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ITEMS IN BRIEF.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday W. H. H. Dufur made proof on a tract of railroad land near the town of Dufur.

Don't miss the carnival, the music will be worth the price of admission, and you get the fun for nothing.

Word has been received here that Judge Mays' health has improved rapidly since he reached Pasa Robles.

L. E. Morse, postmaster at Hood River, is in the city today. Mr. Morse says business is comparatively good at Hood River.

There will be no meeting of the United Artisans Wednesday night on account of many of the members wish- to attend the opera that evening.

The Antelope Herald says the grass on the range in that section was never better at this time of the year, and that stock of all kinds are doing well

Rombler bicycles of the 1897 model will be sold at $80, while the '96 model will go at $60. It now looks as if the days of the $100 wheels are about numbered.

There is still a considerable amount of wool stored in the warehouses in this city held by owners who anticipate that prices will be higher after the 4th of March.

J. D. Whitten, of Kingsley, was in the city today, and reports the fall grain in that section in fine condition. It is one of the finest prospects for a large yield ever seen in that section.

Capt. McNulty is up today from his farm near Mosier. The captain reports the roads between here and Mosier impassable for wagons, and so bad that horsemen can scarcely get over them.

The two men arrested for breaking into W. H. Calvin's house last Friday night were discharged today on motion of Deputy District Attorney Phelps, there being no evidence against them.

Francisco, the man who has been serving a term in the county jail for assaulting M. M. Cushing, keeper of the poor farm, when discharged refused to leave the court house, he having found the jail a sufficiently comfortable home for him.

"Uncle" Joe Woodford, of this city, is in receipt of a letter from Jas. Boyle, secretary of President-elect McKinley, acknowledging the receipt of his congratulations, etc. Mr. Woodford is likely to get a foreign mission or some other good office.

Last night Bert Phelps received a letter from Fred Wilson stating that he and Ed. Wingate arrived safely at Victoria, B. C., last Friday, and would sail for Honolulu Monday. They had a pleasant voyage from Portland to Victoria, neither of them having experienced any sea sickness.

Paiselys, in the northern part of Lake county, is gaining some notoriety as a place of bold robberies. Only a short time since the postoffice at that place was robbed, and on Monday night of last week, the village blacksmith was held up in his shop, tied to the anvil and robbed of between $400 and $500.

"Si Perkins" drew a large house last night, and the audience was kept in good humor during the entire play, the ludicrous features of the play, which are numerous, bringing forth frequent outbursts of laughter and hearty applause. The Burton-Coleman company is all right, and gives full value in the way of amusement.

The thousands of sheep on the hills are growing fat browsing on the succulent green grass in the vicinity of Deschutes, says J. H. Shearer who is the city today. The range, Mr. Shearer says, is better now than he has ever before seen it in December. Green grass is from two to three inches high, affording splendid feed for sheep and pretty fair feed for cattle.

Last evening Mike Doyle and family were given a happy surprise at their pleasant home on Chenoweth creek. A number of the neighbors gathered in shortly after dark, and B. A. Ulrich and Mike Spechinger, of The Dalles, arriving shortly afterward with their musical instrument, dancing was declared in order and was continued until day light.

Leap year is drawing to a close, in fact is almost at an end. Recognizing this fact, six brave young ladies determined last evening to make the best of the time yet left in which they may display their gallantry, and gave a very pleasant surprise party at the residence of John Parrott. The evening was spent very happily in playing games and eating an elegant and dainty lunch prepared by the young ladies.

Today Cooper Douglas was bound over in bonds of $200 to answer before the next grand jury to a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. The examination was commenced before Justice Filloon yesterday, and grew out of the difficulty that occurred at a dance here last Friday night in which Douglas struck James Fisher on the head with a revolver. Attorneys G. W. Phelps and N. H. Gates appeared for the state and J. L. Story for the defense.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Sam Wilkinson arrived home from Portland on last night's boat.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. DeHuff returned from below last night on the Regulator.

Supt. O'Brien, of the O. R. & N. passed down the road this morning in his private car.

Last evening County Clerk Kelsay issued marriage license to Chas. Todd and Lizzie Burns.

J. D. and S. B. Driver are in the city today making entry on railroad land near Wamic.

Joe Hinkle and William Smith, two prominent business men of Prineville arrived here this afternoon.

Today the Regulator was again loaded with wheat, besides a large amount of freight for down-river points.

