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BRIEF MENTION.

Leaves From the Notebook of Chronicle Reporters.

"They say microbes are in a kiss,"
Quoth he—their lips had barely parted.
"I am a homeopath," the miss
Returned in tone not quite faint-hearted:
"In 'like cures like,' I put my trust."
Whereat their lips again concussed.

Forecast—Fair and cooler tonight and tomorrow.

A private office of Mr. Jud Fish has been fitted up at the Umatilla House.

The Regulator took away five tons of the celebrated Dalles flour this morning.

The members of the Christian church of Hood River made Bro. Jenkins, of this city, a donation of a wagon load of provisions yesterday.

The stone work of the reconstructed Vogt building is progressing rapidly. Hundreds of tons of debris have already been removed from the cellar.

The bow of promise, though a common sight, is none the less beautiful, and the rainbow of the early morning was perfect, its seven colors showing brilliantly throughout the entire arch.

The O. R. and N. Co. are at work refitting the old incline to the river, which has not been in use for several years. A new track will be laid to the river's edge. It is supposed the company is getting ready to put on a line of boats when the locks are opened.

Eight hoboes are doing the city good service this week in working on the brewery hill grade. They will work the entire week on this grade and on the streets in different parts of the city. This is the common sense way by which The Dalles solves the vagrant problem.

The burned bridge between Wilbur and Huron caused a delay of four hours to the west-bound passenger train this morning. A track was laid across a temporary trestle, while the passengers waited, but as the work went on during the night, they exhibited no impatience.

Dr. O. C. Hollister informs a reporter that the medical journals are full of the new photographic discovery of the cathode rays. Perhaps some physician in The Dalles may soon have an opportunity to test their merit. Is there any gentleman who has a bullet in his leg who would like to have it accurately located?

The fire which burned the trestle near Wilbur is believed to be of incendiary origin. Two facts are to be noted. A rain was falling when it burned, and this was the second bridge destroyed by fire in that vicinity lately. Anyone having a spite against the railroad company should try to gratify it in some other way, if at all. It was only by the merest accident that no lives were lost, the engineer and fireman passing over by rare good luck with their engine, and the rest of the crew discovering the trouble in time to jump. An entire passenger train might have descended in

the awful gulf, and fifty or more precious lives to be answered for by the individual who stooped to crime, to gratify a contemptible passion.

Tax Collections.

Up to January 1, 1896, the sheriff and his deputy have collected \$89,073.27 taxes during their term of office, beginning July 1, 1894. Of this amount the large sum of \$25,403.21 was due and collectable from various rolls as far back as 1890. The following table shows the sums, for which treasurer's receipts have been given, together with the dates of the receipts, and showing the rolls upon which said sums were collected:

'90-'93 ROLLS.	
Sept. 4, 1894.....	6,961 50
Dec. 3, ".....	975 51
Dec. 31, ".....	648 86
Feb. 9, 1895.....	715 71
Mar. 2, ".....	450 70
April 8, ".....	12,099 38
".....	3,551 55—\$25,403 21
'94 ROLL.	
Apr. 20, 1895.....	\$38,376 74
June 6, ".....	12,521 17
Aug. 7, ".....	3,152 41
Sept. 6, ".....	2,898 19
Oct. 3, ".....	3,258 20
Nov. 6, ".....	3,396 54
Dec. 20, ".....	2,737 58
Jan. 1, 1896.....	880 78—\$67,221 61
Total.....	\$92,624 82
Less.....	3,551 55
Total amount collected.....	\$89,073 27

*This sum properly belongs to the roll under which it appears, but as a matter of fact are parts of the amounts designated under the heading of '94 roll.

The sheriff's books are kept in a very clear and accurate manner, so that anyone, if even unfamiliar with scientific bookkeeping, can readily understand them. The clerical work of the office has been done by Mr. Kelley, and in a manner that will always show as a credit to that gentleman. He has established a system of keeping tax accounts unapproachable in merit by any predecessor and which will be of invaluable aid to any successor. The books are specially designed and ruled to facilitate labor and render them easy to understand. The tax receipts are of a new pattern, being fuller in detail. In fact, the entire system of keeping the accounts and books of the office is as thorough as the late re-modelling of the office itself, and hereafter the official duties of the deputy sheriff cannot but be a pleasure to the incumbent.

Lecture on China.

