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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Saturday's Daily.

David Garrison, who has been confined to his home by a severely sprained ankle for the past two months, is again able to walk around a little.

The condition of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Sargent is reported as somewhat improved over that of a few days since, when they were confined to their beds.

G. F. McKinnon was arrested last night for being drunk and disorderly. This is his third offense of this character and he will no doubt be taught a lesson hard to forget.

This morning Mrs. Waud, wife of Ed. Waud, who was formerly in the employ of Maier & Benton, died at her home, just across Mill creek bridge on Fourth street, of blood poisoning. She is about 27 years of age.

Mr. Ryan, the instructor on the banjo and guitar, and his assistant, Mr. Alden, gave a musicale at the Hotel Pendleton, which was a very pleasant affair and enjoyed by their pupils and friends.

Mrs. C. Gunther, whose death was noticed in yesterday's CHRONICLE, was the wife of C. Gunther, deceased, who was buried at Moro Wednesday. At the time of her husband's death she was very low, and unable to attend the funeral.

We are informed that the stage line from The Dalles to Prineville intend soon to put the coaches back on the road. This is doubtless a good movement as the accommodations for passengers at present are of a very peculiar nature.—Dispatch.

The body of John F. Mohr will be brought to this city this evening from Hood River for burial. The funeral will be held at the Catholic church tomorrow, probably at 3 o'clock. Definite arrangements will be made upon the arrival of the relatives this evening.

The Heppner Gazette says: "City Recorder Richardson was one of the fortunate participants in the Elks' festivities at The Dalles. The judge reports a most enjoyable time among his many friends there, and feels that The Dalles Elks are fully up to the requirements of a good time, regardless of expense, and took special pains in the entertainment of visitors from neighboring towns."

Being much later than was expected in returning from the trip down the river yesterday, the passengers began to be aware of the fact that they could not subsist on wind and were about to start for Hungry Harbor when the lights of home met their gaze. The lives of two hungry reporters were prolonged by Mine Host of the Umatilla, who took pity on them and gave them a handout from a light lunch he had hurriedly put in his pocket. Judd declared newspaper reporters were not alone on the scent for news; but would chase bread and cheese as far as they could detect the odor.

The Ward-Kidder-James triumvirate will be in Portland on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. The order of the repertoire will be as follows: Monday and Wednesday evenings, "The School for Scandal;" Tuesday evening, "Othello;" Wednesday matinee, "Hamlet;" Thursday evening, "Macbeth." A number of Dalles people are planning to go down, and it would be well were others to improve the opportunity of hearing such famous actors. To hear them in either one of the plays mentioned is worth many times the cost of a trip to Portland.

Prof. S. N. Steele, the first bass of the A. L. P. S. male quartet, arrived on last night's train from Albany. He is accompanied by his father, who is on his way to Spokane, but will lay over to hear the quartet rehearse. Mr. Steele is a brother to the famous artist whose paintings received the highest award at the World's Columbian Exposition. Mr. Steele is a musician of a high standard, possessing a rich baritone voice and a very delicate ear, so essential to quartet singing. He is also the funny man of the quartet, and his humorous selections never fail to bring down the house.

Monday's Daily. This morning Mays & Crowe received a shipment of three carloads of wagons. Another car is expected tomorrow. Goods for the new building have already begun to arrive.

Yesterday at a meeting of the Methodist Sunday school board it was decided to change the hour for holding Sunday school from 12:30 to 10 in the morning, beginning next Sunday.

R. C. Judson will arrive in the city tomorrow, when arrangements will be completed for the Farmers' Institute. The meeting will convene at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning in the court room,

and on Thursday night the last meeting will be held. There will be something interesting for all, ladies as well as gentlemen.

The smile on the countenances of passers-by as they notice the new cross-walks being built in different portions of the city, is very perceptible. Workmen are engaged in laying walks on Fourth street at present.

Tomorrow morning the boats of the D. P. & A. N. Co. will begin daily service between this city and Portland, the Dalles City making the trip tomorrow and the Regulator starting in Wednesday and making alternate trips from now on, the assertion.

W. H. Hillgen is in from Grass Valley today. He says the farmers in his vicinity are all busy plowing, and everything seems lively. When he left Saturday there was a question as to whether it was snowing or raining. Rain would be very acceptable at this locality.

