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THURSDAY, - - JANUARY 16, 1896

BRIEF MENTION.

Leaves From the Notebook of Chronicle Reporters.

McKinley club meeting tonight.

The weather bureau says we are going to have colder weather tomorrow, with occasional snow.

Don't forget the meeting of the McKinley club at the council chambers this evening at 8 o'clock.

In the list of officers enrolled Tuesday evening in the order of the Eastern Star the name of Mrs. Blakeley appeared as marshal. It should have read Mrs. T. A. Hudson, as she was the lady elected to that office.

Examinations are in progress in the city public schools, and for a time the life of a scholar is not altogether devoid of trouble. Tomorrow the tests will be over, and the results will determine the progression of the students.

After creating the new precinct near Dufur the county court had almost decided to call it Venezuela, but an inquiry from one of the officials as to how it was spelled suggested some objections to the plan which had not before been considered, and so Ramsey was decided upon.

The opportunity for sleighing was taken advantage of last evening by quite a number of young people. The jingling of sleigh-bells was heard till a late hour and loads of young people made the air resound with merry voices. It looks as if sleighing would continue good for quite a period.

Among the actions done by the county court this morning was one declaring Hood river a public highway. A petition to this effect was presented to the court and was readily granted. This declaring of Hood river a public highway gives to anyone the right to float lumber, logs, telegraph poles, etc., down the river, thereby destroying any monopoly of this privilege, which might be created. To all intents and purposes, Hood river is a navigable stream, excepting that its waters are not deep enough nor its banks sufficiently wide. Being a public highway is the nearest to a navigable river it can attain.

Judge Blakeley and County Commissioners Darnelle and Blowers decided upon the tax levy this morning for the ensuing year. The county levy was placed at 21 mills. A special road tax of 1 mill was levied, the proceeds of which will be applied towards making needed repairs upon county roads and especially upon the lower 5-mile road leading out of The Dalles. The necessity of improvement has long been apparent. The dividing of the Dufur precinct made some changes necessary in the list of judges and clerks as published Tuesday. For Ramsey precinct, James LeDuc, F. M. Thompson and N. P.

O'Brien were appointed judges and J. W. Nolin and Frank Chase clerks. As the first two named had been appointed for Dufur precinct but the division throwing them into Ramsey, Monroe Heisler and Edward Bohan were named in their stead. A new road district, No. 27, was created today.

The non-commissioned officers gave a snoker last evening to the members of Co. G and the field and staff officers. After the drill was over the militiamen gave themselves over to having a pleasant time. Refreshments were served and pipes and tobacco provided in abundance. During the evening an impromptu tug-of-war was arranged and much interest occasioned in the contest. The interest taken by the members of the national guard in the organization is continually increasing, and the militia here was never in better condition. At a meeting of the non-commissioned officers, held this week, nine were present.

From interviews with several stockmen we gather that the snow is not unwelcome. The coming of winter now means that the cold weather will probably not continue late and the approach of spring will not be delayed. An early spring is what the stockmen and farmers want, and as long as we are going to have some winter, it had better come now than later. It is also said that it is easier to feed stock with snow on the ground than it is when mud abounds. The days of trusting to luck for the feeding of stock are over in Eastern Oregon, and every good stockman is provided with feed for his stock. Unless the weather is unusually severe the stock is expected to go through the season in good shape.

The Dalles is All Right.

People who live in one town all the time have no fair conception of the sort of a place in which they are spending their existence. It is necessary to go beyond the shadow of your own house to find out what kind of grass plants your neighbor's have, and the same thing is true of towns and cities. Persons who make a business of traveling from one place to another, learn to form quick judgments of the towns that come under their observations and unless the inspection is too superficial, the conclusion is generally a correct one. In this connection, a CHRONICLE reporter heard some testimony today of a pleasant sort.

