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A PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THE DALLES.

It is gratifying to note that a very creditable nucleus for a public library has been formed through the energy and persistence of some of The Dalles ladies. The list of books published in yesterday and today's CHRONICLE, is an unusually good one and contains many works not owned in the private libraries of the town.

The need of an institution of this sort has long been felt in The Dalles. Several years ago an attempt was made to form a public library, but the happening of the big fire of 1891 put an end to all efforts. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union at one time maintained a reading room and small collection of books; but there has never been any effort to conduct a public library which should contain the standard works, and procure the latest books of interest.

While the attempt of the Dalles ladies to provide for the need of a library is a modest one, yet THE CHRONICLE believes, if the present interest continue, it will grow and expand till the hopes of its promoters will be realized. As many as possible should be persuaded to join, until from the dues enough books are purchased to justify larger quarters. Then the city, or some generous friend, may donate rooms, and the library be a reality in deed as well as name.

The Commercial Club grew from a small beginning, till now it is admired all over the state; and who says it is impossible for The Dalles Library to follow the example? At any rate, let us all join in the attempt.

**POLITICS A BAD BUSINESS.**

Henry Blackman, D. M. Dunne's predecessor in the office of internal revenue collector, has had an experience in politics that will serve as an object lesson and a warning to young men who contemplate engaging in politics as a profession. At the time the craze for office took possession of Mr. Blackman he was a successful and well-to-do merchant of Heppner. He began his official career as member of the city council of Heppner, was afterward made mayor of that city and subsequently ran for joint senator of Morrow and Grant counties on the Democratic ticket. He was elected, defeating McHaley, the Republican candidate. Early in the spring of 1894 Mr. Blackman received appointment to the office of collector of internal revenue and he held this office four years.

Much credit is certainly due Mr. Blackman for his shrewdness and ability as a politician, and his efforts in that line have certainly been successful. He has captured every office he started after; but has the game been worth the powder? We think not. It cost him his business and a fortune of probably \$20,000. His experience is worth something, but wouldn't sell for ten per cent of what it cost. Mr. Blackman's advice to young men is to stick to business and let politics alone. As a profession it is unprofitable, demoralizing, precarious and unsatisfactory. —Pendleton Tribune.

The crop prospects in California are markedly different from what the future promises for Oregon. In our sister state there has been no rain in the San Joaquin valley, where three-fourths of all the state yield of

wheat is raised. The farmers are exceedingly downcast and predict that not one-half of the average crop will be harvested in 1898. In Oregon everything promises well; plenteous rain has moistened the earth, while the open winter of December and January has enabled a large acreage to be plowed. While, of course, it is yet too soon to do anything more than hope, yet the farmers of Oregon can work with renewed courage, feeling that the prospects are good for a large yield and a price which will allow almost every farmer to lift the mortgage, if he has one, on his home.

Spain is going to send one of her warships on a friendly visit to the United States. The Spaniards had better keep their toys of war in a safe place, as the indications promise that a few of them may run afoul of Uncle Sam's flotilla. A war with Spain is not among the things improbable, and should it occur, the betting on the outcome will be all one way.

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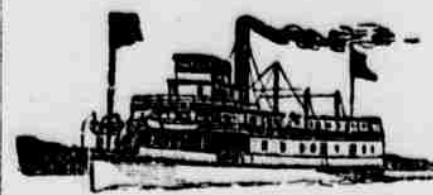
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M. S. EVANS,  
The Dalles, Or.  
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