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Saturday's Daily.

A black astrachan cape, marked 'J. E. A.,' which was left at the opera house last night, can be had by calling at Harry C. Liebe's jewelry store.

A few days ago a long distance telephone office was established at Viento, a few miles west of this place, and Mr. Early, who is O. R. & N. agent at that point, will have charge of the office.

The funeral of the late George Harrison, who died yesterday morning, took place from Crandall & Burget's undertaking parlors this afternoon, and was attended by numerous friends of the deceased.

F. W. L. Skibbee, proprietor of the Skibbee Hotel in this city left on the boat this morning for Portland. Mr. Skibbee intends going to Skagway in a short time, and has gone to make necessary preparations. He will either rent or sell his hotel in this city and go into business of some kind in Alaska. What it will be he has not yet decided, and he may go into the mining districts; but at present he thinks that his future place of business will be Dyea or Skagway.

Harry Heppner of Heppner arrived in the city yesterday and spent the day shaking hands with his many old friends in this vicinity. Harry intends taking a trip to Klondike, but as he has not navigated in anything nearer to a water craft than a prairie schooner for a long time, he fears sea-sickness, and as an experiment he went down on the Regulator today. If the trial trip suits him, he will, in all probability, go to Alaska, and if he is not the Barney Barnetto of Alaska before many years hence, we will greatly miss our guess.

Last night a dance was held in the North Dalles corset factory building, and some of our young people decided to attend it. One genial young fellow in company with a young lady, started for this suburban resort with the hearts of both set on the pleasures they were about to enjoy, but where they had their eyes cast we do not know, as in going to their boat which was near the Regulator wharf, they advanced too far and with a splash, both fell into the icy water. As they rose to the surface he grasped her with one hand and a rope which chanced to be hanging from one side of the boat, in the other. Parties who were near by and heard their cries, fished them out, and they were the wettest pair of suckers that have been caught at the wharf for a long time.

Fen Batty left on the early morning train for Portland today, and rumor says that his object in going is to purchase Klondike supplies. Such is undoubtedly the case, as he has been making some extensive preparations of late. He has spent hours in training his favorite dog, 'Lord Fontleroy,' to drive with a jerk-line, and the remainder of his spare time was spent in looking up nice large canines suitable for the Chilcoot. We do not mean to say that he swiped any of those dogs, but we must admit that several disappeared very mysteriously, among them Billy Gribble's old dog, 'Shag.' Of course some unscrupulous sausage-maker may have taken them, but the sounds that were said to have been heard in the Umattilla House chicken coop a few nights since would have been sufficient to convince the loser where the most likely place to find a Chilcoot roadster would be.

Monday's Daily.

The site has been purchased for the 200-barrel flouring mill which will be built near Milton, in Umattilla county, near the O. R. & N. railway track.

Testimony for the defense is being taken today in the divorce case of English vs. English. Douglas Dufur is taking the testimony and acting as referee.

Two carloads of fine stall-fed beef cattle are in the stockyards today awaiting shipment. They were bought from Robert Mays by the Union Meat Co., of Portland, and will be shipped to their packing house at Troutdale, tonight.

Today Jim Benton left for Dufur, where he will be employed for some time in doing the plumbing in the club rooms at that place. We understand that the rooms are about completed and that they reflect much credit on the town.

The Christian church was again taxed to its utmost capacity last night. At the close of the sermon four were added to the church, making twenty-seven in two weeks. Tonight Elder Boltz will take for his theme 'Mind Your Own Business.'

The Ontario News says that A. J. Quackenbush dug a well on his ranch in Malheur county, a short time ago. He dug 82 feet and struck gravel. After going down three feet in the gravel he un-

earthed the remains of a prehistoric animal. The bone was examined, and it was concluded to be the second bone of the thumb of a man; if so, the man was at least 23 feet tall.

The high scores for the past week at the Umattilla House alleys were as follows; Monday, F. Pandt 60; Tuesday, J. Benton 59; Wednesday, F. Pandt 54; Thursday, N. Sinnott, 50; Friday, A. Johnson 46; Saturday, J. McCoy 54; Sunday, Estebennet 58.

Tonight a meeting of The Dalles Commercial and Athletic Club will be held in Schanno's hall, over Brown's grocery store, to consider the matter of giving a minstrel and vaudeville show in the near future. All members of the club are expected to be present.

