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LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Wednesday's Daily.

The secretary of the interior has dismissed the appeal of the State of Oregon from the decision of the land office, holding for cancellation the indemnity school section of lands in The Dalles land district of Oregon.

Sheriff Driver went to the Cascade Locks this morning with a bench warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Lambertson, charged with practicing dentistry without a license. She will be brought up tonight and have her hearing before the grand jury.

The grand jury brought in an indictment against James Morrell this morning, who is charged with larceny from the person of William Wiley. His case was brought up for trial at 11 o'clock and he withdrew his plea of guilty and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

At the penitentiary in Walla Walla there are 250 men working in the jute mill nine hours a day, making 7000 bags daily. In a few weeks they will be required to work ten hours a day, and the output will be increased to 8000 daily. There are now one-quarter of a million sacks on hand.

The tournament between the Umatilla House team and that of the Commercial Club will begin tonight at the club rooms. Both teams are in good trim and an interesting tournament is expected. The Oregon Road Club's team will be up tomorrow to roll the D. C. and A. C. team tomorrow night.

When the news spread over town this morning that the battleship Maine was blown to pieces in the Havana harbor, everyone who passed A. M. Williams & Co.'s window stopped and took a last glance at the exact representation of the magnificent vessel. The admiration of Mr. Jensen, the constructor of the vessel, has grown ten fold since the report. So much interest is taken in the Maine and Morro castle that spectators scarce notice the fine display of shirts, but no one can well afford to overlook this if price and quality be considered.

The committee that was out yesterday afternoon selling tickets for the foot ball game, which will take place on Washington's birthday between The Dalles and Willamettes, had very flattering success and in about an hour sold upwards of fifty tickets. This goes to indicate that an assurance can be given that sufficient tickets will be sold to defray all expenses.

C. A. Bunting of Lake county has forty head of cattle afflicted with some disease resembling pinkeye among horses, and he is at a loss to account for its spreading among his stock. At first he noticed that two or three head were

afflicted, and then it gradually spread until about forty of his herd now have the disease. The eyes of the animal swell and then it becomes blind.

The Heppner Lodge No. 358, B. P. O. E., are making great preparations for the ball to be held in that town on Washington's birthday. The Birgfeld orchestra of this place will furnish the music, and a rate of \$5.85 will be made for the round trip for a party of ten or more. It is expected that a number of Dalles people will attend, and if they do so, they can be sure of receiving a royal reception.

The funeral of Mrs. Bridget Fewer took place from the Catholic church this morning at 9:30. A requiem mass and funeral services were celebrated and a short interesting sermon preached by Rev. A. Bronsegeat. The funeral was attended by the sisters of St. Mary's Academy, with whom Mrs. Fewer had made her home for over fifteen years, and a number of friends of the deceased. Her remains were laid away in the Catholic cemetery.

Last night a special meeting of the water commissioners was held and a committee appointed to view the old mill property. The committee consisted of T. J. Seufert, J. B. Crossen, Simon Bolton and E. B. Dufur. The object in viewing the property was for the purpose of appraising its value, as the commission intends to dispose of the same. A report will be made out and published as soon as possible.

How often we hear the remark, "There are no songs like the old songs," which is undoubtedly true. On next Tuesday night Dalles people will be given an opportunity to hear them sung by the very best of talent. Solos, duets, quartets, and many features of an attractive character will be included in the program. The costumes, too, will be very attractive, and as the concert is to be given for a most laudable purpose, they should be greeted with a crowded house.

A meeting of the members of the Congregational church was held last night to vote upon the question of Rev. Curtis' resignation. About thirty members were present, and as it was the urgent request of Mr. Curtis that he might be allowed to resign, the majority of the people over whom he has been pastor for so many years voted that his resignation be accepted. So that in a short time our city will lose a man who by his acts and works, has gained the respect and esteem of everyone who knew him.

It has been some time since a single incident caused as much excitement and comment on the part of the people of The Dalles as did the report received this morning of the blowing up of the battleship Maine. At first it was taken for granted by everyone that the blowing up of the Maine was the work of the Spaniards and a declaration of war was looked forward to by all. The report stating that the explosion was purely an accident caused the excitement to abate somewhat, but as only meager reports could be received, all have been anxious for full particulars.

