

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

From Wednesday's Daily. Charles Schatz is home from a visit to Klilkot county.

Judge Bradshaw returned today from a visit to Salem.

Allie Henderson was up from White Salmon yesterday and returned home this morning.

The total amount of fees collected by the county clerk during the month of January was \$323.71.

Schools Clerk Jacobson is making the annual enumeration of persons of school age in the district.

There were 236 votes cast at the city election in Heppner yesterday. Thomas Morgan was re-elected mayor.

Hon. W. H. Wilson returned last night from Salem, where he had been arguing a case before the supreme court.

The predictions of the weather prophet have come true, and rain has been falling a good portion of the day, which has put a stop to sleigh-riding.

The sewer on Federal street has been causing considerable annoyance of late, having been clogged from Fifth street to the river, but has been put in perfect repair by Marshall Lauer.

No business importance was transacted in the senate yesterday, and the session was adjourned. The senatorial contest has overshadowed everything else.

A coal county, Ill., paper says corn in that section is worth 25 cents a bushel, though the farmers are compelled to take 16 cents in cash and 34 cents in confidence for it at present.

Judge Bennett and his stenographer, G. E. Stewart, went to Goldendale last night. The judge has an important case before the superior court of Klilkot county which is in session at present.

If the attempt to hold a joint convention tonight fails, it is expected that the Benson house will surrender and join with the "hold-outs" in effecting a permanent organization with a constitutional quorum present and answering to rollcall.

Today the money collected on subscription for the purchase of a diamond drill to be used in prospecting for coal on Chenoweth creek was turned over to T. T. Nicholas, and the order for the drill will be forwarded by tonight's mail. The drill is expected to arrive in about three weeks, when Mr. Nicholas will begin active prospecting.

The Woodmen lodge of this city held a very pleasant and profitable session at Fraternity hall last evening. State Lecturer McHaley met with the lodge and delivered an impressive lecture on the subject of "The Future of the Lodge." Scarcely had he ceased speaking when the lodge room was invaded by the members of Cedar Grove laden with an abundant supply of coffee and cake, and the Woodmen graciously surrendered to their captors. The balance of the evening was very pleasantly spent in disposing of the lunch and playing social games.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Mrs. Cradlebaugh came up from Hood River yesterday.

Only three nights more to see the wonder of the 19th century.

Mr. Wallis, a prominent merchant and real estate owner at Rufus, is in the city today.

Remember the lecture at the Congressional church Saturday afternoon and at the Vogt Sunday evening.

Tempel lodge will entertain the members of the Degree of Honor tonight. A rare treat is in store for the ladies. A horse belonging to John Crate will be given away at raffle at Charles Frank's saloon Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

Arrangements are being perfected for giving a Dickens entertainment some time in the near future. Local talent only will take part.

During the months of October, November and December there were 590 cash entries of forfeited railroad land made at the Dalles land office.

The senators who went into joint convention with the Benson house yesterday were Brownell, Driver, Dufur, Gowen, Johnson, Patterson of Marion, Price and Reed.

Numerous boats have been on the river today dragging for the bodies of the Indians drowned yesterday, but up to the time of going to press the bodies had not been recovered.

It was stated on the streets today that the house of representatives had reorganized, and that Hon. B. S. Huntington, of this city, had been elected speaker, but the report lacks confirmation.

Sheriff Matlock, of Morrow county, will leave for Heppner tonight accompanied by James Morgan who is arrested here and Heppner on a charge of seduction.

The Degree of Honor Lodge had a very pleasant session last evening. The "Open Leaf" edited by Hon. J. E. Moore was unusually interesting, and besides a fine musical program was rendered.

Dr. Flynn, of Portland, is visiting old acquaintances in this city. The doctor is an old resident of The Dalles, having been engaged in freightage between here and Canyon City in the early days.

The attempt to hold a joint convention of the two houses for the purpose of voting for senator at Salem last night was a failure. Only 30 members could be mustered to go into the convention, hence no vote was taken.

Mrs. J. L. Bradley died at Junction City on Feb. 1, and was buried at that place the following day. Mrs. Bradley was a daughter of W. H. Williams, of Eight-Mile, and resided at Dufur for many years. She leaves a husband and six children.

J. P. Benton, of the firm of Moler & Benton, hardware dealers of The Dalles, has been in this week doing the plumbing work on Mrs. A. K. Dufur's new residence. Being an efficient musician, he assisted the local brass band in its practice Wednesday night—Dufur Dispatch.

