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LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Saturday's Daily.

The many friends of Mrs. C. W. Haight will be pleased to learn that she is reported some better today.

Joe Robertson was out with his four-in-hand today, and took the sisters and their pupils for a sleigh ride.

Instead of being compelled to get your mail in the postoffice at 2:15 for train No. 1, you will be given till 2:50.

Harry Harkness, who has held a position as clerk with John Hertz, will now be employed in the clothing department of Pease & Mays.

Marshal Lauer succeeded today in removing the obstruction in the court street sewer, and property owners whose cellars were flooded are thankful.

The proprietors of the different meat shops in the city have entered into an agreement to close their respective places of business at 7 o'clock each evening.

There will be a regular meeting of the Elks tonight and it is desired that all members who can possibly attend, will do so, for business of importance will come before the lodge.

The railroad track near the Umatilla House was torn up for some distance by the flanger this morning, a contrivance to clear the snow from next the rails on the inside of the track.

Among the promotions of Oregon volunteers at Salem, we notice that Malcolm Jameson, of Portland, who was a resident of The Dalles for two years, has been commissioned as second lieutenant.

The Prineville stage is due here at noon but at the time of going to press today it had not arrived. Yesterday during a snow storm the driver missed the road between Prineville and Lakeview and was lost for several hours.

Fish Commissioner McGuire will ask the legislature for \$25000 to operate the state hatcheries for the next two years. He expects that \$25000 will be derived from licenses. Washington will be asked to appropriate \$90,000 for the same purpose.

Passengers for Heppner will bear in mind that train No. 4, which reaches here at 5:40, will now connect with the Heppner train. Previous to this time No. 2 has made this connection. Don't make a mistake and fail to be let off at Willows Junction.

More sleighs were on the streets today than have been any day during the winter. Everyone who could get a cutter or rig up a sleigh of any kind was out in force. The small boy as usual was on hand with his "Please mister may I hitch on behind?"

The members of The Dalles Club Minstrels will have their first rehearsal in Fraternity hall tomorrow at 2:30 p. m. The boys have devoted a great deal of time to their individual parts and we may rest assured when they produce their minstrel we will be treated to something original, interesting and amusing.

This afternoon Col. J. M. Patterson will arrive in the city from Wasco, and this evening will muster in the company of National Guards to be known as Company D. For some time the requisite number has been in readiness to be mustered in, awaiting the arrival of officers. Mr. Hollister is examining surgeon. Lieut. Bartell is favorably spoken of for captain.

On account of the serious illness of Rev. Wood, who has been confined to his home for the past week with a severe cold and fever, no preaching service will be held in the Methodist church tomorrow. Sunday school and other meetings as usual. It is especially requested that all members of the Epworth League meet at the regular hour in the evening.

The county court has been quite busy today settling up with the different road supervisors. In the matter of a bridge across Twelve Mile creek near the Boyd mill, it was ordered that the same be relocated and accepted as a county bridge. A petition of L. C. Nickelsen et al., for a county woodroad denied. Position of D. S. Crapper et al. for a change in road district was granted.

Charles Lord is in the city from Arlington. This morning he received a message over the long distance 'phone at Pease & Mays' store. His friends were somewhat interested, fearing it might convey bad news; but 'twas only the "flour of some family" addressing him, and when he came out of the store the collar of his coat looked as if some young lady who used powder had laid her curly head on his shoulder.

The board of directors of the Commercial Club held a meeting last night at the club rooms, when the following officers were elected: President, G. C. Blakeley; vice-president, J. F. Hamp-

shire; secretary, H. M. Beall; treasurer, W. H. Wilson. The only change made in the list of officers is in vice president, which place was filled last year by H. M. Beall, who was also secretary. His efforts for the welfare of the club have been untiring, and are greatly appreciated by its members. Indeed, no better officers could be found in any organization than those who serve the club, to whose energy, in a great measure, is due its success. At the meeting J. F. Hampshire was also appointed a committee of one, to confer with the entertainment committee in regard to giving an entertainment or reception in the near future.

