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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Wednesday's Daily. These ought to be very "taking" times about The Dalles.

The water commissioners will meet tonight in the recorder's office.

The young men are especially invited to attend the Young Ladies' Single Blessedness Debating Society next Tuesday evening, and old bachelors will not be excluded, providing they are wealthy ones.

To accommodate their patrons Pease & Mays have decided to keep their store open until 8 o'clock Saturday nights, it having proven inconvenient to a large number who are compelled to do shopping that evening to have them close at 6.

The first deaths in Spokane from smallpox occurred Monday afternoon, when two patients at the pest house succumbed to the disease. Out of 125 cases which have been reported at that place since last spring, these are the first fatal cases.

When the Grants-Goldendale stage reached the latter place Monday they brought with them the body of J. B. Burrell, of Seattle, traveling salesman for a Missouri firm. He died suddenly on the road, the cause apparently being heart trouble.

John Waldron came to the conclusion this morning that it doesn't pay to be a vagrant, and promised Marshal Hughes he would endeavor to obtain a job on the portage road if he were but turned loose. He was given a trial, but the next time will be compelled to pay his fine.

The special meetings have been continuing during the week at the Methodist church, and will close tomorrow night. All are especially invited to be present at the two closing services, which it is anticipated will be the best of all, though much good has been done throughout the entire series of meetings.

Mrs. W. S. Halliman, who was injured ten days ago when the wagon tipped over on the Mill creek road as she was on her way to the Wick's place, is still confined to her bed. The physician has given her permission to attempt to walk with crutches tomorrow. Her husband, W. S. Halliman, arrived last night from Oswego to visit her.

The examining physician has declared Hugh Brown, the prisoner at the county jail, insane and commitment papers having been made out, he will be taken to the asylum tomorrow. No doubt a strict watch will be kept over him, for it is not unlikely he may yet show them that a man of his character can feign insanity so that the sharpest cannot detect it.

A new salmon cannery is to be put up at Rooster Rock, below the Cascades, work having been begun on the same, and it is expected the building, which will be 200x60 feet, will be completed by May 1st, in time to handle the bulk of the spring run of fish. The cannery will be built by the Columbia River Packer's Association, which will also construct two or three fish wheels to supply the fish.

Portland seems to be particularly unfortunate within the past few months or year in the fatality among her prominent citizens. Edward Failing, a pioneer merchant and one of her best known citizens, being the last to pass away, having died at his residence in that city Monday night. Mr. Failing came to Portland in 1851 and has been prominently allied with its business interests since that time.

The festivities of China new year in The Dalles have ceased to a great extent, death having entered the abode of one of their leading merchants, Dock Sing, and taken his wife, the mother of little Chue, of whom we spoke yesterday. The woman has been sick for four or five years with cancer and this morning at 6 o'clock died. They will bury her tomorrow afternoon. Little Chue will not lack friends to care for him, judging from the attentions which are constantly given him by all the Chinese here.

The Regulator is to have a new purser tomorrow, Fred Bronson having resigned and Lawrence Ainsworth taking charge. Mr. Ainsworth has been in the employ of the D. P. & A. N. Co. for some time in Portland and during the fall in The Dalles office, and having proven himself trustworthy, competent, and a young man of splendid habits, the directors have perfect confidence in him. Having come from a family who for years have been connected with steamboat interests he also takes naturally to the work.

That interesting historical magazine, the "Oregon Native Son," for January, is on our table. It is highly illustrated with pictures of scenery in the Northwest and portraits of many of the early pioneers. Among them being four

of the pioneer Methodist missionaries The work undertaken by the Native Son to publish the unwritten history of the original Oregon, and descriptive articles of the magnificent scenery, lakes and mountains of the Northwest abounding hereabouts, is deserving of much credit and show of appreciation. Every article is from the pen of an authoritative writer, and is couched in language and style especially suited to evening reading around the home circle.

