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LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Saturday's Daily.

It was noticed at a recent gathering at the opera house in Eugene that almost all the ladies removed their hats.

Mays and Crowe's Warehouse is rapidly nearing completion and will be an ornament to our city when finished.

The crew of twenty-two Japs who have been repairing the O. R. & N. track near this place, went down the road this morning.

The Wasco public schools have made a cash contribution of \$12.36 to aid in the relief of the starving women and children of Cuba.

Yesterday morning the 10-day-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fortin of this place died while in a spasm, and was buried in the afternoon.

The following are the average scores made by the D. C. and A. C. bowlers in the match game with the Portland team: Tolmie 48; Houghton 44; Bradshaw 38; Ballard 36; Hostetter 32; Fillion 30.

The proprietors of the Monogram cigar store in Wasco were arrested Wednesday for selling liquor without a license. They waived examination. It is not probable that any action will be taken.

Work is being pushed to open Sixth street west from Federal. This is a needed improvement, and a considerable amount of rock will have to be taken out to make a good thirty-foot street.

Jailer Fitzgerald, who is noted for the splendid shape in which he keeps the lawn around the court house, is busily engaged at present digging up and planting grass and putting it in first class condition.

The Brunk boys, who own a number of sheep in Polk county, have some hounds so trained that when a dog kills sheep they follow his trail right to the owner's house. They find this method very successful.

One victim charged with being drunk and disorderly, was brought before the city recorder today and fined \$10. Of late our city has been very orderly, as this is the first man to appear before the recorder for over a week.

Today the foundation for the large two story addition to the Wasco Warehouse will be completed, and Monday the bricklayers will begin work on the walls. Work on the same will be rushed as much as possible, so as to have the building ready for this season's wool clip.

A business meeting of wives, daughters and sisters of Odd Fellows was held last night in the Odd Fellows' hall, and preparations made for the organization of a Rebecca lodge in this city. The meeting was well attended, and this lodge will be organized in the near future.

Finer spring weather than we are at present enjoying could not be desired. Grass is springing up on lawns, and on the surrounding hills the trees are beginning to bud. Everything indicates that this year in Eastern Oregon will be known as the one in which we have had no winter season whatever.

Owing to the fact that the Wool-Growers' Association will be in session during the 1st, 2d and 3d, the principal business houses have decided to put off collection day until the 4th inst. This is a commendable move, as everyone will, to a great extent, be kept busy by the working of the association.

Yesterday two men went to Mr. Page and informed him that they wanted to rent a boat to fish for salmon trout at the mouth of Mill creek. Mr. Page did not know the men, but nevertheless gave them the boat, with the understanding that they would return it in a short time. As yet they have not returned, and Mr. Page has concluded that they have taken this means of transportation down the river.

The club bowling team arrived home last evening, well pleased with the treatment they received at the hands of the Oregon Road Club. While they were there the alleys of that club were at their disposal, a splendid banquet was served after the game, and during the entire time that our boys were in Portland the members of the Road Club did everything possible to make it pleasant for them. We can assure them that such kind treatment will not soon be forgotten.

A little baby boy was left in the vestibule of the Presbyterian church Sunday evening, says the La Grande Chronicle, while Rev. R. M. Hayes was conducting services. His plaintive crying attracted attention and he was discovered. The

bright little fellow, who was wrapped in blankets, is about eight to ten days old, and was dressed in clean and good clothing, and has evidently had careful attention. Rev. and Mrs. Hayes have taken the forsaken one in charge, and will see that it secures a good home.

Monday's Daily.

Marriage license was issued Saturday to Mr. Lee Morgan and Miss Lulu Kelly, both of this county.

An attempt was made Saturday to assassinate King George of Greece and his daughter, Princess Marie.

Saturday night at an election of G. Co., Third Battalion, O. N. G., Lieut. J. F. Booth was elected captain.

A large band of sheep belonging to G. W. Smith was taken across the river today to summer ranges on the Washington side.

A government diver who has just returned from Havana says that he is satisfied that the explosion came from a torpedo or an underground mine.

The Democratic central committee for Sherman county met at Wasco Saturday and fixed the date for holding the primaries for March 12th, and the county convention for March 19th.

Saturday night Frank Rogers of Cascade Locks, was sent up to serve ten days for contempt of court. This makes four that were sent up last week for different charges from that place.

Mrs. D. L. De Wolfe this morning received \$2,000 from the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Her husband who was a member of that order, died about four weeks ago, and today the A. O. U. W. paid the amount in full.

G. A. Van Anda, formerly of this place, who for some time has been in the lumber business at Wasco, has sold out his plant at that place and returned to this city. He seems to think that The Dalles is still ahead of the booming town of Wasco.

