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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Saturday's Daily. The family of D. J. Cooper received notice last night of the death of Miss Viola Mann in Salem.

Seemingly to be little hope of the ice moving, and the river continuing to raise, it was thought best to move the Regulator entirely out of harm's way, and workmen are again busy cutting the ice out preparatory to moving her further up the beach.

Paul Paulsen was notified this morning that the remains of his cousin, Arthur Edward Thomas, who died Thursday night in Portland, would be brought here for burial, arriving this evening.

An exchange says the correct way to pronounce Aquinaldo is "Ah-we-nal-do. Accent third syllable, give 'a' the sound it has in the word father, 'i' is like 'o' long, and 'g' is silent.

The three-cornered bowling tournament at the club alleys last night created a great deal of amusement, one young man who had won the medal a week before being so sure of his success that he had to be carried from the "alley" when he discovered he had lost by one pin.

Fordney, the fun-maker, had an objection to make at last night's session of the house. He said that Speaker Carter is in the habit of placing Mr. Roberts in the chair at the night sessions, and the lights of the house reflected with such force from the bare and polished cranium of that gentleman as to dazzle the eyes of the ladies in the hall, for whose comfort the gentleman from Wallowa is exceedingly anxious.—Statesman.

When Mr. Flagg introduced his bill in the legislature to prohibit exhibitions of mesmerism, hypnotism and artificial somnambulism, it was taken as a joke and created a laugh, but when it came up for consideration in the house its author convinced the house that it was no joke; that it was serious, and was backed by merit and a regard for public decency, as well as public good.

A High Jinks party was given last night at the home of Miss Margaret Kinersly, only a few friends being present, among them "Cholly Knickerbocker" and the Bowersy Girl, "Chappie", from the East End, Ednah and "Tommie" Jones, "Prince Charming," "Cinderella," "Triby" and "Little Billie." The cake walk was the principle feature of the evening.

Judge Bradshaw committeeman in this county for the monument to be erected in honor of our dead heroes, has appointed the following committees to act in conjunction with him in raising subscriptions for the same: From the Methodist church, S. Bolton; Congregational, B. S. Huntington; Lutheran, Rev. L. Grey; Episcopal, Rev. Jos. DeForest; Catholic, Father Bronsgeest; Christian, C. E. Bayard; Baptist, W. C. Allaway; Schools, Profs. Gavin and Landers; Commercial Club, G. C. Blakeley; Public Library, Miss Dean; Hood River, E. L. Smith; Antelope; W. Bolton; Dufur, Johnston Bros.; Wamic, E. N. Chandler; Cascades, D. L. Cates; Mosier, J. M. Carroll.

Yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock when John Ryan and his wife had reached the 3-Mile bill on their way to their home on 5-Mile, they met the stage coming into the city. The curtain of one of the stage windows was flapping back and forth, and their horses, becoming frightened, shied to one side, throwing the old lady and gentleman over a grade from four to six feet steep.

Monday's Daily. This morning, at the home of her aunt, Mrs. A. M. Walker, Mrs. Mary Josephine Headley, wife of T. L. Head-

ley, of Boyd, passed away. She was 41 years of age, and leaves a babe ten days old.

It is a difficult matter to keep track of the trains these days; that is those from the East. No. 1, which should arrive at 3:30 p. m., is today fifteen hours late. The Umatilla and Snake rivers are now booming, and the Short Line track is suffering in consequence, the ice from a slough being jammed onto the track, causing a complete blockade.

The beautiful burial services of the Masonic order were conducted over the remains of F. A. Abernethy yesterday afternoon at Odd Fellows' cemetery, M. Z. Donnell acting as worshipful master. A number of the friends of the deceased were present at the obsequies, and the pall bearers were: Messrs. M. E. Montgomery, Capt. Sherman, W. J. Sherman, E. Phirman, Harry Clougt and James Harper.

Through the kindness of Representative Roberts we have received an invitation to be present at the capitol tomorrow to join in celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the extension of the laws of the United States over the Oregon country and the fortieth anniversary of Oregon's admission to statehood. The exercises will be held in the hall of representatives beginning at 9 o'clock and a splendid program will be rendered, addresses being delivered by Ex-Gov. Lord, Hon. L. B. Cox, Hon. Geo. Williams and Abigail Scott Duniway. The best of music will also be rendered.

Yesterday was one of those beautiful days which entices everyone out for a promenade, and naturally many were attracted to the banks of the Columbia, so strange did it seem to see the blockade of ice, with everything else about one indicative of summer. While the ice on the edges of the river is slushy and unsafe, the blockade in the center is several feet thick and strong enough to bear tons. All day long people were crossing back and forth, while others who watched were expecting to see the ice give way. While the ice is broken above and coming down lodges beneath, banking up at this point, it is said to be clear below Grate's Point. Unless a raging Chinook makes its appearance soon, there is no hope of the river clearing.

