

ITEMS IN BRIEF

From Wednesday's Daily. Regular meeting of the Macabees at 7:30 tonight.

Dr. Hollister went to Moro this forenoon and will return tonight.

Two of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Herbert's little children are seriously ill with typhoid pneumonia.

Mrs. S. L. Brooks returned last evening from Portland where she has been visiting the past week.

The snow storm in Dakota has blocked the Northern Pacific, and no through trains have reached Tacoma from the east since Saturday.

Private information from Salem is that the Benson house bids fair to go to pieces soon, after which it is possible 40 members of the house will get together and permanently organize.

Three convicts in the Washington penitentiary at Walla Walla were caught yesterday attempting to escape. They had sawed a hole through the hospital floor and were excavating a tunnel when discovered.

There were a number of commendable features about the entertainment at the Vogt last night, chief among which that the curtain raised promptly on time, and that there was no time wasted in changing scenery.

J. H. Jackson is the owner of the only herd of Peking China geese in the state, and proposes to exhibit them at the fair at the home of James Fulton yesterday, and intends killing them as soon as they are fattened.

Revel services continue with unabated interest at the M. E. church. Services will be conducted by Rev. J. E. Wood assisted by Rev. E. Warner, the presiding elder of this district. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The engineers in charge of the locks at Cascades succeeded in clearing the ice away so that the gates could be operated yesterday afternoon, so as to allow the Regulator to pass through, and the boat started here at last night. She left for Portland about noon today.

A number of senatorial elections occurred throughout the country yesterday. John C. Spooner was elected in Wisconsin, John P. Jones in Nevada, W. A. Harris in Kansas, and Joseph H. East in South Carolina. The deadlocks in South Dakota, Idaho, Utah and Washington have not been broken. In Washington yesterday Clunie received 42 and Turner 30 votes.

J. E. Graham, who was injured in a fall from the high trestle on the O. R. & N. has below the Dalles last Thursday, died at the Union Street lodging house in this city at 2:15 this afternoon. Mr. Graham had no family except a brother who resides at Ashland, who has been notified by telegraph.

The clouds of mystery surrounding the management of city finances in Pendleton are not clearing away rapidly. F. B. Clifton, who was engaged to expert the books and accounts of the city, has not yet been able to complete his findings, and it is said that the sum missing may creep up to \$12,000. Mr. Clifton had not been at work long before he discovered that two sets of license books had been kept.

Property owners in Baker county are not so happy as they were only 46.3 mills on the dollar. Besides the county and state tax, amounting to 28.8 mills, the city and school district taxes are 17.5. Such a rate of taxation is not confiscatory, but it is at least a second count.

When the east-bound overland arrived here at 10 o'clock last night it was boarded by 23 Elks of this city, who thrust themselves into the Pullman car especially good musical entertainment of them and the ten Portland Elks, all of whom were on route to Elsie, at whom in the institution of a lodge in that city today. It was about as jolly a crowd as ever left The Dalles, and no doubt high carnival rejoiced anyone until Heppner was reached.

The Georgia University Graduates have come and gone, and everybody who attended their entertainment was pleased. The entire troupe is composed of real artists in their line, and they give an exceptionally good musical show, affording abundant amusement and at the same time displaying first rate musical talent. The slack-rope performer and juggler were experts, both giving performances that are new and very entertaining.

Cleaner comes pretty high over in Washington. A Walsberg preacher has used the editor of the Times for \$15,000 damages done the reverend gentleman by a publication of an article criticizing a sermon delivered by him last July. The plaintiff is Rev. Walsberg, a gentleman who is so thoroughly English that he sees little or nothing good on this side of the water except perhaps it would be the pocket change of a country editor amounting to \$15,000.

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The Pendleton council has locked the door after the horse, or rather a considerable amount of the city's funds, had been stolen. John Halley has been appointed recorder to serve while Mr. Lash is in the penitentiary, and

the recorder's official bond has been raised to \$5000. Now if the mayor and councilmen were placed under bonds the city's funds would be comparatively safe.

The farce or comedy whichever it might be called, that has been enacted at Salem since the 11th of the month, is becoming monotonous. Five out of ten taxpayers in the state demand a change of program.

A contest case is being heard before the land office today in which Mary Gibson is contesting Oliver L. Paquet's right to hold homestead No. 5239, near Wapinitia. Data & Menefee appear for the contestants.

Hon. W. C. Willis, member of the state board of equalization for the judicial district, arrived from below last evening. Mr. Willis will remain in the city a few days before proceeding to his home in Crook county.

By order of L. S. Davis, chancellor counties, a special meeting of the Board of Health of the city of Portland is called for this evening at 7:30. The meeting will be held in the K. P. banquet hall. All Knights are requested to attend.

Mr. Brooks returned from Portland last night. On account of disagreeable weather the work of repairing the steamer Dalles City has been suspended for the present, and Mr. Brooks says will not be resumed until the weather is more favorable.

