

ITEMS IN BRIEF

From Wednesday's Daily. Tom Glavery, of Dufur, spent yesterday and today in the city.

Last Sunday Frank Hill broke record on the Moody bowling alley, making a score of 78.

C. G. Hickok and wife, formerly of Cascade Locks but now residing in Portland, are in the city.

Misses Jess Leenber and Ida M. Foss, two well known teachers of Hood River, are in the city.

For some time past Geo. Rowland has been quite ill and last night was again stricken with paralysis.

L. B. Clough has been appointed by the president to receive of public moneys in the land office at Vancouver.

A handsome fish counter with a marble top has been put in front of The Dalles Commission & Grocery Co's store.

Prof. J. T. Neff, of Hood River, is in the city acting with Superintendent Gilbert and Prof. Gavin on the board of county examiners.

There were ten applicants for teachers' certificates before the county board of examiners today, seven ladies and three gentlemen.

Last night a handsome diamond ring was disposed of by Tom Kelly at rifle T. J. Driver held the lucky ticket, No. 66, and won the prize.

The Albany woolen mills were sold at public auction last Monday by the receiver. The only bid was \$17,500 made by P. A. Goodwin. The sale included the entire plant.

From all appearances this will be a busy year with carpenters and brick layers in The Dalles. Several new buildings are now contracted for and more will be started as the year goes on.

Col. L. W. Oren, of Corvallis, division commander of the Sons of Veterans is in the city, and tonight at the Armory will organize a corps. There will be about 30 charter members enrolled.

R. H. Guthrie came in yesterday from the southern part of Sherman county. He says that the ground has been frozen until recently.

On Monday at Hopper James Hagan sold to Marshall & Furnish, of Pendleton, 3,000 yearling weathers at \$3 per head. This is the first sheep sale of importance that has been made in Morrow county this season.

A new time card on the O. R. & N. will go into effect next Monday. Passenger No. 3, the train from Spokane, will arrive here at 6:35 instead of 9:45 as at present. No change will be made in the time of the other trains.

Two Lake county capitalists have made an offer to buy the land and cattle interests in Lake county, Oregon, and Modoc county, California. It is understood that the price offered was something more than \$200,000.

All the committees appointed to arrange for the woolgrowers' meeting at the G. A. R. encampment are busily engaged attending to their several duties, and every effort is being put forth to make both events successful.

E. E. Lytle, president of the Columbia Southern, is in the city today. He has little to state regarding railroad matters in Sherman county except that his road continues to do a good business, and preparations are perfected to push it on further south.

On Monday afternoon, February 21, the public schools will hold patriotic exercises in the Yogi opera house. The pupils of the schools will march to their respective buildings and march to the opera house where an interesting program will be rendered. The program will be published later.

Farmers south of here are a unit that the road leading from Eight Mile into the city should not be a good repair. They feel that they are entitled to a good road over which to haul their products to market. If the county court would make a good road to Eight Mile, the farmers would fix up all branch roads leading to it.

While coming in from Sherman county yesterday, R. H. Guthrie passed a drove of 35 little bora that were bound for Klondike from Colorado. The owner intends taking them to Skagway from whence he will engage in packing. They come all the way overland, and had been four months on the road.

Leslie Butler arrived here last night and made preparations for sending the remains of his mother to Indiana for interment. Truman Butler will accompany them. It was a mere accident that Mr. Butler was within reach at the time of his mother's death, he having just returned from Alaska on the steamer Oregon.

We're walking on gold every day, says the Canyon City News. To prove the truthfulness of this assertion we wish to state that Fred Simpson walked from his residence to his store yesterday morning, and when he arrived there he discovered a gold nugget worth 12 or 15 cents among the particles of clay clinging to his overalls. He saved the gold, which speaks for itself.

In 1895 there were recorded in Grant county's mining records, 416 locations, 3 abandoned, 31 affidavits of labor and 5 millites, says the Long Creek Eagle. In 1894 there were 370 locations, 22 affidavits of labor, 3 millites, 2 tunnel rights, 1 tunnel relinquishment and 70 water rights. In 1897 there were 501 locations, 40 affidavits of labor, 1 millite, 2 tunnel rights and 56 water rights.