The Kinross quartette of Portland came up on last evening's train and are at the Umatilla House. This quartet is acknowledged to be equal, if not superior, to any on the coast, and will take part in the program of the Wool-Growers' Association.

The high scores at the Umatilla House alleys for the week ending yesterday were as follows: Monday, C Johnston 69; Tuesday, C Johnston 59; Wednesday, C Johnston 62; Thursday, Maetz 67; Friday, J McCoy 54; Saturday, Maetz 63; Sunday, N J Sinnott 57.

Today E. E. Lytle, W. H. Moore, D. C. O'Riley and Chief Engineer C. E. Cooper left for a tour of inspection of the proposed Dalles-Deschutes and Dufur railroad line. After inspecting this route these gentlemen will be able to form a better opinion as to the cost and feasibility of such a line.

The high daily scores at the club alleys for last week (with the exception of Monday, when the score was not kept) were as follows: Tuesday, Houghton 67; Wednesday, Laughlin 63; Thursday, Grace Lauer 37; Friday, Mrs. T. J. Seufert 47; Saturday, C. Johnston 59; Sunday, Houghton 64.

Dad Butts is making the wool fly in the insurance and real estate business; noting wrong about this as tomorrow is the opening day of the wool-growers convention. Butts is a friend to the wool men and in fact to everyone and will do your business right. For further information see (small Bill) Butts.

A bulletin received today states that four men were paid \$10,000 for blowing up the Maine. The assertion is made by a New York journal, which states further that they obtained the torpedo from someone connected with the Spanish government. A Spanish military paper says we will have war in April.

Today the case of Pease & Mays vs. E. J. Edwards is being tried in the justice court. This is an action brought by the plaintiffs to recover \$36.19, which they allege is due them for goods bought by Edwards in their store. Huntington & Wilson appear for the plaintiffs while J. L. Story is the attorney for the defendant.

S. Sichel, the Prineville sheep-raiser, is in the city to attend the Wool-Growers' Association. Mr. Sichel says that shearing will begin about March 15th. At that time his company intends to shear about 15,000 wethers, so that they can be put on the range early in order to have them fat and ready for market in the early summer.

Mr. Wallace, of Sherman county, came down from Biggs this morning, bringing with him a full grown lynx, which was caught in a steeltrap by a Sherman county sheep man. It seems the lynx had been making inroads upon their sheep in that vicinity, and it is a relief to them to have it out of the way. Mr. Wallace is having a cage made for it and will take it to Portland where it will be disposed of. The animal is very vicious, and apparently nothing would please it more than to get a grip on its captors.

The members of the reception committee of the meeting of the Wool-Growers' Association are requested to meet at the club parlors this (Monday) evening at 7 o'clock sharp. The following named persons compose the committee: B. S. Huntington chairman; E. O. McCoy, Robert Mays, J. S. Schenck, W. H. Biggs, A. S. Bennett, W. P. Ketchum, H. S. Wilson, J. W. Lewis, A. M. Kelsey, B. F. Laughlin, T. J. Driver, J. B. Crossen, D. M. French, Z. F. Moody, T.

A, Hudson, W. L. Bradshaw, P. De-Huff, Fred W. Wilson, R. F. Gibbons, Geo. A. Liebe, John Michell, Frank Seufert and M. T. Nolan.

The residents of Sherman and Gilliam counties are joining hands in the building of a road across the John Day at the mouth of 30-Mile. This road will give the Fossil and Mayville people and outlet to the Columbia Southern R. R. at Wasco, and will also cause a great increase in trade in Sherman county towns. The foregoing was taken from the Antelope Herald. Our people should wake up to the fact that there are other places for the people of the interior to trade than The Dalles, and if the roads leading to this city are not repaired in the near future this assertion will be proven so that no doubt will be left in the mind of anyone.

Yesterday Frank French went to Portland to select songs and music for the performance which the club boys intend putting on in this city in the near future. He obtained many of the latest productions of Bratton and other leading composers, from Prof. Weber, the leader of the Marquam Grand orchestra. These selections are making a great hit and have never been put on in this city. He also secured several productions of Udall & Kennett, which have never been rendered before the public, and which those gentlemen have given permission to have sung in The Dalles for the first time. Mr. French has made a careful selection and there is no reason why the songs and music of this performance should not be newer and better than any that have yet been used before a Dalles audience.

