

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

From Saturday's Daily. Frank Fulton, of Biggs, is in the city.

Hon. J. N. Williamson left today for his home in Prineville.

W. J. Johnston, and wife, of Moro, are visiting in the city.

A. H. Beaman, B. Allen and C. M. Cartwright came up last evening from Portland.

A. N. Nollis, the well known cattle breeder of Cassia, is registered at the Unatilla house.

A car load of hogs from Elgin en route to Troutdale was unloaded at that stock yard here last night.

Hon. E. B. Dufur and family left this morning for Wind river, where they will spend a month's vacation.

This is a busy time with farmers, as harvesting is just beginning, and farm hands throughout the country are expected to be scarce.

Zach Taylor, of Antelope, returned this morning from Spokane, where he has been visiting his son, who has been dangerously ill.

The past few days fishermen on the river have been making pretty good catches, the fish being again to run since the water began to get clear.

Portland had a splendid shower of rain yesterday afternoon. It began falling about 7 o'clock and continued to pour down until late in the evening.

The 300 people who were here during the week attending the two grand lodges have all gone to their homes, and the town now has a deserted appearance.

A band of 60 head of bunchgrass Mustangs were brought into Eugene recently and auctioned off to the highest bidder. The prices paid ranged from \$4 to \$40 per head.

Leslie Fry, a 12-year boy, was riding a bicycle in the neighborhood of the city when his right big toe was caught between the chain and the sprocket wheel and was torn off.

Recently Salem voted to issue \$65,000 of 4 percent bonds to refund its debt. On Thursday bids were opened, and it was found that Salem had submitted bids for double the amount.

The water in the Columbia river is once more clear which is a pretty good indication that the rapid thaw of snow in the high mountains at 33 feet above low water mark, and those who are well posted say it will remain high for two or three weeks to come.

Mrs. J. A. Fleck left at this office four fine, large white turkeys raised a mile west of town, which have been raised and the interior rearranged so as to give it the appearance of a new store.

A number of farmers were in town today, and all reported the cool weather of the past few days having been beneficial to growing crops. Many fields that were thought to be ruined have revived, and fair crops will be harvested.

The old man who died here yesterday from the effects of strong drink should serve as a warning to those who are following in his footsteps. Long continued drinking will eventually tear down the system and lead to an untimely death.

Yesterday Secretary of Agriculture Wilson visited Seaside's cannery above town, in company with E. B. Dufur, industrial agent of the O. R. & N., and while there was presented with a royal chicken which was awarded to Mrs. Wilson at Washington.

Some hunters have unwittingly been shooting prairie chickens and grouse, probably not knowing the date of the open season had been changed by the last legislature. The open season for grouse hunting was closed for prairie chickens September 1st.

Today W. J. Harriman left at this office a few stalks of timothy raised on his eight-mile farm, that are the best he has ever raised. The longest stalk is 6 feet 7 inches and one of the heads measures 1 1/2 inches. Mr. Harriman says that it is not an average of his timothy crop, but he has a timothy crop from which he has cut three tons to the acre.

It is now reported that the Oregon regiments will be mustered out the first week in August, and the boys will probably arrive at Portland about the 15th. This should bring the Wasco county boys home about the 12th, when a rousing reception should be given them. It will not be necessary to go to Portland to receive them for we can cheer their hearts when they come to the Dalles.

Eleven freight cars on the O. R. & N. line were thrown in the ditch below Alto at an early hour Wednesday morning. The freight train was southbound and when descending the steep grade of what is known as the "Alto hill" the engine got behind the control of the engineer and the train plunged down the grade piling the cars up in the ditch below the curve at the end of the long grade.

Yesterday J. B. Manly, of Victor, had quite a serious mishap on Tugh with a loaded wagon. He was on the top of the hill this side of Tugh Valley, the wagon went off the grade, dragging the horses up it, and together they rolled down the hill half a mile. The team was badly cut and the wagon totally destroyed, but fortunately Mr. Manly jumped off the wagon just as it left the grade and escaped injury.

Everybody wants to do the returning volunteers honor when they get home, but how many will offer them pensions where they can see a livelihood when the reception is over? The boys have not made a fortune in the Philippines, in fact the most of them will come out of the service with very little ready cash. Those who offer the boys a job of work when they disband their uniforms will do them a better act than those who wish and dine them.

Two young fellows, Frank Turner and William Fruit, both under 21 years of age, have been arrested at Baker City for the crime of stealing and bound over in the sum of \$1000 to the grand jury. The most recent operation of the boys was to steal a pair of horses from the town of Baker, and sell them to the young range-riders.

All the bodies of the dead in the Second ward will be brought down to the removal of the bodies will not begin for five or six months. A plan was made of embalming the bodies, but they were brought in from the field, but for various reasons it did not succeed. The military authorities have promised to return the bodies, not only to San Francisco, but to the town destroyed by the relatives of the dead soldier, wherever it may happen to be—all at the government's expense. In case no request is received from relatives, the body will be conveyed to Washington and interred in the national cemetery.

From Monday's Daily. Wm. Kellogg, of Antelope, is in the city. Roger Sinnott left this morning for Seaside.

Mrs. Mat Schoren was a passenger on the boat this morning for Portland.

Mrs. H. C. Neilson and children started today for Ocean Park to spend the remainder of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. DeHuff and Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeHuff have gone to Seaside for a week's vacation.

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been cultivated. The results obtained last year shows that can be accomplished by cultivation of the hill soil in this country.

A church has the agency for The Dalles for the American mountain and spritaker, one of the best devices made for irrigating yards and lawns. Parties desiring them will please give Mr. Ulrich a call.

It is stated that the construction of the big canal begun at Westport near the mouth of the Columbia. This is encouraging news to the Dalles who have invested in real estate at that place.

Marshall Hughes has a force of men working on the Court street sewer that has been laid out on the street and has caused a great deal of trouble to be flooded for some time. He hopes to have it done by the end of the month.

Recent developments in the Fitch murder case at Portland are rather more favorable for Frank Mitchell, the young man suspected of killing the girl. Testimony before the coroner's jury corroborates the statements of the young man.

Since smallpox has made its appearance in Heppner, the people of The Dalles cannot be too careful about preventing its getting a foothold here. Trains from the east should be carefully watched and everybody should be vaccinated.

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