

The Weekly Chronicle.

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LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Wednesday's Daily.

Miss Minnie Elton, who teaches in the Hood River school, is an applicant for a state certificate at the examination which is now being held.

Dr. J. A. Geisendorfer, who was called to Lyle on a professional trip this morning, returned about noon and tells us it is snowing hard there, with about six inches on the hills around the immediate town.

The Wasco Southern Telephone Company was incorporated Monday by J. N. Burgess, F. N. Wallace and H. C. Rooper. The company proposes to build telephone lines in Eastern Oregon counties, especially Wasco. The capital stock is \$500, and the office of the company will be in Antelope.

The Dalles bids fair to show its appreciation of Mr. Clark's efforts to secure good attractions by giving the "Little Minister" company a crowded house tomorrow night. A large number of seats have already been sold and many have no doubt left their seats until the last day, so that the hall will undoubtedly be crowded.

In order to take renewed precautions against an epidemic of smallpox, we understand the directors of our school have ordered that all children within the locality of the Mullikin house and those who had associated with the children of that family be kept at home from school. This seems hard to those concerned, but is no doubt for the best.

As was expected, winter peeped in this morning and, finding Nature flirting with spring, gave her the cold shoulder, at the same time getting into a fury and making all believe he had come to stay. In many respects we do not care if he does, for it is not thought the fruit buds have advanced enough to be injured unless an unusually cold spell should come on, and we need a little winter, if not too cold.

A short, but lively runaway took place on the hill this morning, when the horse attached to Joe Worsley delivery wagon got frightened while standing in the alley back of Geo. Miller's place, and tore out onto Union street. When he reached Phillips' corner it was too slick for him and he fell, tipping the wagon over, driver and all. John Miller was driving, but fortunately was not injured. The wagon shaft was broken and a few bolts gave way, otherwise the runaway was not serious.

Mr. Edward Baldwin, who up to the time of the Christmas vacation occupied the position of private secretary to President Strong, when he was called home by the sudden death of his father, is now a student of Whitman College at Walla Walla. The humidity of our Willamette valley climate not being conducive to good health for Mr. Baldwin caused him to seek the higher altitudes of Eastern Washington. This we regret, as Mr. Baldwin was a bright young man of the present freshman class.—Oregon Weekly.

Cupid must have had a cold trip delivering his valentine messages today; but he got there just the same, and the postmaster was kept busy handling the tender little missives. Then, too, there was a large number which from their appearance were anything but tender. On the contrary, no doubt many a heartache has been caused today by the contemptible articles known as "comic valentines." While some are sent merely as a joke, others are made the means of administering cuts and insinuations which are calculated to sting deep and accomplish the purpose for which they were sent. It would be better for the world had the contemptible things never been heard of.

The Trade Journal has this to say of the Columbia salmon situation: "We are in receipt of letters from the Columbia river which state that the opening price on that river will probably not be less than on a \$1.45 for talls basis and maybe as high as \$1.50. They look for active buying competition for fish, which will cause higher prices than before known during an opening season. From all we can learn no packer on that river will name prices until satisfied as to the price for fresh salmon. The price for the latter is as yet an open question, for so far as can be learned the fishermen have not named prices and probably will not until towards the opening of the season."

Wishing to express their appreciation of him and their regret at his permanent departure, the brother Elks gave a social session in honor of Harry Lonsdale last night at their hall. While a show of levity prevailed, it was plain to be seen it was but a mask, for back of it all was the feeling that they were parting with one of their best and most popular members. A splendid banquet was

given and the lodge as a body accompanied him to the train. Some months ago during his absence in the East, as an appreciation of his faithful work in the office of Esquire, he was honored with a life membership card, which is a favor seldom accorded, and so far as is known there are but about a half dozen in the United States.

The case of John Casey and Frank Quinlan, who plead not guilty to a charge of robbery, will be tried in court tomorrow.

