on the steamer Regulator Saturday evening. The boat leaves the wharf at 9 o'clock, and will return about midnight. Tickets 50 cents.

Some hard-hearted wretch took advantage of Simmonds being confined in the county jail to burglarize his house last night, taking a sack of sugar, blankets and other things. Simmonds is out with the sheriff this morning trying to get track of the thief.

Portland is to send a steamer to run on the Yukon. It is the Eugene, which will be towed to the mouth of the Yukon, leaving Seattle August 22d. She draws only 2 1/2 feet of water loaded with 400 tons of freight, and expects to reach Dawson City by September 10th.

Mrs. Mary Brittain and her brother, Mr. Henry Bills, came up from Mosier, where they have been camping, last night, having been sent for on account of the fire of Wednesday. Mrs. Brittain's friends will be glad to learn that her household goods were insured for \$1000.

At the meeting of the executive committee last night it was determined to go ahead with the tournament and the collecting committee started out again this morning. Our business men and property owners should remember that their fire department is not paid, and that a liberal response to the call for tournament funds, is after all but a small return for services rendered.

Reports from a number of the most prominent hoggrowers of Lane county are to the effect that most of the hogs lice have been destroyed, and there is but little danger of them doing any injury to the hop crop. Spraying has been resorted to in nearly all yards under cultivation this year, and many growers have gone through the spraying process thoroughly three times, and nearly every yard has been sprayed twice. The prospects now are for a good crop and a good price.

The residence of Mr. Ohrt, two miles from Tangeat, was burned to the ground Monday. The published account of the affair states that at the time "Mr. Ohrt was in the field, Mrs. Ohrt was lying on the lounge and the daughter was at work." This should be a warning to girls not to go working about the house while their mothers loaf on the lounge. It is the only case on record of the kind—and the house burned down.

F. H. VanNorden this morning received from his father, who is at the seaside, a full grown specimen of a "Stingaree" which he has displayed in the window of his jewelry store. It is all head but its stinger, or to be exact all stinger except its head. Looking at that horn-like stinger one can easily believe that if it was jammed into his system his first impression would be that he had been stabbed with a marlin spike.

Portland is disposed to find fault with Seattle because the latter has outfitted six men for the Yukon to her one. If she only knew it, Portland is fast losing a trade more profitable than that of the Klondike. Seattle is selling goods in large quantities in the Willamette valley, even as far south as Astland, and the trade of Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho is being absorbed by these same Seattle rustlers. They are underselling and out-generalling Portland at every turn, and unless our metropolis gets a move on, the grass will grow on Front street.

It has been claimed by bird fanciers that a China pheasant and a domestic hen would not cross. This theory has been knocked in the head by John Kerns of Philomath. Many months ago he secured a China pheasant cock, and a couple of bantam hens and placed them in an enclosure to themselves. In due season his patience was rewarded with a setting of eggs. Of this setting only one egg hatched, and it brought forth rather a queer looking little rooster. It is now six weeks or two months old and is as lively and strong as possible. China pheasants and domestic chickens can be successfully crossed. This fact was proven in this city last year by Dr. J. C. Gray, whose fowls while running at large cohabited with China pheasants and produced a handsome pair of hybrids.—Corvallis Times.

AN AWFUL ACCIDENT.

Mrs. C. A. Sharpe and Her Two Children Burned to Death at Arlington.

News reached here this morning of a terrible accident at Arlington last night that resulted in the burning to death of Mrs. C. A. Sharpe and two children.

Mr. Sharpe was almost crazed with grief and from him alone the particulars could be learned. He went home, he says, about 10:30 to 11 o'clock and went to bed, placing the lamp on a stand and as he supposed turning it down and out. He soon fell asleep, but was awakened by a light in his room, and discovered that it was on fire. As it did not have much headway, he ran out doors and got the garden hose, thinking he could soon put it out, but returning was horrified to find the door, which had a spring lock on it, had closed. He ran to the back door, but here the fire was in control. Hurrying back he broke in the front door, but by this time the whole interior of the house was a mass of flame. The firemen were soon on hand and prevented the building burning down, but were too late to save the wife and children, who were suffocated and badly burned, though, as we understand, not beyond recognition.

Mr. Sharpe was the manager for J. W. Smith & Co., in their big mercantile store, and both he and his wife were leaders in the Methodist church work, and were among Arlington's most respected citizens. Rev. R. Warner received a telegram from Frank, brother of Mr. Sharpe, this morning to come up, and left this afternoon.

Nothing has ever happened in Gilliam county to cause such general sorrow, and sympathy cannot assuage the grief of the wifeless and childless man, whose self chidings are said to be heart-rending.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S FIRE.

The Michelbach Building on Second Street Burned.

A fire alarm at 12:30 Wednesday night brought the slumbering Dallesites hurriedly from their beds, and the fire had gotten such headway that its location was easily discovered, it being the frame building back of the Union street lodging house on Second street. The Jackson cart got first water from the O. R. & N. fire plug at the corner of Union and Second, having a full stream playing on the fire in less than five minutes after the alarm was given. In a few minutes the other companies had streams playing, one from the company plug on First street, one from the engine and one from the city hydrant. The fire was soon under control, but it hung on persistently, refusing to be put out. The building is partitioned into many small rooms, which prevented the water reaching all parts of it, and underneath was a couple of cords of stove wood, which burned fiercely.

