

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Mrs. C. W. Phelps has been quite ill recently, but is convalescent. F. S. Hoffman, a prominent Crook county cattleman, is in the city. H. Brass, manager for Bissinger & Co., returned this morning from Baker City. A new coat of paint is being put on the Christian church, an improvement that has long been needed. The many friends of George Rowland will be pleased to learn that he is able to sit up after his long illness from paralysis. Thomas Welch, of Celilo, is in the city today. Mr. Welch says Celilo is flourishing and that the farmers in that section have about finished their spring plowing. An error was made yesterday in stating that H. B. St. John had the contract for constructing the Wolf building on Second street. Brown and Hester have the contract. Mrs. Gull, department president of the W. R. C., and Col. Skinner, quarter master for the G. A. R., are in the city to attend the joint meeting of the Corps and Grand Army this evening. A son of Mr. Hays, section foreman at Mosier, was shot accidentally this morning. The ball entered one of the boy's eyes, destroying the sight. He was taken to Hood River for treatment. Bicycles have been much in evidence on the streets today for the first time this spring. Everyone who has a wheel has been giving it exercise since the streets have got in good condition. Governors are to be chosen in 23 states this year. Perhaps the chief contest will be over congressmen, though, as the contending parties want to lay out a national program for 1900. Resolutions have been adopted by a mass meeting of citizens at Phoenix, Arizona, instructing Arizona's delegate in congress to place the territory on record as demanding the independence of Cuba. Postmaster J. A. Crossen returned last evening from Los Angeles, where he had been for the benefit of his health. Mr. Crossen is somewhat improved, but has not entirely recovered from his illness. A case of leprosy in its worst form has been discovered in London. No hospital or home for incurables will take the patient in, and no means of isolating him from contact with other persons has been found yet. The 20th anniversary of the coronation of Pope Leo XIII. was celebrated Wednesday in Rome. His holiness, who was in excellent health, received the congratulations of high prelates in the throne room, replying in a strong voice. Are you looking for values in Ladies wearing apparel? They exist at A. M. Williams & Co. Silk waists worth \$4.50 and \$5.00 for \$2.50 and \$3.00. High-grade dress skirts worth \$4.50 selling for \$2.50. A word to the wise is sufficient. A handsome young woman, with determined written in her face and a revolver stuck in her belt perambulated a leading street in San Francisco several hours last week. The news spread and it was noticed that many prominent citizens kept under cover that afternoon. Joe Folco, formerly proprietor of the Dalles soda works, is in the city. Mr. Folco is now located at Roseburg, where he is conducting soda and carbonating works. But he is partial to his old home in The Dalles, and has a longing to return to this city and engage in business. It was reported on the streets yesterday that Senator Proctor had been assassinated at Havana, and this morning the report was that General Lee had been murdered. Neither of the reports has any foundation. At least the Western Union Telegraph Co. has no information of the murders. The week C. McPherson made a fast ride from his farm beyond Cross Keys to The Dalles. He covered the entire distance, a little more than 100 miles, in less than 18 hours. He received word of the illness of his wife there at noon one day and was here the following morning. The selection of Penitentiary as the next meeting place of the Pacific Northwest Woolgrowers' Association was on the recommendation of the executive committee composed of one member from each of the four states interested in the association, and not upon a direct vote of the association which was composed largely of Oregonians. Very severe winter weather is being experienced in Alaska, and persons who are attempting to cross the Chitina pass are suffering intense hardships. A few days ago a woman and her 10-year-old daughter were frozen to death on the pass, having got separated from the remainder of their party. The mother had wrapped her clothing about her infant child whose life had thus been saved. [From Monday's Daily.] C. B. Durbin, of Antelope, is in the city. J. M. Long, attorney for the O. R. & N. Co., is in the city. This morning bricklayers began work on the walls of the addition to the Wasco warehouse. Miss Lizette Bates went to Portland on the Regulator today for a short visit with friends in that city. Measles have again made their appearance in The Dalles. J. W. Akin is confined to his room with an attack of the disease. V. M. Bennett, a nephew of J. M. Filion, arrived here this morning from Mechanicsville, Iowa, and will probably locate here. Mayor Crossfield and wife, of Wasco, are in the city, having returned last night from a visit to Portland. They go to Wasco on the 5:20 train this evening. The street parade given by George's minstrels today was all right, and their entertainment this evening is expected to be better. There will be fun without reserve. Last night Rev. Joseph De Forest called to St. Louis, Mo., on account of the illness of his father-in-law. Mr. De Forest will return a week from next Sunday. Nichols carried away the prize on the Moody bowling alley last week with a score of 71 pins. The high scores during the week were: Monday, W. Birgfeld 59; Tuesday, Van Houten 57; Wednesday, Mortenson 56; Thurs-

