

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

County court met today there being present Judge Mays and Commissioners Kinsey and Evans.

The La Grande Chronicle says the average of fall-sown wheat is below the average in Union county this year.

Two million salmon eggs were received at the Mapleton hatchery recently. The eggs were in good condition.

Young Americans are having immense fun coating on the streets where there is sufficient grade to set a sled in motion.

Last night was the date for the regular monthly council meeting, but there not being a quorum present the meeting adjourned until tonight.

The Dalles City made a through trip to Portland yesterday, but did not venture on the river today. There was so much ice floating as to make the trip dangerous.

The new water system is now complete with the exception of putting in a few rates. It is a very perfect system, the pressure below the bluffs having been increased several pounds.

A. Greiner, of Mayville, is in the city and says that all residents of that section of Gilliam county are getting through the winter nicely, the weather having been very favorable so far.

Last Friday our reporter got mixed up in his item about the shipment of fruit from Mosier. He said Louis Davapport had recently shipped 24,000 pounds of dried plums, whereas, he should have said the fruitgrowers of Mosier had shipped that amount.

Bank clearances at Spokane during 1898 aggregated \$45,806,925, compared with \$33,384,154 during 1897.

W. W. Robertson, formerly of the Chablis Nugget, has bought the North Yakima Republic from L. E. Sperry and W. H. James.

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Yesterday the ferry was taken to winter quarters at Hungry harbor, after having made one trip across the river. The ferry will not make regular trips until the ice quits running in the river.

Last night Marshal Lauer arrested two parties, John Meyers and William Adams, for begging on the streets. They were taken before Recorder Gates this morning and Myers was given two days and Adams four days in jail.

The coyote hunt, in which the hunters of Baker City, Halnes and Wingville participated on December 31, was not a success, owing to the stiff blizzard that was blowing. Dr. H. E. Currier and Mr. Simpson made the best scores. Currier killed three and Simpson four.

E. B. Ward, representing the Tacoma & Columbia River Railroad, is in the city, and has maps outlining the proposed route from Tacoma to a point in Washington opposite the Dalles. The company proposes to build the proposed road during the present season.

There is talk of the farmers assisting to erect a mill at Pomroy to be used in their behalf. It is proposed to assist in consideration of exchanging 40 pounds of flour for a bushel of wheat. That would enable those who have wheat now to get flour at less than \$2.80 per barrel.

The total expenditure of the school for the blind at Salem for the past two years was \$15,985.27. Superintendent Carter recommends that \$14,000 be appropriated as a maintenance fund. The report contains no comment upon the proposed union of the deaf mute and blind schools.

This is pretty early in the season for a freshet, but residents along Court street north of Third are experiencing one. The sewer leading down Court became clogged and flooded all the basements on the east side of the street. The cellar under McInerney's store was flooded and considerable goods were damaged.

The three little boys found in a box car here yesterday morning were not pure innocents. They told a very plausible story, but it was untrue. Instead of being locked in a car against their will they were in their by their own choice. Marshal Lauer has been informed that two of them had escaped from the orphan's home in Portland.

and the other was running away on his own account. An amended charter for Dalles City will be presented to the legislature, and Mayor Nolan has appointed a committee to draft the same. The committee consists of M. A. Moody, J. S. Fish and F. Menefee, citizens, and Andrew Keller, S. S. Johns and E. L. Kuck, members of the council. Parties having any suggestions to make regarding the charter are invited to present them to any one of the above committees.

From Thursday's Daily. Mrs. Frank Forrester, of Mitchell, is in the city. Capt. Fred Sherman is confined to his room with an attack of the grippe. H. S. Turner has sold the Dufur Dispatch, but to whom we have been unable to learn.

Mrs. Otis Patterson leaves tonight for Hopper to spend a few days visiting friends in that city. Considerable snow has fallen in Willamette valley during the past few days, though it has melted about as fast as it fell.

J. K. Jones, postmaster at Union and the editor of the Scout published at that place, died Monday evening at his home in Union of congestion of the lungs.

Hon. Otis Patterson went to Hopper last evening to attend a reception to be given by the Elks of that place to night. Tonight, the Workmen and Degree of Honor will hold a joint installation of their new officers. All Workmen and members of the Degree are requested to be present.

The Tillamook Herald is advocating the abolishment by legislative enactment of toll roads in the state of Oregon. There are four such roads in Tillamook county.

Snow continues to fall here, and has attained a depth of about five inches on a level. We need more snow, and the more the better. It is piled up to the depth of two feet.

A number of the business men of Tacoma are urging the Pierce county legislative delegation to support a bill adopting the Torrens system of land transfers, says the News.

D. C. Cobler, a farmer living in Uniontown, Eastern Washington, committed suicide by taking strychnine Friday. He was dependent because his wife had left him.