Hon. Wm. J. Marriner, county judge of Gilliam county, and J. M. McKinney, of Blalock, are in the city today, attending to business before the land office.

The Woodmen Circle are contemplating having the minstrel ready to put on in February. They wish to give something especially good so have deferred the date.

Small boys are finding considerable sport in catching salmon trout from Mill creek. The fish are said to be quite plentiful, and some extra large ones have been taken.

The Saginaw, Michigan, Courier Herald of the 22d, states that Rev. O. D. Taylor, of The Dalles, preached in the Michigan Avenue Baptist church in that city on the 20th.

The TIMES-MOUNTAINEER will not issue a New Year edition, or in fact any other paper on the first day of the year It with all other good citizens will observe the holiday.

The State Teachers' Association is at present in session at Salem. Supt Gilbert, of this county is in attendance. State Superintendent Irwin is president and J. H. Homes, secretary of the association.

It is stated that a movement is on foot among the young people of the city towards effecting the organization of a literary society, and that a meeting will be called some time next week for that purpose.

A Northern Pacific freight car went off the end of the track last night into a sewer that was being repaired near the electric light works, and was pulled out this morning. No danger was done either to the car or sewer.

Today the German Aid society sent the family of Charles Wagner to Portland, where Mrs. Wagner has relatives. Wagner was a cook in the Umatilla house some time ago, but deserted his family, leaving them in destitute circumstances.

Hon. D. P. Thompson, the Multnomah county member of the state board of equalization, proposes to ask the legislature to abolish the board, and in the event of the board not being abolished that the salaries of the members be cut in two.

Last evening Mr. Kerr arrived from Grass Valley and stopped for a few minutes in front of Peters & Co's store, when his team became frightened and started to run. They kept down Second street to Union, where Mr. Kerr managed to get them under control.

Cut worms are doing considerable danger to fall grain in the vicinity of Oak Grove, says James McClure who was in the city yesterday. The cold spell in November did some damage to grain in that part of the county, but the injury was not great.

It is not likely the people of The Dalles will ever again have an opportunity to hear Ellen Beach Yaw for the small admitance fee of $1. It will only be a few years when it will cost from $5 to $20 to hear her. Go out tonight; it is the opportunity of a lifetime.

The state board of equalization has about completed its work for the year. The board raised assessments $9,413,293, making the gross equalized value of property in the state $151,863,214. The exemptions are $8,684,699, leaving the net taxable property of the state $143,175,515.

At the regular business meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Christian church last evening, the following were elected officers of the society for the ensuing six months: A. G. Hoering, president; Miss Hattie Lane, vice-president; Miss Nonah Skaggs, sec.; Miss Alice Rowland, treas.

State Senator Tolbert Carter, of Benton county, and Representative Norman Miller, of Columbia county, both republicans and favorable to John H. Mitchell's re-election to the United States senate, are seriously ill and it is doubtful if either of these gentlemen will be able to attend the nineteenth biennial session of the Oregon legislature.

The Woodmen Circle will give a literary and musical entertainment at Fraternity Hall on Friday evening, (New Year's night). A talented elocutionist, Miss Griswold, of Portland, will recite on this occasion. It is worth the price of admission to hear her. The enfertainment will be followed by a social hop. Admission, ladies 10 cents; gentlemen 25 cents.

Old Sol showed his shining face to The Dalles today for the first time in nearly a month. The fogs that have been resting over the city for so long quietly gathered themselves together and stole away revealing a bright, clear sky and the sun shining out in his old glory, making all feel that they had been transformed, or rather lifted from Webfoot back into Eastern Oregon.

At the last meeting of the board of trustees of the Soldier's Home it decided to recommend the erection of a barracks for the accommodation of 150 more inmates, a dining room and kitchen and to provide for a better supply of water; also to clear up the balance of the land. These improvements the board thinks are necessary for the efficiency of the home.—Roseburg Plaindealer.

The old custom of "receiving" on New Year's day has about gone out of practice, but it is a happy old style and should be revived, for it affords a pleasant opportunity for friends to extend congratulations and express happy wishes for the incoming year. Though this custom of receiving callers occasionally becomes burdensome when young ladies receive singally, so in some places several have found it convenient to receive together. Should any of the lady readers of the TIMES-MOUNTAINEER desire to receive of New Year day, we would be pleased to make announcements in tomorrow's issue.