One has but to look at the cover of the New Year's edition of the Salem Statesman, which reached us this morning, to be assured that there is a treat within. The view of Mt. Hood thereon contained is one of the prettiest we have ever seen, while below it is a very pretty cut of an Oregon river. At the bottom of the cover is a bird's eye view of Salem, which though a pretty little scene, does not do justice to the city, which is noted for its beauty of situation. The paper contains twenty-eight pages descriptive of Salem and other towns in Marion county, devoting several pages to state buildings and sketches of some of the officials of the department of state, accompanied by splendid cuts. Among the noted men of Salem we noticed a likeness of ex-Mayor Dr. J. A. Richardson, a former Dalles physician, which is as true to life as anything could possibly be. Altogether the edition is very creditable.

Monday's Daily.

In the forclosure suit today sheriff Kelly sold property in the military reserve for \$2226.26 in the suit of Mrs. E. E. Thompson Calder, vs. C. W. Denton.

If any patrons of The Dalles Steam Laundry should be overlooked and not called upon by the driver, please ring up 'phone 341, and they shall have immediate attention.

Those desiring passage or communication to Prineville or way points will bear in mind that the stage will change time tomorrow and leave this place at 6 a. m. instead of 1 p. m. as heretofore.

The new water system has more than come up to the expectations of those who are in a position to know what the force should be. Today the pressure is 102 when heretofore it has never been more than 87.

The Congregational church was well filled last evening to listen to the sermon "The glory of a young man is his strength." The singing was exceptionally fine and the sextette was especially deserving of praise.

Smith Bros. gave a very pleasant dancing party at the Baldwin opera house Saturday evening. A good crowd attended and as the music was of the best and the floor in a fair condition a most enjoyable time was had.

The new battleship Ohio, now being built on this coast, will be larger and faster than the Oregon. If it also proves to be a better ship our Pacific coast ship builders will have all they can do in the future adding to Uncle Sam's navy.

Messrs. Estebenet & Esping have rented the Moody bowling alley and will conduct it on a first class order. The public is invited to attend and will be cordially received. The alleys are in first class order and will be kept so under the present management.

Today workmen are busy tearing out and remodeling the shelving and fixtures in the store recently occupied by John C. Hertz. I. C. Nickelsen will occupy the building and Pease & Mays will move their grocery department into the present quarters of Mr. Nickelsen.

The following are the daily high scores were made on the club alleys during the past week: Monday, Swigert, 60; Tuesday, Baldwin, 64; Wednesday, John Weigel, 58; Thursday, Mrs. Seufert, 58, Baldwin, 26; Friday, Bradshaw, 64; Saturday, Baldwin, 52; Sunday, Van Norden.

The following high scores were made on the Umatilla House alleys last week: Monday, Taylor, 56; Tuesday, McFadden, 64; Wednesday, Nicholas, 58; Thursday, Hill, 52; Friday, Stewart, 56; Saturday, Stewart, 56; Sunday, Blee, 54. A prize of \$1 is offered for the highest score during the week.

In the county court today the petition asking for a county road through Snipes farm to a point on the Columbia river opposite the steamboat landing at Lyle was denied on the ground that there were irregularities appearing in the petition and notice. A remonstrance had also been filed, Huntington and Wilson appearing for the remonstrators.

Snow has been falling most all day and this morning when train No. 3 left for Portland it was blocked near Latonville Falls where the snow had drifted on the track to a depth of six feet. Train No. 1 which is due here at 3:15 p. m. was an hour late and the prospects are that it will not get through on time. The snow plow from Portland was ordered out to clear the track and no freight trains have left the city today.

The case of the state of Oregon vs. Jacob Craft charged with threatening to kill, terminated in short order this morning. The defendant was discharged by Justice C. E. Bayard, as there was not sufficient evidence to hold him. A. A. Jayne and H. B. Riddell appeared for the state while Ned Gates represented the defendant. Justice Bayard was somewhat wrathful over the case and

from appearances would like to have sent the prosecuting witness up for sixty days.