The Kangaroo court, which holds forth at the county jail, got in its work this morning in great shape when Obriest, alias Campbell, entered their august presence. It is a strict rule of the court that each stranger be initiated and put up a certain amount as fees, to be used for the purchase of tobacco and other luxuries. As Campbell purported to be a traveling man of means, the decision was that he be taxed \$2. The new arrival seriously and strenuously objected, until it was found necessary to put him through a course of sprouts, and he was taken over one of the Kangaroo's knees and chastised until he declared had he been aware of the go he had to ride he should have used some of the tinware he carried as a lining to his trousers. But a compromise was made and the boys succeeded in getting a dollar out of him, as well as a whole lot of fun.

Thursday's Daily. The talk about coal in The Dalles is as far from the surface as the coal itself; and if a reporter mentions coal they get the coal shoulder.

The latest report, which reached here from Kentucky at noon, says Goebel still lives, though it was not thought he would survive long.

The regular dancing club party will take place tomorrow night at the Baldwin. There are but four more parties in the series, which have been so enjoyable to the participants.

On account of the smallpox scare in places where the Noble Dramatic Company were booked to play, they will make The Dalles an unexpected visit, playing in the Baldwin all next week.

Hugh Brown, who was taken to the asylum by Deputy Sexton today, may not have been insane, but he was too weak to do any harm, having eaten nothing for ten days.

Nes. Simonson is confined to his home by illness, which it was feared yesterday would prove to be appendicitis. Many of his friends are, however, ready to say Nes is downed by the defeat of the English.

Charles Dexter, who was formerly employed in the O. R. & N. company's office here, but for some time has been city ticket agent at Spokane, yesterday entered upon his new duties as soliciting freight agent for the company.

About twenty of the ladies of St. Paul's Guild were delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Harris yesterday afternoon. During the afternoon the hostess served refreshments and the meeting partook much of the nature of a reception, although important matters connected with the work of the Guild were not forgotten.

We actually began to wonder if Christmas comes twice a year when we saw several large trees being taken into the Salvation Army hall this morning. But upon inquiry we found the army is to conduct a mid-winter campmeeting, beginning Saturday and continuing until the 15th. Brigadier General Marshall and wife are to be present and we notice that several of our local ministers, in connection with their young people's societies, will conduct meetings on different evenings.

The little Star, which we find has descended to our table, says: "Kickers say the marshal won't take a bit of notice of the condition of the sidewalk at the top of the Court street steps." He can't help it if he walks over it; neither can the pedestrians. But if some one doesn't notice it soon there'll be some broken legs to be mended.

Sunday at Spokane, Frances M. Baldwin, formerly of this city and a sister of J. M. Baldwin, who was connected with the Chronicle office, was united in marriage with Henry L. Imhoff, of Davenport. Miss Baldwin is a young woman greatly admired by all for her gentle, womanly character, and her Dalles friends extend their best wishes to her in her new relation in life.

Tuesday night Dr. Harry Littlefield left Portland for Asheville, N. C., where he will be house surgeon at the Winyah sanitarium. It will be a great satisfaction to Mrs. Bradshaw to have her brother with her, which was his main object in seeking a position in the sanitarium. Mrs. Bradshaw assures her friends here that she is improving and is much encouraged.

A dispatch which was received yesterday from several of the delegates to the old maid's convention, which was to have been held Tuesday evening, informs the members in this city that on account of the muddy condition of some of The Dalles crosswalks and the absence of street lights, they will be compelled to delay the convention for one week and will arrive when the streets are in a better condition and they have put their lanterns in trim for use.

A Chinese funeral, conducted in the customary manner, is not often seen in The Dalles. That of the wife of Dock

Sing, the merchant, which took place this afternoon, was perhaps as near it as any ever held here, although it was not nearly so elaborate as those seen in cities. The service which took place at the house was equal to a circus to those who could not understand their meaning. After arranging the body in the coffin it was carried onto the sidewalk and a ceremony of a half hour's length took place, composed of all manner of maneuvers which were "Greek" or "China" to the spectators. Among other things a table was set, with all sorts of eatables thereon, and the coffin placed high so that the deceased could eat. A long procession of carriages filled with Chinese followed the remains to their burying ground, adjoining the city cemetery, and on the hearse sat a Chinaman tossing abroad small pieces of paper filled with holes, through which it is said the devil must pass before reaching the departed. There were perhaps 200 people at the cemetery, where tapers were burned and another long ceremony took place. Here all of the belongings of the dead woman, no matter how elegant nor costly, were piled up and burned, and as the grave was filled in, all kinds of food was thrown in, upon which she is supposed to feed on her long journey.

