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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Saturday's Daily
A pessimist, I take it, is a grown-up man whose cause is to prove the wicked doctrine that there is no Santa Claus.

Photographs of the Varsity Glee Club have been placed in many of the windows throughout the city, and unless appearances are deceitful we are to be visited by an intelligent class of students as well as musicians.

There is a sign post on Second street, between Washington and Federal, which won't "do to tie to," and hardly looks safe to walk under. It would be well were it removed before it causes serious trouble to passers by.

This has been a very busy day in The Dalles. In spite of the terrible condition of the roads, the streets have been filled with people from the country. Our own people also left their shopping till the last moment, and in consequence things have been rushing.

Sol Smith Russell, who broke down during a play in Chicago Monday night has been compelled to retire from the stage for a year on account of nervous prostration. This famous actor is known throughout the entire union, having been on the stage for many years. About sixteen years ago he appeared in The Dalles at the Snipes-Kinners opera house in "Edgewood Folks."

Today has been one of the most beautiful imaginable, and seems more like a time for May festivals than Christmas joys. True, it would be more acceptable were some of the ever-present mud removed from the streets, but the motto "look up" will have to be adopted by pedestrians if they would forget that which lies beneath them.

We regret to say that A. B. DuBois, who for the past two years has been one of our substantial business men, is packing his stock of furniture and second hand goods preparatory to leaving for Seattle about Tuesday of next week. This move is made on account of Mrs. DuBois' health, which has been very poor for some months past.

Prof. Glen, the baritone of the Glee Club which visits our city Thursday, is said to have a most remarkable voice, with a range which is wonderful. He will render two solos at the entertainment. Another very taking feature of the program is the travesty on Ingomar by Messrs. Eaton and Frazer. It is said to be one of the neatest takeoffs imaginable. Seats are beginning to go rapidly at this early date.

We have heard about the "biggest dog in the piddle;" the "only pebble on the beach" and like expressions; but the "fattest hog in the pen" must have been that which now hangs in Woods Bros' butcher shop, having turned up its toes Thursday in order to furnish pork for their patrons. It is perhaps the largest hog ever butchered in the county, being 2½ years old and weighing 810 pounds.

On record at the clerk's office is found a marriage license granted to D. A. Howell, of Antelope, and Miss Bertha Kelsay, and we understand the wedding will take place at the bride's home at Buck Hollow Christmas day. Mr. Howell is the brave deputy sheriff who distinguished himself so signally in the capture of Brown and Wilson recently, and who now is so successful in capturing one of the fairest daughters of that neighborhood.

The first tree of the season was that which was given by Miss Taylor's Kindergarten children at their school room yesterday afternoon. The little ones had all assisted in decorating the tree, which was beautiful. Each child entertained their parents and friends, who had been invited, with recitations and songs, and had placed on the tree some small gifts for them. The teacher had provided candy, nuts, etc., and the afternoon was one of great pleasure.

D. Koltzman, who was arrested and taken to The Dalles from Pleasant Home, on a charge of forgery, has returned to his home, having been released on bail. To his friends he denies being the guilty party, and says that his arrest was a case of mistaken identity. He was with another young man, who, he says, is the guilty man, but he (Koltzman) has been taken for him. He seems to think that he will have no difficulty in establishing his complete innocence of the serious charge against him. The young man has always borne a good reputation in the community at Pleasant Home, where he is well known. He was born near Sandy, but recently has been working in the sawmills in the neighborhood. His friends are confident he will be vindicated.—Oregonian.

Many have heard of the strange request which was made by Elem Snipes many years ago that he be buried on the top of a large mountain, facing his home

near Goldendale, and upon which he had gazed for so many years. Upon his death in 1892 this request was granted. On the mountain was a stone in the shape of a bottle, weighing 1600 pounds, a natural headstone, and many times since his burial there have his sons endeavored to have the stone cut and engraved, but each time the stone cutters would refuse saying the substance was like flint, and could not be cut. At length Louis Comml decided he would see that an inscription was placed thereon, so he undertook the work, which took ten days. So successful was he that at the head of Mr. Snipes' grave now is found the stone bearing the inscription: "Here lies Elem Snipes. Born 1810; died 1892."

Monday's Daily.
The only Christmas marriage that Wasco county evidently had was that of Geo. W. Brown and Anna G. Powell, who obtained a license Saturday evening.

Finding that their hall would be entirely too small to accommodate the large crowd who desire to attend, the Salvation Army will hold their Christmas exercises at the Baldwin opera house tonight. All are invited to attend.

A meeting of the officers and teachers of the Methodist Sunday school has been called for Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Smith French. Election of officers for the coming year will take place and a large attendance is requested.

The city received a very acceptable gift yesterday when the chemical fire engine arrived at the depot. It is probable it will not be unpacked until Mr. Long, from whom it was purchased, arrives and tests it to determine whether or not it is satisfactory.

