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TELEGRAPHIC.

To Make Reparation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A special to the *World* from Washington says: There is the highest authority for the statement that the department of state has received from official sources, though informally, assures that the Chilian government will make proper reparation for the assault on the sailors of the Baltimore at Valparaiso. This knowledge has been communicated to the navy department, and as a result Secretary Tracy and Assistant Secretary Seely spent the day at the department. It was Christmas, preparing fresh orders to the United States war vessels in Valparaiso harbor or American ports. The statement telegraphed from Washington of late in regard to the alleged mobilization of a fleet of merchant vessels, to act as transports, has been authoritively denied. This declaration was made tonight by Assistant Secretary Seeley, who said:

The secretary has read these reports and has not regarded them as worth denying until the publication of a telegram from San Francisco, stating that Admiral Brown had chartered a large ocean tug, capable of carrying several guns and of being used in the transportation of supplies, etc., in case of war with Chili. There is absolutely no word of truth in their report. Equally baseless is the statement that the United States government is arranging to charter merchant vessels for transport or other purposes. I make this statement without reservation, and trust that it will not be misunderstood. Let me add a broader and more important declaration. There is not a single vessel in the United States now under orders for Chilian waters. There are two ships at present in Valparaiso harbor, the *Yorktown* and the *Boston*. The latter arrived there yesterday and has been promptly ordered to San Francisco. In a word, you may say authoritatively that not a single step of any kind is being taken by the United States looking towards a conflict with the Chilian government."

A Settlement Soon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The early settlement of the existing difficulties with Chili is confidently expected by officials here. What the nature of the settlement will be depends entirely upon the government of Chili. The policy of waiting adopted by this government for the reason that the difficulties that led to the present condition of things occurred under the administration of the provisional junta or government in Chili which might not represent in any degree the belief of the people when the matters are fairly put before them, but it has never been proposed or conceived even that Chili would not be held to a strict accountably for the unfortunate and wanton attacks by the Valparaiso mob upon the *Baltimore's* men, resulting in the death of two of them. That will be vigorously pressed at the proper time and in a proper way. That time has now arrived. To day the provisional government under President Montt, elected since the fall of Balmaceda and the success of the congressionalists. It has been hoped by President Harrison and Secretary Blaine that in the new cabinet minister of foreign affairs might be found a man who would not reflect views of the radical element in the country, which is evidently bent on refusing to make suitable reparation for the attacks upon the *Baltimore's* sailors and subsequent indignities heaped upon Minister Egan and occupants of the United States legation. This hope has been encouraged by the expressions of Minister Montt who, in all his communications with the state department, has given assurances of the pacific intention of the Chilian government. While it is true that these assurances have apparently not been borne out by the action of the people and the officials of Chili, Secretary Blaine has been content with them pending a change of government there

The Outlaws Hanged.

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 26.—The artillery detachment of the First regiment of state troops left here early this morning en route for the house where the Sims party were fortified in Choctaw county. Sheriff Gavins, Christmas morning, sent to Bisden Springs for a cannon. When Sims heard of this preparation to blow his stronghold to splinters, he looked at his woman folks and his heart misgave him. He began to parley with the sheriff, and at 2 o'clock he said he would surrender if the posse would protect him from mob violence. A meeting of the posse was held which lasted more than two hours. There was great excitement and much diversity of opinion, and at first the proposals of Sims was flatly refused. But the fact of the women being in the house was a strong point in favor of mercy to the inmates. The thought of shooting with cannon into a house harboring women was so repugnant that it overcame the wild longing for the blood of the outlaws. So at last the terms o Sims were accepted. At 4:30 Sims' men laid down their arms and came out of the house. The posse was astonished to see that instead of seven desperate outlaws, there were only two men and a boy, Bob Thomas Savage and young Savage, a nephew of Sims. Four women, Bob's wife and three daughters, came out also. The men were at once ironed and placed in a wagon, The women were placed in a second wagon under a guard, and at 5 o'clock the procession started for Butler, the county seat of Choctaw county.

THE OUTLAWS LYNCHED.

While the posse in charge of the party were en route to Butler, a mob of Choctaw county men overpowered the guard and hanged the three men. It is reported that another of the Savage boys was hanged at the same time. John Savage was hanged Christmas eve.