John R. Burns, of the Hotel Washburn at Baker City, and Miss Alma L. Daniel, of Montana, were married a few days ago by Rev. Father Verhaeg of the Catholic church.

The city marshal has a force of men working day and night removing the Court street sewer, but as yet has not been able to make an opening through the obstructed place.

T. A. Wood has bought the residence property belonging to Mrs. Geo. Rowland on Fourth street. This is one of the most comfortable properties in that part of the city. Mr. Wood will make an elegant home of it.

At 3 o'clock Tuesday morning burglars dug their way through a stone cellar into the store of Hoag Hal, in Baker City, broke open a trunk and got away with \$700 worth of jewelry and \$400 worth of gold nuggets. The robbers are still at large.

J. E. Wilson, of Chitwood fruit-grower, explains in the Toledo Leader that the codlin moth cannot thrive in Lincoln county because of the county's exposure to the ocean fogs. The fog carries a great deal of salt, which checks the growth of the moth.

The suit of Jones Bros. of New York, against school district No. 10, of Tacoma, to recover \$1100, posted as a for- feiture in a bid for \$110,000 bonds in March, 1898, has been submitted to Judge Bean, of that court. The defense set up by the school district is that Jones Bros. refused to make their bid good.

A party of prominent state officials and citizens of Oregon have visited the fish hatcheries to investigate the conduct of the institution and gather information which may lead to the establishment of several hatcheries in Oregon, says the Tacoma Ledger.

On Monday James Hardwick was shot and killed in his saloon in Colfax by William Campbell. Deceased is a brother of John Hardwick, of this city, and the son of Jethro Hardwick, of Pendleton. His remains will be taken to Pendleton for interment tomorrow.

M. V. B. Stacy, who has filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy at Seattle, with liabilities at \$67,000, and no assets, was a wealthy man in boom times. He built a palatial residence on Third street and Marion avenue, but the crash came soon after he had moved into it, and left him penniless.

Dalles people are always ready to patronize and encourage a home industry that is meritorious, hence it is not to be wondered at, that they give the steam laundry a liberal patronage. It has been so liberal in the past that Mr. McAllister has found it necessary to put in a lot of new machinery. He had an operation performed for appendicitis and is liable to die from the results.

Yesterday Pease & Mays quoted a large number of startling prices that will prevail during their clearance sale, but today have added many new quotations. It will be to the interest of all purchasers to carefully peruse these quotations, as they offer an opportunity to save money.

A. B. Estebenet and Barry Esping have leased the Moody bowling alley next to the Columbia Hotel. They will have the alleys put in perfect repair, and make the place as attractive as possible, and hope to merit the patronage of the public. Alleys will be open day and night.

J. Bandy has opened a racket store in the Thompson building next door to the Diamond mill, where he carries a complete line of racket goods that are offered at right prices. He respectfully invites all to price his goods before purchasing elsewhere as he is prepared to save them money.

Properly equipped a good hook and ladder company one of the most effective protections against fire. The Dalles has an excellent hook and ladder company, but its equipments are rather primitive kind—those that were used in past ages. It would be a splendid investment for the city to buy a new truck and ladders.

A. E. Lake, of Moro, was in the city last evening. He says the new mill proposition on the Deschutes is progressing, and the company expects to be making lumber early in the Spring.

lies certainly should give this enterprise their encouragement in order to make it a permanency. Today James Fault received a dispatch announcing the death of his father at his home in Massachusetts. Having finished his work here on the new water works, Mr. Fry left this afternoon for his home in Portland.

Messrs. W. A. Bell, J. N. Williamson, Wm. Wirtzweiler and Ben Jones arrived here this afternoon from Prineville on Tuesday and at that time there was no snow at that place, but they encountered snow all the way from Baker to the Dalles.

Today W. H. Wilson appeared in the role of the Good Samaritan and presented the three little boys, confined in the city jail with an air gun and target, with which to amuse themselves until their friends shall come from Portland.

Yesterday Constable Jackson arrested Joseph Craft at Nansette, charged with having threatened to kill Wm. Neback. He will have his examination before Justice Bayard next Monday. Jayce & Mitchell and E. H. Riddell will appear for the state and N. H. Gates for the defendant.

During the past year the free public employment bureau of Seattle, under the direction of Secretary Grant of the civil service commission, filled 21,947 positions. In addition to this 985 hop pickers were furnished. Strange as it may seem, the bureau was unable to meet the demand for hop pickers, ranches, orders being received for 2,235. This makes the grand total of hop furnished 22,932.

A very pleasant visit party was given by Mrs. T. J. Seuffer at her residence on Third street last evening. Those present were Dr. and Mrs. Logan, Judge and Mrs. Blakeley, Mr. and Mrs. Hobson, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Huntington, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Seuffer, Mrs. N. B. Sinnott, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Crossen, and Mrs. E. O. McCoy. Mrs. and Mrs. Blakeley were awarded the first prize, and Dr. Logan was successful in winning the prize for the poorest player.

