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**LOCAL BREVITIES.**

Saturday's Daily.  
 Remember—Mannhattan Shirts—98c—A. M. Williams & Co.

Two cars of cattle belonging to Chas. Baker are at the stockyards and will be shipped to Port Townsend tonight.

Steve Russell, one of the morphine fiends who has been confined in the city jail, was this morning sent to Vancouver, where his relatives reside.

The Mascots of the minstrel show may be the least in stature of all the company, but their cake walk is immense, and you'll say so tonight.

The total actual enrollment of The Dalles public schools for the present week following the semi-annual promotion, is even 800, and 98 of this total are in the high school department.

In the fall term of school ending last week, the total number of pupils enrolled was 896, a gain of 36 over the corresponding period last year; the average number belonging was 719, a gain of 37; the average daily attendance was 681, a gain of 29.

R. F. Barnes, deputy collector of customs, is up from Portland today taking the measurements of the Regulator. A new ruling has been made whereby owners may name their vessels after the home port. The Regulator will, therefore, in the future be termed the Regulator of Dalles City, instead of Portland, as formerly.

Tomorrow in the morning and evening at the Methodist church Chancellor Theoburn will be present and address the audience. At his last visit his congregations were delighted with the chancellor's sermons and are anxious to hear him again. Rev. Warner will also be present, as will also the pastor, Rev. Wood, and the revival services, which are steadily increasing in interest, will continue during the coming week.

School Clerk Schmidt is now busy taking the annual enumeration for district No. 12. The total number this year is expected to be in the neighborhood of 1400. For the past several years enumeration has shown a steady increase from year to year. In March '93 the total was 907; in '94, 1058; in '95, 1212; in '96, 1282; in '97, 1309; in '98, 1347.

At the State Horticultural Society held at Corvallis, Emile Schanno of this city, was elected vice president. Mr. Schanno no doubt will be an excellent officer, for there certainly is not a man in the state who takes a greater interest in horticulture than he does. His advice is always timely and greatly appreciated by the people of The Dalles and vicinity.

Today is indeed a perfect day, and now is the time for some newspaper to remark that the "spring has come, and the frogs are croaking," it is words to that effect. Already the wild flowers are beginning to make their appearance and some of our residents are working on their gardens. This, however, seems a little premature, for colder weather is sure to make its appearance before "summer comes again."

The Endeavorers of the Christian church will conduct an unusually interesting service tomorrow evening, commencing at 7:30. The day is generally known as "Epeaveur Day," and appropriate addresses will be delivered and papers read by leading Endeavor workers, upon various topics touching upon the great work of Christian Endeavor. Special songs will be interspersed in the program, and it will be a service well worth one's time to attend.

Mr. David Creighton, of 3-Mile, is in receipt of a paper which gives an account of the celebration of the sixtieth wedding anniversary of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. David Creighton, of Vacaville, Calif. This is an unusual occurrence, particularly when the couple are as young in appearance and lively as this couple is said to be. Mr. Creighton is 83 years of age, and said to be as sprightly as a man of half his age, while his wife, who is 79, is full of life, and not a grey hair has made its appearance. At their fiftieth anniversary, forty-three relatives were present, only one having passed away since that time.

A few days ago the summer residence of Leon Justin, near the Cascade Locks, was destroyed by fire under peculiar circumstances. The place was occupied by Mr. King and wife who were engaged to look after the place. The King family lost all their clothing and jewelry, and all the furniture excepting a few pieces were burned. The building was valued at \$3000 and the furniture at \$1500. The total insurance was but \$1800. The fire originated in the kitchen. Mr. King and his wife were at dinner at the time. Mrs. King was "trying out" some lard on the

kitchen stove. During her absence the fat took fire and the blaze was soon beyond control. Mr. King sustained a number of painful burns about the hands and wrist.