Business in the city is very quiet, in fact there is hardly anything doing. But this is the time of year we always expect a lull in trade. However, our merchants are losing no time but are busily engaged in taking stock, which to the clerk and bookkeeper is looked forward to with dread. But to the merchant it will be a source of pleasure, for when he looks over his balance sheet and compares his losses and gains he will be agreeably surprised to find his gains are far in advance of his expectations.

Lee K. Morse, first sergeant of company L, Second Oregon volunteers, was killed, probably by accident, in Manila, Friday. A dispatch containing this meager information was received yesterday at Portland by his father, A. A. Morse, from Captain Harry Wells, commanding the young man's company. No further particulars could be learned, and none were received by the Associated Press. The dispatch reads: "Lee killed. Accident." As there has been nothing in the press dispatches to indicate trouble in Manila of late, the inference is that young Morse came to his death by accident.

A measure to regulate the matter of committee clerkships will make its appearance very early in the coming session of the legislature, probably the first day, and it is sure to raise a commotion. If adopted, it will make a saving to the state of more than \$20,000 for the session and increase the efficiency of the clerical work. It will first come up in the form of a joint resolution reported by the special committee appointed at the special session to examine into the matter. The adoption of the resolution will bring the new arrangement into effect for this session, and later a bill will be offered to carry the same beneficent system to future legislatures.

Stephen C. Roster's beautiful song, "The Old Folks at Home," or as we better know it, "The Swanee River," has long been one which arouses the pathetic side of almost every nature. There is in its quaint melody and mournful words a life picture of the sunny south of which so many in the north know little. William C. Sterling, the author of "On the Swanee River," which comes to the Vogt opera house Monday evening next, January 16, has taken as the locality of this new play the region about the little village of Swanee on the banks of the famous old stream, and he presents to us the story of the family of Clayton, one of the first settlers in Florida. It is not claimed that developments of the play are new, nor that the story possesses any great amount of originality in its development. Mr. Sterling has simply written a romance of the south with true old characters and placed them in this little known region, depending upon the strength of his play and its romantic surroundings to win public approval. Reports of this new attraction are good and in it we are promised a "home play" which will prove attractive and interesting to the best class of theatre-goers. The story has been thoroughly illustrated with scenic investiture painted from nature in the region of the action of the play.

Tuesday's Daily.

The bridge across 12-Mile, near Boyd's mill, which was erected by the people of that district, has been accepted by the court as a county road.

The tax levy for the year 1898 is as follows: For county purposes, 13 2-10 mills; for state purposes, 5 7-10 mills; school, 5 mills; G. A. R., 1-10 mill. Making a total of twenty-four mills.

Friends of Mrs. Dorothea Eliot-Wilbur, who is now in Berlin, received the compliments of the season from her this morning, which had been mailed at that place only twelve days since.

Miss Stella Mayhew, one of the leading characters in "On the Swanee River," is said to be the famous "button girl," who appeared in this city with "The Pulse of New York" Company a year ago.

Harry Goetz, who died in Portland last Friday of consumption, was a former Dalles boy. He was buried Sunday afternoon from the family residence in that city, the funeral being conducted by Rev. D. B. Grey. The family has been particularly unfortunate in the past three years, four members having died during that time.

A letter received from Miss Georgia Sampson tells of the promotion of Grover B. Simpson, who formerly was superintendent of the Missouri Pacific division of the Wells Fargo Express, with headquarters at St. Louis, but who has been promoted to an eastern division, with headquarters at Chicago, to which city they will remove in the near future. Mr. Simpson married Miss Alma Beezley, a Dalles girl of former years, and is well known on the Pacific coast.

Although No. 4, east-bound was about two hours late last evening, being delayed on account of the snow drifts between here and Portland, No. 2 arrived on time, experiencing no delay. Travelers who are not concerned as to a delay, can enjoy some of the most beautiful scenery along this road ever viewed. The view in summer does not compare with that of a winter scene, when mountain tops, valleys and the pretty fir trees are covered in a mantle of white.