The Burlington, Iowa Hawkeye has this to say with reference to the noted singer Ellen Beach Yaw, who appears in the Vogt tonight:

"All expectations and the fondest hopes being realized, the audience was not slow to recognize the fact, and was unstinted in its praise. It is not exaggeration to say that Miss Yaw met last evening with the most flattering reception which has been accorded a singer in this city for twenty years; when an audience time and again bursts into spontaneous applause in the midst of a song, not awaiting the conclusion to express its enthusiasm, the critic may be pardoned the expression of the above opionion."

For a number of years past about the last of December it has been a custom of Wm. Michell's Sunday school class to hold a reunion at their teacher's pleasant home, and last evening was designated as the date for this year's meeting, consequently about 40 young ladies of the class congregated last night and spent the evening most pleasantly playing the inticing game of "sketching," and also discussing an elegant lunch prepared by Mrs. Michell and daughters. Besides the members of his present class there were present three members of a former Sunday school class he taught several years ago.

The Shakers of Mount Lebanon, a community of simple, honest, God-fearing men and women, have prepared the Shaker Digestive Cordial for many years, and it is always the same, simple, honest, curative medicine that has helped to make the Shakers the healthy, long-lived people that they are. The Shakers never have indigestion. This is partly owing to their simple mode of life, partly to the wonderful properties of Shaker Digestive Cordial. Indigestion is caused by the stomach glands not supplying enough digestive juice. Shaker Digestive Cordial supplies what's wanting. Shaker Digestive Cordial invigorates the stomach and all its glands so that after awhile they don't need help. As evidence of the honesty of Shaker Digestive Cordial, the formula is printed on every bottle. Sold by druggists, price, 10 cents to $1.00 per bottle.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The Misses Taylor will open their primary school next Monday, Jan. 4.

The regular monthly meeting of the water commissioners was held this afternoon.

The Portland football team billed to play here tomorrow could not come, but there will be a match between two local teams.

Football game on the race track tomorrow at 2:30 P. M., between two local teams. Ladies and children admitted free; tickets for gentlemen 25 cents.

Theodore H. Liebe, of Portland, was in the city today visiting his brother Judge G. A. Liebe and family. Mr. Liebe left on the afternoon train for his home.

Today Donald McKea, of Antelope arrived here with his wife, who has lost her mind, is being conveyed to the insane asylum at Salem. Mr. McRea was accompanied by Messrs. Finlayson and McLellan.

As Mr. Chevreneil intends leaving the city soon, he will offer his entire stock of artificial bouquets and hanging baskets at greatly reduced prices. Masonic building, Third street, next door to Gibons & Marden.

Tuesday evening Wasco Tribe, No. 16, I. O. R. M., was royally entertained by Fred Lemke, as a celebration of his 48th anniversary. The tribe was feasted on all the good things that tend to make a brave's heart glad.

The many friends of Judge Mays will be pleased to learn that he is recovering rapidly at Pasa Robles. At last accounts the judge was gaining strength and expected soon to be able to take the regular treatment in the baths.

Collection day, which usually comes on the 2d of the month, has been deferred to the 4th, owing to the 1st being a holiday and the 3d coming on Sunday, hence the festive collectors will not appear on the streets until next Monday.

Certainly the ladies who attended the concert last night with small head covering and those who removed their large hats are to be complimented. Their consideration for the convenience of those who sat behind them was commendable.

It is an inherent right of the senior member of the Umatilla house firm to kiss the bride at every wedding solemnized in the hotel parlors, and Col. Sinnott performed that duty very gracefully at the marriage ceremony that took place there last night.

The skating carnival at the Baldwin last night was a pleasant affair. Excellent music was furnished by the band, while the gaily festooned maskers made a lively scene as they glided about the hall, furnishing a pretty sight for the spectators to behold.

December has closed without any serious storms, so we may say that half the winter is passed, and it matters not what kind of weather may occur between now and March, the stock raisers of Eastern Oregon will suffer but little loss, since they have an abundance of feed to carry their flocks and herds through.

The second chapter of the Christmas dance will be heard in Justice Filloon's court. Douglas having been bound over to appear before the grand jury, has caused the arrest of James Maloney on a charge of assault and battery, alleged to have been committed on Douglas Christmas night when the ball was in progress. The case will be heard Saturday.

The man who puts a two line local in his home paper once a year and thinks he will build up a big trade and imagines the printer is getting rich off the profits, should bear in mind that the last page of Munsey's Magazine has been sold for one year to four advertisers, each of whom occupied a quarter of a page and pays $6,000, a total of $24,000 for the page. One line in the Youth's Companion costs $3, while a page in the Ladies Home Journal costs $4,000.

