

Times-Mountaineer. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1899

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

From Saturday's Daily. Senator E. B. Dufur returned last evening from Salem. A. A. Jayne returned from a short business trip to Portland. A. J. Knightly, of Cascade Locks, is visiting in the city today.

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BACK FROM THE YUKON.

That quartet consisting of the Quaker City quartet consisting of William Frank, Bert Barrett, Fred Salpes and Charles Heppner made a decided hit by their selections from popular songs. They all have splendid voices and the fact is considered that they have had but little training their singing will be all the more appreciated.

Our local talent next appeared in the person of Cary Ballard and Claud Kelsey under the name of the Lower Oregon orchestra. A difficult tumbling and long distance somersault acts were witnessed many who were not acquainted with the boys thought they were witnessing the performances of professional circus men rather than two of our Dalles boys.

The two "Bills" Crossen and Frank, certainly merited the title of the "Singing Circus." Their actions and funny cracks would provoke laughter at a funeral, and their muck tragedy which they performed as an encore was decidedly the funniest thing ever seen on a Dalles stage. These young men bid fair to become the most popular in the town.

Hamphire and Clarke, The Dalles favorites, next gave their original sketch "Life in Alabama." Their step dancing was unequalled while a more graceful couple could not be found to perform in the town. The grand cake walk, led by Hazel Waud and Lola Kelsey and in which all the members of the troupe took part. After they lined up for a grand concluding medley the cake was awarded to Hazel Waud and Lola Kelsey as they received the greatest applause.

The performance throughout was very satisfactory and passed off without a blunder. Great credit is due to Messrs. Hamphire and Clarke who did so much towards training the different ones as well as to each and every individual for the respective parts they performed. Before the conclusion of the performance, N. J. Sinnott announced that the minstrels would be repeated this evening. The prices being reduced to 50 cents, children 25 cents. A large attendance is looked for again this evening.

He Poled the surgeons. All doctors sold Ronic Hamilton, of West Jefferson, after suffering 18 months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed, but he cured himself with five boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the surest Pile cure on Earth, and the best Salve in the world. 25 cents a box. Sold by Blakeley & Houghton, druggists.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED. Hay Wagon Ditched and One Man Killed Under the Stack. Samuel L. Bailey was accidentally killed at Trout Creek, Crook county near Astoria, Thursday morning. He and two other men were riding on a load of hay when the wagon ran into a washout, upsetting the hay rack and throwing Bailey into a 15 foot ditch with the rack squarely across his back killing him instantly.

Her Health Restored. The little mascots, Hazel Waud and Lola Kelsey, appeared after the intermission in their vocal duet "How I Love My Lu" and by their sweet singing and clever acting of that pretty selection took the audience by storm and received applause and bouquets in abundance. The little ones are trained perfectly and delighted everyone with their general make-up and the easy and natural manner in which they performed.

A DANGEROUS FIRE.

Caught in the Roof of the Columbia Hotel The Firemen Make a Hard Fight Over One Hour to Overcome the Blaze.

At about 5:15 yesterday afternoon the people of The Dalles were aroused by the shrill whistling of the O. R. & N. engine No. 118, and in another instant the ominous sound of the bell told them that a fire had broken out. A glance in the direction of Front street was sufficient to explain all, as the volume of dark smoke that was rising from the roof of the Columbia hotel left none in doubt as to the exact location of the trouble. In a remarkably short time a hose was attached to the plug connecting with the shops, while about the same time the Columbia hose company were playing a stream on the fire. The other hose companies also arrived in good time and in less than ten minutes seven streams were playing on the building. The fire was burning close to the rafters and being difficult to get at it was thirty minutes before the flames were considered under control, and even then as there was a strong up stream wind it looked doubtful to many whether or not they could stop its further progress.

Never was better work done by firemen in The Dalles and if they had not checked the flames as rapidly as they did, a great portion of the town would have been ashes in an incredibly short space of time. The entire block in which the Columbia hotel is situated, outside of the Baldwin Saloon, are wooden fire traps and if the fire got any start, with the gale that was blowing the surrounding blocks could not have been saved.

At the time that the new water system was put in many faults were found but since it was demonstrated plainly last evening that a destructive fire could not have been averted if the old system had been depended upon, everybody now declares that the new one has already paid for itself.

After the flames were considered under control it proved a tedious job to put them out entirely and from the time the alarm was sounded until the last stream was turned off it was over one hour and a half. The damage to the building and furniture was caused more by the torments of water rather than the flames. The damage is roughly estimated at between three and four thousand dollars, there being no insurance as the policy was allowed to run out some time ago.

The flames are supposed to have been ignited in the roof by a spark and quickly burning through caught in the inside of the building and spread rapidly making it so difficult to overcome.

Get a Bicycle Cheap. All wheels sold at half regular price. MAYS & CROWE. Opposite Old Stand.

THE CELEBRATED Columbia Brewery. AUGUST BUCHLER, Prop. This well-known brewery is now turning out the best Beer and Porter etc. of the Cascades. The latest appliances for the manufacture of good healthful Beer have been introduced, and only the first-class article will be placed on the market.

In New Quarters....

It's the old Reliable Grocery House, but in a new place, with new goods and new prices. Everything you want in the grocery line, delivered on short notice from the new store.

W. A. JOHNSTON & COMPANY. SIGN OF THE SYRACUSE PLOW.

F. H. ROWE & CO., Dealers In Lumber, Sash, Doors, Windows, Wood Delivered to any Part of the City.

American Market. Carries the Best and Choicest Vegetables and Fruits.. Direct from the gardens and orchards.

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Did You Ever Stop to think that this is the time of year that a merchant wants to sell off all his heavy goods. Well that is the case with me. Come in before the assortment is broken and get your choice of the stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Blankets, Furnishing Goods.

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BeSt Kentucky Whisky FROM LOUISVILLE. Very Best Key West Cigars and Box of Wines. English Porter, Ale and Milwaukee Beer always on hand. MAETZ & PUNDT PROPRIETORS. Public Bowling Alley. Next door to Columbia Hotel. Open Day and Night. Courteous Treatment to all Bowlers. Special Attractions For Bowling Parties. Patronage of the public respectfully solicited. Ladies' days—Monday mornings and Thursday evenings. ESTEBNET & ESPING, Proprietors. BRANCH OFFICE—Oregon Viava Co. Rooms 7, over French & Co's. Bank. Office hours, 2 to 4 p. m. Charlotte F. Roberts, Local Manager.

DR. PIERCE'S Favorite PRESCRIPTION

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Yesterday Michael and John Bohan, of this city, aged 11 and 15, secured a horse and buggy and left home going in the direction of Dufur. Their father after finding the direction they had taken telephoned to Dufur and requested Marshall Hansen to catch the boys and put them in jail, if they showed up in that town. Nothing has been heard of their whereabouts as yet or the cause of their strange action. Both are said to be able to look out for themselves and little fear is entertained that they will not turn up all right.

Frederick Wilson returned yesterday from a short trip to Grass Valley, Moro and Wasco. He informs us that grass is springing up nicely in Sherman county. The stockmen fed but little hay during the winter so that they have suffered and numerous rich farmers are busily engaged in plowing and the principal question with the people south of Moro is in what direction will the Columbia Southern take from that place. The general belief is, however, that the construction will be pushed as rapidly as possible along the exact route is not yet known.

The bowling contest at the Commercial club last night was interesting and well attended. The contest was held at the Commercial club and was a highly successful one. The winners were... (names not fully legible)

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