It is such of snow that fell last night can be followed by a dozen inches more, it is better to be on the safe side. Plenty of snow now is what is needed to insure abundant crops next season and to protect the grain that was sown last fall.

The Dalles Elks are all back from Heppner, having arrived on this morning, and without a single complaint. A number of the Elks are in the hospital, but the people of Heppner. That city entertained its visitors in a most royal manner.

At the special meeting of the legal voters of Hood River school district last Monday 15-mill tax was levied for school purposes. The voters of the district rather overdid itself in building an expensive school house, and is now reaping the reward in high taxation.

A meeting of Indian war veterans has been called to meet in Salem next Tuesday at 10 o'clock. The speaker is Commander Intends to have a talk with all of the veterans of the state who can make it possible to be present on that occasion, regarding the bills in their behalf now pending in Washington, D. C.

One of the old landmarks of The Dalles was the early pioneer days, passed over to the happy hunting ground. He had attended a dance in the Indian village the night previous, and returned to his cabin and retired about 5 o'clock. Within an hour he was a corpse, death having come upon him suddenly, though without any apparent cause. Jim was a good, honest Indian, had always been a staunch friend of the whites, and was a perfect encyclopedia of information concerning the early history of The Dalles. He leaves a wife and four children.

From Friday's Daily. C. C. Hobart, of Cascade Locks, is in the city.

T. J. Driver left on the afternoon train for the seat of government at Salem.

The snow fall last night was six inches, making a precipitation of 50-100 of an inch.

A. E. Graham, brother of J. E. Graham, who died here Wednesday, arrived from Ashland on last night's train.

A grand ball will be given at Grass Valley on Feb. 22. Prof. Birgfeld, of this city, has been engaged to furnish the music.

M. L. Jones, state organizer for the Foresters of America, is in the city, and will meet with Court The Dalles this evening.

The passenger train which left here at 10 o'clock yesterday got off the track at Troutdale, and did not reach Portland until 10 o'clock last night. No damage was done to the train.

The Regulator passed through the locks this forenoon and proceeded on her way to Portland, the ice having been cleared from the canal so as to permit of the gates being operated.

The east-bound overland was delayed two hours last night by snow between Bonneville and Cascades. A rotary was brought up from Albina and plowed the snow out of the cuts.

Sleights have been very much in evidence on the streets of The Dalles today. Everybody who could has taken advantage of the snow, while the small boy and his sled has been making good use of the incline on Union street.

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Judge E. B. Watson, of Portland, and T. T. Geer, of Marion county, so far so Eastern Oregon republican has been mentioned.

On the evening of Feb. 9th Miss Gladys Jones and Harriette Stevens will give a musical in the Congregational church in this city. Everybody who heard Misses Jones and Stevens last winter will be anxious to attend this musical, as all are convinced they will be well entertained, and besides the entertainment is to be given as a benefit for the pastor of the Congregational church, who every resident of The Dalles desires to help along in the noble work in which he is engaged.

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GENEROUS TO DE LESSEPS. The Suez Canal Company's Provision for the Age of the Suez Canal.

It is truly characteristic of the warm-hearted and forgiving nature of the average Frenchman that the St. Louis Globe-Democrat says that not a word of protest should have been raised anywhere against the grant by the Suez Canal company of an annual allowance of about twenty-four thousand dollars to the De Lesseps family, even those whose entire fortunes had been swallowed up in the disastrous Panama enterprise expressing their satisfaction at the measure thus adopted to preserve their peace of mind.

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"The coolest gamblers on earth are the Mexicans," said a traveler from the land of the Aztecs to a writer for the Washington Post. "Win or lose, they never display the slightest chagrin or joy. They won't raise a row, as our countrymen do, when they are beaten. I was sitting one evening at the monte table in the great gambling resort of Mexico, situated in a suburb of the City of Mexico. There were two Americans whom I had seen around the table on several occasions. One was a railroad man and the other was the most expert short-card manipulator I ever saw. They played for very small stakes for several days. Then one day the railroad man came in, sat down and began to play. The short-card man followed him in about half an hour and took a seat five or six feet away from me. He dealt a large silk handkerchief from his pocket and spread it over his knees. In Mexican monte the dealer allows each player to cut the cards when he makes his bet. The short-card man brought with him a deck of cards exactly similar to those used in the game of monte. He dealt these cards as all alike. When he was given the cards to cut he substituted another pack on the top of which was a card which would make him win. He had put down eighteen hundred dollars on the king on the board. He cut, the dealer turned and dealt the cards. The pack that the short-card man brought with him, he dealt together, put it in his pocket, took his thirty-six hundred dollars and left. His confederate played on for a few minutes and then he made his bet, then he was given the cards to cut. He cut, the dealer who knew he had been robbed took the cards when he made his bet. He had been done, said very quietly: "Very well done, signor."

"An American gambler would have raised a row and his confederate demanded his money. They watch Americans very closely in that game now."

A SUEZ SURFACE. By Henry Bessemer Tells of the Failure of an Experiment.