

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

(From Saturday's Daily.)
W. H. Moore, of Moro, is in the city.

Dr. H. S. Frazier went to Portland on the afternoon train.

Mrs. L. K. Stewart, of Hillsboro, is visiting relatives in the city.

Interest in the revival meetings at the M. E. church continues to increase and large audiences are in attendance each evening.

Senator E. B. Dufur left this morning for Portland from there he goes to Salem Monday to enter upon his duties as state senator.

The Elks contemplate giving a charity ball on the evening of Jan. 22. The proceeds of the ball will all be given for charitable purposes.

In justice Filloons court yesterday James Simonson was held in bonds of \$300 to appear before the next grand jury and answer to a charge of rape.

Hiram and Damon Smith, who have been visiting in Crook county, arrived here last night and left on this morning's train for their home at Harrisburg.

Hon. John Mitchell was a passenger on the afternoon train for Portland. Senator Mitchell was en route to Salem to be present at the convening of the legislature next Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Waud, of Cottage Grove, are visiting their son Capt. O. S. Waud in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Waud are quite aged, Mr. Waud being 82 and Mrs. Waud 72 years of age.

John Gray, government contractor at Warm Springs, returned last night from Salem, and leaves Monday for the agency. He expects to complete his contract by the first of next month.

W. H. Mansfield, foreman in the TIMES-MOUNTAINEER office, went to Portland this morning, and goes to Salem tomorrow, where he will during the session of the legislature.

Wm. Smith, of Prineville, accompanied by his sister, Miss Fannie Smith, of Brownsville, arrived on the noon train from Portland, and leave on the stage for Prineville tomorrow.

S. F. Blythe, of the Hood River Glacier, is in the city today. Mr. Blythe reports Hood River pursuing the even tenor of its way, and the most prosperous little town on the Columbia river.

R. C. Jesse came in from Prineville last evening. Mr. Jesse reports an early winter in Crook county, grass and grain growing nicely and farmers busy plowing preparing for spring seedling.

Marshall Lauer is improving the road leading to the fair grounds, taking out the rock and making the street a passable thoroughfare. The rock is being deposited on the crossings on Third street improving their condition.

Court The Dalles, No. 12, Foresters of America, held installation ceremony last evening. Chief Ranger Otto Birgfeld gave an elegant banquet. The spread was superb and was heartily enjoyed by the Foresters.

Justice A. J. Brigham, of Dufur, was in the city last evening attending the meeting of the bimetallic league. Mr. Brigham is an enthusiastic bimetalist, and in connection with the present bill he has already been obtained except by the independent action of the United States.

Alaskan Owls have been numerous in Oregon during the present winter, and one fine specimen was recently caught near Bakerown by Thomas Burgess, and was brought in to D. B. Gunn, who will exhibit the same at a hang him in his lively stable.

The Dalles Bimetallic League held an interesting meeting at the council chambers last evening at which it was determined to hold a public meeting on the evening of the second Friday in February, at which time a program will be rendered and addresses upon bimetalism will be delivered by local speakers.

Mr. Brooks is in receipt of the holiday edition of the Daily Independent, published at Grand Island, Nebraska, which is a very creditable publication. The edition has about 50 half-tone illustrations of the prominent people and principal buildings of Grand Island, besides much interesting information concerning Grand Island and vicinity.

The squirrels are all coming out of their winter quarters, so say the farmers of Walla Walla county. Large numbers of them are seen every day foraging for food. The mild weather is the cause of their short stay underground, and if a cold snap comes, most of the little pests would succumb. It is to be hoped that the cold snap will come and destroy the pests, which would mean dollars in the grain-growers' pockets.

(From Monday's Daily.)
S. L. Brooks went to Portland this morning.

Hugh Glenn was up from Astoria yesterday.

The new county officers throughout Washington put on their official robes today.

C. E. Browning, of Des Moines, Iowa, is the city visiting his old school fellow, C. L. Phillips.

Andrew Baldwin returned Saturday evening from Portland. He reports his brother James convalescent.

Charles Butler arrived on the noon train from Port Townsend, and will make a shipment of beef cattle tomorrow.

Hon. B. S. Huntington left yesterday morning for Salem, to take his seat in the legislature when that body convened today.

No. 184, held by John Blazer, won the fine gold watch up at Blazer by Joe Studenicher at the Columbia brewery yesterday.

There will be three new county bills before this session of the legislature. Efforts will be made to divide Crook, Umatilla and Coos counties.

The city authorities are having an electric light put in front of the city jail and also one in front of each of the house-booms and ladder houses.