Friday's Daily. Brigadier and Mrs. Marshall will lead the Salvation Army meeting at their hall on Saturday evening, and at the Congregational church Sunday afternoon at 2:30. All are invited to come and enjoy these gospel services.

Every one who has read Barrie's "Little Minister" is anxiously waiting for its appearance in our city on the 15th of the month. The company is said to be an excellent one, and all its readers will testify as to the merits of the book.

Next Tuesday evening Rev. G. W. Grannis will visit The Dalles in the interest of the order of Artisans, and will speak in the Congregational church. Mr. Grannis is not a stranger to Dalles people, and is known to be a most interesting speaker; not one of the dry kind, although he is a strong temperance worker, but full of wit and good humor.

Great interest is being awakened among the Artisans of The Dalles, occasioned by the visit of H. G. Sibray, D. G. M., who is visiting different cities in the state in the interest of the order, and informs us a number of members will be added to the local lodge here at the next meeting on Wednesday of next week.

The winter season is passing by, but so far but little severe weather has been experienced. In fact it has been so mild that only the occasional frosts have kept the fruit from too early budding and the probable killing by later severe weather. All indications point to an early spring and big crops of fruit in Hood River valley.—Sun.

If the ground hog made his appearance today he certainly found no reason for returning to his abode and remaining there the next six weeks, for he surely caught not a glimpse of his shadow. It is said if he fail to see his shadow, we are to have an early spring. It would rather seem that winter has been entertaining spring during the entire season.

The University Monthly for January is a splendid number and gives a good idea of what the school is accomplishing. Among other features we note two cuts—one of the Glee Club and another of the Treble Clef Club, the latter being composed of twelve young lady students. Among them we find a splendid likeness of Miss Daisy Allaway, of this city, who sings alto with the club.

Last evening Frank Duffy and a man named Deed were having a sociable sort of a fight on Mays & Crowe's corner, both of them being intoxicated, when Marshal Hughes interfered and landed them in jail. The former plead guilty, was fined \$5, and is now spending a short time in jail. Deed did not seem to have been the aggressor, and was fined but \$3, which he paid.

The elements certainly seem to be leagued against our streets this winter, and just about the time we have our minds made up that they are going to dry up and the crosswalks are becoming passable, a slight fall of rain will make them worse, if possible, than before. This morning snow covered the ground and during the day there has been a question whether we were to have snow or rain.

While business at this time of the year hardly warrants the D. P. & A. N. Co. in running two steamers, still the familiar toot of the approaching steamer is greatly missed when it fails to fall upon the ear each evening of the week. However, the boats will soon make daily visits, as it is expected the Dalles City will be ready for the run about the 12th of the month. She will be in excellent trim, if anything better than now.

We have learned that some of our citizens do not fall in with the idea advanced by Councilman Wilson at a recent meeting of the council and seconded by the Chronicle Wednesday, regarding the proposed sewer system. The idea is to send a statement of the amount of taxation which the new system will occasion to each person and thus give them an opportunity to have a voice in the matter. We can see no reason for objecting to such a plan, for whether a

citizen be for or against the idea, it is but just that he be allowed to express an opinion in regard to the matter.

Tonight the members of the Students' Literary Debating Society will hold a moot house of representatives. Those who attended the recent session of the senate say it was a most interesting one, and as the house will discuss the leasing of public lands, visitors will no doubt find the meeting equally as interesting. It is the intention of the society to have a number of lectures from local talent as well as from speakers of other cities. Next Friday night they propose to have a lecturer from abroad.

