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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Wednesday.

Marriage license was issued yesterday to John W. Adkins and Alfretha Aikin. No. 921 drew the steel range at Maier & Benton's last evening. The lucky number was held by W. E. George.

Dick Wilcox and J. C. Shellhammer of Lane county sold their band of sheep on Crooked creek last week, consisting of 600 ewes and 300 lambs, at \$3.50 a head bunched.

Judge Bradshaw won the club pin for the highest score during the month, the score being 75, while A. J. Tolmie won the medal for the highest average score, which was 41.9.

Mrs. Theo. Seufert won the ladies' bowling medal for February, with an average score of 35 in fifteen games. This entitles her to wear the medal for one month, and in order to retain it permanently she must win it three times.

Miss Tina Rintoul, teacher of the 7th grade, Academy Park school, has been unable to attend to her duties for several days. The vacancy has been filled by Miss Catharine Marden. Miss Stroud, niece of Miss Rintoul, is also reported very sick.

A large number of tramps and professional beggars infest this city at present and it keeps the officers busy to take care of them. Six of them who were put to work on the rock pile yesterday did not prove worth their board and were ordered out of town today.

It is remarked that even the elements are doing their share toward making the Wool-growers' Association convention a success, for the weather is simply grand, making it pleasant for the visitors when they are not in session to stroll around and get a view of our city from various points.

The lynx which was recently trapped by the sheepmen in Sherman county has been put in a wire cage and placed in the window at the Snipes-Kinersley Drug Co.'s. The animal is a vicious looking fellow, resembling a panther a great deal, and is drawing a crowd of spectators continually.

The average bowling records for the month, which entitle the following gentlemen to enrollment in the club team for March, are: A. J. Tolmie, 41.9; C. Ballard, 39; J. Hostettler, 38.23; F. Houghton, 37.23; Judge Bradshaw, 37.18; George Dufur, 37.12. The reserves are: C. L. Phillipps, 36.25; C. F. Stephens 36.25.

Over one hundred delegates, sheep-raisers and lecturers who will attend the association, arrived in the city from different points since yesterday, and at present the number in attendance is about 500, the hotels being crowded. A large number of guests are staying with

private families, and only for this it would be impossible to accommodate all.

F. M. Chrisman, a merchant of Silver Lake, in Lake county, is negotiating with an eastern firm for the purchase of a fifty-horse power traction engine, which he intends putting on the road this spring to haul his freight from The Dalles. The traction engine is not in general use in this state, but has proved successful in other states. It is said that the Russian government has in use on rough road fifty-six machines similar to the one that Mr. Chrisman proposes to use.

The Statesman says: "The colored minstrel troupe, George's operatic minstrels, appeared before a crowded house at the Reed in Salem Monday night, and for a portion of the evening, at least, the fun was fast and furious. The features of the evening which won the admiration of the audience were the clever work of Major John Pamplin, the juggler, and Jack M. Oliver, the stump speaker. The juggler's work was excellent. He introduced many novel and difficult feats never before seen by a Salem audience, and won the generous applause of the house. It is a good evening's entertainment." George's Minstrels will be in The Dalles next Monday night.

Last evening at the Congregational church Rev. Clapp took for his subject the incident where Christ was dining at the home of Simon, the Pharisee, when a woman, who was a sinner, came and brake a costly alabaster box of ointment, anointing his feet and wiping them with the hair of her head. Simon, in the meantime, was looking on wondering at her audacity and the needless expense, when Christ reproached him with his neglect, comparing with it her devotion. Mr. Clapp drew from this a lesson of the necessity of bringing to him our very best gifts and talents. Although it may seem that too much is asked when the brightest young men and women are called to go as missionaries, or when we are called to devote our best talents to His service; but in this great work the greatest souls and noblest characters are needed.

Thursday.
Charles McCormack, who lives about two miles east of Woodburn, is preparing to ship about 500 bales of hops to England. He hopes to obtain a better price by shipping them direct to large consumers.

The pleasant up-stream wind which is blowing today is drying the mud, and bicycle riders are getting their wheels ready for use, while a few are already improving the opportunity offered by the drier streets.

Today the new Sherman county paper, the Moro Leader, reached us. It is edited by W. L. Hunting, and is a remarkably wide-awake Republican paper. THE CHRONICLE wishes the new publication all success.

In the case of the United States vs. Seufert Bros. Co., recently tried in the United States district court for the third time, the defendant was yesterday given ten days for further time by Judge Bellinger in which to make a motion for a new trial.