A correspondent from Goldendale says: Within the week there have been shipped to Lyle and the mouth of the Big Klickitat river two carloads of tools and railroad builders' outfit, and it is said a party of surveyors were recently seen on the south side of the mountain, working towards The Dalles. Thursday a crew was seen driving stakes at a lively rate on a survey that had just been made through Farmer Daly's field, a point a few miles southwest of Goldendale. It is believed the surveying party of engineer A. E. Hammond is the unknown party, and that it will be in Goldendale soon with the line of survey.

Young America often gets dissatisfied, and putting the expansion theory into practice desires to take in new territory. Accordingly, yesterday afternoon Mike and John Bohan, aged 15 and 11 years, spread their wings and flew away, making up their minds that home restraints were not "in it" with the liberty to be derived from traveling over the country with a horse and cart. They chose as their favorite direction the road which leads to Dufur, and at last accounts were heard of at that place. Learning of their whereabouts their paternal ancestor started after them, and will no doubt be that they return home.

The Oregonian of last week reports Astoria as being confronted with a constantly increasing school attendance and a constantly decreasing assessment list. The same condition exists in a lesser degree in The Dalles. In '94 taxes were assessed on a total roll of \$1,413,434 by this district, with an average daily attendance in the schools of 414; in '95 the roll decreased to \$1,280,370 and the daily attendance increased to 517; in '96 the roll decreased to \$1,186,151, and the attendance increased to 584; in '97 the roll increased to \$1,193,161, and the attendance increased to 596; in '98 the roll decreased to \$1,172,479, and the attendance increased to 660. The present roll for collection of taxes this year has increased to \$1,181,703, and the school attendance is the largest in the history of the district.

Two weeks ago we were sleigh riding; today we feel that a picnic would be the most appropriate pastime. In every community there are croakers, who, as the saying is, "shake hands with the devil before they meet him." These unfortunates are now borrowing trouble regarding the fruit trees, saying that they are beginning to put forth buds, and that the cold weather, which is sure to follow, will nip them and so cause a failure of the crop. Those who have made horticulture a study inform us that there is not the slightest cause for concern as yet, as there are no signs of buds. One gentleman tells us that he has been a resident of this section since '63, and there has been but one failure of the fruit crop since that time, and that was in 1878. The peach crop has been a partial failure in a few instances. Let us not cross the bridge before we reach it; but enjoy the pleasant weather, as best we can.

If the reporters who attended the rehearsal of the minstrel performance last night were permitted to give it a genuine write-up today, and our readers would take our word for it, there wouldn't be an inch of standing room to spare in the hall tonight. Every feature alone is worth the price of admission. We confess, that while we anticipated a good show, it far surpasses what we expected and Dalles people have still more reason to feel proud of the local talent as a number who make their first appearance tonight prove themselves far ahead of most of the professionals who visit our city. The boys have taken no end of pains to give us an entertainment of merit and should be encouraged. Besides no one can afford to miss seeing the show. From the opening overture to the cake walk at the close, each feature is particularly fine, and it is difficult to say which possesses the most merit.

Monday's Daily.  
 A good strong wind has been blowing for the past few days and at present writing our streets are comparatively dry.

Saturday our streets were filled with farmers, who, taking advantage of the pleasant weather and good roads, came to town to do their early spring trading.

There is an unfortunate disposition in man to attend much more to the faults of his companions which offend him than to their perfections which please him.

At the residence of Geo. L. Mann, today at noon, Mr. Ira L. Decker was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Alta M. Durban, justice Bayard officiating.

Miss Mitchell is absent from school today on account of sickness. Her place is being filled by Miss Mabel Collins. Miss Wrenn of the Court St. school is also on the sick list, Miss Ida Friday is her substitute.

The following is the high score at Estebenet & Esping's bowling alley for the week ending Sunday night: Monday, Chas. Frank, 57; Tuesday, D. W. Mann, 66; Wednesday, O. Keisay, 55; Thursday, H. Staniels, 50; Friday, W. Wilhelm, 55; Saturday, Spelceinger, 54;

Sunday, Scot Cathcart, 50.  
 Floyd and Roberts, of Seattle, will leave for Dawson City, Alaska, February 15th, and will carry letters for fifty cents each. Forward letters to 105 Cherry Street, Seattle, Wash. D. C. Floyd is a former resident of this city. 30 td

There will be a cattle men's meeting held at the court house in this city on Saturday, February 4th at 1 p. m. The object is in regard to protecting their right on the forest reserve. All interested in the matter are earnestly requested to be present.

