

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

From Wednesday's Daily.

L. O. Paquet is in from his farm at Oak Grove.

Capt. Coe and T. C. Dalles, of Hood River, are in the city.

Rev. Father Brock will hold services at Kingsley next Sunday.

Vern Bauer has been appointed guardian of the estate of Jacob Bauer, who is insane.

Mrs. J. M. Noll, of Dufur, went to Hood River today to visit relatives living in that city.

Miss Beeson Cram leaves tomorrow for Oregon City to spend the winter with her brother's family.

Hot clam broth served at the Orofino every afternoon from this date on until warm weather shall make it no longer a desirable beverage.

The ice in the river has broken away between Crates point and Klidat's, there being open water from the latter place to the mouth of Klidat.

R. C. Wallace, of Rufus, is in the city. Mr. Wallace says the snow has about all disappeared from the mountains of Rufus, and the river at that point is clear of ice.

Farmers on Tygh Ridge will begin plowing within a few days if the weather remains favorable. The snow has all gone in that section and the ground thawed out.

Small boats have been crossing the river between here and Rockland all day, but there is still too much ice running to allow the ferry boat to venture out into the stream.

The concert postponed on account of the storm, is now arranged for Dec. 30, by the Aid society of the Congregational church. A rehearsal of the chorus parts is called for Saturday evening, Dec. 12.

In another column the Salvation Army asks assistance to carry out their Christmas offerings. Their object is a worthy one, and should be encouraged by those who have abundance.

Capt. John Donovan reports an ice jam on the river reaching from Meenies Island to the mouth of Klidkat. If the jam is as extensive as Capt. Donovan reports nothing but a heavy wind will take it out.

This morning Judge Bradshaw committed James Zirka to the reform school at Salem. Young Zirka is only about 12 years of age, but has become unmanageable, and a term under the strict discipline of the reform school will no doubt be beneficial.

Hon. John Mitchell went to Portland on the afternoon train. Mr. Mitchell went below on official business connected with the order of Red Men. He is junior Senator from the grand district of Oregon, and with the great sachem and senior sagamore will visit all the tribes in the state.

Last night W. C. Powers, a conductor on the Mount Tabor car line in Portland, was fired on by two men concealed in the waiting room at the end of the line and was severely wounded. The assailants evidently intended to rob him, but he got on his car before they could accomplish their purpose. The robbers escaped in the dark.

Things are not as they should be when apples are brought from New York to Oregon, but the average Oregon product though they will not compare with the best quality produced elsewhere.

A rather peculiar case has been commenced in Justice Filloon's court, growing out of an election bet. Silas Osborn made a wager of \$20 that McKinley would not carry Oregon by 2000 plurality, the stakes being deposited with Judge Filloon. Since T. C. Dalles, one of the McKinley electors received over 2000 plurality, while the others did not, Mr. Baker is undecided as to who won the bet, and desires that the matter shall be decided by the court.

The "bucket-shop" business in Salem has brought the proprietors into trouble, as well as its patrons to grief. The Western Union Telegraph Company is also implicated in the extent of relieving its manager, E. S. Eller, today, and placing E. C. Holzinger in charge. The proprietors of the "bucket-shop" are E. P. "TK" Kingdon and James Bestger. It seems a thriving business has been done lately, and there have been some pretty heavy losses. There are allegations of fraud, which is charged, and quite possibly the bogus dispatches that the Western Union manager permitted to be sent out on the office blanks. The "bucket-shop" business is one of the worst styles of what gambling, and it will not be amiss if the proprietors get into the pen.

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Hon. W. C. Brock, of Wasco, is in the city.

Miss V. Wick left last night for her home at Dayton, Wash.

Judge Bennett, Dr. Doane and T. A. Hudson returned on the noon train from Portland.

The Baker City Democrat says that the jail is the only vacant building in that city at present.

The Regulator left the Cascades today for Portland, carrying the freight from the Dalles City.

John Cowdell, an old resident of Antelope, died at that place last week from the effects of dropsy.

The skating rink is the grand attraction these nights. Large crowds of skaters assemble every evening.

Leon Roudsaw is in from Kingsley today. He reports some of the farmers on Tygh Ridge having begun plowing.

