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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Wednesday's Daily.

The Columbia Dancing Club has decided to give its next party on Monday evening, January 8th.

During the past year 2473 railroad locomotives were built in the United States, the largest number ever built in one year.

Well begun may be half done in most cases; but in that of 1900 it's all done, for although it began well, it certainly will end in 0.

Among the callers at the white house Monday to pay their respects to President and Mrs. McKinley, were Representatives Tongue and Moody, the former being accompanied by Miss Mary Tongue.

State Treasurer Moore has filed his semi-annual report, showing cash on hand July 1, 1899, $932,836.72; receipts, $801,911.85; total, $1,734,748.57. Disbursements, $993,432.14. Balance on hand January 1, $741,316.43.

We would suggest that the city marshal use his prisoners to the same advantage that Jailer Fitz Gerald is using Brown—in keeping the city crosswalks clean. All the prisoners in the state penitentiary might be profitably employed in the same manner in this city at present.

The many friends of Mrs. Sig Sichel, of Portland, who was formerly Miss Sara Solomon, of this city, sympathize deeply with her in the loss of her little son, who died Sunday morning of diphtheria. He was a beautiful and attractive little child, and the parents are prostrate with grief.

The regular biennial meeting of the Republican state league will be held in Portland, Tuesday, Feb. 6. It is necessary, according to the provisions of the League, that a list of the members be filed with the League secretary thirty days prior to the date of the meeting to entitle a club to representation.

Miss Ellen J. Chamberlin, of the state normal school at Monmouth, has signified a desire that a chorus from that institution be allowed to participate in the coming May festival and the singers will begin at once practicing the "Creation." Miss Chamberlain is well known in this part of the state, having resided in Salem for many years, and numbered among the faculty of Willamette University.—Statesman.

The members of the order of Workmen and Degree of Honor are expecting an enjoyable time this evening, when an entertainment and dance will be given in their hall, and refreshments also served. All members of the orders and their families and friends are invited to be present. Splendid music for dancing has been engaged, and the beautiful screen work will be shown.

The county superintendent will mail to each school district clerk in the county today a warrant on the county school fund for $50 00. This division of fund was formerly made in April. There will also be mailed to each school clerk a circular letter instructing the board how to proceed in case the district desires to levy a special school tax, to be spread upon the tax roll of 1899. A letter will also be mailed to the chairman of each district pertaining to the same subject.

Recorder Gates has concluded that moral suasion don't go when it comes to dealing with a drunken man, for when he arrived at headquarters this morning he was greeted by Robert Harvey, whom he had persuaded to turn over a new leaf new year's day, and lo and behold the page was badly soiled. He was therefore fined $5 and is now serving out his time. Thos. Moran, another old offender, came up on the same charge and is also working out his fine.

Last evening Miss Irene Urquhart entertained a number of her friends at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas. After games, music, etc., the guests were invited to partake of a delicious lunch. At a late hour the following guests departed, wishing Miss Irene many happy returns of the day: Misses Ila Fowler, Lucile Crate, Fannie Root, Lulu Blakeney, Lillie Kelly, Irene Urquhart and Robert Stewart, Pete Nickelsen, James Cooper, Jamie Urquhart, Ben Scott and Averg Longmeere.

It would seem from an occurrence in the city last night that an American citizen has not a right to express his opinion in regard to the war now being waged in South Africa. At the news, that the British had won a victory, an old gentleman ventured to hurrah for England, when a burly blacksmith, of an age to be his grandson, raised his fist and knocked him down. Without discussing the merits of either side we would just say that such a coward is of more value to any country when out of it. A fellow who would strike an old man on such slight provocation is a disgrace to his country.

Just to show that they are as swift as any of the "speedy" horses in the city, the animals that convey the swill "cab" about the city, got on a tear this morning and went flying down the alley back of the court house in a manner which would have done credit to any of David Harum's thoroughbreds. For a short time it was rather "sloppy" in that direction, but they soon determined a muddy alley wasn't just the place in which to make the best time and slowed up and attended to their business of collecting.

The Dalles would certainly be all right if every line of business showed such substantial increase as has that of the postoffice during the last quarter, beginning in October and ending with December, when the largest amount of business, during any quarter in its history, was transacted. The receipts amounted to $2,752.17, as against $2,490.97 for the corresponding quarter in 1898, and $2,594.11 in '97. Money orders issued were as follows: For October, $5,131.93; November, $5,348.65, and December, $5,571 22, amounting to $16,051.80. Paid out orders: In Oct. $5,247.71; in Nov., $5,367.73; in Dec., $5,589 05. Total $16,204.49.