F. L. Houghton received a badge this morning from E. E. Mallory, secretary of the American Coked Hat Association, which is to be presented to Miss Alma Schanno, who held the highest score of the lady bowlers here in the recent tournament, and second highest of any competitors in the state. The pin is of a beautiful design, and will be prized by the owner.

Gilbert Kelly, the little son of Thos. Kelly, had a narrow escape from receiving a fatal injury yesterday. Having been allowed to accompany a companion to the depot with his father, he, with a crowd of boys, found his way to Peters' lumber yard, where they were having a good time playing on the lumber. One of the boys jumped from the pile, causing the lumber to slip and Gilbert fell underneath it. Being unable to lift the load off the little fellow, the boys called for help, when two railroad men extricated him and carried him home. His face was found to be badly bruised, and a deep gash cut in the left side of his head. Dr. Doane was called and took several stitches in the cut, and he is now able to be around. 'Twas a lucky thing for Gilbert that he was not hurt internally.

One of the largest audiences ever assembled in the Congregational church of this city, greeted the pastor and the A. L. P. S. quartet last evening. After the opening services the quartet, composed of Messrs. Aikers, Lundell, Poling and Steele, rendered "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning" in a most pleasing and effective manner. The gentlemen composing the quartet have delighted audiences in different towns in the Willamette valley many times during the past few years and the effort of their work together is very apparent. Seldom have the people of The Dalles had an opportunity to hear better male voices. Their singing last evening will insure for them a large attendance at the concert. The sermon by Rev. Poling upon the subject of "True Manhood" was a most impressive one and was listened to with careful attention by the large audience.

It will be some satisfaction to those interested in fruit-raising, (in fact to all of us) to learn that Wasco county has suffered less from the late winter frosts than any county yet heard from. The damage seems to be confined to certain localities, and depends mostly on the altitude, the fruit on the lowlands suffering more than that on the hillsides, and the further west you go in this county the greater the loss. An exception to this rule was, however, found when upon examining some sample branches from Grants, Mr. Schanno found them in good condition; while a lot sent by Mr. Root at Mosier, proved badly injured. The orchards along Mill creek have suffered much more than those on Dry Hollow and 3-Mile. The situation seems to be baffling many. For instance, Mr. Anderson, of Chenoweth creek, claims that his fruit has come out in fairly good shape, while A. Y. Marsh and G. W. Halvor, but a short distance below his place, report much of theirs in a hopeless condition. And so reports are conflicting. However, Mr. Schanno still contends that we are to have a good fruit crop, outside of apricots and a portion of the peach crop, all other fruit surviving.

Tuesday's Daily. We are very sorry to learn that L. E. Crowe is confined to his bed in Portland, the gripe having settled in his ear, making it much more troublesome, and at the same time he is suffering with rheumatism.

R. C. Judson, accompanied by a number of gentlemen, is expected to arrive in the city this evening, and tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock the first meeting of the Farmers' Institute will be held at the court room. Other announcements as to the meeting will be made later.

All are rejoicing over the splendid showers we are now having, and which, it is now said, extend throughout the country, and are sadly needed. During the past thirty-six hours we have had 1.35 inches of rain, and from all indications it will continue. Let us hope so, at least.

the three teams mentioned will be given an opportunity to enter this bowling contest."

The passenger train which should have arrived here at 2:55, this afternoon, was this morning reported twelve hours late; but this afternoon word reached here that it had been annulled, so that today's train will not arrive at all. This train has been very uncertain for the past few weeks.

Evangelist Crittenton seems to be awakening quite an interest in his work in Portland, as he invariably does in every city he visits. For it is a work which commends itself to everyone, no matter what their station in life. At a meeting Sunday afternoon a widow lady became so enthusiastic that she contributed her diamond ring to the furtherance of the work in Portland. Mr. Crittenton will leave that city for Astoria Friday.

Last night F. N. Jones returned from a trip to Southern California, and reports that he brings of the drought there are anything but flattering for the residents of that part of the state. It is not surprising that Oregon is at present receiving such an influx from that locality. Mr. Jones says farmers will hardly have enough of a crop for seed, and that the absence of rain is even telling on the eucalyptus trees, whose roots extend an indefinite length in search of moisture.