day, Mortenson 47; Friday, Dove 50; Saturday, Nicholls 77; Sunday, Hill 38. Eighteen teams in the Umattila house allays the past week: Monday, Meatz 55; Tuesday, Wilder 56; Wednesday, Meatz 63; Friday, Unger 62; Saturday, Meatz 64; Sunday, Schmidt 63. Today Adjutant Riddell received information from Penitentiary that Co. C of that place had an increase of 13 enlisted men, and that 10 of them were forwarded to Mr. Riddell for enrollment. Today evidence was taken before Referee Dufar in the case of Covington vs. Wicams Bros. Tomorrow the attorney in the case, H. H. Riddell and J. M. Long, will take testimony before a referee in Portland. The Fruitgrowers' Institute held at Hood River on Friday and Saturday of last week was a grand success, being attended by a majority of the fruit-growers of that section and resulted in much benefit to the fruit business of Hood River valley. Today, D. J. Cooper received a telegram from his daughter, Miss Ruth, who is a teacher in the Indian school at Carson City, Nevada, that she had been transferred to the school at Uintah, Utah, and that her salary had been increased to \$720 a year. E. M. Miller, editor of the Antelope Herald, accompanied by his wife, left this morning for Antelope by private conveyance. Mr. Miller was here at the meeting of the woolgrowers' meeting and also visited Portland, where he bought a complete job printing outfit. J. W. Howard, of Prineville, returned Sunday morning from Utah, where he has been looking after cattle sales, and left this morning for Prineville. Mr. Howard says the best market is looking up, and good prices may be expected this season. The bulk of the Antelope freight now goes to Wasco, and from there is shipped by wagon. Formerly all Antelope freight was hauled from The Dalles, but the building of the Columbia Southern has caused it to go to Wasco. Certainly it is time The Dalles was doing something to retain its former trade. Crook county has been sued for \$3 by a witness who was brought before the recent grand jury with a cow that was placed in evidence. The witness asked \$3 for the care and feed of the cow while court was in session, but the bill was disallowed by the county. The case was tried in the justice court, and at last accounts had not been decided. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Columbia Southern R. R. Co. was held in this city today, and resulted in the election of a board of directors consisting of E. E. Lytle, J. M. Murchie, May Earhart and D. C. O'Rielly. The board elected as officers: E. E. Lytle, president; May Earhart, secretary; V. C. Brock, treasurer, and W. E. Lytle auditor. There is considerable activity in malitia circles just now, and every thing points to the national guard being ordered to report for duty on some day's warning. Recently Co. G elected a new captain, and upon the brigadier general being notified, he ordered Capt. Keller and Adjutant Riddell to examine the new captain, John R. Booth, as to his qualifications. [From Tuesday's Daily.] H. H. Riddell and J. M. Long went to Portland this morning. The democratic, populist and silver republican primaries are to be held next Saturday. Circuit court convenes at Moro next Monday. An unusually large number of cases are docketed for trial. County Clerk Frazer, of Gilliam county, was in the city last night, having just returned from a visit to Portland. Annual school elections for director and clerk will be held at the office of the city recorder on Monday next week. D. C. Herrin, grand lecturer of the A. O. U. W., is in the city, and is en route to Canyon City to work in the interest of the order. Mrs. M. B. Johns leaves tonight for Dayton, Wash., where she intends remaining three or four weeks visiting relatives and friends. Last night Friendship Lodge No. 9, Knights of Pythias, conferred the first rank on one candidate and the second rank on two. Harry Todd and bride, of Clem, Gilliam county, were in the city last night returning home from Portland. The political forecast on the Oregon coast starting at Astoria, where it is no doubt made a good many politicians in the state smile. Sunday night the steamer Oregon sailed from Portland with 450 passengers, 700 tons freight, 22 horses, 40 dogs and 28 goats all billed for Skagway and Dyas. The Keith restaurant in Portland was robbed of \$300 last Sunday morning. The money had been stowed away in a closet where it was easily found by the robbers. A recent school meeting of the Lare district, in Hood River valley, that was called for the purpose of voting \$800 bonds, the election was very hotly contested, and the question of bonds was defeated by a narrow majority. The home minstrels promise a much better show than was given by George's company last night. In fact there will be no comparison. The home talent will lay those professionalists completely in the shade. The East End presents a rather lively appearance at present. Two buildings are under course of construction, the addition to the Wasco warehouse and the Wolf building, besides other buildings are being repaired and improved. Harry Lonsdale, who has been rusticated at Los Angeles, telegraphed friends here that he had been called to Columbus, Mo., by the death of his brother. Mr. Lonsdale is very much improved in health, and when he returns to The Dalles will be regarded as being over. Last Saturday evening the Union Silver Club of Enderby held a rousing meeting at the school house. There was a large attendance, and the meeting was addressed by a number of local speakers. Charles Cunningham, of Umattila county, who attended the woolgrowers' meeting here last week, informs the Penitentiary Tribune that he considers the meeting a great success. He says that owners of over 10,000,000 sheep were in attendance. The Taine class met with the Misses Hicks in the Vogt hotel last evening, and were delightfully entertained. After the usual routine lessons the