Today the register and receiver of the land office were informed by telegraph from the department at Washington that all odd sections within the limits of the forfeited railroad grants were withdrawn from settlement, pending action by congress, and were instructed to not accept filings on the same. The date on which entry on forfeited railroad lands could be made expired today, but the advices received from the department would indicate that some measure will be adopted whereby the rights of settlers who have made application to purchase these lands, though have not made cash entry, will be protected. Likely they will be allowed preferred rights in the matter of entry.

The Trocha.

A reader asks: "What is the trocha, so frequently referred to in the dispatches from Cuba?" It is a military defense, or barrier, extending entirely across the island of Cuba, its purpose being to prevent the insurgents passing from one province into another, or from massing their force for a given movement. The average width of the island is less than 70 miles; in some places it is much narrower than this. It is therefore possible for Weyler with his 200,000 soldiers in Cuba, to string a line of men entirely across the island, and have them so near to each other that theoretically it would be impossible for any considerable number of insurgents to cross the line.

Henkle-Mahan Nuptials.

The marriage of Mr. Joe Henkle and Mrs. Della Mahan took place at the Umatilla house parlors last evening in the presence of a few invited guests, Judge W. L. Bradshaw, officiating. Mr. Hinkle is an old resident of Crook county, and was for many years one of the cattle kings of that section, but at present is engaged in business in Prineville. He has many friends in The Dalles and in fact all over Eastern Oregon, who will with pleasure read the announcement of his marriage to a most estimable and worthy lady.

The Baldwin is at the same old stand but with a new manager. Meals served at all hours day and night. Dinner from 11:30 to 5:30 each day. Oysters in any style.

HOME INDUSTRY.

Pointers That Might Well be Considered Here.

The Puyallup Commerce recently published an article under the caption of "Home Industry," in which appeared the following:

"One of the greatest drawbacks to the Pacific Northwest has been the sending of raw material from here to be manufactured in the east and then brought back for consumption here.

"Of course the consumers paid the freight and paid the expense of manufacturing, and the wages of the operatives were spent in the east.

"But now a change is coming and it is a change that will be of vast benefit to the Northwest.

"Eastern Oregon and Washington is the home of the sheep.

"Here the American sheep thrives and is in his element. He gives up eight or nine pounds of wool a year, besides two or three offsprings.

"Heretofore his wool has been shipped to eastern mills, but a few years ago Hon. T. E. Fell concluded that a large dab of it ought to be kept at home to benefit the people where it was raised.

"Mr. Fell organized in connection with Boston capitalists a strong company and built a woolen mill and scouring plant at Pendleton, Oregon, in the midst of the greatest wool-producing region on earth.

"Owing to the central location, Mr. Fell has his pick of the very best fleeces grown, and that great advantage shows for itself in the good qualities of the goods produced at the Pendleton mills.

"Some specimens of their goods recently received in Tacoma are creditable in the highest degree, especially the blankets, which are dreams of warmth, fitness and wearing worth. Ladies who have seen them have pronounced them unsurpassable.

"So it is no longer necessary for the people of the Northwest to send east for their woolen goods, for their home mills can supply their every want."

Here are some ideas that might profitably be considered by the people of this city. The Dalles, as well as Pendleton, is located in the midst of the greatest wool growing country of the Northwest. More wool comes directly from the growers to this place than any other wool center in America, hence a woolen mill located here would have a wide range of staple to select from. Besides it has transportation facilities not enjoyed by any other city in Oregon except Portland. A woolen manufacture, just as skilled as Mr. Fell has submitted a proposition for establishing a factory here. Will The Dalles accept his proposition and create a thriving home industry?

TWO NEW TEXT-BOOKS.

Recommendations That Will be Made by Superintendent Irwin.

State Superintendent G. M. Irwin will recommend to the next legislature the enactment of an amendment to the educational laws of the state, to add two more text books to the common school curriculum.

The subjects are a work on civil government for the seventh and eighth grades and another on good morals. These are two branches that Mr. Irwin thinks should be taught in the common schools, but are not now. He holds it of utmost impoatance to prepare boys and girls for the duties of good citizenship and believes that this object can be aided and obtained far better by teaching the principles of civil government and good morals in public schools as the vast majority of children do not attend the higher schools where these branches are included in the curriculum. As the law stands now even teachers applying for county and state certificates are not examined in either of these branches. In civil government, a most important branch for the instructors of the rising generation, teachers are not required by law to have any knowledge.

