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SUBSCRIPTION RATES. BY MAIL, POSTAGE PREPAID, IN ADVANCE.

LOCAL BREVITIES. Saturday's Daily.

Miss Taylor's Kindergarten school will open about the middle of February.

Russell, the morphine fiend, was brought before Recorder Gates yesterday to answer to the charge of vagrancy.

It takes a larger ice blockade than was encountered yesterday to stop the D. P. & A. N. boats.

Just one week from tonight the show of the season takes place, when we are to listen to our own talent in a black-face entertainment.

The Washington and Oregon interstate fish committee will meet in Tacoma next Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Butler have rented the McGee property on the corner of Fourth and Union street.

The teachers of the public schools of our city spent a delightful afternoon with Mrs. Wilson and Miss Wrenn at the home of the former Saturday afternoon.

F. P. Mays, one of the attorneys in the Forester case, is in the city today, and this morning the judge set the date of the commencement of that case for the afternoon of the third day of the next term of court.

Rev. Poling being unable to fill his pulpit yesterday, Rev. D. B. Gray, who fifteen years ago was pastor of the Congregational church in this city, conducted the services.

This morning a few minutes after J. T. Peters had left his home, the sitting-room was found to be on fire, and what gave promise of being a serious conflagration was discovered just in time.

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John Naegle, the famous "Campmeeting Johnnie" will conduct the meeting. Next Sunday Chancellor Thoburn, of Portland, will preach both morning and evening.

The new county of Wheeler, the bill providing for which has been introduced in the legislature, is to be 54 miles in its greatest length north and south, and 36 miles east and west.

The ladies of the Commercial club will now have an incentive to bowl such as has never been given before.

At this time of the year the sidewalks are necessarily in a bad condition before the snow is entirely removed.

On account of the ill health of their daughter, Dr. Gertrude French, Mr. and Mrs. S. French have prevailed upon her to take a trip to New York City.

Recorder Gates today sent the proposed new charter to our representatives at Salem.

Last night N. J. Sinnott received a telegram from Portland announcing the death of his cousin, Mary Sinnott.

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A. M. Williams & Co.'s store has been somewhat crippled of late by sickness among the employees.

From a gentleman who was permitted to attend the rehearsal for the club minstrel's last night we learn that the singing this year is to be unusually good.

At a meeting called last night for the election of officers of the Methodist Sunday school, the following were elected: Supt., Mrs. S. French; asst. supt., Rev. J. H. Wood; secretary, C. H. Brown; treasurer, W. A. Kirby; organist, Miss Edith Randall; asst., Miss Beesie French; chorister, W. E. Sylvester; librarian, Geo. Ruch.

Much has been said regarding the "Inland Creeper," as the Flyer has been termed; but according to expert engineers who have examined her for the purpose of determining just where the difficulty lies, she will yet come up to the expectations which the company had for her.

The bill to provide for the physical examination of plaintiffs in action for damages for personal injuries, if enacted into law will prove of material advantage to railway companies and other concerns employing a large number of men in work that is attended by the elements of danger.

It may interest our readers to know that during the great influenza epidemic in London, in 1889, the board of health of that city advised the public affected with the disease to make an abundant use of hot lemonade.

Legislature Again at Work. CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 23.—The assembly convened at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, after an adjournment since Friday.

Several new bills have been introduced. One by Myers amending the law relative to the punishment of ghouls, which provides for penal servitude for from five to ten years.

The pilot bill is beginning to assume greatness. Comment on both sides is warm.

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with the transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently overcome habitual constipation, well informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system.

Elegant new Pullman palace sleepers between Portland and Chicago have just been placed in service via the O. R. & N., Oregon Short Line, Union Pacific and Chicago & Northwestern railways daily every day in the year.

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NEW CHARTER ACCEPTED.

City Levies Five Mills Regular Tax—One Mill and Half Special.

The special meeting of the council which was called for last night, met at the recorder's office at 7:30 o'clock, presided over by Mayor Nolan.

Mayor Nolan stated that the object of the meeting was for the levying of a city tax for the year 1898, and also to consider the proposed new charter.

Kuck moved that the city levy a tax of five mills as a general fund and a mill and a half as a special tax for the purpose of paying the interest and redemption of the city bonds when they become redeemable.

The mayor then pointed out to the council the principal points of the proposed change in the charter. The creating of a sinking fund was first mentioned. Another important matter is the giving of the council and city officers additional power to compel property owners to repair sewers, sidewalks, streets, etc.

The city will be given the right to appropriate the right-of-way over private property for the purpose of laying sewers. According to the old city was allowed to bond itself to the amount of \$25,000 for the construction of a bridge across the Columbia.

