

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Hon. W. H. Moore, of Moro, is in the city.

John Hunsaker, of Prineville, is visiting in The Dalles.

Hon. E. B. Dufur went to Portland on the afternoon train.

A. D. McDonald returned last night from a visit to Portland.

X. J. D. Lates, of Cascade Locks, is visiting her parents in this city.

Major Menefee is again confined to his room by an attack of the grippe.

Frank Gable, who has been visiting in the Willamette valley, came home yesterday.

Frank Hampton, one of Crook county's most successful cattle raisers, is in the city.

Mrs. and Mrs. Sanders Logan and Mrs. T. J. Logan arrived yesterday from Prineville, and the ladies left on last night's train for Spokane.

The present cold snap is not beneficial to farmers, but is no detriment to fruit growers, since it keeps them from putting out buds too soon.

The O. R. & N. Co. report a considerable increase in the passenger traffic on their road, both through passengers and those from local points.

This morning Mrs. E. B. Dufur slipped on the steps that lead from their residence and sustained quite a severe sprain of her right ankle.

This afternoon Dan Maloney was arrested before Justice Filloon on a charge of assault and battery. The offense of which he is charged is "softening" a Chinaman.

Hon. H. W. Corbett, appointed by Gov. Lord to succeed Senator Mitchell, arrived in Washington yesterday. He has not yet determined when he will present his credentials.

The steamer Dalles City made a through trip to Portland today, and the Hattie Bell, which is running in place of the Regulator, will come through this evening arriving here at 6:30.

Prof. Hix predicts continued cold weather for the month of March, and heavy frosts reaching up to the first of May, and advises farmers and gardeners to be on their guard against planting tender plants, or even sowing spring vegetables.

The recent storm, while it has not been severe, is detrimental to all kinds of stock in the range country, and acting at this season of the year, will be compensated by hard winds, it chills stock thoroughly, and prevents their thriving.

The contractors at Cascades are still engaged dredging the channel leading to the lower entrance to the canal. Some very obstinate rock has been encountered on the bottom of the channel, and considerable blasting is necessary to remove it.

D. L. Cates is refitting the building formerly occupied by Dr. Candiant in Cascade Locks, in which he will soon open a full line of drugs, notions and druggists' sundries. The town has not had a regular drug store for several years, hence Mr. Cates' venture is welcomed by the residents of that place.

Hugh Glenn came up last night from Portland. Mr. Glenn reports work progressing as rapidly as could be expected, during unfavorable weather, on the Astoria and Columbia River railroad. At present he is working about 600 men, and will put on that many more as soon as the weather settles.

From Monday's Daily.

R. E. Moody, of Portland, was in the city yesterday.

Miss Myrtle Mitchell returned on the boat Saturday evening from a visit to Portland.

There is sadness in Joe Stadenaker's heart since last Saturday. His best girl has gone to Idaho.

Billy Refeno, the genial steward of the Regulator, is spending a few days visiting friends in the city.

This morning the Dalles Commission Co. shipped 4500 pounds of turmeion to Portland by the steamer Hattie Bell.

Capt. Waud brought the Hattie Bell up from Cascade Locks Saturday, and spent Sunday with his family in this city.

There are revival meetings being held at the Christian church every evening at 7:30, conducted by Evangelist F. L. Pines. Everybody is invited to attend.

The D. P. & N. Co. is now running boats daily between Portland and The Dalles. The steamers Dalles City and Hattie Belle will make trips each day.

Mr. Brooks came up from Portland Saturday and returned this afternoon to superintend the repairing of the Regulator which is on the ways at Portland.

Congress convened today in extraordinary session, electing Thomas B. Reed as speaker. No attempt will be made to reorganize the senate during the extra session.

Yesterday was a lovely day and everybody was out promenading and enjoying the bright sunshine which has been such a rarity at this place the past four or five months.

The Astoria Evening News has been sold to a company which will hereafter conduct it as a democratic newspaper. Mr. Lee will be the editor, and Mr. Al Leberman, business manager.

Today the Union Pacific surrenders control of the Oregon Short Line, Utah Northern and all other leased lines in Utah. Hereafter the lines will be operated by the Oregon Short Line.

Hon. Frank Pike, assessor of Sherman county, is in the city today making a list of the lands in that county that were patented during the past year. They will be listed in the assessment of 1897.

