

# The Dalles Daily Chronicle.

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William Mitchell

Now that the portage railroad question is about settled we should take hold of the Fossil railroad matter. The state has shown a disposition to help Eastern Oregon and it should show its appreciation by endeavoring to help itself. We understand that Mr. Norton offers to make the preliminary survey of the road for \$1,000. He is a competent engineer, and is willing to contribute his labor, only asking that the expenses, the necessary outlay of money be put up, and this he says will not exceed \$1,000. It is necessary before any capital can be gotten to take hold of this road and the Fossil mines, that this preliminary survey be made, and the fact established that the road can be built. Upon the completion of the survey a profile map can be made, and a fair estimate of the cost arrived at. Mr. Norton feels confident that with this showing he can get capital to build the road, and we should see that the survey is made.

There seems to be no doubt but that the portage railroad bill will become a law. If it does it should not take long to construct and equip the road. This being true the steamboat project should not be allowed to cool. Arrangements should be perfected immediately on the passage of the bill for putting on the line of boats and as the larger portion of the money necessary to accomplish this has been subscribed, it will be possible to have the boat line in operation by the time the railroad is completed. This will be the beginning of a new era for The Dalles, an era of prosperity and advancement, and we believe that the construction of the portage railroad and operating a line of steamers here will lead to the building of the road to Fossil within the next two years.

The Metcalf investigation is about completed, requiring only a liberal application of whitewash to finish it. The committee have examined carefully into the characters of Metcalf and Clarke and find that both are above reproach. This, of course, settles it. If Metcalf's character is good of course he would not accept a bribe, and if Clarke's character is good, he, of course, would not offer one. The committee is somewhat hampered in its whitewashing job by the fact that Metcalf insists that he received the bribe, and that Clarke gave it to him. In the meanwhile Squire is "off to the wars again" with a fat little six year term in his pocket, and there is no investigation of him.

The portage railroad bill will probably be before the house today for final passage and there seems to be no doubt but it will go through all right. We are exceedingly glad of it, as we are tired of writing concerning it, and our readers are no doubt as weary of the subject as we are. It is a matter in which we are all vitally interested, hence the persistence with which we have kept the matter agitated. With the passage of this bill settled we will devote our space to other matters of local importance, one of which will be the surveying of the railroad to the Fossil coal mines. The two enterprises, an open river and an available coal field being together and with one gained we should not rest until the other is also assured.

The greatest outrage the Union Pacific was ever guilty of was the tying up of the steamer Baker. The country along the Washington side of the Columbia is left without communication, with the outside world except by using skills to reach the railroad on this side. There is no reason for drawing the boat off the route except that it was not paying, and surely this is not sufficient for a great company like the Union Pacific. If it would take its boats off entirely so that some one would have a chance there would be no kick coming, but it pursues a dog in the manger policy, neither giving that section service nor permitting others to do so.

There was paid out by the coal company at Roslyn, on the 27th inst., upward of \$86,000 for labor alone. This is the largest payroll that has been witnessed since the opening of the mines there. With the opening of the Fossil coal mines the output will equal if not surpass that of Roslyn and the character of the coal is far superior to the Roslyn article. With this amount of coal finding market here, the result in our trade can scarcely be imagined. The business arising from the handling of this coal would be small, compared to that arising from the manufactories which will necessarily follow.

The standard military pace is 2 1/2 feet. On a double-quick retreat it is more.

The water commissioners have made a sweeping reduction in water rates. We think this action unwise to say the least, as the income under the old rate was only about \$700, per month. The interest on the money borrowed is \$600 per month and the operating expenses and maintenance of the plant are certainly more than \$100. While it is proper to keep the rate as low as possible it should be kept at such a figure as to at least keep from getting in debt.

But seventeen days remain for the legislature, two of which are Sundays, so that but fifteen working days remain. If the greater majority of the bills are not to die of inanition the legislators will have to hustle and not adjourn until Saturday night. The proposed assessment law should be examined thoroughly in all its details, and when finally passed it should avoid the great list of evils of the present law.

Socialism is making itself felt in Europe, the dispatches showing that Portugal had almost a revolution and the troops in Belgium are disposed to defy their officers and disobey their commands. Another decade or two will show quite a different state of affairs and the number of republics will be largely increased.

Senator Mitchell favors an amendment to the constitution providing for the election of United States senators by the people. He is not afraid to take his chances before the people.

**The Behring Sea Trouble.**  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Considerable interest has been taken in the Behring sea arguments before the supreme court. While Attorney-General Miller avoided the question which the Canadians want particularly to impress upon the court, that of the interpretation of the statutes merely, his argument is regarded as strong in the main, and he has the advantage of being on the patriotic side of the case. From questions asked by the best admiralty lawyers on the bench during the argument, it is generally inferred that the position of the United States will be sustained. There may be two opinions by the court.

**For a Coaling Station.**  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Senator Dolph today introduced an amendment to the naval appropriation bill making an appropriation of \$500,000 for the construction of a coaling and supply station for United States vessels upon Pearl harbor on Oahu island, one of the Hawaiian group, and the improvement of the entrance to the harbor. The grant of the use of this harbor was made to the United States in the last treaty of the United States with the kingdom of Hawaii. Senator Dolph says he considers the privilege a valuable one and wants the government to take advantage of it.

