

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

From Tuesday's Daily. Today the land office received a timber cuture proof from James A. Gordon for the sec. 14, tp. 1 s., r. 20 e. Also a homestead proof from John H. Demaris for sec. 23, tp. 13 s., r. 11 e.

Dr. Logan returned last night from Portland accompanied by his son, Jay, who has returned from Stanford University, where he is pursuing a course of study, to spend the holidays in the Dalles.

Mr. Henry Fiege left this afternoon for San Francisco, where he expects to reside in the future. Mr. Fiege has many friends in this city all of whom regret that he has determined to make a change of residence.

Col. Smett says the brigade which he is enlisting will not be satisfied with defending the Cascade Locks, but will go right to the front, where shot and shell are the thickest, in case this country is invaded by the British.

Mrs. R. A. Shull, of Walla Walla, desires information regarding the whereabouts of her niece, a daughter of Sidney Hull, now dead. Mrs. Shull believes her niece resides in or near The Dalles, and desires to correspond with her.

Charlotte Kohn, of Portland, one of the most wholesome girls in the state, never forgets his friends at Christmas time, and has presented Mr. and Mrs. Ban Wilson, of this city, an elegant China tea set as a Christmas remembrance.

There are at least four persons in Wasco county who will appreciate observing Christmas. They are Mr. J. H. Hallett and Miss Emma A. Palmer, Mr. D. C. Lemerson and Miss Susie J. Adams. License to wed were issued to them today.

The decorations at the Army are being put up, and display both taste and patriotism on the part of the regiment officers who have the grand hall in charge. The decorations consist of flags, bunting and evergreen wreaths.

A case of diphtheria is reported in the city. A little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. French is afflicted, but the attending physician, Dr. Southwick, says the case is not in a malignant form, and as it has been thoroughly quarantined, there is no danger of its spreading.

Don't overlook the fact that the officers of the Third Regiment will give a grand ball at the Armory tomorrow night. The musical programme to be rendered by the orchestra tomorrow will be one of the drawing features. Refreshments will be served by that popular caterer to epicures' palates, Mr. Andrew Keller.

While Portland epicures are feasting on Christmas beef from Eastern Oregon, we of The Dalles can also enjoy something delicious in this line. In Woods Bros' market are hanging two bores that were killed yesterday, each of which dressed over 1200 pounds. Their carcasses look like those of elephants.

Mr. Otto Birgfeld and wife, of Portland, will return to the metropolis on the afternoon train tomorrow, after having taken Christmas dinner with Mr. B's brother, the professor. Mr. Birgfeld is soliciting agent for the Gambrian Brewery of Portland, and during his stay of a few days in the city has secured a number of large orders for the house he represents.

A correspondent at Dufur writes that a happy wedding was solemnized at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Vanderpool near that place on the evening of Dec. 18. The contracting parties were Mr. M. Sigman and Miss Eva Vanderpool. A number of friends of the family were guests at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Vanderpool to join in congratulating the happy couple and partake of the sumptuous wedding feast.

Last night the drawing for Mr. Stuhling's horse and buggy took place at the Farmers' and Stockmen's Exchange, No. 18, held by Mr. J. B. Crossen, was the lucky number that won the prize. It was a fortunate termination of the drawing, since Mr. Crossen has retired from business, and has plenty of time for pleasure at his disposal. As soon as the roads settle we expect to see Mr. Crossen drawing the reins over the fine animal which he won and heartily enjoying the result of his good fortune.

From Thursday's Daily. Mr. Emil Schanno went to the Locks on the Regulator this morning. Mr. S. F. Blythe, editor of the Hood River Glasier, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. Harry Gilpin, a prominent farmer of Columbia precinct, is in the city today.

The Geo. Watkins property in this was sold today under execution to J. L. Kelly for \$100.

Gradually the snow disappears. A few days more of warm weather and it will all be gone.

Thomas Stricklin will be given a trial before Justice Davis this evening on a charge of assault and battery.

Lieutenant Surgeon Broadus, of Hood River, spent Christmas in the city, and attended the ball last evening.

Today Nancy B. Whitten made final proof before the register and receiver on a homestead located in sec. 24, T. 2, R. 12 e.

Mr. A. G. Hall, of Cascade Locks, spent Christmas in the city, and returned home on the Regulator this morning.

The popular firm of A. M. Williams & Co. kindly remembered the TIMES MOUNTAINEER with a Christmas offering this morning.

Gov. Moody and daughter, of Salem, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moody, of Portland, spent Christmas day with relatives in this city.

The mud in the streets does not present an attractive appearance, but it is more attractive than the snow that covered the ground a few days ago.

Two hobos were given a leave of absence by the city authorities this morning. "More or" is the word given to them when they arrive in this city.

The last document issued by the county clerk before closing his office for Christmas was marriage license to Mr. Gust W. Johnson and Miss Bertie Wisberg.

COL. DAY HAS RETURNED.

He Re-asserts That the Locks Will be Opened March 1.