evening was spent socially, and as quite a number were present all enjoyed a pleasant time. Refreshments were served after which the class adjourned at a late hour. The annual school meeting for district No. 12 was held yesterday, at which time District Clerk Morgan read his annual report, which will be published within a few days. The enumeration of the district shows 1351 persons of school age within the district, an increase of 42 since last year. At the annual school election held in district No. 57 (the Enderby district) yesterday, George Smith was re-elected director and J. C. Wingfield clerk. The directors were authorized to advertise for bids for painting the school house, all bids to be in the hands of the clerk by noon of the 15th of the month. A Michigan man named David Seely has nine living wives, and says that he is the greatest martyr on earth; whether because he has so many, or because he is in jail and can't get more, is not stated. David had probably studied the life of a Bible hero of the same name, and was trying in a small way to imitate his example. Burglars broke into W. W. Ken's hardware store in Drain Friday night, by prying the front door open with a pick. They took two shotguns, two pistols and ammunition, and some razors. They also broke open the front door of A. Moon's grocery store in the same way, but nothing was missed except a candle, which the burglars used to light the hardware store. The burglars have not been identified. The 3-year-old son of A. Gambell, of Lexington, was accidentally shot and killed by his two older brothers, Sunday. The brothers, about 10 and 12 years old, were scuffling over the possession of a 22 caliber rifle, when it was discharged, the bullet passing through the window and striking the little boy near the right eye, killing him instantly. This is another of the fatal results of allowing children to play with fire arms. George's colored minstrels were by no means appreciated by The Dalles audience last night although they were well patronized. The company has had previous success elsewhere, and the manager of the Vogt theater had reason to believe he was getting a good attraction when he booked them to play here, but he was disappointed. Evidently they are degenerating, and if they continue with such unenterprising acts they gave here they will go as well off the road. On Thursday City of Police Lee, of Albany, went to Portland. His stepson, Obohn Davy, during his absence, just for fun, fitted a pair of handcuffs, which Chief Lee had left at the house, upon the wrists of a young lady stopping there. Accidentally he clasped the handcuffs around her neck, and it was then found that Mr. Lee had the keys to the irons in his pocket in Portland. Rather than wear such bracelets until his return, a gunsmith was sent for, who made a key to fit, and removed the "bracelets." A Statement from Mr. Durbin. Wednesday Governor Lord, State Secretary Kincaid and State Treasurer Metcalf, consulting the state clerk of commission, with W. B. 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 vs. Charles B. Durbin et al. on the question of the right to purchase certain lands in T. S. R. 15, and after due consideration awarded judgment in favor of the Wylie and Oakes-Sales Statesmen. This Oakes & Wylie tract of land lays between Bakewell and Antelope. It is known as the Rooper property, and has been occupied by Mr. Rooper for the past seven or eight years. Charles Durbin, upon certain representations to the board of school trustees, recently obtained certificates of purchase, but it seems that after a full investigation of the matter the property has been restored to Mr. Rooper. The above article on the ruling of the state board as to an amercement, the statement that I made any representations to the board is all on its face. I made no representation of any kind whatever, but purchased this land as it was subject to cancellation and sale for non-payment of interest for four years. Very truly yours, C. B. DURBIN. [The above statement from Mr. Durbin was received some time since, but the letter containing it was mislaid. As to the facts contained therein we have little knowledge, as the first statement received was furnished by a party apparently conversant with the subject, hence it now rests between him and Mr. Durbin.—Ed.] JOAQUIN MILLER. The Poet of the Sierra Leone Again for His California Home. Joaquin Miller, the poet of the Sierra, at one time county judge of Grant county and in his early years could rough it and tough it with the hardest and wickedest in the country, is now in the snow of Alaska sighing for the balmy breezes of California. The following is a portion of a letter sent down from the frozen north: "Oh! to sit on my little dooryard in the warm night weather, above San Francisco Bay and see the twin horned lamp of a new born baby moon light upon the Golden Gate and then go to bed and restfully to bed, in the warm, wide billow. Let me but live to see this again and I will not go far away—at least not in this desolate neighborhood of the north pole. For I was born to roses, sun-lads, songbirds, modest moons and warm, south weather. Let me not be caught here again, for caught I am like a waxy old rat in a trap. The wilderness and silence are of a kind that I abhor, and the thought of my warm Contra Costa steps and my little familiar moon, lighting the Golden Gate, make me homesick. 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