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**LOCAL BREVITIES.**

Saturday's Daily.

Valley papers keep calling for hop pickers.

The Dalles public schools will re-open on Monday, September 13th.

The Harrisburg Review has suspended, and the editor announces that the plant is for sale.

Wheat took a decided tumble in the big markets yesterday, dropping from five to six cents from the previous day's quotations.

The grain fleet now in or on the way to Portland, consists of fifty-eight with a carrying capacity of 106,410 tons, or in round numbers, 35,000,000 bushels.

Earl P. Stanley, a well-known young mining expert committed suicide in Whatcom last Wednesday by taking ten grains of morphine in a glass of water.

The East End absolutely refused to furnish an item of any kind today. Even Justice Filloon's law mill was not grinding, and the stock yards were empty.

J. E. Lathrop writes a very vivid description of the Chilkoote pass to the East Oregonian. He thinks but few of those encamped at Dyea and Skagway will get in this summer.

The longshoremen at the dock in Whatcom were getting \$3.50 a day, but they struck for higher wages recently. One of the men said they didn't know why they struck or what for, but they just struck.

The cannery at Marshfield received a few hundred salmon, Monday, but was not quite prepared for packing. Charles Johnson sent up sixty-eight chinooks from the lower bay, but the largest number was received from one boat.

The first consignment of Corvallis fruit and vegetables, direct for Alaska, will be shipped to Skagway. It will consist of apples, pears, plums, potatoes, prunes, etc., and will be shipped to Portland tomorrow.

Enough threshing has been done in Sherman county thus far to enable a calculation as to acreage. Fall-sown runs from twenty to forty bushels per acre; spring twenty to thirty, volunteer ten to sixteen, says the Moro Observer.

The beach is covered with wood and still it comes as fast as the fleet of scows can bring it. This morning a big scow has been trying to sail up against the current, and the wind and water are so evenly balanced that she has made less than a mile in five hours.

Burglars have been busy lately in Marysville, Snohomish county. The Arcade hotel was broken into Sunday night, and a quantity of provisions

stolen, and Monday night Swinnerton's store was broken into, and the cash register, in which there was no cash, was taken.

A single tree in the dooryard of Mrs. Dalaba, on Third street, Corvallis, this season yielded 900 pounds of Bartlett pears. The fruit was picked Monday, and is to be shipped East. If 1 cent per pound is realized the net profit from the tree will be a very good showing for the fruit business in Oregon.

The Haller Shingle mill, recently burned at Arlington, in Snohomish county, is being replaced by a new one. New machinery, with the exception of the boiler, will be purchased and the new plant will be an improvement on the old one. It will be a double blocker, with a capacity of about 120,000 per day.

In another week those Dallesites who are now at the beach or in the mountains will begin to wander home again, and those of us who didn't go away will be really glad to see them. We are not moved by malice or jealousy, and are glad other people enjoyed the seaside, even though we had to stay home and assist in keeping the thermometer on the earth.

Fruit shipments just now are large, plums and prunes being the staples, with melons running a good second. The sidewalk in front of the commission house and express office is jammed every night with great piles of boxed fruit. We note that shippers are packing their fruit in good shape and this is the most sensible thing they can do. It is the eyes that select, the appearance that sells.

The Dalles City will leave Portland tomorrow morning at 4 o'clock, and will bring up the visiting congressmen and party, fifteen in all. They will examine the locks and then come on up to The Dalles to examine the obstructions at the dalles, and there take the train for the East. Credit is due Sheriff Driver for his efforts in securing the Dalles City for the party.

Lena Collingsworth, a Tennessee woman, quarreled with her husband a couple of months ago and vowed she would not eat until he acknowledged his error. He proved stubborn, so she stuck to her word and fasted for fifty-eight days. When she died the husband had not yet concluded to acknowledge he was wrong, but he certainly must have appreciated his wife's firmness of character.

