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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Saturday's Daily.

A heavy thunder shower occurred in the wheat section surrounding Wasco Thursday night, but the damage will be light.

The new North Pacific flouring mill at Wasco made its first flour Thursday. The machinery was all tested and found to be in good order. The mill will run slowly for a couple of days, when a double crew will be put on and flour will be made night and day.

One of the largest sturgeon brought into market for some time was caught by Mr. Townsley yesterday. It weighed about 250 pounds dressed and measured over eight feet in length after its head and tail had been removed. At present but few sturgeon are being caught, and it is something unusual to see such large ones coming into market.

A. R. Thompson returned last evening from a few weeks outing at Clatsop beach. Mrs. Thompson and the children remained at Clatsop, where they will stay until the warm weather is a thing of the past. Mr. Thompson informs us that the weather at Clatsop has been perfect during the week, they not having been any rain whatever while we were having showers here.

A telegram was received by Mr. Fouts yesterday from his son, Seneca, who is among the volunteers at San Francisco. He reports all the boys well, and states that they will sail for Manila next Tuesday. Although the boys will have the trip across the Pacific, there is little chance for them engaging in any active service on their arrival there, as the war will, in all probability be fully settled before that time.

Yesterday a passenger coach, which was standing on the side track in Wasco, started down an incline and ran at a terrible rate for over two miles, when it was derailed and almost demolished. Fortunately there were no engines nor cars on the track at the time, and what might have been a terrible accident, terminated with no other loss than that of the car itself. This is the first accident of the kind that has occurred since the building of the road.

T. Allen McQuary, the modern Don Quixote who is on his strange ride for a bride, left this place Thursday on horseback for Missouri, which trip he will be forced to make by Oct. 19, or lose the wager of \$5000 and an Arkansas girl. He has no doubts as to his being able to make the trip in the time stated, and says that while he would not make the trip again for the \$5000, still he would not give the experience he had during the last year for that amount.

Mrs. David Steel has presented the Portland museum with a collection of photographs of all the Modoc Indians who took a prominent part in the massacre of General Canby and Dr. Thomas, one of the tragic incidents of the Modoc war of 1872-73. Also a number of stereoscopic views of the lava beds and caves where the savages had their strongholds. Such photographs were common twenty-five years ago, but it is doubtful if many sets of them are in existence now, and the collection presented by Mrs. Steel is worthy of being framed and preserved as a relic of bygone days.

Yesterday Victor Sampson, who works in Donnell's drug store, was printing pictures and left a frame in which he was printing in the sun at the rear of the drug. On returning the frame was gone, and a diligent search led to the belief that some one had stolen it. One of the men who were working near the light house noticed a squaw hiding some articles near the building, and upon investigation found the frame among her belongings, returned it to Vick. The holder contained a negative of L. D. Cates and Dr. Levans, of Cascades, and which of the two gentlemen she desired a picture of is a question to be decided.

In a short time the burned buildings will be replaced by large and more magnificent structures than those destroyed. Mr. Gunning is already making preparations to build a new blacksmith shop on the lot formerly occupied by the second-hand store. The building will be of wood, covered with corrugated iron. It is also expected that Mays & Crowe will soon follow with a splendid brick store on the corner where their old one was located. It is safe to say that it will not be long before fine fire-proof structures will be under course of construction on the lots where the other buildings were situated.

The announcement is made at Vancouver on what is considered the best authority that the Portland, Vancouver & Yakima Railway Company is com-

pleting arrangements for commencing work on a 15-mile extension at an early date. It is expected to have the line completed to Yaocot prairie, 15 miles from the present terminus at Brush prairie, by January 1, and to Ambloy, five miles further on, within a short time thereafter. This road will pass through the best portion of Clark county and open up an immense body of excellent farm land, besides tapping one of the finest bodies of timber in the northwest.