The Latter Day Saints, who have frequently of late honored (?) The Dalles with their visits, do not seem to be receiving the "glad hand" from our people and it would seem as though they ought to take the hint and seek greener fields. If they do not, then they should be given a stronger reason for so doing. We speak thus emphatically because we have been informed they are becoming a nuisance to the residents in the vicinity of the pines, annoying the women in that portion of the city greatly. This should not be tolerated. No person who enters The Dalles on a mission of mercy or for any good purpose is ever treated other than hospitably; but it certainly appears that these people cannot reasonably be placed in this category.

In the supreme court Wednesday the case of the State vs Otis Savage was argued and submitted. The circumstances of the case are still fresh in the minds of Dalles people, although five years have elapsed since Otis Savage and Frank Klein were arrested for robbing the Pacific Express office of \$14,000. Klein plead guilty, showing the place where the money was hid under the sidewalk on First street, and served out a sentence in the penitentiary. Not so Savage, who plead not guilty, was tried, convicted of grand larceny and sentenced to four years in the penitentiary. Since that time he has spent most of his time on the streets of The Dalles, having appealed to reverse the judgment, assigning numerous alleged errors of the court.

To the people of this enlightened and Christian age, the superstitions of the Chinese appear ridiculous and we view with amazement the forms and ceremonies which were gone through yesterday at the funeral of one of their number. And yet again this morning was a visit made to the grave, where tapers were burned thereon and a lunch set by the side of the mound. The little son, followed by the few companions with him, made an obeisance and said "a few words, which one of the Chinese interpreted as "Good morning, mamma." They then lighted tapers on each grave in the cemetery, and placing a generous spread of eatables on the new grave, left the deceased to enjoy her meal alone. Generally the spirit of some Weary Willie happens along and keeps her company at her meal.

As was expected, Hugh Brown's case has proven to be one in which there was method in the madness. Such was the opinion of the officers here, but to prove the fact was another matter, for Brown did the crazy act up to a nicety. To use every precaution, the sheriff sent a communication to the superintendent of the asylum giving him full details of the case and expressing the opinion that the insanity was feigned, at the same time asking them to use every test possible. It seems the latter injunction was followed, for Brown had been within the walls of the asylum but a short time when he was compelled to confess to the strategy, and Sheriff Kelly received word to send back for his man. Sexton, therefore, retraced his steps and will return with his prisoner tonight. Suspecting that his pal, Wilron, was in league with him, and had probably fed him at nights, the former was locked in his cell today, and both will be kept in chains until their case comes up at this month's term of court.

Water Commissioners' Meeting.

Little business came up before Commissioners Moore, Boltor, Bucher, Randall and Phirman, who held their regular monthly meeting last night, with Phirman in the chair in the absence of Commissioner Seufert.

After the previous minutes had been read, and the bill of W. J. Roberts for \$235 was laid on the table, the superintendent's and treasurer's reports were read as follows:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT. Total book account, December, \$1563 55 Collected during month, 1169 80 \$ 393 75

TREASURER'S REPORT. Jan. 1—Bal. cash on hand, \$7934 82 " 31—Rec'd from water rent 1169 80 \$9104 62

By warrants redeemed, 169 75 Jan. 31—Cash on hand, \$8943 87 J. C. Croesen, supt.'s salary, \$ 60 00 C. A. Borders, helper's salary, 60 00 Ned Gates, secretary, 10 00 James Hannon, labor with team, 1 20 Jos. Peters & Co., lumber, 11 89 Arthur Seufert, premium on ins., 22 00 J. W. Blakeney, hauling, 50 00 Wm. Michel, repairs, 75 00 Lane Bros, repairs, 75 00 Mays & Crowe, mdse., 7 26 Malier & Benton, mdse., 7 51 Ned Gates, prepayment freight, 30 00

Situation Wanted.

A young man wants situation in a sheep camp. Address, H. DELTO, The Dalles, Ore. jan20-1w

U. OF O. NOTES.

Oregonians Should Give Their Institution Better Support.

EDITOR CHRONICLE:

At assembly Wednesday morning the student body listened to an address by Dean Sanderson of the Eugene Divinity School. Rev. Sanderson said that Oregon was not giving her institution the proper support. That the churches should not endeavor to maintain their denominational schools, but should lend their support to the state university where those of all creeds would meet and learn to know and have a greater respect for one another. That the university now had a president who was strong in ability as well as in name. He was sure that the new life that the University had this year received would next year bring from 400 to 500 students to the institution.

