

ITEMS IN BRIEF

From Wednesday's Daily. M. T. Nolan was a passenger on the D. S. Baker this morning for Portland. Postmaster James A. Crossen returned from San Francisco and Portland yesterday afternoon. English and Belgian cements, very best imported brands, for sale by the Wasco Warehouse Co. Mrs. T. F. Wood, of this city, left on the boat this morning for Vancouver, B. C., to spend the summer with her sister. Mr. Isaac Joles and Archie Barnett were passengers on the boat this morning going to join the campers at Wind River. A Texas murderer is to have a brass band at his execution. He should go the whole length and have fireworks in the evening. Thousands of people are coming from the east to try their fortunes in Alaska. What a harvest the steamship companies and traders will reap! Rev. Doane, of Portland University, who has been visiting his son at Spokane, is in the city for a few days, the guest of his son Dr. O. D. Doane. Mr. James Connelly of Barn Harbor was offered 125 cents for his wool clip last evening, but his price was 13 and it was reported that he would not accept his price, but he would not confirm the rumor. When you feel blue and poverty-stricken, just go up to the East End, as a panacea, and see the six-horse teams swing up the trail-wagons laden with wool to the warehouses, you will wonder where there is any more wool another load, but don't worry at all just feel like The Dalles is the gate way of an empire yet to be happy. We had a bonanza of an item, right at home, this morning. Some man hitched his horses to our awning post, and they left without our formalities of unhooking, taking the awning post along. Nobody but, only a small expense, but newspaper men are rich, so what's the difference. It is reported here that wheat sold in Dayton Monday for 60 cents, but no specific transaction could be traced today. No wheat is being offered at Walla Walla, but it is learned that about 50 cents can be obtained by the farmers who desire to sell. The producers are holding for a better price. A sleek scoundrel is working the school districts of some portions of the state, says the Register. He claims to be selling a handsome new edition of Webster's dictionary. His price is very low, and on every order he demands an advance payment. It is needless to say that he is never heard from thereafter. School directors should watch out for him. Although the legislature failed to make any provision for the support of the Eastern Oregon state normal school at Weston, the regents and officers and faculty appear to be very much alive and will succeed in keeping the school open. A grant of \$100,000 from the state fund has been raised by the citizens of Weston, and the teaching force will be retained. A dispute the other day over a horse-raised on Mitchell, in Crook county, in which James M. Pearson, Marshall Magee and Mack Looney were party, resulting in a shooting scrape. Tony was slightly wounded on the cheek, and Pearson's side was grazed by a bullet. No one was seriously wounded, although there was a very close call. Tony was bound over to the grand jury in \$500 bonds. The people of a Washington town are red-headed over what they claim was a bunco game set up for their humiliation by the ladies of a church fair. The ladies advertised for and that they were to be the winners of blouses at the fair. The entire population turned out and paid their entrance fee and found that "blouses" worn by the ladies were only the flowers of the gardens and fields. The Baker came up late last evening about nine o'clock, very heavily laden. The Register reports that the Baker struggled heavily to get up the rapids with the odds apparently against success, as turned around and towed the Baker up to the Locks, and then got to Portland by 7:30 p. m. herself. The tone, we understand, which was characterized by the Register, of bringing excursionists to the Locks, could not make the rapids, and had to stop lower down. Fruit shipments from The Dalles begin auspiciously at least. The Dalles Commission Co.'s short returns just received from Cleveland, Ohio, show the sale of six carloads of peach plums that averaged 81 per box. This is one of three carloads of peach plums sent to different Northwest points, returns from which are not yet in. This company is already shipping melons to Portland and Seaside, also tomatoes. They estimate that about 40 full cars of plums and aprons will go from this point, also 7 or 8 cars of peaches. The government has again favored Portland with a contract for the building of an addition to the new navy or navy yard. Portland black and enterprises, as represented by the Wolf & Zwicker iron works has captured the award. Monday afternoon the firm received a dispatch from Mr. Wolf, who is now in Washington, D. C., stating that Secretary of the Navy Long has decided to give the building of the three 30-knot torpedo boats, authorized under the late appropriation, to Harlan & Hollingsworth of Wilmington, Del. The Gas & Engine Power Company of New York, and Wolf & Zwicker, of Portland. The boat to be built by Wolf & Zwicker will cost \$214,600. And now comes a very much in earnest appearing gentleman, speaking on the street corners, who tells us that the churches are all wrong, or at least that is the way we understand him, and that he has found the only right road. Poor humanity! Where shall it turn? All of us want to "get there," when we can't stay here any longer and here are numerous serious, professional gentlemen each holding at least one of his own little patented path, telling us of its merits, chief among which is the really proven fact, that it is the only road with a gate at the other end, opening inward, and the way starts on our bow at the awful business against us taking the right road. From Thursday's Daily. Mr. A. J. Brigham, of Dufur, is in the city. W. H. Moore, a teacher of Moro, is in the city. The new school building at Dufur