Mr. Golt, the surveyor, being present informed the council that the description of the city's boundary lines as set forth in the proposed charter, is in some respects indefinite, and suggested changes in the same, which will not materially alter them, but make them more definite.

A PERFECT EVENING.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. McCoy Entertain Their Friends at Whist.

No social event could be more fully and perfectly arranged than was the whist party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. McCoy last evening.

At the close of the game, the host, accompanied by Mrs. Peters, led the way to the dining room, which was not only inviting, but beautiful in its decorations.

During the entire evening, with the exception of short intervals, the sweetest of music was played by Messrs. Ryan and Aiden, which added greatly to the completeness of the pleasure.

The following were delighted with the enjoyment afforded: Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Huntington, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moody, Mr. and Mrs. Peters, Dr. and Mrs. Logan, Judge and Mrs. Blakeley, Judge and Mrs. Bradshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Fish, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Seuffer, Mrs. T. A. Hudson, Misses Clara Davis and Rose Mitchell, Max Vogt, Jr.

Guardian of Cedar Circle Surprised.

Last evening being the birthday eve of Guardian Neighbor Ollie Stephens, the members of Cedar Circle decided to remember her for her past faithfulness

and for the esteem in which she is held by Cedar Circle, who teach the doctrine of the brotherhood of man and the sisterhood of woman. The hall was decorated with fir trees to appear as a forest, and after lodge closed the Guardian was informed that a luncheon would be spread in honor of her birthday.

The evening was pleasantly spent and all voted it better to give than receive and began wishing their birthdays were near. There will be installation next week and balloting on candidates. F.

Roll of Honor.

The following pupils of The Dalles schools have been neither absent nor tardy during the fall term of eighteen weeks, beginning Sept. 12, 1898, and ending Jan. 20, 1899:

- EAST HILL PRIMARY. Miss N. Cooper—Newton Sexton. Mrs. Roche—None. COURT ST. SCHOOL. Miss Douthit—Lloyd Meir. Miss E. Cooper—Georgia Dubois, Nellie Hosteler, Ray Jackson, Maud Kirby, Percy Long, Harold McIntosh, Ernest Walther. Mrs. Roberts—Lawrence McArthur, Arthur Wand. Miss Wrenn—Carrie Brown, Adolph Buchler, Annie Ostlund, Agnes Ramsey. ACADEMY PARK SCHOOL. Miss Phirman—Alice Johns, Emorine Young. Miss Flinn—Alfred Daggett, Josie Lorenzen. Miss Martin—Mahlon Borders, Hazel Huntington, Nellie Jones, Ella McCoy, Josie Nickelsen, Alberta Shephard. Miss Ball—Nora Borders, Gertrude Brown, Fred Davis. HIGH SCHOOL. Mrs. Baldwin—Grace Estes, Harry Patterson, Xenio Riddell, Guy Sexton, Leona Sexton, Mamie Teague, George Walther, Joanna Waugh. Miss L. Rintoul—May Barzee, John Scherrer, Lulu Ward. Miss T. Rintoul—Lillie Ostlund. Miss Mitchell—William Cross, Pearl Estes, Ruby Lofton, Lena Vogt, Grace Williams. High School Dept.—Stella Brown, Pearl Grimes, Ruby Groat, Dora Sexton, Olive Slate, Joseph Steers, Grace Willerton. Fewer names on the roll than usual because of mumps, measles and chicken-pox being prevalent in the district during December and January. JOHN GAVIN, City Supt.

Teachers' Assignment.

- The assignment of teachers for the spring term, 1899, in our public schools, is as follows: East Hill Primary—Miss Nan Cooper, 1B, 2B and 2A; Mrs. Kate Roche, 3A, 4A and 5A. Court Street School—Miss Mary Douthit, 1C, 1B and 1A; Miss Ella Cooper, 2A and 2B; Miss Emma Roberts, 3B and 3A; Miss Etta Wrenn, 4B and 4A. Academy Park School—Miss Salina Phirman, 1C, 1B and 1A; Miss Margaret Flynn, 2B and 3A; Miss Catherine Martin, 4B and 5B; Miss Elsie Ball, 5B and 5A. High School—Mrs. Ella Baldwin, 6B and 6A; Miss Louise Rintoul, 6A and 7B; Miss Tena Rintoul, 7A and 8B; Minnie Mitchell, 8B and 8A. High School Department—Miss Melissa Hill, assistant principal; Mr. J. S. Landers, principal, (1st yr B, 1st yr A, 2d yr and 3d yr.) JOHN GAVIN, City Supt. January 21st, 1899.