At the fire last evening it was again shown that the fire department is in need of an efficient hook and ladder truck and rigging. A committee has been appointed to solicit funds for the purchase of a suitable outfit and it is needless to state they will meet with success.

A very pleasant dancing party was given last Saturday night at the residence of Michael Dvile on Chenoweth creek. About twenty-five couples were present and a most enjoyable time was had. Excellent music was furnished and the lunch served was one of the finest.

It has been mentioned by one of our citizens that some compensation be rendered to those who at fires ruin their clothes. For some cause or other the fires in this city lately have occurred on Sunday when the majority of people have on their best. In many instances men render valuable assistance to property owners and the city and by so doing damage their wearing apparel to a great extent. It has often been noticed and commented on numerous times, that those who have the least at stake do the larger part of the work at fires. It is suggested that either the property owners or the city should make some compensation for the loss sustained by having clothes ruined by water and otherwise. Our fire companies are volunteer and their services are always at the disposal of the city. However, a man working for small wages can ill afford to lose several dollars for clothes ruined at each conflagration. Somebody has got to do the work. Who usually does it? We will leave it with you. Give those who are willing to work and save property for others, as good as they had when they went to the assistance of those who needed it immediately.

Tuesday's Daily.  
 It makes a woman shudder to think how happy she could have made you. This morning The Dalles was visited by a warm rain which again made our streets rather muddy. All bills outstanding against The Dalles Club Minstrels will be paid on presentation to R. H. Lonsdale. The timbers under the building occupied by J. P. McInerney as a dry goods store, are being replaced today by new ones. At a special school meeting held in the Court street school house yesterday afternoon those present from school district No. 12 voted a tax of 7 1/2 mills. This is the same tax as was levied last year.

While alighting from the passenger train last night Elmer Jones fell and sustained a double fracture of his right arm. Dr. Hollister was called and relieved the patients suffering and he is resting easy today.

About a week ago near John's mill, Ralph Long had the misfortune to chop off one of his big toes. He was brought to town today and sought the services of Dr. Hollister, who is treating the wound, which is quite a bad one.

The handsome steel ceiling and trimmings for Mays & Crow's store are being put up and add a great deal to the appearance of the interior of the building. When finished this will be one of the handsomest and best equipped buildings in the northwest.

Owing to the increase in business The Dalles Steam Laundry found that their old boiler was not sufficient to do their work, so they were compelled to send below and get a larger one which has just been put in place. They are now prepared to do all work given them in a speedy and satisfactory manner.

The squirrel which has been a great pet at Parkins' barber shop died yesterday from wounds received while in an altercation with a cat. He was buried this afternoon in a stone coffin, the gift of Lonnie Comin. [Marcus Long played a funeral dirge and there was general sorrowing among those present.

An exchange says inasmuch as you would like that your paper be a good local paper, just reflect a moment and see how much local news you have furnished for it. As you would like that your home paper would speak a good word about you, just reflect how many good words you have spoken for the paper.

On February 14th, St. Valentine Day, Cascade Lodge No. 303, B. P. O. Elks will give their grand ball. Parsons orchestra of Portland has been engaged and every detail to make the affair a success has been looked after. The committees are hard at work and undoubtedly those fortunate enough to be present on the night of the ball will be agreeably surprised and delighted.

Folk Mays, a prominent cattle man of Willowa county, unloaded four carloads of big steers at the stockyards last Friday that he had shipped up from The

Dalles to eat some of his surplus hay on his Willowa county ranch. This is a little out of the usual line in stock shipments but Mr. Mays evidently concluded he could make it pay or he would not have made the shipment.—La Grande Chronicle.

