

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

Table with 7 columns: Pacific Coast Time, BAR, TEM., RELATIVE HUM., D.I.T. of Wind, RAIN, State of Weather.

Maximum temperature, 57; minimum temperature, 40. Total precipitation from July up to date, 6.20; average precipitation from July to date, 12.13; average deficiency from July 1st to date, 5.45.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

THE DALLES, March 18, 1891. Weather forecast till 12 m., Thursday; light rain. Followed by cooler and fair weather and snow in the mountains.

The Chronicle is the Only Paper in The Dalles that Receives the Associated Press Dispatches.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

St. Louis Davenport of Mosier is in the city.

A. G. Johnson returned last night from Portland.

Geo. Matthias, a native of England was yesterday admitted to citizenship.

About 300 men are said to be now employed on the government works at the Cascades.

A fine rain shower fell last night commencing about eleven o'clock and lasting for a few hours.

One drunk, who was arrested last night by Marshal Gibbons, paid this morning a fine of ten dollars.

Mr. W. H. Hennick, of Ota, came over to our city yesterday and added his name to the CHRONICLE subscription list.

The Times-Mountaineer yesterday got a new subscriber to the daily edition and boasts loudly of having doubled its circulation.

Mrs. W. H. Davis, of Wapinitia, left this morning for California, in answer to a communication announcing the dangerous illness of her father.

The editor acknowledges the receipt of a complimentary ticket to the Third Regiment ball to be given at the armory, on Friday evening, April 3.

A bright Sabbath school boy friend of the CHRONICLE, says that the oldest man that ever lived died before his father. Strange but true. Who was he?

Sheep that have been sold to Eastern buyers thus far have brought a good, round price, \$5.50 per head being the amount paid, to be delivered after the shearing season.—Grant Co. News.

Billy Darragh of this city, who was indicted yesterday in the United States court at Portland for selling whisky to Indians, was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

We were shown a curious specimen of petrified wood which was found about four miles below this city, entirely encased in solid rock. It is undoubtedly wood but looks remarkably like asbestos.

The man McCormack, who participated in the recent shooting scrape at the Cascade Locks, is slowly recovering from his wounds. It will be several weeks, however, before he will be able to be around.

The school directors have ordered Wm. McCrum to position the new flag pole in place on the brick school house. The flag is eighteen feet by ten and was purchased by the united subscription of the pupils. It is expected to be thrown to the breeze for the first time this afternoon.

The Tableaux and Art Company, assisted by the best vocalists will give their first entertainment at the Vogt Opera House, Wednesday, April 1st. Pictures from history and mythology, also plastiques and poses by fourteen girls in Grecian costume. Calcium lights from Portland.

Judge Moreland comes out in the Evening Telegram and writes a long argument to prove that the name of Oregon came from Catherine of Aragon the divorced wife of Henry the Eighth. This is far-fetched. We always supposed the state got its name from a man named Dennis O'Regon who used to live in Chicago, before the war.

We regret to learn of the sad death, last night, of Josiah Marsh, the only son of A. Y. Marsh near this city, at the age of nearly fifteen years. He has been a constant sufferer for the past two years of that dread scourge consumption, intensified by a virulent attack of white swelling on one of his knees. His sufferings during the last twenty-four hours of his life were very severe. Two years ago his mother preceded him to the better land. Among the last words, he said to those standing around his bedside "I am not afraid to die. I am going to meet my mother."

R. H. Norton and party are camped at the mouth of Three Mile and the survey to the Fossil coal mines will be completed as rapidly as possible. To correct a wrong impression that some of the subscribers to the fund have, Mr. Norton wishes it distinctly understood that whether the parties negotiating for the mines this week, make a trade or not cuts no figure on this survey question as the work is being done in the interests of English capitalists who may be induced to interest themselves in this country, by developing the timber and agricultural resources in addition to mining.

A CLOSE CALL. Narrow Escape of a Team and its Driver.