A genuine chinook wind has been blowing today causing the snow to disappear rapidly. While the water is pleasant, it would have been better for the country had there been no snow before the 20th of the month. Turning off warm now may cause fruit trees to bud too early, subjecting them to the danger of injury from late frosts in the spring.

A freight train got off the track near Bonville last six o'clock this morning. The engine and five or six cars went off, tearing up a considerable length of track. No one on the train was injured by the accident, though trains will be delayed until some time tonight. The accident occurred before the west-bound overland reached Bonville, so it is held this side of the wreck and will not get through to Portland until some time tonight.

REAPPORTIONMENT.

A Measure Before the Legislature to Reapportion the State.

Under the constitution, it is the duty of the present legislature to reapportion the state in senatorial and legislative districts, based on the state census of 1895; and to that end, Representative Somers has framed a reapportionment measure. The census figures were obtained by Somers from the secretary of state. The ratio of reapportionment for senatorial districts is one senator for every 12,084 of population, and fraction thereof exceeding one-half; and for representatives one for every 6042 of population. For senators, the reapportionment is as follows:

First—District—Marion county, two senators.

Second—Lincoln county, one senator.

Third—Lane county, one senator.

Fourth—Douglas county, one senator.

Fifth—Columbia county, one senator.

Sixth—Jackson county, one senator.

Seventh—Gilliam, Crook and Klamath counties, one senator.

Eighth—Lincoln, Benton and Lane counties, one senator.

Ninth—Polk county, one senator.

Tenth—Yamhill county, one senator.

Eleventh—Clackamas county, two senators.

Twelfth—Washington county, one senator.

Thirteenth—Lincoln and Marion counties, one senator.

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Fifteenth—Clatsop county, one senator.

Sixteenth—Washington, Columbia and Tillamook counties, one senator.

Seventeenth—Wasco and Sherman counties, one senator.

Eighteenth—Morrow, Grant and Harney counties, one senator.

Nineteenth—Umatilla county, one senator.

Twentieth—Union and Walla-walla counties, one senator.

Twenty-first—Baker, Malheur, Union and Wallowa counties, one senator.

For the representative districts, the reapportionment is as follows:

First representative district—Marion county, five representatives.

Second—Lincoln county, three representatives.

Third—Lane county, three representatives.

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THE COMMON COUNCIL.

Amendments to the Charter Considered by the Members.

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TO PROTECT THE ORCHARDS.

This is the Time to Spray for San Jose Scale.

Experienced fruit growers have learned that the San Jose scale is the most effectively destroyed by spraying trees, and the state board of horticulture recommends that orchardists adopt every possible measure during these months to kill the scale on their trees. Especially this is recommended, since fruits for shipment next year will be very closely inspected, and any that is affected with scale will be rejected in the markets. The board recommends the following wash as a certain remedy for scale if applied according to directions: 50 pounds of sulphur, 50 pounds of water, salt 50 pounds. This will make 150 gallons of wash.

Directions—Slack 50 pounds of lime, then add 50 pounds of sulphur, both in a brick fire for an hour, then place all the salt with it in the boiler and boil 15 minutes, then add the necessary amount of water to make 150 gallons. This solution should be used at temperature of at least 100 degrees. Before using strain the liquid. The utility of this wash depends a great deal upon the strength of the sulphur. It is, therefore, recommended that those who use it should take care to get the best quality of sulphur, and a strong address was also made by M. L. Jones, an old Pendleton farmer, who was one of the guests of the company.

Those of Jackson Engine Co. who attended the banquet were A. Sandrock, W. H. Butts, Geo. T. Thompson, John Blazer, L. Klindt, Joe Perry, Joe Studenker, J. W. Fisher, Gus Bartell, Sherman Frank, Geo. Liebe, Jr., Chas. Lauer, Rudolph Frank, August Buchler, A. S. Cathcart, Walter Klindt, James Maloney, F. W. L. Skibbe, H. Clough and Geo. Williams.

DROWNED IN THE COLUMBIA.

Two Indians Lose Their Lives and Another Narrowly Escapes.

About 10 o'clock this forenoon two Indians, John Williams and John Waters, were drowned in the Columbia while attempting to take up a sturgeon line in the river some two miles above the city, and an Indian boy named Dary, who was with them, had a narrow escape from drowning.