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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Monday's Daily.

Two daring footpads were captured in Portland last night after an exciting chase.

John Lindsay of Olympia arrived from Dawson City yesterday. He says there will be starvation there this winter.

Thomas A. Davis, one of Portland's pioneer druggists, died at his home at 380 1/2 Morrison street, at 2:30 Saturday morning.

Last night twelve hobos were given lodging in the city jail by Nightwatchman Wiley, and discharged this morning with the understanding that they move on at once.

The four boxes of cigars given at the Umatilla House alleys on Christmas day for the four highest scores, were won by John Bonn, William Birgfeld, Louis Comini, and Wm. Murphy.

Few persons realize the fact that two-thirds of the cigars manufactured are made in dirty Chinese pest holes and filthy tenement house factories. Protect yourself by smoking Fouts' cigars.

The scores at the club alleys for the week ending yesterday, were as follows: Monday, N J Sinnott 59; Tuesday, O. Birgfeld 52; Wednesday, N J Sinnott 60; Thursday, C Johnston 65; Friday, C Johnston 55; Saturday, Fleming 63; Sunday, Chas Frank 54.

The Oregonian announces the engagement of Miss Laura Knowles and Mr. Frank Somerville. Miss Knowles is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knowles, and is widely known in Portland. Mr. Somerville is a son of Hon. John Somerville of Hay Creek, and has many friends in The Dalles.

Following were the high scores at the Umatilla House bowling alleys last week: Monday, W. Birgfeld 56; Tuesday, Sid Kelly 68; Wednesday, F. Pundt 55; Thursday, H. Zirka 63; Friday, Chas. Dell 52; Saturday, John Bonn 63; Sunday, J. Fleming 58.

Friday night the watchman's attention was called to some trouble in front of Frank's saloon, and when he arrived on the scene he found two lads of about 16 years of age, fighting for dear life. He arrested the two combatants and they were released on bail to appear before the city recorder today.

A pugilistic combat occurred Saturday night between a couple of bloods who seemed to have had too much Christmas. They were brought before Recorder Sinnott this morning and the one who started the row was fined \$10, while the other, who it seems was rather roughly handled, and who did nothing more than defend himself to the best of his ability, was discharged.

The Excelsior Dramatic Company will give their last performance at Vogt opera house this evening, the play chosen for representation being the popular and stirring melodrama, "Ticket of Leave Man." The piece is staged under the supervision of P.J. Duggan, of Morosco's grand opera house, San Francisco, and we understand the company is seen to better advantage in it than any play in their repertoire.

John Duffey, an employe of the O. R. & N. at this place, got into an encounter with one of the waiters at the Columbia Hotel, named Story, last night, and today he is confined to his room with a bad cut in the back of his head, which he says Story inflicted with a hatchet. Dr. Hollister sewed up the gash and the patient is doing nicely. He seemed intent on having his assailant pushed to the full extent of the law, but as yet no arrest has been made.

On January 21st Joseph and Gus Bonn, two enterprising young business men of this city, will enter into a partnership with Peter Stadelman, the present proprietor of The Dalles Commission Co. Shelving is being put in the commission house today, which will be filled with a stock of groceries that will rank second to none in the city, either in the quantity or quality. As the Bonn brothers have established a reputation for being able, honest and reliable business men, it is a foregone conclusion that they will meet with their share of success in this venture.

Harry Martell's "South Before the War" drew one of the largest houses of any entertainment that has been in the city for a considerable time, and had it been given on any other occasion than Christmas Eve, there would not have been standing room. Many who would have gone on any other evening, did not care to leave their homes and families on the eve of Christmas to attend an entertainment. The musicians, singers and comedians were masters in their respective lines, while the contortionist

was simply marvelous and did everything but tie himself into a knot.