The doctor informs us that J. C. Meins, who has been ill for the past week with heart trouble, is somewhat improved today.

At the Catholic entertainment Tuesday night at the Vogt a catchy program will be given, and the evening close with dancing, Birgfeld's orchestra furnishing the music.

In the circuit court today a decree of divorce was granted to each of the following: Julia Reavis from Wm. Reavis. Ada Simcox from M. S. Simcox.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy passenger cars are to be painted a dark color instead of canary yellow. All through passenger trains are to be vestibuled, and baggage and express cars are to have their steps taken off.

The new building recently put up by Mrs. Marie Perlano, the East End milliner, is quite an addition to that portion of town. It has been neatly arranged inside and affords ample room for a large stock of goods, while house-keeping rooms are on the upper floor.

Vancouver has a worse scourge in her midst than smallpox, for at present there are three cases of diphtheria there, which is much more to be dreaded than smallpox, Filipino itch or most any contagious disease which might come our way.

The Hadley Medical Springs Co. have leased 311 acres of land from the O. R. & N. Co., on the Columbia river, in Washington, including the Collins landing and the well-known Hot Medical Springs at that place. We understand the company expect to put in some good baths and make this a summer resort. It will be very handy, as it is right on the river, and there will be no expense for people after they are landed in getting a good camping place.—Leader.

We hope, for the sake of our readers, that the first page of today's CHRONICLE will not be the last to be read; or, if it is, that it will be the last to leave your memory, for on it you will find facts concerning the prices of goods at A. M. Williams' "after-inventory sale" which should not be overlooked by any who desire to be economical in buying.

In early spring there will be double train service established over the O. R. & N., Oregon Short Line and Union Pacific. To double this service will require but the addition of a train each way between Umatilla and Granger. Now there is a double service daily east of Granger on the Union Pacific; while the Spokane-Portland train makes the double service between Umatilla and the Oregon metropolis.

Yesterday afternoon W. E. Walther had a severe accident in having both of his hands burned, though not very seriously. For the past week he has been confined to his home by illness, and while lying on the couch smoking yesterday afternoon the fringe of the couch caught fire from a match which he intended to throw into the cuspidor. In carrying it out of the room his hands were burned. The couch was almost destroyed.

No one will want to miss hearing Rev. Poling speak on the "Johnston Flood" for it is one of those subjects which could not fail to be interesting; particularly so as Mr. Poling passed through the terrible experience. In speaking of it he said "For eleven days and nights I did not have my clothes off my back." Incidents told when he spoke before the literary society were intensely interesting, and in his lecture Saturday night at the Congregational church he will go more fully into details.

It certainly feels today as if it were the "winter of our discontent," but we have no desire to steal the Times-Mountaineer's "thunder" and won't say so, for that paper has a lien on that expression given by Shakespeare himself. Anyway the thermometer crept down to 18 above, last night, and we hear the boys are skating on the smaller ponds. The report for tonight and tomorrow says "fair and colder." While it is impossible to tell as yet whether injury has been done the fruit, it is not thought it has been cold enough yet.

The lesson which is being taught Bert Brooks, who is now serving out a sentence for disturbing religious meetings at Boyd, would not be amiss in some cases in The Dalles. For some time four toughs had been sitting in the back of the church, spitting tobacco juice over every available space and committing other depredations, and Monday an officer went in search of them, the other three disappeared; but Brooks was arrested, brought before Justice Covey and fined \$5 and costs, amounting to \$13.70. Being unable to pay, he is now serving out his time in the county jail.

Herman Metzger, of Portland, in discussing the wool scouring question, says, "I am decidedly in favor of a scouring

mill here rather than to have it at The Dalles." Well, dew tell! That's strange; but Dalles citizens all seem ready to say they'd rather have it here than in Portland. Queer isn't it?