The dog market in Seattle is reported as being greatly overdone—there being more dogs than there are in dog-infested Constantinople. The Ashland parties who lately shipped 80 dogs to Seattle and who formed the Alaska Dog Co. are reported as having a hard time of it in trying to dispose of their stock at profitable prices. They would not unload at fair profit and now find themselves confronted with a falling dog market.

This morning Fred Archer, proprietor of the old Richmond stable, had quite a lively runaway on Second street. He had started to deliver a team to a customer, and when in front of The Dalles Lumber yard the horse became frightened at the fire engine that had been used in pumping out a sewer in the street, and making a quick turn broke the tongue of the buggy and started for the barn at a three-minute gallop. When the team reached the barn Mr. Archer

was thrown out, and was pretty badly shaken, though not mortally injured. The buggy was badly damaged.

Messrs. French and Sylvester, who have the contract for building the new school house, have begun the work of laying the sill, and are preparing to start the work of construction as soon as the weather will permit.

No less than twenty men have gone from Wasco county to Alaska, and the majority of them are bound for the Klondike. If those men had started out into the mountains here and devoted a year to prospecting, in probability they would have discovered better claims than they will up north. There is said to be gold in paying quantities right on Mill Creek, but it is too near home for the ordinary prospector to pay any attention to.

From Thursday's Daily. Fred W. Wilson went to Hood River this morning.

E. E. Lytle went to Portland on the 9:25 train this morning.

Miss Pauline Drens went to Portland for a short visit today.

J. M. Benson, of Five-Mile, is reported quite ill with a grippe.

Aho Watt, tax agent for the O. R. & N., was in the city last night.

Miss Beale Lang returned last night from a week's visit in Portland.

Mrs. W. H. Mansell returned last evening from a two week's visit to Eugene.

Hon. W. H. Moore, of Moro, was a passenger on this morning's train for Portland.

Mrs. Stacy Showen, of Seattle, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd, of Five-Mile.

Work has commenced on the flooring mill building that is to be erected at Wasco this season.

J. P. O'Brien and D. W. Campbell, of the O. R. & N., and D. C. O'Heilly, of the Columbia Southern, were in the city last night.

W. D. Campbell, chief train dispatcher for the O. R. & N., spent yesterday in the city and left this morning for Portland.

Coroner Butts has been laid up for repairs with a bilious attack the past two weeks, but has recovered, and is able once more to be on the streets.

Last night the gentlemen members of the Arlona club were given a happy surprise by the ladies, in the shape of a lunch and most interesting literary program.

The O. R. & N. Co. is actively engaged making a fill at the Chenoweth bridge. Half a dozen trainloads of sand and gravel were given today daily for this work.

C. McPherson came in yesterday from his farm near Cross Keys. He says from Bakoven south the roads are dusty and the ground dry, there having been no rain of consequence in that section the past month.

The monthly report of the superintendent of the insane asylum at Rainier shows that on Jan. 31, there were 128 patients, 77 males and 51 females, confined in the asylum. The total expense of the institution, exclusive of salaries, was \$612.90.

A gentleman who has been complaining of dull lines in the past week has discovered the cause. He says it is the nickel-in-the-slot machines that are absorbing all the spare change and taking it out of business.

Fred McAllister, a prominent Crook county farmer, was in the city today. Mr. McAllister reports an unusually early start in the spring. Farmers and stockmen throughout the county are wishing for either rain or snow, anything in fact that can be converted into moisture.

A number of Paris women have arranged to start a daily newspaper, and not a man is to be allowed on the premises, except in the morning. The paper may be broken over, though, in the future—when the French equivalent for the American sheriff comes in to put on an attachment.

On the 22nd the Ladies of the Congregational church will give a colonial concert. The program will consist of music, drama and recitation. The concert will be held in the exercise hall and will be in the costumes of the times when Washington lived. It is looked forward to as one of the most interesting events of the year.