The lecture by Mr. W. S. Holt last night at the Congregational church was replete in interest. The extensive field which China affords for the curiosity of the white races was thoroughly explored and given to his auditors. The speaker was introduced by Mr. A. R. Thompson. Mr. Holt supplemented his remarks by views illustrating the varied scenes and characters to be met with in China and had much of interest to say concerning its language and customs. He related also something of the history of the missionary work done in that country. A novel thing to hear was the Lord's prayer in Chinese. A large audience was present, who were well repaid for attending.

Planted Sycamore Trees.

Mr. E. F. Sharp and Mr. W. G. Kerns are planting sycamore trees in front of their residences. These are among the most beautiful and ornamental of shade trees, growing tall and graceful, with spreading branches and handsome foliage. One of their characteristics is that the tree is adorned with smooth green balls, hanging pendant from a slender thread, making a very pretty effect. There are but two others in town, so far as known, one at the Baldwin corner and one in Mrs. Schutz' front yard, on Fourth street. The latter one is the best specimen. It is about fifteen feet high, and though a young tree, begins to give promise of great beauty as it retains full development.

Speaking of ornamental trees, the poplar, of which The Dalles has many thriving specimens, are an undesirable tree. They stand in the same relation to the vegetable kingdom as the cuckoo does to the ornithological—they are robbers. In their persistent demands for water they honeycomb the under surface of the ground, robbing lawns of their sustenance and moisture, and making an unhealthy and feeble growth of all shrubbery whenever near a poplar tree. Farther than that, cases are not infrequent where they disturb sewer and water pipes, if there is the least opportunity presented for penetration by a root. Some time since a sewer pipe became choked. An excavation was made and the pipe examined. On the inner side was a big knot or exuberance fed by a tiny root, which had penetrated through a hole hardly larger than would be made by a pin. About a year ago the city council had under discussion an ordinance prohibiting the further planting of poplar trees, for the above reasons. It would be advisable for property-owners to cease planting them anyway. Since there are so many beautiful shade trees, which, like the sycamore, are tall, graceful and beautiful, it would be wisdom to select only the best, finding those best adapted to the climate.

Mrs. Norman Wins the Quilt.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church have for a long time been engaged in making a quilt which will be a thing of beauty and a joy forever to the fortunate possessor. The quilt contains many hundred small squares containing the names of people of The Dalles. There are 521 names on the quilt, each representing the payment of 10 cents. The total sum, \$521.00, will be devoted to the wants of orphans or fatherless children in the city. At the meeting of the Aid Society in the Christian church yesterday afternoon, the quilt was given to the one who had secured the most names, accompanied by the money representing them. It was found that Mrs. Ullrich had secured 17, Mrs. Lemerson 14, Mrs. Hazel 5, Mrs. Dufur 7, Mrs. Bayard 233 and Mrs. Norman 245. That lady turned in \$24.50 and was awarded the quilt. The prize is well worth striving for and will be of perpetual interest. Containing, as it does, so many names, the subsequent life of each will have an

interest of its own. How many of those 521 will be living a year from now or twenty years from now, what their fortunes have been, what fields of usefulness they have engaged in, or localities they have removed to, will be brought to mind by a survey of the names who at one time contributed in this way to the cause of charity.

Woodmen and Circle.

The Woodmen of the World held a regular meeting last night, and shortly after were most pleasantly surprised by a large bevy of ladies belonging to the Circle—the auxiliary body of that order. The ladies trooped in with baskets filled with dainty lunches, and then began one of the most enjoyable social evenings ever spent in the city. After a short but thoroughly entertaining program, followed the supper, succeeded by dancing. The program included a duet by Mrs. Stephens and Mrs. S. L. Young, a recitation by Mrs. Chas. Stephens, and one by Mrs. S. P. M. Briggs. Neat speeches were made by C. L. Phillips, Geo. Gibbons and Geo. P. Morgan, and a reading by J. H. Blakeney. Fragrant boutonnières were presented each gentleman by the fair ones, some having been lucky enough to get two (boutonnières). A representative of THE CHRONICLE was invited into the hall during the festivities, and though not a member of the order, the same hospitality, courtesy and boutonnières were extended as to the rest. These things appeal to a newspaper man's heart. 'Rah for the Woodmen; long live the Circle.

Of Interest to Land Purchasers.

House bill No. 5,474, introduced Feb. 4th by Mr. Allen of Utah, is of interest to many residents of Wasco and Sherman counties. The bill is to provide for the extension of the time within which suits may be brought to vacate and annul patents upon public lands. The provision of especial interest is found in section one, as follows: "But no patent to any lands held by a bona fide purchaser shall be vacated or annulled, but the right and title of each purchaser is hereby confirmed."

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