Passers-by all stopped at the City Meat Market yesterday to gaze with wonder at the mutton exhibited there, and it was immense in more ways than one. The two sheep, which had been purchased of James Kelly and were of the Lincoln brand, weighed 100 pounds apiece dressed, and are an example of what can be made on mutton. Mr. Kelly was paid \$15 for them, and from twenty-four pounds of wool clipped at 20 cents a pound, he made \$4.80; two pelts \$1; twenty-four pounds of tallow at 5 cents a pound, \$1.20. Thus the total amount made on the sheep was \$22.00, or \$11 a piece.

Astoria bowlers are now talking of arranging a three cornered regatta contest, in which Astoria, The Dalles and Salem will take part. A suitable trophy will be offered and three contests yearly are to be bowled—one in Astoria during regatta, another at Salem and the other at The Dalles. In this manner each team will be able to meet the others on its own alleys. Five winnings will entitle a club to permanent possession of the trophy. The idea of a three-cornered tournament of this kind was discussed during the recent Big Four contest, all the clubs heartily favoring the plan.

The plan to organize a steamship line between Portland and Manila has fallen through. The Telegram says the failure of the project is due to several causes. In the first place after negotiations were well under way, the fact developed that the agent with whom Mr. Lewis and the Manila merchants were dealing was working for his own gain and trying to "boost himself along on wind." Even then the Manila merchants were willing to go ahead and establish a line, and had their plans almost completed, when the United States closed the port, to keep the natives in the surrounding country from securing supplies.

Complaints are daily brought to us concerning the annoyance caused by the visits of the Latter Day Saints to the homes throughout the city. If not invited inside, they will engage the lady of the house in conversation at the door, and before they are through will say something objectionable to her. While in most cases they are not exactly insulting in their remarks, there is, however, little margin between the forbidden. Such a proceeding should not be allowed to go unmolested, and while engaged in conversation another member of the household should just telephone to the marshal and have them taken to the outskirts of the city and headed toward Utah.

We have often wondered, when passing or entering the court house when court is in session just how few witnesses and others would be required to make the side walks so that a small boat would have to be used in getting to the steps and rubber boots worn in which to wade into the building. And then when the upper floor is reached just how many more swine could make the floor so that you couldn't wade in. As it is, it is fairly nauseating to glance at the floor as one passes down the aisle. The offense surely should be punishable as defacement of the building. The county is at an expense to keep up the appearance of the building and should see that this filthy habit is stopped.

The will of Mrs. M. J. Beezley, who died in Chicago in November, was admitted to probate yesterday. The probable value of the estate is \$4000, and Grover Simpson, son-in-law of deceased was named as executor. All money which the deceased had in the Illinois Trust and Saving bank of Chicago, is bequeathed to her daughter, Mrs. Alma Simpson and her son-in-law, Grover Simpson, the medical, funeral and other expenses to be paid out of the same. The property is to be disposed of and the value of the estate divided into four equal portions. One portion is willed to Mrs. Mary E. Beezley-Smith, daughter of deceased; one portion to a son, J. F. Beezley; one portion to Mrs. Alma Beezley-Simpson, a daughter, and out of the remaining one-fourth H. H. Smith, of Cross Keys, and Mary Smith-Seal, of Vancouver, grandson and granddaughter, will receive \$20 a piece. The balance of the remaining one-fourth is to be divided equally between other grandchildren, Raymond B. Smith, Joseph E. Smith, Raymond Smith and Elsie May Smith-Oliphant.

Misses Nan Cooper and Grace Hobson entertained the Taine class at the home of the latter last night, and a splendid time was enjoyed. Lessons were dispensed with and a short program usurped their place. Mr. H. Northrup and Miss Ruth Cooper gave two very pretty solos and Mrs. Wilson read a paper on "Language," which was said to be one of her best efforts, and those who have heard the lady know this means a great deal. Mrs. Wilson evidently has little liking for affectation and assuming in pronunciation, or language in general what might be termed "foreign airs." She believes in the English, pure and simple, and expressed that belief very emphatically. Another feature of the entertainment was a game in which all were provided with quotations which they illustrated by drawing and passed on for others to decipher. This was most amusing. Re-

freshments were served later and the evening was a very happy one in every respect.