Col. John G. Day, one of the contractors having in charge the completion of the government works at the Cascade Locks, recently returned from Washington, and was in Portland yesterday. When interviewed by a representative of the Oregonian, he gave the statement that the locks would be completed on March 1. Concerning his interview with Col. Day, the Oregonian says:

His business as the national capital was to secure some intelligent construction of the terms of his contract, and also to present to congress his claim for expenses incurred in protecting the work at the locks during the prevalence of the high water, in 1894.

Col. Day says that the bid of the contractors was made on quantities, prepared after the most careful estimates had been made by Major Thomas E. Handbury, a well-known and highly esteemed officer of the United States engineering corps. Under the ruling of Major Post, an attempt was made to reduce the quantity of subaqueous excavations by about 60,000 cubic yards, and to this action Col. Day demurred, and the controversy over this particular phrasing of the contract was what called him to Washington.

"The error committed by Major Post," says Colonel Day, "and the flagrant violation of the terms of contract were so manifestly apparent that I confidently expect a favorable result in my behalf when a bill of particulars is filed with General William F. Craighill, chief of engineers, for official consideration."

Commenting on the action of Major Post, Colonel Day says, "His attitude toward the contractor is the completion of the locks has been unfeeling in the extreme, and not at all creditable to the corps to which he is attached. So far as the contractors are concerned, they have met all requirements, observing every particular, and they ask no consideration which they are not justly entitled to. Such trouble as has occurred is directly due to the offensive egotism and attendant interference on the part of Major Post."

In substantiation of this, Colonel Day says that during the high-water of 1894 he expended voluntarily, on the strength of his faith in the integrity of the government, the last dollar he and his associates had in order to protect the incomplete work.

Colonel Day expects soon to return to Washington, and will be connected with his contract, but he intends to return in time to see the first boat pass through the locks on March 1, the date set for that event, unless some upward accident prevents the fulfillment of the plan.

A LONG TERM.

The November Term of Circuit Court for Wasco County.

The November, 1895, term of circuit court for Wasco county was indeed a long and expensive one, but there was a very large amount of business transacted, nearly double the amount that has ever been transacted at any previous term during the same length of time.

There were ninety-four cases on the docket, all of which were disposed of except eleven, these being continued. Court was in session twenty-six days; that is the jury was detained that length of time, and in the trial of a number of criminal cases, it was necessary to issue special warrants for jurors, the jurors of the regular panel being disqualified, by having fixed opinions regarding the merits of the cases at issue. In all there were fourteen cases tried out before juries, ten criminal and four civil. Two of the criminal cases were for murder and three for arson, one of the arson cases (that against Deaton) being tried twice.

In the case against Lewis, convicted of arson, all of the witnesses, of which there was a large number were brought from Adelpheo, a distance of 70 miles. The case against Jackson, of Cascade Locks, and that against Rothenbuhl, of Hood River, were also very expensive, the witnesses having been brought from long distances.

This term, while it cost the taxpayers of Wasco county \$4764.05, was conducted as expeditiously as possible, and when the volume of business transacted is taken into consideration, was no more expensive than the ordinary term of court. And since all but eleven of the cases on the docket have been disposed of, the February term should be comparatively inexpensive, that is, if an unusual amount of criminal business does not come up between now and the beginning of the term.

County Clerk Kelsay has very kindly furnished us a segregated statement of the expenses incurred by the November term, which is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Grand Jury, Circuit Court, District Attorney, Extra Deputy Sheriff, Bailiff, Report, Interpreters, Total.

OLD VETERANS RESPOND. Col. Smett Reorganizing His Regiment to Defend the Nation.

Having just received intelligence from headquarters that in case of war with Great Britain, the Cascade Locks will be one of the first points attacked, Col. Smett is busy reorganizing his old regiment, and expects to hold them in readiness to receive marching orders at a moment's warning.

The Colonel's patriotism is thoroughly aroused, and he is determined that no "bloody Englishmen" shall ever gain possession of the locks, the key to the inland Empire, and unless he is repulsed, no fill vacancies in his regiment caused by desertion and death. The old veterans to a man are responding to his call with an alacrity that is admirable. Captain Lewis was the first to tender his services, and will occupy a position on the colonel's staff. Lieutenant Myers, of Blalock, has offered his services, and will be promoted to a captain, while Corporal Jackson will be advanced to a first lieutenant, and other promotions will be made as rewards for gallant services and deeds of honor in the past. Col. Smett is a member of the national staff, and is being ranked and filed in his comrades in arms, and will be ready in a few days to repel the belligerent Britishers.

TO HELP THEMSELVES. Arlington Moves in the Matter of Building a Portage Road.

On the 16th a meeting was held in Arlington, the purpose of which was to effect the organization of a company to build a portage road around the dalles of the Columbia. The meeting was largely attended by representative men from different sections, and articles were adopted incorporating the Columbia River Portage and Navigation Company with a capital stock of \$250,000, in shares of \$10 each, the principal place of business to be located in The Dalles. Committees were appointed to solicit stock and to perfect the incorporation, and our informant states that subscriptions to stock will be solicited in all the counties adjacent to the river. He anticipates that at least \$25,000 will be taken in each of the counties of Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow and Umatilla, also that \$50,000 will be taken in Portland.