The coming attractions at the Vogt are Katie Putman on Dec. 16th and the St. Perkins combination on the 23th.

On Saturday evening, Dec. 26th, the Elks of this city will hold a social session. It will be exclusively for Elks and their ladies.

The ferry began running this morning between The Dalles and Rockland, the ice having cleared away so as to make river navigation safe.

District Attorney Murphy accompanied the Taff Jury to Collio this morning and returned with them to Portland on the afternoon train.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Deitzel left on last night's train for St. Louis, Mo. From there they go to Carlyle, Ill., to spend the remainder of the winter.

Cubans place little credence in the reported death of General Nacoo. They claim it is a Spanish "fake" to create a prejudice against the Cuban cause.

Harvey Belknap and Lee Ward arrived last evening from Prineville after freight for merchant at that place. They will load today and start for home tomorrow.

W. C. Alloway went to Cascade Locks this morning to look after the D. P. & A. N. boats. It was the intention to take the Dalles City to Portland today to have her put in repair.

The ice gorge between The Dalles and Klidkat's went out sometime during the night as did also the jam between Klidkat and Memorial Island, leaving the river clear from here to Portland.

J. Y. Todd came in yesterday from the Warm Spring Agency. He says the snow has all disappeared from that section, the ground has thawed clear down to bedrock, and the roads are next to impassable.

J. M. Howard, the Junction City merchant and farmer, has made an assignment to W. S. Lee, of Junction City, for the benefit of his creditors. Mr. Howard's liabilities are \$12,937.53 and his assets, \$8,425.

The city council of Union has passed an ordinance prohibiting boys and girls from loitering on the streets between the hours of 7:30 p. m. and 5 a. m. such an ordinance should be passed by every city council in the state.

Eight cash entries were made at the land office yesterday and today. Settlers are making a grand rush for land within the railroad limit at present, since the date on which purchases may be made expires on Dec. 31.

Attention of readers is called to the liberal offer made on another page to furnish winter reading with THE MOUNTAINEER. Renew your subscription now and get two books and two papers extra.

The jury in the case of the government against I. H. Taff came up on last night's train in charge of Deputy U. S. Marshal Humphrey, and went up on a special this morning and looked over the ground which the government seeks to condemn for the boat-railway.

John Donohue, for many years proprietor of the Baldwin restaurant and one of the most popular hosts ever in the city, has bought the Clarendon restaurant, taking charge this morning. Jack is now better prepared than ever before to cater to the demands of the public.

In some parts of the country there are in circulation counterfeit silver dollars made from a good dollar into two parts, and counterfeited on each half the missing part in base metal. They are so cleverly made that by casual inspection they can not be told from genuine coin.

Mrs. Lizzie Wiggins, of Medford, wife of Dr. L. Wiggins, deputy stock inspector of Jackson county, under the new administration, published an official notice in the Jefferson paper warning any person selling her husband intoxicating liquors, that she will prosecute them to the full extent of the law.

Judge Mayes is still in a critical condition, and fears he will not be able to attend the convention of county judges to be held in Portland on the 15th. In event of his inability to attend he has designated County Clerk Kelsey and School Superintendent Gilbert as the representatives of Wasco county at the convention.

There is danger that if the present warm spring-like weather continues for a few days it will cause the buds to start on the trees and when another cold spell comes, as it surely will, the fruit prospects for the next season will be greatly endangered. It would undoubtedly be better for the country to have our winter all at once and not in broken doses.

Farmers who have been in the city from different parts of the country after the recent cold weather did no damage whatever to fall grain. It was well covered with snow during the extreme cold, hence was well protected from the freeze. Should an extreme cold spell occur now, since the snow has gone off and the ground is thoroughly soaked with water, they say grain would suffer.

Surveyor-General Habersham has received notification from the commissioner of the general land office that the survey of W. E. Campbell's contract, in the land grant of the Willamette Valley, Cascade Mountains, Wasco River Company, has been approved. Of the five contracts for surveying lands in that grant last year, this is the first to be approved. Two have been rejected and one has not been heard from.

A grand skating carnival will be held on Saturday night, Dec. 30. The management will be under the personal supervision of John S. Booth, and many novel features will be introduced which will make it the affair of the season. Those who remember how successfully the military ball of last year was managed by Mr. Booth will be heartily welcomed by the management of this carnival being a grand success. The list of prizes, which will be very elaborate, will be announced later.