It has been a most difficult matter throughout the late wars for anyone who has merely access to the newspaper articles regarding the campaigns to have an understanding of the situation of the armies and their movements. We see but through a glass darkly. This difficulty has, however, been somewhat obviated by the thoughtfulness of the Equitable Life Assurance Society in providing an atlas of the two wars, which thus gives all an opportunity to follow the steps of each army and read of their campaigns understandingly. We find one on our table with the compliments of their local agent, Max A. Vogt, and feel now as if our perusal of the dispatches concerning the wars would not be so thoroughly Greek to us.

Tuesday night Mrs. Burgess, who is in from Bakeoven attending court, left a very handsome and expensive golf cape in the parlor at the Umatilla House. Later when she went to get it it was nowhere to be found. A young woman who was in the parlor in the evening was suspicious, and surmising she had gone down on the boat Mrs. Burgess telephoned to her daughter, Mrs. Dan Malarky, and told her to be on the lookout for the cape as the passengers alighted at Portland, as she had ordered the cape for her mother and would have no trouble in recognizing it. Accordingly Mr. and Mrs. Malarky were on hand, and when a girl stepped off wearing the article she was questioned. Breaking down at once she acknowledged the theft; and word was sent to Mrs. Burgess. The police in Portland communicated with the sheriff, but deeming that this was probably her first offense, as she is quite young, Mrs. Burgess decided to let her go, and Sheriff Kelly instructed the officers to give her a warm lecture and free her. Her name is Georgia Egan, and she has been in the employ of Mrs. Agnew in this city. She claims that her home is in Gilmore.

And so, as was feared by all, W. R. Brown is free, the grand jury seeing fit to bring in an indictment of assault and battery, when the indignation of the district attorney led him to dismiss the case, saying that such a proceeding would be a disgrace to the court and a travesty on justice, the sentence for such being twenty days in the county jail, while he considered it should have been assault with intent to kill and a penitentiary offense. The jury took the case up yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Brown appearing, but failing to witness against her husband. The CHRONICLE has already expressed its opinion strongly in regard to the case and does not care to reiterate the statements made. Without further remarks we can now only hope that the intent of the jury to liberate the man who attempted to take his wife's life, that he might work to support his family instead of being placed in the penitentiary and his wife and family be dependent on the county, may not be thwarted. If he fail so to do and the county be called upon to suffer therefrom (leaving the wife entirely out of the question as she has chosen her course) then should those who are responsible be called upon to take the case into their own hands and not only carry it through, but support the family as well.

The grand jury found a true bill in the case of the State of Oregon vs. Alva Simmons, charged with larceny in Thos. Burgess' store at Bake Oven, committed on the 11th of November, '99.

Hugh Brown and Robt. Wilson, the Portland thugs, and the men arrested by Dell Howell near Antelope, were this morning sentenced to serve eight years each in the penitentiary, they having plead guilty to the crime of horse stealing.

Wednesday night the transformer on an electric pole at Salem burned out, causing quite a little excitement on the street. It set fire to the pole and cross trees, but linemen promptly climbed the pole and extinguished the fire, the damage being nominal.

Rev. W. Brenner will hold services at the Lutheran church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and also in the evening at 7:30. German services will be held at 2:30 p. m. on Feb. 25th. Parents wishing their children confirmed will please hand in their names so they may be given instructions.

The lodge of Elks at La Grande will give a swell ball and banquet on the evening of the anniversary of Washington's birthday. Tickets have been placed on sale and can be had for five dollars per couple. All Elks are invited to be present and traveling cards presented at the door will be the only invitation necessary.

Mr. T. Brownhill who has arranged to give a series of lectures in the future, will not be able to keep his appointment at Bennetts school house in Hood River valley on Feb. 22d at 1 p. m. Those living in that vicinity, however, will have an opportunity of hearing him at the Congregational church in Hood River on the same evening.

cess of young men was greater in the past than at present." All are invited to be present whether members of the club or not.