The Dalles National bank is paying out its first dividend of twenty-five per cent. There are many claims not yet proved, and those who hold them should make their proof at once. All that is necessary is to fill out blanks furnished by the receiver and swear to the accounts. This can be done in the bank and costs nothing. Claims unproved cannot be paid.

Another load of huckleberries amounting to forty gallons arrived in town from the "patch" this morning. The berries were brought in on a couple of cayuses and a Siwash. This luscious fruit is exceedingly plentiful this year, and the bushes are loaded as they were never known to be loaded before. As a consequence the price is way down, in spite of the return of prosperity, and all can afford to eat them as well as to put up a supply for winter.—Skamania Pioneer.

Word was received here yesterday that John Parker of Hood River died at his home yesterday afternoon. Mr. Parker had suffered for a long time from cancer

of the stomach, which was the cause of his death. He was an exceptionally good man, one the community can ill afford to lose. He leaves a wife and two children, and a long list of friends to mourn his loss. He was a member of Riverside Lodge, A. O. U. W., and several members of the order went down this morning to attend the funeral, which took place today.

Congressman Hooker, chairman of the committee on rivers and harbors, and Sherman, of the committee of Indian affairs, will be here tomorrow, coming up on the Dalles City and arriving about 2:30 o'clock. Senators McBride and Congressman Ellis and Tongue will accompany them. The Commercial Club has made arrangement for showing the visitors around, the committee being composed of the following: Hon. A. S. Bennett, J. W. French, E. S. Huntington, Chas. Hilton, T. A. Hudson, W. Lord. An engine and car will be placed at the disposal of the visitors, and they will examine the obstructions to navigation above here.

News has been received at the police station to the effect that William Devine, who left Portland on the steamer Eugene as foreman, fell overboard on the way up to Puget sound and was drowned. Particulars of the affair have not as yet been received, although there is no doubt that it was an accident. Devine was for a long time on the police force of this city. His beat was in the North End, and being a powerful man and full of courage, was a factor in keeping peace in that part of the city. He was known as "Handsome Billy," and was well liked by his associates and acquaintances. He was made to realize the uncertainties of the official life of a policeman several months ago, and when the Klondike fever broke out in this city he was affected. He secured a berth as fireman on the Eugene, and started away for the gold fields in high spirits.—Telegram.

Monday's Daily.

Prah, who shot Dan Maloney, came in from Camas Prairie Saturday afternoon, and surrendered to the sheriff. He is now in the county jail.

At Lyle last night about dark, there was quite a shower, and at the Locks there was a heavy sprinkle. Here there was a sprinkle, but that was all.

C. D. Nickelsen, of Hood River, was admitted to the Methodist conference at Pendleton, Friday, having passed a fine examination, and was ordained Sunday.

A dispatch received last night at 5:15, from Weather Observer Pague by Local Observer S. L. Brooks, says: Heavy rains expected in Columbia river valley, Monday and Tuesday.

At the residence of Mrs. Schenck there will be a meeting of St. Paul's guild, on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. It is hoped every member on the roll will be present, as important business is to be transacted.

Mays & Crowe received a telegram from Tacoma this morning, saying that the Pickaninny missed the train at Seattle yesterday and consequently cannot reach The Dalles until 1 o'clock tonight. The proceedings are thus postponed for one day.

Much complaint is being made of that piece of road between the top of the brewery hill and the winehouse. The road is siding, the bed rock coming to the surface. With a little work done on that part of the road, the farmers say the

balance of the road would cause no trouble.

A quarter of a block of wooden buildings in Seattle, on Jackson street, burned last Friday. In the block was a barn used by the Mason & Pullen Transfer Company. Five horses were burned to death.

The hobo nuisance has become so great in Palouse and Garfield that those cities have employed additional police force. The harvest fields in that locality are badly in need of men at good wages.

P. O. Pulsifer, who lives on the middle fork of the Newoukum, in Lewis county, lost his house and all its contents Tuesday morning by fire. There was no insurance, and all is total loss to him. It is supposed the fire originated from sparks from the stove.