What proved to be a very fortunate

accident occurred this afternoon when Mrs. T. J. Seufert, with her little son, and Mrs. W. L. Bradshaw were out sleighing. The cutter encountered a rock at the corner of Mays & Crowe's store, and the occupants were thrown out, but not injured excepting a slight scratch on Mrs. Seufert's face. The horse, becoming frightened, ran a short distance, but was soon caught and brought back, when the ladies drove off.

Yesterday, while residents of this city were enjoying the splendid sleighing which now prevails, and having a genuine snow storm, the rain was pelting down furiously all day long in Portland, and to the surprise of Eastern Oregon women, whom a small shower will cause to postpone their shopping till a more convenient season, those webfoot women were wading around in slush above their shoe tops in the endeavor to take advantage of the January sales. "Frailty thy name is woman" does not apply to that individual when the "sales" are on.

W. E. Niles, who was traveling freight agent of the Union Pacific railroad, died yesterday morning at 8 o'clock at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland. Much regret is felt by his friends in this city at his sad demise. Mr. Niles was a genial, whole-souled man who upon his frequent visits to this city had made himself beloved by everyone who came to meet him. Ever ready with a cheery word for all, no visitor was more generally liked, and no visits more eagerly looked forward to than were his. He seems to have been a great favorite in every place where his business called him, and in Portland he is generally mourned. 'Tis true of him that he scattered sunshine all along the way.

A report from Manila says: "To fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Major Cardwell, from the regimental staff, an examination has been held to select a second assistant surgeon. Brosius, Littlefield and Anderson were the three who went before the board, the two former being hospital stewards, and Dr. Anderson a member of the hospital corps. Colonel Summers announced he would recommend for appointment the one passing the highest examination. No report of the board called by the chief surgeon has been made yet, so the victorious candidate cannot be named. All three have done faithful work in the hospitals. Dr. Littlefield has been in the Cavite hospital ever since the regiment came to Manila." Two of the gentlemen mentioned for promotion are known to Dalles people, Dr. Brosius of Hood River and Dr. Littlefield, who is a brother of Mrs. W. L. Bradshaw.

A dramatic critic in Denver has sent us the following concerning the play which will be presented here next Monday night: "Last night the Tabor Grand presented for the last time in Denver a comedy drama success called 'On the Swanee River,' before an audience that completely filled the theatre from top to bottom. The action of the play being laid near the little village of Swanee in Florida, and hinges on the Clayton family, one of the oldest in the district. As for the plot itself, one gets mixed up and wonders what is coming next. There are so many complications that arise from time to time that lead one to believe that the play was strictly melodramatic, but such is not the case. It is full of love and pathos, intermingled with bright comedy that cannot but make the play a big success wherever it is presented. The scenery is superb and the play is mounted in an excellent manner. The singing of the colored quartet is one of the special features in this production, and it is only right to say that they were given a hearty welcome by the audience, encores being very frequent."

Patterson is Grand Master.

Still A. W. Patterson continues to receive honors in Washington. A recent dispatch from that city says:

"A. W. Patterson, of Oregon, clerk of the house committee on the irrigation of public lands, was recently elected grand master of the Alpha Eta chapter of the Kappa Sigma fraternity, of this city. Shortly after the election of Mr. Patterson, his fraternity chapter, composed of students of the Columbian university, gave its annual banquet at one of Washington's hotels. The entire affair was under the management of the Oregon man, who acted as toastmaster on the occasion, and introduced the several speakers. The event proved one of the most successful ever given by the fraternity men of the Washington institution. William B. Turner, of Oregon, a clerk in the senate secretary's office, is also a member of this fraternity, and was in attendance at the banquet. The Kappa Sigma fraternity boasts of having some of Washington's brightest young men among its number, many of whom are sons of prominent Americans of the past."

La Grippe Successfully Treated.

"I have just recovered from the second attack of La Grippe this year," says Mr. Jas. A. Jones, publisher of the Leader, Mexico, Texas. "In the latter case I used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I think with considerable success, only being in bed a little over two days against ten days for the former attack. The second attack I am satisfied would have been equally as bad as the first but for the use of this remedy as I had to go to bed in about six hours after being 'struck' with it, while in the first case I was able to attend to business about two days before getting 'down.'" For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

OF INTEREST TO THE DALLES.

