MERE MENTION.

From the daily of Monday.

Master Bert Lee is taking a holiday season in Seattle.

Miss Rena Cavanaugh is confined to her home by illness.

Old Probabilities says the new moon, yesterday, brought the rain.

A party of excursionists went out to McAllister's Lake yesterday.

Superintendent Venen is putting in a portion of this week visiting schools.

The little daughter of Mr. F. F. Williamson is suffering from a severe illness.

Robert Blankenship returned, Saturday, from quite an extended visit to Lopez Island.

The rain has thoroughly cleared away the smoke, adding materially to the luster of the electric light.

The morning opened with a gentle rain and the day has been interspersed with clouds and sunshine.

The booksellers of Olympia are in receipt of the new text-books decided on as per the July contract.

The local steamers and trains are arriving and departing with full passenger lists. Olympia is moving.

"Olympia, the capital of Washington" will be the refrain of school children in the years that are to come.

Lew Lee, son of Rev. W. B. Lee, will leave this week for Albany, Oregon, where he goes to spend the winter.

Apropos to the absorbing question, it may be said that Olympia has the long arm of the lever and the smooth-handle.

An old fashioned "prairie schooner" passed through town, to-day, from some down Sound point to a ranch in the country.

The Pipe Factory is running early and late, with a full force, to supply incoming orders mainly from Eastern Washington.

Mr. W. O. Bush, of the firm of Bush & Gaston, was in the city to-day, laying in a store of supplies for the firms logging camp.

T. J. Porter, while working this morning at Pierce's sawmill, Westside, had the fingers of his left hand badly mutilated, by a circular saw.

Fred Holmes, of Eastside, is preparing to leave for Port Townsend, where he proposes to engage in business. His mother will accompany him.

Mr. F. F. Gray, of Tacoma, junior partner in the firm of E. L. Sawyer & Co., is in the city, looking after business interests of considerable local importance.

Mr. G. M. Savage has received information that a mile of rails for the street railway to be built by his company in this city, has been shipped from Pittsburg, Pa.

Talk as people will about the "City of Destiny," the "Queen City" and the "Port of Entry," the "City of the gods" is going to knock them all out in the coming contest.

Rev. E. Hopkins, at present a resident of South Union, is preparing to remove with his family to this city for the winter. He has secured a house recently built in the vicinity of Ayer's Hill.

It is not the correct thing, in a logical point of view, to speak of Olympia securing the Capital. She already has it and now it only remains for her to retain the grip she has had for so many years.

The Signal Service Office reports, minimum thermometer 56 degrees; maximum thermometer, 68 degrees; weather cloudy, with rain during the forenoon; rainfall .24 inch; barometer falling to 29:76 inches; wind fresh from southwest and changing to north.

Mr. Thomas Prather came in on the evening train, last Saturday evening with his family, and reports a slight mishap. When near Plumb station, the engine ran into a herd of cows, knocking three of them off the track and breaking a leg of each. No damage was done to the train or passengers. The cows were owned by Mr. D. Spurlock.

Rev. E. Hopkins, of South Union, met with quite a serious accident, last Friday. He was plowing with a pair of horses, when the point of the plow struck a buried root, throwing him forward with much force. His chest came in contact with the plow-handle, breaking a rib and otherwise bruising, him. He is at present under the treatment of Dr. Riley.

From the daily of Tuesday.

Logging interests about Olympia are looking up.

New buildings are going up in every portion of Olympia.

Conductor Lawson, of the O. & C. V. Railroad, made a flying trip to Tacoma to-day.

Olympia will be found one of the liveliest candidates for the permanent seat of government in the field.

"Sunshine and shadow" have prevailed to-day, with quite a "slight sprinkling" of rain at intervals.

Another copious shower occurred last night, thoroughly moistening the earth and doing much good to vegetable crops.

Frank I. Blodgett, Secretary of the Board of Trade, left for Portland this afternoon, in the interests of the capital campaign.

It is reported that the steamer Clara Brown will soon be withdrawn from the Mason county routes, and go into general jobbing.

Correspondents for the various newspapers outside of Olympia would do well to reflect the sentiment of our people on the Capital question.

H. Huden, the ginger-pop man who left Olympia without paying his bills several months ago, is, it is said, working in a blacksmith shop at Fairhaven. If he ever turns up here he will be greeted with an "anvil chorus," performed with the largest of sledges.

N. S. Porter has returned home from a trip to Mason and Chehalis counties. While absent he interviewed prominent men in both counties upon the capital question, and was assured that Olympia was the choice, first, last and all the time.

The city is abundantly supplied with a great variety of choice fruit, grown in the vicinity, which commands good prices because of the quality.

