

ITEMS IN BRIEF

Hon. J. D. Lee, of East-Portland, is in the city.

Mr. O. L. Stranahan, of Hood River, is in town today.

Hon. W. R. Ellis, our congressman elect, came down from Hepper on the morning train.

Jim Corbett, the champion pugilist, will visit Oregon soon, and this will be one of the "greatest events of the season."

Mr. James McKay, of Champeau, is in town today.

Mr. S. J. Gilliam, of Santa Rosa, Calif., arrived in the city this morning from Ellensburg, Wash., where he has been visiting his brother, Mr. Newton Gilliam.

The river will continue to rise, notwithstanding the cold weather. It is now about seventeen feet above low water mark. It is much higher than it was last year at this time, but not as high as it was two years ago.

Vale Gazette: Considerable excitement has been manifested in Vale, last week in consequence of the prospective discovery of extensive coal fields about sixteen miles from here on the West side. The coal is of good quality and burns well. There is a large vein.

The first wolf of the season was received at Moody's ranch last Monday. It was from Mr. Joseph Southwell's band of sheep on Ten Mile, and shows a clear blue effect of the disease known as rabies. No sheep are quoted yet, and will not be until buyers visit this market.

Persons going to the Columbia exposition should bear in mind that the fair has paid 50 cents general admission fee, it would cost about \$37 additional to see all the exhibits or side shows. Both the fair and the exposition are well worth the visit.

Hon. S. M. Gilmore is quite sick at his residence at Rockland, Wash. He is a pioneer of Oregon. He has held many important positions in the state. Settling in Yamhill county in the early fifties he held there many years. He is now an old gentleman who will retain his usual health in a few days.

A young man named Lee Hummel was killed by a vicious bear on the mountain place of Lee Eldridge, ten miles north of Pendleton, says the East Oregonian, where he had been employed. The bear's teeth left leg were broken below the knee. Dr. Campbell was summoned from Pendleton and reduced the fractures.

Salem Journal: President Eddy, of the State Press Association, is in the city, and says the railroad has refused to make any arrangements for a general press excursion from Oregon to the world's fair convention of the National Press Association at Chicago May 15th.

Mr. Thomas Gray, of Sheri, an, recently bought of Mr. Davidson, of Albany, a little spinning wheel which was brought across the mountains to Oregon in 1857 by her mother, Mrs. Bewley. Mrs. Bewley sold the wheel, and it has changed several times since, but the spinning wheel is now in the hands of Mr. Gray. Mrs. Gray prizes it more for its family associations than for any intrinsic value it possesses.

The Dalles Electric Light and Power Company's new and enlarged works on the street will be completed in a few days by Messrs. Ecker & Landrum putting in their patent combustion storage and radiating furnaces, which is a portion of the contract for machinery made with Gregory & Co. As everything else about the new works is in harmony with the furnace, which is in harmony with the world, The Dalles plant will probably be without a superior for finish and excellence.

Mr. Frank Reynolds, of Lyle, Wash., is in the city. He says the rain fell here yesterday night, and the wind since has blown in Kilkittick county. Several immigrants from Virginia have arrived in the vicinity of the general store spring, and more are en route. They appeared well satisfied with the country and will doubt make very desirable accessions to the population.

The Waterville Index says the following: "If we are to have an extra session of the legislature, the members try to wipe off some of the disgrace inflicted on our state by erecting the grandstand, commissioning the architect and absurd indelicateness of its former work and then adjourn. If any member endeavors to introduce a bill for the sake of the good name of the commonwealth, 'shoot him on the spot!'"

Alston: A fire broke out in Ilwaco on Saturday morning at the residence of J. R. Gontler, secretary of the I. R. & N. Co. Before the blaze could be subdued an accident occurred which resulted in the death of Miss Bessie Gontler, who was in the house at the time. She was fortunately rescued after she had received slight burns. The property was not insured, but the damage was not great.