Military Preparation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The talk of possible trouble with Chili, although unofficial and unauthorized, has at no time been so general as it is at present among officers of the army and navy. The war department is forwarding recruits in squads of forty or fifty, as rapidly as possible, to fill the complement of regiments in the far west, and the Pacific coast. Gun carriages are being shipped to San Francisco in sections, and the guns will follow at an early date. Three ten-inch guns will probably be shipped early in January. The whole force at the Washington navy yard is at work turning out projectiles, and the men are kept at work day and night. General Schofield has been twice summoned before the cabinet and has given it as his opinion that if 10,000 men are sent out of this country it will be quite possible to fill their places in the regular army at home by temporary enrolments from the militia, a certain quota of regulars, equipped for actual service at the army posts, to be called for from each state. In case the 10,000 men transposed to Chila should not be enough, it is reported that the president may call for 20,000 volunteers for a year. Add to these facts and rumors the general understanding that the president will insist upon immediate and full reparation by Chili, and that several of Spreckels' steamers in his Australian and Hawaiian trade have been conditionally charted, the war talk so current here seems to have some apparent foundation.

Panic in a Theater.

LONDON, Dec. 27—The Royal theater in Gateshead, county Durham, was last night the scene of a frightful panic, in which, according to the reports received, at least ten persons were killed outright and many injured. The sight of a small blaze caused by a man dropping a lighted match on the sawdust which covered the floor, caused one woman to start the cry of "Fire." Immediately there was a wild rush for the doors, which, owing to the savage rush, became so blockaded that only a few succeeded in getting out. The staircase leading from the gallery also became blockaded. A check taker, who attempted to restrain the crowd, was crushed to death under foot. When the panic subsided the bodies of nine children, whose lives had been literally crushed out of them, were found lying on the staircase. A constable, who came to assist in the work of rescue, in dragging out a body among the struggling people, discovered it was the body of his own son. The attraction for the evening was the pantomime "Alladin." The theater was literally packed. The shout of "Fire" was raised at 10:30 o'clock, and instantly there was a dread confusion, in which, above all, was heard the shrieks of women, many of whom fainted. The lessee of the house, immediately stepping on the stage, shouted to the audience to remain seated assuring them there was no real danger. Many others attempted to restrain the mad rushes. Most of those on the first floor escaped. It was a sudden bend in the gallery staircase which caused the fearful jam. The people who had fallen and who were lying in heaps, screaming and groaning, were trampled upon.

A MASS OF WRITHING HUMAN BEINGS

At last so many struggling people had fallen that all passage for exit was effectually blocked by the mass of writhing human beings, and those still remaining on their feet were forced to seek other means of escape. The occasion was made doubly memorable by several acts of heroism. One man, who occupied a gallery seat, jumped from the gallery railings to the balcony below, and slid thence to the stage, all the time holding a child in his teeth. Other men rescued several women in a similar manner. In the meanwhile the fire was easily quenched. The police sought medical aid, and assisted in extricating the victims from the staircase, a matter of the utmost difficulty. One child, after calling out piteously, "Save me, save me," died before it could be reached. The news of the disaster spread rapidly, and soon thousands of frantic people were rushing to the scene to ascertain the fate of relatives or friends. Within a few hours all the dead were identified. With the exception of one, all were between the ages of 13 and 16. The members of the company escaped in their costumes, and when they returned to their dressing-rooms, found they had been robbed of their ordinary clothing. The lessee of the theater announces he will give the proceeds of the performance to the bereaved and close the theater pending an inquiry.

Waiting About Over.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—It is stated semi officially that the patience of the administration is nearly exhausted as developments in the Chilian situation seem to indicate a determination on the part of Chili to defy the United States. To submit to such a course will inevitably subject the president and his advisers to the charge, at home of trifling, and will encourage more serious manifestations of disrespect abroad. This American view of the case Secretary Blaine is now at work on. When it is finished the president will make it a part of a special message to congress, and besides this will present such a strong case against Chili that congress can take but one view of it. The letters and telegrams upon which the United States bases its claim will be published. The president will hold that the respect due the United States warrants very prompt and decided action. There is no doubt among foreign legations here whose opinions are of any consequence, that the United States must hold Chili responsible for the violence of its mob, or fail to perform its duty under international stipulations. This is known to be the view of the English, French Spanish and Russian representatives, and this sentiment has greatly strengthened the president in the course he intends taking.

Insane Asylum Fire.

