

ITEMS IN BRIEF

From Wednesday's Daily. Mr. W. J. Cantrell, of Tygh, is in town today. A chinook came out of the west last night, and today is calm and mild as spring.

Democratic Clubs Convention. The committee of credentials reported at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and the convention proceeded to business. As the matter of permanent organization was the first consideration before the convention this was done by the election of Hon. S. B. Huston, of Hillsboro, permanent chairman and H. Hayden, permanent secretary.

County Court. The following reports were appointed for the coming year for the road districts: District No. 1, Mel Leavens; No. 2, Geo. T. Prather; No. 3, Frank C. Sherrier; No. 4, Peter Orlid; No. 5, J. B. Rand; No. 6, Jos. Miller; No. 7, M. Dwyer; No. 8, G. B. Halvor; No. 9, Gorman S. Gid; No. 10, Alex. Fraser; No. 11, F. A. Sanderly; No. 12, E. K. Russell; No. 13, Fritz Clausen; No. 14, J. B. Havel; No. 15, H. M. Pittman; No. 16, J. W. Russell; No. 17, M. Kennedy; No. 18, R. A. Laughlin; No. 19, W. Ashby; No. 20, K. N. Steuber; No. 21, Frank Wagonhart; No. 22, John Driver; No. 23, S. M. Baldwin; No. 24, D. F. Crabtree; No. 25, John Ryan.

Some-Bodies. East Oregonian, a humorist, a farious south-west, a number of deep cuts, and something like 4,000,000 wagon loads of snow were a combination which looked out on the Union Pacific passenger train, No. 1, Portland-bound, Tuesday night. Inquiry as to the delay during the evening discovered the train was about four hours late. Later it was six hours late. Later it was twelve hours late. And in fact it was late all around. The train up from Portland was held in day in the hope that some more snow would be blown down through would open up the deep cuts near Neria Powder were loaded to the gunwale with hard packed snow. As fast as the crew threw it out the wind blew it in and for this three hours no progress was made. A snow plow came to the rescue and the train proceeded on its coming slowly along in the hopes of some time reaching Pendleton. Several feet of snow in the mountains at the summit are yet before it. At 3:30 this afternoon the east-bound train pulled out.

The Right Ground. The fight between the seventeen Democratic clubs in Multnomah county took a turn something after the scrap between Mitchell and Corbett, who finally selected Florida as their battle ground, there to have it out and leave all the odium of their meeting upon the heads of the people of that state. The Democratic clubs of this state came to the Dallas unsolicited. They had their fight, and finally departed for their respective homes, the consents of Hon. A. S. Bennett and J. H. Cradlebaugh were prevented from leaving the scenes of their difficulty in disgrace. It was Judge Bennett's tactics that finally restored order, and thus Waco county was in a measure excused from responsibility for the mess. This morning a delegation of ten members from the convention called upon Judge Bennett to thank him for his kind offers, and say to him that in future should the Democratic clubs of Oregon ever find occasion to do so, they would reciprocate the favor with interest.

A Notable Prisoner. Oregon Democrat. Elias Downard, who served a sentence of one year in the Oregon penitentiary a day or two ago. He was sentenced from Umatilla county on conviction of obtaining money by false pretense in Pendleton. It seems he was agent for a house and was charged with the same. He had two different parties for the same month, collecting the month's rent free from each of them. The sum collected was only \$10. But the old gentleman was convicted and sent to prison. He had not been in the penitentiary long before he was made a trustee by superintendent Downing. His conduct was so commendable that his term of service was considerably shortened by credit marks. Now there is a move on foot to have him restored to the old man to citizenship. Mr. Downard is an old newspaper man. He worked for years on the Boise Statesman and Walla Walla Statesman. Superintendent Downing says he ought never to have been sent to the penitentiary.

Real Estate Transfers. Jan 9—Hood River Townsite Company to Robert Rand; lots 1, 2 and 7, block 17, Hood River; \$311. Jan 9—T. A. Ward, sheriff, to F. F. Moody; lots 1 and 2 of sec. 21, T. 15 S., R. 3 E., Jan 9—Robert Rand and wife to Mrs. C. F. Allen; lots 1, 2 and 7, block 17, Hood River; \$300. Jan 4—D. M. French and wife to Nancy Cooper; lots 2 and 3, Gates addition to Dallas City; \$2200. Jan 10—Mazelin B. Perry to Lettie J. Perry; lot 4, block F, in first addition to Hood River; \$1. Jan 9—C. H. Hill to W. F. Lockwood; sq. of ac. sec. 22, T. 1 N., R. 13 S., Jan 10—J. J. Dufur and wife to J. H. Johnston and W. L. Vanderpool; blocks 11, 12, 13, 14, 20, 21, 22, 27 and 28, fourth addition to town of Hood River; \$1.

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