Salem Statesman: The state board of railroad commissioners was in session yesterday, and a report of the business that came before it. The decision in the accidental killing of J. J. Cavanaugh near Huntington, was that the blame could be attached to the railroad company. In the matter of the accidental deaths of Engineer Hans on the coast, Edward Williams, Motorist, and A. Barren at the Portland terminal yards, will not be decided upon until more evidence is obtained.

Last Saturday as Sam Kellher, the Grand Rapids, Clatsop county, mail carrier, and Mr. Suprenant, both on horseback, were coming from the bridge over the Olney, and near Cedar Falls, they were caught in a cub near in the road before them. They both sprang from their horses and gave chase. As it began to rain, the man caught by the tail and dragged it back, and Mrs. Suprenant stuffed his mouth full of sage and water, and he was crying. The cub was about the size of a shepherd dog.

The medal contest at the court house last evening attracted a fair audience, and the exercises were very entertaining. Renditions by the Alt club and by the classes of men and girls were of high quality. The contestants were Nellie Sylvester, Martha Stenning, Geo. H. Dufur, Enoch Morgan, May Seckler, Benard Green, Edward Williams and May Barrett. The judges, Professor Davis, Dr. Rinehart and Dr. Sandaker, retired, and after the momentous deliberation, awarded the medal to Edward Baldwin. Each of the contestants did well in the elementary exercises, and were highly complimented.

Three or four years ago a young man named Billeter took a train for Oregon City, was alleged to have stolen some chickens and turkeys to provide a Thanksgiving dinner for the Salvation army, and he fell into the toils of the law and was locked up in jail. Shortly afterward there was a jail delivery, by which the prisoners, including young Billeter, came out. He has just returned to appear before the grand jury of Clackamas county for the offense. He has been attending a theological seminary in Ohio, and the zeal of his religious society has been inspired him to clear up his record.

Three lady schoolteachers in coming to Tillamook tried to cross Three Rivers bridge Rock Creek in the morning. The wagon tongue broke, and as the water was very high and coming over the wagon box, they were in the water. The bridge was drowned. Fortunately A. B. Folland and others were near, and a rope was carried to the wagon, and they were rescued. The rope being made fast to a tree on the bank. After being in the water four hours, the ladies were rescued.

Mr. Worrick was held in the sum of \$100 to await the action of the grand jury for shooting blank cartridges at W. A. Shaw while returning to the city from a party in Salem Friday night. It reports are correct there may be a case for the grand jury to decide as for the letting of the train in relation to the action of the Capital Journal in relation thereto. There is no more dependable business than a newspaper can engage in than that of blackmail, and it facts are proved as alleged the punishment should be severe.

The examination of the applicants for the cadetship at West Point was held to-day at the court house.

Dr. Logan passed upon their physical condition in the morning, and afterwards they were given lectures on the subjects which they gave written answers. Each separate list of answers was numbered without the name appearing, and the correct consisting of Dr. Logan, Prof. Shelley and H. S. Wilson based their decision on the answers not knowing to whom it applied. The following were the questions: E. N. Johnston, Chas. G. Melton, Mrs. E. Baker, C. A. Bell, E. G. Zeller and Geo. B. Wallace, Portland; I. A. Johnson, Valley, Roy Glasgow, Heppner; F. E. Jones, Elbert, Henry Jones, Baker City; Geo. H. Dufur, The Dalles.

We are informed that the fruit prospects of Wasco county were never better than at present, and the number of blossoms promises a large crop. It is believed the cold weather last winter destroyed a large number of the scales, and with proper spraying next fall or winter this vicinity will be free from this pest. Ronie Schiano, who takes great interest in the fruit industry and who keeps thoroughly informed in horticultural matters, says that the weather is favorable for the present outlook. There will be a large yield of pears, apples and prunes, and the weather is favorable for the crop. Wasco county next season will do a large export of fruit, and the industry will be a good business and give employment to a number of laborers.

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