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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Wednesday's Daily. A man may run into debt but he seldom comes out of it faster than a walk.

County court is in session today and is busily engaged in hearing several road cases.

Jacob S. Rinearson, a pioneer of 1843, aged 86 years, died in Oregon City Sunday night.

Two drunks were brought before the recorder this morning and fined three dollars each, which they paid and were discharged.

News reached here this afternoon that Neil McLeod, well known in The Dalles had died of heart failure at his home in Goldendale.

Business in the land office for March at this place, is reported far in excess to the amount during the corresponding month last year.

Through a letter received yesterday we learn that our old friend, Harry Lonsdale, has settled in Columbia, Mo., where he is interested in the Columbia Hardware Co.

The acoustic properties of the Congregational church are good. It will make an ideal concert room. No one should fail to attend the concert next Wednesday evening.

A telegram was received today announcing the death of Henry Hahn in New York city. Mr. Hahn was the father of Mrs. L. Borden and had reached the advanced age of 90.

There is now talk of a potato starch factory at Salem. The Salem Chamber of Commerce has the matter in hand. This would be a valuable addition to their manufacturing industries.

The engagement of Governor Geer and Mrs. Barry, of Astoria, is announced. They are the tallest couple in the state, Mr. Geer measuring nearly 6 1/2 feet high, while Mrs. Barry is fully 6 feet tall.—Jacksonville Times.

R. D. Cradlebaugh is now working in his father's gold mine in the Sumpter district of Eastern Oregon, and is putting to practical application what he learned in Dr. Lechman's department about assaying mining ores.—Oregon Weekly.

The proceeds of the concert to be given in the Congregational church next week will be applied on a new church organ. It is the intention to put in a high-grade instrument, so as to increase the effectiveness of the music of the church.

Again today we have had a dark, dismal and rainy day. Our weather for the past few days will compare favorably with the average Willamette valley weather. However, a little later in the season we will be able to enjoy the most delightful and pleasant weather of any place on the coast.

A freak in the duck line is a bird recently shot on Columbia slough near Portland. It is of the widgeon species, but white, and it is, therefore, called an Albino for the same reason that a white negro or Indian or blackbird or elephant is. It has been mounted and presented to the city museum at the metropolis.

Deputy County Clerk Simeon Bolton states that the registration of voters is very slow. This registration should not be overlooked for when election day comes and a great many good, substantial citizens come to the polls and find they have neglected to register they will feel rather aggrieved that the right of voting is denied them.

There was a span of five roadsters taken off the Regulator last night and are now comfortably housed at the livery stable of L. A. Porter. They were purchased by Mr. Porter of a gentleman at Albany. They were sired by "Multnomah," and being full brother and sister, are perfect mates. Being standard bred they are as attractive as it is possible for a team to be. Porter is as proud of his purchase as a boy over his first pair of red top boots. It is needless to say that he expects to ride in front this season.

The site for the scouring mill has not as yet been decided upon. Mr. J. M. Russell, who arrived from Portland last night, is busy today comparing two propositions that he has an option on. One piece of ground which he seems to think is quite desirable is situated just east of the Wasco warehouse, while the other, which is more centrally located, is the property directly back of the First National bank. Whichever seems best adapted for the purpose and can be purchased the most reasonable, will in all likelihood be selected.

March 14th is the date decided upon for the concert to be given by the Congregational people of this city. The steady work of the chorus during the past two weeks has secured good results, and all who attend may rest assured they will enjoy one of the best entertain-

ments of recent years. In addition to the choruses of mixed voices, will be a number rendered by a ladies' chorus of ten voices, and a male chorus of nine voices. Special vocal numbers will be given by the best talent of the city. No one can afford to miss this musical treat. Thursday's Daily.

It is the small things in life, that go to make up the sum total of human happiness and comfort.

Chas. E. Bayard is reported much better, and it is expected that he will be able to be down to his office in a few days.