And still The Dalles heads the list; this time in the oratorical contest held at Eugene Friday evening, for the purpose of determining who will represent the university in the coming intercollegiate contest which will occur at McMinnville on March 10th. Among the five contestants were two seniors, which makes the victory for Homer Angel, a junior, more complete. His subject was "The Spanish War—Justice, Motive and Effect." The Guard says Homer is "known to college fame as a most heady worker on the gridiron, and the applause which greeted the judges' decision indicated that it was a popular one with the audience." In a letter written home Miss Daisy Allaway says when his Dalles friends searched for Homer at the close of the contest in order to congratulate him, he was no where to be found, which is characteristic of the young man, who never seeks popularity.

Tuesday's Daily. Mrs. A. M. Walker is reported somewhat better today. Tomorrow is Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the Lenten season. Parson's orchestra, which will furnish music for the ball tonight, will arrive on the evening train. There will be a meeting of the Dalles Club Minstrels tomorrow night at the Vogt at 7:30 o'clock. Those attending the Elks' ball tonight are requested to be on hand at 8:45, as the grand march will begin at that hour, regardless of the number present. The bowling contest between the Astoria and The Dalles lady bowlers will take place on the Road Club alleys in Portland on the 23d of this month. A number of residents from Antelope and that vicinity arrived in the city yesterday and today to be in attendance at court when the Forester case comes up tomorrow afternoon. If you want some place to spend an hour or two very pleasantly this evening, wend your way to the Christian church and enjoy the valentine social. Go prepared to bid on the lunch boxes, full of goodies. The west-bound trains are beginning to behave somewhat better than of late, No. 3 being on time this morning, and No. 1 only an hour late this afternoon. The blockade on the Short Line has been cleared away. Saturday, February 25th, is the date fixed for the meeting of cattlemen at Dufur. The purpose is to consider the question of keeping the Cascade timber reserve as a reserve for the ranging of cattle and horses. Elliott Roberts, the 7-year-old son of Representative A. S. Roberts, while trying to run rapidly down the stairs leading from the second to the ground floor at the statehouse in Salem Sunday afternoon, pitched headlong over the banisters, landing on his back. Fortunately, he escaped serious injury. The latest from Portland papers is that the D. P. & A. N. boats will start tomorrow. Will they? The agent says he wishes they might, but the blockade says "No," and an icy denial at that. While the ice seems to be breaking continually above, it is piling up just at this point, and really makes a very

pretty sight to look upon, attracting many spectators to the banks of the river.

The funeral of Mrs. T. L. Headley, of Boyd, took place from the home of Mrs. A. M. Walker, on the hill, this afternoon at 2 o'clock, and was conducted by Rev. Wood. Her death was particularly sad, coming as it did so soon after Mr. Walker's and in the same house. But saddest of all is the fact that she leaves eight children, the youngest ten days old. The interment took place in Odd Fellows' cemetery.

No society event which has taken place in The Dalles for years has created such an interest and anticipation as the Elks' party, which occurs at the Vogt tonight, perhaps due to the fact that everyone understands just what to expect when the Elks are at the helm. For several days they have been busy in arranging the decorations, which are said to be very beautiful. Those who have received invitations may consider themselves favored, and will no doubt have one of the most enjoyable times socially they have yet experienced.

This morning Harry Liebe received a letter from Rev. W. C. Curtis, whose home is now at Belden Place, Norwalk, Conn. Mr. Curtis, although perfectly contented in his Eastern home, says he still has a warm spot in his heart for the Pacific coast and his friends here. He is, as ever, much absorbed in collecting Indian curios, and sent to Harry for some mounted arrow points, which he wished to exhibit, together with his Indian curios, at the Women's Club in Norwalk. He is also anxious to obtain additions to his already large collections of Indian baskets.

A large number of friends attended the funeral of Father Walker yesterday afternoon at the Methodist church and listened to the tribute paid to the deceased by Rev. Wood, who chose for the basis of his remarks the words of II Tim. IV, 8 verse, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness," drawing from his life lessons applicable to those who mourned his loss. The choir sang "My Heavenly Home," "Meet Me There" and "Servant of God, Well Done." Those who bore the remains to its last resting place were Messrs. Cross, Kirby, Cates, Riddell, Wilder and Jones. "Roses red, violets blue, sugar's sweet and so are you." So sayeth the Valentine which has found its way through the mail today. These harmless little school boy and girl messages are all right, unless the teacher happens to catch them being written. 'Tis the comic valentine, calculated to remind one of his defects and cause hard feelings, which should be abolished. Many are able to look upon them in their true light and pass them by unheeded; while to the sensitive they are as a dart, and find the mark which the archer really meant. It is to be hoped these were left on the store shelves, where they do the least damage.