The same old story of how a Chinaman got the worst of it in an encounter with a mischievous youth was repeated this afternoon. The encounter occurred on the club corner. Some trouble arose, and the Chinaman, in order to scare the lad, who was a stout chap of about 17, made a motion as if he would draw a knife, when he received a stunning blow on the nose, and the blood on the wall near by and sidewalk told too plainly how effectual it was. The lad made a hasty retreat down Front street, followed by the marshal and the injured Celestial, and according to latest reports, made good his escape.

The first four games of the tournament between the club men and the outside bowlers were played Saturday afternoon at the club, and resulted in a victory for the outsiders of thirty-six points. Much interest was taken by everyone, and while it was going on the club rooms were crowded with spectators, who were anxious to see the result of each game. Judge Bradshaw has the honor of making the highest average of any bowler who took part in the tournament, it being 41 1/2. Tonight four more games will be played on the club alleys, while the last eight games will be played on the Umatilla House alleys Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Tuesday's Daily.

Weather—Tonight and Wednesday, occasional rain and cooler.

A solitary unfortunate graced the city jail this morning. He was charged with being drunk and disorderly, and as he readily put up the required five dollars, he was discharged.

The ladies of the Good Intent will have for sale, in the New York store on Thursday and Friday, all sorts of pastry. All friends of the society are invited to contribute cooking.

A report from Wasco states that on Sunday night the safe in Marsh & Meddler's drugstore at that place was blown open and \$900 stolen. No arrests are reported, and nothing definite could be learned.

Yesterday one of those disagreeable errors escaped the eye of the proof reader. In speaking of the Bonn Bros. going in as partners in the commission house, it should have read that they would do so on January 1st instead of 21st, as the account had it.

W. H. Wilson returned from a trip to Baker City this morning. He states that Baker is by far one of the loveliest towns in Oregon, and that he has great expectations from the mines in that vicinity, and asks no longer than next summer to have his statement verified.

Rev. Wm. Baltz and wife arrived in this city from Dakota this morning. Mr. Baltz is the gentleman who will in future be pastor of the Christian church in this city, and he will begin his labors next Sunday. He comes highly recommended and there is no doubt that he will give entire satisfaction.

Yesterday Constable Hill went out after the children of R. F. Wickham. Their case will be put before the county court, and should it so decree, they will be sent to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society in Portland. It seems that the parents have separated and that the children are not getting proper care or training. At the time of going to press Mr. Hill had not returned, and there is a probability that he may have trouble to get possession of the children.

Yesterday at Oregon City, George Gibson had the honor of beating the world's record in bowling, says the Telegram. He bowled two games of cocked hat on a regulation sixty-five foot hardwood alley, scoring seventy-two the first game and ninety the second, beating the world's record, which was eighty-seven, held by a Tacoma bowler.

Last night Nightwatchman Wiley arrested the man who assaulted John Duffey with a dangerous weapon, which which was probably a hammer, and placed him in the city jail. He gave his name as Daniel Barclay, and seemed to think that he was not guilty of any offense. He will have a hearing at 3 o'clock this afternoon before Justice Filoon. A. A. Jayne appearing for the state, while Roger B. Sinnott will be the attorney for the defense.

Mr. Geo. Liebe received from his son, Theodore, who is attending the Parson's Horological Institute in Peoria, Ill., an escapement which was made by him, and required nine weeks careful labor. This is a contrivance which connects the train of wheel work in the clock with the balance, giving to the latter the impulse by which it is kept in motion. It is an exceptionally neat and artistic piece of work, the bridge representing a steel horseshoe and anvil, while the rest is made of brass, set with jewels, and reflects great credit on the young mechanic.

The men who have secured the use of the rock crusher are getting out rock and making other preparations to begin work in a short time. Property owners who desire to improve the streets can secure this crushed rock at a very reasonable rate, and by such improvements do a great service to the city. Much has been said about the useless expense that was put upon the city when the rock crusher was purchased. Give it a fair chance, however, and it will

prove to be a better investment than anyone thought, and our city will be benefited by the experiment.