Mr. G. W. Miller, who called at this office yesterday to pay his daily subscription, has certainly proven himself the friend of newspapers, having won quite a reputation as a subscriber to many. Among those he has read continuously for years is the Oregonian, he having been a continuous subscriber for over forty years, and has taken the daily for over twenty years. When the Goldendale Sentinel started his was one of the first names on the list, and he has received that journal for over twenty years. Every since THE CHRONICLE commenced publication, nine years ago, Mr. Miller has read it daily, and is such a subscriber as newspapers desire to have.

Some time ago in speaking of Henry Irving's visit to America, THE CHRONICLE could not suppress the question as to whether he could do a cask walk or sing a coon song, and if not, how could he possibly succeed in this enlightened age. It now seems, after years of success on the legitimate stage, with all the world's praises sounding in his ears, that Louis James has just awakened to the serious mistake he has made, and becoming tired of the Othellos, Hamlets and Macbeths, longs to do a cask walk or try his rich voice, who so captivates everyone who hears it, in "Mr. Johnson Turn Me Loose." And yet it cannot be this conclusion has been reached through any lack of appreciation by the people, for he never visited The Dalles, as has Ward, and been greeted by an audience of a dozen or more; but in every city plays to packed houses. Then why this sudden outburst and the declaration that were he back at the foot of the hill he should travel the other road? Simply, as the Telegram says, because greatness always brings weariness. Then, too, he may have been desirous of giving the reporter who interviewed him, something to write about.

So far nothing has been done in this city toward enforcing the law regarding the abolishment of nickel-in-the-slot machines and similar devices, and the officers as well as owners of such machines seem to be waiting the decision in regard to the constitutionality of the act. Such a test was to have been made in Astoria yesterday. An attorney had been engaged by the nickel-in-the-slot men at that place and another at Salem, the first arrest to be made at Astoria. A victim had been selected with the understanding that all costs of litigation were to be borne by the men interested in the protection of the machines, and either the sheriff of Clatsop county or chief of police of Astoria be induced to make the arrest. A pro forma confession of judgment was to be entered in the state circuit court and the case at once taken up on appeal. A gentleman here said today: "If they would let the machine rest, it would soon wear itself out, like any other fad." That when he first had his machine he took in from \$12 to \$15 some days, whereas now it only helps him to sell his cigars, and many days but fifty cents is put in. Quite a revenue is paid into the city from licenses on these machines, which, in case of the enforcement of the law, must be refunded. It certainly is naught else but one form of gambling, and should be dealt with as such.

Advertised Letters.

Following is the list of letters remaining in the postoffice at The Dalles un-called for February 25, 1899. Persons calling for the same will give date on which they were advertised:

- Allison C F, Brown Laura, Bower H, Beldny A L, Barber Margaret, Curtis Jasna, Davis F H, Ferdon Jas, Hamilton Juliet, Miller J S, Moore W J, Officer C W, (2) Robinson Eva, Ralston Orpha, (2) Sealey W S, Roberts H E, Thela Christy, Scott Miss C C, (2) Whitman Miss, J. A. CROSSEN, P. M.

A CLOSE RACE.

Regulator Ahead, But the Dalles City Is Hard to Beat.

Just how much Dalles people are interested in the D. P. & A. N. Co. and its boats was evidenced yesterday by the large crowd, about one hundred in number, which boarded the new Regulator at 2:30 o'clock, for the purpose of taking a spin down the river and determining what she could do after donning her new clothes. Captain Sherman was at the helm ready for the fray.

The breeze got wind of the trial trip and took part in the circus, walking the tight ropes and tumbling around the decks until the passengers took refuge in the cabin. Then, too, the rains descended and got the drop on the few who still insisted on remaining outside. At length all settled down in expectancy until the Dalles City hove in sight, with Capt. Short at the wheel, as they reached Rankin's Landing. Awaiting her convenience, for she must make the landings, at Lyle the race began, and at 6:22 the whistles on both boats announced that all was ready.