Frank Heater, in a fit of despondency, attempted to commit suicide yesterday in the Salvation Army barracks by stabbing himself in the breast. The knife struck a rib and glanced downward. We understand the reason given by Heater is that Dan Maloney was his best friend, and now that he is dead he does not care to live.

Jack Prah was taken before Justice Filloon this morning for his preliminary examination for the killing of Dan Maloney. Judge Bennett appeared for him. The examination was waived and bonds were fixed at \$3,000. These were furnished, it being understood that his brother deposited the money to secure his bondsmen, who are H. M. Beall, Geo. A. Liebe, Louis Rorden and H. C. Nielsen.

Mr. G. W. Phelps will leave tonight for Heppner, where he will engage in the practice of the law. We understand that there is now only one attorney there, and that consequently the opening is a remarkably good one. Mr. Phelps will occupy Congressman Ellis' office and will have the use of his library. His brother Elks here have arranged for a farewell party in their hall tonight, and he will take with him to his new home the best wishes of everyone in The Dalles.

At New York Saturday, wheat took a tumble to about 10 cents below the top price of a few days ago, and the market was dull with prices ranging from 94 to 95. It is said that favorable crop reports from the Northwest had something to do with the drop. If so, the price will soon go up again. With the best of weather conditions the yield will hardly be up to the estimates, and the best of these leave the world with more than 300,000,000 bushels shortage.

The University Cleft Club, which gives one of its concerts Wednesday evening in the M. E. church, comes very highly recommended. Miss Caughran has few equals as a reader. Mr. Claypool says: "The music rendered by the Cleft Club is without flaw in harmony; is artistic in expression, and the voices blend perfectly." The concert is given under the auspices of the Epworth League, and will, no doubt, attract and delight a large audience.

Tuesday's Daily.

Prosperity struck the street sprinkler today, and it is taking a rest.

The steamship Portland is to be armed with a rapid-fire Maxion gun, to protect her against Chinese pirates.

Santa Fe, New Mexico, has a board of trade composed entirely of women, and it is said to be remarkably successful.

The Good Templars will serve ice cream and cake in the Bunnell building, next to the land office, tonight. It will cost only 15 cents a dish.

Don't fail to hear the University Cleft Club tomorrow evening at the M. E. church. Tickets will be on sale at the door. Admission 25 and 15 cents.

The celebrated Pickaninny band will entertain the public free at Mays & Crowe's store this evening, at 8 o'clock. They are little, but they are dandies.

The Duchess d'Uzes has some 14,000 bottles of Champagne in her cellar in Paris, and as many more in her wine rooms at Rhines. This indicates that the Duchess d'Uzes her wine sparingly.

It is only a matter of a few days until Wasco has railroad communication with the balance of the world. The Columbia Southern is rapidly nearing completion and will move Sherman's wheat crop this year.

The private school conducted by the Misses Taylor, will open Monday the 13th, in the lecture room of the Baptist church. Children from 4 to 10 years of age will be taught. Pupils will also be received in special studies.

Those Pickaninnyes are well worth hearing, and also seeing. Each of the little fellows resembles the Nile in that they have deltas instead of mouths, and one look at them reminds one irresistibly of the dreamy summer in Peach-blow Paradise.

Umatilla county's wheat crop will be worth more than \$3,000,000 and its other crops more than \$1,000,000. This is a better showing in proportion to the number of people interested than the Klondike, or any other gold fields have ever made.

D. C. Christie, of North Yakima, has sold the horse Ben L. to C. W. Wilmot, for a consideration of \$300. He has no record, but has traveled a mile in 2:17, and has made the last quarter in a four-

mile heat in 0:31½, which is a 2:05 gait. His sire is White Prince, by Tamolian, and his dam is Julia, by Rifleman.

It is probable that the annual firemen's tournaments will be discontinued for some time. The Dalles boys feel that they have been treated shabbily by the neighboring towns, and will take no further part in the meetings, and as most of the other towns seem to feel the same way, the outlook for future meetings is far from encouraging.