Last night at the rehearsal, Rev. D. V. Poling was presented with a beautiful baton, by those who will take part in the entertainment to be given by the Congregational church.

County Commissioner N. C. Evans received a telegram yesterday that his mother, who resides at West Liberty, Iowa, was very low and not expected to live. Mr. Evans left immediately for that point.

A telephone message was received today stating that the Japs employed on the Columbia Southern Ry., extending that line to Shahiko, had gone on a strike. Further particulars could not be learned.

Marshal Hughes has a number of men working on the extension of Federal street. He is having all the rocks taken out and they are being placed in the road leading from the Joles corner to the top of the hill. After the road is thoroughly filled it will be covered with gravel, and when finished will be one of the best streets in the city.

John Little, a prominent sheepman of Antelope, has purchased 2300 head of sheep from Ewen McLennan paying four dollars per head for the same. They are on the way to The Dalles now, and with others will be shipped East.

Not much business came before the county court during this term and it is expected that everything will be completed by tomorrow evening. Today the court is busily engaged in auditing the bills contracted during the past two months.

We are surely having more than our share of rain this season. However, so far it has not been a detriment, but if some of it could be kept at the disposal of the farmer and used during the dry season it would be appreciated a great deal more.

Sheep are beginning to move some in the southern part of the county. Robt. Mays "Jr.," who arrived in town today, states that he has sold a band of 1400 two-year-old weathers and that J. Duff McAndie had sold some 2200. Both these bands are to be delivered after shearing.

County Physician McKay and City Physician Wheeler, of Portland, yesterday vaccinated about 130 of the pupils of the Woodstock school, who are believed to have been exposed to the case of smallpox that was discovered there Sunday.

Yesterday morning the prunegrowers convention met in Portland and preliminary steps were taken for forming a permanent organization. Much interest was manifested as the attendance was large and there was a representative from every section of Oregon and from some parts of Washington.

Old Josquin Miller, "the poet of the Sierras," was in Virginia City a short time ago, says the Eugene Guard, for the first time in about forty years. While on the Comstock he wandered into the Enterprise printing office and asked "if Dan De Quille or Mark Twain was in." Mark Twain quit the paper in 1883 and Dan has been dead several years.

A case of what is supposed to be bubonic plague, though the exact nature of the disease is uncertain, has been discovered in Chinatown at San Francisco. The patient, who is a Chinese residing on Dupont street, was immediately isolated and the whole of Chinatown has been placed under strict quarantine regulations. No fear is apprehended of the spread of the disease.

County Commissioner A. B. Willard, of Tekoa, reports that smallpox is prevalent in the vicinity of Tekoa and Farmington, and on the Coeur d'Alene Indian reservation, east of these places. There are between twenty-five and thirty cases in and about Tekoa, and two severe cases near Farmington. On the Indian reservation, between forty and fifty Indians are suffering from the disease.

The Hook and Ladder Co. held a very enthusiastic meeting last night in the city hall. There was a large attendance and much interest was taken in the proceedings. The one year term for fire police having expired, J. S. Schenck, the retiring officer, was re-elected to serve the three year term. In the matter of fines it was decided that all would be imposed and none remitted except such as are exempted.

Vic Sampson, who has been working on the portage road across the river for the past few months, is in town today and states that it will be but a short time until the contract that Winters & Chapman, the contractors, have, will be fulfilled. He says their contract calls for nine miles of road east of the big eddy, and as that amount of work is nearly finished it will be but a short time until they will move their force of men away.

Sampter has been called a great many names: "The Cripple Creek of Ore-

gon," "The Johannesburg of America," "The Klondike at Home," and other high-sounding titles have been applied to this little Bonanza land for 1900. There is one name, however, which late events have made most fitting. The recent rich strike in the property of the Co-operative Gold Mining Company has given cause for calling Sumpter the "Butte of the Pacific Slope."