The Dalles Lodge No. 2, I. O. G. T., will give a "wheel of good luck" social next Saturday evening, an excellent program is being prepared. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Robbins are said to be harbingers of spring, since they have already shown their appearance in the fields on Eight-Mile, residents of that section have been contemplating making their gardens.

Judge Story went to Sherman county this afternoon to arrange for resenting the appeal from the decision of Judge Gilbert in the case of the E. O. Land

GOOD OUTLOOK FOR WHEAT.

Views of Secretary of Agriculture on the Wheat Crop for This Year.

J. Sterling Morton, secretary of Agriculture writes the following to the San Francisco Examiner concerning the wheat outlook for the present year:

"While it is of course impossible at this early date to predict as to the size and quality of the crops, there are good grounds for believing that the demand for some of the products of American agriculture, to be harvested next autumn, will be exceptionally strong and active, with prices correspondingly high. This is especially true as regards wheat. The past year has witnessed a shortage of unusual extent in wheat crops in several of the chief wheat growing countries of the world. The great Russian empire, which ranks next to the United States in importance as a wheat producing country, has produced this year a largely diminished crop, while India and Australia, the other leading sources of supply, have actually changed from exporting to importing countries. The wheat crop of Australia will be short of the probable requirements, now being a product far below the average. The same is true of the coming crop of India, to be gathered in April. The reports received from Argentina and several other countries are also unfavorable. There are unusual shortages occurring in several different countries, have caused a scarcity in the wheat supply not experienced for years, and the result is a marked advance price of this important cereal. As the amount of wheat at present available in the world is so far short of the probable requirements, it is fair to presume that the reserve stocks that would, under normal conditions, be carried over into next season, will be very much diminished. This will undoubtedly create an increased demand upon the forthcoming crop, and the great benefit of the farmer. One of the natural results of the present wheat stringency is the heightened demand for other breadstuffs. The high price of wheat is already causing a more liberal use of such cereals as may be substituted for it, among them corn. According to reports, a cargo of 140,000 bushels of corn was shipped the present month from Philadelphia to India, the first cargo ever sent to that country from the United States."

AS OTHERS SEE US.

A Portland Paper Shows Why The Dalles Should Have Wooden Mills.

The Portland Farmer is astonished at the Dalles mills, established by woolen mills and a wool scouring plant long ago, and cannot understand why the people keep figuring on these propositions and never accomplish anything. In a recent issue it said concerning the advantages offered for such a plant in the Dalles:

"That place is one of the greatest shipping points of wool in the country and yet they go on from year to year, losing almost enough money in additional freight on unscoured wool and wages for scouring and marketing to net but a profit of a few cents. The merchants and business men should take hold of this matter and not compel the farmers to pay the price of freight on their produce from that place to Boston. Not only do they lose the freight on the wool, but about two-thirds of the freight is paid on dirt that is scoured from the wool before it can be used. Fifty and over working men with their families would make a material difference in the trade of The Dalles merchants."

UNCLE SAM'S BIG PAY ROLL.

About 300,000 Persons in the Federal Civil Service.

The United States civil service commission has given out figures which, though still subject to slight change, represent approximately the present extent of the classified service. The whole number of persons in the federal service, including the legislative and judicial branches, is about 200,000. The civil service act declares that officers not in the executive branch, or any person employed merely as a laborer or workman, shall not be required to be classified, nor, unless by direction of the senate, any person who has been nominated for confirmation by the senate. Within the executive civil service there are now estimated to be 178,716 officers and employees, 45,527 of whom are classified under the civil service act, and the remainder are either appointed subject to confirmation by the senate, laborers and similar employes, and four-class postmasters, 4815 officers whose nomination is subject to confirmation by the senate, including presidential postmasters, 8038 laborers, and several thousand other employees, the majority of whom have an annual compensation of less than \$300. A large proportion of this latter class are clerks at unclassified positions.

Within the classified service the total of officers accepted from examinations remains 737 of whom 570 are assistant postmasters. Of the places within the scope of the merit system there should be included in addition to the total given, 5003 mechanics, etc., at the navy yards and naval stations, originally covered by Secretary Tracy's classification, but which are now classified service by the executive order of November 2 last. The merit system, therefore, now includes, approximately, 90,000 places.

It is a fixed and immutable law that who has good sound health, one that would show more than any other than by a course of DeWitt's Kidney & Bladder Cure.

NOT A FLATTERING PERSPECTIVE.

The Trade Reviewers Offer Little Encouragement for Business.

