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We Still Continue Our Sale of Shoes and Hats.

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All goods marked in plain figures.

The Dalles Daily Chronicle.

TUESDAY, - - - DEC. 15, 1896

Weather Forecast.
PORTLAND, Dec. 15, 1896.
FOR EASTERN OREGON—Tonight and tomorrow fair and cooler.

PAGE: Observer.

WAYSIDE GLEANINGS.

Random Observations and Local Events of Lesser Magnitude.

Good, fat hogs are in demand here at 3 cents.

The A. O. U. W. have a social on hand, to take place Thursday evening.

The river is coming up quite rapidly, owing to the heavy rains and melting snows.

A large consignment of hay just received and on sale by Ward, Kerns & Robinson.

The latter part of last week 300 hogs were shipped from Grant to Troutdale, and 200 to Seattle.

Mr. Arthur K. Fuller made final proof on his cash entry in Sherman county, at the land office today.

Katie Putnam tomorrow night. Secure your tickets and reserve your seats at the Snipes-Kinersly drugstore.

Twenty carloads of sheep were shipped from Grant last Thursday to Ellensburg, Wash., where they will be fed for the winter.

Mr. Rolando, G. Brooks and Eli Hostellar made homestead entries on some of the forfeited railroad lands in Sherman county today.

The ground is surely getting a thorough soaking this winter, and it does not seem possible that the soil can dry out before next July.

Out on 15-Mile all the farmers are busy plowing. The ground is in splendid condition, and a very large area is being turned over.

The regular Christmas vacation of the public schools will last two weeks, school closing Friday of this week, and beginning again the Monday after New Years.

Two applications were made today to have land ordered into market, for sale. This is under the law providing for the sale of isolated tracts, and we believe these are the first ever made in this office.

The sturgeon catch is getting quite good again. Yesterday sixteen of the big fellows were shipped away, the five larger ones of the lot averaging 250 pounds each. Eight were shipped today, all about the same size and weighing nearly 200 pounds each.

The Regulator will be in tonight and will make her regular runs hereafter. The people along the river on the Washington side will be rejoiced to see her again, as they have practically been cut off from communication with the outside world ever since the ice blockade.

Mr. Ledbetter, representing the Oregonian, is in the city and looking after matters connected with the Cascade

edition, which is to be published within the next few days. The title page is lithographed, and is an artistic piece of work in five colors. Enormous expense has been incurred in getting out the edition, but it will be worth all, and much more than all, it cost.

The alarm of fire this morning was caused by a burning flue in Mrs. Handley's house on Third street. There were two stovepipe holes in the flue, the lower one being stopped with the ordinary tin arrangement made for the purpose. It seems the soot had accumulated and caught fire from the sparks dropping down on it. The blaze came out a foot or more into the kitchen, but no damage was done, other than making a little dirt.

Speaking of the run of salmon with Fish Commissioner McGuire yesterday, he remarked that next season would be a good test of the benefits of the hatcheries. According to the accepted theory of the fish coming back the fourth year, the run next summer, if it depends at all on the hatcheries, will be a very light one. In 1893 no fish were turned out of the hatcheries, so that the run of 1897 will depend entirely on the result of natural propagation. In the meanwhile the legislation we speak of editorially should be looked after and the means provided for carrying on the hatcheries. Washington already has a good law of this kind, and is now maintaining a fine hatchery on the little White Salmon in Skamania county, about seven miles below Hood River.

Lively in Morrow.

Henry Blackman, collector of internal revenue for this district, returned yesterday from a visit to his former home in Heppner, says the Oregonian. Mr. Blackman says that times are decidedly better in Morrow county. Heavy rains have prevailed, the snow has all gone, and with another week of the present weather, new grass will be four inches high, which will insure plenty of range feed. Last week 35,000 pounds of wool were sold at Heppner for 8 cents a pound, said Mr. Blackman, and a sheep-buyer named Sherlock, from Illinois, bought 2500 sheep for shipment, and Sam Palmer of Nebraska is now there on the same mission. The farmers are getting from 62 to 68 cents a bushel for wheat, and a far better feeling now prevails in all parts of Morrow county.