The Regulator was about a half a length ahead as the race began, and although she led all the way, the Dalles City was "right at her heels" as the saying goes, and the greatest distance between them at any time was about a length and a half. It was a pretty sight as the passengers watched them intently, eager that their own boat come out ahead. As they neared the city the Dalles City began gaining, and it seemed to be a question which would throw the line first; but the good old Regulator, (long may she sail), touched the dock first, as the shout of triumph arose and the whistle told of victory.

The distance, which is nine miles, was made in about twenty-five minutes, which, if exactly correct, would make nineteen miles an hour. Then, too, an allowance of three miles must be made for current.

The Dalles City, which is allowed 250 pounds of steam, carried from 160 to 185; while the Regulator, whose limit is 151 pounds, carried from 90 to 150. The conditions not being as perfect as they might have been, as the Regulator's steam pipes are not as yet covered, and some features in regard to conditions on the Dalles City being taken into consideration, this is not considered a perfect test, and the engineer is confident that he can beat this time by five or six minutes; but it has certainly added to the faith which the owners have in the two boats, and the pride which our citizens feel in having two such steamers on the river.

Two better hulls do not enter the port of Portland than are possessed by these boats. Of the Dalles City Capt. Short says: "She is the best handling boat I have ever managed;" and Capt. Sherman is equally as confident of the Regulator. In fact, everyone is unanimous in their estimate of the boats owned by this company.

Nickel-in-the-Slot Bill.

Regarding this bill, which was filed by the governor Friday, and the purpose of which is to suppress nickel-in-the-slot machines, or similar devices, the Salem Statesman says:

"This bill is expected to abolish the nickel-in-the-slot machines, but its opponents insist that it was not legally passed by the legislature, and while it will be on the statute books, and will have the effect of driving many of the offending machines out of business, it will not stand in law. Their assertions are based upon the manner of the passage of the bill by the house. The bill, after passing the senate, was sent to the house on February 7th, where, after being read twice, it was referred to the committee on printing, of which Mr. Curtis, of Clatsop county, was chairman. On the morning of February 17th, during the closing hours of the legislative session, a report was called for, but none was forthcoming, the members of the committee being unable to produce the bill, as Chairman Curtis had it in his possession, and he had gone to Astoria. "The members favoring the measure clamored for the production of the bill, and in order to satisfy the house, it is reported, one member of the committee produced a printed copy of the bill, secured the endorsements on the back of it to correspond as nearly as possible to those supposed to be on the missing document, and handed this so-called duplicate in as the report of the committee and this bill was passed by the house as the original bill. It was afterwards found, so it is asserted by those in a position to know, that typographical errors in the bill made the bill passed by the house read different from the original document, and it, therefore, was not a duplicate, but a substitute or amended measure, and as such should have been returned to the senate for concurrence."

"This was not done, but the bill was signed and forwarded to the executive office, and since the bill has received the governor's signature, and has an emergency clause, it is now in effect, and if not in fact, it is to all intents and purposes a good and valid law, and will remain so unless contested in the courts.

Circuit Court.

L. Morris, who plead guilty to simple larceny, was sentenced this morning to serve one month in the county jail. This is the case in which two overcoats were

stolen from the residence of M. T. Nolan.

Wm. Rolfe, who took a shot at C. B. Reese at Antelope, was fined one hundred dollars.

In the case of Wm. Floyd, et. al., vs. Wasco County, the jury returned damages to the applicant to the amount of \$120. This is the same sum as was allowed by the county court.

DAMAGE NOT SO GREAT.

Wheat and Fruit Have Not Fared So Badly as Is Reported.

It is human nature to look on the dark side of the cloud, and even the most sanguine sometimes fail to see the silver lining. How often do we hear the remark, "these hard times," when the times are at their best. Not that we are all pessimists; but the habit of complaining has so grown on us that we unconsciously cross the bridge before we reach it, when if we had remembered that sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof we might have been spared all the unnecessary anxiety.

This seems to be the case concerning the damage to wheat and fruit. While it is no doubt true that a certain amount of damage has been done by the severity of the winter, it is already evident that these reports have been exaggerated. The weather bureau, as is its custom, has sent out for special reports, and a good many have been received from the intelligent farmers in various parts of the state. Some of these reports indicate that the crop has suffered, while others show that the damage has been slight.

Mr. Pague says that the entire crop of Washington, Idaho and Oregon, according to reports received at this office, was not damaged more than two per cent, and that re-seeding can be done without trouble, as the ground in most sections is in good condition.