From what we can learn the attempt of Mr. Christman, of Silver Lake, Lake county, to use a steam engine in hauling freight from this place into the interior will prove the flattest kind of a failure. He figured on making two or three miles per hour with a string of loaded wagons, but so far has not averaged more than that per day, and it is next to impossible for his engine to climb the steep hills south of here with anything like a full load. On the level prairies his scheme might work, but on the steep hills of Eastern Oregon the attempt must certainly end in a flat failure. Another objection raised is that it is very dangerous for temsters, since nothing frightens horses more than a traction engine, and if they chance to meet on a narrow grade someone will meet with more or less loss.

Sunday's Daily.

Messrs. R. B. Wilson, Ike Hermann and R. L. Ford, representing in the capacity of traveling freight and passenger agents, respectively, the Burlington, the Oregon Short Line and the Rio Grande Western, were in The Dalles yesterday looking after shipments east.

Chehalis, the Western freak stallion, is making his mark in the east. On Friday he won the 2:04 pace on the Buffalo track, taking the third, fourth and fifth heats. The purse was \$1500, and the time made by Frazier's pacer was 2:06 in all three heats.

Hood River is to have another store. F. E. Denzler is fitting up the store room in the Odd Fellows' building and opening up a line of general hardware, saddlery, doors, sash, moldings, paints, oils, bike supplies, shoe and harness supplies, and a good assortment of farm harness.

Returning campers from Moffett, Stevenson and other points in the Middle Cascades report that the rain and cold weather have made camping anything but pleasant. A large number of the campers came home last evening and many more are expected Monday.

An opinion was handed down by the supreme court at Pendleton, Aug. 12th, in the case of the State vs. Hinkle in which the judgment of the lower court was reversed. Richard Hinkle is a former Wasco county boy and quite well known throughout the Kingsley country. He was defended in his trial by Attorney Sam E. VanVactor, of this city.

The enterprising people of the little city of Antelope are exerting every effort to rebuild the town before the winter season sets in. A large shipment of doors, windows, corrugated iron, nails and other material for building purposes is at the Wasco Warehouse at present, en route to that place to be used for the new structures.

Tomorrow morning Jim Blakeney will start a full force of men at work in his brick yard in this city. Mr. Blakeney realizes that a large number of brick will be needed to rebuild the structures in the burned district, and is determined to have a sufficient amount of Dalles brick of the best quality to supply all needs, and thus made it unnecessary to buy them at other points and ship them into the city.

The west bound overland passenger train was over two hours late yesterday, not arriving until about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The delay was caused by a wreck on the Union Pacific at Fossil, Arizona. It appears that the wreck was caused by the collision of two freight. Only one person was injured in the wreck. He was taken to Pocatella for treatment. The passengers were allowed time for dinner in this city and as they were tired and hungry from their long, dusty ride, the meal was a goodeen.

Today another opportunity will be given the people of The Dalles to spend the day in the Cascades, as well as enjoy the beautiful scenery between here and Multnomah Falls for the extremely low price of 50 cents. This offer on the part of the O. R. & N. gives the people a choice of such resorts as Hood River, Cascade Locks, Bonneville and Multnomah, at which they can spend the day, and as a special car will be run for the convenience of the excursionists, no one need fear that they will be uncomfortable going or coming on account of lack of accommodations.

Another mining excitement is raging on upper Trout Creek, in Crook county. About a year ago, Knight, an experienced miner and prospector discovered gold bearing quartz in that vicinity, and lately he and a man by the name of Wilson returned there and have located an eight foot ledge of quartz from which at a depth of about eight feet, they have had several assays from different assays, the lowest of which was \$182 and the highest \$452 in gold to the ton. The claims are in a narrow belt running easterly and westerly across Long Hollow, on the north side of Trout Creek,

about two miles from James Wood's place. It is to be hoped that this is not a "fake" excitement but that country is in the tertiary formation, one which is not liable to contain valuable gold mines.

Monday's Daily.

The trustees of Dufur school district have engaged the following corps of teachers for the next term of the public school, which will begin the 12th of next month, and continue for eight months: C. R. Deems, principal; G. W. Brown, intermediate department; Mrs. R. J. Wilson, primary department.