In the football game at Portland Monday between the Multnomah and Stanford teams Oregon won with a score of 11 to 6. Among the prominent members of the Stanford team was a Dalles boy, Ralph Fisher. Ed. Hostetter, who attended the game, says Ralph put up the best game on the field, and of him the Oregonian says: "Stanford did not win, but it has scored up to its credit a feat that no other team in the Northwest, nor even on the coast, including the heavy Olympics, has been able to accomplish this year, that of crossing Multnomah's goal line. On an Oregon boy, though, still rests that honor, for Fisher, of The Dalles, did the trick."

At St. Vincent's hospital in Portland yesterday afternoon Dr. McKenzie performed an operation on Mr. MacAdam, and discovered, as it was feared, that an abcess had formed on the brain, a quantity of pus being found. While his case is more serious than was at first anticipated by the hospital surgeon, word received today by Mr. Pease is to the effect that he recovered from the operation in a satisfactory manner and rested well last night. Mr. MacAdam has made many friends during his residence here who show a deep interest in his welfare. A later telephone message, just as we go to press, says he is getting along nicely and his doctor feels much encouraged.

What's the matter with The Dalles? Has she decided to shut off on good plays, or are we just taking a vacation after having had a taste of such plays as "My Friend From India," "A Breezy Time," and others? Several first class troops have visited Portland and passed through our city on their way to Pendleton and other Eastern Oregon towns, which no doubt could have been secured for a night's engagement here. Looking over the Salem Statesman we find that Frederick Warde will soon be in that city, and that an agitation is on foot to secure Mme Nevada on her visit West. If Salem, with her poor facilities in the way of an opera house, can secure such celebrities, surely The Dalles can do likewise. Our citizens would much prefer to pay $2 and even more for the privilege of hearing Nevada than a dozen shows of light weight. Let's wake up and hear something good.

Thursday's Daily

Bradshaw, Baldwin and Kurtz are still the champion bowlers, having again carried away the honors in the contest last night.

The boat had a load this morning—a second hand one, one of its passengers being in such a condition as to be carried on board and then he crawled up the stairs.

A very pretty club pin with arrow head setting, was picked up on the floor at the last club party. The owner may have the same by applying at this office and paying for notice.

The ladies of the Good Intent Society spent a very pleasant afternoon with Mrs. J. S. Robertson yesterday. After business had been transacted a generous and most inviting lunch was served.

Evangelist C. F. Goode, of Milton, Or., arrived in the city yesterday afternoon, and a series of meetings was commenced last evening in the Christian church, to which the general public is invited.

A. B. Smith, who has charge of the construction forces on the Columbia Southern Railroad extension, says that the line will be completed to Shaniko in about three months, if the present favorable weather continues. There are 500 men now employed on the line.—Moro Leader.

As the question of refunding the $25,000 bonds is to be brought up and decided by the council Saturday, it is their desire that every citizen take an interest in the matter, studying it over from all points of view and then attending the meeting and offering such suggestions as may present themselves. The question is not one in which the council alone is concerned, but all residents of the city.

A short adjourned meeting of water commissioners was held last evening at the recorder's office, Commissioners Seufert, Bolton, Fish and Moore being present. The purpose of the meeting was to listen to a written opinion of Attys. Moore & Gavin regarding the power of the commission to refund the bonds, which proved to be favorable to so doing. The report was accepted, placed on file and Moore deputized to place the matter before the council.

The commissioners are "snowed under" with business this time, and this morning, surrounded with maps, charts and what not, in the endeavor to redistrict the county—that is the road districts and election precincts—the judge was at the same time laying before the commissioners the claim of some of the county's poor, while a woman stood by waiting to present her grievance to the commissioners in regard to taxes. Each member looked as if he wished he had been born twins.

Last Saturday afternoon the O. R. & N. steamboat Hassalo and the D. P. & A. N. Co.'s Regulator entered the mouth of the Willamette river at the same time, and a pretty race ensued. Each boat crowded on more steam in trying to distance the other, and at times it would seem as though one had the lead, and then the other. It was nip and tuck clear up to the docks, however, and neither boat was the victor. As they reach the mouth of the Willamette at nearly the same time every day, the boats are likely to have many more opportunities for tests of speed.—Telegram.