The court is busy this afternoon selecting a jury in the case of the State vs. J. Herbert Preston. At the hour of going to press only eight jurors had been secured and the regular venire had been exhausted. District Attorney Jayne appears for the state, while Fred W. Wilson and Ned H. Gates are looking after the interests of the defendant.

The steamer Al Ki which just arrived at Seattle from Skagway, brought down a cargo consisting of \$40,000 in bullion, the last month's clean-up of the Treadwell Company, and seventy-five boxes of Wrangle Narrows halibut. The Treadwell monthly shipment was only about half the December clean-up of the company, but this is accounted for by the fact that nearly one half of the stumps were idle during January by reason of the water power which operates the plant being frozen up.

Inquiry at the offices of the transportation companies in Portland failed to elicit any further information concerning the rumor that the White Collar Line had disposed of the Telephone and the Bailey Gatzert, or either of them, to parties on the Sound. The report is current in Portland, however, that negotiations with relation to a possible transfer of one or both of the boats have been under way but that there is no definite understanding that a consummation has been arrived at.—Astorian.

Eugene is contemplating the organization of a commercial club and from all indications will have such an institution at no late date. In part the Eugene Guard says: "The question of organizing a commercial club in Eugene often comes up for discussion, particularly after a trip to Salem, Portland, Astoria, The Dalles, or some other city, where the business or professional man of this city is entertained by his acquaintances in well appointed clubs having every convenience and comfort. When it comes to a question of energy in personally conducting individual business matters, the Eugene man stands in the front rank, but in providing a comfortable club for recreation after business hours, and a place to entertain friends and business acquaintances, in a social manner, he has been neglectful."

Shortly after 10 o'clock this morning a telephone message was sent to the residence of W. H. Butts situated on the corner of Eleventh and Liberty streets was on fire. One alarm was sounded from box 27 and the department answered in short order and in a few minutes was on the way, but by some error it was understood that it was Mr. Butler's property on Fourth street that was on fire. Finding no flames where the department returned and then learned where they were needed. The Columbia's with their hose cart, started a second time for the scene of the conflagration, but when they arrived near Phillips store the re-call alarm was sounded and they retraced their steps. The fire started from a defective flue and burned a hole in the ceiling and a corner of the adjoining room. The house is cloth and papered and it seems a wonder the entire building was not destroyed. However the neighbors turned out and formed a bucket brigade and succeeded in checking the flames before much damage had been done although the entire household furniture and belongings had been removed from the building. The loss as yet has not been estimated but is fully covered by insurance.

Notice to the Public.

The Columbia Southern Railway Company will complete its line and be ready to receive forward freight and passengers from Shaniko not later than April 15, 1900. Large warehouses and stock yards will be erected and ready for wool and stock by the above date. Freight rates will be considerable lower than by team from The Dalles. Regular tariff will be published shortly.

For further information call on or address C. E. Lytle, General Freight Agent, Moro, Ore., or the undersigned.

E. E. LYTLE, General Manager.

Your Face

Shows 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.

As a cure for rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide reputation. D. B. Johnston of Richmond, Ind., has been troubled with that ailment since 1862. In speaking of it he says: "I never found anything that would relieve me until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It acts like magic with me. My foot was swollen and painful very much, but one good application of Pain Balm relieved me. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

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

A RIVAL.

Portland Attempting to Secure the Scouring Mill. After reading the Telegram and Oregonian last night Dalles people surely realize that if 'tis to be done, then 'twere better 'twere done quickly. We refer to the scouring mill proposition now before our people, yesterday's issue of these two Portland dailies reminding us that we are not the only pebbles on the coast, but that the people of that city have awakened to the fact that there is such a place as The Dalles in Oregon, and that her citizens are not all asleep, but are now about to do what should have been done many years ago—put in an industry here which will make our city what it was intended by Nature to be.