It has been determined to make the farmers' institute at La Grande extend over four instead of three days, as previously announced. The accumulation of papers, subjects and talent has been so great that it is considered impossible to crowd all the work into three days. The dates of the other institutes will not be affected by the change.

A dead Indian, murdered by one of his own tribe, was brought down to Ellensburg, from the vicinity of Clewiston, last Tuesday. The prosecuting attorney has the matter in hand, and will thoroughly investigate it. Sheriff Wynegar is on a still hunt for the murderer, and expects to have him in limbo before long. This is said to be the murderer's fourth victim.

The worst flood in the history of Grant county occurred Tuesday. Sixty-five feet of water were in the streets, and a raging torrent, and has left its bed and is running through the principal streets of the town of Gardfield, carrying away wood piles, sidewalks and fences. Great blocks of ice were piled up in the streets, and business was practically suspended.

There is considerable excitement at Colfax over the finding of a lot of clothing with blood marks and cuts as if made with a knife. Two drafts of 8000 each and a diary in Spanish were also found with the clothes. The drafts were dated May, 1892. It is supposed the owner, John Schloer, was murdered and his body thrown in the Palouse river to conceal the crime. But why, if this be the case, did not the murderers also destroy the clothing and documents instead of leaving them lying around?

From Friday's Daily. J. H. Aldrich, of Cascade Locks, was in the city today.

The many friends of Geo. Rowland will be pleased to learn that he is gradually improving.

Last night one drunk was run in by the city officials and deposited \$5 cash bail for his appearance today.

The docket for the coming term of circuit court is quite heavy, there being a large number of civil cases for trial.

All hands at the sheriff's office are busy serving papers for the February term of court which convenes next Monday.

There were 45 applicants for teachers' certificates before the Lane county board of examiners this week. At the

examination a year ago there were 100 applicants.

Ladies obtain a good bargain, by buying fancy neck ribbons at 19 cents per yard on Saturday, from 2 to 6 P. M. at A. M. Williams & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Campbell, who have been visiting Mrs. Campbell's relatives at Kingsley, left this morning for their home at Albany.

L. E. Morse and H. F. Davidson, of Hood River, were in the city last night attending the meeting of the populist county central committee.

Miss Ethel Clark, of Harland, who is under treatment in this city for heart disease, is very low today and there is little hope of her recovery.

Col. Enos came down this morning from Grants, and will spend a few days in the city. The colonel has been ill for some time but is improving now.

The Spokane Flyer was delayed three hours at tunnel No. 3 last night on account of a land slide, caused by loosening of the ground by work that is being done on the road.

No man is well dressed without a good hat, and the place to find this article is at the store of John C. Hertz, where you will find the spring Fedora and all styles brands of stiff hats in different colors.

Every committee appointed to arrange for the woolgrowers' convention and the G. A. R. reunion is working with a determination to make both meetings agreeable and profitable to the community.

Farmers in the vicinity of Dufur are now busy plowing their ground. There is in first rate condition for cultivation, and the farmers are taking advantage of the situation in preparing for seeding a large acreage in the spring.

A large shipment of ladies and children's underwear was received this week, and being late in the season these goods will be sold at cost. Call at the Racket Store and see the great bargains offered in these goods.

In DuKov county the populists held their convention last Wednesday and placed in nomination candidates for representative, sheriff, treasurer, commissioner and school superintendent. Dr. T. B. V. Embree was the nominee for representative.

Last Wednesday W. B. Ewing was given an examination before Justice Richardson at Heppner, on a charge of shooting James Fitz near the Cecil ranch in Morrow county, and was held in bonds of \$2,000 to appear before the next grand jury. At last account Fitz was in a fair way to recover.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Commercial Club last evening President E. C. Pease tendered his resignation and Judge G. C. Blakeley was elected president of the Club. The resignation of Pease, which prevented his giving the club matters proper attention, was the reason assigned by Mr. Pease for resigning.