The Workmen and Degree of Honor had their innings last night, and invited a large number of friends to join them, so that Fraternity hall was again the scene of a pleasant occasion. During the early part of the evening the officers of the orders were installed and then followed a spread which showed the "good taste" of the lady members and proved their guests were "tasty," too. At length Miss Georgia Sampson began the strain of a tempting waltz and soon all were occupied in this pastime which seems to have captured its devotees this winter. About midnight the merry-making ceased.

From reports coming from the country east of us The Dalles must be the "warmest" place in Eastern Oregon. On the lakes near LaGrande the ice is eight inches thick and it is now being put up. Mr. Grimes has just returned from the extreme eastern part of the state and says it was seven below zero at Baker on the 29th, with a foot of snow on the ground. This cold spell seemed to extend along a belt reaching far to the south of Baker, while over in Idaho the weather is mild. Stock is wintering fine in these sections, all stockmen seemingly having an abundance of feed.

That ill news travels fast, and gathers as it goes, has been fully demonstrated by the ridiculous reports we hear of ourselves from different parts of the country. Those who delight in making the worst of everything have been so busy that it is a wonder any of us are to be found alive in Moro. Already we have been saddled with 25 deaths and some 100 cases of smallpox. We wish to contradict these silly assertions, and state that the precautions taken by the board of health have the desired effect, and the disease is not spreading. The red flag has been removed from three or four dwellings, releasing the inmates from quarantine, and it is probable that Moro will be able to show a clean bill of health in a couple of weeks.—Leader.

If you want people to know about it, advertise in THE CHRONICLE; if you lose anything, just tell the people so through the columns of this family journal; or if you want anything which you have failed to find by any other means, just tell your troubles to THE CHRONICLE readers, and it will be forthcoming. Tuesday evening a lost ad. was placed in our columns, and the next morning an expensive handkerchief, which had been lost the evening before, was restored to its owner. Last evening a house keeper was wanted and this morning at 9 o'clock an application was made for the position. You must also be a reader of the paper or you may miss something of importance to yourself.

Time, place nor circumstances seem to cut little figure when it comes to the staying qualities of the matrimonial knot. Even the most romantic surroundings oft have a tendency to cause a knot to be tied which soon slips and allows the captives to go scott free. Dalles people no doubt remember a most romantic marriage which took place under the shade of the high rock at the left of the road leading to the garrison, over two years ago. However, in spite of the unusual surrounding, the pictures which were afterward taken as a proof of the fact that two hearts had been made one for life, we find the following in the Vancouver notes in the Telegram: "Charles Baker has commenced proceedings for a divorce from Caroline Baker on the grounds of desertion. The couple were married at The Dalles, Or., in July, 1897. There are no children or property rights involved, and the plaintiff asks for a decree of divorce and that the name of the defendant be changed to Caroline Puckett."

Friday's Daily.

The U. of O. Glee Club boys passed through the city this afternoon on their homeward journey. They will give a concert in Portland.

A pair of specs was left in the postoffice Wednesday by an old gentleman, who may have them by applying at this office and paying for advertising.

Clarke & Falk have received a carload of the celebrated James E. Patton strictly pure liquid paints.

Chaplain Gilbert's lecture has been delayed but a week, and he will be in The Dalles on the evening of the 15th, and will speak in the Congregational church.

So far about about a dozen have registered with the clerk. While a few scattering names will be added as the months go by, no doubt there will be a grand rush about May 14th, or when election draweth near.

The cannon sent to the Second Oregon volunteers from Manila was cast in 1776. By enlarging the calibre, 119 pounds of brass can be secured, which will be ample for the medals to be given the volunteers and this will not destroy the gun.

The annual meeting of the public library will be held at 8 o'clock Saturday evening at the library, the purpose being the election of officers for the year. Anyone who may have been a member six months prior to the regular meeting is entitled to vote.

Since the smallpox scare is abroad in the land, lest we forget, it might be well to caution Dalles people against allowing any disease to run which may be in the least suspicious. At the first symptoms, call a physician, keep the children home from school and do all in your power to keep even the "chickenpox" from spreading through your carelessness.

Be the disease at Moro whatever it may, private letters and messages received from Wasco say they have a genuine case of smallpox at Wasco, the patient being a Mr. Hicks. Residents are using every precaution, and a letter received yesterday afternoon says that the people are sensibly quarantining their own homes against its invasion.

The present winter has been an ideal one for stockmen. They have been put to no expense for feed, while the grass on the range is better at this time than for ten years. These conditions are so favorable that the low price for wheat has little effect upon the spirits of the people, who are promised a bountiful wheat crop this year and a fair price for it.—E. O.