PONTIAC, Mich., Dec. 26.—Fire was discovered in the north wing of the Eastern Michigan insane asylum at 11 o'clock this morning. The flames spread rapidly and with the limited facilities at hand the firemen were powerless. Fifteen minutes after the first alarm was sounded the occupants of the wing, 500 women, were turned loose. Screaming frantically with terror, the maniacs surged through the corridors, where the air was already filled with smoke. The flames were visible through it all, and the sight filled the demented creatures with terror. Some ran like wild animals, trampling their slower companions in their mad efforts to escape. Others, paralyzed with fear, stood rooted to the spot, with their eyes staring horribly into the roaring fire. The attendants performed deeds of heroism in their endeavors to rescue the helpless, rushing hither and thither, dragging the hesitating ones from the room. They drove the insane women into the open air. When some were once upon the outside, they would break and rush for the building again.

Lynching Continues.

SHULITA, Miss., Dec. 27.—The lynching still goes on. Two more victims, John Sims, the brother of Bob, and Mosley, a nephew, were both hanged last night. The lynchers are in hot pursuit of a negro who was with the Sims on the night of massacre. They have burned Bob Sims' dwelling, corn crib and all the houses on the place, and killed every thing to be found on the place except the family and they escaped to a neighbor's place. The Sims family say they are going to leave the country. The crowd continues to enlarge, and is fully 500 strong, hunting for Neil Sims. It is reported that he has together about forty men and intends to burn up Womack Hill to morrow. The bodies of Bob Sims and one of the Savages have been cut down and thrown over into the graveyard. John Savage, who was first lynched, is still hanging.

Disastrous Fire in Boston.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—The most disastrous fire which has visited this city since Thanksgiving day of 1889, occurred tonight, burning the brick building, 133-141 Federal street, and damaging it to the extent of $125,000. The building was occupied by Parker, Holmes & Co., and Hosmer, Cudding & Co., whose combined loss is estimated at $226,000. Fireman Loughland fell from the second story, sustaining fatal injuries. Several other firemen were slightly injured. The cause of the fire is unknown.

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

From Saturday's Daily.

The first sleigh of the season was on the streets to-day.

Major Downs, of the Pendleton *Tribune*, gave us a pleasant call this afternoon.

Our merchants report better sales during this Christmas than for many years past.

Gen. Jas. A. Varney, who has lately removed to Oakland, spent Christmas day in the city.

Snow fell to the depth of about six inches yesterday, and Christmas came with its proper adjuncts.

Even the justice courts are enjoying a recess during the holidays, and very little business is being trasacted.

Yesterday was generally observed by our citizens, minsters, editors, merchants, mechanics and laborers as a holiday.

There is a case of diphtheria in Goldendale, and as diseases usually become epidemic in that vicinity it is well for visitors to beware.

It is in order to-day to clean sidewalks, and, although this may destroy the fun of the small boy, it will be very convenient for pedestrians.

The chief of the Warm Springs Indians, of a former era, Nena Pratt, is in the city. He is a hale looking fellow, and is good for a number of years yet.

The compliments of the season the editor has received in many instances, and we take this occasion to extend our thanks to our many kind friends.

The officers of Wasco Lodge, A. F. and A. M. will be installed at Masonic Hall Monday evening, December 28th, at 8 o'clock. See notice elsewhere.

We learn from an exchange that the first *steal*-plate was discovered in 1830. It is not necessary to inform our readers that *stealing* was known long before this date.

From a cotemporary we learn, in its editorial column, that "the play is done, the curtain falls." We hope to hear something from this result that will be beneficial to the people in general.

Mr. L. G. Randall, special agent of the G. L. O. Interior Department, will be in the city to-morrow. Mr. Randall's object is to look after the interests of the land offices and other matters connected with the government.

The Christmass tree in the A. O. U. W. hall Thursday evening was attended by members and their friends. Every one present received some gift, and all departed well pleased with the entertainment. As Santa Claus, Paul Kreft was simply superb.

An alarm of fire was sounded about half-past 10 this morning, which proceeded from the frame public school house; but the flames were quenched in their inciperiency, although the fire department was quickly on the scene.

Four hoboes and one "drunk" found their way into the city jail last night. It was not a good way to spend Christmas night; but the force of circumstances were against them, and they took matters in a philosophical light.

Dufur *Dispatch*: The Dufur Water Company's pump was idle several days this week, owing to a broken cylinder rod, and it was repaired by Messrs. Carmichael and Anderson, but Warren claims all the credit because he blowed the bellows and gave advice. Gas is useful!