A meeting of the Board of Health, of Astoria, was held Tuesday to consider what steps should be taken to guard the city against the possible epidemic of the plague. After considerable discussion the board decided, in view of the advice given in the matter by the physicians of the city, that the most urgent thing to be done was to destroy the rats, and a recommendation will be made to the council that a bounty of 2 cents per head be paid forever rat killed.

Four hundred and fifty horses, purchased in Oregon and Washington by the government for the United States cavalry in the Philippines, were transported from Vancouver Barracks yesterday to Portland and put aboard the transport Lennox, bound for Manila. This is the second large shipment of cavalry animals from this point to go to Manila by this transport. A number of hostlers, drivers and blacksmiths will also go.

Allie Filmore, aged 25 years, is missing, with several hundred dollars in his pockets, says the Oregonian. He took the boat Regulator at The Dalles, February 28, and was in the company of L. B. Smith and Fred Yunk, two friends from Centerville, Wash. The last time these men saw him was near the Cascade Locks. Missing him, they came to Portland and made investigations here, but without obtaining any clue. They then returned to The Dalles but he was not there either. They fear foul play owing to the amount of money on his person.

The following named pupils have completed the eighth grade final examination at the Barrett school house, in Hood River valley. The examination was held by the county superintendent, assisted by the principal, F. G. Barnes: Ralph Hinrichs, Alfred Ingalls, Frank Gibbons, Arvilla G. Poore, Max Hinrichs, Edith Moore, Orpha Markley, Albert Kelly, Grace Upton, Stella Richardson, Audrey Markley, Flora Wilson, T. G. Bishop, Donald Hill and Byron Smith. Certificates of graduation will be mailed to each of the above pupils, signed by the county superintendent and assistant county examiners, John Gavin and J. T. Neff.

Japan is now turning her attention to the Pacific Coast for her salmon supply. M. Goda, of Yokohama, who represents several of the largest fish importers of Japan, has arrived at Seattle from the Orient. His mission is to purchase between 300,000 and 400,000 salmon for export to his country. In an interview with a Seattle reporter he said that fish have been growing scarce in Japan for the past four or five years. Prior to a year ago the Japanese secured their supply of salmon off Siberia. Then the Russians passed a law which practically expels them from the salmon waters, and that supply is thus cut off, and they must now look to the United States for their supply. The demand for salmon in the far East will greatly increase should the same conditions prevail for any length of time.

We hope that the bubonic plague will not find a lodgement in this country, and feel sure that it will not if the officers of the marine-hospital service can prevent it, says the New York Medical Journal. There certainly is no imminent danger of it doing so, but that is no reason for being blind to or denying its possibility. The maxim "In time of peace prepare for war" is as applicable to sanitary as to military operations, and when a pestilence reigns in one part of the globe the people of the rest of the world should put themselves in a state of defense against it by every means that an intelligent foresight can provide. We have an immense coast line and other borders, and it is pretty certain that all immigrants to the United States do not come through ports of entry. In the case of the Chinese this is somewhat notorious. Some infected Oriental may thus find entrance to the country and transmit the disease to others of his race. Were this all, the pest might be stamped out by isolation and quarantine; but, where human beings contract it, the ubiquitous rats and mice also become affected with it, and they can never be isolated nor quarantined. They tend to spread the pestilence further and further.

Friday's Daily. Love and friendship are both plants which thrive under cultivation.

Castry Cummings has been appointed postmaster at Diamond, Harney county.

The county court has appointed James C. Johnson justice of the peace for Deschutes precinct.

The crossings are again in a deplorable condition and the authorities should take some means to have them placed in a passable condition.

Jas. McClevey was arrested last night for being drunk and disorderly. This morning he was fined \$2.50 which he paid and was discharged.

A soldier, who had been in the war at the Philippines, was arrested last evening, for being drunk, and placed in the

guard house. Recorder Gates fined him two dollars this morning but remitted the same on condition that he leave town.

