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### The Dalles Daily Chronicle.

SATURDAY, - - - NOV. 14, 1896

#### Weather Forecast.

PORTLAND, Nov. 14, 1896.  
FOR EASTERN OREGON—Tonight and tomorrow, rain and cooler.  
PAGE, Observer.

#### WAYSIDE GLEANINGS.

Random Observations and Local Events of Lesser Magnitude.

This may safely be classed as "falling weather."

Heppner had a big ratification parade and blow-out Tuesday night. The ratifiers being almost all Republicans.

Up to the time of the readings this morning 2.70 inches of rain had fallen since the beginning of the storm.

Mr. Robert Mays bought seventy-five calves of Mr. Leon Curtis of Rockland today, and will send them out to his ranch.

Three homestead applications and one cash entry were made in the U. S. land office today, and one final homestead proof was made.

Judge Bradshaw today discharged all the jurors of the regular panel except seven. This was done to reduce expenses, and at the same time permit the trial of such cases as may be at issue next week.

Mrs. Ella S. Baldwin was granted a first grade certificate at the regular examination of teachers held this week, and Miss Angie Phillips was given a second grade certificate, but with standing entitling her to a first grade.

The entertainment given by the Junior Endeavorers last night was a very pleasant affair. The program was well rendered, and the numbers were heartily applauded. It was also a success financially, adding a snug sum to the society's treasury.

The criminal docket was closed today when Lee Joy entered a plea of guilty. There are several cases on the law docket requiring a jury, but as the attorneys do not seem to be ready for trial, it is quite probable the jury will be discharged for the term tonight. The criminal docket was an unusually short one, and cost the county less than at any term for a long time.

#### Public School Report.

The following report of the public school for the quarter (four weeks) ending Nov. 6, 1896, show the gain over the same period last year:

No. in atid during quarter	1895	1896	GAIN
Average number belonging	729	644	85
Average daily attendance	662	597	65
	637	572	65

The quarter ending last week has in the totals of enrollment and attendance greatly surpassed any previous period in the history of the city.

#### A Wild Goose Chase.

The Orris Ober Company presented "Tribby" last night to a fair-sized but appreciative audience. The weather has been against the company during its entire engagement, and the lack of light

which makes pedestrianism after sundown a feat of daring, coupled with the steady downpour of rain, have joined forces in making the attendance light. Tonight a "A Wild Goose Chase" will terminate the company's engagement, and at its conclusion, the high-grade bicycle will be awarded the holder of the lucky number.

#### Circuit Court.

The jury in the case of the State against Ed Marshal, charged with larceny from a dwelling, returned a verdict last night finding him guilty of simple larceny. This is simply a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment in the county jail.

The case of the State against L. T. North is another case the punishment for which is limited to imprisonment in the county jail. Sentence will be pronounced Monday.

In the case of L. Leonard, charged with forgery, his offense being the signing of the name of George Thompson to an order on Mrs. Davis for two weeks' board, one of which he got. Defendant entered a plea of guilty, waived time for sentence, and was sent to the penitentiary for two years. It will be seen that he builded better than he knew, for instead of getting two weeks board, he gets two years, and steady employment besides.

#### Lee Joy Pays a Fine.

Lee Joy, indicted by the grand jury for assault with a deadly weapon upon one Tom Loui, a countryman of his, this morning pleaded guilty to a simple assault, waived time for sentence, was fined \$50, and is now free as a bird. The chances are that Tom Loui was as much in fault as Lee Joy, but as there is no getting at the truth in a Chinese case, anyway, Prosecuting Attorney Jayne wisely made an average of the case and accepted the plea of guilty to simple assault. A Chinese oath, like a Chinaman, is a delicate and fragile thing, and adds about as much to the solemnity and truthfulness of their statements as it would to that of a murderer testifying in his own behalf.