Miss Linnie Barnes, of Tumwater has been tendered the school in Black Hills district, No. 32, and will probably commence about the first of the coming month.

Figures are now being made on a brick building to cover half a block of ground, and the prospect is that they will add up satisfactorily, and contracts at once let.

A delegation of about twenty men, from the vicinity of South Union, were in the city to-day, in attendance on a school district meeting before the Superintendent.

Mr. Walters, who recently arrived here with his family from the East, will take charge of the new flat on Fourth street. The building will accommodate about thirty lodgers and boarders.

The local demand for lumber is so great that our mills can hardly keep up with their orders, which speaks volumes for the prosperous condition and healthy growth of the Capital city.

The Olympia and Chehalis Valley Railroad Company have very generously tendered payment for the three cows which were killed near Plumb's Station, by the incoming train last Saturday night.

Mr. S. C. Woodruff will begin the erection of a residence for himself, on Harrison Avenue, Westside, next week. This looks as if Sam might possibly have other projects in view than dealings in real estate, in the near future.

Every citizen of Olympia who is interested in the city's claim for the permanent seat of government are requested to leave the names of their friends living in the Territory at the office of the Secretary of the Board of Trade, so that a mailing-list may be formed for future use.

Prof. Martin's tricks in legerdemain, at Columbia Hall, last evening, were worthy of a much larger patronage than was accorded. The marionettes, especially, pleased the audience, as many had never seen the very natural performance of the little figures when manipulated in a skillful manner.

The writer of this column rushed to the sanctum of the editor-in-chief, full of confidence and enthusiasm, with the announcement that we had secured a list of the beautiful and charming ladies of Olympia for his department. He seized the manuscript, and, with a look so withering that it should have been seen to be appreciate, said: "Young man! do you think we can crowd out one-third of our matter for this? We don't publish a blanket sheet!" and we subsided, for the time being.

Portland freight for this place occasionally "lays over" so long at Tenino, and the transportation bills are collected so promptly, that it puts one in mind of the shoemaker's reply to the tardy customer who applied for a pair of boots he had ordered: "No der poots are not guite done yet, but der pill ish made oudt."

The OLYMPIAN will maintain its strict neutrality in party matters during the coming campaign. Its advertising columns are open, however, to both parties, at the same rate as to other patrons. Party calls, or political announcements of any nature, will appear in the business columns, at one cent per word for each insertion. This arrangement, we trust, will be satisfactory to both parties.

Our townsman, Mr. Samuel G. Ward returned Sunday evening from a hurried visit to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, whither he had been called by the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Henderson, wife of ex-State Senator Henderson. He arrived in time to cheer her last hours on earth. She died on the 13th inst., at the age of 69 years. Mr. Ward has been absent about a month, and went and returned by the Northern Pacific.

The beautiful cottage residence of Rev. M. Chaplin is nearly completed, and is an additional ornament to the city. Prof. Brintnall has completed his fine residence, adjoining Mr. Chaplin's and now occupies it. On the lots immediately west of his, Mr. Lindley and Miss Janet S. Moore are making preparations to erect a commodious and handsome two-story dwelling and they have selected one of the most sightly and desirable locations in the city. In fact all the grounds in the vicinity of the Capitol command an exceedingly fine view and are well-sought for residence property.

Talking with a group of friends on Main street, near the residence of Maj. Breckenridge, and admiring the magnificent picture spread out before us by the artistic hand of Nature, the long line of snow-capped mountains constituting the Olympic range, while to the right rose the majestic "Rainier," towering 15,000 feet above the level of the sea, the bay literally alive with swift-gliding crafts, and were vieing with each other in enthusiasm over the scene, when one of the party, a stranger to Olympia, remarked that we had not observed the most interesting feature and called our attention to a bevy of exceedingly beautiful young ladies approaching, the whole party forgetting all else in that silent worship of the beautiful, which is an index of one of the finest traits of human character. It is no wonder that the gentleman were fascinated, for the young ladies in our immediate presence, were a quartette delegation from the beautiful, healthful, rosy, joyous and happy feminines for which our city is justly celebrated, and moreover, one of the four was the belle of Olympia, and we leave our readers to guess her name.

From the daily of Wednesday.

The leaves of our maple shade-trees are beginning to fade.

It is hoped that our "equinoctial" showers will soon be over.

John P. Tweed, County Auditor, has been absent for the past week at Gray's Harbor. He is recuperating from the labors of his official duties.

The weather is again fair with a prospect of its remaining so.

The mine host of the Carlton is filling in and grading in front of the Carlton Hotel.