R. G. Dunn & Co.'s weekly review for the week ending Jan. 9 says: The year 1895 begins with one advantage, the past year having swept away the last vestige of the depression, and the country is in a state of activity which in any time of activity would have been dangerous to business. Of the 15,283 commercial and banking failures in 1896, with liabilities of \$276,915,749, a large share represented crippling losses of previous years, or the violence of speculative storms in 1895 or the first half of 1896, while thousands more have resulted from the fury of the political tornado last fall. Banking failures, amounting to \$27,718,915, during the year averaged \$156,156 each, and were 145 per cent larger than in 1895.

Commercial failures amounted to \$226,096,834, a little over \$1,000,000 having been added the last day of the year; but the average liabilities, \$14,992, was smaller than in some years of great prosperity.

Bradstreet's review is no more encouraging. It is as follows: With the exception of reports of a dozen South Atlantic coast and Gulf cities, jobbers at nearly all distributing centers say business is dull and without new features. Demand has improved at Chicago and St. Louis for hats, hardware, shoes and dry goods, but trade in those lines is fair only.

The week's total of business failures in the United States was 488, the largest number ever reported.

COMMISSIONER'S COURT.

The Levy for 1897 Made and Bond Suretyholders Appointed.

Commissioner's court adjourned last Saturday after having audited the claims against the county and disposed of other business demanding immediate attention.

The tax levy for 1897 was placed at 22 mills, divided as follows:

School purposes..... 12 1/2
State purposes..... 5
Special road fund..... 1
G. A. R. tax..... 1
County purposes..... 11.9
Total..... 22

In the matter of keeping the county poor, it was ordered that the bid of M. M. Cushing be accepted, and contract awarded at \$125 a month for keeping resident paupers, and \$1 per week for keeping non-resident paupers.

H. E. Lake was duly appointed justice of the peace for Waiilatpu precinct. Road district No. 29 was established in accordance with the boundaries asked in petition.

The following road supervisors were appointed for the several districts: A. G. Stewart, 1; J. W. Forbes, 2; Joseph Purser, 3; Chris Dethman, 4; W. F. Jackson, 5; S. D. Fisher, 6; J. W. Marquis, 7; J. P. Aquilus, 8; Andrew Urquhart, 9; A. Frazer, 10; G. W. Riddell, 11; E. K. Russell, 12; J. C. Egbert, 13; J. P. Haverly, 14; Eli Hinman, 15; Alex. McLeod, 16; John East, 17; Herbert Lowell, 18; The Hixon, 19; Frank Fleming, 20; G. W. Smith, 21; W. R. Winans, 22; G. M. Wishart, 23; Van Woodruff, 24; Joel Koontz, 25; J. P. Watson, 26; J. P. Marquam, 27; H. C. Rooper, 28; D. S. Crapper, 29.

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THE SETTLER WIS.

Another Case Decided Against the Eastern Oregon Land Company.

Secretary of the Interior Francis has rendered a decision, which if sustained by the courts, will forever settle the controversy between the company and settlers within the overlap limits of the Dalles Military road grant that are inside the boundaries of the forfeited Northern Pacific grant.

The case is one in which Rufus B. King made over to a homestead in Sherman county on an old section within the overlap limits on July 20, 1895. The Eastern Oregon Land Co., the present owners of the wagon road grant, protested against the allowance of the property to the land office, and an appeal was taken to the commissioner of the general land office, who reversed the decision of the local officers.

J. L. Story, attorney for King, appealed to the secretary of the Interior, and has just received the secretary's decision, which sustains the local office, and dismisses the protest of the company. The secretary holds that as the grant to the Northern Pacific Co. was made July 2, 1864, and that to the Eastern Oregon Land Co. on Feb. 23, 1897, the act of congress making second grant could not affect the lands conveyed by the first; that is, the same land could not be granted to two corporations at the same time. Therefore, the lands were included in the Northern Pacific grant, and the forfeiture of the principle of law has been forfeited at Sept. 23, 1890, was passed, hence title to the land in controversy never had rested in the Eastern Oregon Land Co., and the land was subject to entry when the forfeiture became a law.

The decision of Secretary Francis is directly in line with the position taken by Mr. Story in his contention that the land was never at any time included in the wagon road grant, and is a vindication of the principle of law he has advocated, that the government could by act of congress convey title to more than one party, and that the forfeiture act of 1890 does not give the owner of the wagon road grant the privilege of making overlap selections with the Dalles for the purpose of the law. The decision is evidence of the soundness of his conclusions in the matter.

Proposed Charter Amendments.

The select committee appointed by the council to prepare amendments and revisions to the city charter have submitted their report, and while the entire charter has been rewritten, and many minor changes have been made in the wording thereof, only a few material changes are proposed, principal among which are the following:

Changing the west boundary line of the city, from the foot of the hill to a certain piece of road leading down the river.

Providing that the recorder shall be ex-officio clerk of the water commission.