For some time past the people of Arlington and vicinity have been agitating the question of a portage road, and have secured estimates from engineers of the probable cost of construction and rolling stock, which is placed at \$25,000, not including rights-of-way. Whatever may be the outcome of this move, it is an effort in the right direction, and we believe it will meet with substantial encouragement from this city.

CHRISTMAS IN THE DALLES.

It was Generally Observed by the Residents of This City.

Seldom has the holiday season been ushered in under more favorable circumstances in this city than it was this year. The ordinary rigors of winter were absent, the temperature more nearly resembling spring than in any previous season. The return of business activity aroused a general feeling of generosity, hence there was no sting in the kindly remembrances of friendship and affection. Many homes were made brilliant with private Christmas trees, which were beautifully decorated, and fruits with which they were laden sent many a thrill of joy to the hearts of those who were the recipients of kind remembrances from the ones who recognize that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Nature was exceptionally kind in its bestowals on Christmas day, for the morning opened bright and warm, and although a stiff breeze was blowing, it was not uncomfortable. Notwithstanding it was pleasant out, few people were on the street, for Christmas is a home day, and the majority of the business houses in the city were closed in order that both proprietors and employees could enjoy the comforts of home surroundings with their families. And it required but a walk through the residence portion of the city to show that it was so observed. Through the windows of homes everywhere the pedestrian could see the Christmas trees that had sent joy to the hearts of little ones who were, in fact, indeed on the streets he observed the children gathered here and there exhibiting what Santa Clause and indulgent parents and friends had contributed toward making the day one to be long remembered.

The Salvation Army too gave a tree at the Baldwin in the evening, while presents for the less fortunate residents of the city were distributed. This was largely attended, and while the gifts bestowed were not elaborate, they were substantial, and none the less appreciated by those who received them.

All in all Christmas passed off very pleasantly in The Dalles, and the holiday season of 1896 thus happily closed, it is to be hoped, foretells happiness and prosperity to its citizens the coming year.

The Third Regiment Ball. Christmas festivities in this city were very appropriately concluded with the grand ball given the officers of the Third Regiment at the Armory. That spacious building was handsomely decorated with pennants and evergreens gracefully hanging from the center of the ceiling to either corner of the room, and on either side of the entrance to the stage were two large flags drawn back in the manner which is customary in the case of the officers of the company, accompanied by an escort, passed down the center of the hall and planted the regimental colors on the stage. Mr. J. H. Cradleigh was called forward, and in his customary suave manner delivered a five-minute address which with letters and happy remarks touching the responsibilities resting upon our nation's defenders, the state militia. Following Mr. Cradleigh's address came the grand march, led by the boys in blue, on whose arms rested the beauty of the city. This first ball of the regiment was a pronounced success in every detail, nothing having been omitted that tended to promote the pleasure of all present.

NEWS BOILED DOWN.

Extracts From the Dispatches and Exchange.

The storm on Puget Sound yesterday did considerable damage to shipping.

A heavy wind storm prevailed throughout the east yesterday, doing great damage to telegraph and telephone lines.

The Seattle chamber of commerce has prepared a memorial to congress setting forth the need of fortifications on the Sound.

M. J. Clump, ex-treasurer of Clallam county, has been taken to the Walla Walla penitentiary to serve six years for embezzlement.

It is rumored that President Cleveland will sign the tariff bill passed by the house yesterday if it succeeds in passing the senate.

The tariff bill prepared by the new ways and means committee passed the house yesterday. It is expected that the new bill will raise \$40,000,000 additional revenue provided it becomes a law.

A delicate little 6-year-old girl arrived in Grant's Pass, from Walpeter, N. D., Sunday all alone. A shipping tag attached to the collar of her cloak reads: "Mabel Lortz to Mary Halleck, Grant's Pass, Or." She had evidently been kindly cared for on her journey, and reached her friends all right.

Nancy Grant, daughter of Sandy Grant, of Wedderburn, while recently loading a pistol to fire at a hawk that was making an onslaught on the chickens, was badly wounded. A cartridge exploded, the bullet striking the girl in the thigh, passing through the leg, just missing an artery and causing the bone.

The station at Hartford Junction, in Saccharine county, was broken into on Christmas eve by unknown persons, supposed to be tramps. They gained an entrance by cutting a hole in a pane of glass, and raising a window, found the safe empty, as Mr. Bigelow had taken the money home for the night. They left away with them an express package of considerable value.

HALLETT-PALMER-As the pastor of the Union Street Church, of this city, Mr. John H. Hallett to Miss Emma A. Palmer, Dec. 27th.

JOHNSON-WEBBER-By W. C. Curtis, pastor of the Congregational church, of this city, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 24th, at the residence of Mr. J. B. Crossen, Mr. J. B. Crossen, of Hood River, and Miss Susie Adams, of The Dalles.

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LEMMEBSON-ADAMS-In this city, Dec. 25. Mr. D. C. Lemmerson and Miss Susie Adams.

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