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just finished building a new hotel in Prineville, and is here for the purpose of buying furniture and fixtures for the new hostelry.

A man named Hunger allowed the appetite which his name would imply get the best of him in McMinnville the other day and stole a lot of sugar. As a result he rests within the county jail at present.

Miss Anna R. Thompson has just closed her third term of school in Ramsey precinct, near Dufur, and has returned to her home in this city. Miss Thompson has proved to be a very successful teacher.

The many friends of R. E. Saltmarsh will be pleased to learn that he is once more able to leave his room. Mr. Saltmarsh is still quite feeble, but can get about the streets, and was down to his office today.

A Silver City miner named Murray was held up and robbed of \$50 in Baker city night before last. Murray had been drinking heavily, and made a display of his money that attracted the attention of a thug who relieved him of his purse.

H. Brenner, a merchant of Huntington, arrived in the city last night en route to Oregon City. Mr. Brenner came by way of Burns and Prineville, and reports the roads good through the country which he passed until he reached the Deschutes.

Wm. R. Mascall, of Daville, one of the largest sheep raisers of Grant county, is in the city. Mr. Mascall has his 1896 wool clip stored in The Dalles, and is here for the purpose of making a sale, but is not willing to let it go at the ruling prices.

Only 30 days more to secure Herrin's photos. After that time Mrs. Herrin will leave The Dalles for an extended visit in Southern Oregon. Bargains in photographs now duplicated. Cabinet photos, only \$2.00 per dozen, until Jan. 1st 1897.

The Dalles City is in readiness to start from Cascades to Portland this morning, and it is supposed that she was taken in tow by the Regulator and taken down the river today, though no news has been received from the boats at the time of going to press.

Temple Lodge, A. O. U. W., will give a social on Thursday evening, Dec. 17th, to the brothers and their gentlemen friends. All brothers are requested to make special invitation to those who are likely to become members of the order. By order of committee.

The Tacoma News says there are fully 100 applicants for the position of state librarian, and each is confident that he will be selected. There are 116 applicants for fish commissioner, among whom are 46 ministers of the gospel who seek to emulate Peter and John of old.

C. A. Heath, a prominent farmer of Grass Valley, is in the city. Mr. Heath says the fall sown grain in his section is beginning to come through the ground and should a severe cold spell occur now, since the snow has disappeared, will be liable to considerable damage.

Geo. W. Staver, of the firm of G. W. Staver & Co., one of the best known business firms of Portland, died at his desk in the office of the firm yesterday morning at the age of 60 years. He was in perfect health when he entered the office a few minutes prior to his death.

J. C. Crome, of the American Type Foundry Co., is in the city, returning from Rossland, B. C., to Portland. Mr. Crome is of the opinion that Rossland and Trail are destined to become the greatest mining camps in the Northwest. The richness of the ore and the extent of the mines in those camps he says insures a brilliant future for both places.

Messrs. McMullin & Young, lithographic engravers of the world's fair, are in the city exhibiting samples of excellent work, and their specialty in engraving names on key-rings, tags and hat marks, which is done in a very attractive style. They will stay in the city about a week and will call on all.

Mr. McMullin reports The Dalles market for the most prominent city he has visited in the Northwest.

Linn county claims to have the youngest school teacher in Oregon, if not in the United States. Lester Humphrey, of Foster, is just 13 years old, and has passed the teachers' examination, making an average of 80, enough to warrant a second grade certificate, but on account of his age, and this being his first examination, only a third grade certificate could be issued to him. Young Humphrey is said to be a wonder, and is not only advanced in "book learning" but brilliant in every respect.

After meals you should have simply a feeling of content and satisfaction. You should not feel any special indications that digestion is going on. If you do, you have indigestion, which means no-digestion. This may be the beginning of so many dangerous diseases, that it is best to take it in hand at once and treat it with Shaker Digestive Cordial. For you know that indigestion makes poison, which causes pain and sickness. And that Shaker Digestive Cordial helps digestion and cures indigestion. Shaker Digestive Cordial does this by providing the digestive materials in which the sick stomach is wanting. It also tones up and strengthens the digestive organs and makes them perfectly healthy. This is the rationale of its method of cure, as the doctors would say. Sold by druggists, price 10 cents to \$1.00 per bottle.

