

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Hon. W. H. Holmes, of Salem, is in city. Randall returned on the boat yesterday from Portland. Donald McKay, a prominent sheep-raiser of Kent, is in the city. Julius Wiley has just completed a commodious cottage on Twelfth street. F. S. Gunnings has so far recovered from his illness as to be on the streets. The river has held its own pretty well all day, standing at 29 feet above zero. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. O'Leary, of Sherman county, are in the city purchasing supplies. E. E. Lytle, president of the Columbia Southern R. Co., is en route to Portland on this morning's train. W. P. Jones, of Biggs, is circulating around in the city today, shaking hands with friends. Remember the postoffice will be done from 10 to 11 tomorrow forenoon instead of from 12 to 1. Mrs. A. Henderson, who had been visiting in the city the past few days, returned this morning to Binger, Wyo.

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making red hot prices when cash accompanies the order. Two pointed Golden wire, at \$2.35 per 100 pounds, and genuine Baker for \$2.41. J. W. Howard took the train this morning for Portland. Miss Mollie Bernard returned to lay to her home in Salem. P. L. Retzer, proprietor of the Washington hotel, is in the city. T. A. Cozzilli, a sheep buyer from Ft. Steele, Wyoming, is here looking for mutton for shipment. The rifle race got back of the fair grounds this afternoon, and will be ready for rifle shooting Saturday. Miss Mamie Goetz and Miss Ellen Rankin, who have been visiting Miss Drews, left on the train this morning for Portland. Three tons of bacon from Kliekitch wagon were taken in by R. E. Salmarsch this morning and will be shipped to up-country points. Mrs. Hallock, wife of Homer Hallock, editor of the Pendleton Tribune, who has been visiting in the city, left on last evening's train for Heppner. Yesterday A. Hamilton, of Prineville, was in the Dalles loading a wagon with groceries and other necessities of life. F. W. Peaslee, a prominent sheep-raiser of John Day, passed through the city yesterday en route to Portland, where he goes for medical treatment. Oscar Beedman has returned from California, and will go to Baker City to work in the mines. For some time he was employed in the Skibbas hotel. Cut-worms are doing some damage to spring grain in portions of Sherman county, says C. D. Woodworth. He was in the city this morning en route to Hood River. Hood river strawberry patches look like snow banks, says T. F. Park who came up from there last night. The vines are all in full bloom, and will no doubt yield a large crop. Already the wool clip of 1897 is beginning to arrive. Yesterday three wagon loads of wool from Dayville, in Grant county, were received at the Moody warehouse. The reasonable prices at which goods are sold in the Dalles attract customers from far in the interior and the Dalles are becoming known to the south as being a better place than the Dalles stores.

AN EMBARRASSING MISTAKE. The Young Man Thought she Was a Beggar. He was very busy, no doubt, pondering some deep subject. He strode along with his hat well over his brow and his eyes fixed upon a point beyond. He had been accosted several times in the block by beggars and had his train of thought interrupted by stopping to fling them a coin. He was vaguely aware that a figure had stepped in front of him and he said, rather testily: "I haven't a penny change." "I haven't a penny which caused him to look up produced an exclamation from his lips. Standing before him was a fair vision that is usually held in high esteem. She was a very charming young woman, wearing the very choicest of grass-cloth gowns, under which gleamed a dark-rose silk. She held her pretty parasol well away from her face as she looked laughingly at him, and her cheeks grew crimson under her veil, until they rivalled the American Beauty rose she wore at her belt. He tried to apologize, but before he could summon the proper words she turned on a map nearly every one would be willing to spend his life in her service, and asked him the way to her lawyer's office. She evidently was in a part of New York he was to be a messenger boy or policeman in sight. With a glance of triumph at the first one he stepped into the crowd. He was looking at the woman who had asked him for the way to her lawyer's office. He was looking at the woman who had asked him for the way to her lawyer's office. He was looking at the woman who had asked him for the way to her lawyer's office.

A PECULIAR ACCIDENT. Little Girl Rescued from Well at La Grande. Last Saturday, Emma, the youngest daughter of J. E. Foley, of La Grande, in company with her two brothers and William Osborn, was looking for a dog which she had lost at Bradford. Emma, who was twelve years of age, and her brothers, who were ten and eight years of age, were looking for a dog which she had lost at Bradford. Emma, who was twelve years of age, and her brothers, who were ten and eight years of age, were looking for a dog which she had lost at Bradford.

FISHING WITH DOGS. Unique Method of Capturing Salmon Used by the Indians. The savages of Saguin Island have a unique method of fishing for salmon with their dogs, a description of which is given in "Trans-Siberian Savages." The water around the island is wonderfully clear. The author, who went out in a canoe, says the bottom was distinctly visible, while from under the canoe the frightened salmon trout were swimming seaward in such numbers it seemed as if it would be difficult to drop a stone into the water without striking one. From the time we started I was puzzled to guess what the Indians could be doing with their dogs. At a certain point all the men and dogs came to a halt. Half the men and dogs then moved farther along the water's edge about two hundred yards. At a concerted signal the dogs were started from their respective points and swam straight out seaward in single file in two columns. At a wild, sharp cry from all the Indians the right column wheeled to the left and the left column wheeled right until the head of each column met. Then at another signal all of them swam in line toward the shore, straggling more and more in crescentic formation. As the dogs neared the shore increasing numbers of fish appeared in the shallow water, and were taken by the splashing of the advancing column of dogs, which, as soon as their feet touched the bottom, snatched the fishes as quick as a flash. The animals promptly brought the fish which they had seized to their masters, who rubbed their heads and gave each dog the head which belonged to him as his share of the catch. The dog who caught nothing got nothing. I believe this dog drill of the Ainu is entirely unique. It is all the more remarkable, too, as the dogs, many of them being of a variety called the forest, are still half wild. ANTS IN FLORIDA. The Vast Damage Which These Endermost of the Insects Cause. There are more ants in the square mile in Florida than in any other county in the world, says the Savannah Daily. They are doing a killing of measure more than half an inch in length, and then there are ants so small that they can hardly be seen. There are red ants and black ants and troublesome ants. But as bad as they are, I have never heard of one eating out of the seat of man's trousers, as a missionary, Rev. Mr. Wilson, once told the writer he saw the army ants do in the mountains of Colombia.

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