The old National Intelligence, published in Washington, D. C., although in its 95th year, appears quite firm and frisky in its 10 page form, fresh from the monopoly each week. Red hot anti-monopoly. Send ten (10) cents for three months trial trip to National Intelligence, Pub. Co., Washington, D. C.

Paper gas pipes are now made. Manila paper's cut in strips equaling in length the length of the pipe to be made. These are passed through a vessel filled with melted asphalt and then wrapped firmly and uniformly around an iron core until the required thickness is attained. These pipes are claimed to be perfectly gas tight and are said to be much cheaper than iron pipes.

The Wasco News announces that the city officers recently elected in Wasco did not constitute a "whiskey ticket," and objects to the statement of the Grass Valley Journal that Mayor Crossfield "sits on a barrel."

The new time card on the O. R. & N. which goes into effect Sunday, Feb. 15th, will be a great convenience for the people of this city having business in Portland. The Spokane Flyer will then leave The Dalles at 6:55 A. M., and arrive in Portland at 10:15 A. M.; returning will leave Portland at 2 P. M., arriving at The Dalles at 5:25 P. M., thus enabling The Dalles people to eat breakfast and supper at home and yet have practically a whole business day at Portland, or if more time is required in Portland passengers can leave Portland at 8 P. M. arriving at The Dalles at 11:45 P. M.

Sick-pisians is a poison which makes you sick. It comes from the stomach. The stomach makes it out of undigested food.

The blood gets it and taints the whole body with it. That's the way of it.

The way to be rid of it is to look after your digestion.

If your food is all properly digested, there will be noose left in the stomach to make sick-pisians out of.

If your stomach is too weak to see to this properly by itself, help it along with a few doses of Shaker Digestive Cordial.

That's the cure of it. Shaker Digestive Cordial is a delicious, healthful, tonic cordial, made of pure medicinal plants, herbs and wine. It positively cures indigestion and prevents the formation of sick-pisians.

At drugists. Trial bottle 10 cents.

Sturdevant-St. John Nuptials. At 8:30 Wednesday at the family residence in this city, Miss Emma St. John, was united in marriage with P. T. Sturdevant, of Portland, Rev. J. H. Wood, pastor of the M. E. church officiating. Immediately after the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Sturdevant took the next-bound train for Portland where they will reside. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sturdevant have a large circle of friends in The Dalles. Mr. Sturdevant has been in business here about a year ago, while his bride has resided in the city a number of years, she being the second daughter of H. B. St. John. At present Mr. Sturdevant is in the employ of the O. R. & N. Co. in their Portland office.

Democratic Central Committee. The democratic county central committee of Wasco county, is hereby called to meet in the county court room in The Dalles on Saturday, February 12, 1898, at the hour of 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of fixing the date for holding county convention, appointing delegates to the same, and transacting such other business as may be presented.

R. H. WEBER, Chairman. F. A. SEUFFERT, Secretary.

All drugists sell Dr. Miles' Nervine Tablets.

TO PRESERVE ORDER

Four Companies of the Fourteenth Infantry Ordered to Alaska.

Four companies of the Fourteenth infantry, under Colonel Thomas M. Anderson, have been ordered to start for Alaska at the earliest possible date, and two more will hold themselves in readiness to follow at a moment's notice. The order was received at Vancouver barracks Tuesday, by General Merriam, commanding the department of the Columbia, who instantly set about the preparations for the movement of the troops. The constantly increasing danger of disorder at Skagway and Dyea has led the war department to insure peace by the presence of a force sufficiently large to hold any disturbances in check.

General Merriam has been in Portland arranging for transporting the troops to Alaska, but was unable to get transportation for them before the sailing of the Australia, which will leave Portland some time next March. The general, however, will go to Alaska on the steamer Oregon to make arrangements for quartering the regiment at Skagway and Dyea. Two companies will be stationed at each place.

A GRANT COUNTY CASE. It is Found on the Middle Fork of the John Day River.