Lee Cheshire, a Wallula farmer, undressed a mile from home and walked home stark naked. The next morning he borrowed clothing and journeyed to Walla Walla, to tell the chief of police a story of his being held up and robbed. His money, horse and clothes were where he had left them. Cheshire had been drinking.

The fishing season will reopen on September 10th. The fishermen are making due preparations for a large catch. The summer run being exceptionally light, they figure on having plenty of salmon next month. If they are not disappointed they will be more than able to make up the shortage during the summer season.

A large number of local sports went into the country Sunday morning after prairie chickens. The day, however, was unusually cool, which caused the birds to remain on the hills and in the grain field rather than seek shelter in the canyons and near the springs and watering places. For this reason many of the nimrods were disappointed in not getting the usual amount of birds.

The steam engine which they are using to pull freight wagons between this place and Silver Lake, reached 8-Mile yesterday evening, it having been four days making eight miles of the 200 which it has to go. At this rate it will take it a long time to reach the end of its journey, and whether they will continue or give up the attempt is considered doubtful.

P. Limroth, of Boyd, was in the city Sunday evening. Mr. Limroth a few days ago started up his new steam thrasher in the Boyd vicinity. It is one of the largest machines in the country and is doing splendid work. It has all the latest improvements in the way of self feeders, automatic stackers and sackers, and can run out as much grain in a day as any machine in the Inland Empire.

The grain thieves that infest the Dufur vicinity every fall, started in early this season. The first grain threshed was C. P. Balch's barley from a field near M. Heisler's. In less than twenty-four hours after it was sacked thirteen of the ninety-five sacks had disappeared. Mr. Balch has located the party who took the barley, and notified him to put the grain back in the field or take the consequences of prosecution. If the grain is returned the matter will be dropped.

Wilhelmina, who is to be crowned queen of the Netherlands on September 6th next, has personally sent to Mr. Bok, the editor of the Ladies' Home Journal—himself a Hollander by birth—one of her private portraits for publication in the next number of his magazine. It is the last portrait which will be taken of the little lady before her coronation, and will be printed in connection with a specially prepared sketch showing the personality of the first queen of Holland from every point of view.

Mr. William Hunt, formerly of this place, who is at present in charge of the Buffalo-Pitts agricultural business in the district reaching from The Dalles to Spokane with headquarters in Walla Walla, was in the city Saturday visiting Mr. Wheldon and attending to business for his company. He was accompanied by D. Farquar, general superintendent of the above company, who is looking over the country as to the wants of his goods and receiving suggestions from the different agents. Although his stay here was short he was much pleased with The Dalles and the Inland Empire.

A rough estimate of the amount of grain threshed in Wasco county at present would place it at about one-fourth of the entire crop. In nearly every instance the farmers are well pleased with the yield, saying that it was larger than they expected. Some report yields as high as forty-five bushels to the acre, while few fields have been reported under twenty bushels. In some localities much grain is still standing, but the farmers are endeavoring to get it stockpiled and threshed as soon as it is possible.

This year's crop of wheat has begun to come in and it is expected that by the end of the week the usual string of teams will be seen winding their way with their heavy loads of grain from the prolific fields of Sherman, Wasco and Klickitat counties. The roads leading from the country south of here are in fairly good condition, barring a few places where they have been cut up by heavy teams. If a rain falls in the near future it will put them in good shape, otherwise a little fixing will be necessary, before it can be said they are in first-class shape.

Frank Cram returned yesterday from a trip to North Beach and Seattle. He says he had a splendid time, but the pleasant remembrances are somewhat

marred by an accident which occurred to him last night. A small piece of steel flew into his left eye and he carelessly retired without having it attended to. This morning the eye was inflamed and very painful and he at once had his physician remove the cause of the trouble. He is forced to wear a bandage on his eye at present which is very inconvenient and it is hoped that he will soon be fully recovered.