On Saturday evening Col. J. M. Patterson will be in The Dalles for the purpose of mustering in a company of National Guards to be known as company Dr. Dr. Hollister has been designated as examining surgeon. On the roster of the new company are the names of many of the most prominent young men of the city, and the company will be a splendid body of men when organized. It is through the efforts of Dr. Bartall that this company is organized, and when the election of officers is held he certainly should be elected captain.

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At the annual election of The Dalles Hook and Ladder Co. the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President, C. F. Stephens; secretary, V. J. Schmidt; treasurer, John S. Schneck; foreman, H. C. Liebe; first assistant, L. W. Heppner; second assistant, S. E. Van Vactor; members of board of fire delegates, J. A. McCarty, Arthur, E. M. Wingle, J. D. Hookman.

W. H. Gardner and wife, of the Boy's and Girl's Aid Society, arrived here from Portland last night and took home with them this morning the three little boys who had been confined in the city jail the past few days. The little fellows will be taken charge of by the society in Portland, and cared for until their rooming disposition is ascertained.

Pease & Mays are preparing to enlarge their already extensive business, and are arranging to remodel their store. They have bought John C. Herzig's stock of clothing and furnishing goods and Mr. Hertz will retire from business. They will hereafter occupy the store of I. C. Nickelson for a grocery department and convert the present grocery department into a clothing store. Mr. Nickelson will move his stock into the store now occupied by Mr. Hertz.

Hon. J. N. Williamson, representative from Crook county, spent the day in the city and left on the afternoon train for Portland, where he will meet until the session begins next Monday. Mr. Williamson will make a strong effort to be made at the next session to establish a new county out of portions of Crook, Grant and Gilliam counties, embracing what is known as the Brigs and Mountain creek counties. Credit will offer no opposition to the division. Mr. Williamson is strongly in favor of a state law making the bounty on wild animals uniform in all counties, and will champion such a measure in the legislature.

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THE COMMON COUNCIL. Regular Routine Business Transacted at the Regular Meeting. The regular monthly meeting of the city council, at the office of the recorder on Wednesday evening, January 4, and was attended by the following members: Kuck, Keller, Gunning, Stephens, Michelbach, Clough and Butts. Mayor Nolan being unable to attend owing to illness Councilman Stephens was elected president pro tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Dr. Doane, as a member of the school board, petitioned for crosswalks on Third street on the east side of Court, one on Tenth street in the east side of Union and one on Union on the south side of Tenth, which was referred to the committee on streets and public property with power to act.

On the recommendation of Councilman Kuck, C. L. Schmidt was appointed an expert to investigate the claims of the city against the county for taxes. On motion the committee on streets and public property was granted further time in which to report on buildings erected on public property.

Councilman Stephens, chairman of the committee on streets and public property, reported that the sewer system was in a bad state, and the committee was empowered to investigate and ascertain what improvements are needed to repair the same and report to the council.

Councilman Kuck, of the finance committee, reported that a sinking fund should be created to meet the city debt, and on motion it was ordered that the recorder draw a warrant for \$1000 on the city treasury the same to be invested in Wasco county warrants, and when this amount is invested a like amount shall again be drawn until a sinking fund sufficient to meet the city debt shall be created.

Councilman Stephens presented a license ordinance the proceeds of which shall be used in creating a sinking fund to meet the city debt as it matures. The same was referred to a committee consisting of Stephens, Kuck and Clough to formulate a license ordinance and report the same to the council at some future session. Ordinance No. 298 was read, placed on its final passage and adopted. The ordinance provides that a semi-annual license of \$30 be imposed on all electrical slot machines operated in the city.

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid: D. S. Dufur, premium on insurance, \$5 00
M. N. Nolan, mfg., 10 00
R. Cooper, wood, 45 05
Wm. Henkle, hauling, 1 25
T. J. Jones, hauling, 1 25
F. S. Gunning, repairs, 1 80
The Dalles Lumber Co., lumber 9 60
E. Benjamin, hauling, 29 20
E. Benjamin, hauling, 7 65
Dalles City water works, water 32 00
M. N. Nolan, mfg., 10 00
J. W. Robinson, labor, 8 10
John Hoobler, reeling hose, 10 50
C. J. Jones, labor, 29 20
Chas. Fleurer, labor, 6 00
Mrs. Frazier, meals for prisoners, 4 35
California Restaurant, meals for prisoners, 2 10
C. Lauer, salary, 75 00
Geo. Brown, engineer, 75 00
Adolph Philman, night watch, 60 00
J. J. Crandall, labor, 29 20
N. H. Gates, recorder, 89 00

The report of the recorder for the month of December showed that there had been