Ira Remington, who resides near Granite, on the Middle Fork of the John Day river, recently found a cave that has not heretofore known to have been in existence. He was led to the entrance of the cavern by following the trail of a beaver that made its home in the hillside outside the entrance. The cave was about three feet in height and eighteen inches in width. This opened out into a large room eighteen or twenty feet square, and fully ten feet in height. An investigation revealed the fact that a small entrance opened out into another chamber, equally as large, if not larger than the one just explored. But in this one was concealed Mr. Remington and his family, and Mr. Remington did not care to trespass on the premises of Mr. Can or explore the cavern any further. To a Blue Mountain Eagle reporter he stated that it was his intention to capture the occupants of the cave and at an early date make a thorough exploration of the same.

A FIDE TO DEATH. Four Men Drowned in the Falls of the Willamette.

At Oregon City Tuesday morning George Freeman and his three sons, George, James, Harry, and L. J. Shannon were swept over the falls in a dense fog. Only Harry Freeman reached shore. They live in Canemah on the east side of the river, and were employed in the mills on the west side. It was their usual custom to cross the river, but that morning they lost their bearings and were on the brink of the falls before the danger was realized. George and Harry Freeman clung to the boat and were caught in an eddy and went near the shore. Harry reached the shore, George sinking a few feet from the bank.

None of the bodies have been recovered. The river is being policed. Geo. Freeman and L. Shannon leave families.

No Adams. This morning the reporter sought to interview a prominent member of the Degree of Honor about lodge matters, and to his inquiry as to how the Degree is progressing he received the answer that it was no good any more.

"Do you know," said the lodge woman, "there was a good attendance last night, but the meeting wasn't worth a cent. There was something lacking. There wasn't a man present. Not one of those desirable creatures put in an appearance during the entire evening, and the women didn't have a soul to crumble at. So there wasn't a bit of fun. Of course we women can run the lodge all right without the hateful men, and they needn't come to lodge unless they want to, but it's handy to have them around. A lodge without a man is like the garden of Eden without Adam. There is nobody to blame when anything goes wrong. I'll not go to lodge any more unless the Adams turn out." And with the remark that the reporter would not say anything about it, she gathered up her skirts and tripped lightly over the muddy crosswalk.

State Land Board Ruling. Wednesday Governor Low, Sr. to Secretary Kincaid and State Treasurer Metcalf, consulting the state land commission, with W. H. Odell, clerk of that department, met in regular session and, after disposing of the ordinary routine matters, took up the matter of the contest of O. M. Wylie and L. D. Oakes, the latter claiming to have the question of the right to purchase certain lands in T. R. 15 P. 1, after due consideration awarded judgment in favor of the Wylie and Oakes-Salem Statesmen.

This makes Wylie tract of land lay between Antelope and Antelope. It is known as the Rooper property, and has been occupied by M. Rooper for the past seven or eight years. Charles Durbin, upon certain representations to the board of school land commissioners, recently obtained certificate of purchase, but it seems that after a full investigation of the matter the property has been restored to Mr. Rooper.

Will Prospect for Coal. About the first of April P. L. Kretzer will begin sinking a prospect hole on A. M. Kelsy's farm three miles west of The Dalles, the object being to sink down into the hidden recesses of the earth in search of coal. There is already a well sunk to the depth of 132 feet on Mr. Kelsy's place, and the drilling will be commenced at the bottom of this, which will, if the coal vein is only 600 feet below the surface, leave only some 470 feet of drilling to be done before it is reached. Messrs. Kelly, Seuffer, Stiles and Kretzer have formed a company to prosecute the prospecting, and they are determined to fully demonstrate if there is a vein of coal underlying this section before they quit.

For Starving Cubans. The move that has been set on foot in Oregon to relieve the distress that has been brought upon the Cubans by reason of war, is meeting with hearty response from nearly every section of the state. The school children of Portland have taken the matter up and are enthusiastic over their ability to offer assistance to the unfortunate Cubans, and the pupils of the Moro school in Sherman county, have sent a contribution of clothing manufactured by their own hands. As yet

nothing has been done in The Dalles toward this act of charity, though were it taken in hand it would meet with prompt response.