The Philologist literary society listened to a prepared address by our professor of athletics, Chas. Burden. Prof. Burden gave a summary of the records of the past thirty or forty years to the present. Old records are continuously being broken and with one or two exceptions, the athlete of today is developing a higher muscular activity. One does not see today the pale face student neglecting his body in trying to produce an anomalous brain, but both are being developed together and better results are being expected in both lines. The society debated this question: "Resolved, That senators should be elected by direct vote of the people." C. E. Coppel and J. O. Russell upheld the affirmative while V. L. Holt, C. W. Wagner upheld the negative. The negative received the decision. A committee was appointed to extend to President Penrose, of Whitman college, an invitation to deliver a lecture under the auspices of the society in the near future.

The Laurean society debated the question: "Resolved, That the contested seats of congressmen and senators should be referred to the supreme court." L. E. Hooker and K. C. Miller upheld the affirmative and R. S. Smith and Condon Bean the negative. The affirmative won the decision.

The musical students of Prof. W. Gifford Nash gave a public recital at Villard Hall Saturday evening. The Treble Clef Club also sang a number of quartet. This was interspersed with piano solos by Prof. Nash and Arthur Frazer. The recital was a rare musical treat.

The first semester examinations commence Thursday Feb. 1, and continues until Friday, the 9th. These are the students busy days.

The January number of the U. of O. Monthly is out. It contains beside a number of interesting stories, an article entitled "The Evolution of the Glee Club" by W. Gifford Nash. A history of the U. of O. Club and an account of the Glee Clubs recent trip through Eastern Oregon by Prof. I. M. Glen. Half tones of the Glee Club and Treble Clef Club also appear. Anyone desiring a copy will receive one by giving his or her name to Geo. Ruch, Jr.

STUDENT.

Ain't Got No Money for Tacks.

As a sample of the communications which are daily received by newspapers, we publish the following from the Eugene Guard sent in by an aspirant for the office of school superintendent, which should be filled by the best educated man a county can afford. It also serves to determine from what source comes the objection to taxation for the benefit of our schools and everything in connection therewith. The correspondent says:

MISTER EDITOR:— I see by the Guard that you've over to Ugeen, air goin' to have a meetin' to vote a school tacks. I want to say a few words of warnin' to the voters of your deestrick:

Feller citizens, don't you do it! We air tacked to death now. Here in our deestrick they have jest voted a tacks that will cost me a dollar on every \$1000 I've got, which is a unholly and unjust demand. I have labored and saved until I've got somethin' nigh \$10,000, and I ain't got no 10 dollars to wait on schools, neither have you my oppressed comrades. Hannah, she's got some propity too, but she's rite in far a tacks. She went to the meetin' and voted fer it. Think of that, Mr. Editer, a feller's own wife votin' squai' agin him, and the law allows her to do that very thing, bein' as she's got propity in her name. I give her a talkin' to about it, and Mr. Editer, it was a hart-rendin' trial fer howe way she persecuted me.

Howsever, you men at Ugeen haven't got Hanner to make life a burden for ye, so do all you can to put down the oppresion' school tacks, for you'll need all your spare money, seein the election is comin' this year.

Right here I'd like to remark that I announce myself as a candiyate for county school superintendent, and I promise if I am elected to do all I kin agin these here extra tackses as is drainin' us poor feller's pockets, also to endeavor to cut teachers' wages to \$10 a month and board; they can board around like they used to.

Yours truly,

OBADIAH EVERHAT OLDWAY. P. S. If you print this, Mr. Editer, kinder fix up the spellin' so's to make a good impression on the voters. I ain't got time to hunt up all the words in the dictionary. Don't send Hanner a paper with this in. O. E. O.

Arrested for Larceny.