Mr. W. F. Pinkham, of the Oregon Fruit Union, was in the city yesterday and a portion of today, and in a conversation said that he believed The Dalles to be the most prosperous town in the state. Mr. Pinkham was manager of Fruit Union business in The Dalles last summer and for the past few months has been acting in the same capacity at Roseburg. His business has called him from place to place in the state and he has noted the conditions of business and the prospects in the towns he has visited. In speaking of fruit shipments, Mr. Pinkham said that Wasco county furnished one-third of the fruit which was shipped from Oregon last season and the highest prices paid in the eastern

markets were for fruit from this vicinity. Our fruit made a name for itself in the East, and there will be a demand for it next summer that will give our shippers an advantage over those from other localities.

As compared with Roseburg, Albany, Eugene and other valley towns, The Dalles is much livelier in a business way. Mr. Pinkham was of the opinion that in none of them is the amount of daily business transacted so large as in The Dalles. The importance of this place as a fruit shipping point has become so established that it is probable the union will build and operate a large warehouse here for the better handling of Wasco county's fruit.

A Decision Rendered.

A decision was rendered this morning in the matter of dividing Dufur precinct. The afternoon yesterday, as well as the morning, was taken up with hearing the arguments of the opposing sides. The debate was quite acrimonious, and the disputants were not at all averse to expressing themselves in forcible language. The tilt of eloquence was greatly enjoyed by the spectators and some side lights were thrown upon the play of politics in Dufur precinct. Messrs. T. H. Johnston and M. J. Anderson, who appeared as against the granting of the petition, left for their home last night, and this morning members of the court received several telephone messages asking that nothing be done until they could return, as it was declared new evidence had been discovered. The line to Dufur was kept "pretty hot," in the language of one of the courthouse officials, but the judge and commissioners decided that they had spent enough time with the matter, and declined to prolong the agony further. This morning the court decided to grant the petition asked for, which was championed by W. H. H. Dufur and J. M. Nolin.

The new precinct will be called Ramsey, and will embrace school districts 27 and 36, with a portion of 37. The area mentioned will poll about seventy-five votes, but it is probable that a portion of Kingsley precinct will be added to the one just created, which will give it a voting population of about 125. The end of the matter is not reached yet, and the echoes of the precinct division will be borne on the winds around Dufur town for some time to come.

Mr. Dufur and Mr. Nolin departed for home this morning in a happy frame of mind.

Republicans Getting Ready.

Republicans in Wasco and Sherman counties are getting in line for the beginning of club work for the campaign. The state executive committee has called for a convention of clubs, to be held in Portland, February 4th. Tonight the McKinley club of The Dalles will choose delegates. The Columbia Precinct Republican club will meet for the same purpose at the Fairfield school house, Friday, January 24th, and the McKinley club of Moro will meet the evening following. We are not, as yet, advised of the meetings of other

clubs in the two counties, but are assured they will all be in line. The club work is getting to be an important feature of the campaign, and a great deal depends upon the enthusiasm shown at the Portland meeting. Every club should send its full quota of delegates and see that its best men are chosen.

Oregon is in the foreground of politics, and its election next year will be indicative of the political feeling everywhere. The matter of choosing delegates should not be left in the hands of a few interested people, but a large number should be present and a general expression given in making the choice. Remember the meeting of the McKinley club this evening in the council chambers.

The Klickitat bond case is being heard today before the supreme court of Washington at Olympia. This is a case in which a great deal of interest is being taken in The Dalles, since the warrants which efforts are being made to redeem, over \$60,000 worth are held in this city. Klickitat county is making a strenuous effort to improve her financial condition, and the outcome of this case will have an important bearing on her future credit. There are several points at issue, chief among them being the contention whether or not bonds can be issued to take up warrants where the interest added to the principal exceeds the amount of indebtedness allowed by the constitution. In this case the principal itself nearly equals the constitutional limit and when the interest of the warrants to be taken up is added, exceeds it. The case has already been decided in the superior court of Klickitat county and goes on appeal to the supreme court. H. S. Wilson, of Huntington & Wilson and C. H. Spaulding, prosecuting attorney of Klickitat county, are appearing in the case for the Dalles warrant holders and the county, while the other side is represented by some Seattle attorneys. The suit is a friendly one, and its decision will settle one way or the other Klickitat's present attempt to bond a portion of her indebtedness.

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