A letter received from Rev. Hawk says that his little son, Raymond, who is receiving treatment at the hospital in Portland, is not improving very much.

Man may boast of his superior courage, but whenever any peculiar noises are heard around the house at night, it is always the woman who gets up to hunt for them.

At the annual meeting of school district No. 10, held on the 6th, the following officers were elected: W. H. Calvin and Ernest Jordan, directors; and Mrs. Lizzie Belatt, clerk.

Mail advices from Honolulu state that the plague situation in Honolulu is much improved. But one suspicious case has developed since previous advices. At Hilo no new cases had occurred and none were expected.

The smallpox patient, who is confined at the pesthouse in the pines, has had the disease very light, and is almost well. He was not confined to his bed a single day but apparently was in perfect health. It is expected that he will be discharged in a day or so.

The Red Men, of Astoria, have taken definite action upon the proposed erection of a monument to perpetuate the memory of their late brother, the late Sheriff J. W. Williams, who came to such an untimely end at the hands of the deperado, Willard, at Seaside, a year ago.

Paquet's yard in Portland will soon present a scene of unusual activity. Within two or three days he will lay the keels for two new boats for the Paul Mohr Transportation Company. A large force of ship carpenters will be employed, and the boats will be pushed through.

George Gray, a well known sheep-buyer, who goes horseback all over the country, returned to Heppner last night from a ten days' trip through the sheep ranges to the south and west. He made several purchases of mixed yearlings at \$2.50 a head, and found a general disposition among growers to hold their yearling ewes.

The recommendation of the board of health, of Astoria, that a bounty of 2 cents be paid for rats, dead or alive, will probably be accepted by the council. By offering the bounty the authorities hope to interest boys and Chinamen in the crusade of extermination, and the belief is expressed by physicians that the number of rodents will be greatly lessened.

Henry St. Rayner, attorney for Frank McDaniel, who was on trial for the murder of Claire Eitch in Cycle Park in the outskirts of Portland, yesterday filed a motion for a new trial, alleging as grounds, first, misconduct of the jury in returning a verdict of manslaughter against the defendant, without any evidence to justify such verdict; second, misconduct of Juror O. P. Masten, who was summoned as a spokesman on the special venire.

Wool dealers are sending out circular letters to sheepmen advising them to consign their wool this year instead of selling at home. They claim that wool is likely to go very high and the grower would receive the benefit. The best and safest benefit the grower can receive is to sell at home, and let dealers make the profit on the raise. We believe the woolgrowers fully understand the benefits derived by selling at home and for cash in hand.—Rural Spirit.

Work is being pushed with all possible speed on The Dalles, Portland & Astoria Navigation Company's new boat, Reliance, at Supple's yard on the East Side, in Portland. The boilers and engines are all set and the old Inland Flyer is being hauled out so that her shaft can be removed. This will be placed in the Reliance. One side of the new boat has been caulked and the other will be finished in a week or 10 days. The boat will be launched about the 20th of the month.

Now that many persons are going afield to look for the flowers that bloom in the spring, they should bear in mind that it is at this time poison oak is the most virulent, and take care that while looking for flowers they do not find this pest. As the leaf buds are just swelling now, they are more fully charged with poison than the leaves when fully expanded, and it is more difficult to recognize the noxious shrub, so great care should be taken not to come in contact with it.

The Columbia Hose and Chemical Engine Co., held their regular monthly meeting last night in the city hall. A large attendance was present and many routine matters were disposed of. It was moved and carried that the company pay the secretary of the Board of Fire Delegates, three dollars per annum for services rendered to the company. Five applications for membership were read and accepted. The company is in a very prosperous condition, having plenty of funds on hand and is rapidly filling up the number that is allowed an engine company.

