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LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Wednesday's Daily.

Mr. M. A. Moore returned from Portland yesterday, where he purchased two double bowling alleys, which he is having shipped to Prinelle. He expects to have them ready for service in a short time.

A special bulletin received from Portland this afternoon states that the jury brought in a verdict in the Epping and Watson case this morning. Epping was found guilty of the crime charged, while Watson was acquitted.

The case of the United States vs. Senfert Bros. is set for the 24th inst. This is the case in which the government sues for a right of way for the boat railway through Senfert Bros' property. This will be the third trial of the case in the United States court.

Tickets for the Elks' ball are selling rapidly, and we do not doubt for one moment that it will be a success in every regard. It lies in the power of everyone to assist in making it such, and it is to be hoped no one will be slow in so doing.

A rumor was current today that Neil Boyer, Al Davis and Gus Brown, three Dalles boys who left some time ago for Alaska, had been drowned in the rapids of the Yukon river. Nothing definite could be learned concerning the matter, and we hope that it will prove to be a false report.

A special bulletin received at noon today stated that Mark Hanna was elected senator this morning by joint ballot. The particulars are very meager, and do not even state the majority which he received. The news was a surprise to everyone, as it was not expected that he would meet with success this early in the game.

The Excelsior Dramatic Company, which rendered "Hazel Kirke" and the "Ticket-of-Leave-Man" in such a tame manner a short time ago in our city, after a hard struggle gave up the attempt at Union, Union county, Oregon, a few days ago, and at present the members of the company are speeding to their respective homes as best they can without funds.

Mr. Ash, the Cascade Locks merchant, went to the Yukon with a party of miners last fall. The party took up claims on one of the gulches, and found some gold but not in as great quantities as they had expected. Finally Mr. Ash came home and virtually abandoned his interest in the claims. The miners who went with Ash sent word recently that they had got as high as \$12 per pan on the claims that he was disgusted with, and had as good prospects for riches as any of them. There is great jubilation at the diggings, but Ash could not quite

figure out whether the boys would regard him as an outsider, now that good fortune had rewarded their perseverance, or whether they would concede a few millions to him in recognition of his services.

Yesterday the workmen began laying ties over the new bridge, and had they sufficient timber to go ahead with the work, it would be a matter of but a short time until it would be completed. The stringers used in this work are unusually large and are sawed from only the choicest logs, so that it is a difficult matter to get them, and it is this alone that delays the workmen. It is said by people competent to judge that this will be the finest bridge on the O. R. & N. line.

Yesterday's snow was not sufficient to make sleighing enjoyable in this place. A few sleighs were on the streets today, but the majority of them came from the surrounding country, where the snow is much deeper than it is here. In the Dufur vicinity fine sleighing is reported, which would go to indicate that in that section they got a greater share of snow than we. Yesterday old and young had hopes of enjoying a turn on the ice or a delightful sleigh ride, but the clear warm day which we have enjoyed has frustrated these hopes.

Thursday's Daily.

Marriage license was today issued to Alton H. Cummings and Miss Laura L. Wickham, both of Hood River.

John Leslie recently bought 120 head of lambs, including a few yearlings, from Henry Hughes, of Lost Valley, Gilliam county, for \$2 a head.

License to wed was issued in Portland on Tuesday, to W. L. Nichols and Annie Urquhart, both of this city, and aged respectively 24 and 30 years.

The bridge gang are all laid off today waiting for lumber, and until such time as it arrives, the men will be forced to stand their own expenses and receive no recompense, which makes them feel rather discontented.

J. H. Baird, formerly a real estate man of Tacoma, concerning whom the Tacoma Daily Ledger printed an article on or about December 5th last, has begun suit for libel against the paper, demanding \$10,000 damages for defamation of character.

J. L. Harper, late of the Nez Perce News, has assumed editorial charge of the Oakesdale Sun and the editorial column bears the names of Lanning & Harper as editors and publishers. Mr. Lanning, who has published the Sun for several years, retains the business management of the paper.