Proposed Portage Railroad Around the Cello Falls-A Hot Fight Expected.

For many years the project of building a portage railroad from Cello to a point opposite The Dalles has been discussed. Especially has this been so since the completion of the Cascade Locks, making passable uninterrupted navigation from this point to the sea. Several years ago Saul Mohr of Tacoma, and a number of capitalists connected with him, seeing the commercial importance which the building of such a portage would bring, secured right of way for a great portion of the distance and in order to advertise their good faith unto the world graded several miles of road from Columbus. When this was done the matter was allowed to drop, but with the occurrence of each Washington legislative session, Mohr and his friends appeared upon the scene and pointed to what they have already done and tell of what they are about to do toward completing the work begun so many years ago.

This year has been no exception, and already Mohr has announced that in the spring work, will be again resumed upon the portage road between Columbus and Rockland.

But evidently the people of Washington have lost faith in these repeated promises and some of them at least are preparing to take action on their own part. Leon W. Curtis, who lives at the foot of the Klickitat and is a representative from our neighboring county on the north, has prepared a bill which he intends introducing at the coming session. In a recent interview in the Oregonian, regarding this matter, Mr. Curtis is quoted:

"Representative Leon W. Curtis, of Klickitat county, has charge of one of the most important pieces of legislation to come before the session, which opens here next week. He will ask for an appropriation of \$300,000 for the purpose of building a state portage railroad at Cello, Wash."

"The road is to be 8 miles in length and Mr. Curtis estimates that it will result in a saving of 4 per cent per bushel in carrying grain to Portland. He would have the expense paid by a special tax levy, and to issue warrants pending the collection of the same."

"I believe the road will be self-sustaining by placing a charge of 1 cent per bushel on the grain hauled," Mr. Curtis said today. "My plan would be to pay off the cost of the work in a couple of years, and leave no interest charges to take care of. This would permit of operating the road on a basis of a minimum charge to the producer."

"When it is reckoned that nine-tenths of the agricultural area of the state is east of the Cascades, and that about 75 per cent of this area is tributary to the Columbia river, the great importance of this portage at Cello is better understood. There are, say, 15,000,000 bushels of grain raised annually in districts tributary to the Columbia river, and when it is considered that by the proposed portage a saving of about 4 cents per bushel on grain can be realized, the cost of construction is a mere bagatelle. Of course, I do not mean to say that with the portage all the 15,000,000 bushels of grain referred to, would be carried down the Columbia river in boats. We of Klickitat, for instance, raised about 1,000,000 bushels of wheat during the past season, and we realize that it would be a very good thing to build this proposed portage and build it at once."

Undoubtedly the proposed measure will arouse opposition from several quarters. The railroad influence will be against it as will also the Mohr contingency. It will be a fight like the locks over again and the end is uncertain. But the portage bill will not lack for friends as the members of the Eastern Washington and Columbia river counties are pledged to its hearty support. Delegations from Walla Walla, Spokane and the Palouse countries will be at Olympia during the session and will put in words when they are needed, and it would not be surprising if the bill would pass, an outcome which would be satisfactory to all portions of Eastern Oregon and Washington.

STEELHEAD SALMON.

May Become Extinct Unless Artificial Means of Propagating Them Are Used.

The steelhead salmon, which is the most valuable of all for cold storage packing, is threatened with extinction in the Columbia, and unusual efforts are to be made to increase the output of fry the coming season.

Last season was the first year artificial propagation had been tried with this species on the upper coast. A hatchery belonging to Thomas Brown and Geo. Broughton, on Sandy river, was used for the purpose. The expense was defrayed by private subscription, and about one million steelhead fry was turned into the waters of the Columbia.

Fish Commissioner McGuire has already taken the matter up, and expects to make satisfactory arrangements with the men owning the hatchery to again carry on their work this winter. He has not yet seen the other members of the commission, but feels sure they will heartily co-operate with him in this matter.