The high scores for the week ending yesterday were as follows at the club alleys: Monday, Nolan and Tolmie, 61; Tuesday, Ketchum 57; Wednesday, Bonn, Sr., 53; Thursday, Phillips 55; Friday, Menefee 61; Saturday, Hostettler 54; Sunday, T. J. Seufert 52.

Parties who attended the meeting of the Northwestern Fruit Growers Association state that Wasco county had the finest display of fruit on exhibition. This is flattering for our county and should encourage our fruit-growers in their effort to raise fruit second to none in the land.

Workmen are putting in the stone crosswalk between French's bank and the Commission Co.'s today, and from all appearances it will be a great improvement over the old style plank walks. They cost about \$75 each, but they last much longer and are in need of little or no repairs, making them cheaper in the end.

The attendance at the M. E. church yesterday, both morning and evening services, were very good. The subject of the evening discourse was, 'The second coming of Christ to judge the world in righteousness.' This coming will be in all His glory, attended by His heavenly hosts. The eternal destiny of all men will then be fixed according to their works, whether they be good or evil. Three persons were received into the church. The meetings will continue during the week, commencing at 7:30. A most cordial invitation and welcome is extended to all persons.

Tuesday's Daily.

Weather—Tonight and Wednesday, rain.

Hay was selling in Ellensburg last week at \$14 a ton on board the cars. Receiver Powell last week, in Yakima, sold 900 head of the Snipes horses for \$5500.

Dr. Lannerberg wishes to inform his patrons that he will be in the city for a short time and can be found in his office at the usual hours. Anyone desiring to have their eyes examined will do well to call on him.

Sheriff Matlock of Morrow county went down on the boat this morning. He had in charge a crazy man, whom he was taking to the asylum in Salem. He was accompanied by one of the friends of the insane man.

Attention is called to the fact that in all school districts throughout the county special meetings for levying school tax, under the new law, must be held during the month of January and the returns sent to the county clerk on or before February 1st.

This morning the pile-driver crew moved down the road to bridge 144, between tunnels No. 1 and 2, near Mosier, where they will do some repair work on that bridge. In a couple of weeks they will be back to this place to drive piles for the O. R. & N. wharf and incline, opposite the coal bunkers.

Today we received a letter from Tygh Valley stating that a fifty-barrel flour mill, made by the Case Co. of Columbus, Ohio, for F. S. Gordon of Tygh is now in operation, giving perfect satisfaction. This is a complete mill in every respect, having a reduction and flow system identical in every detail with the system of the largest mills made.

A large and interesting meeting of the minstrel boys, was held last night. Harry Lonsdale was elected chairman and committees appointed to arrange different matters so that work can be begun as soon as possible. Nothing definite can be said, however, until the committees have performed the tasks imposed upon them and reported concerning the same.

J. B. Ivey, collector of customs for Alaska, passed through this city on last night's train. He has just returned from a 4000-mile trip up the Alaskan coast, and tells some fabulous stories about that country. He says that it will take a century at least to fully explore and prospect that land of wealth. Mr. Ivey is at present on his way to Washington to attend to some government affairs.

We understand that Charles Kohler of this place, who is making preparations to go to Klondike, has chosen to buy his supplies at home, rather than in Portland, and Pease & Mays were kept busy yesterday getting his outfit together. Price lists have been sent here by persons who have gone to Portland to get outfits, and the manner in which the merchants of that place charged for goods was outrageous. Out merchants have everything that anyone contemplating a trip to the gold fields could desire, and persons getting outfits would

do well to buy at home, for Portland merchants have little scruples about overcharging strangers. We hope that people in this vicinity will take advantage of these suggestions, and in this way save money and at the same time patronize our home merchants.

A letter was received from B. Rothermie, who was in jail in this place a few years ago for several offenses, and who, before he left, succeeded in duping a number of our townspeople in a remarkably smart manner, in which he states that he is in the queen's service in Melbourne, Australia, and that he has an abundance of funds. He states further that he intends sending money to pay up all the debts which he left unsettled, which news will be encouraging to some of our people to whom he owed considerable sums.

A private letter was received yesterday from John Arndt, who is at present in Seattle, and whom many of our people will remember, since he was for a number of years engineer at The Dalles Packing Company's cannery near this place. He states that he is going to leave for the Alaska gold fields in a short time and before he goes he intends calling on his Dalles friends. He wants a number of dogs weighing over sixty pounds, and persons having such live stock to dispose of would do well to see him.

THE ELKS' BALL.

The Great Social Event of the Winter—Large Crowd and a Fine Time.