J. A. McDonald, a relative of Mayor Gowey, and a real estate man of Seattle, is at the Carlton.

A marriage license was yesterday granted to Wm. B. Waddell and Miss Lucinda R. McGlothlen.

The steamer Multnomah will carry an excursion party from Tacoma to Port Blakely, next Sunday.

Rev. Mrs. Habersham, of Portland, has been under medical treatment by Dr. Ostrander for the past few days.

Rev. H. H. Buck will hold divine services at Tacoma Hall next Sunday at the usual hour. Communion services in the morning.

George A. Boyden, an Eastern man, is at the Carlton. Mr. Boyden is interested in Tacoma real estate. He thinks investments in Olympia real estate good.

Mr. J. D. Hannigan has lately discovered, on his claim near Union City, a veritable paint-mine. The pigment resembles ochre, and when burned makes a beautiful sienna.

The sewer on Washington street is almost completed to Seventh. It will not be long before this street will be clear of the dirt occasioned by the excavation necessary for the sewer.

The Governor to-day appointed the following Notaries Public: S. M. Beard and P. C. Kauffman, Vancouver; W. B. McKenzie, Colfax; Eben S. Osborne, Seattle; George F. Stacy, Tacoma.

Lots sell for $2,000 to $3,000 in Queen Ann Town, Seattle. Do you think that is a good investment when you can buy lots right in the business portion of Olympia for one-half the price?

The filling in of the City Park block at the corner of Seventh and Washington streets is going steadily on. A number of teams are now engaged, and their work is getting to be quite presentable.

Father Faber, of Texas, has taken charge of St. Michael's church, in this city, during the absence of Father Classens, who left a few days ago for Europe, on a protracted trip for the benefit of his health.

Last evening a whole family of deaf mutes arrived from Montesano, on their way to the institution for Defective Youth, at Vancouver. It consisted of the father, G. M. Wade, and six children, ranging in age from eight to eighteen years.

King county may think matters have been settled by declaring in favor of Hoyt and Kinnear, but a portion of the Territory lays outside of Elliot bay. Then again the day has passed when a party nominated by the Republicans is equivalent to an election.

Rev. Robt. Whitaker, of the First Presbyterian church, Seattle, is now at Steilacoom. Rev. Mr. Whitaker is one of those young men who are welcome to this coast. His field is broad, he is broad and Puget Sound is broad. Come to Olympia, Mr. Whitaker, you will find the OLYMPIAN is not sacrilegious to say the least.

It is a mistake to suppose that the Capital will be removed from Olympia. The facts in the case are that the people of Washington as a whole are satisfied with the present location, and it is only those towns that want to boom corner lots in their own particular locality that favor removal. That argument is not strong enough.

Some people say that there must be a shrinkage in values in the Northwest. There is logic in this idea to some extent, for the simple reason that in all new localities too much paper in the shape of notes, mortgages, etc., get in circulation, and there must be a general leveling up. Olympia is one of the few towns of the Northwest that can pay every dollar she owes on demand. Her property sells for what it is legitimately worth, and candid, conservative men, whose judgment have always been good, say her success is assured.

Governor Moore to-day received a dispatch from Frank Hatton, Assistant Postmaster General and editor of the Washington (D. C.) *Post*, stating that "a movement is on foot for the removal of Gen. Grant's remains from the neglected spot where they now rest to either the National cemetery at Arlington or the Soldiers' Home grounds near Washington. The *Post* will be glad if you will wire briefly your views." To this Governor Moore repled: "It has always seemed to me that the appropriate resting place for Gen. Grant's remains were with his old comrades in arms at the national cemetery, or at Arlington. The National Capital should have gathered about it not only the graves of the National illustrious dead, but whatever of monuments, statues or paintings that will tend to stir the national pride or awaken patriotic inspiration."

From the daily of Thursday.

The District Schools begin their fall term next Monday.

A son was born to the wife of Mr. Pettit, of this city last Monday.

Mr. X. Hosneider will open his saloon on Long Bridge next Saturday.

The infant boy of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Cheim, died this morning, aged eleven days.

School Superintendent Venen has been quite ill the past twenty-four hours.

Next Monday, the statesman of the Republican party will be heading Walla Wallawards.

A new crossing will soon span Fourth street at its eastern intersection of Main street.

Arlie Van Epps was on the street today for the first time since he received his injuries from a hose-cart.

Mr. George Swan was kicked by a horse yesterday afternoon, painfully injuring his left elbow and leg.

Mr. James Pratt left by the Multnomah to-day for Snohomish City, to attend the bedside of a sick friend.

The 15 months old daughter of Mr. F. F. Williamson is lying in a critical condition from summer complaint.