WORK OF EQUALISING.

What The State Board of Equalization in Salem is Doing.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 28—The state board of equalization continued the work of equalizing today. This is the way they did it:

Town and city lots raised 10 per cent in Benton, Clackamas, Linn, Marion and Union, 5 in Lane and Lincoln, 15 in Umatilla, 20 in Multnomah, 25 in Morrow, Coos county reduced 10 and Clatsop reduced 30. Other counties remain as assessed.

Realty, other than town and city lots, was raised 10 per cent in Baker and 5 in Clatsop counties. Equalizing this class has not yet been completed

Personal property in Marion, which includes money, notes, accounts, furniture, etc., was raised 30 per.

Merchandise was increased 20 per cent in Clackamas, Douglas, Harney, Jackson, Morrow, Sherman and Umatilla, 15 per cent in Tillamook, 10 in in Grant, Klamath, Lane, Linn, Polk, Union and Yamhill, and 25 in Gilliam and Multnomah. The valuations were allowed to stand as returned in other counties.

The vote on the 25 per cent raise on merchandise in Multnomah stood: Ayes—Goodall, Holland, Walker, Wills, Wingate. Noes—Gibson, Thompson, Auldow.

THE O. D. TAYLOR CASE.

It is Still Being Considered by the Michigan Courts.

The Saginaw, Mich., Courier-Herald of Dec. 19th, has the following regarding the disposition of the criminal case pending against Rev. O. D. Taylor of this city:

"Judge Snow, of Saginaw, quashed the information against Rev. O. D. Taylor, for obtaining money by false pretense, on the ground that act 234, of 1895, repealed the section of Howell's code providing a penalty for this offense. The effect of this ruling was that prosecutions for offenses of this kind committed prior to Sept. 1st, 1895, when the new act took effect, are barred.

"Yesterday the supreme court issued a peremptory writ, ordering Judge Snow either to set aside his order and proceed with the trial or show cause forthwith why he should not be compelled to do so. The court called his attention to the recent case of the People vs. Hinney, in which they held directly contrary to his ruling."

ONLY A DREAM.

Though It Is One Which a Certain Order in This City Hopes Will Materialize.

A week ago Saturday night a certain lady in this city went to bed for the night, as has been her custom from early childhood, and while in slumberland dreamed that the white deer in the Snipes-Kinersly drug store window had been presented to the Elks of this city, but by whom the deer was presented, the fairy informant did not relate to the sleeper, but that it was theirs she knew for she had dreamed it so plainly that for a time it was real. But on arising in the morning the dream gradually diminished and finally was forgotten until she picked up the Morning Ispatch and read in its columns where the "deer had been presented to the Elks" the very night of her dream, and she then of course knew it was true, and thought it a strange coincidence that her dream was so nearly like the article in the paper, and she was congratulating the Elks on having one dear (deer) in their herd, when her husband arrived on the scene, (and husbands of course know everything), and told her it was "just a joke;" that the Elks wanted the "dear" creature very much, and were only teasing Mr. Kinersly to see if he would take the hint and purchase it for them, but as yet he has not taken the hint, and it yet remains to be seen whether this dream comes true or not. S.

TO ENCOURAGE LITERARY WORK.

A Correspondent Advocates the Organization of a Society.

ED. TIMES-MOUNTAINEER:

I am pleased to note the proposed movement to perfect the organization of a literary club among the young people of the city, mention of which was made in your valuable paper last evening; and I beg to unite, with those who are most interested, in the hope that such an organization may speedily materialize.

If successfully managed, and properly conducted, a literary society here in The Dalles would not only be a source of great benefit and profit to its members, but would be an invaluable credit to the city; for, beginning as it is proposed, near the commencement of the new year, during which many new business enterprises are in contemplation in this city, there is no reason why literary enterprises should not be developed also. Such a spirit, indeed, should generally pervade any intelligent community, of much less proportion than The Dalles; and the wonder is that we have not had a club of that kind before now. It is recognized, of course, that we are not utterly devoid of a general literary spirit here, yet the same is inaccessable, unless persons are desirous of investing anywhere from one to ten dollars monthly, and at the same time manage to keep their minds charged with pass-words, grips, counter-signs, etc., that surpass, in point of brain-racking, the retention within one's memery of two dozen different safe combinations all at the same time; and there are some, no doubt, whose minds are disqualified, and whose pocket-books are incapable, of enduring such a strain, but who would be suited exactly in a literary club or society, where working signs and pass-words are scattered to the four winds, and where one's purse doesn't need to be always empty in an honest endeavor to keep "in the swim," and yet enjoy the congeniality and profit always existing where young people come together to interchange ideas on general topics, through the medium of addresses, essays, or debates, interspersed with music, readings, and other equally agreeable program features.