The saying that the Elks never do anything by halves was never better verified than Friday night at the grand charity ball. We spoke a few days ago concerning the decorations, and since that time many improvements were made in that line, so that the hall offered a more beautiful appearance than we predicted. Especially artistic was the stage decoration, the back of which represented a forest, with elk browsing among the trees. The front was bordered with palms and potted plants, in the center of which was a large elk's head, while from each antler was hung electric lights. In the center of the stage was seated the orchestra, and everyone present not only enjoyed the playing, but had a pride that such music could be furnished by our home musicians. Many of the latest popular airs were played, giving renewed zest to the dancing.

The lights were, with a few exceptions, purple, and the soft light cast by the many-colored globes had a very pretty effect. The grand march commenced at a few minutes past 9, and about a hundred couples kept time to the delightful music played by Birgfeld's orchestra. The march was led by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Blakely, under the supervision of Mr. Phillips. It was beautifully arranged, and from beginning to end there was not a blunder worthy of note. The floor was well filled with dancers, but it could not be said that it was crowded to the extent that dancing was not pleasant; on the contrary, everyone seemed to enjoy it to the fullest extent.

With scarcely a single exception the ladies who danced were attired in beautiful full dress costumes, while the majority of the gentlemen appeared in evening dress, so that the ball was as admirable in this regard as in others.

It was remarkable how many who usually do not care to dance, were so highly enthused that night. No matter what the number was, whether a two-step, a waltz, a lancers or a schottische, everyone joined in, and it was this spirit that made the party the enjoyable event and the social success that it was.

The Elks deserve much credit for the pains they took in making the hall what it was, and surely they must feel more than repaid by the success of the party. From a financial standpoint we can say nothing regarding it, since no report has yet been made; but we can remark emphatically that it was in every regard a social success, and a flattering one.

Another Interesting Meeting.

The meetings at the M. E. church are growing steadily in interest. A very quiet, attentive audience listened last night to the sermon by the pastor, who took for his text 'The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart; that is, the word of faith which we preach.' The preacher said: 'This is a progressive age. Many are saying, "Show us some new thing." What of this Christ? They would that one should ascend into heaven to bring Christ down, or descend into the deep to bring Christ up. By their theories men blind themselves to the fact that God has put in every heart sufficient knowledge to lead the way to Himself. If they would follow the light that is their's by birthright, it would reveal the Christ, the Anointed. The honest heart in penitence cries out for a promise, and always finds one sufficient for his help. The word of faith preached by Paul is this: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus; and shall believe in thy heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." God is no respecter of person, "For the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon his name."

Nearly all present responded to the call to come around the altar that they might receive the blessing from the Lord.

Bills Allowed.

Table listing various bills allowed for January term of the county court, including items like Chas Chandler, appraising road, W H Perry, do, H H Hibbard, do, A M Kelsey, salary clerk, etc.

DEFENSE VIRTUALLY GIVING UP.

Counsel Refused to Put Taffe and Killfeather on the Stand. Counsel for E. Killfeather and I. H. Taffe, on trial for conspiring to corruptly influence a petit jury, and for conspiring to defraud the United States by endeavoring to secure an exorbitant verdict in the Celilo boat railway right-of-way condemnation proceedings, virtually threw up the sponge yesterday, in refusing to put the defendants on the stand. Since J. W. Walker entered a plea of guilty, the defendants have had but little ground to stand on, and this has been demonstrated by the tactics pursued by their counsel. The greater part of yesterday afternoon was devoted to the testimony of C. S. Brattan, the juror who first confessed to the crime of having accepted a bribe from Taffe, and J. W. Walker, whose plea of guilty created consternation in the camp of the defense at the opening of court yesterday morning. Brattan again rehearsed the details of his meeting with Taffe, Walker and Killfeather in the back room of a saloon, and to the agreement entered into by him with Killfeather and Taffe to use their influence to secure a large verdict in consideration of \$5000. Walker is the man who brought Taffe, the alleged bribe-giver, and Brattan and Killfeather, the alleged bribe-takers, together. He drew up the notes that operated as a contingent consideration and in a general way engineer the deal. His testimony, though varying in details, was largely in corroboration of the story told by Brattan. Before the attorneys commenced with their argument, the court ruled that the objection to the first count in the indictment alleging conspiracy to corruptly influence a jury would be sustained, and that consequently this charge need not be considered by the jury. Judge Julius C. Moreland made the opening argument on behalf of the government. He was followed by Attorney Rufus Malory for the defense, and United States Attorney Hall will conclude the argument in behalf of the prosecution. A special bulletin received today says that the jury brought in a verdict in the above case of guilty of the crime as charged. McKinley Club Meeting. A meeting of the McKinley Club was held in the county courthouse Saturday night. L. E. Crowe presided, and it was well attended by prominent Republicans. The object of the meeting was to elect delegates to attend the Republican League convention, which is to be held in Portland in the near future. Following is the list of those elected: J C Hostettler, Fred W Wilson, G J Farley, Roger Sinnott, Frank Menefee, T J Driver, Thos Hudson, H H Riddell, Robert Mays, B S Huntington, W H Wilson, S S Johns, Chas Dietzel, A M Kelsey, C W Phelps, H L Kuck, B F Laughlin, E Jacobsen, Jos Bonn. Nominated in Wasco. Two city tickets have been placed in the field for the city election at Wasco, and excitement is running high. The election will be held January 31st. The tickets follow: People's—Mayor, George M Crossfield; recorder, W F Johnson; marshal, H H Walker; treasurer, V C Brock; councilmen, W M Booth, W M Reynolds, W A Marchie, L Clark, P L Kretzer and James Hoag. Citizens', or prohibition—Mayor, W M Barnett; recorder, E M Lealie; marshal, Angus Cameron; councilmen, W H Bigge, J E McPherson, L Clark, W S Clayton, W S Barzee and H Kraus.