Major Breckenridge leaves Monday for a business visit to New York. He will be absent for about three months.

Mrs. L. L. Talcott, and her son Grant, will leave Monday for a visit to the old homstead near Pittsfield, Illinois.

The tax levy for municipal purposes was fixed by the City Council, last evening, at the maximum sum of fifteen mills.

A staging fell at the new bank building this afternoon, creating quite an excitement for the time, but fortunately nobody was hurt.

Yesterday a workman on the hotel had the second finger of his left hand pulled apart, by catching it in the sheave of a pulley. Dr. Flannigan amputated the injured member.

H. A. Swift, of Edgewater, King county, is at St. Peter's Hospital in this city, just recovering from an attack of typhoid fever. His doctor says he will be well enough to return home in about a week.

Miss Eva Sturdevant, of Dayton, a daughter of the member of the Constitutional Convention from Columbia county, has come over to attend a term of school at the Collegiate Institute. She will live with Mrs. Moore.

Mrs. Fidelia Turner has bought the Hoyt property, consisting of half a block on Franklin and Twelfth streets and a neat and commodious residence, for $3,500. This is the cheapest real estate sale made in many months past.

Olympia is not one of those towns that owes its existence to other towns or people. She was recorded on the maps of Washington before towns that now claim that they should be the Capital of this Territory had a name.

Mr. Geo. Williams met with a mishap last evening, while out riding, which was fortunately without serious consequences. His horse fell and broke the shafts of the buggy, while passing down Main street, but was kept under control by the coolness and self possession of his driver.

Richard Cummings was brought up from Kamilchie yesterday and placed in St. Peter's Hospital, suffering severely from a wound in his thigh caused by a sliver from a sledge, which fractured a blood vessel. He was a laborer in Simpson's camp, and will be likely to be laid up for three or four weeks.

At the Democratic primaries, last evening the following delegates were elected: First Ward, J. N. Squires, J. R. Wood, H. Hadlan, A. D. Glover, John Miller Murphy and J. Chilberg: Second Ward, Milton Giles, R. B. Hoy, John V. Yantis, E. Giles, M. Scully and James Radcliffe; Third Ward, R. Frost, Peter Cook, T. C. Van Epps and D. S. B. Henry.

That the school-book question is an important one is shown by the following note received to-day, from one of the rising generation. We coincide with the opinion expressed that the matter should be decided, even if it leads "Young America" to rebel:

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MR. MURPHY:

Dear Sir:—I am a little girl four years old; I go to school, and am in Miss Moore's room. I like my studies, and I don't care what they do so they leave the Synthetic course. But don't you think that as one has got one end of the rope and the other the other end, and don't know which will go to the middle first—as I say about the new school-books—that all us pupils ought to stay right at home till the school-book fuss is over? Good bye. EDNA RADCLIFFE.

Supt. Brintnall has His Say.

OLYMPIA, Aug. 28, 1889.

EDITOR OLYMPIAN:

In view of the fact that our schools open next Monday, it seems necessary to notice the announcement of County Superintendent Venen in Monday's OLYMPIAN. Last Monday morning, at the request of one of our book dealers, the City Superintendent went to Mr. Venen and asked him what action he proposed to take in the school-book muddle. Mr. Venen replied that he had no opinion to express, and should take no action in the matter except to send out the circulars he had received from the Territorial Superintendent. The position of Mr. Venen was reported to the School Board, in session that day, and the Board ordered the City Superintendent to be governed by the announcement of the Territorial Superintendent and Attorney General, which is to make no change. Accordingly, the city schools will open next Monday with the old books. How the County Superintendent of the morning, without an opinion, came to be the County Superintendent of the afternoon with an opinion, and that opinion in direct opposition to the Territorial Superintendent and Attorney General, will probably never be known.

The local of the OLYMPIAN was in possession, on Monday, of the action of the City School Board, and also of the circular of Territorial Superintendent Morgan, yet neither were noticed.

B. W. BRINTNALL,
City Superintendent.

It is difficult to see how Mr. Venen's action could have been different from what it was. He was obliged to take cognizance of the decision of the Chief Justice, from the fact that the Territorial Superintendent had, influenced by some reason best known to himself, announced his intention to ignore it. The interpretation of, and construction placed upon legal enactments by the courts are final, whether the law upon which are based be defective or not, until their findings are over-ruled by some higher court, or the law is repealed. This is precisely the situation in the present emergency. Messrs. Morgan and Brintnall announce their determination to be swayed by the *opinion* of the Attorney General, while Mr. Venen and law-abiding citizens generally, stand by the *decision* of the highest tribunal, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. There is no question as to who will go to the wall in such a controversy, and it is safe to predict that the "old book" will go out of the school-room so quickly next Monday, if the matter is submitted to the courts as it doubtless will be, that the whirr of their rapid passage will linger in Mr. Brintnall's ears for many days thereafter.