At one time the shingles on Mrs. E. M. Wilson's house caught fire, but was extinguished with a bucket of water. A big burning shingle fell on the roof of the Columbia hotel, but it, too, was soon taken care of.

The building belonged to the Michelbach estate, and was insured for \$1000 in the Hamburg Bremen Co. It was occupied by Mrs. Brittain, who used it as a lodging house. She was away at the time, and whether the furniture was insured we are unable to learn. Coming as it did in the middle of the night, nothing was saved from the building, and a lady who was lodging in the house came near being seriously burned. As it was her hair was singed, and she was nearly frightened to death.

The origin of the fire is a mystery, though the indications are that it caught from the stove in the northeast corner basement room.

The building was hard to get at, the companies using from 600 to 650 feet of hose each.

As is usual at fires some ludicrous things occurred. Joe Bonn rode his wheel to the fire, and although it has rat-trap pedals, did not discover that he had started without his shoes until he hurt his feet on the rocks.

At one time the nozzle on the hose from the engine nearly got away from the boys, and they all piled on it until it looked like a struggle at a foot-ball match.

This morning at an early hour, while assisting in putting out the slumbering embers, Mr. Schooling slipped and fell, cutting his wrist badly on a piece of broken glass.

The members of the fire department deserve praise for their quick response and the business-like manner in which they went to work.

Good Economization of Words.

The latest story in railroad circles is about Mr. Flannigan, a section boss. His superior was Mr. Lannigan, to whom Mr. Flannigan made his reports. These reports he was in the habit of writing out at great and unnecessary length until he was finally advised by his boss to use more brevity in making them out. Some time after there was a small freight wreck on Flannigan's section, in which one or two cars were ditched. The wreck was cleared up by Flannigan's crew, and when the chief section boss received the report it read as follows: "Mr. Lannigan: Off again; on again; gone again. Flannigan."

We sell Hoe Cake soap.—Pease & Mays. a3-2m

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I WANT BLACKWELL'S DURHAM AND NO OTHER. SEE?
 GENUINE DURHAM
 You will find one coupon inside each two ounce bag, and two coupons inside each four ounce bag of Blackwell's Durham. Buy a bag of this celebrated tobacco and read the coupon—which gives a list of valuable presents and how to get them.

BIG STRIKE AT SPARTA.

Specimens of Free Gold Quartz as Rich as Clondyke.

J. A. Wright, the merchant, and Mr. P. L. Kelley, of Sparta, arrived in Union at one o'clock Monday morning, bringing with them chunks of ore carrying big pieces of free gold which were picked from a newly discovered ledge a mile and a half south of Sparta. The find was made on Sunday by a man known in the Sparta locality as "Kanaka Sam," who has been employed in Mr. Wright's store. A boy riding on horse-back in this locality on Sunday also found the out-cropping of an extension of this new ledge and picked out with his fingers \$7.50 in gold.

Claims have been located by J. A. Wright, P. L. Kelley and "Kanaka Sam." The find has caused no little excitement and a big amount of the quartz has been boxed up for shipment direct to the mint. It is estimated that it will weigh at least \$40,000 to the ton, but of course no one as yet knows how extensive it may be.

There is a well settled conviction in the minds of all practical mining men that there is in the Sparta vicinity a rich feeder ledge to the placer deposits of that district which have yielded perhaps a million dollars in the last thirty years. Some day this mother lode will be uncovered and Sparta will become one of the prominent mining camps of the world.

COMING EVENTS.

- Oregon State Volunteer Firemen's Association, The Dalles, September 6-8.
- Methodist Episcopal Columbia River conference, Pendleton, Or., August 25.
- East Columbia conference of the M. E. church, South Oakesdale, August 26-30.
- Kittitas County Teachers' institute, Ellensburg, August 23-26.
- Joint teachers' institute, Kootenai and Shoshone counties, Rathdrum, Idaho, August 16-20.
- Spokane fruit fair, October 5-11; H. Bolster, secretary.
- Oregon Press Association, Baker City, October 14-16.
- Kittitas County Teachers' Convention, Ellensburg, August 23-26.
- Inland Agricultural Association, Ashcroft, October 12-13.

- Vessels will sail from Seattle for Dyes and Skagway on the following dates:
 August 7—Steam collier Willamette.
 " 7—Excursion steamship Queen
 " 8—Barge Ajax, with horses.
 " 8—Ship Clondyke.
 " 9—Steamship Mexico.
 " 10—Steamer Detroit.
 " 12—Steamship Topeka.
 " 12—Steamer Rosalie.
 " 17—Steamship Al-ki.
 " 22—Steamship Queen.
 " 23—Steamship Mexico.
 " 27—Steamship Topeka.
 September 1—Steamship Al-ki.
 Will Porter Hang?

Unless the governor can be induced to commute the sentence of Kelsay Porter, he will undoubtedly be hanged at the

Big Drop in Prices of Bicycles.
 The season is getting late, and to close out our stock now on hand we have marked them down to
Less than Cost
MAYS & CROWE.