Victorine Mesplie of Mill creek had a close call today at about one o'clock. He was unloading some garden truck, at the store room of the Umatilla House when the team, hearing the noise of an outgoing freight train, started to run in the direction of the track which it reached just as the locomotive came to the crossing. The team immediately turned down the main track in front of the engine, and ran past the oil house and along the tressel work for a distance of over fifty feet before the locomotive, in spite of all that Jack George the driver could do, was able to stop it. Before the train came to a halt the engine struck the back end of the wagon and knocked it clean off the track and against the hand railing. So violent was the shock that it pitched the load of truck out of the wagon which fell on the ground over twenty feet below. At this moment Jap Nebo who was on the trestle, grasped the horses by the bits and succeeded by almost superhuman strength and dexterity in throwing them upon their haunches. The old man Mesplie was still in the wagon and providentially escaped being thrown over the railing where he would most likely have been killed. The horses were only scratched a little but the wagon is badly smashed. On the whole it was a lucky escape for all concerned for Mr. Mesplie escaped with only a slight hurt in the back.

The Approach of Spring.

Atlanta Constitution. There is the very essence of spring in the following poem, which is fresh from the pen of a Georgia editor: There's a kind of curious, lazy, lullin' feelin' in the breeze, An' the early buds are bendin' 'neath the weight of honey-bees. The downy doves are matin' in the woodlands where the stream Is a clear an' shinin' mirror where the sunbeams love to dream.

You can see the buds a-swellin' on the branches, Once so bare. An' the cattle—they are grazin' where the tender blades appear. You can hear the birds a-singin' in their nests or on the wing. But—'Enclosed please find a poem.' is the sure sign o' spring!

Let's Have a Band Stand.

The members of the Third Regiment band say that they will give Saturday night concerts at the court house square if The Dalles citizens will erect them a band stand. It should be done. Application to the county court for permission to erect a stand on Third and Union streets should be made and when the permission is given a committee of our citizens could raise the \$50 or \$75 necessary to put up an eight octagon stand without any trouble. The band has the handsomest uniforms of any similar organization in the state, and under the leadership of Jimmy Benton are making rapid strides toward a high degree of proficiency in music and if a stand is erected the Saturday evening concerts will be an agreeable feature of Dalles summer life.

Real Estate Transactions.

Hood River Town site company to Peter Nelson. Fractional lots No. 3 and 4 in block 1 in Hood River proper, being same as lots 3 and 4 in block 1 in the town of Hood River. Consideration \$155.65.

Lafayette Davis to Polly Davis, the north half of section 24 in township 3 south of range 13. 320 acres. Consideration \$800.

State of Oregon to W. E. Buchler, northeast half of section 3 in town 1 north of range 12 east. Consideration \$2.36.

Hood River Townsite company to Wm. M. Yates, lot 6 in block eleven in second addition to town of Hood River. Consideration \$102.45.

Geo. R. Snipes and Martha Snipes and J. W. Condon to the O. R. & N. Co., part of the Shang donation land claim. Containing 14 acres. Consideration \$1.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

- UMATILLA HOUSE. J. A. Wilson, Hood River. A. H. Tieman, " W. B. Hayden, Centerville. A. R. Graham, Silverton. A. V. Anderson, Tygh Valley. O. W. Richardson, Wasco. J. M. Leslie, " W. R. Keith, Kingsley. B. S. Kelsey, Kent. W. R. Ellis, Heppner. H. E. Powell, Moro. D. Cram, Goldendale. J. J. Flaherty, Cascade Locks. Thomas Coyle, " H. W. Wells, Shearer's Bridge.

The Fishing Season.

The fish men of this part of the country are making extensive preparations for a large run of salmon this season. Seafert Bros., have spent something like \$20,000 in deepening the channels to their wheels, while at North Dalles three new wheels have been put in and the old one placed in thorough repair. Phelps & Co., have repaired and put their wheels in order and everything tends to show that great things are expected from the salmon run this year. The close season ends April 1st.

FOR SALE.