The Directors Have their Say.

EDITOR OLYMPIAN:

The comments upon City Superintendent Brintnall's communication in last evening's OLYMPIAN do not seem to have been made in the best of temper.

Prof. Brintnall has not attempted, so far as we know, to have any "say" in the matter of text-books. We ordered the City Superintendent to be guided by the instructions of the Territorial Superintendent, and retain the old books, and we will expect he will faithfully carry out our orders.

The matter will undoubtedly be decided finally by the Supreme Court of the State of Washington, and our only desire is in conformity with the opinion of the Attorney General of the Territory to make no change in text-books, which action will save the people much annoyance and a great expense. The School Boards of Seattle, Tacoma and other cities and towns of Washington have taken similar action in this matter.

W. F. READY,
A. B. WOODARD,
T. C. VAN EPPS,
Directors School District No. 1.

It is quite probable that if the action of the Directors is as purely disinterested as they assume it has been, they would not have ascribed an exhibit of temper to the OLYMPIAN'S comments. But how is it with the Directors? It was certainly very kind for them to bare their backs to the blame that had rested on Superintendent Brintnall. It was exceptionly kind for them to "order" which set of text-books should be used, especially as it may be difficult to determine who constituted them judges of the law, after it has been passed upon by the highest judicial tribunal. We had had no cause for any feeling in the matter. There are said to be some things about the action of the Territorial Board in August that have not yet been told, and we propose in due time to give a fuller history than has yet been made public. If the Olympia Directors, in the meantime, choose to be used as cat's-paws, as we really believe has been the case, it is a matter of their own concern, in which they will have ultimately to answer to their constituents. We sincerely hope they will not consider these comments ill-tempered. They are written in the best of feeling for them, individually and collectively.

TERRITORIAL ITEMS.

Kelso wants a bank and the nearest one is 50 miles away.

The Chehalis county crop will be fully up to the average.

The receipts of the Seattle land office for July was $600,000.

The grain yield of Walla Walla county is better than was expected.

An effort is being made to build a railroad between Sprague and Colfax.

Whatcom is to have a daily mail between the Sound cities and that town.

Assessed valuation in Jefferson county has increased $900,000 in the past year.

The young town of Blaine claims services for five religious denominations.

Til Sheets, a famous engineer, is now in the Cascades looking for a pass for a railroad.

Sprague will soon have another water works as the contract has been already let.

Work on the new brick block and the bank building at Orting is being rapidly pushed.

Edward Bolin, of Seattle, has been declared insane and taken to the asylum at Steilacoom.

The last census of Skagit county showed a population of about 3,000. The present census will be over 6,000.

Alexander James has been held to await the action of the grand jury at Port Townsend for the killing of Plaisted.

The large consignment of water mains lately received at Puyallup are being laid, and that town will soon be supplied with water.

George M. O'Bradovitch, a miner, was badly hurt at Paulsboro, Kitsap county, by falling from a bridge while crossing a creek, striking on his chest.

Eugene Canfield is reorganizing his railroad company for the purpose of building a line from Whatcom to Blaine, to connect with the Canadian Pacific.

The residence of Mrs. Mary Giddings, on the line of the Olympia & Chehalis Valley railroad, was burned to the ground on Wednesday and all its contents destroyed.

The son of County Assessor George A. Cook, of Puyallup, ran a sliver into his foot, and after it was thought he was cured, blood poisoning set in and caused his death.

Edward B. Downing was accidentally shot in the leg in a gun store in Seattle recently by another person who was examining a rifle. The wound is not serious.

Wesley and Harrison, the two men who robbed a Swede of a sum of money at Tacoma recently, were sentenced to 11 years each in the penitentiary at Walla Walla.

A reunion of the G. A. R. veterans occurred at Whatcom last Monday which was attended by about 75 members, and the proceedings were of an interesting character.

The bricklayers of Ellensburg struck work recently against a 10-hours' schedule. The contractors exhibit a firm front, and say they will have all the men they want in a few days.

The Constitutional Convention has adopted an article to pay regular salaries to all county officials and do away with the fee system. This is as it should be and the change meets with general approval.

Hoquium will soon have a $25,000. hotel. It will consist of three and one-half stories and will contain fifty sleeping rooms. The order for the the lumber has been given, and the work of clearing the lot has commenced.

