

GENERAL NEWS

Ice near the Dalles was thick enough for skating Saturday.

Italy is to have a new cabinet at once of Radini's making.

George D. Smith, an Idaho man, will probably start a creamery at Baker City.

Johnnie Williams, aged 12 years, has been sent to the state reform school from Dallas.

Republican councilmen were elected in all wards but one in the city election at Salem on Monday.

Prof. Seintgraf, the well known African traveler, died Monday at the island of Tenerife, of malaria.

Admiral Baron von Stenreck, commander-in-chief of the Austro-Hungarian navy, died Monday in Vienna of syncope.

George F. Slosson is now the champion billiard player of the world, having won the honor in last week's contest in New York.

There is a new demand for silver from foreign countries. This week nearly 1,000,000 ounces have been shipped from New York.

The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad will run tourist sleepers clear through without charge from Boston to Portland, Oregon.

Ex-Representative James Cothran, of Abbeville, S. C., died at the Hotel Grenoble in New York having gone there for medical treatment.

E. G. Canfield was elected mayor of Oregon City on Monday. He is a gold democrat. He received a majority of 172. Last year he was elected.

C. G. Burkhardt, democrat, was elected mayor of Albany on Monday, over H. J. Hopkins, republican, by 115. The number of votes polled was 478.

The marriage of Bradford S. Bonney, a pioneer of 1845, to Mrs. Agnes G. Fisher occurred at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage at Hubbard, Saturday.

Sergeant John Coghlin, company A, First infantry, shot and killed himself at the barracks near San Francisco Tuesday. He had been drinking heavily.

Delirious Stogman, well known in Wasco and adjoining counties, died at the Umatilla house in The Dalles, Saturday. He was 77 years old and left four children.

Thos. Loftis, a resident of Starkey Prairie, Union county, was thrown from a horse while on the road to La Grange and was badly injured in the arm and shoulder.

A special to the Herald from Washington says that congress will concur with the wishes of President McKinley and give assent to Spain's new scheme of autonomy.

A lot of cattle were recently bought on Smith river, in Lane county, and driven to Hermiston. The average weight of 16 of the lot was estimated to be 1750 pounds each.

William Wirt is under arrest at Salem charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. He is charged with a \$5 check for him, drawn by Wirt when he knew he had no money in the bank.

Tuesday and Wednesday, January 11 and 12, have been fixed as the dates for the meeting of the National Livestock Feeders & Breeders convention, and the hall of representatives at St. Paul, Minn., as the place.

A dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung from Washington says Hays is ready to pay Germany the indemnity demanded for the capture of the ship and imprisonment of Herr Emil Lueders, a German subject.

Jacob Kurtz, who was arrested at Oregon City last Friday and charged with perjury, had a hearing and the state failed to show that the perjury was committed willfully and the defendant was dismissed from custody.

Miss Millie Brunette, formerly of Baker City, where she has many warm friends, has accepted the pastorate of the Congregational church at Ontario, Malheur county, and will assume charge of the work entrusted to her.

A warrant was sworn out on Oregon City for the arrest of F. M. Robinson by his divorcee, Mrs. White. White is a child 12 years of age. Mrs. Robinson was granted a divorce and the custody of the child at the June term of court.

Henry A. Baker, who was killed by a fall last Friday afternoon at The Dalles, carried a life insurance policy of \$5000, which by his will he bequeathed to his two daughters, Mrs. Ben Miller and Mrs. J. A. Barrett of Portland.

J. C. Olsen, who lost one of his feet by an accident in the North Pacific Lumber Company's mill at Portland last summer has sued the company, claiming \$25,000 damages, alleging negligence on the part of the surveyor in the employ of the company.

John W. Sims, a wife murderer for whom the authorities of North Carolina have been searching all over the United States, committed suicide Sunday night in a San Francisco saloon. He left a letter saying he was the murderer of his wife and boy in North Carolina.

Governor John Griggs of New Jersey has accepted the office of attorney general of the United States offered him by President McKinley, and made vacant by the nomination of Attorney General McKim.