Chairman Barton, of the national committee, in a letter recently written, promises safe carriage of all donations, and their speedy delivery to the suffering people. Clara Barton, president of the National Red Cross Society, famed the world over for her efforts of mercy to many foreign lands is now in Cuba, personally superintending the distribution of food and clothing.

THE WOOLGROWERS' CONVENTION. It Will be Addressed by Prominent Speakers.

Everything looking to a very successful meeting of the woolgrowers of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana to be held in The Dalles on March 1st, 2nd and 3rd next. The executive committee has received replies from a number of speakers who have been invited to address the meeting among whom are:

Gen. James H. Baker, of Minnesota—"Breeding of fallow hinds."

Hon. John A. Craig, professor of animal industry state of Iowa—"How to feed sheep."

Hon. C. C. Gilib, of Minnesota—subject not designated.

Hon. B. S. Pogue, local forest officer Pacific Northwest—"Climatic influences on grasses."

Dr. Jas. Whitehouse, state veterinary surgeon of Oregon—"Diseases of sheep."

W. P. Anderson, livestock statistician for Union Stock Yards, Chicago—"The future of the sheep."

H. T. French, professor of agriculture, state agricultural college—"Our sheep and their management."

Other prominent gentlemen will address the convention, among whom are Messrs. Tom Somers, president of the Oregon Wool Growers' Association, of Chicago, and W. J. C. Kenner, manager South Omaha Stock Yards, Wool Buyers and Masters of Transportation.

The Dalles invites everybody to attend and especially those engaged in the wool industry.

LA GRANDE SUGAR FACTORY. Work Will Commence as Soon as the Site is Selected.

D. Eccles and C. W. Nibley, capitalists, who have agreed to build the La Grande sugar factory arrived in this city last Wednesday, and at once held a meeting with the board of managers of the Commercial Club. They stated they had come for the express purpose of selecting a site for the factory, and had already questioned as to when and how an actual work would be commenced. Mr. Nibley stated that ground would be broken just as soon as the weather would permit, and work pushed as fast as possible.

After a site is selected, sidetracks will have to be built so that the material for the buildings may be brought to the location at once. The main building will be constructed of structural steel. It will be 288 feet in length. The buildings will be similar to those at Alameda.

Mr. Eccles exhibited a receipt for \$25,000, the first payment on the machinery for the factory. He says that, as far as practicable, only local labor will be employed in the construction of the factory.

Send It Abroad. Already the special edition of the Times-Mountaineer is bearing good fruit. The editor of the News has had several letters from eastern people who have been attracted by its description of this western county—Wasco News.

The Times-Mountaineer is pleased that its effort to attract the attention of people abroad to the resources of Wasco and Sherman counties is bearing fruit. It was the intention of the publication to get the light of this county from under the "bushel" and let it shine abroad. Now let those who are interested in advertising our resources give our publication a wide circulation by purchasing copies and sending them away.

Populist Convention Called. The populist party county central committee met at the office of L. Story last night, and was again organized from nearly every precinct in the county. Chairmen J. E. Morse presided over the meeting and Secretary E. F. Davidson reported the necessary business.

A resolution passed the meeting fixing March 12 as the date for holding primaries, and Saturday, March 19, as designated as the date of holding the county convention.

Before adjourning, a resolution was adopted by unanimous vote favoring union with the silver republicans and the gold standard, and that favor free coinage of silver and economical administration.

Congressman Ellis, representative from the second congressional district of Oregon, is very anxious to have the land south of Hood River and Mt. Hood excluded from the Cascade forest reserve, and opened up to settlement.

He holds that this land, being very fertile and well located, should be given up to farm and school purposes, and opened to those wishing to avail themselves of its many advantages. Just now the interior department has the matter under consideration, but it seems that Mr. Ellis has heard from officials there, and from his colleagues in congress, he feels tolerably certain of succeeding in having this land thrown open to settlement.

O. A. R. Encampment. There will be a meeting of the executive committee at G. A. P. Hall, Schenck's building, corner Second and Court streets, on Saturday evening next at 7 o'clock. Each and every member of said committee, from G. A. R. D. C. & A. C. and W. R. C. is requested to present without further notice.

