

# The Dalles Daily Chronicle.

THE DALLES - OREGON.

**STATE OFFICIALS.**

Governor..... S. Penoyer  
 Attorney General..... G. W. Melchior  
 Pl. of Public Instruction..... E. B. McElroy  
 Senators..... J. S. Dolph  
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**COUNTY OFFICIALS.**

County Judge..... C. N. Thornbury  
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 Clerk..... J. B. Crossen  
 Treasurer..... Geo. Ruch  
 Commissioners..... H. A. Leavenworth  
 Assessor..... Frank Kincaid  
 Surveyor..... John E. Barnett  
 Superintendent of Public Schools..... J. P. Sharp  
 Coroner..... Troy Shelley  
 William Mitchell

## OUR UNARMED MILITIA.

While congress is agitating the matter of Coast defenses, and the question of protecting property from a foreign enemy thereby, and the Navy department is building immense warships lately for the protection of our harbors it might be well for the state governments to look after their internal affairs. The breaking out of the rebellion found most of the states without a proper militia, New York alone being a notable exception, and through this militia organization she was able to put troops in the field at once. These troops were in a sense raw material, but as compared with those of most of the other states they were veterans. Since then every state has some form of organized militia, and it is the proper thing for them to have. This militia forms in time of war a nucleus for an army, furnishes drill-masters for the raw recruits, and enables the state to soon put her recruits in shape for battle. Oregon has an excellent militia system, but it lacks one thing, and that is equipment. The Oregon militia are poorly and insufficiently armed, are only half informed and in fact for all practical purposes are not of much force. If one of the company's was ordered out to-morrow, they could not find a canteen, a haversack, a blanket or an overcoat, unless indeed, each member should furnish his own. The state should furnish all these things except the arms and ammunition and these should be furnished by the general government, and that too unstintedly. Ammunition should be furnished for target practice, and some inducements offered to keep the spirit of the militia alive. While it is not probable that we should have any Indian trouble here, such a thing is easily possible. There is no doubt but that the Sioux have sent runners to all the tribes in the west, and while no open demonstrations have been made no one can say but that some of our Indians may be carried away by the fanatic believers in the Messiah craze to such an extent as to render military force necessary to keep them quiet. That a runner has visited the Indians here is beyond question, since they speak freely of it, and while these Indians will probably take but little stock in him, there is no telling what may happen in the sparsely settled portions of South Eastern Oregon. For this reason the legislature should provide at the coming session for placing the militia of the state on a better footing. It should provide for furnishing all supplies necessary to place them in the field at a moment's notice. They should have overcoats, tents, and all other necessary supplies, for without them they would be unable to act. It would require but a small amount to place the few regiments in condition for taking the field on a few hours notice, and it should be done.

## LOOKING OUT FOR US.

The following special to the Oregonian from Washington indicates that the department are not allowed to rest on their oars, and that the Oregon delegation is looking after their business and our interests:

The commissioner of the general land office, who is preparing his instructions to registers and receivers on the forfeited Northern Pacific lands, says in reference to the second section that it confirms to the city of Portland the riparian rights and certain land sought to be conveyed by the Northern Pacific Railroad company. This the law expressly provides, and the statement of the commissioner only shows that the lawyers of the department so construe the law.

It took a year to get out the instructions to land officers when the Oregon Central grant was forfeited before the land officers could receive entries. It would have taken nearly as long had the Oregon delegation not been so persistent in urging the interior department officials to act in the case of the Northern Pacific forfeiture case. There has not been a week since the passage of the bill that some member of the delegation has not visited the department on this business.

Added to this the following dispatch of the same day, makes the situation seem much more cheerful:

The secretary of the interior has approved the instructions submitted by the commissioner of the general land office under the railroad forfeiture act of September 29th last.

The idea is rapidly obtaining among the American producers that alien investments are a curse to the nation; that the tribute obtained as dividends or interests are taken from this country to enrich another. If England has plenty of money, let it be used in bettering the condition of her ever-increasing paupers, and not to bring disgrace and distress upon the people of other nations.