The Dalles Club Minstrels repeated their performance last night to about two hundred people and were warmly received. There were a few slight changes from the previous evening but practically the same show was given as on the first night. Everything ran somewhat smoother than on the opening night as the boys were more familiar with their turns. They were exceedingly good and merited all the patronage bestowed upon them.

The following children can be had for adoption by addressing I. F. Tobey, superintendent of the Oregon Children's Home Society at 606 Marquam building, Portland, Oregon: One girl baby, aged three months. One boy baby, aged four months. One baby boy aged twenty-two months. One boy aged three and a half years. One girl eleven years old. These are all desirable children. Several good homes are wanted for older children, and by writing to the above address full particulars will be given.

**About our Residents.**

We clip the following from yesterday's Oregonian:  
 Victor Ward, youngest son of "Long" Ward, an old-time settler, and one of the wealthiest farmers of Wasco county, and Miss Lottie E. Baker, of The Dalles, were married at the Columbia hotel, Vancouver, at 9 o'clock Saturday evening. They were very ely about it, intending to surprise friends. Mr. Ward has been in the city for about three weeks, and Miss Baker came down about a week ago, and found all the arrangements for the wedding complete. Without saying anything to their friends they went over to Vancouver Saturday evening, and were quietly married. As this style of getting married deprived the friends of the couple of the opportunity of making the usual wedding present, Mr. Ward presented his bride with a check for \$1000, to make up for this. The happy pair will return to The Dalles this morning, and will take up their residence on the old Ward homestead, twelve miles from The Dalles.

Charles Hilton, ex-joint senator of Gilliam and Wasco counties, and a successful sheepraiser, has about completed a beautiful ten-room cottage on Irving street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third, at an expense of \$5000. This building is modern in all respects, lighted by forty electric jets, and heated by the newest hot-air system. It contains large, roomy and well-lighted halls, closets, wardrobes and convenient recesses everywhere throughout. There are vestibules, cloak-rooms, linen closets, stationary, medicine cupboards, laundry fixtures, bathrooms and old-style fire places. Mr. Hilton has decided to make his home in Portland on account of superior school facilities.

**Cleveland Bicycles for 1899.**

The models for the coming season will be No. 61, men's roadsters, \$50; No. 62, woman's special light roadster, \$50; No. 66, men's regular roadsters, \$75; No. 67, woman's regular roadster, \$75; No. 69, men's roadster thirty minute wheel, \$76. Quality is Cleveland throughout, not a part slightest not a machine unworthy of a Cleveland name plate.

1899 changes—Wider handle bars, with new internal expanders, improved automatic cliding device, flush frame head, increased gauge of tubing, longer frame and new reinforcements, new ball bearing spokes, also new hubs. The Bumell detachable tire, more air, more comfort; special bearing along new lines. Crank yoke changed, doing away with disc on chain side; dust proof pedals; improved Cleveland gear case; new saddles.

The 1899 models are superior to any Cleveland ever offered to the public, they have more original ideas.

We have just received some '99 models. Call and see them. It's quality that talks these days, and Cleveland quality is talking loud.

MAIER & BENTON,  
 Sole Agents for Cleveland Bicycles.  
 May Be Reconsidered.

It is said that the bill to create the county of Wheeler may be reconsidered having lacked one vote of being passed. It received just 30 votes. Had there been a full attendance it is believed it would have passed, and it is not at all improbable even yet that the vote by which it was defeated will not be reconsidered and the bill put to another vote. Hawson led the opposition to the bill. He was loaded for bear, and in his speech against it probably made the oratorical effort of his life. He claimed that the new county would cut off the best third of Gilliam county, including nearly all of the county's best timber and water supply. He characterized the bill as an injustice to the people of his county who had remonstrated against it, and would be left with nothing but debt with which to carry on business if the dismembering were permitted. His plea was that the question of dismemberment be left to the public of his county.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.  
 Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

**COLUMBIA HOTEL FIRE.**

A Serious Conflagration Narrowly Averted—Excellent Work Done by the Volunteer Firemen.