J. W. Lewis, Chairman. Your Last Chance. All negative replies in my possession, made by Mr. Forzhorn or D. C. Henning to Jan. 1st, 1897, will be destroyed. If you wish duplicate printed orders must be placed before March 1. GIFFORD, Photo Artist, Chairman Block.

A splendid city block for sale at a sacrifice. This is a rare opportunity to get a home adorned with beautiful residence, good garden, stable, etc., and convenient to school, for a small amount and on easy terms. Call at this office at once for terms.

BORN. FORTIN—in The Dalles, February 8 to Mr. and Mrs. J. Fortin, a son.

STRANGE POST OFFICES.

Queer Arrangements Seen in Other Parts of the World.

Until quite recently the postal system in Persia was very loosely conducted. It was under the superintendence of a minister of posts, who, however, does not work the system himself. Each post office was managed by a merchant or wealthy person, who pays a certain sum to the minister for the privilege, and makes as much money out of the business as he can.

On the south coast of Patagonia is the most remarkable postal service in the world. Close to the post is a large sign post with the inscription: "Post Office." Attached by chains to the foot of the sign post is a strong chest, which has served as a post office, master, clerk, all in one, for many years.

The ships passing through the Magellan straits send a boat to the shore to fetch any letters that may be addressed to their places of call, and at the same time to leave any letters they may wish to have taken in other directions.

In a small group of islands off the south coast of Iceland the islands carry a bottle post, which depends mainly on the wind. When the wind blows from the south they put their letters into a well-baited bottle, and the wind carries a plug of tobacco or a cigar to put inside, and people on the mainland are usually on the lookout for and ready to deliver the letters so dispatched, in return for the inclosed remuneration.

WOMAN FLIES KITES. Champion Lady at the Sport Invents a New Kind.

"Barrel kites" are the novel invention of Miss Nellie Ross, of Franklin, Cal., says the New York World. Three months ago she demonstrated their practicality, and since then has proved, as she has shown them, they fly higher than any other kites ever made on the Pacific coast. A recent visitor to what Miss Ross calls her "kiter" saw a very simple and easily made, nearly whitewashed lark yard. Against some deserted barns leaned some queer cloth and bamboo objects that looked like flattened balloons, with the ends knocked out. The largest were five feet high by four feet broad, and they were of all colors. The string used in flying them is about the thickness of a hair.

The young kite-flyer, who holds that every woman should have a hobby and who thoroughly enjoys hers, makes all her own kites. Then she flies nine or ten at once, to the great enjoyment of the surrounding neighborhood and to the delight of the small boys, who are always willing to help haul them in. Each kite is named—"McKintley" and "Grover" compete with those bearing less famous names to see which can fly the highest. "Barrel kite" flying is said to be as pretty a hobby as is successful, and California's champion kite-flyer wears her distinction very gracefully.

MAKING THE TEMPERATURE. Sometimes It Happens That the Thermometer Takes.

At the Aquarium the temperature of the water in the tanks and pools is taken by means of a thermometer especially designed for such uses, which is lowered into the tank by a cord. If there is a loose end that makes a nap at where the cord is tied to the thermometer, some fish may nip at that, mistaking it for something that can be eaten. Sometimes when the thermometer is lowered into the water all the fish in the tank sweep around and make for it and swim up very close to it, their noses all pointing at it. But they do not come to see how the mercury stands. They had seen the glint of the metal case in the water, and all had made a dart for it, expecting to find something to eat. In shallow and comparatively high waters of the Aquarium tanks they could see when they got near that it was not what they expected, or they shrank off, perhaps, because it was too big to swallow.

In deep sea work, in hydrographic surveying and in deep sea fishing for specimens, it sometimes happens that a big fish will swallow the lead with which soundings are being taken; and sometimes a big fish will swallow the thermometer that has been lowered to the bottom to take the temperature. Such occurrences are not common, but they are not sufficiently unusual to be counted as remarkable. As in such a case the lead or thermometer is not likely to be lost. Usually it is attached to a wire