Advertised Letters.

- Following is the list of letters remaining in the postoffice at The Dalles un-called for January, 21, 1899. Persons calling for the same will give date on which they were advertised: Adams, Gregory Brown, Harry Brown, Carrie Beary, C. Bann, Nat Conno, Eugene Cole, Edd C. Darling, E. W. Gardner, Hattie Harrison, Wm Hidy, Alas Hendry, Dr A J Johnson, Mr La Celle, Annie McCune, J L Murray, John Mahan, H J Myers, J N Nyhus, Livia Oren, Maggie Robinson, Alice Smith, Rosie Shonchenssery, O Vogt, Heinrich Vanbuskirk, Rosa Walker, J A Ward, Anna Woodside, F A J. A. CROSSMAN, P. M.

Freas Saunders has purchased the wood business of J. T. Reynolds in this city. Those desiring good wood will find him by ringing up 'phone number 12.

FOUND WANTING.

Composed Principally of Kicking on the Stage—and in the Audience.

There were many features beside that of the boy "Wanted" in the play Saturday night. As is the case with the majority of plays put upon the stage (and we are sorry to say, demanded), in this enlightened (?) age, there was wanting an air of refinement which was conspicuous for its absence in the "Boy Wanted," and in fact most of the actors of the play. While one can scarcely say of these productions that they are indecent, yet they border so closely on the forbidden that a refined audience becomes really nauseated before the curtain falls.

The absence of plot in these productions is sadly missed. However, this could be overlooked, if as in the "Dazzler" there is some merit—good singing, good dancing, or even a pretty girl or two. Instead there is nothing but a conglomerated mass of nothing but child's play.

By way of a slight variation the "boy wanted" made his appearance between acts and made a sign-board of himself, much to the disgust of the audience. However, we have been speaking in general terms. To say that there was not a redeeming feature in the play would be an injustice. The fault is mostly in the play. The lack of an opportunity to display the talent which may be possessed by the actors. The musical selections by the old German were like an oasis in a desert, and well executed.

The tumbling of the two young girls was good; but the star of the evening was the tragedian, who did some good acting and his comedy piano specialties were well received. The difficulty encountered in determining the merit of a play before its production seems unsurmountable. It is misrepresented to the manager, who also becomes discouraged in bringing to the city actors of merit like Ward, Effie Ellaler, Milton Nobles, and others, who are almost sure to be given an icy reception, while plays of the Saturday night caliber draw crowded houses. The newspapers advertise such shows from copy furnished by the advance agents, placing stars as a credit, and the only authority we have for other mention are the papers of other cities, and we are about coming to the conclusion that the Valley papers are bribed, and the Oregonian, Statesman and many others so often speak well of meretricious productions.

Our Minstrel Show.

J. F. Hampshire made a flying trip to Portland yesterday for the purpose of procuring costumes for the minstrel show to be given by local talent Saturday night at the Vogt. While most of them will arrive later in the week, the reporter has been permitted to see those to be worn by the principal characters, and they are "beaute." So handsome is the white velvet suit of the interlocutor that it might put all the others in the shade were the rest not loud enough to make themselves seen.

The opening scene cannot fail to be very striking if the costumes give any idea of its appearance. In fact, the whole performance is to be costumed to the queen's taste. The show opens with a grand first part, with N. J. Sinnott as interlocutor and Clarke, Hampshire, Crossen and Hollister as end men, supported by a large chorus of our best male voices. The jokes are all new and the musical selections the most catchy. This part closes with "Did you hear about Brown." The curtain then rises on the little mascots, Lela Kelsay and Hazel Waud, who give a song and cake walk, which is said to be "too cute for anything."

Next comes a male quartet, in costume, and after a short intermission the last part opens with a tumbling act by Ballard and Kelsay. A similar performance last year was considered one of the best on the program, and is equally as good this year. Dawson and Heroux will also be seen in a leger demain act, which is excellent. Frank and Crossen will appear in the duple black-face sketch, and their reputation as singers assures a fine turn. Then we are to see Hampshire and Clarke in a turn which surpasses anything they have yet attempted. This announcement is sufficient to pack the house.

Baldwin's darkey band is a prominent feature of the evening, while many other sketches, etc., not mentioned, will be in evidence. Not to speak of the grand cake walk as a pleasing finale.

Coughing injures and inflames sore lungs. One Minute Cough Cure loosens the cold, allays coughing and heals quickly. The best cure for children, perfectly harmless. Snipes-Kinersly Drug Company.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve Cures Piles, Scalds, Burns.