

The Dalles Daily Chronicle.

The only Republican Daily Newspaper on Wasco County.

EASTERN OFFICE—230 to 234 Temple Court, N. Y. City. E. KATZ, Agent.

Weekly Clubbing Rates.

Chronicle and Oregonian.....\$2 25
Chronicle and Examiner..... 2 25
Chronicle and Tribune..... 1 75
Chronicle and N. Y. World..... 2 00

THURSDAY, - DECEMBER 23, 1897

A SURPLUS, NOT A DEFICIT.

The New York Tribune says: Hereafter the secretary of war shall annually submit estimates in detail for river and harbor improvements required for the ensuing fiscal year to the secretary of the treasury, to be included in and carried into the sum total of the book of estimates.

This quotation from the last Sunday Civil Appropriation bill, as it became a law and stands upon the statute books, explains the apparent prospect of a deficit in the fiscal year which is to begin on July 1, 1898.

A good deal of distress has been manifested in certain quarters over the figures of the report of the secretary of the treasury, which indicate a deficit in the next fiscal year. The people indulging in this distress will perhaps be gratified to know that the deficit is only apparent, and that the figures, which considered in the light of the paragraph cited, warrant the assertion that the next fiscal year will show a surplus of \$30,000,000 instead of a deficit of \$21,000,000. The explanation of this apparent deficit is found in a single line on page 12 of the secretary's report. It is as follows: "Public works, war department, \$65,400,409.81."

The above is the formal "estimate" for river and harbor improvements in the fiscal year in question, now required to be inserted in the annual estimates sent to congress by the secretary of the treasury. Prior to the adoption of this new requirement the secretary of war made his estimates of the amount required for the river and harbor improvement on the judgment of the chief of engineers. Now he is obliged to insert in the annual estimates every dollar that any and every subordinate officer in charge of the various improvements the country over may choose to name as the amount that can be "profitably expended" during the coming fiscal year.

Everybody familiar with the reports of officers in charge of river and harbor works knows that it is their habit to recommend the appropriation of large sums, usually two or three times as much as is expected to be obtained. It has also been the habit of the war department for many years to reduce to about one-third of their dimensions the estimates made by these subordinate officers.

An example of this may be found in the total estimates for river and harbor works sent to congress in December, 1891, to cover the expenditures of the fiscal year 1893, for which the secretary recommended an appropriation of \$113,208,303. On the very same page began a lengthy table which gave the detailed estimates presented for the various rivers and harbors, the total of these figures \$52,489,950. That table was preceded by the following note:

"River and harbor, showing the amount that can be profitably expended in the next fiscal year. The following statement is not furnished as a part of the annual estimates for the public service required by the act of March 3, 1875, to be presented by the secretary of war to the secretary of the treasury, but is inserted as a convenient and customary summary of items, taken from the annual report of the chief of engineers for the fiscal year 1801, showing, under the provision of the act of congress, approved March 2, 1867, the amount that can be profitably

expended in the next fiscal year on each of the works mentioned."

In this case it will be seen that the figures covering the "amount that can be profitably expended in the next fiscal year" were \$52,489,950, while the amount that was actually estimated was \$113,208,303. The result was that the total estimates in that year as they went to contain for river and harbor improvements on the condensed item of \$113,208,303, instead of the elaborate estimate of "profitable expenditures" amounting to \$52,489,950. This year, however, the law enacted by the last congress compels the secretary to put into the annual estimates the entire sum named in these statements of the "amount that can be profitably expended in the next fiscal year." The result is that the sum "estimated" for river and harbor works alone in the next fiscal year is \$65,400,409.81, while nobody expects that the appropriations will be more than one-third of this sum.

It is apparent that the actual appropriations for the fiscal year will be \$20,000,000 less than the estimated receipts, instead of \$20,000,000 more.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received by the county court for keeping the county charges for the week for the ensuing year. All bids must be filed with the clerk on or before the 5th day of January, 1898, at 9 o'clock a. m. Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A. M. KERSAY,
County Clerk.

VOGT Opera House

ONE NIGHT ONLY,

Friday, Dec. 24th.

HARRY MARTELL'S

South Before the War Co.

The press pronounces "The South Before the War" to be the greatest production of the present century.

The Cake Walk—not started to go as they please, but to please as they go.

Admission, 75 cts; Back Seats, 50 cts; Children, 25 cts. Reserved seats now on sale at Snipes-Kinersly's Drugstore.

Christmas Expenditures.

You can make your Christmas money go farther and make more satisfactory purchases by selecting from a line such as ours. Not only drugs, but the best line of desirable articles, the largest line of novelties appropriate for the occasion and the best goods in general.

Blahelley & Houghton

UP-TO-DATE PHARMACISTS,
175 Second Street, THE DALLES.

Christmas Improvements.

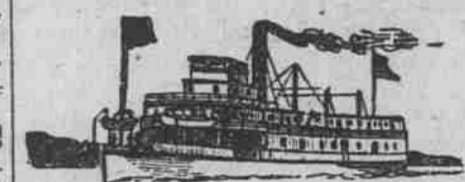


You want paper which makes your Christmas enjoyment greater. You want paper which makes your home pleasanter at all times. You need such shades and designs as will give more beauty and more comfort in your home. We show you styles that exceed any ever seen here at prices never attempted for such quality.

D. W. VAUSE, Third St.

Regulator Line

The Dalles, Portland and Astoria Navigation Co.



Sts. Regulator & Dalles City

FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE BETWEEN

The Dalles, Hood River, Cascade Locks and Portland daily, except Sunday.