Work has begun on the Jenkins foundry and machine shops at Chehalis, and will be hurried to completion. The plant will cost at least $10,000, exclusive of the building and site, and will be the only one of the kind in the Territory south of Tacoma.

The Democrats of South Prairie have organized a club with the following officers: President, John M. Crump; Vice President, Libbern White; Secretary, Charles C. Ward; Treasurer, George N. Glines; Executive Committee, John Doherty, James Murphy, Samuel Thompson and Isaac Ish.

Collector Bradshaw, of Port Townsend, distributing agent for the public buildings, has received a draft for $10,000 as the first installment of the appropriation of $25,000 for the new custom house. The contractors, Messrs. Wakeman & Co., are busy at work preparing the ground and getting ready for the foundation.

Organization of a Democratic club has been perfected at Wilkeson by the election of the following officers: President, Robert D. Huff; Vice President, A. J. Hill; Secretary, Frank Jinks; Treasurer, Frank Kelley; Executive Committee, Joseph Haltowa, William Stillwagon, Joseph Pottoff, Jacob Stonicker and John Kresser.

A Democratic auxilliary club has been organized at Carbonado with the following officers; President, Charles Nightengale; Vice President, George C. Taylor; Secretary, T. M. Tilly; Treasurer, Griffith Lloyd; Executive Committee, William D. Steele, William Armstrong, Albert Minsch, John Cowell and Taylor Lake.

The twentieth annual session of the I. O. G. T., of Washington, convened at the Chautauqua beach, Vashon Island, last Thursday, and continued in session three days. A membership of nearly 1,500 are working under charters of 35 lodges; each lodge will have a representation of two at least while some will have four or five.

Seattle *Budget:* The different insurance agents of the city state positively that the companies holding risks in Seattle would reduce rates at least 25 per cent. should they secure an efficient fire department. Accordingly the new chief, McDonald, has started in to make radical changes in the present force and former methods.

At Seattle the other day a gang of union longshoremen refused to work at discharging a vessel at 40 cents an hour. Failing to replace the strikers with non-union men, the stevedore was forced to throw up the contract. A number of the strikers then combined took the contract at 35 cents per ton, and at the end of four days figured up and found that they had each earned $1 an hour.

The Hoquiam sash and door factory has contracted to put in a $10,000 plant.

The Senatorial Committee on Irrigation have paid visits to Ellensburg and North Yakima.

Assessed valuation of property in Jefferson county has increased to $900,000 in the past year.

The Spokane delegation of the Republican Convention favor John L. Wilson for Congress.

About 4,000 persons will be engaged in hop picking in Pierce and King counties within a couple of weeks.

A rate of 60 cents per hundred on green fruit in car-load lots from Walla Walla to Tacoma has been arranged.

The hop crop in Chehalis county will be fully up to the average and in some fields the yield will be better than usual.

The result of Sunday's Republican primaries at Walla Walla is now figured to be equally divided between Allen and Brents.

North Yakima is to erect a new brick schoolhouse at once to cost $12,000. It is expected to be completed in November.

The delegates selected for the Walla Walla Convention from Clark county are understood to favor N. H. Bloomfield for Superior Judge.

The nominees for the legislature, elected by the Clarke County Republican Convention here Saturday, favor Allen as one of the United State Senators.

The assessed valuation of property in Skagit county has increased from $1,460,000 in 1888 to $2,000,000 this year. In 1883 the assessment was $309,918.

An exchange says Vancouver will not rebuild her burnt district, because the property owners are unable to build with brick, as the new ordinance requires.

The logging camp of Isaac Cathcart, near Snohomish, has been destroyed by fire. Flumes, logs and building were valued at $10,000. There was no insurance on the property.

Five Portuguese families, consisting of twenty-seven persons, have settled on farms near Aberdeen. If they like the country the remainder of Lycan's colony, 200 all told, will follow.

The Walla Walla *Journal* says: At the Dayton mill they made a test and found that it takes eight bushels of shriveled wheat to make a barrel of flour. That's a poor showing. How at that rate can millers pay for such wheat 50 cents a bushel and sell flour for $3.50 per barrel?

A farmer rushed into our office this morning and left a paper bag full of Indian plums, all twins, and then left without giving his name. "I brought them for the curiosity of the thing," he said, "for the tree I got these off is loaded with them and every plum is double or twins."—*Walla Walla Journal.*

Remarkable, if true.

Washington's yield of fruit this year far exceeds all expectations, and besides fruits already gathered, her peach crop, which it was at first thought was injured by the frost, will be an immense one, and of the finest quality. Several fruit-raisers in the Yakima valley calculated upon 500 bushels of peaches. Grapes are also in abundance.