Pendleton Tribune: A. L. Gosser, of The Dalles, is registered at the Golden Rule. He is an old business man of The Dalles. He sold out his interest in a commission business there recently and proposes to locate in the Garden City of Umatilla county.

Yesterday Constable Hill arrested one Mat Teal, of Mosier, who is charged with having attempted violence on the

person of W. O. Phillipps of that place. Teal is having his hearing before Justice Filloon today, and will probably be bound over to keep the peace.

A. M. Williams & Co. are offering our Dalles ladies some very choice items this week. Their buyers have returned from their eastern trip, and the results of their labors are beginning to be noticeable. Their most recent attractions are a special lot of silks waists, which are being quoted at \$2.50 and \$3, prices decidedly below their real value. An early inspection invited.

Hon. R. Alexander, ex-mayor of Pendleton, who is spoken of by prominent politicians as a candidate for state treasurer, is in the city attending the convention and visiting friends. Mrs. Alexander was a resident of The Dalles before her marriage, and is well known to many Dalles people.

Referring to the discussion of range grasses which occupied so much of the time of the convention, it will interest our readers to know that they can be supplied by Buell Lamberson, Portland's seed man, who is attending the convention, and who will be pleased to send his illustrated catalogue to any address.

Will Garretson has a curiosity in his window in the shape of a two-headed lamb. The body is perfectly formed to the shoulders, where two distinct heads and necks crop out. He has an inscription on it "Oregon Against the World, for Production." It more than attracts the attention of the many sheep men who are in the city attending the convention.

The trial trip Tuesday of United States lightship No. 70, built for San Francisco harbor by Wolfe & Zwicker, was an unqualified success. A trip was made to Kalama and back, and the machinery worked to the perfect satisfaction of Commander George C. Reiter, inspector of the tenth lighthouse district, and Inspector Gregg, who were on board. The ship carried one hundred pounds of steam with a 28-inch vacuum, and averaged eleven knots, which is better than the requirements. As the vessel swung gracefully down the river she was saluted by every passing ship. The contract price is \$73,000.

Friday.

Charles Buckley, of Grass Valley, sold a splendid team of mules to a Kanasa buyer today. The mules brought \$120.

Almost the entire Salvation Army of The Dalles went to Portland on the boat today to hear General Booth, who will speak in that city this evening.

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.

A meeting of all the boys who take part in the performance which will be put on by the young men of the club will be held tomorrow (Saturday) evening at 9 o'clock.

The Christian church is receiving a new spring coat of yellow paint. The pastor, Rev. Boltz, and a number of members of the congregation are taking a hand in wielding the brush.

Rev. Joseph DeForest and Professor Gavin went over to Goldendale today to attend the oratorical medal contest of the academy at that place, which occurs tonight. These two gentlemen will act as judges.

Mrs. Phillipps wishes to announce to the ladies that on tomorrow afternoon, Saturday, she will have on display the leading styles of street and tailor hats.

The regular spring opening of trimmed hats and bonnets will come later.

Another rich find has been made at Canyon City. It is said that a nugget worth \$700 was taken out today, and another as large, if not larger, partly uncovered. This is undoubtedly the richest strike ever made in Grant county.

The case of the State of Oregon vs. Mat Teal, which was tried in Justice Filloon's court yesterday, was dismissed on motion of the defendant's attorney, N. H. Gates, as the evidence against Teal was not sufficient to sustain the charge against him.

The Temple Quartette returned to Portland this morning. This quartette has proven itself to be one of the best we have ever heard in this city, and they added much to the attractiveness of the programs rendered at the convention.

Mays & Crowe today received the largest consignment of buggies that has ever been sent to The Dalles. It consisted of a 50-foot car loaded with nothing but buggies of various kinds. As their new warehouse is not ready for use they are crowded for storage room.

The Dalles has somewhat of a deserted appearance today, as the majority of those who were here to attend the convention have gone, and the contrast between the crowded streets and lively times that we had while the convention was going on and the usual routine is very marked.

Anyone seeing the Regulator leave her dock this morning would have been led to think that it was an excursion rather than a regular trip, on account of the large number of passengers. Many who have been in attendance at the convention, took advantage of the splendid accommodations of the Regulator Line and the beautiful day, to view the scenery of the Columbia.

After hearing the favorable comments which everyone has paid to our Commercial Club during the convention, we cannot but feel proud of it. Persons from various parts of the United States expressed their opinion, and all were unanimous in saying that there is not a town in the country, of the population of The Dalles, that can boast the possession of such a splendid club as this one.