Yesterday the pitman of the steamer Dalles City was broken. She was, however, not disabled and is running today, and transfers will be made at the locks both today and tomorrow. Monday she will be taken off, overhauled thoroughly and repaired, during which time the Regulator will carry on the traffic, leaving The Dalles Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and arriving Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

A large black bear was captured recently about five miles from the St. Martin springs on Wind river by Amos St. Martin. We are told that frequently in winter when the snow is deep bear will capture deer in that locality. It seems that bear can walk on snow that deer will sink through, thus enabling bruin to have a great advantage over the fleet-footed animal.—Pioneer.

In contrast with the weather of the opening week of 1900, which is cloudy and cannot be said to be cold, was that of the corresponding week last year, when on the 6th the river was blocked and a light snow was on the ground. It was not, however, extremely cold, the thermometer dropping to nine above but one night during the week. Most of our residents would prefer the clear cold weather to the present dismal, foggy atmosphere, with continual threatening rain.

In Canyon City recently a case of liquor selling to minors came up before a jury, which failed to fine a verdict of guilty, as sufficient evidence could not be found to convict. The jury, however, added that they found the parents the more guilty as they had failed in their duty to their boys in not furnishing sufficient amusement to make home attractive, and therefore caused their children to seek it elsewhere. While all may not agree in this verdict, nevertheless the rebuke is well timed.

To take a peep into the commissioners court today and watch them bending over a large map one would imagine they had a plat of the South African war district, so covered is it with streaks of gore, which however, prove to be but red lines drawn in the endless task of redistricting the county and endeavoring to compel the various, stubborn road districts to lie within corresponding election precincts, as the law does not permit a collision or intermingling on account of electing supervisors in each.

He was just drunk enough last night to think he owned the earth, and intended to begin by asserting his rights as monarch of all he surveyed. Of course when he got that far there wasn't room enough for him even in the place that had been the cause of his condition, so they proceeded to eject him from the saloon. In doing so he somehow slipped and his ankle was badly dislocated. An officer was sent for and he was taken to the city jail, where a physician attended to his injuries, and he is today hobbling about on a crutch. His name is withheld by request.

It will be a satisfaction to the friends of Miss Ellen Chamberlain in The Dalles to know that she is to be again associated with Prof. Gatch in educational work, having been elected Wednesday as dean of the agricultural college, where he is president. For many years these two popular educators were associated in their work, in Salem, The Dalles and Seattle, but for the past three years Miss Chamberlain has taught in the normal school at Monmouth. She will have supervision of the girl students at the college, save at the dormitory, and will teach history, drawing a salary of $1200 a year.

Merritt Campbell is the name of an unfortunate individual who was today adjudged insane by Judge Mays and committed to the asylum. Four or five years ago he was committed by Judge White from Clackamas county, but has been out on parole. He owned a farm near Wamic, but recently came into the city and besought his brother, who works in a restaurant, to sell everything and allow him to escape from people out there who were pursuing him. His brother secured a job for him at Peters', loading ties, hoping the hallucination would pass; but as he grew worse, he turned him over to the judge for examination, with the above result.

THE CITY'S BUSINESS.

Matters Brought Up for Consideration Last Night—Refunding the Bonds.

Thursday's Daily.

Councilmen Clough, Keller, Johnson, Gunning, Stephens, Kelly and Wilson were present at the regular meeting last night, and Mayor Kuck presided.

The claim of the Gorman Rubber Company, which had been laid on the table at the last meeting, was again brought up and ordered paid.

The matter of insuring the city's property was introduced and referred to the finance committee with instructions to accept the proposition of A. Seufert to insure for three years, for two payments, thus saving $100 to the city. Previously the insurance had been renewed each year.

There is still some work to be done in improving Federal street, which will amount to about $200, and the matter was brought up and referred to the committee on streets and public property.

After a motion by Stephens that when the meeting adjourned they adjourn to meet at 7:30 Saturday evening, Jan. 6th, the reports of the treasurer and tax collector were read. The latter reported that the taxes had all been collected.

The claim of $3 for street commissioner's salary was then ordered paid.

On motion of Johnson the matter of purchasing a universal transmitter for the fire alarm system to be placed in the central telephone office, was laid on the table.

Wilson introduced special ordinance No. 316, which provides for granting to the O. R. & N. Co. a right of way for a side track on Main street, commencing at Laughlin and extending along south side of Front street, immediately contiguous and adjacent to block 5, Laughlin's addition, on the north line of block 5; the strip of land to be twelve feet wide.

