

ITEMS IN BRIEF

From Wednesday's Daily. At present there are six men confined in the county jail. Shirts waists are selling at half prices at A. M. Williams & Co. E. O. McCoy and E. E. Lytle left on the 5:30 train yesterday for Wasco. Mrs. J. M. Marden returned last evening from a visit to Cascade Locks. C. L. Morse, the prosperous merchant of White Salmon, is in the city. Ladies' tailor made blouse suits at half the regular price, A. M. Williams & Co. Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Ketchum went down the river on the Dalles City this morning. Fred Flood, of the Times-Mountaineer, went to Arlington on last evening's train. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Schmitt left today for their summer resort at Geer Lake, near Stevenson. H. Herbering and his two sons left on the boat this morning for a two weeks' vacation at Stevenson. The school board of this district have ordered 105 Triumph single desks for the new high school building. Lem Burges has sold his entire clip of wool for 14 cents a pound, and left today for his home at Bukeven. The misses Ball and Miss Mabel Cross left this morning for Cascade Locks to spend a few weeks camping. Yesterday the mercury registered only 98 degrees here, while at Riparian and other points up the river it was 110. Train men who came down from Umatilla this morning say that the mercury reached 115 degrees in the place yesterday. The warehouse belonging to the Farmers' Warehouse Co. at Brownsfield, was burned to the ground Tuesday night. Madame Amelia de F. Smith, publisher of the Oregon Official Roster, is in the city, the guest of Mrs. T. S. Lang. R. B. Sinnott has gone to Ilwaco beach to get a breath of fresh air and bathe in the surf. Mr. Sinnott will be gone about a week. Harry Lonsdale has returned from his summer vacation at Clatsop Beach, looking refreshed from a week's sojourn at the seaside. J. F. Humphreys was a passenger on the Dalles City this morning. His destination is Clatsop beach, where he goes for his summer vacation. This morning C. B. Floire, who has been quite ill for several days past, was taken to Portland to be cared for in one of the hospitals of that city. Mr. Walters and Mr. Bailey accompanied by their families started this morning for upper Five-Mile, where they will spend ten days camping. Again the mercury climbed up in the thermometers to 103 at 3 o'clock today, but a cool breeze sprang up at that time and the mercury fell to 100. Geo. Nolau, one of the prosperous farmers of Dufur, was in the city this morning, and reported harvest progressing finely in the vicinity of Dufur. A few wool sales were reported today at 14 and 14 1/2 cents. If these prices prevail it will be but a short time until the 1898 clip stored here will be disposed of. D. K. Parsons, of Chicago, has offered to give \$50,000 to Whitman college at Walla Walla, for a building. It is conditioned on other people giving \$25,000. Prof. H. L. Howe, teacher of the school in district No. 4, near Hood River, is in the city, and will appear before the board of examiners Friday as an applicant for a state diploma. Edward Martin, of Pendleton, recently bought 6000 head of sheep in Grant county for shipment, distributing about \$15,000 among the sheepmen of all. All the brick work on the main building of the La Grande beet sugar factory is now finished, and work has been commenced on the foundations of the warehouses. The Salem police do not spare sex or age in the enforcement of the bicycle ordinance. Monday night a young woman was arrested for not having a light on her bicycle. At Pendleton on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday the mercury registered 105, 105 and 110 respectively, which is said to have been the three hottest days ever known in that city. Dallesites who are camping at points down the river report the weather pleasant, the temperature being only 90 during the middle of the day, and of mornings and evenings falling to 60 and 65. Unquestionably this has been the longest extremely hot spell ever known in the inland Empire. Nearly three weeks with the mercury going above 90 degrees every day is indeed uncommon. Today Prof. T. J. Neff, of Hood River, was displaying here some of the apples that have earned such wide reputation for Hood River. They were of the Dutchess variety, and were perfect beauties. The hot weather is having a bad effect upon fruit, especially apples and pears. Those on the south side of the river are being sunburned, and in some instances cooked so as to retard their growth and greatly injure their quality. Steps are being taken to reorganize the fire department of Baker City, recently disbanded. The fire apparatus is now in charge of ex-Chief Fox, who is authorized to organize the department. It is pretty generally believed that the fire which destroyed six large warehouses at Dayton, Wash., a week ago was of incendiary origin, but as yet there is no clew to whom the guilty party is. George Butler, a Harrisburg saloon-keeper, committed suicide Sunday by wading into the river and shooting himself. Butler was 70 years old. He became despondent when the city council refused to renew his license. Thomas Lewis, who was convicted of having burned a building belonging to Phil Brown in 1895, and who was sentenced to the penitentiary for three years, has been released and has returned to this county. Lewis served out his time, less the time deducted for good behavior. At 12 o'clock tonight the close season for salmon fishing in the Columbia begins, and continues until September 10th. This season has not been