It was reported this morning that the Paul Mohr Transportation Company, says the Telegram, has decided to extend the portage road from the big eddy to a point directly opposite The Dalles, where immense warehouses and wharves will be built and the terminus grounds located. For several days past,

a number of teams have been engaged in hauling heavy timbers from The Dalles to a point opposite. The people of The Dalles and residents along the middle and upper Columbia are enthusiastic over the prospects and are doing all they can to further the enterprise.

This morning work was begun on the scouring mill. Men are busily engaged in blasting and removing some large rocks which have been land marks since Mt. Hood was a hole in the ground. The building will be erected just as soon as the material can be secured and placed on the ground. Mr. Russell intends to purchase all the material he can from Dalles merchants, and the building will be constructed by Hugh Glenn. No repairing will be done on the brick building until after the corrugated iron building, which will be two story, has been completed.

This morning a blast was set off on the property that is being cleared for the scouring mill, and it sent small rocks flying promiscuously. They fairly rained on the adjoining buildings, and for a moment occupants hardly knew what had happened. W. A. Johnston's delivery horse and wagon were standing at the rear of the building when the blast was fired, but the horse becoming alarmed at the report and doubly frightened when the rocks began to hit him, came to the conclusion that it was safer for him at some other place, so started of his own accord, and at no slow pace. However, he was stopped near Porter's livery stable before any damage was done and was taken to a more secure and secluded place.

The Pacific Northwest Woolgrowers' Association met Wednesday morning in Boise, Idaho, with a large attendance from the Northwestern section. It was called to order by the president, Dr. Withycombe, of Corvallis, who opposed the leasing of grazing lands that are a part of the public domain, but advocated a head tax on sheep grazing on public lands. He favored an effort to increase the grasses on the ranges, and urged the sowing of brome seed. Secretary Bailey, in his annual report, said the outlook for the industry was never before so good. He gave it as his opinion that high prices for wool will continue through the coming season. The question of leasing grazing lands cropped up when Secretary Martin, of the National Livestock Association, sent up a bulletin setting forth the action of the Fort Worth convention. The matter went over, however, being made a special order for the following morning.

COLUMBIA RIVER IMPROVEMENT. Government Officials Express Their Views—A Boat Railway Proposed—Obstructions to Overcome.

From the Evening Telegram we take the following relative to an open river which we are all interested in:—

"All Northern Idaho is intensely interested in an open Columbia river. Lewiston, Idaho, takes more practical interest in this subject than Portland does; and yet Portland has twice, thrice, perhaps ten times as much at stake in an open river as Lewiston has.

"The Lewiston Commercial Club has struck the right keynote in certain resolutions which it passed recently. These resolutions relate partly to the past, and partly to the future, and in both aspects they express important facts and necessities. These resolutions recite a statement made by Captain W. W. Harts, recommending the construction, first, of a portage railway; and second, of a canal and locks, the first to serve until the second should be completed; both, of course, being under government control; and the railroad, which would not cost over a quarter of a million dollars, to be discarded as soon as the canal and locks are completed. This plan, be it remembered, has been indorsed not only by Captain Harts, but by memorials of the legislatures of the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, to congress. Not only so, but the Chief of Engineers of the United States, General Wilson, has reported that a free, temporary portage railway, to be followed, as speedily as is possible, by canal and locks, is the most feasible means of overcoming the obstructions to navigation in the Columbia river above The Dalles.

"Work is now going on in the construction of a portage road on the north side of the river, and it is reported that it will be pushed to completion and be put in operation. But even if this is done it will be a private affair, and it is uncertain as yet how much of benefit it might be to the producers and shippers of the Inland Empire and the city of Portland. That such a road will be of some advantage seems certain; but what is needed is an open river, one fully open and free to the public.

"Portland must take some decided position on this important question, either in indorsement of the boat railway scheme, that still seems to be favored by the politicians, or in advocacy of a portage railroad to be built by the government, if that can be obtained, or at least of a canal and locks, as soon as practicable, whether the portage railway is built or not.