is approaching completion, and is a substantial imposing structure. Tom McCusker, supply agent of the Southern Pacific, is in the city. Misses Carrie and Emma St. John were passengers for Portland on the boat this morning. The new system of water works, now being put in at Dufur, is proving very satisfactory, plenty of water and power for all purposes. W. L. Mann and Louis Oaks, accompanied by their families, left for Trout lake this morning for an outing of a couple of weeks. S. Waldman, who has been traveling by team in the Prineville country returned today, thinks the prospects for good times there are bright. If some of the boys who are stricken with Clondyke fever would hit the wheat harvest this summer and Alaska early next spring, it would be better for themselves, the harvest and Alaska. John Green, the aged and wealthy capitalist of Portland, died yesterday morning of heart disease. He was a factor in Portland's prosperity for the past 40 years, and has made several fortunes. Miss Julia Bybee, of Portland and Miss Jessie Crighton, of Salem, left on the steamer D. S. Baker for Portland this morning, after a short visit with their cousin, Miss Jessie Fisher, in this city. The weather service people tell us tomorrow will be cooler. We hope so, but the sun is shining brightly, and sign, wetting the finger and the wild goose augury, are all to the contrary, we will know tomorrow. Surveyor-General Habersham has received a letter from Bingher Hermandt, commissioner of the general land office, informing him that the survey of the upper portion of the state during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, is \$20,000. Hon. S. D. Gibson died on Sunday morning at his home two miles west of Salem, after an illness of a few weeks. The deceased was serving his second term as member of the state board of equalization, which vacancy will have to be filled by the governor. News is scarce in this burg, even accidents cease to happen. As a rule it is a painful business to chronicle accidents, but if any two bicycle-scorchers were to run into each other and smash the whole caboodle our columns are open. The handsome cap-stones used in the construction of the new Catholic church are from the Cascade Locks quarry. The same stone was used in the lock walls and were cut there by N. Skokoe, one of the old stone-cutters force still living at the Cascades. Mrs. Chas. Alden, Miss Lizzie Schoelling, Miss Valeria Liebe and Miss Edythe Randall were passengers on the boat this morning bound for Wind River, where they will join Mrs. Joles, Mrs. Randall and several others who have been in camp there for the past ten days. Mr. J. C. Hosteler's family, C. E. Dawson and family, Leon Dawson and Miss Hattie Cram, Mr. Gleason and family and Mr. Glendening went over on the Klackit to the Soda Springs camp, and will be in the city on Monday. Mr. Hosteler will follow in a few days. Tom Ward took them in his wagonette. It is expected a meeting of the state board of education will be held soon. There are complaints about the board of the method of issuing state papers, and papers that have been issued are held up, awaiting the board's action. Superintendent Irwin is out of the state, but it is expected a call will be issued in a few days for a meeting. The Artizans adjourned last night until the first Wednesday in August, and the regular adjournment will be the first Wednesday in September. This will take them through the heat of the summer, and is a sensible move that might be followed to advantage by other sweltering secret societies folks. The illustrated commencement number of the Register for Oregon Monthly has been completed. Besides containing three orations and two poems recently delivered, and an unusual number of interesting articles, it also has 15 steel engravings of the Register societies, graduating class of '97, editorial staff, board of regents and President Chapman. E. L. 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