overly profitable one for fishermen along the Cascades, yet they live in hope that the fall run will prove a good one. The preliminary hearing of Curley Keith, accused of stealing \$25 from the steward of the Dalles City, will be held at 7:30 tomorrow evening before Recorder Gates. The examination was to have been held last night, but on motion of Keith's attorney, W. H. Wilson, the hearing was continued. Every indication points to an unusual amount of sickness in this vicinity during the fall months. The long continued hot spell, scarcity of water and dryness of the atmosphere will certainly breed disease. This will increase the need of a hospital in the Dalles. Will some enterprising citizen start a move on foot to establish one? The Dalles is rapidly increasing in population, and each year sees from 50 to 100 residents added to the city. This means an increase in water consumption, and is convincing that the present water system is going to be in a few years totally inadequate to furnish the required supply. The city fathers are beyond question, in a very few years is beyond question, and the sooner it is begun the better it will be. We must have more water, and that very soon. Oregon's Official Roster is at last in the Dalles. It was brought here by its publisher, Madame Amelia de F. Smith, of Portland, Oregon. The Dalles auxiliary of the Oregon Emergency Corps has the honor of being the first to exclusively interest itself in extending the good work begun by Madame Smith. Our boys will be remembered and their friends here will address the rosters intended for them. These particular rosters have an intrinsic value by the golden seal imprinted on the 1282 copies intended for the enlisted Oregon volunteers of the second regiment infantry. The matter is placed in charge of Mrs. T. S. Lang and further information can be obtained from her. From Thursday's Daily. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Malone returned last night from Portland. R. B. Montague, a prominent business man of Albany, is visiting in the city. Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Seufert started this morning for Ilwaco to spend a few weeks on the coast. Victor Marden has gone to the seacoast, and with John Hampshire will spend a few weeks at Clatsop beach. Mrs. W. A. Johnston and son have returned from Fairview, where they have been visiting the past few weeks. Tommie A. Layton will leave for his old home in Iowa to spend a few weeks visiting with relatives and friends. C. F. Stephens left on the morning train for Newport to spend a week bathing in the surf and otherwise enjoying himself. Mrs. W. H. Hobson and daughter left on the boat this morning for Cascade Locks, where they will spend a few weeks camping. Mrs. Sarah J. Moore, mother of the Moore brothers of Moro, died at her home in that city Tuesday last week at the advanced age of 70 years. Last Saturday a bouncing little boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cates. His father says he is a born soldier, and he has been named Dewey. One of the main features at Bonnerville Sunday, August 14th, will be a genuine old fashioned Rhode Island Clam-Bake. Round trip fare 50 cents. Yesterday E. Davis, of Prineville, sold his entire clip of wool, 48,000 pounds, for 13 1/2 cents a pound. The wool was a little heavy, but otherwise of good quality. The town of Antelope is now within the city limits of Dr. Pilkington, the only practitioner of the town, having left. It would be a good location for a doctor to settle down in. A considerable amount of wool was hauled from the warehouses to the D. P. & A. N. dock today to be shipped east from Portland over the Southern Pacific. The wool was bought by Mr. Moses, of San Francisco. About one-fourth of the wool stored here has been sold, and the average price received has been in the neighborhood of 13 1/2 cents. A considerable amount of wool has been consigned, and there is a whole lot of it that is still held by the growers. This morning Lane Bros., of this city, shipped a stage coach, manufactured by them, to Yamhill county, to be used on one of the mail routes there. It speaks well for the Dalles when vehicles can be manufactured here and sold in competition with Portland. Yesterday Charles Hilton returned from his farm in Gilliam county, and reports crops pretty good throughout the country, though in his travels he found water very scarce. At nearly every place he visited, wells and springs were failing, and the farmers were alarmed lest there should not be enough water for domestic use. The O. R. & N. Co. will run a special