"This metropolis should join hands with Lewiston, Walla Walla, Spokane, Pendleton, The Dalles, Astoria, and other cities of the great Columbia river region, in urging and demanding an open river, by the best, surest, most permanent and probably the only practicable means—canal and locks, and in

the mean time a government portage railway on the Oregon side of the river."

LOCATION FOR SCOURING MILL

Land Purchased and Building to be Erected Immediately—Other Enterprises.

The scouring mill proposition, which has been before our citizens for the past few weeks, is to soon be a reality. Mr. J. M. Russell has decided to build the plant on the Sherar property which is situated directly back of the building occupied by the First National Bank.

This property is 100x120 feet and is located adjoining the railroad track which will make it very convenient. The old brick building on the corner will be repaired and used for an office and a storage warehouse. On the adjoining property will be built a two story corrugated iron building which will contain all the machinery and other apparatus necessary for the successful operation of the plant. Work is to be commenced at once and the building will be completed as soon as possible. Our citizens should be congratulated on securing such an enterprise, for when capital is interested in such a proposition as this, it is bound to lead to other enterprises. It is a fact that a soap factory and a woolen mill are adjuncts to a scouring mill and all are advantageous, one to the other.

Before another season comes, means should be taken to secure these manufacturing, and it is more than likely something will be done regarding the matter. At present, however, we are more than pleased with the securing of the scouring mill and will be satisfied to abide our time and await further developments.

School Clerk's Report.

Financial statement of Clerk C. L. Schmidt of school district No. 12, of Wasco county, Oregon, for school year ending March 1, 1900:

Table with columns for Receipts and Disbursements. Receipts include Special tax, Delinquent taxes, County school fund, State appropriation, Tuition, and Miscellaneous. Disbursements include Teachers' salaries, Janitors' salaries, District clerk, Phone and water rent, Printing, Supplies and miscellaneous, Repairs, Interest, Wood and coal, Insurance, Warrants redeemed, Cash on hand March 1, 1900, and Correct balance.

Table with columns for General Statistics. Rows include Children enumerated, male and female; Children enrolled during year, male and female; Daily attendance, male and female; Teachers employed, male and female; Pupils in private schools, St. Mary's academy, kindergarten, and total.

Table with columns for Liabilities of District. Rows include Bonded indebtedness, Notes, Warrant indebtedness, Less cash on hand, Actual indebtedness, Taxable property in district, Special tax levy, and Sundry and miscellaneous items.

Table with columns for Sundry and Miscellaneous Items. Rows include Relief maps and freight, Stationery, as per contract, Rebinding books, Books and other stationery, Window shades and mats, Oils and paints, Window glass, Rates replaced, Lime, Judges and clerks of election, Refunding tuition, Trees at Academy, Grading and seeding ground, Care of trees, east end school, Diplomas of graduates, Chemical engine to reduce insurance, Janitors' supplies, brooms, etc., Indebtedness, March 1, 1900, Indebtedness, March 1, 1899, and Reduction during year.

Judge Liebe for Director.

A paper is being circulated today among the taxpayers of this district and is being signed rapidly. The request is as follows:

To Hon. Geo. A. Liebe.— We the undersigned, citizens and taxpayers of school district No. 12, urgently request that you allow your name to be used as a candidate for the office of school director for district No. 12, at the coming election. We make this request, well appreciating your services as director during the past three years, and we believe it is the earnest wish of an overwhelming majority of the voters of the district that you remain in office.

Judge Liebe has been a most excellent director and has given unstinted time to school matters. The community, if possible, are desirous of retaining such a person and are endeavoring to bring enough pressure to bear on Mr. Liebe that he will see fit to accept the nomination for directorship for another term.

Card of Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Agidius with their extended heartfelt thanks to all those who attended the funeral of the late A. Agidius who died in Manila and was buried here with military honors last Monday.

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Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson

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