A party of four headed by George Anderson, left in private conveyance for Mt. Hood today. They will drive to Hood River and from there take the road to Cloud Cap Inn, where they will leave their team and from there they will proceed on foot up the mountain as high as they wish to go. The party consists of Mr. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Wentz of Iowa, and Miss Nettie Anderson.

Although The Dalles players did all in their power to win in the bowling contest they were unable to cope with the famous luck and science of the Multnomah and Road Club players or defeat the Astoria team. The total number of pins made in the twelve games was 2593, while Multnomah made 3066, the Road Clubs total was 2684 with Astoria 20 pins less. Our players did not take the necessary practice since the warm weather set in and considering everything they did as well as could be expected.

Bowling at the club is still lax, owing principally to warm weather and the large number of bowlers who are out of the city. In the early part of the week some bowling was done by the members of the team which took part in the tournament at Astoria. Their high scores were as follows: Monday, Houghton, 50; Tuesday, Ballard, 57; Wednesday, Schmidt, 52. As usual Maetz led at the Umatilla House alleys, with the highest daily score for six days, and an average score of 66. His scores were: Monday, 73; Wednesday, 79; Thursday, 50; Friday, 70; Saturday, 52; Sunday, 97. On Tuesday Mr. Flemming led with a score of 62.

This morning workmen began clearing up the debris on the Mays & Crowe lot. Preparations for building will be rushed and in a short time a new 100x100 feet will be under course of construction. The contract for the same will be let today. Pose & Mays are also preparing to build a new iron structure, 50x100 feet, on the lot formerly occupied by their warehouse which they will use for the same purpose as the old building, while a number of the other sufferers from the fire are also busily engaged in making preparations to rebuild. Although the losses of all concerned were heavy, their promptness in rebuilding shows not only their enterprise, but what faith they have in The Dalles as a business center in future.

Tuesday's Daily.

A large band of mutton sheep, about fifteen hundred head, will be brought to the stockyards this afternoon for shipment to Chicago. They will be shipped by Mr. Fargher, of Nansene. Ice cream wholesale and retail at the Columbia Candy Factory. Orders to furnish lodge socials and ice cream festivals solicited. Don't forget that our ice cream sodas are the best in the city. A more orderly town than The Dalles would be hard to find, as is demonstrated by the fact that during the present month not a single arrest has been made for drunkenness or disorderly conduct. This is certainly a good record.

Notice for publication has been handed to us for two small tracts of land near Seuferts, on the line of the ship railway. For some reason the tracts are restored to the public domain and are subject to disposal the same as other public lands. Work on the D. P. & A. N. dock was begun this morning. On account of the high water, the planks had to be removed, but now as the water has gone down the platform will be replaced, which will give more dock room and make it more convenient for loading and unloading freight.

City Marshal Childer, of La Grande, is in a predicament. People let their cows loose at night, and much damage is done to fine vines and shrubbery. The marshal has impounded the animals so often that the cows look upon the pound as their home, and flock there to be milked. The marshal announces that he will now prosecute the owners of the cows. We suggest that he starts a milk ranch.

One of the finest bands of mutton sheep that has passed through the city this summer was delivered at the stockyards this morning. They were in splendid condition of equal size and as healthy a lot of sheep as we have ever seen. The sheep were raised by Mr. A. Roberts and are en route to the Union Meat Co. in Portland. The band consists of 1420 head and at the rate of \$3 will net Mr. Roberts a neat sum.

A party who went up to The Dalles and crossed over to the Klickitat valley a few days since hunting for prairie chickens did not find any and came home disappointed, says the Oregonian. Prairie chickens are very scarce all over Eastern Oregon. Some say they have been killed off by the poison put out for squirrels. Others say that they have been killed by flying against the wire fences, and others say that so much more ground is in cultivation than there used to be that the birds' nests are de-

stroyed by the plow. Probably all these things have had a tendency to lessen the number of prairie chickens, and persistent hunting has also had something to do with it.