coach between The Dalles and Bonnevile Sunday, August 14th for the accommodations of excursionists, going on the 6:55 A. M. train and returning from Bonnevile at 3:30 P. M. Round trip fare from the Dalles to Bonnevile or Multnomah Falls for this excursion is only 50 cents. The Dalles may well take warning from the inconvenience to which other Eastern Oregon cities are subjected at present on account of scarcity of water. Baker City and Pendleton are both getting short of water and are limiting their use. We have now too much water now, and with another 1000 population, which we are able to have within a year, we will have to have more water. Now is the time to begin enlarging the system. It's a little exasperating now-a-days, when there is an abundance of work in the harvest fields, and a big, burly fellow step up and ask you, "Will you please help a poor man get a meal." There is plenty of work where able bodied men can earn a living if they will but get out and hustle, and there is no excuse for begging. It is not charity to feed these loafers when they can get an opportunity to earn a living. Mr. Chrisman is getting his steam wagon train in readiness for the road, having coupled the wagons to the traction engine, and in a few days will start his primitive railroad train steaming toward Silver Lake. If it proves a success, there will be no need of a railroad crossing south from The Dalles into the stock and wool producing sections of Crook and Lake counties. Wash boards 10c. at the Racket store.

Vine's 8 p. m., "Matter of Faith or Opinion, Whichever?" Mrs. Lyle and daughter left this morning for Cascade Locks to join the colony of Dallesites camped at that place. Messrs. Frank Menefee, T. A. Ward and N. H. Smith have gone to the Simcoe mountains for a two weeks outing. Rev. Jos. De Forest started this morning for Trout Lake. He went by boat to White Salmon, and from there will drive out to the lake. Squire Brigham, of Dufur, is in the city and reports harvesting progressing nicely in that vicinity. J. A. McArthur has gone to Wind River to spend a few days with his family who are camped at that place. The first load of new wheat to arrive in The Dalles was received at Moody's warehouse today. It was brought in from Tygh Ridge by J. Honnigan. Dr. and Mrs. Nickelson, of Philadelphia, who are making a tour of the Pacific coast, spent last night in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Ketchum. W. H. Groat accompanied by his wife and mother and Mr. C. M. Alden were passengers on the Dalles City this morning. They went to that popular summer resort north of Springfield. W. H. Butts' family returned last evening from Cascade Locks, where they have been vacationing for three weeks. The health of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Maher, was greatly improved. The many friends of R. E. Saltmarsh were pleased to see him once more on the streets this morning. Mr. Saltmarsh has been quite ill, and has been confined to his room nearly a month. Henry Biles accompanied by his sister, Mrs. John Crate, left today for Stevenson. At Mosier they will be joined by another sister, Mrs. Dinamore, and together they will spend a week camping. Sunday, August 14th will undoubtedly be the banner day of the season for the annual picnic excursion. There will be several new features in the entertainment on that date. Round trip fare from The Dalles only 50 cents. Remember the meeting of fruit-growers and shippers to be held at the council chambers tomorrow evening. Mr. Weathered will be present to address the growers on the best methods of shipping and on other topics of interest. L. and A. Saltmarsh, who have been visiting their brother, R. E. Saltmarsh, in The Dalles the past two weeks, left on the Dalles City for Portland this morning. From Portland one of them goes to England and the other to Australia. Last evening Paul Bros. of Nansene doled out 25 head of fine best to the Columbia Packing Co. From the appearance of the cattle, customers of the Columbia Packing Co. will be treated to choice roasts and steaks for some time. Several large wheat fields were burned near Pendleton and Athena last Tuesday. Farmers and gardeners about Pendleton are making it warm for watermelon thieves. Four youngsters have been arrested for appropriating melons, and warrens are out for the arrest of several more. There is a general complaint of scarcity of water all over Eastern Oregon and Washington. 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The fifth annual Spokane Fruit Fair will open Tuesday, Oct. 4th, and close Saturday, Oct. 15th. The public spirit of citizens of Spokane have contributed to the fair a more than \$100,000 to insure the financial success of the undertaking. The premium list, at all times liberal, has been greatly added to this year. The capital prize contest "for finest and most artistically arranged county or district exhibits of fruit, grain, garden produce, etc." will this year draw the following magnificent prizes: First the \$1000 Dudson cup (at present held by Whitman county) and \$200 in cash; second, cash, \$200; third, cash, \$100; fourth, cash, \$75; fifth, cash, \$50; sixth, cash, \$25. In addition thereto there will this year be given outright, in this competition, three silver trophies (also donated by George R. Dodson, jeweler, Spokane), of almost equal value to the capital prize cup, which will be awarded as follows: One for the county or