DEATH OF MRS. MARY LAUGHLIN.

Passes Away Peacefully at Her Home in This City. At 2 o'clock Tuesday morning Mrs. Mary Laughlin, widow of William C. Laughlin, passed away peacefully at her home, on the corner of Third and Jefferson streets, in this city. Mrs. Laughlin must be reckoned as one of the early, if not the earliest, pioneers of the county. She came here with her husband in 1850, they having crossed the plains in the usual manner of those early days, and first took up a claim near Crate's Point, but the next year they abandoned it and moved to Hood River. In 1853 they moved to The Dalles, where Mr. Laughlin located a claim, on which the present east end of this city is built. She was 80 years of age, having been born in Shelby county, Kentucky, January 28, 1818. In 1832 she moved to Quincy, Illinois, with her parents, and was married to William C. Laughlin in that place in 1840. Shortly after their marriage they settled in Missouri, where their three children were born—Mrs. Elizabeth Lord and Mr. B. F. Laughlin, of this place, and James Laughlin, who was drowned in the Columbia some twenty years ago. Not only was Mrs. Laughlin one of the oldest residents in The Dalles, but one of the most respected and revered, and as one by one these early pioneers leave us, we feel the loss keenly, as to them it seems we were wont to look for guidance. It is always sad to see the young cut down in early manhood and womanhood; but even more do we miss the gray-haired mothers and fathers who have been with us so long a time. The funeral will take place from her residence at 2 o'clock today (Wednesday). Friends of the family are invited to attend. 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. THE WORLD OF TRADE. The city of Philadelphia is reported to have made a profit of nearly \$300,000 last year from its gas works. A lumber trust representing \$70,000,000 capital, has been formed on the Pacific coast. Prices will be advanced. French imports for 1895 decreased 152,000,000 francs and exports increased 310,000,000 francs compared with 1894. A sealing expedition is fitting out at Stonington, Conn., the first to go there in many years. Where the sealers propose to hunt is not given out. The apple exports of the past year amounted to 1,407,081 barrels, by far the greatest number of barrels exported in any one year. The Chesapeake oyster beds are rapidly diminishing in productivity. Fifteen years ago they furnished about 10,000,000 bushels of oysters. The product this year will not be more than 5,000,000 bushels. Starfish have caused immense damage among Connecticut oyster beds this season. One grower has spent \$8,000 in the last few months in an effort to check the ravages of the starfish, but with no perceptible results. What is believed to be the largest cargo of live stock ever shipped from this country was being taken aboard the Dominion liner Scotsman, at Portland, Me., last week, destined for Liverpool. It consisted of 1,500 head of cattle and 1,600 sheep.

Three Trainloads of.... STEEL SUPERIOR RANGES Have been sold already this year. All prices, From \$30.00 up. Eighty styles, from small family size to as large as wanted. There are more Superior Stoves and Ranges in use in this territory than all other makes of Stoves combined. This is conclusive evidence of the superiority of Bridge & Beach Co.'s celebrated Superior Stoves and Ranges. On sale at MAIER & BENTON, Sole agents for SUPERIOR Steel Ranges. THE DALLES, OREGON.