A choice lot of brood mares; also a number of geldings and fillies by "Rockwood Jr.," "Plankter," "Oregon Wilkes," and "Idaho Chief," same standard breed. Also three fine young stallions by "Rockwood Jr.," out of first class mares. For prices and terms call on or address either J. W. Condon, or J. H. Larsen, The Dalles, Oregon.

City Treasurer's Notice.

All City Warrants registered prior to July 6, 1889 are now due and payable. Interest ceases on and after date. J. S. FISHER, City Treas.

February 7, 1891.

It is a Girl.

The following dispatch was received by Mr. W. H. Condon at noon today: TACOMA, Wash., March 19.—Born to the wife of E. Jacobsen, a girl, March 17. Mrs. Jacobsen is very low. E. JACOBSEN.

Notice to Tax Payers.

All state and county taxes, become delinquent April 1st. Taxpayers are hereby requested to pay the same before that date in order to avoid going on the delinquent list. The county court has ordered the sale of all property in which the taxes have not been paid. Please call and settle before the time mentioned and save costs. D. L. CATES, Sheriff of Wasco County.

Gun Club Attention.

The Wasco County Rod and Gun club will meet at the council chamber on Monday, the 23d inst. at 7 p. m. All members are requested to attend as important business is to be transacted. By order of D. SIDDALL, President. FRED BRONSON, Secretary.

Last Call—Last Chance.

Messrs. Livermore & Andrews the makers of the luxurious easy chairs at 77 Court street, hereby give notice that they will close out their business on April 1st. Parties wanting chairs should give their orders in at once in order to have them made before we close out. LIVERMORE & ANDREWS.

CHRONICLE SHORT STOPS.

Alfalfa seed for sale cheap at Joles Bros.

Just received 25 boxes of choice apples at. MAIER & BENTON.

You need not cough! Blakeley & Houghton will cure it for 50 cents. S. B.

For coughs and colds use 2379. Does S. B. get there? "I should smile." S. B.

C. E. Dunham will cure your headache, cough or pain for 50 cents. S. B.

All kinds of garden seeds in bulk at Joles Bros.

Get your land papers prepared by J. M. Huntington & Co., Opera House Block, Washington St.

Snipes & Kinersly are anxious to cure your headache for 50 cents. S. B.

2379 is the cough syrup for children.

Get me a cigar from that fine case at Snipes & Kinersly's.

Joles Bros. deliver all goods sold to any part of the city, and don't you forget it.

On Hand.

J. M. Huntington & Co. announce that they are prepared to make out the necessary papers for parties wishing to file on so called railroad land. Applicants should have their papers all ready before going to the land office so as to avoid the rush and save time. Their office is in Opera House Block next to main entrance.

Improve Your Poultry.

If you want chickens that will lay eggs the year round without having to pen them up to keep them from setting, get the pure bred Brown Leghorn. Mrs. D. J. Cooper on the bluff near the academy, has the eggs for 75 cents per setting.

White Salmon Butter.

Roscoe & Gibbons have taken the agency of Mrs. Warner's White Salmon butter and will have it on sale from and after next Wednesday.

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W. S. CRAM, Manager.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

Notice to the Subscribers of The Dalles, Portland and Astoria Navigation Co.

THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE subscribers to The Dalles, Portland and Astoria Navigation Company will be held at the rooms of the Board of Trade at Dalles City, Oregon, on Saturday, April 14th, 1891, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may legitimately come before the meeting.

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SOMETHING ABOUT THE PLATYPUS.

A Wonderful Mammal Which Cost the British Association Over \$10,000. The platypus, a small molelike beast of Australia, has been voted the palm for being the most extraordinary mammal in the known world. For the last twenty years its skin has been highly prized as an article of commerce, yet during all of that time scientists have been trying to settle the question whether it is born alive or hatched from an egg. During the summer of 1885, a cablegram was sent from Sydney, Australia, to London, by Professor Liveridge to the effect that Mr. W. H. Caldwell, who holds the Balfour traveling fellowship of Cambridge, had at last settled the matter. Mr. Caldwell was sent out to Australia by the British association for the express purpose of studying the life history of this wonderful creature, a mission which was finally rewarded in the year above mentioned by the discovery of the eggs and nest of this living contradiction of nature.