Last evening about 6 o'clock, when the wind was blowing almost a hurricane, the fire in Mrs. E. M. Wilson's residence caught fire and the sparks and flames were blown against the shingles, igniting them. George Brown, who was near by at the time, succeeded in getting on the roof and pouring a sufficiency of salt into the chimney to stop the flames,

and as they had not gained much headway on the roof, they were easily extinguished. It was very fortunate that the fire was put out in such good time, for had it got any start in such a wind, it would have been a difficult matter to have saved that part of the town.

On the night of February 22d the people of White Salmon intend giving a grand ball and supper for the benefit of a new wharf which is being built at that place. Tickets are for sale in The Dalles, and if a certain number can be disposed of, the Regulator line will take all who have tickets to White Salmon free of charge. In this way a free moonlight excursion can be enjoyed, and all who take pleasure in a delightful dance and a supper served by the hospitable people of White Salmon, can have all for the limited sum of \$1. Those intending to go should purchase tickets immediately, as but a limited number of passengers can be taken on the boat.

Mr. Fred G. Wonder, of the Chicago costume house, took the measures of those who are to take part in the production which will be put on by the Dalles Commercial and Athletic Club. Mr. Wonder has been in this line of business for ten years, and thoroughly understands it in every detail. To say that he has furnished costumes for almost every amateur performance that has been on the boards in Portland and other coast towns of importance is recommendation enough. He will have full charge of the stage and will bring all the scenery from Portland which will be required, and will be assisted by an experienced stage-carpenter.

Yesterday morning Rev. J. H. Wood received a telegram announcing the death of Rev. G. W. Barnhart, pastor of the Methodist church at Arlington. About six weeks ago Mr. Barnhart began suffering with a severe pain over the eyes, which developed into a serious brain trouble, causing his death. He was about 35 years old, and although among the youngest of the ministers in the Columbia river conference, he was one of the most energetic and will be sadly missed in the work. He leaves a wife and two children. Rev. Wood left last night for Arlington, to be present at the funeral, which takes place today. Presiding Elder Warren will also be present.

Thursday's Daily. It is reported that the O. R. & N. Co. will immediately begin work on a line to Lewiston, Idaho, from Wallula up Snake river.

Sheriff Driver took J. Morrell to the penitentiary at Salem this morning, where he has been sentenced to two years for robbing William Wiley.

Radiates, onions, lettuce and spinach of out-door-growth, which were raised right here in The Dalles, are in the market today. These are things that but few climates can boast of at this season of the year.

The scow Wasco, which was sold by Captain Donovan to the contractors who are furnishing rock for the jetty at Gray's harbor, was taken below this morning. The Interstate has also been sold to the same parties and will go below soon.

It is now a certainty that the football game between The Dalles and Willamettes will come off on the afternoon of Washington's birthday. The game promises to be well worth seeing and none should neglect going.

This afternoon the grand jury finished

the work before them for this term of court and were discharged. As no jury trials came up for hearing, the petit jury was also discharged. This was the shortest term of circuit court on record in Wasco county. A number of criminal cases were on the docket, but in each case the defendant plead guilty and received sentence without a trial.

The humble, but comfortable, dwelling of Indian Dave, an old fisherman who lives on an island about two miles above this city, was burned Monday afternoon, with all its contents, leaving the poor old fellow without anything but the rags he wears. He is in the city today endeavoring to raise a little money to rebuild his mansion, and a little assistance rendered in this way will be missed by none.

Companies A. and G. of the Fourteenth United States Infantry, left Portland Tuesday evening for Seattle, to board the steamer Queen for Skaguay, Alaska. The detachment consisted of 108 men and four officers. It came over from Fort Vancouver on the steamer Undine, landing at the foot of Taylor, going down Third to Gleason and out Sixth to Union depot. Passing through to the train shed the boys stacked their arms and waited an hour and forty-five minutes for their train to leave, at 5 o'clock. Then they had three tourist sleepers to themselves.