Another load of huckleberries, amounting to 40 gallons, arrived in Skamania from the "patch" the other morning. The berries were brought in on a couple of cayuses and a Siwash. This luscious fruit is exceedingly plentiful this year, and the bushes are loaded as they were never known to be loaded before, says the Skamania Pioneer.

Dr. Herzhberger's experiment in fig-growing in Adams county, has proved very satisfactory to himself. One tree, scarcely twenty-eight inches in height, has borne an even three dozen figs, most of which were cut off before they ripened. A few, however, were allowed to ripen, and they were of a very large variety and excellent flavor.

The court house is as quiet as a country churchyard, no marriage licenses no nothing. Taxes are coming in slowly, and none of the guests at the hotel Driver have expressed any intention of leaving before October. At the recorder's office there isn't even a d. d., and in the East End, while there is considerable business, there is nothing to make news items.

The improvement of the Alsea river, in Benton county, begun in June, is about half completed. The work consists chiefly in blasting out and removing rocks in the stream so that scows laden with freight from the Alsea valley can be navigated to the Alsea bay. About six men are employed in the operations, and a great amount of blasting has been done. Charles Church, of Portland, is the contractor.

The profitable result of hard work is shown in the instance of Johnny Hogan, who left North Yakima last year with little money, but plenty of determination, and took up a sagebrush ranch near Toppenish, says the Yakima Herald. This year he has 2000 bushels of wheat for sale, and will be able to pay for his ranch, meet all expenses and have money left over.

The average mean temperature for the past ten days has averaged about as mean as it was possible. A week ago today a person felt that a barrel or tub was about the only garment a fellow was safe from getting lost from himself in, as he perspired from every pore; and now the wind whistles around a fellow's thinly-clad system as though it were bent on a mission of warning from the glaciers of Chilcoote pass.

Three four-horse teams laden with plunder such as is generally found in emigrant outfits, came across from Klickitat county this morning. The owners were probably bound from some place they did not like, to some other place which they will "like worse" in the course of a year, and then they will move again. Once the moving habit is acquired, the desire to gather moss or spend time in incubating ceases.

"Sandy" Thompson, Wallawa county cattleman, delivered 700 head of 2-, 3- and 4-year-old steers in Elgin last Tuesday to C. N. Thompson, of Chicago. The steers were weighed at Enterprise, and the purchase price is not made public, although it is known to be better than 2½ cents on foot. The sale amounts to about \$20,000, and about winds up Mr. Thompson's stock interest in Wallawa county. He expects to go to Prineville before long.

The Oregon delegation seems very slow about making recommendations for federal appointments. It looks now as though nothing would be done in the matter until congress meets, unless it is to select successors to the district attorney and marshal. These offices become vacant next month. The fight made for Judge Fee for the former office has served to unite forces against Mr. Driver, who wants the marshalship, simply because Fee's friends think both offices will not be filled from Eastern Oregon.

**THE DAINTY MULE.**

**He Will Drown if He Gets Water in His Ears.**

Mr. S. G. Hart of Colorado is on his way to Skagway with twenty-nine mules which he will use in packing across the White pass. We fear Mr. Hart's venture will prove unprofitable.

A mule resembles a woman in a great many respects besides its ability to kick without cause, and that one trait common to both critters, that "When they will they will, depend on't, and when they won't they won't, and that's the end on't," is what will cause Mr. Hart trouble. A mule is great on the pack as long as he is on good solid ground. He can hump his back and climb a hillside like a cat, but when the ground is soft he is a different bird. His feet are small and he knows it. Once get him on soft ground and down he goes on his belly and there he remains until his pack comes off. This is especially true of him in the snow or in the water. Once get a mule down in the water, if it is no deeper than his knees, if he gets water in his ears he will drown. Going

from Sunshine into Bodie, six miles, many a mule has been drowned on the mountain side where they would get off the beaten snow into the slush on the upper side of the grade.