The students who are home from the university are enthusiastic over the concert to be given by their glee club. In speaking of it this morning Earl Sanders said: "Their specialties are immense their impersonations great, and no one can fail to be pleased with them."

It is with regret that we announce the illness of Mr. A. MacAdam, clerk in Pease & Mays' dry goods department. For the past few weeks Mr. MacAdam has been suffering with a severe pain in his head, and while the exact cause of his illness is not known, he is considered a very sick man.

"Gypsy," J. E. Crossen's dog, is very proud of her various families and always manages to display them to the admiring gaze of passers-by. Today she is domiciled in Blakeley & Houghton's window with six of the cutest little pups imaginable. She is putting on a sight of "dog" and is the admired of all.

John Moran got something for Christmas; he got drunk and was celebrating with the "spirit," but not the understanding, when Marshal Hughes "knocked him off the Christmas tree" into the cooler. He had \$2 left, which he put up for his appearance today; but the recorder still holds it, Moran failing to show up.

Several of those who were delighted with the lecture of Chaplain Gilbert a few weeks since at the Methodist church and who were at the same time disappointed that many of their friends failed to hear him, have arranged to have him make a second visit to our city, and he will speak at the Congregational church on Monday evening, Jan. 8th.

What Wasco county needs is a good road system. No county can advance with our facilities for traveling. When the people take the matter in hand and build them, not mud, but macadam roads, business of the merchants will jump to a point never before realized and business generally will go hand in hand with it.—Antelope Herald.

Mrs. E. M. Wilson has very kindly offered the use of her parlors to the members of the alumni for the reception to be tendered the university glee club Thursday evening. Situated so near the opera house this will be an ideal place in which to meet the young men and make them welcome to our city. The members of the alumni will act as hosts and hostesses.

Expert investigation of the Heppner small-pox cases, so called; demonstrate that Dr. Swineburne was right. It was not small-pox. No bacteria or cocci was found in two slides submitted to the Abbott Alkaloidal Co., Chicago, and the Clinic, best known medical journal published in America, says that it cannot be small-pox—but is characteristic of skin eruptions in general.—Observer.

As is its wont on holidays, whenever it is at all possible, the O. R. & N. Co. managed to reduce their freight trains yesterday and allowed a number of their employees to enjoy Christmas dinner at home. A railroad man's life is a hard one when it comes to a respite from duty, and to say that a chance to eat Christmas dinner at home and enjoy one or two days out of the year in the bosom of his family is appreciated, does not express it.

Attorney Phelps and his charming bride came in on Friday night's train, gladdening the hearts of their many friends, and at once took possession of the cottage recently vacated by Herb Bartholomew and family, which he has changed and furnished to suit their aesthetic fancy. Costly settled they will add much to the enjoyment of

Heppner society, of which they enjoyed the distinction of being leaders.—Heppner Gazette.

As mentioned in our last issue over 200 men are at work on the portage railway, the company's headquarters being at what is known as Cello Flats. More men are wanted, according to reports brought here and the contractors, Messrs. Winters and Chapman, will pay \$1.75 per day, and will charge \$4 per week for board. This is good wages for winter months, especially, and no doubt many of the Klickitat farmers will try their hand at railway construction.—Agriculturalist.

"Mother may I go out to swim" is a strange request to be heard the day before Christmas, and we doubt if it was heard; but just the same the boys got there head over heels and when Theo. Seufert visited the place where they are boring for coal, he found a gang of youngsters in the sloughs swimming. If the water was cold they didn't seem to know it, but enjoyed themselves as though it had been a hundred in the shade. Wonder what the frozen easterners would think of going in swimming on Christmas day?

Yesterday the startling report gained credence here that Moro was quarantined, and all day today like rumors have been current and it is true that physicians have been phoning for vaccine virus and Sherman county is much exercised. In order to get at the truth of the matter the Chronicle reporter telephoned to Moro this afternoon, trusting to the truthfulness of our informant, who said: "We have not half of twenty-five cases; there are but half a dozen in fact, and it is not thought to be smallpox at any rate, but the same disease that has been going the rounds of Heppner and other places. None are very sick, no deaths have occurred. The town is not quarantined, simply the houses wherein are cases of the disease." We tell the tale as 'twas told to us; but at the same time would add: Is it not time for The Dalles to become somewhat interested? Just enough to try the vaccine preventative.

One of the happiest Christmas gatherings in The Dalles was that which took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Sargent yesterday. As they sat down to a bounteous spread there were present, beside the happy old couple: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sargent, of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Hunsaker and Miss Kathryn Sargent, of The Dalles, Fred Sargent, of 5-Mile, Mrs. Hattie Wilson, of Endersby, their grandchild, E. H. Sargent, and Miss Rachel Morgan; one son who resides in Baker City being absent. In the evening the time was passed with games and music, Miss Morgan presiding at the piano. Among the presents received by them was a palm tree for Mrs. Sargent, the gift of Charles and his wife, and presented with the following remarks: "In presenting to you this palm our united wishes are that your future life may be as the climate from which it came—all sunshine; and as you watch its growth from year to year that we may live in your memory as green as the plant we present."