At 5:15 last evening the shrill whistling of a locomotive was heard and almost immediately the peals of the fire bell rang out announcing to our citizens another fire. It was found that the Columbia hotel was in flames and within a few minutes the Hook and Ladder Co. was on the scene, followed closely by the Columbia Hose Co., who in six minutes from the time the alarm sounded, had a stream of water playing on the flames. The Jackson Engine Co. had their engine located at the intersection of Second and Court streets and did most effective work. The fire caught from sparks falling on the roof from a flue in the northeast portion of the building. Mr. Toomey, proprietor of the hotel, formed a bucket brigade and was doing effective work when the wind which was blowing furiously at the time caught the flames and spread them rapidly, so when the firemen arrived it appeared as though the whole east side of the hotel was on fire. Many expressed themselves as confident the building was doomed and also a great portion of that end of town. However, the firemen worked gallantly and too much praise cannot be given them, for it was one of the best fought fires that ever occurred in the city. Inside of fifty-five minutes from the time the alarm was sounded the fire was out. This would have been good work for a paid department.

Our water commissioners are to be congratulated, for yesterday's fire proved that the new system which was recently put in is a decided success. There were seven streams from the city water works playing on the building, and at the time, the indicator at the engine house showed ninety-five pounds pressure. This alone is undoubtedly the cause of saving a greater portion of the town from a conflagration similar to the ones of '91 and '98.

During all the other large fires there has always been a lack of water but from present indications we need have no further fears in this line for as soon as all streams were cut off the reservoir showed that the water had fallen but four inches. The O. R. & N. Co. did most excellent service and the pressure from their pump house was sufficient to blow several of the nozzles off.

With this great amount of water pouring into the building the house was fairly flooded and the flames checked. The entire roof of the east wing of the hotel was burned and charred but the rest of the building was not damaged only by water. As yet the actual losses cannot be ascertained, but it is estimated that T. T. Nicholas, owner of the building will sustain a loss of between four and five thousand dollars. No insurance. J. A. Toomey, lessee, will lose about \$400 with no insurance, while numerous roomers lost a great deal of their belongings.

Estebenet and Esping's bowling alleys were flooded with water but they went to work immediately after the fire and drained their building and today the alleys are in as fine condition as usual. Chas. Frank, proprietor of the Butchers and Farmers Exchange will sustain a loss of about \$500, mostly caused by breakage and leakage, for everything in his place of business was taken out. He is fully covered by insurance. Some things were removed from Wm. Jones' cigar store but his loss was so trivial that it is not estimated. Further particulars in regard to the losses will be given as soon as we are able to ascertain them.

**A MERITORIOUS PRODUCTION.**

The Dalles Club Minstrels Play to a Crowded House—Many Words of Praise in their Behalf.

More than the unexpected happened Saturday evening when The Dalles Club Minstrels presented their show to the public. The production has been looked forward to for some time as one of the events of the season and a more happily surprised audience could not have been. The boys acquitted themselves in a manner that showed they were far superior to many traveling troupes that visit our city and by coming before the public more frequently would undoubtedly become artists in their respective lines. The Vogt opera house was crowded and it is estimated there were four hundred and fifty people present. This is nothing more than a show of appreciation which is right and proper, for no matter when called upon, by whom or for what purpose, the "boys" have always lent a helping hand.

At 8:40 when the curtain arose and showed the entire company on the stage they were greeted with rounds of applause. After the opening overture the first thing announced on the program by the interlocutor, N. J. Sinnott, was the comic song, "Mr. Johnson Don't Get Gay," by J. F. Hampshire, who acquitted himself in his usual fascinating way. Next was a bass solo by William Frank, who, indeed, has a fine voice and without doubt will be a singer of some note. Arthur Clark followed with a comic song entitled "I Don't Care if You Nibber Come Back" and was well received. That beautiful song, "She Was Bred in Old Kentucky," was then rendered by Chas. Clarke in his sweet

voice, and brought down a storm of applause. He very gracefully responded to an encore and sang "Just One Girl," and when through was greeted with rounds of applause. W. C. Crossen sang "My Ann Elizer" and made a great hit. This ended the first part, but between songs the end men, who were Hollister, Crossen, Hampshire and Arthur Clarke, made some very clever local hits, which were appreciated for their originality and appropriateness.