A permanent exhibit of the products of the Western and Northwestern states is to be maintained in the new building of guidance and information of home-seekers and business men. It will be in charge of Meredith Davis who has been connected with western railroads for 30 years.

In a justice court at Oregon City Charles Rook, charged with seduction, was dismissed on condition that he marry the complaining witness, Miss Roxie Roadmiller. The girl is only 15 years of age and young Rook is 16. The ceremony was performed by Justice Scheuvel.

A huge landslide, which might have proved disastrous, occurred in the west part of Colfax, Wash., near the residence of J. L. Irwin. A small house, which was vacant, stood in the path of the slide and was completely demolished and carried to the bottom of a hill a distance of more than 100 yards.

Georgia's 3000 convicts are idle and this has led to the introduction in the legislature of the following: "Resolved, that all Georgia convicts be ordered conveyed to Cuba and turned over to the custody of Gomez, there to engage in the struggle for human liberty and independence of the dear little pearl of the Antilles."

Dr. J. W. Smith and brother, Jim, went gunning for W. Milwae, a merchant of Horatio, Arkansas. He was found on the streets and they began shooting. The doctor and his brother were killed, but Milwae was unhurt.

The shooting occurred over the doctor's alleged excessive bill, which it would appear is now settled so far as the doctor is concerned.

C. E. Jameson, ex-mayor of Montezuma, Washington, was sentenced Saturday to two and a half years' imprisonment in the penitentiary for obtaining money under false pretenses. Jameson was arrested on a charge of forging about \$10,000 worth of the hall county warrants. The charge was reduced to that of obtaining money under false pretenses, and Jameson pleaded guilty.

THE GOLD RESERVE

The gold reserve now stands at \$157,400,000.

The health of Pope Leo XIII. is breaking down. He is quite ill at this time.

Charles A. Bell and Miss Lucy Ellison of Hood river were married Wednesday.

Long Creek, Grant county, has now telephone connections with Portland by way of Heppner.

The Union National and the Hyde and Leather bands of Chicago are forming plans of consolidation.

Mrs. G. B. Cook died at her home near Enterprise, November 24, of consumption. She left a husband and one boy.

The house will take up pension and legislative matters first. After they are out of the way bankruptcy legislation will have a hearing.

A man broke into the office of W. H. Wilson at The Dalles Wednesday night and stole a typewriting machine. He took nothing but the machine.

Five cars collided at Heppner and John Savage, Charles M. Whitehead, and John Kelly were killed and six or more were seriously injured, a few of them fatally.

The grand jury at Baker City returned not a true bill against Lin Mattison, of Morrow county, accused of selling sheep in Baker county without authority to provide one.

There is need for a quarantine station on the Columbia river. The Portland and Astoria chambers of commerce will join in sending a memorial to congress.

The Hilgard Lumbering Company has made an assignment, for the benefit of its creditors, to F. E. Smith. The liabilities are \$20,000 and the assets \$20,000 exclusive of the mill.

August Gatz, aged 76, was found dead in his bed near Tigardville, Lane county, Wednesday night. He lived alone. He leaves three sons, but their whereabouts are not known.

H. P. Isaacs of Walla Walla will build a flouring mill with a capacity of 100 barrels daily, at Wasco, Wasco county. Mr. Isaacs receives \$1000 in cash and the site as a "bonus."

Mary Howell, a Stockton, Cal., woman, spent \$250,000 to save her husband from the gallows. She was a divorcee and after she saved him he took to drink and she at once applied for a divorce and it was granted.

David Roberts, a pioneer resident of the Walla Walla valley, died at his home in Walla Walla, Thanksgiving day, and was buried November 28 in the cemetery at that place. His death was caused by inflammation of the lungs, the illness lasting but a short time.

E. Simmons has been sentenced to the penitentiary for four years for highway robbery committed near The Dalles. He declares he is innocent and before his term is over he is confident that he can prove he had no connection with the robbery or with those who committed it.