Wedding Bells.

Mr. Geo. H. Yeackel and Miss Bertha J. Finch were united in marriage by Rev. Jason B. Gorham, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus M. Finch, in this city, on the evening of the 8th. It was the occasion of a very pleasant gathering of about 40 guests, and all passed off to the apparent satisfaction and joy of those present. Mention must be made of excellent music furnished and lead by Messrs. E. Cooley and Henry Bowman, together with refreshments served, and the bestowment of wedding presents.

An Old Time.

Today "Uncle" Joe Woodford brought into this office a copy of the London Times of Nov. 9, 1796, in which is printed General Washington's farewell address and a long editorial comment on the same. "Uncle" Joe was with Washington when the address was delivered, but being a man of strict habits, he retired before the address was completed.

Preparing for Christmas.

The Salvation Army people are beginning extensive preparations for their usual celebration of Christmas for the poor. They propose to make this year's festivities of the same practical nature as formerly, viz: finding and supplying the actual needs of those

THE FALLEN HERO.

Brief Sketch of the Career of General Antonio Maceo.

Antonio Maceo was, without question, the most brilliant figure of the present revolution in Cuba. He effected a landing at Ceta de Baracoa on March 31. With him were Flor Crombet and a number of persons. Maceo had been a member of General Gomez' staff during the 10 years' war, from 1895 to 1897, and commanded large bodies of troops in the province of Santiago de Cuba, in which province his family had lived, and where he owned a large plantation. After the 10 years' war Maceo traveled in Central America, attempting to raise a large force to invade Cuba, and contest the sovereignty of Spain.

In 1898 he went to Haiti to try to get assistance for an invasion of Cuba, but he was driven out, and lived for a long time in retirement in Jamaica, and after that he returned to Cuba and lived very quietly on his plantation in the eastern province. He was very popular. In 1899 he was driven out of Cuba and came to New York. At the time of the present outbreak he was in Florida, and he joined a large expedition which set out from Fort Limon in 1892 on the coast of the Gulf. A Spanish officer of war pursued the steamer for eight hours, and at last the leaders were compelled to land on Fortune Island, one of the West Indies. Thence Maceo and the other leaders made their way to Cuba. On the great raid across the island in 1895, Maceo was named chief conductor, and when Captain-General Campos had finally receded with his headquarters to Havana, Maceo led a daring raid into the fertile province of Pinar del Rio, where he devastated the great tobacco district and raised the whole province in revolt against Spain. There has been ever since, with the Spanish authority in the province practically overturned.

HE INVENTED AN AIR SHIP.

But Died Before He Could Give it a Practical Test.

At the morgue in San Francisco lies the body of a man who had spent half his life of years in endeavoring to solve the problem of aerial navigation, and just as he was about to demonstrate the possibility of his life work, death intervened. So if he has solved the great problem, his invention is the result of his genius into operation. The man is Robert Nagler, an obscure truss manufacturer, as well as an ambitious inventor. For years he has worked on his theory, confiding his hopes to a few and his fears not even to himself. On November 27 last, a man received information from Washington to the effect that a patent had been granted to him for an airship and also for a boat which was to be operated on similar lines. Since the receipt of the information, Mr. Nagler has talked with many friends, and has received information from Washington to the effect that a patent had been granted to him for an airship and also for a boat which was to be operated on similar lines. Since the receipt of the information, Mr. Nagler has talked with many friends, and has received information from Washington to the effect that a patent had been granted to him for an airship and also for a boat which was to be operated on similar lines.

A few evenings since he went into a saloon and for a time contemplated those present with a theoretical paper describing how he proposed to transport himself under the clouds. About 9:30 o'clock he seated himself near one of the tables and after drinking a glass of beer thrust his head on his arms as though in deep meditation. Half an hour later someone tried to rouse him, but the inventor was dead.

The First Apple Seed.

It is now 70 years since the first apple seeds were planted in Oregon, being brought here by the first settler from England, the West Side of Independence, says. The seeds were dropped into Captain Simpson's pocket by the lady who ate the apple that held them, and she told the captain to plant them in the great wilderness to