What's wrong with the married men in the East? If "Pet" Strahan were to be tried in the West the district attorney would be compelled to ship all the married men East in order to obtain an unprejudiced jury. A Pittsburg paper says: "An unusual proceeding will be observed at the next trial of Fayne Strahan Moore, the alleged 'badger' woman. Every one of the jurors will be a married man—at least that is the district attorney's intention at present. Fayne's winsomeness and beauty were too much for the last jury who tried her. Most of them were single men, and they disagreed. The district attorney will try married men, in the hope that they will not be prejudiced by the fair prisoner's beauty."

Closed Area East of Mt. Hood. To THE EDITOR: The commissioner of the General Land Office has forwarded to this office the following decision and definition of the closed area east of Mount Hood. The boundaries of the closed area east of Mount Hood are hereby defined as follows: Beginning at the point where the east fork of the Hood river crosses the north line of township 1 south, range 10 east, which is the north line of the reserve; thence easterly along said town ship line to the northeast corner of said township; thence southerly along the range line between ranges 10 and 11 east, which is the eastern boundary of the reserve, to its intersection with the White river; thence westerly along said river to the point where it intersects the divide east of the east fork of the Hood river; thence southwesterly along said divide to the point where it intersects the Barlow road. The commissioner further directs that "in addition to excluding sheep from this closed area, no stock of any kind shall be driven into or retained therein by a herder or herders." S. B. OSMY, Forest Superintendent.

In Olden Times. 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. Buy the genuine, made by the California Fig Syrup Co.

CONSUMPTION CLAIMED HIM.

Wesley Rice Dies in California. After a Struggle for Life.

About two years ago Wesley Rice, who had for three years previous been traveling from one place to the other in an attempt to conquer that unconquerable disease, consumption, which had fastened itself on his system, determined to try Southern California as a last resort. He therefore moved to Perris, and for a time the change seemed to benefit him, and he gained hope, as did also his friends; but it was soon discovered that he must yield to the inevitable, and yesterday at 4 o'clock the end came.

A telegram was received by his sister, Mrs. Mann, which said his body would be brought here for burial, and Mr. Mann left this morning to meet them in San Francisco. However, another telegram reached here this morning saying that on account of the illness of his son, George, it would be impossible to come, and that he would be buried there tomorrow.

Mr. Rice, who was born in Lane county forty-five years ago in April, is very well known here, having lived on 15-Mile from boyhood to the time when his health failed. His mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Rice, reside in The Dalles at present. Besides them he leaves a wife and three children—George, Hattie and Hazel. Also two brothers, Geo. and Austin Rice, and three sisters, Mrs. D. W. Mann, of this city; Mrs. M. Waterman, of Fairfield, and Mrs. Southern, of Boyd.

It is customary to speak well of the dead, but surely in this case no word we can say can add to the reputation which the upright honest life led by the deceased, won for him. He was known to be an exemplary man, and one whom it was a pleasure to meet—a true gentleman.

His friends deeply regret the circumstances which prevent them from paying the last respect to one whose friendship they prized so highly.

A GOOD LIFE ENDED.

Arthur Walker Passes to the Great Beyond.

So often are we called upon of late to chronicle the death of pioneers, that it seems there must soon come a time when the "last leaf" upon the pioneer tree will drop and we shall miss from our midst each one of those whom we have been accustomed to see come in and out among us as land marks pointing to days long passed and gone, when their steps were as light as ours.

Such a one was Father Walker, who it has seemed for years could last but a few weeks longer. And yet there have been but few Sundays when he was not seen in his accustomed place in the Methodist church, for his life was noted for its Christianity and his devotion to its doctrines. Yesterday his companions were constrained to turn their thoughts to the congregation on the other shore, to which he had been called on Saturday evening about 6 o'clock.

His last sickness was of short duration, the ravages of gripe proving too much for one so enfeebled, his health having been broken down by a life of hardships and continued cares.

Arthur Walker was born in Illinois 78 years and 2 months ago, and came to this coast in May, 1858. His home for many years was on 15-Mile, and later he came to this city to reside. His first wife died about forty years ago, and in 1873 he was married to the wife who now survives him. He had but one son, James, who several years ago died from injuries received by being kicked by a horse.