The Union party, formerly the Union Bimetallic League of Oregon, will meet in motion the machinery for the coming political campaign in Oregon. The union party is a new political organization.

Raleigh Smith, referee in the suit of E. Cullison vs. Downing, Hopkins & Co., train brokers, to recover a percentage of the profits of the firm, has decided that Cullison is entitled to 10 per cent of \$105,000, the profits of the firm for one year. Having received \$2902, there is a balance due him of \$8598, for which Cullison should have judgment.

Robert Smith, manager of the Grande Ronde Lumber Co., at Ferry, states the company has let contracts for 15,000,000 feet of logs, the largest order ever made by the company. One hundred and seventy-five men are now at work and by the time the logs are delivered at the mill over \$50,000 will be expended before the logs are ready to be manufactured into lumber.

An engineer named Wilson says that the snow along the route between Dyea and Lake Bennett is the heaviest in at least 3000 hours, representing nearly 3000,000. About 6000 by his divorcee, Mrs. White, a child 12 years of age. Mrs. Robinson was granted a divorce and the custody of the child at the June term of court.

Saturday Mrs. Mamie Gage and Horace A. Jackson were tried in a justice court at The Dalles for burglary. They were charged with having stolen \$1200, the money was that of W. H. Allen, a foreman of a bridge gang, and at the time of the robbery the gang was standing in the jail and near the round house at The Dalles. As sufficient evidence could not be found, Jackson and Mrs. Gage were acquitted.

It is reported on good authority that the Oregon plan, working on the Columbia river, each received last month the sum of \$500. The share that fell to those of the pilots holding licenses from Washington amounted to \$400 each, while Mr. Robert Carruthers, as owner of the schooner Jessie, received just \$100 as his percentage.

Senator Melville of Oregon has offered in the United States senate a bill to aid in the construction of a line of railway and an aerial tramway from Dyea to Lake Bennett, by granting the Dyea-Klondike Transportation Company seven sections of land along the proposed route, and allowing the company to use public timbers in the construction.

A. W. Patterson, who was so long connected with the Heppner Gazette as business manager, but who is now attending to his law practice at Washington, D. C., writes that he is progressing rapidly with his studies and expects to return to Heppner next summer to spend his vacation. After finishing his law course he will return to Oregon to take up the practice of his profession.

At Salmon, Cal., the keeper of the jail, John Dawson, on the south side of the Yukon. A single party turned out \$5000. The first claim was turned out by a man named Peterson of Illinois. He is said to be taking out 1000 to \$1500 a day. A stampede soon began and every claim on the creek was located.

Mrs. Mary R. Walker, the oldest remaining American settler of Oregon, peacefully of old age at the home of her son, S. T. Walker, at Forest Grove Sunday morning. The death of Mrs. Walker leaves Mrs. S. T. Walker, 82 years of age, as the last of the old timers in the state.

Mrs. Walker came to Oregon, Mrs. Griffin in 1829. But Mr. Griffin died the two. His neighbors recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

John Hudson, a farmer near Lewisville, Idaho, has found a 14-horse power engine and a 2-stamp quartz mill under a pile of rocks on his farm on the reservation. The engine and mill had never been used and had been "cached away" for many years. The discovery revives the story of the scheme of Robinson in early mining days. It is stated that the engine and mill were in transit to the Pierce City country to work on Robinson's famous mine, and that the scheme's deception was exposed before the plant reached the proposed bonanza, and that the victims, who were California mining men, despoiled the property where it was recently found.

LIFE IN THE WEST.

In every western community is known some one who has moved "back east," thinking that there life will be easier and that the rewards are larger. The dreams that have been made of the restless one since that old home was deserted for the plains have grown brighter and brighter with the passing years until they have led the pioneer to return. The experience is nearly always the same. The letters come back to the west and the pioneer finds that the life is not the same as we thought they were. My wife is homesick for the west. There is no more about the heartiness of the west that we miss. It is like breaking ice to get into the hands of these people who have forgotten us and we are left with you hear of nothing that promises well for us—maybe I will come back. And after awhile longer the west has its own again.

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