#### Death of Mrs. C. A. Huntington.

News of the death of Mrs. C. A. Huntington at Eureka, Calif., was received by wire today. Mrs. Huntington was the mother of J. M. and B. S. Huntington of this city, and will be remembered by many of the older settlers of The Dalles, having visited her sons here several times some years ago. Her husband, Rev. C. A. Huntington, who is now in his 85th year, and a family of five sons and two daughter, survive her.

#### Children's Service.

There will be a service for children at St. Paul's church Union street, tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. The service will consist of childrens songs and an address suited to their understanding. All are invited. Admission free, seats free, no collection. There will be service in the morning also at the usual hour, 11 o'clock.

J. N. T. Goss, Rector.

### IMPORTANT RAILROAD DECISION

Contracts Releasing the Company from Liability in Case of Injury Are Void.

A decision of importance to railway beneficial associations has been rendered by the United States court of appeals.

An employe of the Burlington named Miller obtained judgment against the company for damages occasioned by a derailment in Colorado. The company set up that Miller was a contributor to the Burlington Voluntary Relief association, an organization for employes, and in his application for membership he agreed that whatever amounts he might receive should be in satisfaction of all claims for damages arising out of injuries for which he drew benefits. The court sustained a demurrer to this plea, and the railroad company appealed from this finding. The court of appeals sustains the court and affirms the judgment.

Judge Thayer says that several well-considered cases sustain the theory of the demurrer—the courts holding that employes may elect whether to take benefits in such an association or to reserve the right to sue the employer, and that such contracts are not contrary to sound public policy; but he remarks that in this case the plea of the defendant failed to show with requisite certainty that the corporation had legally obligated itself to the members to maintain the organization and to supply the funds necessary to run it. It did not appear that if the relief association was at any time short of funds a member could maintain suit against the company to recover the amount due him. Neither did it appear what money, if any, the corporation had contributed to the association, but it did fairly appear that the moneys expended by the relief association were paid from moneys deducted from the wages of the members. The corporation had not shown that the arrangement was fair and reasonable to the men, and Judge Thayer hints that there are reasons for holding it to be voidable for lack of valuable consideration.

Judge Caldwell, as perhaps was expected, took still more radical grounds, declaring that "such contracts, in so far as they attempt to release the railroad company from liability for injuries inflicted on its employes through negligence, are without sufficient consideration, are against public policy, and are void, and must ultimately be so declared by all courts."

#### Weather and Other Things.

It seems that we are to have climatic changes, as well as commercial ones, on account of the opening of the locks. Since that date the dull leaden clouds of webfoot have sent their runners up the old Columbia, and they have evidently found a fine opening for extending their business. Since Nov. 5th a regular webfoot rain has prevailed, soaking the ground as it has not been soaked in the same length of time in years. Today the air is balmy, soft and indolent, as

though it came but yesterday from Japan or Cathay. The green grass and abundant flowers, the gentle rain, and breath of May would almost convince one that buds and birds, bees and Easter bonnets were due, instead of the lordly gobbler and the golden pie. Great is Oregon! and the crowning glory of her greatness is The Dalles.

#### SOME WEATHER NOTES.

The Rainfall Unequaled Since the Year 1875.

From Mr. S. L. Brooks we learn that rainfall so far this month has not been equaled since 1875. In November of that year a trifle over 6 inches of rain fell. We have had, to date, 2.85 inches of rainfall this month, 2.65 falling during the present storm. The barometer is low, 29.44, and still falling, with the thermometer at 55, indicating more rain.

Contrary to the stories that the rain is confined to the territory immediately along the Columbia, the storm is general, extending south to Los Angeles, and east at least as far as Idaho. Snow is falling in the Blue mountains and at Baker City and other points east.

A peculiarity of the storm is that it is unaccompanied by wind, a dead calm having prevailed through it all. This is the more noticeable when the reports show that at Portland yesterday the wind reached a velocity of seventy miles an hour, almost a hurricane.

From 5 o'clock last night to 3 this afternoon .76 of an inch were added to the rainfall. In Sherman county farmers are plowing in the rain, and at Bakeoven, Mr. Burgess, who came in day before yesterday, says the rainfall has been heavy.

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