The Oregon cayuse is the animal for the Alaska trails, and will go where the dainty footed mule can neither be driven, coaxed nor dragged. As an article of diet this winter honors are probably about as good as they can get, and this will be the principal use for them until next spring.

Farewell to G. W. Phelps.

Monday night about forty couples, including the Elks and a number of invited guests, met at Elks' hall to spend a social hour, bid good-bye and extend their best wishes to one of their number, G. W. Phelps, who left on the 1 o'clock train for Heppner, where he enters into law partnership with Hon. W. R. Ellis.

A short, but excellent program had been hastily arranged, consisting of a solo by Miss Myrtle Mitchell, recitation by R. H. Lonsdale, solos by the little Misses Kelsay, dialect recitation by J. H. Hampshire, and clarinet solo by Mark Long. Dancing was interspersed with the program, and was thoroughly enjoyed as the evening was cool and the dancers just in the mood to enter heartily into the first dancing of the season. At 11 o'clock, the usual hour for remembering absent brothers, after forming the circle of Elks, F. W. Wilson, in a few remarks spoke feelingly of their regret at parting with Mr. Phelps and bade him God speed in the name of the order, when all drank to the departing brother.

As the clock struck 12 Mr. Phelps, in a very appropriate manner, thanked the members and his friends for their good will, and said that words could not express the regret he felt at leaving his Dalles friends, and after which shook hands with and bade him good-bye.

**Congressional Visitors.**

The Dalles City arrived from Portland Sunday afternoon, making a special trip for the congressional party, consisting of Congressmen Hooker of New York and Ellis and Tongue of Oregon. Congressman Sherman, also of New York, was to have been of the party, but sickness prevented. The Commercial Club had arranged for the recognition of the visitors here, among other things an engine and car being provided for carrying the party as far as Celilo, that all might see the character of the obstructions to navigation, but in some manner this part of the program miscarried, though Mr. Hooker was taken up on an engine. He being the chairman of the committee on rivers and harbors, was very anxious to have a personal knowledge of the conditions here. Quite a number of friends accompanied the delegation on their trip up, and several went down as far as the Cascades to meet it.

The Dalles City left about 2:30 for Portland, taking Ellis and Tongue and several Dallesites, and the balance of the party left on the Spokane flyer for the East.

**DIED.**

In this city, Monday, Aug. 30, 1897, Lewis D. Ainsworth, aged 28 years. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock, unless other arrangements are made upon hearing from relatives.

Lewis D. Ainsworth was born in Iowa in 1869, and first came to The Dalles March 1, 1890, accepting a position in French & Co.'s bank, which he held until compelled to give it up on account of sickness. In 1893 he was married to Maggie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rowland. He was taken sick soon after the firemen's tournament in the fall of 1893, the disease soon developing into consumption. In 1894, accompanied by his wife, he went to Arizona and after a year or more there without receiving permanent benefit, went to Hawaii, returning to The Dalles last spring.

He leaves, besides his wife, a little daughter aged about 3 years, a father and mother, a sister and two brothers, and a large circle of friends.

**Money Enough.**

General Bufield discussing the gold discoveries in Alaska, says: "If I were a young man," he said, "I should get about a seventy-five ton schooner at Seattle, take supplies and engage the services of a first-class prospector. Then I should cruise along the southeastern part of Alaska, in what is called Alexander archipelago. There are a number of islands there and more gold lodes than at any place with which I am acquainted. The mining would not be 'placers,' but the ore can be gotten out very cheaply and being directly on the sea, the transportation amounts almost to nothing, except the time spent."

The general overlooks the fact that a young man with money enough to buy a seventy-five ton schooner, hire first-class prospectors and carry out his suggestions, has money enough and does not need to go to Klondike.

There is nothing so thoroughly appreciated by the ladies during the hot weather as a delicious dish of genuine ice cream. The Elite candy factory serves just that kind. Also soda, ice cream soda and milk shake. a5-tf