W. J. J. Cunningham, the California flax expert, who was in Portland a few days ago, is in Salem inspecting the experimental flax plant. Mr. Cunningham is earnest in his praise of the "grit" of Oregon women, as he calls it, in prosecuting their venture in the face of the many obstacles with which they have contended. He also has kindly words for Oregon flax fiber, which, he says, is the very best he ever saw in the United States.

The small building which formerly stood between Bessinger & Co.'s and the Great Northern store, is being removed to a vacant lot near the depot, and work will immediately be begun on the construction of a new building, the same size as the one occupied at present by the furniture company. The two buildings will give the Great Northern Furniture Co. an abundance of room for their large stock of goods and add to the appearance of that part of the city. The new structure is being built by B. Wolfe.

At the Congregational church last evening Mr. Clapp's discourse upon the parable of the fig tree planted in a garden, but which bare no fruit. He found in the parable lessons of encouragement and hope in the purpose of the master, and the possibilities of man under Divine culture; also lessons of warning for those who, under the best conditions and influences, still brought forth no fruit—did not do the things and accomplish the results for which all opportunity, culture and grace were given. The song service and the after service of prayer and testimony were specially enjoyable and profitable. This evening Mr. Clapp will adapt the service to the needs of young people, but not without something good for those who are older. All are cordially invited. Meeting to begin promptly at 7:30. No meeting Saturday evening. The usual services Sunday.

OREGON WOOL-GROWERS MEET.

Numerous Important Subjects Discussed --Date of Next Meeting.

About one hundred wool-growers of Oregon held a meeting this morning in the rooms of the Commercial club, and discussed various subjects of interest to wool-growers throughout the state.

Among the resolutions passed one of thanks to the members of the D. C. & A. C. was tendered for the use of the club rooms and the kind treatment received at the hands of its members during the meeting of Wool-Grower's Association.

The question of exterminating wolves, coyotes and other animals so troublesome to sheep-raisers was discussed and a committee appointed to attend to the matter of bounties.

The Cascade reserve question was also spoken of and a committee appointed to arrange matters concerning the same. Action will also be taken by the association to see that all sheep in the state are kept free from scab and other diseases.

The necessity of such an organization as this has long been felt by the wool-growers of Oregon, and now that it is at last organized the woolmen feel enthusiastic and will do everything possible

to make it a successful organization. Anyone in this state interested in wool-growing can join the association in the payment of fifty cents, which is the annual dues.

A meeting will be held here on June 23, 1898, and it is hoped that all Oregon wool-growers will attend, and by their support make it easier for the association to accomplish the important ends for which it was organized.

WATER COMMISSIONERS MEET.

Superintendent's and Treasurer's Reports Were Read and Other Business Transacted.

At a regular meeting of the board of water commission, of Dalles City, held at the recorder's office Monday, at 5 o'clock, the following commissioners were present: Jos. T. Peters, T. J. Seufert, J. B. Crossen, E. C. Phirman and Simeon Bolton.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following bills were read and ordered paid:

I. J. Norman, salary supt.	\$75 00
C. A. Borders, salary helper	55 00
S. Bolton, salary secretary	10 00
R. L. Aiken, labor	8 00
Wm. Nichols, labor	8 00
W. S. Norman, labor	16 00
Geo. Brown, labor	2 00
Pease & Mays, rope	40
Jacobsen Book & Music Store	1 00
Jos. T. Peters, mdee	4 72
Mays & Crowe, mdee	36 58
Maier & Benton, mdee	5 55

At this time W. Lord appeared and presented a petition signed by himself and thirty-five others, requesting the commission to lay a new 6-inch main from a connection near the intersection of Jefferson and Second street, to a point in the East End, at least above the Columbia Brewery, said 6-inch pipe to take place of a 4-inch main now in use, which, according to the petition, is inadequate. The board after due consideration, ordered the prayer of the petition granted and the president appointed a committee of three, consisting of M. Randall, T. J. Seufert and J. B. Crossen, to purchase the pipe and see to laying of same.

The petition of J. M. Filloon and others, requesting the commission to lay a 6-inch main from Geo. Ruch's corner, on Fourth street, down Fourth to John Filloon's residence. The board having considered the matter, and on motion the same was deferred on account of extension of the main on Second street.

The petition of J. M. Marden and others, requesting the extension of a 4-inch main from the west end of Fourth street, at Dr. Shackelford's residence, to Mill creek bridge. The petition was deferred on account of improvement on Second street.

The superintendent's report was read showing the following:

Total bank account	\$1189 25
Total uncollected	219 00
Total collected	970 25

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To balance on hand last report \$5599 94
To cash receipts during month 1019 65
Total 6619 59

CONTRA CR.