Most Remarkable Escape.

A serious accident and at the same time most miraculous escape occurred this morning about 6:15, just as the Prineville stage was loading up in front of the Unatilla House. That either of the unfortunates escaped with their lives is the wonder of all.

Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. Glen Grater and 16 months old child arrived from Des Moines, Iowa, on their way to visit relatives at Antelope, intending to go out on this morning's stage.

When the hour for departure arrived Mrs. Grater came out, but was cautioned not to get in until everything was ready. She however took the front seat with the babe in her arms. One driver stood holding the bits, while the other was adjusting some packages. At that moment a train passed by and, contrary to their usual course, the horses became frightened, wheeled to the right and jerking away from the driver, started alongside the track. At the bridge they struck the train slightly and also the bridge guard and the stage was thrown to one side breaking the wheels off.

When the crash came Mrs. Grater was thrown backward, striking her back on the back seat, and the child was thrown from her arms, fighting between the wheel and the wagon bed. It was with difficulty the little one was extricated, and no one expected it could survive.

They were carried into the hotel and Dr. Geisendorfer summoned, who found that Mrs. Grater's back was badly sprained and her forehead cut slightly. The babe's back was also sprained and its hip thrown out of joint. The doctor informs us that he feels positive there are no fatal injuries particularly to the mother, although the babe's injuries may be more severe than at present seems likely.

New Equipment.

The O. R. & N. Co. and the Oregon Short line have closed a contract for \$300,000 worth of new equipment, consisting of first-class coaches, chair cars, dining-cars, baggage and mail cars, to be used in equipping additional trains to give double service in the coming spring, between Portland and Granger, so as to enable two through trains to

Specials in the Grocery Department for this week.

McWaid's Sugar Corn	\$1.00 per dozen
Homestead Sugar Corn	1.00 per dozen
Tomatoes	1.00 per dozen
Asparagus, R. & H. brand23 per can
Cupid Hominy (hulled corn)11 per can
Snider's Catsup20 pt. bottle
Van Camp's Macaroni and Cheese, 1 lb cans08 per can
Van Camp's Macaroni and Cheese, 2 lb cans12½ per can
Van Camp's Macaroni and Cheese, 3 lb cans17 per can

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Oxtail	11c per can	Vegetable	11c per can
Chicken	11c per can	Tomato	11c per can
Bouillon	11c per can		

After-Christmas Bargains in all Departments.

From now on until after the New Year, all Holiday Novelties in the various departments will have a *special clearance price* upon them in order to clean them out. Call early, for there are some choice things.

All Goods Marked in Plain Figures.

PEASE & MAYS

be run daily between Portland and Chicago, via the Union Pacific. This will give morning and evening service out of Portland to all points between Portland and Huntington, and bring Portland into closer touch with the Eastern Oregon gold fields, which are now attracting so much attention. The equipment purchased comprises everything necessary for the new trains, except library and buffet cars, with which the company is already provided. When the new service is put on, time between Portland and Chicago will be shortened twelve hours.—Oregonian.

FREE EDUCATION.

Russian Nobles Are Entitled to Their Schooling at the Cost of the Government.

The nobility of Russia in each and every province, who form a kind of corporation in the eyes of the government with a marshal at its head, are to be allowed to establish special boarding houses or homes for those of their children who attend the middle-class schools, but quite separate from such schools.

The government undertakes to pay the full cost of establishing these institutions, which will come under the supreme control of the minister of public instruction, and in which the pupils are to receive board, lodging, clothes, linen, boots, schoolbooks, pecuniary assistance, and, if necessary, personal help in doing their home lessons after school hours. The government also engages to pay half the yearly cost of supporting them. The preference in accepting boarders as well as gratuitous maintenance will be given to the children whose fathers hold any official post in the corporation of their class or in the zemstvos, or who have formerly held such post for not less a period than nine years. The nobility are also granted the right of founding scholarships for their boys in the higher and intermediary establishments of education, for which the government likewise provides half the necessary funds. At the same time an annual sum of 156,750 roubles will be paid out of the imperial exchequer for the free education of 415 boys in two of the new military cadet schools.

This curious piece of class legislation will give the landed nobility of Russia a far cheaper education for their children than any that is put in the way of the other antiquated social categories into which the Russian population is still divided.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Covent Garden.

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O. W. Cook.

J. B. Clark, Peoria, Ill., says, "Surgeons wanted to operate on me for piles, but I cured them with DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve." It is infallible for piles and skin diseases. Beware of counterfeits.

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