Our cotemporary, the Goldendale *Sentinel*, says: "We believe there's more sneezing to the square inch in Klickitat valley during the 'open' weather than you'll find elsewhere." Some of our neighbors should come over to The Dalles, and enjoy the paradise of a climate, experienced nowhere in Oregon.

For the first time for over a quarter of a century midnight mass was not celebrated at St. Peter's Catholic church, and because our city hoodlums created such a disturbance last year that the priest considered it not advisable to have any services. This is a sorry commentary upon the habits of our young people.

The union Christmas tree at the court house Thursday evening was attended by a large concourse of people, and every child of the three schools was properly remembered on the occasion, and even some of the older persons. A very entertaining programme of literary exercises was rehearsed before the trees were denuded of their gifts.

Eugene *Guard*: An old-fashioned gourd, over 300 years old, the property of the Hon. Eben Stewart, can be seen hanging from the wooden mantle in "the Old Log Cabin." It has been in the Stewart family over 160 years, Grandpa Stewart having brought it over the plains 40 years ago, and it is now being displayed in S. H. Friendly's window.

There are evidently some smitten with the tender passion from the following from the Dufur *Dispatch* of yesterday: "When you go to see her Sunday evening, go with affection in your heart, perfection in your manners and confection in your pockets." They have it bad at Dufur, and some remedy should be applied immediately.

W. W. *Statesman*: The high wind on Tuesday night raised old Nick; the electric lights went out about 8 o'clock through the wires crossing and becoming entangled. Professor Bell, the weather observer, is in a fix for the high wind broke the cable of his anometer; previous to that it registered the wind up to thirty-six miles an hour. He says it is as bad as his thermometer freezing and then bursting, for after it broke he could not tell what force the wind had, but thirty-six miles per hour is very satisfactory anyhow. The streets were strewn with branches of trees but we have not heard of any damage having been done.

According to reports made to the Oregon weather bureau, 15,000,000 bushels of wheat were raised in Oregon this last year. Clatsop county claims an average of 36.8 bushels to the acre, Wasco only 11.7. Linn's average is given as 22.4 and the total acreage 44 912, making the total yield about 1,000,000 bushels. Tillamook county only has 21 acres in cultivation. Clatsop county has 180. Umatilla takes the lead with 87.216. The showing is a good one. As the reports made are only estimates in most cases, compiled though from about 3000 sources, it is difficult to tell how reliable they are, but probably as responsible as those of any state.

From Monday's Daily.

Mr. W. J. Eschenbaugh, of Portland, was in the city Saturday.

Trains were blockaded in the Blue mountains yesterday by reason of snow.

Miss Gertrude French is spending the holidays with her parents in this city.

The holiday trade of our merchants has been better than for many years previously.

Mr. Chas. Michelbach, of Tacoma, is in the city. He is an important witness in the suit now before a referee regarding title to the Michelbach property, about a mile west of the city.

Mr. Geo. Marshall and Mr. Bert Daly are spending the holidays with Mrs. A. M. Williams in this city.

The hills are yet white with the mantle of winter; but the streets of the city are in a most deplorable condition.

Miss Jeannette Williams arrived home last Thursday, and will spend the holidays with her mother in this city.

Miss Carrie Davenport, who has been spending the Christmas holiday with her parents at Mosier, returned to the city yesterday.

Our weather for Christmas has been all that could be desired. A clear atmosphere, with sufficient frost to purify it of malarial influences.

Saturday night the elements were at war in this portion of the American continent, and the wind blew a hurricane and the rain fell in torrents.

The west-bound passenger train did not pass through The Dalles yesterday until 4 P. M. We presume the delay was caused by wash-outs on the mountain division.

Mr H. Herbring went to Sprague, Wash., yesterday. On Christmas day one of his store buildings was burned, and he made the trip to investigate the matter.

The following officers were elected last Friday evening by Columbia Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F.; A. Larsen, N. G.; G. A. Phirman, V. G.; H. Clough, secr'y; H. C. Nielsen, treas.

In our report of the drawing for prizes at E. Jacobsen & Co's store, an error was made by us. The number which drew the shaving set should have been No. 816, instead of No. 316.

New pipes are being laid from the reservoir to bluff residents, and very soon the Academy spring, which, according to the deed on record, is the property of the people, will no longer furnish a supply to water consumers.

Three boats have been plying on Snake river carrying out the grain from the Asotin country. The channel of the upper Snake was improved last summer, and now the people are reaping the benefit by getting their grain out in season.