Hay Creek school district, in Crook county, has done itself credit by electing Mrs. W. P. Morris for director. Mrs. Morris is one of the brightest business women in Eastern Oregon, and will make an efficient director.

Dan Maloney did not appear in Justice Filloon's court last Saturday, as per program, to answer to a charge of assault and battery. He had been allowed to go on his own recognizance, but forgot to put in an appearance on schedule time.

Last Saturday the Calvary Baptist church and the Lutheran church each bought a tract of land from the city on which church buildings will be erected. The tract bought by the Baptists is that on which the old

power house stands and that purchased by the Lutherans is on the opposite side of Union street.

This afternoon the new net sea 17, 22, n. r. 13 e, was sold at sheriff's sale to satisfy a judgment rendered in the circuit court in favor of J. W. Blakey and against George and Mary Ganger. The property was bid in by the plaintiff for \$75.

The diamond drill to be used in prospecting for coal on Chenoweth creek was shipped from Aurora, Ill., on the last of the week. Mr. Nicholas expects to begin operations as soon as it arrives if the weather is favorable.

Mr. Easterbrook, who formerly held the position of clerk in Blakey & Houghton's drug store, is in the city today searching the records in the land office with a view of making a selection of land in Sherman county on which to file a homestead.

Ezra Durand, who skipped out from Portland five years ago leaving his friends to mourn his departure to the tune of \$150,000, was captured recently at Caro, Mich., and has been landed safely in the country jail at Portland, having arrived in that city yesterday morning.

The sheriff of Baker county passed down the road yesterday morning en route to Salem, having in charge five men sentenced to the penitentiary. They were George and Edward Sullivan, sent up for cattle stealing, and C. M. Hale, W. H. Smith and James Mair, convicted of burglary.

The primary rooms of The Dalles public schools are filling up quite rapidly at present, though there is a falling off in the attendance in the higher grades. This is owing to a number of the advanced students having to return to their homes in the country to commence work on the farms.

Yesterday Constable Hill arrested Jack Snadups, an Indian, at Hood River. Snadups is charged with having stolen six sheep from Proctor, Wilson & Robinson one night last week. The fish were tied in the river above The Dalles, and were taken away during the night and sold to Walter Klindt.

The county judges of the state are seriously considering the matter of holding the state taxes in the several county treasuries, instead of paying it over to State Treasurer Metcalf, inasmuch as he will be called upon to pay out a very small part of the state funds until an appropriation bill is passed.

The new proprietors of The Dalles Distilling and Carbonating Works, Messrs. Weaver & Nagel, are making extensive repairs about the works, among which will be a new steam engine to furnish motive power. The engine has been ordered from Portland and will arrive here within a week or ten days.

The school board of Antelope unananimously dismissed the principal, Prof. A. E. Lewis, of this city. Serious charges were made against Prof. Lewis that appear to be unreasonable, charges which it should cause his certificate as a teacher to be annulled.

While Representative Misner was attending the legislative hold-up in Salem an election of town officers was held at his home, and Mr. Misner was re-elected mayor of the city of Mitchell.

The other officers elected were S. F. Allen, G. E. Hook and W. H. Gosser, councilmen; E. M. Anderson, recorder; Sam Brannan, treasurer; W. H. Puett, marshal.

The steamer Hattie Bell made her first visit to The Dalles Saturday evening and tied up at the D. P. & N. dock until this morning. Yesterday many Dallesites went down and viewed the visitor, keeping the obliging officers of the boat busy entertaining them. The Hattie Bell will be continued on the line until the Regulator goes back into service, making regular trips every other day.

Yesterday morning Mrs. Cora Smith was found dead in the Belvidere lodging-house in Portland, says the Oregonian. Mrs. Smith was sent to Portland last Saturday from The Dalles by the county court. She had been sick some time, but her husband, who is but some and her husband refused to go to the poor farm, though they were out of funds. They were colored people and had been in the employ of County Surveyor Golt before coming to The Dalles.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Miss Agnes and Miss Holcomb will leave next Monday for San Francisco.

Two hogs are doing service on the streets today under the watchful care of Marshal Lauer.

Sheriff Driver has a new one on the left-handed man. Ask him to relate it for it is worth hearing.

The high wind that prevailed today is just what is needed to dry the mud and make roads and streets passable.