Let us have the literary club by all means; and I bespeak for it the merited success and the public interest which it should justly deserve.

GEO. ERNEST STEWART.

A Pleasant Afternoon.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. N. Harris gave a delightful "at home" to a number of lady friends, at which the entertainments were novel in every respect. The principal entertainment was a portrait contest, and was highly enjoyable. The portraits of 27 noted persons were presented to the guests and it became their study to determine the names of the originals from whom the pictures were taken. This resulted in a most spirited contest at guessing, and to Mrs. E. E. Lytle was awarded the first prize, a handsome set of books, she having guessed 25 of the 27 pictures, and the second prize, a bronze statuette, to Mrs. Izabella Gray. Following the awarding of prizes was a novel selection of luncheon. Every article on the menue was numbered, and each guest was requested to select five numbers. In this selection some were most fortunate, while others found themselves drawing only a glass of water, an olive, napkin, pickel and sugar or salt. After the amusement of discussing such articles as were drawn had added all the merriment possible, a most elegant lunch was spread, terminating one of the pleasantest afternoon parties ever given in the city.

The ladies present were Mesdames N. Harris, E. E. Lytle, B. F. Laughlin, A. R. Thompson, C. J. Crandall, S. L. Brooks, D. M. French, C. L. Schmidt, Wm. Tackman, F. Vogt, E. Schanno, H. Klindt, I. Gray, O. D. Doane, W. E. Garretson, B. S. Huntington, W. S. Meyers, H. C. Neilsen, E. J. Collins and Miss Irene Adams.

A Perfect Nightingale.

Ellen Beach Yaw made her first appearance before a Dalles audience last night at the Vogt opera house, scoring a grand success. Miss Yaw certainly possesses a wonderful voice, such a voice as none other ever possessed, and that it is perfectly cultivated is beyond question. It is round and full, yet soft and mellodious. The range of her voice is simply wonderful, beginning at a low key she mounts higher and higher with the ease of a song-bird, not only touching on the high notes but singing them, and descending again to the lower tones with perfect ease. The other members of her company, Miss Lay and Mr. Dick, are also artists in their line. As a pianist Miss Lay certainly has few superiors. It was indeed a pleasure to listen to the sweet strains of music she produced from the elegant Jewett piano that was furnished for the occasion by the Jacobsen Book & Music Co. Mr. Dick ranks among the best violinists. That the concert given by the Yaw company was appreciated by The Dalles audience is using a mild term. The hearers were perfectly enwrapped, and as each number was finished broke into the loudest applause, giving each of the musicians a hearty encore.

Found the Wrong Man.

Tuesday evening Joseph Stadleman was returning to his home beyond the Mill creek bridge, and when passing a high board fence was stopped by some one, who in the darkness Mr. Stadleman could not recognize. Immediately a second highwayman appeared on the scene, but after taking a good look at Mr. Stadleman they beat a hasty retreat. Evidently they were looking for some one else with the intent of committing robbery, and finding out their mistake gave up the undertaking.

HIS FRESH OLIVES.

How a California Planter Amuses Himself at the Expense of Innocent Travelers.

Eastern visitors to California are always much interested in the olive plantations which in recent years have become a feature of the most southerly counties of the state. The lovers of the succulent fruit when pickled and bottled for sale in the east and north are always anxious to taste the olive fresh and ripe. There is a popular impression that it is sweet and delicious, but, like many other popular impressions, this is a delusion and a snare.

A few miles south of San Diego, says the New York Herald, where the railroad makes a junction with a small one track road leading into Mexico, a large planter has taken advantage of this delusion for his own amusement. On the arrival of each train from the north numerous travelers dismount to await the starting of the train across the Mexican border. For their benefit the planter has nailed a box outside of his fence just across the way from the railroad station which he keeps filled with nice, ripe olives. A placard invites victims in these words:

FINE, FRESH, RIPE OLIVES,
FREE
HELP YOURSELF.