The following officers were elected by Wasco Lodge, No. 15, A. F. and A. M. for the ensuing year: Geo. C. Blakeney, W. M.; D. L. Cates, S. W.; H. Clough, J. W.; O. D. Doane, sec'y; Geo. A. Liebe, treas.; R. D. Closter, tyler.

The new pipes necessary to be laid through the streets of the city is a complete endorsement of what the TIMES MOUNTAINEER said over a year ago, that $50,000 for the old plant of the water company was a most exhorbitant price.

There are 403 prisoners confined in the Walla Walla penitentiary. Of this lot 100 were sent from Tacoma. All of them since the close of brick making are idle. When the machinery is ready 200 will be employed in the jute mill. The rest will be put to work on the brick yard, Albertson with them.

La Grande *Gazette*: Satisfactory evidence has now come to light to show conclusively that Wm. Ashmead skipped the country for the purpose of defrauding creditors. He sold property which he had previously mortgaged and entered into other transactions that were not on the square, and his sudden disappearance is now fully accounted for.

Union *Republican*: On Tuesday night about 7 o'clock Mr. Ellis, agent at the depot, started out of the office and met a man who asked if he was the operator. When told that he was the man said he wanted to send a message. Just then Mr. Ellis saw another man behind him masked and he quickly backed into the door and slammed it shut with a spring lock. No more was seen of the foot pads.

A heroic example of woman's bravery was exhibited to-day, when a runaway team tearing down the street at a fearful speed, was stopped by a young lady wading out into the muck and mire of the street and compelling a halt to the frightened steeds. In Oregon we have heroines equal to those of any country, and the Maid of Saragossa, or Jean d'Arc, can be equalled by girls of The Dalles.

Fossil *Journal*: Last Friday Hugh Wilson's residence at Waldron was burned to the ground. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Trent were living in it. Mrs. Trent was alone at the time and after getting out a bed and three trunks, one of which belonged to Mr. Wilson, she started to Mr. Brown's but met her husband and Mr. Helms, who had seen the fire from a distance and were hastening to it. When they arrived Mr. Wilson's trunk and contents were destroyed and the others injured.

On Tuesday evening the Mic-mac whist club held its fourth meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Judd Fish. A very enjoyable time was had. The first prize was won by Mrs. Fred Houghton and the booby by Mrs. Waters. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Judd Fish, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lochhead, Mr. and Mrs. A. MacLeod, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Beall, Mr and Mrs. Chas. Hilton, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Houghton, Mrs. W. S. Myers, Mrs. Waters, Dr. Eshelman.

Localizer: The land along the Columbia river is most all taken and settlements are being made from Rock Island down wherever ten or twenty acres of bottom land can be had. Many of these claims will be set out in orchards and vineyards. The climate is similar to that of Wenatchee, but something less in altitude. There are several small streams putting into the Columbia that will afford irrigation for these fruit farms. There is little doubt that grapes and peaches will grow to great perfection along the Columbia.

Ashland *Record*: James Poole, of Canyonville, has been sentenced to the penitentiary for one year for collecting $10 from the county for a coyote scalp that was a dog's scalp. Twelve years ago he killed Jas. O'Neill and fled to Idaho, where he served a term in the pen for cattle stealing. Last year he was brought back to Douglas county and convicted of manslaughter, but the supreme court knocked it out on a technicality. The crime being so old it was never brought up again. Poole's two brothers are now in the Oregon pen for stock stealing. They are a hard family.

The custom of nailing a horse shoe over a door of a house or other building as a protection against evil spirits and as an assurance of good luck is widely over the United States and England. It also flourishes among the Teutonic and Scandinavian races, and has been recognized as far east as Hindostan. The horse shoe unites within itself three lucky elements—it is crescent shaped, it has been, or is to be connected with a horse, and is made of iron. Popular superstition has for ages endowed iron with protecting powers. The Romans are known to have driven nails into the doors and walls of their houses as antidote or as a preventative of the plague. The Arab who is overtaken by a simoon in the desert seeks to propitiate the Jinns by shrieking: "Iron! Iron!" Since time the Scandinavians have sought the river spirit, Neckaw, by sticking an open knife in the bottom of the boat, or driving a nail in the mast or oars. In the mythology of England the horse shoe has always been considered a "luck bringer."

From Tuesday's Daily.

Rain in copious quantities.