A GLIMPSE OF WEBFOOT. Rights Which Attract a Traveler Through Willamette Valley. ALBANY, Or., Aug. 9, 1908. ED. TIMES-MOUNTAINEER: I have been writing for the mercury to drop so I could write you, but as it is still ascending, with no signs of making a retreat, I will endeavor to give you a few items from old Webfoot, knowing that perhaps you and many of your readers will be glad to see your heart for Linn county, the garden spot of the Willamette valley. Never before, to my knowledge, has the heat been so intense in this vicinity as at the present time. The thermometer registers 100 and over in the shade, while in the sun, where the men are harvesting their grain the heat is almost unbearable and many strong men are compelled to seek cooler spheres and are unable to hold their positions. The immense fields of golden grain, for which this valley is famous, are being laid to look upon as one is tormented with it on the trains, and though unpleasant traveling during such warm weather, we cannot but enjoy the different scenes, many of them with which we were familiar in our childhood days. Time makes great changes, and we find many strangers among our old time friends, and many new residences take the place of old ones, and naturally we notice them more after having been away for a year or two as the case may be. I have been visiting at Tangent, Halcyon and vicinity, much of the time on farms, where fruits and fine vegetables, rich cream, etc., are plentiful, and to one who is accustomed to city life, and having vegetables, etc., measured out by John Chinaman, or some farmer who has driven several miles to market, it is a treat to see them with one's dainty (or dirty) fingers, and enjoy them while they are fresh and palatable. As we are driven along the roads we cannot but notice how tame the China pheasants are, and how numerous, and we are told these pretty creatures seem to be tame to the point of being sported with from killing them, but when September peers forth on the calendar then all those who can manipulate a gun, and who have not gone to fight the Spaniards, will have an opportunity to take the rust off of their guns, and the number of pheasants being in the air, and likewise the birds. But say, Bro. D., if you want something real good, just order China pheasants, never mind the law (?). The birds never tell the story. I will leave here soon for Lebanon, then for Astoria, where I will listen to old ocean and "gather shells from the shore." Through kindness of my "worse-half" the Chronicle and Mountaineer reach me, and I am kept posted with home affairs, and can you imagine I eagerly grasp those silent friends to let me know their news. Sometimes they tell me of some one who has gone to his eternal rest, which makes me sad, or news of the living which startles me, but the news in general is good, and The Dalles is good enough for anybody. MRS. C. F. STEPHENS. NORTHWEST NOTES. Several large wheat fields were burned near Pendleton and Athena last Tuesday. Farmers and gardeners about Pendleton are making it warm for watermelon thieves. Four youngsters have been arrested for appropriating melons, and warrens are out for the arrest of several more. There is a general complaint of scarcity of water all over Eastern Oregon and Washington. Wells and springs that formerly gave abundant supplies have gone almost dry. An insane man at Pendleton has more patriotism than the ordinary citizen of any land. He insists that he be skinned alive, and recovered with the skin of a mountain goat, dyed red, white and blue. The Union woolen mill at La Grande is liable to be closed down owing to a scarcity of wool. 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district making the best exhibit of horticultural products; one to the county or district which shall most artistically arrange its exhibits. The winner's fruit fair will be on a larger and grander scale than any of its predecessors, and the musical and other attractions will be an agreeable surprise to its patrons. NORTHWEST NOTES. The sawmill of Pickett & Overstreet, four miles from Canyonville, burned down a few days ago. The fire was caused from a spark from the engine, it is believed. The annual session of the Oregon State W. C. T. U. will be held in Eugene the first week in October. Extensive preparations are being made by local union for the reception of the guests. Superintendent J. S. Diller, of the United States geological survey, and Mr. Storrs, his assistant have been gathering specimens on the Blue and McKenzie rivers. They next propose to visit the Coos bay coal fields. Miss Laura E. Jones, editor of the Drain Watchman, writing from Bend, affectionately addresses them as "Dear Devils." Miss Laura is one of the "boys" and is all right, says the Rosenberg Plaindealer. William Baker of Umatilla county, a stock buyer, is in Long Creek. Mr. Baker is the Black Mountain Eagle that he will buy sheep and cattle in Grant county, if he can get them. In Northern Grant county, in the Long Creek and Fox valleys, it is reported that stockmen are either not desirous of selling or the supply is exhausted. Governor W. P. Lord and Brigadier-General W. P. Deane, adjutant-general, Colonel F. V. Drake, adjutant-general, Surgeon-General A. B. Gills and Colonel M. Dunne, commissary-general, of the Oregon National Guards, composing his staff, are to be the guests of honor at the Astoria regatta this week and next. Here is a good one from the Pendleton East Oregonian: Cuffelman J. B. Perry is loser from the effects of the recent warm weather. He has ten hires of Italian bees in his yard, in which he takes considerable pride. The honey in a number of the hives melted through the summer heat, and many of the bees were killed by being caught as though by poisonous sticky paper. The Pendleton woolen mills and wool scouring mills were closed down yesterday afternoon on account of the heat, says the East Oregonian. Work will not be resumed before tomorrow, but the heat is expected to last for some time. The edge has been removed from the hot wave that has been laying around in this region for the past few days. The thermometer in the mills registered 122 in the shade, and it was deemed unwise to risk the health and lives of the employees to heat prostration when it can be avoided by taking a rest for a brief period. The proposition of boring for artesian water in Lakewick is just now an important topic, and a practical test will no doubt be the outcome of the agitation. This is a matter which has been discussed for years in Lake county, but nothing has ever been done to demonstrate its practicability. There is little doubt that artesian water can be had there in abundance, as the "driving" of several wells within the town limits show a flow of water inexhaustible, and is proof sufficient of the fact. Catalogues of flowing water coming out of the hills abound. UNIVERSITY OF OREGON. The University of Oregon graduated last June the largest class in its history. The class numbered 1000 students. The fall term will begin September 19th. Students who have completed the tenth grade branches can enter the sub-freshman class. No examinations are required for graduates of accredited schools. Reasonable equipment is accepted for most of the required entrance subjects. Catalogues will be sent free to all applicants. Persons desiring information may address the president, Secretary J. J. Walton, or Mrs. Max A. Plumb, all of Eugene, Oregon. The courses offered are those of a good university. There are departments of modern and ancient languages, chemistry, biology, geology, English, education, advanced engineering, astronomy, logic, philosophy, psychology, mathematics, and physical education. Music and drawing are also taught. The tuition is free. Students are given a stipend of ten dollars yearly. Board, lodging, heat and light in the dormitory cost \$2.50 per week. Oregon Official Roster. One of the most important publications ever issued is the Oregon Official Roster, containing the names of the officers and men of the Second Oregon Regiment, now in Philippine Islands. It is the purpose of the publisher, Mrs. A. M. de F. Smith, to supply one of the books to each member of the regiment, and the Emergency Corps of The Dalles have taken the matter in hand of supplying the book to the soldiers who enlisted from The Dalles. In this noble work they will probably require some financial assistance, which will come from the forthcoming at once, for everybody will be glad to privilege to subscribe to this fund. The Oregon Roster, with the addenda containing names of the 313 recruits, is now complete, and it is a pride to Oregon that is the only official roster of the kind published in any state of the union. Look Out for Him. A few days since a young man named Harry Patterson skipped out from The Dalles, leaving a note on the table. He was a comparative stranger in the city but during his residence of about a month in The Dalles, made himself quite conspicuous. He pretended to be quite religious, and took active interest in the Baptist church. He was of pleasing appearance and secured a situation as stenographer with a business firm, but never got quite ready to go to work. He had a happy faculty of being seized with a severe fit whenever occasion required. Patterson is said to have worked a sort of confidence game, and he has been there, borrowing a few dollars here and there and getting a few weeks' board at different boarding houses. He is supposed to have gone either to Pendleton or Walla Walla and people there had as well move him along. Fifty of us carry. Remember that we carry dry fire and pine cord wood for family use, at the lowest market rates. MAIER & BENSON. To Cure Constipation. Take one of our pills at bed time and in 24 hours you will be cured, druggists refund money.