Mr. J. B. Haverly of Dufur is in the city today. Mr. Haverly says that he was in Johnston Bros. store at Dufur a few days ago when a man came in wanting to buy a lantern. Mr. Johnston sold him one, and about this time another came in and bought an article of the same description. To Mr. Haverly's great surprise another and still another came in wanting a lantern, until fourteen had been sold, when he spoke up and inquired as to the cause of such a rush for those articles. "Why," said Mr. Johnston, "those men are going to attend the Wool-Growers' Association at The Dalles, and it is so dark in that town that it is not safe for strangers to venture out after supper without a light, since the council cut down the city's expenses by ceasing to use arc lights on the streets."

Yesterday Rev. Cephas Clapp occupied the pulpit of the Congregational church both morning and evening, and was listened to intently by large congregations. Mr. Clapp is one of those speakers who combine spice with logic, and throughout the entire discourse holds the attention of his audience, while he impresses them with his earnestness. His sermons yesterday were especially good; the morning subject being Jacob at Peniel, illustrating what the Lord will do for those who earnestly seek Him and submit to His will. In the evening the discourse was based upon the vision of Ezekiel in the valley of dry bones, showing the reward of those who trust in Divine promises. Rev. Clapp will remain in the city during the week, and meetings will be held each evening, to which everyone is invited and urged to be present.

Tuesday's Daily.

The Pendleton scouring and woolen mills last week received an order from a San Francisco firm for 500 Indian robes.

The streets are drying rapidly, and in a short time will be in a first-class condition if the present fine weather continue.

The Canadian Pacific lines are beginning to show the white feather, and desire the American lines to go back to the former rates.

A report was received yesterday stating that the British steamer Legislator was burned at midocean on February 16th. Six of the crew were lost.

Now is the time to get your bicycles overhauled and put in shape. We are prepared to do all kinds of bicycle repairing. Give us a call. Maier & Benton.

The big guns sent down the Columbia river a few days ago are now on the scow at Scarboro head, and will be unloaded as soon as the water is smooth enough.

A deadly epidemic is raging in Skagway. It is said to be caused by overcrowding and excessive labor. Nineteen deaths are reported and several hundred cases of disease.

The ladies of the Good Intent will serve clam chowder and sandwiches, doughnuts and coffee tonight and tomorrow night, in the old Bonnell building, on Washington street.

Pa Plata Sheep Dip, proven by every test to be the best non-poisonous fluid dip in the world; guaranteed to cure scab, itch, sore throat, lice and hoof-rot. Clarke & Falk, agents, The Dalles.

The steamer Mabel, the first of the Seven Devils Transportation Company's steamers, was launched at Huntington recently. The machinery for her has been received; and she will soon be put to work on the Snake river.

Manager George, of the George's University Students and Operatic Colored Minstrels that appear at the Vogt next Monday, was among the first to soften the old-time roughness of a minstrel performance by introducing ladies,

whose cleverly sung selections from the operas and pretty ballads of the higher grade that fairly sparkle and bring into amusing contrast the rag-time melodies and knock-about fun of "Masse's Old Plantation."

The mean temperature for the month of February at this place was 43.9, while the precipitation was .98. For the months of November, December, January and February the precipitation was about .09 below the normal.

We are sorry to learn that a telegram from J. A. Cruesen announces that he is not improving. He also stated that he would leave for home tonight, thinking, probably, that as the weather improves he will feel as well here.

Attention Woodmen!—All members of Mt. Hood Camp No. 59 are earnestly requested to be present at the regular meeting of the camp at Fraternity Hall, Tuesday evening, March 1st, as special business will come up for consideration. By order of W. D. Harper, clerk.

Eight break-beam tourists were arrested by the nightwatchman and marshal last evening and brought before the city recorder this morning. Four of them claimed to be American seamen who were beating their way to the Atlantic coast to enlist aboard the American man-of-war, and thus to give our country a lift in these troubled times. In spite of their patriotic intentions, the recorder sentenced them to five days on the rock pile.

The Wapinitia Republican Club was organized a short time ago, and at present has a membership of forty-two legal voters, and as this list is steadily growing, it will, in all probability, increase to a much larger number. The officers are: President, O. L. Paquet; secretary, Frank Wilson; editor, F. H. Iesenberg. The name of the paper is the Wapinitia Gold Bug, but as yet the same has not been added to THE CHRONICLE exchange list. Meetings are held every two weeks.

Every train and boat arriving in this city yesterday and today brought a large number of delegates and sheepsmen from every part of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. A large number are continually pouring in from the surrounding country. Four hundred would be a rough estimate, but would little more than cover the number of visitors in the city. Many more are expected tonight and on tomorrow morning's trains, so that this number will be considerably increased.