Mrs. Lydia Patterson died at her home in La Grande Sunday night about 11 o'clock at the advanced age of 85. Mrs. Patterson's powers had been failing for some time and her death is attributed to old age. She was a pioneer resident of La Grande and was the mother of Mrs. Hilts and Mr. Cal Knapp. The funeral will take place today at 2 o'clock in La Grande, and the interment will be at the Odd Fellows' cemetery, where her husband is buried.

Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Joles and daughter, Pearl, were among the returning campers last night. They have been in camp near Moffett for the past month and have enjoyed life while many of us poor unfortunates were sweltering with the heat in this city. The heavy rains of the last few days caused them to break camp earlier in the season than they expected, but if the weather turns warm again, they intend returning and staying until the cool weather comes to stay.

The third shipment of horses for the Linnton cannery passed through from Huntington Sunday night. There were in all 300 packed in 10 cars. On the way down five died, and three were in such bad condition that Humane Officer Caswell shot them. The cars were not overcrowded, or even crowded, and the death of the five is attributed by the stockyard employes to overheating, resulting from rearing and plunging. The horses were mostly yearlings and 2 year-olds, and were fresh from the ranges.

A visit to our land office today reveals the fact that the entire force are unusually busy, though not from rush of present business. In the early part of the year much business collected, owing to lack of help, and now that there is a lull an effort is being made to clear up delayed contests and other business of that nature before the fall rush. This being the last year in which the forfeited N. P. R. lands can be acquired by purchase, this fall and winter promises to be a lively one with Uncle Sam's servants at the land office.

Mr. Gifford, the well-known photographer, arrived home last evening from camp at Cascades, Wash. While down the river he secured a number of beautiful views of various scenes along the Columbia, which he will soon offer for sale. We understand that he was not alone in photography at his Skamania county home, but there were others in the profession—Kodak fiends—who at present have a number of negatives of scenes at the camps, which would command a high price if offered for sale to some of the campers.

We are informed by Prof. J. M. Ryan that he contemplates giving a musical recital at the Vogt in the near future—probably about September 15th. He will have the assistance of the musical talent of the city, and one of the most pleasing features will be the music by the Alpha Mandolin and Guitar Club. The club is making wonderful progress and their numbers alone will furnish a rare musical treat. The Dalles appreciates the work of its local talent, and we are safe in saying the entertainment will be a success in every regard.

Our firemen are badly in need of a new hook and ladder wagon, and a number of suggestions have been made as to a means of raising money to secure the same. One of the best suggestions is to give an entertainment or ball in the near future for the benefit of the department and thus raise a sufficient amount to purchase a first class wagon. Many of our young people who usually take part in such performances are willing to do their best and we have no doubt that a performance given for this purpose would be patronized by every property owner in the city. The idea is a splendid one and we hope that it will be carried out successfully.

The tenth annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Agricultural Society will open in this city on October 18th. Persons who desire to put stock, produce or articles of any kind on exhibit should not wait too long before making ready, as it is not well in such cases to let everything go until the last moment. It is the intention of everyone concerned to make the coming meeting one of the most successful in the history of The Dalles, and the success of the meeting depends much on the interest taken by the people throughout the state. The best race horses in the West will compete for purses and there will also be numerous local horses take part in saddle horse and pony races. Work on the track will begin in the near future and everything will be done to make the meeting a flattering success.

To Cleanse the System

Effectually yet gently, when constive or bilious, or when the blood is impure or sluggish, to permanently overcome habitual constipation, to awaken the kidneys and liver to a healthy activity, without irritating or weakening them, to dispel headaches, colds, or fevers, use Syrup of Figs. Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co.

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LETTER FROM SANTIAGO.

Private John McNeil Writes to His Relatives Describing the Battle.

The following letter, under date of July 25th, was received a few days ago from Private John McNeil, of troop C, First United States Infantry, in Cuba. He speaks at length on the battle and tells numerous facts of interest concerning it:

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, July 25, 1898.