Gerard Krefft, a gentleman sent out by the British scientific societies about 1880, offered as high as \$500 for an egg of the platypus without being able to obtain one. Still the Bushmen of the region inhabited by the creature positively declared that the animal did lay eggs, even if they had failed to produce one at the request of the scientists, stimulated by the promise of \$1,000 if they would produce a pair of freshly hatched young. During Krefft's tour of investigation numbers of platypus were caught, many in the pairing season, and dissected, yet no traces of eggs were found. Whereupon scientists were inclined to believe that the creatures had been misrepresented when spoken of in connection with the eggs, and that they were really viviparous.

The body of the platypus resembles the mole, and is covered with a close, short, grayish brown fur. Like the beaver, its tail is broad and flattened. A horny extension of the jaws forms a beak like that of a duck, their margins being sheathed with horn and supplied with transverse horny plates, two in each jaw, but these are not true teeth. The toes are united by a membrane or web, so that the animal is enabled to swim with great ease. It inhabits small streams and ponds, being principally, if not wholly, on insects. When the young are hatched they are blind and quite naked. The method by which they obtain milk from the mother is still obscure, as the creature has no nipples, only a flat surface; nor is there any mammary pouch. The beak of the young is wholly unlike that of an adult.

It cost the British association over \$10,000 to ascertain the above facts. First, the instruments and apparatus with which Mr. Caldwell was fitted out cost \$1,000. Besides that, he spent over fourteen months in Australia before he was able to take the coveted peep at the rare creature's eggs.—St. Louis Republic.

No Demand for Old Clocks.

There is no longer the demand for what used to be called "grandfather's clocks" that there was three or four years ago, but when a genuine old one can be secured there are always a score of buyers ready to pay a fair price for it. The clock of this type stands on the floor, as the song says, and although it may not go ninety years without blundering it will keep good time, and its works are apparently indestructible. As there are factories which turn out "old" china to order, so there are places where "eighteenth century clocks" are manufactured. There is no great difficulty about the works and weights, except that it takes a long time to make them, but the cases used to puzzle the smartest of them. Now, however, there are places up in Michigan where wood is so prepared as to look as though it might have been cut out of the same blocks Noah used when constructing the ark. The fraud is a very innocent one, as the imitation is probably an improvement on the original. But the connoisseur only buys a really second hand one, and he can see by the wear of the works how old it is.—Interview in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Cheap Lagging for Steam Pipes.

According to the Revue Industrielle some of the waste products resulting from the manufacture of paper furnish excellent material for cheap and efficient lagging for steam pipes. The waste products in question are chiefly those coming from the different cleaning and sorting machines which are of a fibrous nature. These, when dry, are mixed with potter's earth in the proportion of four to one, enough water being afterward added to form a plastic compound. This is spread by hand over the surfaces to be protected in thin successive layers. When dry the coating is said to adhere firmly, and is not easily broken. Its cost is practically no more than the cost of mixing and applying.

Starboard and Larboard.

The Italians derive "starboard" from *quarta borda*, "this side," and "larboard" from *quella borda*, "that side." Abbreviated, these two phrases appear as *sta bords* and *la bords*. Their close resemblance caused so many mistakes that, by order of the admiralty, "larboard" is now thrown overboard and "port" substituted. "Port" the helm is even mentioned in Arthur Pitt's voyage as early as 1580.—St. Louis Republic.

Finger Nail Entomology.

Persons who bite their nails might be cured of the habit if they could ever keep before them the fact that in the deposit under the nails is an aggregation of horrible things which includes a full line of micrococci (thirty kinds), eighteen different designs of bacilli and several sarcococci and molds, pores, also assorted. All these terrible things are said to be death dealing.—Philadelphia Times.

A Definition.

"Pa, what is an auction?" "An auction, my son, is a place where a man pays an exorbitant sum for something he don't want and can't use."—Epoch.

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