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The Hale & Kerns Contract Co. are getting things ready for beginning work on the Gray's harbor jetty as soon as the weather is settled. A force of men are getting out the piles for the wharf. A man who was sent down to superintend the construction of pile drivers, and when they are completed the building of the wharf will be begun. There will be offices and meshouses to be built, a well to be sunk and tanks to be erected for storing water for the use of the men and for fire purposes. All these preparations will occupy some time, and when everything is prepared, work on the tramway across the point to the head of the jetty will be begun.

There was quite a full attendance at the Congregational church last evening. The service opened with songs and prayers, in which all joined. Mr. Clapp then gave a very impressive sermon from the words "We then as ambassadors of God, in Christ's stead beseech you. Mr. Clapp has very little of the sensational in his method of presenting gospel truth, or in his way of conducting the meetings; but evidently seeks to commend the truth to every man's conscience and to insure their approval of his methods as fitting and helpful. The last fifteen minutes of the meeting were occupied as a sort of experience or testimony service, which was felt to be good for all. The meeting this evening will begin at 7:30.

Scarcely a person passing A. M. Williams & Co.'s store fails to view the sheep-growers' window. In fact a crowd of people are continually standing around viewing the same. It is very appropriate for the occasion and artistic in the extreme. In one place we see the process of shearing and packing the wool for market; another shows the work of dipping the sheep; another that of transporting the wool by wagon to The Dalles markets, while in another a packer is wending his way towards the camp with two pack-horses loaded with supplies for the sheepsman. Everything is represented on a miniature scale, just as one would find it on a well-regulated sheep ranch; while the rugged mountains and rushing streams which form the background for the realistic panorama, make one think that he is among the foothills gazing on the workings of one of Oregon's greatest and most profitable industries.

At 5:30 Sunday morning, William

Pierce, alias "Hobo Jack," while playing billiards in the Mint saloon, in Baker City, with another drunken man, got in a quarrel with the latter and struck him with a cue on the head. The attacked man tried to dodge and Pierce threw the cue at him, missing aim and hitting Frank Caldwell, a peaceful miner, who was sleeping in a chair, with the butt end of the cue just above the left temple, fracturing the skull. The injured man was taken to a hospital and a piece of his skull two inches long was removed. Caldwell came down from the California mine, where he was employed. He was taking a vacation. He is about forty years old, and a splendid specimen of physical manhood. "Hobo Jack," who was formerly a brakeman on the O. R. & N., is now in jail awaiting the outcome of his drunken spree. The hospital reports Caldwell has a chance of recovery.

THEORIES OF ACCIDENT.

And Considerations That Are Urged Against the Accident Theory.

While the Oregonian believes that the destruction of the Maine was due to accident, it presents these considerations, said to emanate from naval experts, why it probably was so:

Only one battery of boilers was in use and that at such a low pressure that no explosion could have occurred. A single "donkey" engine sufficed to make all necessary light.

There could hardly have been any spontaneous explosion in the magazine. Each charge of ammunition was kept in a hermetically sealed canister and chemical changes could not effect it.

Torpedoes stored in the forward deck could not explode, as they were kept packed in a perfect safe condition until prepared for use. A fire sufficient to heat them to the firing point would have first charred the men sleeping over the torpedo magazine.

No lamps were used, lubricating oil is not explosive and matches that can only be ignited on the box were used, hence there could have been no oil explosion or carelessness in the use of matches.

Spontaneous combustion in the coal box would have generated so much odor that attention would have been directed immediately and the bunkers flooded.

The magazine was locked up, heat could not penetrate the solid steel plates, with hermetically sealed doors, without first burning the men aboard and no one was handling cartridges at the time. Even if a cartridge had been dropped, the primer cap is sunk below the level of the cartridge face and could not have exploded.

All the rapid fire ammunition was securely stored in boxes and could not get adrift, especially in a dead calm, while the vessel was riding at anchor.

No electric wires run into the magazine. No explosion from crossed wires could have occurred. Had the magazine exploded, the deck would have been blown into the air, hundreds of shells would have gone skyward, and in bursting destroyed part of Havana and the vessel would have sunk at once.

The separation of the nitroglycerine in the gun cotton was impossible under the conditions prevailing, and this composition is so carefully made and thoroughly tested that there is no record of its spontaneous explosion during its long use in the navy.

These are the theories urged against accident. And yet, maugre all theories, accidents occur, and nobody knows how.

THE GRANT COUNTY FIND.

It Proves to Be a Klondike for the Discoverer of It.