Adding a chapter on sewers, providing that sewer improvements shall be financed from street improvements, and providing the manner in which sewer improvements shall be made.

Revising the method by which lots belonging to the city shall be sold. The amendment provides that all lots shall be appraised, and after having been advertised for weeks, shall be offered for sale at public auction; in case any lots remain unsold at such public sale, then the council shall have power to sell the same as private sale at not less than the appraised value.

Creating a sinking fund to meet the obligations of the city, and setting aside not less than \$500 annually of the general funds of the city in such sinking fund.

Providing a uniform system of executing deeds to really sold by the city.

The amended charter will be kept at the recorder's office a short time for further inspection, after which it will be sent to the legislature for final action.

Up to Date Service.

A great many Pacific coast people, when contemplating a trip east and when bringing friends west, know that they need the later line, and the object of this article is to afford reliable information.

In the first place for good time and service select a route via St. Paul and Minneapolis, because the lines that are continuous under one system without any change of cars, and the man from present agent up, is a copy ready to aid and protect you in every emergency and capable of making you feel at home and comfortable during the long journey. Then see that your ticket reads via the Wisconsin Central line, because that thoroughfare affords strictly first-class service, and the meals on its dining cars (always reasonable in price) are equalled by few and excelled by none. Geo. S. Batty, 246 Stark St., Portland, Or., is general agent for this company, and will cheerfully furnish you a neat and handy calendar and full information on the subject of transportation, if addressed or called upon, and any agent will upon application, sell you a ticket over the Wisconsin Central Lines.

Important to School Boards.

County School Superintendent Gilbert has issued the following circular to the different clerks of school districts throughout the county, that is worthy of their attention:

"Those school districts desiring to vote a special school tax this year will observe the following:

"First—Directors should call a special school meeting, giving 10 days' notice, to be held January 25th, 26th or 27th, and report result of meeting in writing to A. M. Kelsay, county clerk, on or before February 1, 1897. (See school laws, page 62-67.)

"Second—The district clerk need not make application to the county clerk for the amount of assessable property in the district, as it will be mailed to each and every district clerk on or before January 20th, in ample time to reach you before your school meeting. As the time is limited, promptness is absolutely necessary."

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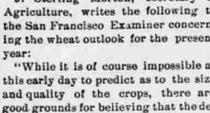
Committee Proceedings.

A special meeting of the city council was held at the council chambers last night, presided over by Mayor Menefee. All councilmen except Hoas were present, and the following proceedings were had:

In the matter of the licensing meeting vendors, Nolan, chairman of the finance committee, to whom the ordinance had been referred, recommended the ordinance be amended so as to impose a license for peddling meat in quarters, whereupon the ordinance prepared by the recorder was withdrawn and consideration thereof was indefinitely postponed.

The proposition imposing a license

BLACKWELL'S I WANT BLACKWELL'S DURHAM AND NO OTHER. SEE?



You will find one coupon inside each two ounce bag, and two coupons inside each four ounce bag of Blackwell's Durham. Buy a bag of this celebrated tobacco and read the coupons—which give a list of valuable presents and how to get them.

The proposition of the electric light company to furnish arc lights for streets was read, also a proposition for supplying 100 incandescent lights or their equivalent in 15 and 32 candle-power lights; and the special committee on lights was empowered to take action in the matter.

A Fortunate Wreck. Freight train No. 22, with Billy Mahler as conductor, went into the ditch at Cape Horn, nine miles east of The Dalles, about 8:30 Monday morning. The train left here a little after 7 o'clock, going east, and when rounding the point at Cape Horn the flange of a wheel on a Great Northern car, the car next to the engine, broke, causing the coupling to give way and allowing twelve cars to go into the ditch. The cars were loaded with lumber and ties, hence the freight was not materially damaged, though the cars are badly broken. Fortunately none of the trainmen were injured. The wrecking car was brought up from Albion at noon, and the train was cleared by midnight, hence trains were not materially delayed.

Take Care of Your Eyes. There are no two eyes alike and no person can select a pair to suit their own eyes. It can only be done by persons skilled in the laws of Optics and Refraction. Each eye must be examined separately and fitted separately. Dr. Lannenberg, the eye specialist, operates in the Young Block, examine your eyes free of charge. All work guaranteed.

Hits Wasting. Sealed bids for keeping the county poor of Wasco county for the year 1897, will be received by the county clerk at the county seat, on Thursday, January 7, 1897. The court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

For Rent or Sale. A hotel building at Grants will be sold for \$100 a month. Will be sold reasonable terms. Write to LEE KEE, Grants, Oregon.

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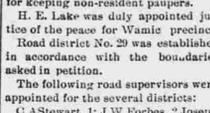
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