An ordinance was introduced authorizing and directing the city to enter into a contract with the Seufert & Condon telephone company providing for the company maintaining a fire alarm system. On motion of Councilman Wilson the consideration was referred until the Saturday evening meeting.

An application of the water commission was then made as follows: For the authority to refund $25,000 worth of bonds, which are due March 1st, next. The commission having been called upon to meet extra obligations of late are not in a position to meet the required payment, and while they might probably secure an extension at the rate of six per cent interest, it is deemed by the water commission advisable to refund for twenty years at four per cent. The question was deferred until the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dec. 1—Bal cash in fund	$2040 96
Rec'd during month	3432 54
	$5473 50
Error	18
	$5473 68
By warrants issued	1884 91
Jan. 1—Available cash	$3588 77

Moody Will Build It.

Ex-Gov. Moody is all right, but he now has a job on his shoulders which we are much afraid will "sink" him. He is not the kind, however, to cross the "bridge" before he reaches it, and will give himself no unnecessary concern or cause his hair to grow any grayer thereby. In the meantime he has "one more river to cross," for the city council has turned over into his hands the job of constructing a bridge across the Columbia.

Quite a little merriment was occasioned at the council meeting last night when Mayor Kuck read a communication from a bridge contractor in the East to the effect that he had learned it was the intention to bridge the Columbia at the dalles, and inquiring concerning the possibility of securing the contract. When the mayor asked what should be done with the communication, Johnson arose and said he understood the state legislature authorized The Dalles to bond itself for $50,000 to construct a bridge across the Columbia and placed the matter in the hands of a commission of which Z. F. Moody was chairman. He therefore moved that the communication, as well as the important matter referred to, be turned over into the chairman's hands. Wilson amended the motion by adding, that "he be granted power to act."

Whether or not Dalles citizens cross the river on foot or still continue to depend on the old means of travel, therefore rests with Mr. Moody, whom we are all anxious to hear from.

What the Literary Club is Doing.

EDITOR CHRONICLE:

It may be of interest to your readers to know what the Students Literary Club is doing.

We have had several very instructive debates, and one moot court, but the debate of the season will take place next Friday night when the question will be debated, "Resolved that the free coinage of both gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 would better promote the prosperity of the people of the United States than would the single gold standard." We have a number of talented speakers ready to fight the question to a finish and forever settle the matter for all time to come.

The members of the club have just finished seating the hall in good shape, so that we are prepared to entertain our friends and help them to enjoy a very pleasant and profitable evening.

The members are all requested to be present at 7:30 sharp, tonight, for the purpose of arranging for a moot senate or legislature, to take place Friday, Jan. 19th.

We are also arranging for a series of lectures by local and other talent, to commence Friday Jan. 12th, and to continue every other week until further notice. We have the promise of some very interesting lectures on up-to-date topics, and they bid fair to be very instructive, and should be the means of attracting good audiences.

Anyone interested in this line of work that would like to take a part with us, can do so by applying to the president at the time and place of meeting, every Friday night in the old court house, corner Third and Court streets, at 7:30 sharp.

A cordial invitation is extended to both ladies and gentlemen.

REPORTER.

A Pleasant Affair of the Season.

A party was given Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bayard in honor of Mrs. Bayard's S. S. class. The guests were requested to represent some of Dickens characters or historical characters. The parlors were beautifully decorated in evergreens, one being of a pink effect and the other yellow.

The guests assembled dressed in a manner which represented the characters, a portion of them as follows: Ola Norman, Mrs. Jarley; Stella Hughes took the part of Stella Haversham; Ona Hughes as Little Dorrit; Stella Brown, Fannie Squeers; Hannah Krause, in a very suitable costume, took the part of Mrs. Rudge; Georgie Johnson and Anna Witherell both represented Little Nell; May Jones, in a pretty costume, took the part of Dora Copperfield; Harry Curtis, Guppy; Harry Miller, Quilp; Lilith Curtis, in a charming costume, represented Minnehaha in the poem by Longfellow. Others present were: Melvin Witherall, Mr. O'Ryan, Geo. Egbert, Bertha Smillie, Grace Stillwell, Joseph Martin, Bernie Schooling, Earl Curtis.

Ola Norman received the prize for guessing the greatest number of characters. After playing games, an interesting sketch of the life of Dickens was given by Harry Curtis, after which Lucy Fox, who represented Queen Mary, seated herself on the throne and feasted her subjects on a dainty lunch. After lunch was over the guests enjoyed themselves by playing games and singing. Having spent a very pleasant evening the guests departed, pronouncing Mrs. Bayard a very agreeable hostess.