Constable Hill had a lively chase after a fellow yesterday afternoon, and finally succeeded in catching him this morning. It will be remembered that some time ago Joe Kerchoff had a saddle

stolen from his horse, and could find no clew to the thief. A few days since he saw a man riding down the street and recognizing his saddle, asked him where he got it. The man answered that he bought it from one C. E. Obriest, who has been employed as janitor by Max Vegt. Immediately Joe informed the sheriff and Hill was put onto his track. He located him at a friend's house in the pines above the city, and spent yesterday afternoon chasing him up, but learning that he was wanted he succeeded in invading the officer.

Hill, however did not give him up, but finding that he had secured a room on the boat and intended to leave this morning, was on hand. The officer went to the door of his stateroom and finally deluded him into opening the door. He had shaved his mustache and arranged his hair so that it was difficult to recognize him. He gave his name as Campbell and said he was traveling for a hardware firm in Portland, and had come in from Dufur the night before. Hill, however would not be fooled and commanded his man to follow him, marched him to the county jail. He was still persistent but was arraigned on a charge of larceny and, putting up \$100 bonds he was released and his hearing set for this afternoon at 2 o'clock when it was postponed until Saturday at 10.

SPECIAL TAXES.

Levies Made by Many of Wasco's School Districts.

The increasing interest in educational matters throughout the county of late years has been very apparent, and, looking at it from every point of view, our schools were never in a better condition. Not only are those directly connected with the work fully alive to its every interest, but the public in general—the property owners and seemingly every resident of the county, are ready to fall in with every move for the advancement of their interests. This is perhaps as well shown by the special tax voted by the various districts, as in any other manner. This matter is optional with the districts and so far reports have been received as follows:

Table with 2 columns: District No. and Mills. Includes districts like Frankton (6 mills), Hood River (15 mills), Barretts, Hood River (20 mills), Hood River Valley (2 1/2 mills), Mt. Hood (6 mills), E Hood River (8 mills), Mosier (6 mills), West of Dalles (2 mills), Mill Creek (3 mills), Dalles (7 1/2 mills), Mile (4 1/2 mills), East of Dalles (3 mills), 12-Mile (2 1/2 mills), Boyd (5 mills), Dufur (10 mills), E Nasene (8 mills), Tygh (2 mills), Hood River Valley (15 mills), Antelope (15 mills), Mosier (4 mills), Viento (3 mills), Hood River Valley (2 mills), Municipality—Dufur (2 1/2 mills).

Another Forgerer.

In spite of the almost inevitable fate of the forgerer, every few days some new case of forgery is brought to light. The latest was revealed in The Dalles last night about 6 o'clock, when a fellow, giving his name as Allen Edwards, passed a First National Bank check for \$10 in Keller's, the check being signed by N. Whendon. As soon as the fellow left the store Mr. Keller phoned up to Mr. Whealdon and discovered he had signed no such check. Keller then started out in search of his man, whom he found up the street, and telling him the check was no good made him pungle out the \$9.50, at the same time engaging him in conversation as he walked down the street toward the marshal's office. Parting with him at the corner, he walked over and got Hughes, who at once started out and secured him. It was later determined that he had passed another check for \$10 at Keys & Nelson's saloon, drawn on Squires, foreman of the portage road, and one for \$5 at the Umattilla house bar, drawn on an Illinois bank. When the marshal asked him for the check, he pulled another one out of his pocket in favor of Black, saying he secured it from one Black, who, however, could not be found.

He is a good looking fellow of about 23 years, well dressed, and has been in town a few days, stopping at the Umattilla. From a letter found in his pocket, written by his sweetheart in Illinois, it was discovered his real name is Geo. Simmons.

He is now in the county jail and his hearing is set for 4 o'clock.

Your Face

Show the state of your feelings and the state of your health as well. Impure blood makes itself apparent in a pale and sallow complexion, Pimples and Skin Eruptions. If you are feeling weak and worn out and do not have a healthy appearance you should try Acker's Blood Elixir. It cures all blood diseases where cheap Sarsaparillas and so called purifiers fail; knowing this we sell every bottle on a positive guarantee. Blakeley & Houghton, druggists.

Cash in Your Checks. All county warrants registered prior to June 3, 1896, will be paid at my office. Interest ceases after February 2, 1900. C. L. PHILLIPS, County Treasurer.