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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.

THURSDAY, - - - DEC. 17, 1896

Weather Forecast.

PORTLAND, Dec. 17, 1896.
FOR EASTERN OREGON—Tonight and tomorrow rain and warmer.

PAGUE, Observer.

WAYSIDE CLEANINGS.

Random Observations and Local Events of Lesser Magnitude.

The diamond ring raffled last night was won by Joe Batty.

Dr. Lannerberg, the eye specialist, located in the new Vogt block.

The Regulator is making her regular runs, consequently will be in tonight.

The Rathbone Sisters meet tonight, and every member is requested to be present, as business of importance will be transacted.

The ladies of the Good Intent Society will have on sale Wednesday and Thursday of next week, pies, cakes and doughnuts; also kitchen aprons.

We have coal and iron in abundance and with an open river, what's the matter with The Dalles becoming the "Pittsburg of the Pacific."

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet tomorrow (Friday), the 18th at the residence of Mrs. W. H. Biggs, at 3 o'clock. A full attendance of members and friends of the cause is requested.

Mrs. M. E. Herrin has a large assortment of Columbia River views suitable as Christmas presents for friends in the east, which she will dispose of at 12½ cents each, between now and January 1st.

Stabling & Williams have some choice brands of cigars, put up in lots of 25, which make very suitable Christmas presents. They also wish to state that all their goods are delivered free to city customers.

We understand the attempt to have Ellen Beach Yaw sing here has not been abandoned, but that the arrangements will probably be completed for her appearance here after she sings in Portland, sometime about the last of the month.

Teams are busy hauling wheat from the warehouses to the Regulator wharf, and from present indications that good little steamer will have all the cargo she can carry, at least until her running mate, the Dalles City, is again ready for business.

The argument in the Steeves case was concluded today at noon, and perhaps by this time a verdict has been reached. There seems to be a strong impression at Hillsboro that the jury will either hang or acquit, and that there is no probability of a conviction.

The Monmouthshire, the big Asiatic-Oregon liner, arrived at Astoria yesterday and at Portland today. She brings 2,500 tons of freight and several passengers, besides forty Chinese. She will leave for Hong Kong some time next

week, probably the 23d, and will carry quite a number of passengers on that occasion.

Two complaints were filed with the county clerk yesterday with the object of severing the ties of matrimony heretofore and now existing between the parties therein named. One was the suit of Ernest Morgan against Nettie Morgan; the other Frank Meyers against Annie M. Meyers.

Last Night's Play.

Katie Putnam has been here and is gone, leaving very pleasant recollections of her visit. Nothing that can be said in praise of the little lady will do her justice, for she is perfect.

The curtain went up promptly at 8 o'clock, as it should, and the ultra-fashionables, who drift in at all hours, lost a goodly portion of the play. Owing to the fact that the company had to get away on the evening train, due to leave here at 10:15, the two last acts of the play were cut, and then they only got away by having the train held for twenty minutes. The tickets were 75 cents and \$1, which is pretty steep for these hard times, but in spite of this there was quite a good house.

Owing to the present time card on the O. R. & N., every show we have this winter will have to put the curtain up at 8 o'clock, or before, in order to avoid remaining here a whole day after the show. This being the case, theatergoers should see to it that they are there on time.

Militia Notes.

From orders recently issued by Lieut.-Col. Patterson, we glean a few notes on the militia.

There will be quarterly muster and inspection of the subdivisions of the battalion at the last meeting in December, except G company, which will be inspected by Col. Patterson at the armory Dec. 28th.

D. H. Roberts has been appointed battalion sergeant-major, and E. B. Kerns company quarter master sergeant of company G, to rank as such from Sept. 23, 1896.

The Holidays.

Tomorrow the public schools will close until the Monday after New Year's. THE CHRONICLE sincerely hopes that every pupil may have just the most delightful Christmas vacation. One that they may all look back to many years from now as a green and pleasant memory. And it hopes further that they will be back at their desks at the end of their vacation with a keener desire to master their studies and to fit themselves for the positions later life will bring them.

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A NEW GRADE NEEDED.

It Should be Finished Early Next Season.

We understand a committee has been appointed by the Commercial Club to look after the matter of laying out and building a new grade from the free bridge across the Deschutes. The grade is badly needed, and should be built just as soon as the weather permits.

The grade in Sherman county is said to be first-class, but on this side it is in bad shape, being irregular and running at all the way from seven to twenty-two inches to the rod. A preliminary examination of the proposed route has been made, and it is thought a grade can be made with not to exceed fifteen inches pitch to the rod. The new grade would not follow the old one, and so one great difficulty would be obviated that exists now, as soon as it was made passable. At present in the summer when the wool teams are using the grade and coming this way it is impossible to get down on account of their being no turnouts. While the new grade should be well provided for in this respect, it would not be necessary to make them at once, as the old grade could be used for a while by teams going down.

We understand money was donated by Sherman county people to fix their part of the road, with the understanding that Wasco county would build and maintain a good grade on this side. As the ground gets in good condition to work, the surveys should be completed, so that the work can be pushed to an early completion, and while the ground is still moist enough to pack. The grade should be finished in time for use by next spring's wool teams.

Business Increasing.

Already business is improving in the retail line, caused largely by the demand for holiday goods. The Dalles stores are well supplied with everything in that line, from dress goods to cotton flannel, and from diamonds to soap. There is not a better place to purchase substantial tokens in the shape of clothing and groceries than this; and in the line of jewelry, curios, artistic products of pencil and brush, and the thousand trinkets that go to make up the average Christmas presents, few places of its size can show so large or so varied an assortment. As we have said, trade in these lines is already good, and would be better if it were not for the vast sums being sent out daily to pay for railroad lands. With a good crop next year, an open river, and the drain caused by land purchase stopped, business will be better here than it has since the days when this was the outfitting town for all the mining region east and south of us. A new era of business prosperity has already begun for us, but its magnitude will not be realized until next summer.

Female Help Wanted.

WANTED—Red-headed girl and white horse to deliver premiums given away with Hoe Cake Soap. Apply to anywhere.

The Circulating Library.

The circulating library, started some time ago by Miss Henrietta Owen, is not receiving the patronage it deserves. The idea in starting the library was to place within the reach of all the very best modern literature. Old standard works are not kept, but the latest and best novels, as well as more solid reading, are kept. Books that one is compelled to read to keep up with the times, yet such as one does not care to purchase at the prices charged when first issued, are of the class most largely selected from.

We suggest that the long winter evenings may be passed pleasantly and profitably by the perusal of books from the circulating library. The life membership costs only \$1.50, and the dues are 25 cents per month. This is surely cheap enough for anyone. We feel certain that if our people once begin to patronize the library and realize the wide scope of first-class reading material at their disposal, the library will be patronized as it deserves to be. Eugene, Ashland and the towns of Southern Oregon where the system under which this library is run is in vogue, have very large memberships, and there is quite a rivalry as to who shall have the first chance at the new books.

It might be well to add that a paid-up life membership would make a very acceptable Christmas present.

Somewhat Treacherous.

The folding chairs in the New Vogt are amusing things, for as Artemus Ward says, "You never know just what they are going to do." They have a faculty, wanting in some people, that is they can shut up so easily. If a person leans forward the least bit, down they go, shutting up like a pocket comb, and landing the recent occupant on the floor. It gives one such a delightful feeling of uncertainty that it does not matter much what is going on on the stage. However, we have no kick coming, and would much prefer taking the chances of a dumping at a good show to having a couch of rose leaves at a poor one. If the management will just continue to give us as good companies as Katie Putnam's, we will all forget about the danger behind us.

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