Miss Gertrude Meyer is spending the week in Portland.

In places to cross the streets a ferry would be very desirable.

Mr. S. L. Young left on the evening train yesterday on a short visit in Portland.

Mrs. P. E. Michell and daughter Ursa left on the noon train to-day on a visit to Columbus, Wash.

Miss S. G. Krehbel and Miss L. J. Slutz of the Wasco Independent Academy, are visiting in Portland.

Master Carl and Miss Nellie Tucker are spending the holidays with their father, Dr. Tucker, in this city.

Master Ray Logan, of Bishop Scott Academy, Portland, is spending the holidays with his father in this city.

Chinook winds prevailed last night, and this morning the snow had nearly all disappeared, and the gentle rain was falling copiously.

Last evening a public installation was held by Wasco Lodge, No. 15, A. F. and A. M., and was attended by Masons and their families.

There are 124,000 sheep in Umatilla county, and the stock inspector say they are in good condition regarding scab and other diseases.

Fossil *Journal*: Four inches of snow now lies on our streets; 'tis one day cold, another warm; we are again launched on that element of surprises—an Eastern Oregon winter.

Mr. Arthur Kennedy was a passenger on the noon train for Arlington, where he will take charge of the mechanical department of the new paper which will be issued in a few weeks.

The party given by Friendship Lodge, No. 9, K. of P., last evening was largely attended, and was decided to be one of the most enjoyable social gatherings ever held in The Dalles.

Among our visitors to-day was Dr. M. D. Morgan, who has recently located at Hood River in the practice of his profession. He is from Mississippi, and is perfectly charmed with our climate.

We received a call to-day from Mr. Geo. Herbert, the popular proprietor of the Hood River hotel. He reports the prosperous town on the banks of the Columbia as enjoying delightful winter weather.

The front wall of the FitzGerald brick building on Second street, which was greatly damaged by the fire of September 2d, fell down last night during the violent wind storm. It was badly cracked by the conflagration and rendered unsafe.

Grant County *News*: During a blinding snowstorm on the mountain last Sabbath the Monument stage driver lost his way, and wandered about for a few hours before finding the road. Even then he was compelled to come in afoot, and hunted his wagon the next day.

We have a piece of the $50,000 pipes of the old water company, and which has lately been replaced by new mains. This was the dearest purchase ever made by Dalles City, and is generally conceded such now by those who, a year ago, were very anxious for the purchase.

Moro *Observer*: On Wednesday the telephone line reached this place and the wire was attached to Moore Brothers' building in which the Moro office will be located. Mr. Massiker, the contractor, has been working faithfully so as to complete the job within the time specified in the contract. It is expected the line will be in operation in a few days.

One solitary, lonesome, inebriated individual occupied the city jail last night, and this morning very complacently reimbursed the city treasury to the amount of $10 and departed on his way. He has been before the city recorder on former occasions, and it is to be hoped he will make his visits less frequent.

Notwithstanding the hilariousness of the holidays the police and justice courts are very quiet. In making the rounds to-day nothing of importance could be learned with which to "point a moral or adorn a tale." Everything quiet and peaceful, and there appeared to be nothing to mar the harmony of the usual social relations.

Moro *Observer*: The new telephone line played sad havoc with Mr. R. Guthrie's buggy on Tuesday last. He was on his way to The Dalles and when he got near De-Moss Springs the telephone wire jerked loose from one of the poles and scared his team, with the result that one of the wheels of his buggy was broken and he had to proceed on his journey in a borrowed conveyance.

Mr. August Buchler was the fortunate winner of the celebrated painting of The Dalles, executed by Mr. Chris. Eisele, the German artist, whose reputation is well known all over the coast. As this is a correct picture of The Dalles before the fire of September 24 last, it is very valuable, as seventeen blocks, and some of the handsomest, were completely destroyed. The painting was purchased by the *gesang verein*, and by them raffled off on Christmas day.

Grant County *News*: From the number of scalawags and refugees from justice that have left Grant county between the light of two days during the past few months our neighbors are liable to form a bad opinion of the people over in these parts. Organ peddlers, sewing machine agents, preachers, lawyers, horse thieves, etc., from Grant county, have excited the comment of people in other places. In one sense the fact of them having gone is a credit to us as a county, for it shows that they have somewhat of a fear of our courts of justice, and that the good people are crowding them.

Fossil *Journal*: Quite a crowd turned out to the ciph