The second part opened with a duet by Hazel Wand and Lela Kelsay, entitled "How I Love My Lu." They were warmly received but when they finished the house simply went wild with applause. For such young children they did better than was expected, in fact it was one of the best numbers on the program. The "Quaker City Quartette," composed of W. Barrett, F. Snipes, C. Heppner and Wm. Erank, then appeared on the stage and sang several selections which pleased the audience greatly and was all that could be desired. The famous "Lorenzo Brothers" locally known as Carey Ballard and Claud Kelsay were the next attraction, and from their first appearance on the stage had the entire attention of the audience. Their tumbling, jumping, somersaults, and feats in this line was well worth the price of admission alone.

The Legerdemain act by Messrs. Dawson and Heroux was one that held everyone in suspense for one trick so closely followed by another required the utmost attention. It will be but a short time until Mr. Dawson will rival the famous Hermann.

A clever character sketch by Messrs. Crossen and Frank "The Warmest Babies in Coon Town" is especially deserving of mention. They acquitted themselves gracefully and were perfectly at ease while on the stage. Their farce tragedy was cleverly executed and was warmly applauded, which showed that the audience more than appreciated their efforts.

J. F. Hampshire and Arthur Clarke in their original sketch "Life in Alabama" were superior to any time they have yet appeared before a Dalles house. They are always good but this was the time they excelled themselves. In the first of their sketch they took the part of an old couple and sang an old time song, and then Mr. Clark in a lightning change appeared as a dandy and amused the audience with a monologue for a few minutes until Mr. Hampshire, the male impersonator, put in an appearance when they sang several songs in their usual pleasing way, receiving rounds of applause, and as an encore did some very pretty dancing, introducing many new and difficult steps.

The cake walk, which was the grand finale of the play was one of the best ever produced in the city. It is thought by some had the "walkers" partaken in the grand cake walk given at the Irish fair in Portland Friday, our "coons" would have surely carried away the prize. Fred Van Norden, in an excellent and easy manner, as master of ceremonies, introduced the couples and led the way. The first to appear were the little girls, Hazel Wand in full dress costume with Lela Kelsay on her arm. They did very creditably and held the audience in a spell for no more graceful couple were seen on the stage. Messrs. Crossen and Barrett then came upon the scene and from the applause they received one would have thought the cake was theirs. Next came Messrs. Parkins and Heroux and executed some very pretty steps and were awarded several rounds of applause. Messrs. Snipes and Heppner appeared in very pretty costumes and with grace and cleverness gave the spectators one of the prettiest dances of the evening. They were followed by Messrs. Frank and Gifford and from the moment of their entrance were given repeated applause. Their make-up was exceedingly good and they did more than justice to themselves. Last, but not least, were the stars of the evening, Messrs. Clarke and Hampshire, who executed a most difficult dance and were received with a most cordial greeting. After the grand march the contestants lined up and as the cake was presented before each couple they were given repeated applause. The last in line were the little Misses Kelsay and Wand and when the cake was placed before them he building fairly shook with the applause by the audience. As announced on the program the couple receiving the most applause was to be awarded the cake, so the last named couple was the successful one.

The orchestra, under the direction of Prof. A. T. Baldwin, discoursed sweet music during the performance and the audience listened to it with great pleasure.

Besides the players much praise is due R. H. Lonsdale, who is business manager of the company, for a great deal is due to his efforts that the show was the decided success it was. As a parting we will say, boys, you have worked hard to give the public a good time, and we can candidly say you have succeeded to the uttermost.

La Grippe is again epidemic. Every precaution should be taken to avoid it. Its specific cure is One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Shepard, publisher Agricultural Journal and Advertiser, Eldon, Mo., says: "No one will be disappointed in using One Minute Cough Cure for La Grippe." Pleasant to take, quick to act. Snipes, Kiersley Drug Co.