Elmer Green, who was charged with having robbed William Wiley, brought in a plea of guilty yesterday afternoon, and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. Henry Zweidler plead guilty of shooting a cow belonging to one of his neighbors, and was fined \$50. A true bill was brought in against William Lemon, but he did not appear, and his bonds were forfeited. A true bill was also brought in in the case of Mrs. Lambertson, yesterday afternoon, and her trial set for 9 a. m. today. A plea of guilty was entered and she was fined \$50, the charge against her being that of practicing dentistry without license.

Nearly every business house in Ger-vais, Marion county, Or., was burglarized Tuesday night. Entrance was effected in most cases by unlocking or prying open the front doors, though in a few cases rear doors were opened. It was the most thorough work ever heard of in the state. Although over a half dozen places were broken into, not over twenty dollars in cash was secured and some goods of little value taken. In each case they broke the tills open, and although the nightwatchman was on duty, he did not notice anything unusual was going on. There was no clue left by which the burglars might be traced, and, judging from indications, they were experts.

The river is rising very rapidly at this place and causing considerable inconvenience to people who have cordwood piled along the beach. Yesterday the rise was very perceptible, as it stood at exactly ten feet above low water. This morning it had swelled to 14.5 feet, and was rising rapidly. During three hours this morning it came up seven inches. Some of the cordwood along the beach is already floating, and if the water continues to come up, the owners of wood will be unable to remove it to higher ground before it is washed away. The fishwheel scows, which were beached above town are floating, and the appearance of things is considerably changed on the water front. Owing to the high water the D. P. & A. N. Co.'s wharf-boat was moved to the upper side of the incline this morning.

Friday's Daily. Football. Dalles vs. Willamettes. At the Fair Grounds on Tuesday, February 22d.

The weather forecast for tonight and Saturday is rain and cooler.

The local wheat market stands firm at 70c for club and 72c for first-class bluestem.

Marriage license was issued today to Herman Hoagland and Miss S. L. Bonner, both of Wasco county.

A private telegram received at Seattle from Nanaïno, B. C., says that the steamer Queen has arrived there from Skaguay, bringing confirmatory news of the loss of the steamer Clara Nevada.

The Populist and Democratic conference committees' session at Pendleton Wednesday agreed upon a basis of union in the county campaign, and will submit recommendations to the county conventions.

The funeral of Edith Schmidt, who died yesterday afternoon, will take place from the residence of her parents, on Third street, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. All friends of the family are invited to attend.

The scow Interstate was taken to Fisher's Landing today in tow of the Regulator, and will be used to transport rock to the government jetty at Gray's Harbor. This scow was purchased from J. T. Peters of this place.

It has been ascertained that the man who died at Medford Tuesday from internal injuries received near Central Point a few days previous, was Peter Nelson of South Bend, Wash. It is certain now that he was murdered.

Our football team is practicing every evening and are in splendid trim to put up a hard game. At any rate they will be able to make it very inter-

esting for the Willamettes, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to be present and cheer our boys on to victory.

Died, this morning at the home of Wm. H. Taylor in Dry Hollow, near this place, Archie, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Long, aged about 10 months. The remains will be taken to Brownsville and interred in the family burying ground of Mrs. Long's relatives, near that place.

The jurors were dismissed yesterday afternoon as all court business in which they were required had been transacted, and this morning the remaining business was finished and one of the shortest terms of circuit court on record in Wasco county, came to a close.

The divorce case of Inez F. Broadbent vs. F. M. Broadbent was tried in open court yesterday afternoon, and the decree granted, and by that decree two more hearts were made glad, or at least that is what one would be forced to surmise from the pleased look which the plaintiff bore as she left on the Regulator for her home this morning.

The river continues to rise, and this morning stands just eighteen inches above yesterday morning's mark. At 7 o'clock it stood at sixteen feet above low water. It is the supposition that strong chinook winds are blowing in the Blue Mountains and toward the headwaters, which causes the unusually early rise. If this continues there will be no danger whatever of high water during the summer months.