CHEERFUL KLONDIKE LIARS. They Misrepresent the Riches of the Northern Mines. The following is from the Portland Telegram, and shows some of the methods that have been adopted to attract the unsophisticated to Alaska in search of hidden treasures, by indirect statements concerning the richness of the mines, or rather the amount of money that comes from them. Thomas R. Strong returned last evening on the steamer Rosalia, from a visit to Skagway and Dyea. He says that the reported gold receipts at Seattle from the north are not only greatly exaggerated, but absurd. On the steamer on which he returned there was a large number of miners whose aggregate gold did not amount to more than \$100,000. "One man had \$30,000," remarked Mr. Strong, "a second, \$25,000, the rest smaller sums. I gained this information from the miners themselves, and others well informed as to the amount of treasure aboard. "When we landed at Seattle a reporter of the leading paper boarded our steamer, seeking treasure news from the presser. I am confident that he must have obtained the same figures I am now stating. Yet, on the succeeding day his paper came out crediting the \$30,000 man with \$500,000; the possessor of the \$25,000 was credited with \$250,000 and the total treasure aboard was printed as being \$1,500,000." Mr. Strong conversed with a number of intelligent residents of Seattle, all of whom stated that, so far, the real mining district discovered is comparatively small. Ten men are rushing there where there is work but for one. Business in Skagway and Dyea was dull, while the business at the Skagway traders were hopeful for better times. The new railroad is three miles out from Skagway and before he left the first locomotive traversed it. Many, however, express doubts as to the possibility of its getting over the mountain obstacles. Dyea is very dull, despite the fact that most of the interior travel goes over its path. From Dyea to the Canadian line there are first-class roads and tramways; but from there emigrants are compelled to travel and pack as best they can. The road and police will not permit the extension of American tramways through their territory. THE AMERICAN NAVY. Its Accomplishments Have Blazed the Way for Better Naval Institutions. In modern naval affairs the American navy since the beginning of actual hostilities with Spain has served in the capacity of school-teacher to the rest of creation, says the Chicago Times-Herald. Every European nation has closely studied the work of the American navy, and proof is not lacking that they are profiting by what they have learned. The record-breaking run of the battleship Oregon showed Russia that her own naval architecture was not up to date, and the builder of the Oregon is now in St. Petersburg, by royal invitation, to discuss plans for revolutionizing the Russian ships. The speed performances of the Brooklyn and the Oregon in overhauling the Cristobal Colon emphasized the importance of high speed in effective fighting ships. Japan is now revising her plans and expects shortly to have the fastest cruisers afloat. The destruction of Corryera's squadron has doomed wood in the construction of war ships. Italy has issued an order that wood must not be used in several warships now in process of construction, and has suspended work upon them until revised plans can be made. England announces that henceforth in the construction of her battleships speed will not be sacrificed in order to protect them with heavy armor. This conclusion undoubtedly resulted from the fact that the armor of Corryera's ships furnished little protection, since it was easily penetrated by 6-inch and 8-inch shells. A cablegram says that the new cruisers now to be launched by France will carry no guns of extremely large caliber, but that they are to be armed with rapid fire guns of small dimensions. This is directly in line with the recommendations of Dewey, Sampson and Schley. Unless all indications are misled the way for advanced naval construction throughout the world for many years to come. Notice to Delinquent Taxpayers. The delinquent taxes of Wasco county, as shown on the rolls now in the hands of the sheriff, are \$90,000, an amount almost equal to the indebtedness of the county. Every citizen will doubtless admit that this state of affairs should not exist, and that all taxes should be collected. On account of hard times in the past the county court has shown leniency to taxpayers, and this leniency has reached the limit, and the court cannot wait longer on delinquents to make settlement. For this reason a warrant has been attached to each delinquent roll commanding the sheriff to collect all taxes by seizure and sale of property. With this amount of crops now in sight, there can no longer be any reasonable excuse for the non-payment of taxes. The sheriff is bound under oath to comply with the terms of the warrants attached to the tax rolls for the collection thereof, and has no option in the matter. Delinquent taxpayers can save the cost of seizure and sale of property by settling their taxes at once. ROBERT KELLY, Sheriff and Tax Collector for Wasco County. Dated August 4, 1908. Eastern Oregon State Normal School. The most successful year work of the State Normal School at Weston, Oregon, closed last June with the graduation of twenty students. 