The fruit crop has, perhaps, fared a little worse, but not as badly as many think.

"It is my observation," said Mr. Pague, "that people think they are worse hurt by a freeze than they really are. Now, I have some reports from Wasco county, for instance, that say fruit is badly damaged, though the writer of one of these reports says his fruit is not killed, but that many of his neighbors have suffered. Other reports from the same county, but from a different section, say the crop, neither fruit nor wheat, is badly injured."

A Morrow county paper says: "This weather is fine for growing wheat. It was thought that the late freeze might injure it somewhat in this part of the country, but it is found that it was not at all affected. The prospects for good crops in Morrow county were never better."

In regard to fruit trees, it will be well for orchardists to heed the advice of Mr. A. H. Buckman, given in a local column of the Oregonian, and withhold the ax from the fruit trees until the spring is well advanced. There is no question that fruit trees generally received severe handling from the freeze of the first week of February, and that in some localities many have been killed. But it will be wise to give all a chance to rally. Otherwise fuel may be inadvertently made of very valuable timber and a large part of the fruit crop for the next five years needlessly sacrificed.

Wheeler County Officers.

Governor Geer Friday made his first appointments under the new laws passed at the regular session of the legislature, being the officers for the newly created county of Wheeler. This county, which is composed of parts of Crook, Grant and Gilliam, will have the county seat located at Fossil until the general election of 1900, when the people of the county will vote for a location.

Following are the officers appointed by the governor: W. W. Kennedy, Fossil, county judge; P. L. Keeton, Caleb, sheriff; G. O. Butler, Waldron, clerk; Geo. S. Carpenter, Fossil, treasurer; Eugene Looney, Mitchell, commissioner; C. N. Wagner, Wagner, commissioner; O. B. Miles, Fossil, school superintendent; I. F. Shown, Waldron, assessor; T. L. Stewart, Fossil, surveyor; Dr. McCorkle, Mitchell, coroner.

All of these officers are Republicans except Messrs. Keeton and Looney, who are gold Democrats.



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FISHING IN THE COLUMBIA.

Close Season Begins Wednesday—Some Features of the New Law.

According to the law passed by the late legislature the close fishing season begins Wednesday and lasts until April 15th, on which latter date the spring salmon season opens. Any person found fishing between March 1st and April 15th will be arrested.

Among other things the law provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch or fish for salmon or sturgeon in any of the waters of this state, unless said person be a citizen of the United States, or has declared his intention to become such, and has been a bona fide resident of the state of Oregon for the period of six months; provided that a license issued by the state of Washington, such state having concurrent jurisdiction on the Columbia with this state, shall be deemed valid as to gillnets, and as to gillnet fishermen, for use on the Columbia river, as though issued by the fish commissioner of this state.

Thus in making applications for licenses, fishermen must send with such application an affidavit as to the citizenship qualification.

It might be well at this time to call the attention of fishermen to the requirements of the law as to licenses. First, there is a personal tax of \$1, which every fisherman is required to pay. Then, the person owning the boat and gear is required to pay \$2.50 a year. Setnets must pay \$1; poundnets, traps and weirs, \$15; scow fish-wheels, \$15, and stationary fish-wheels, \$15. Cannerns must pay a license of \$100 a year, for those who pack not to exceed 10,000 cases annually, to \$450, for those who pack 40,000 cases or more. Every cannery in operation must procure the license, no matter whether more than one cannery is owned by the company or not. Cold-storage and retail dealers are taxed from \$10, for those handling ten to twenty tons of fish a year, to \$750 for those handling over 1000 tons. Persons who engage in the business the coming year, and who were not engaged last year, will be listed in the ninth class and shall be required to pay \$250.

All licenses must be taken out between now and April 15th. After the latter date persons engaging in fishing and having failed to procure licenses shall be regarded as criminals and punished as such.

After April 15th all persons found fishing without a license will be arrested and deprived of their gear, as provided by law.

Removal Notice. We will move into our new store building on or about March 15th. Our store will be complete in every department. We have a complete line of '99 model Columbia and Featherstone bicycles at lowest prices. See our line before purchasing a wheel. Mays & Crowe. Opposite old stand.