A recent visitor to the Sound says: The climate here is delightful. Mercury seldom rises above eighty and is not often below freezing point. Roses bloom not only in the spring but all summer. Fruit of all kinds is raised here and in Eastern Washington. We have eaten excellent peaches, plums, apples and other fruits raised in the Territory.

The Democrats of Lakeview precinct, Pierce county, met Thursday afternoon and organized the Lakeview Democratic Auxiliary Club. The following officers were elected: President, D. W. Dougherty; Vice President, Amos Farley; Secretary, W. S. Bernard; Treasurer, A. S. Baily; Executive Committee, David Miles, Frederick Meyer, James McConville, Walter Cross and Sherwood Bowser.

The new State of Washington contains 69,974 square miles; 1,992 miles of shore line; 1,200 miles of navigable rivers; 20,000,000 acres of magnificent timber, which will last at the present rate at which it is being cut, one thousand years; 10,000,000 acres of mountain and mineral land, most of which contains timber; 10,000,000 acres of prairie and plain; 5,000,000 acres of rich alluvial bottom land.

At the Territorial Press Association, held in Tacoma, recently, Mr. E. V. Smalley, of the *Northwest Magazine*, of St. Paul, stated that the Washington papers were far ahead of their Eastern contemporaries. Whatever opinion Editor Smalley may express on other subjects, he is right on this one. No State in the Union can present a list of papers so ably edited, or of neater appearance than does the Territory of Washington.

Walla Walla *Statesman:* It is a pity that the Walla Walla creamery could not have been kept running, as it is only the beginning of what will yet become quite an important industry in this valley, but in closing down it only follows the example of all the creameries in Washington and Oregon—those at Baker City, La Grande, McMinnville, Sprague and Colfax also shutting down, some of them as early as July 1st and all apparently for the same reason, viz: the lack of cream with which to work.

The Whatcom *Reveille* says: W. M. Daly, James Brand and a number of other railroaders were in town, Wednesday looking for redress against Sullivan & Murphy, sub-contractors, Warner, contractor, and the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern Ry. Co. They claim that they have been paid off in time checks which they say are reported to them as not worth the paper they are written on. They cannot get their money, and money is what they are after. They claim they have got to lie around "busted" until they get another job. One man offered to cash a $19 check for $5. This time check business is strictly against the law and is an outrage on the workingmen.

To the Public.

The question having arisen regarding the late adoption of text-books for the common schools of the Territory, at the regular term of the Board of Education, held in July, and the subsequent action of a majority of the Board held in August, to rescind the former act and vitiate the contracts made thereupon, which matter was heard on full presentation of facts and argument before the Hon. Judge Hanford, Chief Justice of the Territory, and by him decided:

1st, That the action of the Board at the regular meeting in July, whether valid or not, was not before the court, but assuming that all that was done at the July term is binding upon all the parties, and

2d, That the meeting in August was illegal and invalid, and all its proceedings necessarily void, and

3d, Therefore that a lawful act of the Board in adopting text-books (and such action has not been declared unlawful) cannot be annulled by the Board, even at a lawful session attended by all the members thereof, subsequent thereto.

I therefore hold, in view of this decision, that the text-books adopted at the regular annual meeting in July of the Board of Education are the lawful books to be used in the public schools.

L. P. VENEN,
Supt. Com. Schools, Thurston county, W. T.

Olympia, Aug. 26, 1889.

Proceedings of the City Council.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
OLYMPIA, Aug. 28, 1889.

The City Council met in regular session, His Honor John F. Gowey, Mayor, presiding. Councilmen present, Messrs. Harkness, Murphy, McBratney, Mason and O'Brien.

The journal of last regular and subsequent special sessions was read and approved.

The Committee on Accounts made report recommending the payment of bills referred to them, and the pay-roll to the amount of $2,662.48, and returned without recommendation the bills of P. Whalen, $3, and Charles Storrs, $12, they not being verified by affidavit. Further, that they returned the statement of the present Treasurer, of transactions up to July 30, 1889, approved, and that a final statement of the accounts of the retiring Treasurer would be made at next meeting. In addition, a minority of the committee recommended the payment of the bill of C. L. Flannigan, $35, and the majority recommended that his bill be reduced to $20.

On motion, the majority report was adopted, and warrants ordered drawn as recommended.

Estimate by the City Surveyor, of earth removed by Mr. Gilliland, was submitted to-wit: Two thousand and fifty cubic yards.

On motion, the estimate was accepted, and a warrant ordered drawn for $574 in payment therefor, on Gilliland's contract.