Some fault was found last night at the way the Excelsior Dramatic Co. rendered the "Ticket of Leave Man." We must, however, consider that the company was handicapped in a number of ways. While in Portland they had trouble with one of their leading characters, and almost an entire change had to be made when he was let out. Since that change they have not had sufficient time for practice, so that the plays could not be put on properly. Besides the attendance was such as to thoroughly discourage them and keep them from playing their best. We must admit that last night's play was not exactly as good as it might have been, but allowance should be made for the actors taking parts with which they were not familiar.

In Honor of Fred Drews.

A pleasant party was given last evening in honor of Fred Drews at the residence of his parents. The rooms were beautifully decorated with ivy, ferns and flowers. Games were indulged in till 11 o'clock, when a dainty lunch was served, which they all enjoyed. Bean bag and pinning the tail on the donkey were played, the first prize for bean bag being won by Frank Sandrock, the booby by Miss Bertie Glenn. Fred Burchdorf knew where the donkey's tail belonged, and captured the first prize, while Mamie Goetz of Portland won the booby by being the farthest away.

The party broke up in the wee sma' hours, all well pleased and happy. Those present were as follows: Misses Bertie and Edna Glenn, Minnie and Nola Goeßer, Christine Phirman, Lizzie Ebrek, Lizzie Bates, Mamie Goetz, Agnes Bates of Portland, Pauline Drews, Mrs. E. C. Drews, Messrs. Will Van Bibber, Frank Sandrock, Chas. Grip, Harry Rummy, Will Hoering, Fred Drews, Ernest Drews.

A Former Dalles Boy Married.

The People's Advocate of Colfax has the following to say concerning the marriage of a former Dalles young man, whom his friends here will join in congratulating:

"Chauncey H. Moore and Miss Flora M. Smith were married Wednesday evening at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. E. R. Barroll, in this city, Rev. H. P. James officiating. Only the relatives of the high contracting parties were present. The bride was becomingly robed in a dress of white organdy trimmed with lace and ribbons, and carried a bouquet of bridal roses. During the evening the happy couples were serenaded by the Colfax band, of which Mr. Moore is a member. The groom is Colfax's popular grocery and commission merchant, and the bride has made friends of all who have met her since coming to Colfax from Des Moines, Iowa, a year since."

A Serious Fall.

At about 3 o'clock yesterday morning James Lowery, an old man who chops wood for a living, was walking over the Mill creek trestle, when he fell off at a point where it was about thirty feet high and broke his hip bone, dislocating the joint. After falling he lay about three hours before he was discovered by one of the railroad boys who was passing that way. He was taken to the Umatilla House and Dr. Hollister called to attend to his injuries. He found his patient in a critical condition, as he is about 70 years old, and the shock and exposure proved almost fatal to him. As he has not sufficient money to pay his expenses, he was taken to the poor house today.

No one being on the spot at the time of the accident, little can be said about it more than that he was intoxicated and probably wandered aimlessly across the trestle to the place where he fell.

MRS. NOLAN DEAD.

She Passed Away Peacefully Christmas Morning.

Mrs. Margaret Nolan, widow of Richard Nolan, passed peacefully away at 6 o'clock Christmas morning. She came to The Dalles in 1851, making this place her home ever since, and must consequently be recognized as one of our early pioneers. She had been failing for some time, but did not seem to be suffering from any malady, and her death must be attributed principally to old age.

She leaves one son, Lawrence, to mourn her loss. She joined the Catholic church and has been a faithful member ever since.

Her funeral was conducted from the Catholic church Sunday and was attended by many friends and acquaintances of the deceased, who paid their last respects to a kind mother, a charitable friend and a respected neighbor.

Card of Thanks.

To the friends who were so attentive and kind to my mother during her illness, and who after her death did so many necessary services, I desire to express my heartfelt thanks. I shall always remember you kindly and gratefully.

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"THE CREDIT MAN."

His Duties Are to Protect Large Concerns from Imposition on the Part of Unknown Customers.