It is expected by everyone that our men and maidens will turn out tomorrow night in costumes of the finest. The ladies especially are endeavoring to look their best, and that they will succeed we doubt not. We hope, however, that neither the ladies nor the men will spend so much time arranging their toilet as to make them late for the grand march, which begins at 9 o'clock sharp.

The three gamblers who held up and robbed of \$600 three others, who had beaten them out of the money at the gambling tables in Bourne, in Baker county, are supposed to be in hiding near that place. It is thought that their sympathizers will help them to escape.

The property owners along Second street are doing meritorious work today. Several teams are hauling the crushed

rock from the quarry on the brewery hill and putting it in places where it is needed along the street. This is the season for such improvement, and we are sure it will prove a good investment.

The careless way in which the town cows are allowed to roam about the city urges us to remind the owners of these bovines that if they do not keep them where they belong the pound-master will be forced to take charge of them, and the fee that they will have to pay will force them to take better care of their cattle.

Mr. Tony Charing died at the home of his parents in Oregon City Sunday, Jan. 9th, of consumption, after an illness of three months. He was well known in this city, having been employed in the barber shop of his half-brother, Julius Fisher, for some time, and later running a shop of his own in the East End. His friends will learn of his death with deep regret.

It was officially announced Tuesday that the steamship Oregon would leave Portland on her first trip to Alaska on the evening of Sunday, January 23d. She will carry the first installment of the government relief expedition, consisting of eighty-six men, 100 mules and 200 tons of freight. Major Jacobs, chief quartermaster at Fort Vancouver, was in Portland Tuesday afternoon, and completed all the arrangements for the transportation of the government expedition. Dyea will be the port of embarkation. Of course the Oregon will carry much more than the government will send on this trip, and her accommodations to the full limit are open to the public.

Friday's Daily.

Weather—Tonight fair; Saturday probable rain and warmer.

It is hoped that dancers who are to take part in the grand march, will be on time this evening promptly at 9 o'clock.

On next Saturday evening the Salvation Army will give a representation of their work in Chicago slums. An interesting meeting is expected.

Tonight Elder Boltz will speak on the subject of "The Valuation of the Soul Compared to Worldly Possessions." These meetings are growing in interest and much benefit is being derived.

M. J. Rader, one of Antelope's stockmen, is in the city today. He reports stock of all kinds wintering in fine shape so far, and stockmen are jubilant over the fine weather we have been having and the prospects for so mild a winter.

The train from Spokane was several hours late today, arriving about 1:30 p. m. in place of the usual time, 9:30 a. m. The delay was caused by the Great Northern train, with which the Spokane train connects, being behind time.

The private car of President Mohler of the O. R. & N., was in the city today. It carried President Mohler, Superintendent O'Brien and Mr. Campbell. They are looking over the construction work which is being done between this place and the Locks.

The First Eastern Oregon District Agricultural Association draws \$1500 per annum from the state for district fair purposes. Since the passage of the law of 1889, by mutual consent, the fairs have been held in rotation, as follows: Baker City, La Grande and Prairie City. It was Baker City's turn this year, but, in spite of the existing verbal agreement, W. G. Hunter, representing Union county, and having proxies from Mal-

heur and Wallowa, voted in favor of La Grande as the place for holding this year's fair. Baker City people say they will probably advocate the repeal of the law under which the appropriation is drawn. La Grande would have been regularly entitled to the fair of 1899.

M. C. Ford of Dawson is in the city today. He is here for the purpose of purchasing horses to take to Alaska. He wants in all twenty-four head, twenty of which he wants for packing, the other four having to be draft horses. As soon as he can secure what he wants he will take them to Dyea and use them in transporting supplies.

The railroad track in front of the Baldwin Opera House was the scene of activity this morning. Several carloads of large timbers arrived for the new bridge, and a crew of men were engaged until 9 o'clock in unloading them, after which time the bridge gang set to work in earnest preparing them to be put in place on the bridge.