The Street Commissioner reported that Mr. J. R. Robbins had hauled 559 yards of gravel on his contract since last report.

On motion, a warrant was ordered drawn in favor of Mr. Robbins for $391.30 in payment.

Monthly report of the City Marshal was read and ordered filed.

Report of the Justice of the Peace, W. F. Keady, was read and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The City Clerk made return of the assessment roll of the city for the year 1889, as transcribed from the county roll.

On motion, the roll was accepted by the city.

Mr. O'Brien, for the Committee on Health and Police, introduced the following ordinances:

1st. An ordinance amending an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance defining the duties and fixing the compensation of city officers," approved February 17, 1887.

2d. An ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled, an ordinance defining the duties and fixing the compensation of city officers," approved January 26, 1888.

Under suspension of the rules same were read first and second times, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

And for the Street Committee, the following:

1st. An ordinance ordering the graveling of Fifth street from Columbia street to Jefferson street.

2d. An ordinance ordering the graveling of Sixth street from Budd's Inlet to Jefferson street.

3d. An ordinance ordering the graveling of Seventh street from Budd's Inlet to Jefferson street.

4th. An ordinance ordering the graveling of Eighth street from Main to Jefferson street.

5th. An ordinance ordering the graveling of Ninth street from Columbia street to Jefferson street.

6th. An ordinance ordering the graveling of Tenth street from Budd's Inlet to Jefferson street.

7th. An ordinance ordering the graveling of Eleventh street from Water street to Jefferson street.

8th. An ordinance ordering the graveling of Twelfth street from Water street to Jefferson street.

9th. An ordinance ordering the graveling of Thirteenth street from Water street to Jefferson street.

10th. An ordinance ordering the graveling of Franklin street from Fourth to Thirteenth street.

11th. An ordinance ordering the graveling of Adams street from Fourth street to Ninteenth street and

12th. An ordinance to levy a tax for general street and special purposes, and to provide for the collection of the same, each of which under a suspension of the rules received three readings, and on final passage all the Councilmen present voting aye, they were passed. By consent, the titles were severally agreed to.

A proposition by the Olympia Water Company was presented and read, wherein the Company offers to furnish a supply of water sufficient for any emergency, provided the city will use 20 hydrants at a yearly rental of $120 per hydrant for 25 years.

By request, Mr. Porter, President of the Company, explained the advantages of the proposition.

Mr. Murphy introduced an ordinance entitled "An ordinance granting to the Olympia Water Company the privilege of extending its lines upon the public streets of Olympia, for the purpose of increasing the supply of water. Same was read first and second times, and with the proposition, referred to the Committee on Fire, Light and Water, and the committee authorized to incur any reasonable expense in investigating the systems in use in other cities.

Petition for the improvement of streets in Ayer's addition was read and referred to the Street Committee.

Applications of James Pratt, J. H. Wilson, X. Hosneider and Gottfeld & Bennett for licenses to sell spirituous and malt liquors, each accompanied with the receipt of the City Treasurer for $500, the required bond and property owners consent were presented.

On motion, the bonds were approved, and the licenses ordered issued.

Application of Philip Hiltz for license to sell malt liquors, accompanied with the receipt of the City Treasurer for $300, the required bonds and the property owner's consent were presented.

On motion, the bond was approved and the license ordered issued.

The following bills were presented and referred to the Committee on Account, for examination and report:

Forbes and Hager, work on Columbia Hall	$ 1 75
T. J. McBratney, blacksmithing, street acc't.	8 15
Crines & Cook, work on Columbia Hall	5 00
H. Sabin, keys for toolhouse	1 00
R. A. McNair, service as special police	69 75
Robt. Frost, mdse., street acct.,	16 10
Allen & Harkness, lumber	483 45

On motion, the City Treasurer was instructed to pay warrants issued in satisfaction of claims on the pay roll within the 30 days last past and the next 30 days ensuing, in preference to other claims.

On motion, the Committee on Fire, Light and Water, were directed to confer with the Gas Company and see that they kept the electric lights in good order, and also to see that proper burners were procured for the street lamps.

Moved that when the Council adjourn it be to meet next Saturday week at 8 o'clock P. M. Carried.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

ROBT. MARR,
City Clerk.

Treasurer's Report, 4th of July Fund.

Cash collected, previously reported	$1,173 00
Cash from Allen & Harkness	10 00
Cash from sale of blankets	7 00
Total cash all sources	$1,189 00
Disbursements previously reported	$1,097 45
Disbursements to date	80 65
Total amount disbursed all sources	$1,178 10
Cash on hand	10 90
	$1,189 00

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK I. BLODGETT,
Treasurer.

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