E. Schanno went to Hood River today to attend the horticultural institute to be held at that place today and tomorrow.

The steamer Dalles City brought up yesterday an immense stock of goods for Michael, Surad & Perkin, the new furniture store at the corner.

The old board of fire delegates will hold a meeting at the council chambers tonight for the purpose of turning over their books papers and accounts to the new board.

Geo. Werlein, formerly of the firm of Kramer & Werlein of this city, but now located in Portland, spent the day here shaking hands with old friends and acquaintances.

Stinzel Rose and family recently arrived from Iowa and purpose locating permanently in Wasco county. They are desirous of renting a farm and may be found at the Skibbe hotel.

Mrs. M. T. Nolan and daughter Katie left this morning for Portland. The little girl's eyes are afflicted and Mrs. Nolan took her to Portland to place her under treatment of a specialist.

Yesterday Jack Snadups pleaded guilty in Justice Filloon's court to having stolen six sheep from Proctor, Wilson & Robinson in this section of the Wisconsin Central line. They are just the size for the desk and may be had by addressing Mr. Jas. C. Pond, General Passenger Agent, Milwaukee, Wis., or Mr. Geo. S. Batty, Gen'l Agent, Portland, Ore.

The Wisconsin Central trains run between St. Paul or Minneapolis, and Milwaukee or Chicago, and close connections are made with all trains to and from those points. Its dining car service is strictly up to date, and its rates and prices are very moderate. Your nearest ticket agent will provide you tickets on application over its favorite route.

and since the death of her offspring she has taken up with a red pig, showing it all the affection possible for a dumb brute to exhibit.

Yester day a decree was entered in the case of Ida Lockheart vs. Harvey Lockheart, granting a divorce and the care and custody of the three minor children to the plaintiff. The case was tried at the November term of court, J. L. Story appearing for the plaintiff and Huntington and Wilson for the defendant.

The warehouses here have begun preparing for the wool season, clearing their floor room and preparing to receive the 1897 clip. Moody's warehouse has received a car load of wool sacks and is already distributing them among the wool growers. Yesterday a consignment of wool sacks was shipped to Dayville.

The Grant county court has awarded the contract for putting in steel fixtures at the county jail to the Mosier Safe Company, of Portland, for \$2750. Among the improvements will be steel cells, closets, bathtubs, etc. The work is to be done this spring and that it is hoped there will be no more escapes from this jail.

Hon. John Mitchell and District Attorney A. A. Jayne have formed a partnership and have opened a law office in rooms 15 and 16 in the Vogel block. Both Mr. Jayne and Mr. Mitchell are well and favorably known to the readers of this paper, and require no introduction, however we be bespoken for their lucrative practice and a large list of clients.

Word reached here at noon that the body of a dead man had been found in Dry Hollow four miles south of The Dalles. The body was found lying by the side of the road with a bullet hole in the head and a revolver in the right hand. From appearances the man had been dead several days. Corner Butte was notified and went out this afternoon to bring the body to town. The body was brought in at 3:30 this afternoon, and from all indications the dead man had committed suicide. At the time of going to press the body had not been searched so as to determine the identity of the deceased.

Horses Can Get Nothing to Eat and Are Dying.

The question as to what shall be done with the Oregon horse is being pretty effectually settled on the Eastern Oregon ranges, where the animals are starving to death.

Boaming over the ranges of the mountain slopes are numberless bands of horses that are dying through starvation. The winter is unusually hard in the mountains, and even cattle, which are taken care of, have suffered some. The ranges are barren, and it passes the memory of the settlers of the Harney valley when the conditions were such as they now are.

Mr. William M. S. Love, of East Portland, who has just returned to this city from Burns, Harney county, where he is temporarily engaged in business, brings a report of the remarkable fatality among the horses that are found almost anywhere in that county. He says the sight of these gaunt creatures is indeed pitiful. Last spring and summer, when there was plenty of grass on the ranges, the horses were sleek and fat, but they are now nothing more than mere skeletons, and are rapidly dying off.

Speaking of the pitiful sights to be seen among the famishing beasts left by their owners to die on the ranges, Mr. Love said:

Whole herds of them are seen along the stage road. The beasts have gnawed their tails and manes off in their starved condition. They are so weak that they can scarcely move now.

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