Of course there is a rush from the station as soon as the box and its contents are discovered, and swarms of innocents seize the pretty fruit and dig their teeth into it. Then there is a combined howl and a great deal of expectoration and disgust, for the delusive fruit are nearly as puckery as persimmons.

And the planter? Oh, he takes his fun from a partly hidden summer house within his grounds, where he occasionally seats himself to enjoy the spectacle. It is a sure cure for the blues, he says.

THE SNAKE CATCHER.

Odd Occupation of a Mississippi Houseboat Couple.

The selling of snakes to scientific men, to manufacturers who use the skins and to museums is a business which a man and his wife who live in a Mississippi houseboat engage in. The strange couple were interviewed the other day by the reporter for a New Orleans paper. The man does most of the snake catching, and, although he has been bitten several times, he considers the experience only a trifling incident of his trade. "A rattlesnake, for instance, when pursued," he says, "coils and is ready to defend himself. I flip a stone or small piece of stick at him; he uncoils and starts off, but before he can again coil I have him back of the neck. No, I use no stick—nothing but my bare hands. You may laugh, too, when I tell you that our snake lore teaches us not to hunt when the wind is in the northwest. If we do we find no snakes. The principal seasons of the year for us are spring and fall; the snakes are then fat and produce lots of oil." Of all the snakes in the United States only three families, he says, can be classed as deadly. "But," he adds, "these families comprise about thirty-two species, distributed as follows: Rattlesnakes, seven; cotton-mouths, eight; copperheads, seventeen, the two latter being moccasins and dwellers in the swamps and low places." The snake catcher's method of treating bites is as follows: "When bitten I immediately tie a band above the wound, cutting the latter deeply in order to cause it to bleed freely, and to reach below the extremity pierced by the fang. The cut is then sucked, or warm, newly killed flesh is applied, and the remedies are then rubbed into the wound, neutralizing the poison."

"Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon, and there is not where the liver is." "Never you mind where his liver is," retorted the other. If it was in his big toe or his left ear DeWitt's Little Early Risers would reach it and shake it for him. Snipes & Kinersly Drug Co.

Militia Orders.

All members of G. Co., Third Regiment, will assemble at their armory on Saturday, January 2, 1897, at 8 o'clock P. M. for quarterly inspection.

Every article of property belonging to the company must be turned in on or before Saturday evening to the quartermaster sargent at company quarters.

No excuse except sickness will be accepted. By order of

LEVI CHRISMAN,
Captain.

G. E. BARTEL,
Sargent.

The length of life may be increased by lessening its dangers. The majority of people die from lung troubles. These may be averted by promptly using One Minute Cough Cure. Snipes & Kinersly Drug Co.

Land Transfers.

A S Blowers to J G Day, lot 1 blk C, in town of Hood River, $200.

Emile Schanno and wife to Josephine Maier, parcel of land in Dalles City. $1.

R I Butts and Edith Butts to A J Brigham, w ½ se ¼ sw 4 sec 27 t 4 s, r 13 e, $850.

F P Mays and wife to Robert Mays, w ½ sw¼ sec 6 t 8 s, r 17 e, s ½ nw ¼ s ½ nw ¼ sec 25, t 4 s, r 15 e; $1.

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(No. of Bank, 3441.)

REPORT OF THE CONDITION
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At The Dalles, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, December 17, 1896.

RESOURCES:

Loans and discounts		$ 86,517 08
Overdrafts secured and unsecured		3,033 85
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		12,500 00
Premiums on U. S. bonds		1,000 00
Stocks, Securities, etc		2,736 40
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures		1,581 85
Other real estate and mortgag's owned		2,105 50
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)		16,935 42
Due from state banks and bankers		4,636 18
Due from approved reserve agents		742 89
Checks and other cash items		18 50
Notes of other national banks		90 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents		6 35
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK:		
Specie	$21,961 90	
Legal-tender notes	30 00	21,991 90
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)		562 50
TOTAL		$154,361 42

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in	$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund	15,000 00
Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid	3,632 54
National Bank notes outstanding	11,250 00
Individual deposits subject to check	50,726 85
Demand certificates of deposit	23,750 03
TOTAL	$154,361 42

State of Oregon, County of Wasco } ss:

I, H. M. Beall, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. M. BEALL, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of December, 1896.

FRANK MENEFEE,
Notary Public for Oregon.

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