DOWN THE VALLEY OR TO EASTERN OREGON?

If so, save money and enjoy a beautiful trip on the Columbia. The west-bound train arrives at The Dalles in ample time for passengers to take the steamer, arriving in Portland in time for the outgoing Southern and Northern trains; East-bound passengers arriving in The Dalles in time to take the East-bound train. For further information apply to J. N. HARNEY, Agent, Oak Street Dock, Portland, Oregon. Or W. C. ALLAWAY, Gen. Agt., The Dalles, Oregon.

WALL PAPER!

WALL PAPER!

Just Received

5000

Rolls of Wall Paper. The best patterns. The most beautiful colors.

New Invoice

of Paints and Oils. Any color or brand supplied.

Snipes-Kinersly Drug Co.

HARRY LIEBE, PRACTICAL

Watchmaker & Jeweler

All work promptly attended to, and warranted.

174 VOGT BLOCK.

Dr. GUNN'S IMPROVED LIVER PILLS
For People That Are Sick or "Just Don't Feel Well."
ONLY ONE FOR A DOSE.
Removes Pimples, cures Headache, Dyspepsia and Constipation. 25 cts. a box at druggists or by mail. Sample Free, address Dr. Gunns Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

BLACKWELL'S I WANT BLACKWELL'S DURHAM AND NO OTHER. SEE?

GENUINE DURHAM

You will find one coupon inside each two ounce bag, and two coupons inside each four ounce bag of Blackwell's Durham. Buy a bag of this celebrated tobacco and read the coupon—which gives a list of valuable presents and how to get them.

A Special Feature

Of The Chronicle office is the

Job Printing Department.

We have better facilities for doing artistic work in this line than any office in Eastern Oregon, and this branch of our business is in the hands of expert workmen.

We Challenge Comparison

both as to high grade work and reasonable prices.

Chronicle Pub. Co.

Wholesale

MALT LIQUORS, Wines and Cigars.

THE CELEBRATED

ANHEUSER-BUSCH and HOP GOLD BEER

on draught and in bottles.

Anheuser-Busch Malt Nutrine, a non-alcoholic beverage, unequaled as a tonic.

STUBLING & WILLIAMS.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at its flood leads on to fortune."

The post unquestionably had reference to the

Closing Out Sale of Furniture and Carpets

AT CRANDALL & BURGET'S,

Who are selling these goods out at greatly-reduced rates.

MICHELBAUGH BRICK. UNION ST.

O. R. & N.

TO THE EAST! GIVES THE CHOICE OF

TWO Transcontinental ROUTES!

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY. OREGON SHORT LINE.

VIA
Spokane Salt Lake
Minneapolis Denver
St. Paul Omaha
Chicago Kansas City

Low Rates to all Eastern Cities

OCEAN STEAMERS Leave Portland Every Five Days for

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Steamers monthly from Portland to Yokohama and Hong Kong via Northern Pacific Steamship Co., in connection with O. R. & N.

For full details call on O. R. & Co.'s Agent at The Dalles, or address W. H. HURLBURT, Gen. Pass. Agt. Portland, Oregon

TIME CARD.
No. 4, to Spokane and Great Northern arrives at 8:25 p. m., leaves at 9:30 p. m. No. 2, to Pendleton, Baker City and Union Pacific, arrives at 12:45 a. m., departs at 12:50 a. m.
No. 3, from Spokane and Great Northern, arrives at 9:30 a. m., departs at 9:25 a. m. No. 1, from Baker City and Union Pacific, arrives at 8:30 a. m., departs at 8:30 a. m.
Nos. 23 and 24, moving east of The Dalles, will carry passengers. No. 23 arrives at 5 p. m., departs at 1:55 p. m.
Passengers for Heppner take No. 2, leaving here at 12:50 p. m.

DOORS, WINDOWS, SHINGLES, FIRE BRICK, FIRE CLAY, LIME, CEMENT, Window-Glass and Picture Moulding.

H. GLENN.
Dalles, Moro and Antelope STAGE LINE.

Through by daylight via Grass Valley, Kent and Cross Hollows.

DOUGLAS ALLEN, The Dalles. C. M. WHITELAW, Antelope.

Stages leave The Dalles from Umatilla House at 7 a. m., also from Antelope at 7:30 a. m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Connections made at Antelope for Prineville, Mitchell and points beyond. Close connections made at The Dalles with railways, trains and boats. Stages from Antelope reach The Dalles Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 1:30 p. m.

RATES OF FARE.

Dalles to Deschutes	1.00
do Moro	1.00
do Grass Valley	2.25
do Kent	3.00
do Cross Hollows	4.50
Antelope to Cross Hollows	1.50
do Kent	2.00
do Grass Valley	3.00
do Moro	3.50
do Deschutes	4.00
do Dalles	5.00

J. S. SCHENK, President. H. M. BEAL, Cashier.

First National Bank.

THE DALLES - OREGON
A General Banking Business transacted
Deposits received, subject to Sight Draft or Check.

Collections made and proceeds promptly remitted on day of collection. Sight and Telegraphic Exchange sold on New York, San Francisco and Portland.

DIRECTORS.
D. P. THOMPSON, JNO. S. SCHENCK,
ED. M. WILLIAMS, GEO. A. LIEBE,
H. M. BEALL.

FRENCH & CO., BANKERS.

TRANSACT A GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS.

Letters of Credit issued available in the Eastern States.

Sight Exchange and Telegraphic Transfers sold on New York, Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco, Portland Oregon, Seattle Wash., and various points in Oregon and Washington.

Collections made at all points on favorable terms.