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Madame Amelia de F. Smith, publisher of the Oregon Official Roster, is in the city, the guest of Mrs. T. S. Lang. R. B. Sinnott has gone to Ilwaco beach to get a breath of fresh air and bathe in the surf. Mr. Sinnott will be gone about a week. Harry Lonsdale has returned from his summer vacation at Clatsop Beach, looking refreshed from a week's sojourn at the seaside. J. F. Humphreys was a passenger on the Dalles City this morning. His destination is Clatsop beach, where he goes for his summer vacation. This morning C. B. Floire, who has been quite ill for several days past, was taken to Portland to be cared for in one of the hospitals of that city. Mr. Walters and Mr. Bailey accompanied by their families started this morning for upper Five-Mile, where they will spend ten days camping. Again the mercury climbed up in the thermometers to 103 at 3 o'clock today, but a cool breeze sprang up at that time and the mercury fell to 100. Geo. Nolau, one of the prosperous farmers of Dufur, was in the city this morning, and reported harvest progressing finely in the vicinity of Dufur. A few wool sales were reported today at 14 and 14 1/2 cents. If these prices prevail it will be but a short time until the 1898 clip stored here will be disposed of. D. K. Parsons, of Chicago, has offered to give \$50,000 to Whitman college at Walla Walla, for a building. It is conditioned on other people giving \$25,000. Prof. H. L. Howe, teacher of the school in district No. 4, near Hood River, is in the city, and will appear before the board of examiners Friday as an applicant for a state diploma. Edward Martin, of Pendleton, recently bought 6000 head of sheep in Grant county for shipment, distributing about \$15,000 among the sheepmen of all. All the brick work on the main building of the La Grande beet sugar factory is now finished, and work has been commenced on the foundations of the warehouses. The Salem police do not spare sex or age in the enforcement of the bicycle ordinance. Monday night a young woman was arrested for not having a light on her bicycle. At Pendleton on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday the mercury registered 105, 105 and 110 respectively, which is said to have been the three hottest days ever known in that city. Dallesites who are camping at points down the river report the weather pleasant, the temperature being only 90 during the middle of the day, and of mornings and evenings falling to 60 and 65. Unquestionably this has been the longest extremely hot spell ever known in the inland Empire. Nearly three weeks with the mercury going above 90 degrees every day is indeed uncommon. Today Prof. T. J. Neff, of Hood River, was displaying here some of the apples that have earned such wide reputation for Hood River. They were of the Dutchess variety, and were perfect beauties. The hot weather is having a bad effect upon fruit, especially apples and pears. Those on the south side of the river are being sunburned, and in some instances cooked so as to retard their growth and greatly injure their quality. Steps are being taken to reorganize the fire department of Baker City, recently disbanded. The fire apparatus is now in charge of ex-Chief Fox, who is authorized to organize the department. It is pretty generally believed that the fire which destroyed six large warehouses at Dayton, Wash., a week ago was of incendiary origin, but as yet there is no clew to whom the guilty party is. George Butler, a Harrisburg saloon-keeper, committed suicide Sunday by wading into the river and shooting himself. Butler was 70 years old. He became despondent when the city council refused to renew his license. Thomas Lewis, who was convicted of having burned a building belonging to Phil Brown in 1895, and who was sentenced to the penitentiary for three years, has been released and has returned to this county. Lewis served out his time, less the time deducted for good behavior. At 12 o'clock tonight the close season for salmon fishing in the Columbia begins, and continues until September 10th. This season has not been

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