Prof. A. W. Lundell arrived from Heppner today. He is a post-graduate in voice culture, harmony and vocal music. He intends remaining in this city and organizing classes in these branches. He was formerly a member of the "Alps Quartet" of Albany, which was so well known in the valley. He can be found at either Jacobson's or Nickelsen's music store by those desiring instructions.

BAD FOR TAFFE AND KILFEATHER

Walker, the Go-Between, Creates a Sensation.

In the case of the United States vs. I. H. Taffe, J. W. Walker, S. C. Bratton and Edward Kilfeather, indicted for conspiracy to commit a crime against the United States in endeavoring to corruptly influence a petit federal jury, and for conspiring to cheat and defraud the United States in endeavoring to secure an exorbitant verdict in the Celilo boat railway condemnation proceedings, set for trial in the United States district court this morning, it was the unexpected that happened. As was predicted, the application of Edward Kilfeather for a separate trial was denied. This was no surprise, but when it came to the arraignment of Defendant Walker, and in response to the question of the court as to what his plea was, he promptly entered a plea of guilty, there was a surprise. Such a move on the part of Walker was not anticipated, and Attorney Rufus Mallory, who had been employed in his defense, promptly withdrew. Kilfeather and Taffe were perhaps as much taken by surprise as any one, and their minglings as to the outcome of the case by reason of this unexpected turn of affairs, were plainly depicted upon their countenances. Defendant Bratton, who had furnished the information upon which the indictment was returned, and by reason of his confession doubtless expects to have leniency shown, also entered a plea of guilty. This left Taffe and Kilfeather but little ground to stand on, but the trial proceeded, nevertheless. The two defendants were represented by Rufus Mallory, Chester V. Dolph, Richard Nixon and Henry E. McGinn, while United States District Attorney John H. Hall, Assistant C. J. Schnabel and Special Counsel J. C. Moreland looked out for the interests of the government.

The tactics of the defense were evidenced when it came to the introduction of testimony. The first witness called was Captain J. A. Shaden, clerk of the United States court, through whom it was sought to introduce the pleadings in the condemnation proceedings for the right of way for the boat railway over Taffe's land, tried a year ago last December, and the court records pertaining to the trial of the case. Attorney Mallory objected to the introduction of the pleadings and then also to the question as to whether or not a jury had been regularly impaneled upon the trial of the condemnation proceedings. As an objection to the latter question he raised the hair-splitting point, which should properly have been raised in a demurrer to the indictment that under the statutes of the United States it was no crime to conspire to corruptly influence a jury. The statute makes use of the words juror and jurors and he contended that it could not be assumed that it meant jury as well.

The court, however, promptly overruled this technical objection, holding that two jurors could constitute a jury and that consequently the word jury covered and included the words juror and jurors. The defense was allowed an exception to the ruling and the records were admitted in evidence. Up to noon only a portion of the records had been read.

The charge against Kilfeather and Bratton was that they accepted a bribe to return a large verdict in favor of Taffe in the condemnation proceedings for the right of way over his land. Walker is alleged to have acted in the roll of go-between, while Taffe, the interested party, is said to have produced the bribe consisting of promissory notes.—Oregonian.

In Olden Times.

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects, and were satisfied with transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently overcome habitual constipations, well informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system. Buy the genuine made by the California Fig Syrup Co.

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THE ELKS' BALL.

Extensive Preparations in the Way of Decorations and Otherwise.