Last Monday the Canyon City News man visited Mr. Guker's claim and found the ooys retorting the gold of Saturday's washing. During that day Ed. Chambers worked nearly all day long digging out, pounding in a mortar, melting snow for water, and panning. After being amalgamated with quicksilver and retorted, the cleanup of Saturday representing little more than one boy's work, weighed \$500, reckoning its value at \$16 per ounce. On Monday, in the presence of a number of visitors, three pounds of the stuff was taken out, weighed, mortared and panned out, when its value was given by the gold scales at over one hundred dollars. On Tuesday they boys did not do so well. They panned out only nine pans and saved out of that amount of dirt \$391.75. One piece was found that weighed \$45.50. Yesterday's figures are not at hand but a big cleanup is reported. That's the kind of a mine that is called the Great Northern, in sight of Canyon City and an hour's walk from town.

The Great Northern lies on the lower part of a mighty big mountain, and there may be others equally as rich and promising, if the eternal rock-ribbed monarch, Canyon mountain, was thoroughly prospected. This good luck will befall the mountain, during the coming summer, for the immense riches already disclosed in Mr. Guker's mine will stimulate prospecting in this section, and diligent toil will doubtless be rewarded by plenty of shining gold.

Next Week's Principal Attraction.

The George's Operatic Colored Minstrels will be the attraction at the Vogt opera house Monday evening, March 7th. This company is among the largest organizations traveling, every feature of their lengthy attractive program is different from the traditional acts of the average minstrel company, and is refreshingly up-to-date in every respect.

The first part includes the best things in pretty ballads, witty repartee, and a fund of other features not generally found in a minstrel first part. A supplemental introduces clever juggling acts, knock-about sketches, genteel skits, monologue merriment and a host of good novelties.

This company is composed solely of colored men and women noted for their artistic merits, and is perhaps the best company of its kind on the road.

Farmers' Institute.

The following is the program for the farmers' Institute, to be held at Hood River, March 4th and 5th:

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION. Music. Opening Address—Hon. E. L. Smith. Response—Prof. H. T. French. Music. Crimson Clover for Orchards. Discussions. Music.

EVENING SESSION. Music. The Weather Bureau and its relation to Agriculture—B. S. Pague, Portland. Discussion. Music. Illustrated Lecture on Breeds of Livestock—Prof. E. F. Pernot.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION. Music. Grass and Forage Plants—Prof. H. T. French. Discussion. Music. AFTERNOON SESSION. Music. Chickens Raising—Geo. Goodhue, Salem, Or. Discussion. Music. EVENING SESSION. Music. General Discussion, Marketing Fruits. Music. Illustrated Lecture, Fruit Pests—A. B. Cordley. Discussion. Closing remarks. Music. Adjournment.

THE WORK BEGUN.

The Sheep-Growers' Association Begins What Promises to Be a Successful Meeting.

A large number of delegates, representative wool-growers and citizens of The Dalles were at the Vogt opera house at 2 o'clock this afternoon to witness the opening of the Wool-Growers' Association.

After President George C. Blakeley, of The Dalles Commercial and Athletic Club, called the meeting to order, Rev. Joseph DeForest offered the invocation. A beautiful selection was then rendered by the Kinross Quartet Club of Portland, which called forth a hearty encore.

Freud W. Wilson gave an eloquent address of welcome in behalf of the Commercial Club, and was followed by Mayor Nolan, who, in a stirring address in behalf of the city, welcomed all and informed them, among other things, that the barb-wire fences had been cut down. In conclusion Mr. Nolan offered the keys of the city to the visitors, inviting them to run at large.

Governor William P. Lord welcomed the delegates from the other states to our city and state, and incidentally commented on the great advantages this city possesses as a wool center and otherwise.

Hon. T. C. Powers, president of the Montana Wool-Growers' Association, was appointed to respond to the addresses of welcome, but was delayed and will not be here until tomorrow morning. On account of his absence, further business could not be transacted, and the afternoon session closed with a selection by the Kinross Club.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING.

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of school district No. 12 of Wasco county, state of Oregon, that the annual school meeting for the said district will be held at the brick school house, on Court street, to begin at the hour of 2 o'clock on the afternoon of the first Monday, being the 7th day of March, 1898. This meeting is called for the purpose of considering the general reports, financial and others, of the clerk and other school officers, and the transaction of business usual at such meeting.

Dated Feb. 24, 1898.

O. D. DOANE, Chairman Board Directors.

Attest: G. P. MORGAN, Dist. Clerk.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that there will be an annual meeting of the stockholders of The Dalles, Portland & Astoria Navigation Co. at their office Saturday, April 2, 1898, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing seven directors, and transacting such other business as may properly come before said meeting. By order of the president.

The Dalles March 1, 1898.]

C. L. PHILLIPS, Secy.

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