Beautiful Windows.

The big show windows of A. M. Williams & Co. are certainly things of beauty today. Window decoration has grown to the dignity of a fine art, and whoever arranged the display spoken of is an artist of undoubted merit. It is impossible to give any description that would do justice to the artistic grouping of beautiful things. The only way to get an adequate conception of the work is to take a look at it yourself. Word painting will not fill the bill.

Wanted.

A young lady desires housework in family. Apply at this office.

GOLD BY THE YARD.

How the Gliding Used in Ornamental Decoration is Prepared.

The beating of the innumerable little square pieces of gold, which are used to cover domes and signs and so forth, forms a distinct industry in the gold trade, which employs a large number of hands and requires no small amount of skill.

The long, low building in which the work is carried on is filled throughout the day with the sound of hammers. On every side little boxes containing tiny rolls of gold are to be seen, which although only measuring an inch and a half in length, are worth each about £10. The gold is received in bars one-eighth of an inch in thickness, an inch in width, and weighing 240 pennyweights. This is rolled into a ribbon thirty yards in length.

It is then given to the workmen in strips measuring seven yards, each of which is cut up into 120 pieces. These are now ready to be beaten out by hand. They are placed (protected by fine skins) in a tool known as the clutch, and are thoroughly pounded out on a great granite block set in the ground in such a way that there is absolutely no vibratory movement. The process is repeated several times, the gold as it spreads being continually subdivided until it is of the exact dimensions required.

The skins in which the gold is beaten are so delicate that they will tear as easily as paper; nevertheless they will withstand the continual hammering for several years. The gold, which is finally beaten down to .200 of an inch, is rubbed with "brine" before being placed in the skins, in order that it shall not adhere to them.

Easy as this work of beating out the gold may seem, it is in reality an art of a very delicate description. The workman must know to a nicety exactly how hard or gentle the blows of his hammer must be, and also the exact spot on which they should fall. Accordingly, a very superior class of men are employed in the business.—Pearson's Weekly.

To Down Taffe.

Judge Bellinger, according to the Telegram, was quite wrathful at the last jury in the Taffe case, because it gave Taffe a larger verdict than the first jury. The United States attorney was not satisfied with the first verdict, and with all due deference to the statement of Judge Bellinger, neither was Taffe. True he consented to accept the amount, in satisfaction of all damages, but he never even intimated that he thought the sum sufficient to cover all damages. Judge Bellinger might as well try to hold a party who offered to take 50 cents on the dollar in payment of a claim as bound by that offer after it was refused and suit brought. Mr. Taffe was never satisfied with the judgment, but consented to accept it rather than be kept in litigation for months and at great expense. With a United States judge and attorney both against him, it looks as

though he exercised good judgment in doing so. Judge Bellinger and Attorney Murphy were not satisfied with the verdict, and agreed to leave the matter to a jury to decide. After doing so and getting left they kicked, and both went back on their implied agreement to stand by the verdict. Unfortunately they have the game in their hands and can keep on trying the case until Taffe's money is exhausted. The second jury probably took into consideration the extra expense Taffe was put to in lawyers' fees, etc., in fixing the second verdict. Of course Taffe will have to go on spending his money until he is broke. He can't help himself, but suppose the new juries should go on indefinitely raising the verdict each time, what would his honor, Judge Bellinger, do then? The case will be re-tried.

The Army at Work.

Up till the present, quite a number of families have been found by the Salvation Army in actual want of food and clothing. They, the army, expect to solicit donations during the next few days, any one not called upon, who desires to assist, may address

ENSIGN R. STEVENS,
Box 309, City.

Refrigerator Line.

Attention of shippers is called to the new refrigerator line operated by the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company between Portland, Huntington, Spokane and intermediate points, leaving Portland on train 22, Wednesdays and Saturdays. E. E. LYTLE, Agent.

Do not fail to call on Dr. Lannerberg, the eye specialist, and have your eyes examined free of charge. If you suffer with headache or nervousness you undoubtedly have imperfect vision that, if corrected, will benefit you for life. Office in the Vogt block.

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