**A Good Suggestion.**  
The Dayton Chronicle of recent date makes the following pertinent seriocomic suggestions:  
It has been suggested that the obstructions in the Columbia river be removed by convict labor. The proposition is to select an equal number of convicts from the Oregon and Washington penitentiaries and put them at work on the Cascade locks. By this means both the states can secure cheap work and at the same time remove convict labor from competition with the various trades and occupations of men where the penitentiaries are located. It is further suggested that the soldiers stationed at Walla Walla and Vancouver be employed as guards. If the citizens of Oregon and Washington are anxious for the opening of the Columbia river, there seems to be no better method for its speedy accomplishment than the above proposition. Our penitentiary is full to overflowing and the population of that is increasing every day. A large number could be spared to work on the Columbia river locks and a sufficient number retained to engage in the manufacture of grain sacks. We further suggest that after a sufficient number are put to work on the obstructions in the river and a full force is employed in the manufacture of grain sacks, if there is still a surplus, that they may be employed in sinking a few artesian wells on the Eureka Flat. They could do this while they are resting.

The apportionment bill has now passed both houses and goes to the president for his signature. It creates a house of 356 members, giving two each to Oregon and Washington. It is the same bill that was reported to the house last session, and was then analyzed in *The Oregonian* with reference to its effect upon political parties in the house and the electoral college. The calculations then made were a little upset by the subsequent election.—*Oregonian*.

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## AN ELEPHANT HUNT IN SIAM.

A Country Where Nearly 300 of the Big Animals Are Captured at a Time.  
One scorching morning in April, 1870, a small party of Europeans left the city of Bangkok, the present capital of the kingdom of Siam, for Ayuthia, the old seat of government, sixty miles northward up the River Menam. A hunt had been appointed by the king, and the elephants were to be brought in through the country bordering the ancient ruins. On the second day we arrived at Ayuthia, and set up our screens and hung our mosquito bars in a sala, or rest house, by the river side.

The following morning the elephants arrived. Just outside the city, and overlooking a plain extending to the horizon, was a high platform, mounted by stone steps and covered with a tiled roof supported by pillars. On this, screened from the sun, and with a broad outlook over the rice fields that had lately been shorn of their crop, sat a high official, his aids, a few native nobles and the foreign guests.

The other spectators perched in trees or found standing room wherever the view was most attractive. Immediately before the platform was the stockade, made by setting deep into the ground teak logs two yards in girth and twenty feet in length. These logs were so arranged as to leave interspaces of about one foot in width. They inclosed a half acre of level ground, and extended out, at the side opposite the platform, into a funnel shaped entrance only wide enough, where it joined the stockade, for the passing of a single elephant.

Gazing far across the stubbly plain we saw the troop of elephants, encompassed by the many hunters who had been sent months before into the wilderness to entice the wild animals toward a rendezvous. The families, scattered in the jungles, foraging among the luxuriant herbage, had been separately entered by tame decoy elephants, under the direction of wily hunters, and one had followed another into captivity. Two hundred and eighty elephants had thus been brought together. The sound of their roaring was like that of distant thunder, and as they approached the earth seemed to shake under their tread.

By a skillful combination of leading and driving they were slowly urged along toward the stockade. Foremost were the decoys, trained to their work, which they do with complacent discretion. They were ridden by experts in elephant training, and followed by the wild herds in which were elephants of all ages. Hemming in the assemblage on the sides and in the rear, many other tamed elephants directed by their riders urged on the laggards with their long tusks and shouldered the stragglers into place.

Occasionally a huge fellow, becoming conscious of being directed by a will not his own, would rear, trumpet a protest, bolt through the cordon of sentinels and gallop toward the distant woods. But these fugitives were quickly chased by three or four trained beasts, and were soon brought back to the ranks. Only one, a majestic creature with enormous snowy tusks, distanced his pursuers and regained freedom in the bush.—*St. Nicholas*.

**Sermons That Are Remembered.**  
I have listened to many eloquent, many striking, many admirable sermons. I have forgotten, I suppose, some five or six thousand sermons—forgotten all about them so completely that they have not left a trace in the memory, though at the time they may have had their infinitesimal influence for good on the life of every day. But of the remainder there were some which left deeper and indeed lifelong impressions. Of one of them, heard when I was a boy of 14, I remember nothing but the manner in which for all time it impressed the text itself upon my recollection.

The text was, "As the grass growing upon the housetops, which withereth afore it be plucked up, whereof the mower filleth not his hand, neither he that bindeth up the sheaves his bosom." Perhaps a sermon can produce no better effect than to burn into the brain the force or the imagery of a particular text. I remember how much I longed, after hearing that sermon, that my life might never be represented by such an image of utter uselessness—the rank, coarse grass upon the thatch, which the mower and reaper alike despise.—*Canon Farrar in Forum*.

**Composition of an Average Man.**  
Huxley's table of the weights of the different parts of the average human body, often referred to as a most interesting compilation, has now been largely superseded by a table prepared by a French chemist, which gives the pounds, ounces and grains of the different elements in the human body of the average of 154 pounds. It is as follows:

	Lbs.	Oz.	Gr.
Oxygen.....	111	8	0
Hydrogen.....	14	6	0
Carbon.....	21	0	0
Nitrogen.....	3	10	0
Phosphorus.....	1	2	88
Calcium.....	2	0	0
Sulphur.....	0	0	219
Chlorine.....	0	2	47
Sodium (salt).....	0	2	116
Iron.....	0	0	100
Potassium.....	0	0	220
Magnesium.....	0	0	12
Silica.....	0	0	2
Total.....	154	0	0

When the total falls to balance in pounds it is carried out in ounces and grains.  
—*St. Louis Republic*.

**A Peculiar Word.**  
The word "habit" is one of the most peculiar in our language. If you take off the first letter you still have "a bit." If you remove the second the word "bit" is still on hand. Decapitate that by removing the "h" and it is still a word. Take off the "i" and you find the old "habit" not "it" totally destroyed.—*St. Louis Republic*.

It is easy to correct vocal defects in a child, and if the training be persisted in for several years by those competent to give instruction in the art a habit of musical and ready speech may be acquired which will serve one upon any occasion, either private or public.

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