Thursday's Daily.
Never before have such extensive preparations been made for a ball in this city as are being made for that of the Elks tomorrow night. All the committees are doing their utmost towards the success of the ball, and the committee on decorations is almost surpassing itself. In the center of the hall is a large cluster of electric lights with purple globes, and from those to each corner reach streamers of white and purple bunting, the Elks' colors. Other streamers with the stars and stripes are draped in all directions from the centerpiece, making up the whole the most beautiful effect that it has ever been our good luck to see. On all sides one is greeted by a profusion of elks' heads, while a magnificent elk is placed on the front of the stage. Ever point on those numerous pairs of antlers will be lit by colored electric lights, making them appear beautiful in the extreme. The floor will be in perfect shape for all who wish to dance, while all the spectators will be furnished with seats and treated with all courtesies by the committee.

Thirteen new selections are being practiced by the orchestra for the occasion, and the music will be the very latest.

County Court Proceedings.

The petition of E B Wood and others for county road, was considered and allowed.

Petition of G E Johnston and others for county road was set aside to be considered Tuesday, February 1st, at which time the viewers will hold meeting.

In the petition of H C Hengst et al for county road, Henry Prigge was appointed viewer and J B Goit surveyor, to meet February 1st.

The petition of J B Rand was dismissed.

O S Waller's petition for road of public easement was considered and dismissed.

Petitions for appointment of road supervisors were made by G P Barrett et al, H Stoneman et al, H W Taylor et al, and A M Newell et al.

In the matter of the petition of James A Knox and others for county road, S Arnold, W M Jackson, and J Wilson were appointed viewers, and J B Goit surveyor, to meet at commencement of road February 2d.

The Woolen Mill Question.

We notice in Tuesday's Oregonian that a representative of a syndicate who proposes to build woolen mills in the Northwest, thinks seriously of so doing in Portland. The property owners of the east side are trying hard to induce him to build such a mill, and are negotiating to donate such a site. Why this man should pick out Portland for such an industry, is more than we can see. Why not build in a town like The Dalles, where about 7,000,000 pounds of wool of different grades are annually unloaded from the freighters' wagons, and thus

save transportation to other points. We have all the requirements for mills and factories in the way of almost unlimited water power, as well as abundant fuel, and with freight rates almost terminal, in some cases terminal. We enjoy all these advantages and many more, and for that reason it seems unaccountable that a woolen mill has not been built here years ago.

If one enterprise of this kind were begun, outside capitalists would awake to the fact of The Dalles being a superior place as a manufacturing center and others will be induced to invest in like enterprises. Without doubt our property owners will do as much, and more, than those of any other city in the state towards donating a suitable site and offering their encouragement towards such an enterprise. If a move is but made in this direction, they will be successful.

EXTENSION WORK SOON BEGINS

Plans of the Tacoma & Columbia River Railroad—The Dalles the Terminus.
Colonel William Bailey, president of the Tacoma and Columbia River Railroad, who returned Sunday from a two month's trip to New York, Washington, St. Louis and other Eastern cities, reports that through the floating of the bonds of the company while he was East the projected road is placed in a condition to extend the line to its destination, The Dalles, on the Columbia river.

Mr. Bailey said that as yet there is nothing particular to announce in regard to the line, except that extension work will be begun within a short time and steadily pushed until finished.

"The talk about the immediate extension of the line by large Eastern railroads is scarcely to be credited at this writing," said Mr. Bailey. "This is no time for the Western lines to extend or build new lines, for the reason that many of them are just emerging from receiverships into reorganized concerns. A reorganized road must be run cautiously for a time, as reorganization incurs a heavy burden and some one must stand the expense.—Telegram.

An Interesting Meeting.

The meeting at the Methodist church Wednesday was full of interest. Rev. Wood selected as his theme "What is a Christian, and how shall I become one." He briefly answered the latter question in these words: "Confess our sins; he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness;" the latter by saying, "let us look at the testimony concerning Noah, 'He walked with God,'" and he then called attention to the truth given us by John; "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin," thus tersely showing to his audience what God had defined as a Christian. The usual after-service of prayer was solemn and impressive. Two persons expressed a desire to lead a Christian life. One very noticeable feature of the meetings is the number of men in attendance. A most cordial invitation is extended to all.

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