The functions of a credit man are not generally known to the public, but he is in many respects the most important person employed by a mercantile concern. Briefly, he is supposed to be informed concerning the commercial standing of every firm or individual with whom his own house has any dealings. He is a kind of walking "Bradstreet's," and the firm for which he works has the exclusive benefit of his investigations, his knowledge and his experience. It does not trust to him alone, of course, because in the case of a large house there would be rather more than he could attend to. The regular mercantile agencies are depended upon for a certain amount of information, usually that which concerns the oldest and richest corporations, about whose solvency there is commonly no question. The credit man may, however, if his employers suspect a necessity for it, be called upon to probe still further than the regular agencies go, in order to make assurance doubly sure.

When a would-be buyer from some remote part of the country presents himself to a firm to which he is entirely unknown, he is introduced at once to the credit man. The latter receives whatever credentials the stranger has to offer, and if he is satisfied that the house will run no risk in selling to him he states the fact, and his judgment is accepted. Various considerations determine the amount of security which a new customer is required to show, and not infrequently it is stipulated that he shall have a real estate backing which is known to be responsible. The credit man also figures out at once the largest amount of credit which can be granted to the new buyer, this being determined according to the figure at which he is rated.

Subsequently, as he runs up bills for goods, they all pass under the credit man's watchful eye, and if it is found that the customer is close upon his credit limit the last purchase is often held until it is proved to a certainty that its delivery will entail no loss to the firm. This process of keeping track of every buyer's limit imposes a never-ending task upon the credit man, and it is one which requires delicate handling, too. While great caution is necessary, there must be as few needless suspicions as possible, for these are often the means of driving away perfectly trustworthy customers, who feel themselves insulted by the reflection upon their financial methods.

In cases where there is good ground for believing that a customer will bear watching the credit man's investigations are very thorough. He inquires as to the private affairs of the buyer in question; finds out as nearly as possible the amount of his income, and how his money is invested, and keeps an eye as well upon the way in which he lives and spends. With every precaution, however, there are many losses, and it is the business of the annual convention of credit men to discover better ways each year of protecting mercantile interests.—N. Y. Tribune.

DEATH DUE TO FALLING WIRES.

More Persons Killed by These Than by Railroad Accidents.

We have recently had an opportunity to examine a batch of newspaper clippings giving accounts of accidents due to the falling of electric wires. These clippings cover the months from May to September, inclusive, but it is not to be supposed that we have found in them reports of all or nearly all the accidents of that character which have taken place. We have found enough, however, to show that the matter is a very serious one.

We find in the five months reports of 122 accidents due to falling trolley wires. In 11 of these accidents 12 persons were killed, and in 28 of them 31 persons were injured and in 18 of them 24 horses were killed. During the same five months we find reports of 40 accidents from falling electric light and telephone wires, showing that 9 persons were killed in 9 accidents and 27 were injured in 22 accidents, and 7 horses were killed.

The nature of the accidents is very familiar; that is, a broken live wire falls into the street and a passer-by steps on it or picks it up and gets a shock which is often fatal. We thus find, during this period, a total of 21 fatalities resulting from falling live wires of all kinds. At this rate of mortality, if it were kept up, 50 persons would be killed in the year. In 1895 there were 38 passengers killed in train accidents on all the steam railroads of the United States, so far as we have been able to ascertain. It appears, therefore, that more persons are killed by live wire accidents than are passengers in railroad train accidents, and the difference might be still greater if complete statistics of the former were obtained.

There have been widespread and persistent efforts made by the public in various ways and for many years to minimize train accidents by legislation and by agitation in the press and by investigations and recommendations on the part of railroad commissions, but the serious mortality due to live wire accidents does not appear to have attracted much attention from the public. There are simple and obvious means, which we suppose are not very expensive, for preventing accidents of this class; but until the public realizes the seriousness of the situation and the practicability of remedying it probably little will be done. We suggest this subject as an interesting one for the daily newspapers.—Railroad Gazette.

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