The election bill is off, and silver is in the saddle. There seems to be a genuine fear on the part of the gold bugs that it will ride the country's finances across lots to the dogs; but the silver men claim to know what they are doing, and insist that free coinage is the proper thing. We do not pretend to know, what effect the passage of a free coinage act will have. We have seen the prophecies of the gold bug set at naught only a few months ago, and the silver go out of the country when they insisted that it would be flooded with foreign metal, and we have seen silver go down when its friends said it was bound to go up. As far as we are concerned silver is good enough for us, it is the poor man's money, and most uncomfortably scarce and hard to get at that. We know that silver is scarce and change hard to get, and we believe the passage of the bill will give general satisfaction to the producer. There can be no doubt but that the free coinage bill will pass, and if its effects are not beneficial we see no reason why it cannot be repealed.

The Washington legislature meets today, and will be ready to begin active business probably by next Monday. One of the first things it should attend to is the appointing a committee to examine into the matter of obstructions to navigation of the Columbia, especially at the Cascade locks and at The Dalles. Washington is as much interested in this matter as Oregon, and her legislature will not have performed its duty to the eastern portion of the state if it adjourns without making some effort to open the river to navigation. The session will be short and this should be done at once.

## THE WEATHER SIGNALS.

Explanation of the Flag Code Which Will be Displayed in Future.

The signal service flags have arrived and Observer Brooks will have them displayed daily from the pole over the Chronicle office. This paper will also publish the weather probabilities for the coming twenty-four hours.

Number 1, white flag, six feet square, indicates clear or fair weather. Number 2, blue flag, six feet square, indicates rain or snow. Number 3, black, triangular flag, four feet at the base and six feet in length, always refers to temperature; when placed above numbers 1 or 2 it indicates warmer weather; when placed below numbers 1 or 2 it indicates colder weather, when not displayed, the indications are that the temperature will remain stationary, or that the change in temperature will not vary four degrees from the temperature of the same hour of the preceding day. Number 4, white flag, six feet square, with black square in centre, indicates the approach of a sudden and decided fall in temperature. This signal is not to be displayed unless it is expected that the temperature will fall to forty-five degrees, or lower, and is usually ordered at least twenty-four hours in advance of the cold wave. When number 4 is displayed, number 3 is always omitted.

When displayed on poles the signals should be arranged to read downward; when displayed on horizontal supports a small streamer should be attached to indicate the point from which the signals are to be read.

## INTERPRETATION OF DISPLAYS.

No. 1, alone, indicates fair weather, stationary temperature.  
 No. 2, alone, indicates rain or snow, stationary temperature.  
 No. 1, with No. 3 below it, indicates fair weather, colder.  
 No. 2, with No. 3 above it, indicates warmer weather, rain or snow.  
 No. 1, with No. 4 below it, indicates fair weather, cold wave.  
 No. 3, with Nos. 1 and 2 below it, indicates warmer, fair weather, followed by rain or snow.

The meaning of the flag code of the signal service may be gathered from the following lines:

A sun of red is weather warm.  
 A sun of blue is general storm;  
 A crescent red is weather cold.  
 A crescent blue is fair foretold.  
 A star of red no change implies.  
 A blue star local stormy skies;  
 A square of black on flag of white,  
 A cold wave comes in all its might.

## How They Voted.

On the proposition to appropriate \$50,000 for the purpose of building a portage railroad at the Cascade locks, at the last session of the legislature the vote in the senate was as follows:

Yeas: Baron, Fullerton, Gray, Hilton McKay, Wager, Waite, Watkins, Watts  
 Nays: Chandler, Cogswell, Dawson, Dimick, Aiken, Hamilton, Hatch, Irvine, Looney, Stanley, Tongue, and Joseph Simon, president—13. Absent Carson, Canthorn, Chamberlain, Moore, Norval, Raley, St. Clair, Steel, Vetch.

All of the papers of the Inland Empire are hot on the track of "an open river to the sea." Now, it behooves the people to take an interest in this matter and if they will unite in one long pull, a strong pull, and a pull together, "an open river to the sea" will be ours to enjoy. It is our right and that is the reason we demand it.—East Oregonian.

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**ITS PRODUCTS.**  
 The salmon fisheries are the finest on the Columbia, yielding this year a revenue of \$1,500,000 which can and will be more than doubled in the near future.  
 The products of the beautiful Klickital valley find market here, and the country south and east has this year filled the warehouses, and all available storage places to overflowing with their products.  
**ITS WEALTH**  
 It is the richest city of its size on the coast, and its money is scattered over and is being used to develop more farming country than is tributary to any other city in Eastern Oregon.  
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