The tickets for the Old Folks' concert, to take place February 22d, will be placed on sale, beginning this evening, at the Snipes-Kinersly drugstore. The price of admission will be 50 cents for adults, with no extra charge for reserved seats. Admission for children, 25 cents; but when they occupy reserved seats they will be charged the full rate. The concert promises to be a splendid event, and all who attend can be assured a fine entertainment.

A special bulletin to THE CHRONICLE, which was received this morning, states that a thorough investigation into the Maine disaster is proceeding as fast as possible. Many rumors are afloat, however, that are not at all to be relied upon, and conclusions should not be drawn too rapidly. As soon as possible the wreck will be raised and the dead buried. Many men of prominence seem to be of the opinion that nothing short of treachery could have caused the accident.

Owing to the fact that the public sleeping places in this city will be inadequate to accommodate all the guests who will be in attendance at the Wool-growers Association which will be held in this city March 1st, 2d and 3d, anyone who has sleeping accommodations for one or more, will confer a favor upon the committee by reporting to Simeon Bolton, chairman. At least one hundred guests will be forced to seek sleeping quarters outside of the hotels, and we hope the people of The Dalles will not be slow about offering the necessary accommodations. The men who will attend this meeting will be gentlemen in every respect, and none need have any hesitation about entertaining them in their homes.

Business Announcement.

I have this day embarked in the business of a general insurance, real estate and house broker; and also collections and negotiating of loans. I respectfully solicit a fair share of the public patronage, my motto being "Strict attention to business." My office is with Dufur & Dufur, rooms 23 and 24, new Vogt block, The Dalles, Or., where I will be pleased to have my friends and others call and see me about any matters in my line. Respectfully,

15-1w W. H. BUTTS.

Cash in Your Checks. All county warrants registered prior to Nov. 22, 1893, will be paid at my office. Interest ceases after Feb. 16th, 1898. C. L. PHILLIPS, County Treasurer.

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BLOWN TO ATOMS

The Battleship Maine Destroyed in Havana Harbor.

THREE HUNDRED LIVES LOST.

Special to THE CHRONICLE.]

HAVANA, Feb. 16.—The U. S. battleship Maine was blown to atoms in the harbor here at about 10 o'clock last night, and it is now believed that at least 300 sailors lost their lives. All the officers are known to be saved except Jenkins and Merritt, who are missing.

So far as can be learned, the explosion took place in the magazine used for storing gun cotton for torpedoes. The explosion shook the city from one end to the other, and all electric lights were put out. Fire engines rushed about in every direction, and no one seemed to know from which direction the explosion came.

Captain Sigbee was on deck at the time of the explosion, which occurred in the bow of the vessel. There were 354 officers and men on board, and as near as can be learned less than one hundred were saved, and many of them badly injured. The wounded and dead were taken to hospitals and on board the Spanish man-of-war Alphonse III, which was in the harbor.

Captain General Blanco of Cuba cabled the authorities at Madrid saying the disaster to the Maine was due to accident.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Two members of the cabinet, who spent some time with the president today, state that everything so far received indicates the loss of the Maine was due to accident.

Captain Sigbee in a dispatch to Secretary Long states he is not prepared to express an opinion on this point.

There was intense excitement around the navy department early this morning, and those who had friends on board the Maine were eager for the latest bulletin. The department dispatched wrecking vessels to the scene at once, and no expense will be spared in caring for the wounded.

Later Reports Concerning the Maine.

A bulletin received Thursday morning concerning the destruction of the battleship Maine, states that the number of dead at present is believed to be 254. Orders have been given by the United States government for an immediate investigation so that the cause of the explosion can be ascertained without a shadow of doubt.

The rumor that the atrocity of the Spaniards is the cause to which the destruction of the Maine is due, is not without support, and it is hoped that the investigation which will be made as soon as possible, will bring the facts of the whole unfortunate affair to light.

The bulletin goes to state further that Captain Sigbee, of the ill-fated battleship, has said emphatically that the destruction of his vessel was not due to any accident.

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Notice to Contractors.

Bids will be received till noon Monday, February 21, 1898, at the office of C. J. Crandall, for the mason work on the Wasco Warehouse addition. Also bids will be received at the same place and time for the carpenter work on the same building.

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