The scarcity of steelhead salmon has

caused the price to go up, until this species is the highest priced now taken out of the river.

The steelheads spawn in the late winter and early spring, while the chinooks spawn in the fall. The heavy freshets are very destructive to the steelhead spawn, and, for that reason, artificial propagation is absolutely necessary to increase the output.

Congregational Church Meeting.

The members of the church and congregation of the Congregational church held their annual meeting last evening, at which there was a large attendance. Reports of the clerk and treasurer were presented, showing a prosperous condition both as to membership and finances. The church is now clear of all indebtedness, with the exception of a small balance—less than one hundred dollars—and the church property is now clear of all incumbrances. On motion of S. L. Brooks the trustees were instructed to increase the salary of the pastor from \$1000 to \$1200 per annum, provided the pledged financial support for the year shall aggregate \$1000.

The following officers were elected: Deacons, S. L. Brooks, A. R. Thompson, J. M. Huntington and J. M. Patterson; Deaconess, Mrs. D. J. Cooper; Trustee, S. L. Brooks; Clerk, A. R. Thompson and Treasurer, B. S. Huntington.

At the close of the meeting those present subscribed about \$750 toward the current expenses of the church, and it is expected this will be increased to over a \$1000 within a few days.

One of the trustees announced that the matter of building a parsonage was under consideration and might be undertaken within the coming year.

After the business meeting the ladies served refreshments and an hour or more was pleasantly given to sociability and music.

Oregon's New Governor.

The Telegram pays the following deserved tribute to Oregon's new governor: "Hon. T. T. Geer today was inaugurated governor of Oregon. And the people of this state are to be congratulated. Never was purer, more honorable man inducted into office as a chief executive of any state in the Union. The governor not only possesses all the attributes tending to make the man of unquestionable integrity, but intellectually he is the peer of any of his predecessors in the state of Oregon. His private and public life is a guaranty that he will carefully look after the interests of those who exalted him to his present great office, and one may as well expect the planets to depart from their circuit as to believe that he will in the minutest instances disappoint those having pinned their abiding faith upon him."

"He made no incautions promises during the late political campaign, hence it does not devolve upon him to sanction any appointments that may prevent his administration proving one of the cleanest and most economical Oregon ever had. Such result will only crystallize the reputation of Governor Geer as being a man of inflexible character."

In Honor of Miss Scott.

Saturday's Daily.

Pearl Joles, at her home last evening, gave a farewell party to Miss Grace Scott of Corvallis, who has been spending the holidays with the Misses Schooling. Various games were played and many songs were sung. Messrs. Rees and Parkins played several selections on their guitars, which were enjoyed immensely. An excellent supper was then served. After supper the games were resumed until a late hour, when Mrs. C. M. Alden and Arthur Seufert took several flash light pictures of the invited guests. Then all joined in hoping that Miss Scott's journey would be enjoyable.

Those present were: Misses Grace Scott, Martha and Bernice Schooling, Edie and Vesta Bolton, Lillie Seufert, Lena and Valesca Liebe, Lizzie Schooling, Cora Joles, Messrs. Arthur Seufert, Will Michelbach, James McCowan, Willie Frank, Alfred Hnott, Chris Schwabe, Irwin Parkins, Walter Ferguson, George Ferguson, Jack Pruyn, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Rees, Mrs. C. M. Alden.

Regarding Salaries of County Judge and Treasurer.

The following petition which has been circulated in and around the city, and signed by many of the business men of the county will be sent to Salem today to be acted upon by the legislature: "We the undersigned citizens and legal voters of Wasco county, Or., hereby petition your honorable body to amend the laws of the state of Oregon so that the county judge of Wasco county shall receive a salary of \$600 per annum, and the county treasurer of Wasco county shall receive a salary of \$600 per annum."

"This petition is made with the understanding that the amendment asked for shall not affect the salaries of the present incumbents of said offices, until their present term shall expire."

"We ask the above amendment believing that the salaries mentioned will be adequate pay for the services rendered the county by the above named officials."

Other petitions of the same nature will be sent from Hood River and various places in the county.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.