Learning this fact, Portland is about to step in and secure our scouring mill for herself and will make a proposition to Mr. Russell. One of her business men said yesterday that if the people here did not at once take advantage of the opportunity Portland should immediately take steps to have Mr. Russell give them the benefit of the proposition. We believe, however, that that gentleman sees the advantage which The Dalles holds over Portland as a location for such an industry, as anyone who has ever looked into the matter can plainly understand. The Dalles is truly the logical wool-trading center of the eastern half of the state, and as such should have not only a scouring mill, but the woolen mill, which would undoubtedly follow.

As will be seen, it behooves us to put our "best foot forward" in the matter, which we believe is the intention of the committee who today have been meeting the business men to determine what is their intention in the matter and how much can be raised toward the \$25,000 bonds which the city is expected to assume. At the meeting last night Mr. Russell more fully explained his proposition, the gist of which is as explained in the CHRONICLE Friday. He will remain in the city a few days until it is determined what action is to be taken. If, after canvassing the city thoroughly, our people should not see fit to accept Mr. Russell's proposition, then should they immediately look about for other channels in which to work along the same line. We must have such an industry and have it at once, so that we will be in readiness for this year's clip.

Are we going to allow Portland to step in and rob us of what is ours by first right? This question must be decided immediately, and every citizen should realize its importance.

Circuit Court.

The court is occupied at present mostly with criminal cases, although one decree of divorce was granted, that of Effie M. Botwell against Bailey F. Bodwell. Yesterday afternoon the case of W. R. Brown was investigated and the jury brought in an indictment charging him with assault and battery. This morning was set as the time for pleading, when the district attorney, after a scathing address regarding the proceedings, dismissed the case.

The case of the State of Oregon vs. Allen Edwards, charged with obtaining money under false pretense, came up and Edwards pleaded guilty and will be sentenced Saturday morning.

A true bill was found in the case of John Carey and Frank Quinlan who were charged with robbery, having held up and robbed a man in the East End about a month since. They plead guilty and will be sentenced tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The case of Simmons, who is charged with robbery at Bakeoven, will be brought before the grand jury this afternoon.

Board of Fire Delegates.

At the meeting of the Board of Fire Delegates last night the affairs of the year were settled up and showed in a marked degree the splendid work of the members, which has certainly been exceptional. Never in its history have the affairs of the department been in such flourishing condition, and the people of the city have reason to be grateful to the board. The following board was then elected for the coming year.

Jackson Engine No. 1—Joe Studenecks, Thos. Trohig, W. H. Butts.

Columbia Hose and Chemical Engine Co., No. 2—W. A. Johnson, H. W. French, F. S. Gunning.

East End Hose, No. 3—R. E. Saltmarsh, L. S. Davis, Ben Wilson.

Mt. Hood Hose Co., No. 4—C. J. Stabling, John Mitchell, J. P. McInerney.

Hook and Ladder, No. 5—J. A. McArthur, Harry Lebe, E. M. Wingate.

South Side, No. 6—C. C. Cooper, N. M. Eastwood, Simeon Bolton.

Officers for the year will be as follows: President, F. S. Gunning; secretary, E. M. Wingate; treasurer, H. C. Liebe.

Drying preparations simply develop dry catarrh; they dry up the secretions, which adhere to the membrane and decompose, causing a far more serious trouble than the ordinary form of catarrh. Avoid all drying and use that which cleanses, soothes and heals. Ely's Cream Balm is such a remedy and will cure catarrh or cold in the head easily and pleasantly. A trial size will be mailed for 10 cents. All druggists sell the 50c. size. Ely Brothers, 50 Warren St., N.Y. The Balm cures without pain, does not irritate or cause sneezing. It spreads itself over an irritated and angry surface, relieving immediately the painful inflammation. With Ely's Cream Balm you are armed against Nasal Catarrh and Hay Fever.