For nearly fifty five years he has been an ordained minister in the Methodist church, being an earnest worker in the same when his health would permit, and a class leader up till the time of his death.

The funeral took place from the M. E. church this afternoon, and was largely attended by those who have always had the greatest respect for the aged pioneer.

Adversely on the Sugar Bill.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Feb. 11.—The Loewenberg company has settled with the state.

Senate has passed several charters and local measures today.

The house passed a bill preventing swine from running at large.

The "Hospital for the Insane" bill failed to pass.

Bills providing for Multnomah county tax collector has passed.

Today Michell introduced a bill providing for three commissioners of the supreme court.

Last night the house adjourned until Monday.

When the senate met at 9 today the committee on commerce reported adversely on the sugar bill. A motion to indefinitely postpone the matter failed. The belief is strong that the measure will not be considered again.

A bill providing for food and dairy commissioner passed.

Adjourned till Monday.

Our Boys at Heppner.

Evidently our boys made quite an impression during their visit at Heppner, and certain it is that they were more than favorably impressed with the little city and its citizens. If sweethearts and

wives have any doubt concerning their behavior while there, let them read the following from the Gazette:

"The strictly gentlemanly deportment of the young business men of The Dalles made the night's pleasure an example for young men who deem rudeness and excess necessary for 'a jolly good time.'"

A column was devoted to a very complimentary write-up of the show, and among other things it says:

"Today a bond of friendship is established between the young people of The Dalles and Heppner that will enjoy a period of lifelong duration. The talented gentlemen of the minstrel club in their entertainment exceeded the expectations of the packed audience. Every member played his part with the grace of a professional 'star.'" This visit and successful termination of the most enjoyable entertainment and social affair will rebound to our small city's credit from the fact that the young business men of both towns are in an everlasting mood of kindly consideration which hard business competition cannot remove, and they will encourage the prosperity of each other's interests and towns."

LEGISLATION VERY SMALL.

So Says Our Correspondent—Lobbyist Loses His Influence.

SALEM, Oregon, Feb. 13, '99.

To THE EDITOR: Only five days of the working session left—several members declaring they will adjourn Friday—and the summary of accomplished legislation is very small. The record of the lower branch is as follows:

Bills introduced ..... 380  
Bills passed ..... 164  
Bills withdrawn ..... 21  
Bills failed to pass ..... 14  
Bills indefinitely postponed ..... 7 206

Leaving unconsidered ..... 174

In the senate there have been 235 bills introduced, 106 of which have passed that body.

Of the 164 bills of its own which have passed the house, only twenty-seven have passed the senate, and nineteen of these have become laws. Of the 106 senate bills which have passed that body, but 23 have yet obtained favorable consideration in the house, while one has been indefinitely postponed, leaving at present 174 of its own and 82 senate bills before the house, making a pretty large job for five days' work. Of the 23 senate bills which have also gone through the house 15 have become laws.

Should the legislature adjourn even on Saturday there would be only five working days left, since there will be no sessions of either of the branches of Oregon's legislature Tuesday forenoon or afternoon.

One thing is very much in evidence at this session of our legislature, and that is "the push." Yet there are also other things which can be plainly seen, and one of those is that the lobbyist has not the influence with the individual member, which in past years has been so noticeable.

Senator Mulkey, on Saturday evening, made a brief address before a select audience, composed of Women of Woodcraft and their friends, in which he stated, that he once was a lobbyist, "and oh! how I wished, above all things, to be one of the members." "But now," he continued, "how I wish I were a grafter." Concluding his remarks he said: "Here's to the lady clerks, the third house and the Women of Woodcraft, God bless them all."

It is very apparent that the present session will not be the means of increasing good laws to any great extent. In fact it has been stated by those who really ought to know, that little more will be accomplished in that direction. The sugar beet bounty bill lies buried in the senate with a hundred bills on top of it, while several meritorious measures have suffered the same fate.

Since two appropriation bills are yet to be considered, it looks like a blue day was surely about to dawn on all the important items of legislation.

First Oregon Newspaper.

Among the various belongings of F. Abernathy, deceased, was found a copy of the "Oregon Spectator," of Oregon City, the first newspaper published in Oregon, and edited by T. G. Witt. It was dated Feb. 5, 1848, fifty-three years ago, and was Vol. I, No. 1.

Among other interesting articles, was an editorial on Morse's "late discovery" of telegraphy and prophesying great things for it. Beside, there was a copy of the code of laws which had been drafted for the territory of Oregon, and which was to be voted on, and a notice of the appointment of the editor as postmaster-general and also attorney-general, which shows just how important an editor was in those days.