I thought I would write and let you know that I am alive and well. Was afraid you might be worrying about me after hearing of the big battle we had. It was surely a hard fight. The first shot was fired at 6:20 on the morning of July 1st, and it was a continuous fight until 12 on the 3rd, when a flag of truce went up and a conference (a council of war) was held. Gen. Shafter gave them a week to get out of the country—that was to turn over their arms to us and be ready to surrender and leave for Spain; but when the time was up they had not done so, and at 4 p. m. on the 10th we turned loose on them again. Talk about a celebration! May be you think we didn't have one. There were dynamite guns, siege guns, and we had thirty-six field guns, besides big shell. When they are going through the air you would think an overland express was coming, and when they light you would swear a machine shop had exploded. Everything you could think of flies through the air, from a monkey wrench to a steam hammer. I'll tell you we gave them a merry time. One of our dynamite shells hit a big gun they were shooting at us and blew Spaniards, gun and all up in the air. I don't believe half of the Spaniards have it yet; but you can bet we paid for the fun we had with them. They sent back very nearly as warm a fire as we sent, and many a comrade got killed or wounded. There were four wounded out of our troop (troop E). But when we got a bead on one of them, down went his meat house. I think the whole loss on our side was about 1800 killed and wounded; the Spaniards had over 6000 killed, and mercy only knows how many wounded. I tell you the buzzards lived for awhile. I think we had revenge for them killing our sailors on Maine. When the last charge was made every soldier's battle cry was "Remember the Maine!"

One evening about 5 o'clock about 1200 Spanish cavalry made a charge on us. The First and Tenth U. S. cavalry were dismounted and we waited until they were about 500 yards from us when we poured it into them. Not one got to our line, and I don't believe that over 200 got back to Santiago. Well, I have told you all about the fight, but that they surrendered on the 14th and we are now in Santiago. I had one pretty close shave. A bullet hit a rock at my feet and bounced up and went into my canteen. I save the bullet yet and am going to keep it as a souvenir. One went through my hat, but I did not know it until in the evening. There was many a one whizzing around my ears.

As I write this letter I am on guard, sitting on the steps of an old Catholic church that was built in 1732. All the people here are Catholics. We'll, it is time for me to go on post, so good-bye. JOHN.

AN INTERESTING LETTER

Written by One of Our Volunteers at Manila.

Max J. Bartell writes the following description of their arrival at the Philippines:

CAVITE, July 18, 1898.

Having landed and taken in the sights I now find considerable news to write. We entered Manila bay June 30th and steamed silently to our moorings among the great grey monsters of Dewey's fleet.

After a peaceful slumber on the silent bay we proceeded to embark for the shore July 1st. The Oregon regiment was the first to go ashore, and we were comfortably lodged in our quarters before the Californians started to land.

Ah! but it is a sight for your life to look about and see the bristling masts and smokestacks of the sunken Spanish fleet. It seems strange to see ten sunken warships and Dewey's small fleet floating uninjured in the bay.

Cavite fort is a small peninsula about one mile by one-half and is connected to the mainland by a narrow paved roadway about 80 feet wide. It is surrounded by a stone wall from 20 to 30 feet thick and about 30 feet high. When Dewey captured the fort it contained about 150 cannon and 500 modern rifles which he gave to the natives.

At Dewey's arrival the natives took new courage and began fighting with vim, and step by step they drove the Spaniards back until now they are all in Manila. During the fighting the insurgents took about 3000 prisoners, which are in the prison just across the street from us.

The second expedition came in yesterday, Sunday, July 17, and we are going to move on Manila Wednesday. I hardly think that we will have to do much fighting to take the city; but you cannot tell what the Spaniards will do.

One thing, however, is certain, and that is we are going to take Manila; the harder the Spaniards fight the more fun it will make for us, so we don't care. The boys are all crazy for a fight and I hope when we do fight we will keep up the reputation of the American soldier.