Feb. 28—By warrants redeemed \$177 50
Feb. 17—By cash paid on interest water bonds 4500 00

Total cash expended 4677 50
Cash on hand \$1942 09

The committee heretofore appointed to examine a certain tract or parcel of land which Dr. O. C. Hollister made application to purchase, reported they examined same and recommend that the same be sold for \$50, the said Hollister paying all the expenses.

The committee heretofore appointed to appraise the old mill property, reported that they viewed the premises and appraise the same at \$1500, not including the piece ordered sold to Dr. O. C. Hollister and the piece now occupied by T. A. Hudson.

Repair the Roads.

The following clipping from the Moro Leader should cause the merchants of this place to consider the matter of good roads:

"Already have people south of Sherman county found that we have a railroad, and are making use of it. Teamsters are shipping freight from The

Dalles to Wasco, thus saving the most difficult part of the road, saving time and teams. During the coming summer many freighters will come this way if they learn of the advantages of this route."

It should be our aim to have the roads to The Dalles put in condition so that it will be to the advantage of teamsters to come to this place, and if the matter receive the support of our citizens, it can easily be done.

DIED WITH HIS CHUM.

A Noble Conception of a Soldier's Duty to His Friend.

In the reminiscences of Gen. Sir Evelyn Wood, himself a brave English soldier, a touching instance of courage and self-sacrifice is given, says an exchange. One June day in 1885 a detachment of English marines was crossing the Woronzow road under fire from the Russian batteries. All of the men reached shelter in the trenches except a seaman, John Blewitt. As he was running a terrific roar was heard. His mates knew the voice of a huge cannon, the terror of the army, and yelled:

"Look out! It is Whistling Dick!" But at the moment Blewitt was struck by the enormous mass of iron on the knees and thrown to the ground. He called to his special chum:

"Oh, Welch, save me!" The fuse was hissing, but Stephen Welch ran out of the trenches and, seizing the great shell, tried to roll it off of his comrade.

It exploded with such terrific force that not an atom of the bodies of Blewitt or Welch was found. Even in that time, when each hour had its excitement, this deed of heroism stirred the whole English army. One of the officers searched out Welch's old mother in her poor home and undertook her support while she lived, and the story of his death helped his comrades to nobler conceptions of a soldier's duty.

FOUR-LEGGED TRADERS.

Mice That Replace with Other Articles All the Things They Steal.

There is a mouse in Florida locally known as the trading mouse. It is commonly a woods mouse, but it quickly adapts itself to human habitation. A colony of such mice carried two bushels of shelled beans 30 feet during six nights recently and replaced the beans with seed pods of a weed. Jewelry, too, has been taken by these little traders, says the New York Sun. One woman on the east coast of Florida at an Indian river winter resort found a number of seed instead of a pair of earrings that she had left on the bureau. A search in the place where the seeds had been taken disclosed the earrings.

A man who had a box of poker chips in his room in an open-topped box was surprised to find in their stead a string of prayer beads, a small crucifix, and a number of shells. He started an investigation immediately. A priest who had roomed near by was equally puzzled by finding the colored poker chips in his room.

It is generally believed that the trading mouse learns its curious ways by robbing squirrels or blue jays of nuts laid by for future use.

DISTRIBUTING NATURAL GAS.

Sent Long Distances Through Pipes by Means of Air Pressure.

The transmission or conveyance of gas under pressure to long distances, which was an unsolved problem some 20 years ago, is now a fixed fact, represented by the present use of about 75,000,000 feet of pipe used in the distribution of natural gas. On the first discovery of this article, says the Philadelphia Bulletin, the pressure at the well was sufficient to drive it through the pipes almost as far as desired, but this pressure declining some additional methods were necessitated, the well-known air compressor being resorted to to pump the gas; and, as showing its efficiency, there are at Greenland, in Indiana, gas wells which have long carried supplies to Chicago. There are two eight-inch pipe lines used, the gas being pumped a distance of about 160 miles. There is at Redky, Ind., a pumping station of this character that supplies the towns of Springfield, Tiffin, Liman, Dayton, Piqua and other places in the western part of Ohio. Near Pittsburgh there is a gas plant which pumps 20,000,000 cubic feet every 24 hours for use in mills, the pumping of this being without the least difficulty; and the Philadelphia company pumps many millions of cubic feet a day. There are New England air compressors that are pumping every day, at various stations in the United States, the enormous quantity of nearly 100,000,000 cubic feet.

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