Another item which makes the Oregonian of today smile, is a notice headed "Mail Contract to Let," which contract provided for the carrying of mail between Oregon City and Vancouver by water every two weeks.

Many other items of interest were contained therein, and the paper is a valuable one as a relic of former years. Mr. Abernathy bequeathed it to Abernethy Cabin, No. 1, Native Sons of Oregon, and his brother carried it to Portland today to present it to that order.

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.

THE OTHER SIDE.

Another Correspondent Gives His Views on the Reserve Problem.

EDITOR CHRONICLE:

I would like to say a few words in answer to Mr. H. Rice's letter in your paper of February 4th. I have had nearly fourteen years experience in these same mountains, during the summer months, while stock is being pastured there, and Mr. Rice says, "During the hot summer months, the men keep their herds along the creeks and watering places, and pollute the waters, etc." Now, my dear sir, no man ever saw a sheep that would stand in the water for the pleasure of cooling itself and switching flies; instead, they have a natural abhorrence of getting their feet wet, and as everybody knows in crossing these creeks, if a sheep can't jump from one side to another, the men build bridges to cross them on. Of course they certainly drink, but as soon as they have done, they immediately seek dry ground. Not so with cattle or hogs. When cattle go to these creeks to water, they will stand for hours in the water and switch flies that are worrying them. And who can say that they do not cast more filth in these mountain streams than stock that is afraid of getting its feet wet?

Now I have passed many farms that are situated on these creeks, and in more than one place, as Mr. Rice will know, swine wallow in these creeks during the hot months for the pleasure of keeping cool, and all this in these very waters Mr. Rice is so afraid of being polluted. Anyone knows nothing will foul the air like a big hog-wallow. Again, I have seen many irrigating ditches, where water is taken out of these streams, that run past barns, sheds and cow yards and lower down re-enter the creeks, carrying far more filth than is ever thrown into these streams by herds.

Of course, it is "a man for his interests" and we all understand why this opposition comes; it is not that sheep pollute the waters, and not that they destroy the forests, but the simple reason that they eat the grass, that they want sheep excluded from these mountains. Of course that would greatly benefit the cattle men, and their cattle could wander over these hills and valleys, undisturbed by herds of sheep.

Now as to sheep injuring the timber, have not the Swiss herded their flocks in the Alps for generations? Have we ever heard their forests were injured thereby? Have not the weather reports shown on an average the past few years, as much rainfall as we had fifteen or twenty years ago? As long ago as twenty years no wheat could be raised on these Wasco plateaus, and are not now farms thick all over them, where the golden grain is each year threshed in abundance? Also the past few years have we not had heavy rainfalls in the month of June?

He also says "the creeks used to be flush up to August 1st." My dear sir, twenty years ago irrigating ditches were very scarce; now they are plentiful. Can we not account for this lessening in the creeks to the heavy use of irrigation along these valleys? Surely this will account for the greatest part of the shrinkage of our creeks.

The main destruction of our forests came from forest fires, and I have observed, as many fires are started in the mountains where no sheep are ever herded as where sheep are herded. The main question is how to stop so much annual destruction.

I believe if these forests were protected by mounted police or foresters, who would do their duty in guarding these tracts, and trace these fires to where and by whom they were started, and give us convictions with suitable punishment—be it fines or imprisonment—that it would almost stop this wanton destruction, which comes principally from negligence. I fully think such a course would greatly lessen this annual loss—so greatly to be regretted. W. E. G.

These Received Certificates.

Out of the sixteen applicants for county teachers' certificates the following were successful:

First grade—T. M. B. Chastain, Victor; Bess Ienberg, Hood River.

Second grade—Frances H. Fontz, The Dalles; Cora L. Copple, Hood River; F. A. Beatty, Wamic.

Third grade—Job Crabtree, Wamic; Elsie McAllister, Mable O'Brien, and Maud Sigman, Dufur; Jennie Parsons, Hood River; Frank Woodcock, Jr., Wamic; Ina Marsh and Retta Taylor, The Dalles.

Mrs. Kate Roach was recommended by the board for a state diploma; Misses Mary Frazier, Minnie U. Michell and Anna Lang for state life diplomas, and Miss Catharine Martin for state certificate.

Circuit Court Notes.

In the case of S. L. Brooks vs. Phil Brogan Jr., judgment was taken by default.

Geo. W. R. Robertson vs. Robt. Kelly, sheriff; settled and dismissed.

The grand jury brought in two indictments; one in the case of Al. Mesple, charged with assault and battery, and one against Wm. Jaeger, charged with issuing a forged paper.

Owen Jones, a native of Wales, was admitted to citizenship.

The petit jury was excused until tomorrow afternoon at 1:30.