

LOCAL

Old papers 25 cents per hundred.
A nice little rain Wednesday morning.
Read the guessing proposition in another column.

Wanted—A girl to wash dishes at the Vermont hotel.

Patrons desiring old newspapers should call at this office.

Mrs. George Perry, of Houlton, visited Portland Monday.

Register and Journal (semi weekly) for \$1.75 per year.

Miss Brooks, of Aberdeen, is visiting her brother at this place.

Dishes given away free at the New York store in St. Helens.

Miss Grace Adams, of Rainier, visited relatives here Saturday.

J. B. Duncan, of Scappoose, called at our new quarter, Saturday.

Miss Lizzie Farley, of Vernonia, was a Portland visitor Monday.

Miss Jackson, of Rainier, spent the first of the week in Houlton.

Rain stops the fighting in Manchuria. It wouldn't stop a picnic in Oregon.

Mrs. Downing, of Portland, is visiting her father, S. A. Miles, of St. Helens.

Mrs. Tinkham, of Warren, was a pleasant caller at our office, Saturday.

Phillip Bertrand, of Portland, was in Rainier, Tuesday, canvassing for life insurance.

Geo. W. Grant, road sup. of district No. 1, was a pleasant caller at our office Saturday.

Mr. Mackley, of Kalama, was a Rainier visitor over Sunday. He was the guest of M. Ellis.

We are pleased to learn that Miss Rose Hatfield has been engaged for another year's school in Rainier.

Chas. Clark, of Rainier, has secured quite an extensive contract at Oak Point Wash., building a flume and a house.

At Bailey & Brinn's you find a good quality of general merchandise, at the right price. New goods arriving daily.

H. F. Hartmann, of Rainier, has purchased the house belonging to G. W. Kyser, and formerly occupied by O. Dutcher.

Morgus of the New York store at St. Helens is offering special inducements for cash trade. See him for fine premium dishes.

We are pleased to note that Road Sup. C. N. Gable is placing gravel on the road the west side of the depot in Houlton; a much needed improvement.

I. H. Copeland and family returned Sunday night from Gladstone, where they have been attending the Chautauqua. They report a very pleasant time.

U. W. Clark has the frame up for Dr. Rose's new business block in St. Helens. The upper story of the building has been placed by the Odd Fellows who will fit it up as a civic hall.

Mr. Welch, of Clatskanie, has christened his gasoline launch "Little Elva." She is a beauty. She is modeled after the Columbia. She has a screw propeller and makes fifteen miles per hour.

George Reed, the carpenter, is remodeling the barn just across Milton creek, and is converting it into a cozy residence for Mrs. Wilkerson. When finished it will present a very nice appearance.

J. J. Schmidt, who was well known in Rainier as Jack Schmidt "the logger," writes a friend in Rainier that he lost everything he possessed a short time since in a fire at Victoria, British Columbia.

In the ball game between Sellwood and St. Helens Sunday, the score stood 13 to 5 in favor of the former. However, when the St. Helens boys go to Sellwood for their revenge, the score will be very different.

Sunday, while working on the flume near Houlton, J. E. Black had the misfortune to stick a pickaxe into his instep, inflicting a severe flesh wound which will probably lay him up for several days.

We understand that O. E. Elliott, a logger at Marshland, has failed, and the laborers have tied everything fast until they get their money. We are in sympathy with Oscar as he is a first class, hardworking man.

It is rumored that our versal One-Eyed Riley, of Scappoose, has accepted a position with the new soap firm at Rainier, at a princely salary, to write original poetry and advertisements descriptive of the merits of their goods.

Rev. Thorpe and family, of Rainier, after a two weeks outing at the Chautauqua, returned home Monday. They voted Gladstone Park a pleasant place, and the Chautauqua the best ever held in the State. Mr. Thorpe's brother returned with them.

Simms, the carpenter of Rainier, has commenced the erection of a fine two story frame house for Felix Debat, a few miles back of Rainier. The foundation is 26 feet square. It will be remembered that a short time ago Mr. Debat's residence was burned while there was no one home but the aged couple. They were unable to save anything from the house, but as they had some insurance they will be enabled to rebuild a very good house and will still have a nice home for their declining years.

That portion of Deer Island just below the seining grounds has been dubbed "Sing Sing" camp. There are thousands of mosquitoes that sing sing there nightly, and as the denizens have to work in the water waist deep, nearly all the time it is supposed that some wag has given the camp this name. The boys had caught but very few fish up to last Monday—scarcely enough to pay for operating the seine. They are looking forward to a better run in a few days. But as the close season is only two weeks off there is little hope of doing any business before the fall fishing begins. Sing Sing is likely to gain a reputation as a seining ground as well as a good camp for duck shooters.

George Grant—the efficient road supervisor of district No. 1, and J. B. Duncan, Henry White, Robert Grant, Fred Kammer, A. Newman, M. Marwert and D. Cooper all of the vicinity of Scappoose passed through Houlton enroute for Clatskanie last Saturday, where they have a contract of building a considerable amount of road, provided for by special tax levy, about a month will be required to do the work. Mr. Stout Bryant is the supervisor of Clatskanie district could not find time to do the work. It was the party of wisdom to hire the work done by the day in as much as no one cared to bid to do the work for what the commissioners thought it could be done.

One night last week a brawl and a sort of free for all melee occurred in the old Health Office building. A girl was struck over the head with a crutch. A lamp or two was upset and the oil ran out on the carpet and was soon in a blaze. Fortunately for the town the quarrel stopped and the inmates at once organized themselves into a fire brigade and had the flames extinguished before the town marshal arrived. Had the fire got the better of them, about all that would be left of Rainier would be a lot of ashes and burnt piling. Too much care to prevent fires at this time of year cannot be used.

Last Monday morning a lady from Portland whose name we did not learn, with her four little children had been spending Sunday in Martins Bluff and came down to take the morning boat for home. While standing on the rickety old dock, a plank on which two of the children were standing gave way and precipitated the little fellows into the water. The mother had hold of their hands and it was only by great effort on her part that she prevented them from being submerged. Old docks should be fixed up so as to be safe.

"What shall we eat?" is the all absorbing question with the housekeeper. We have pork and beans, lunch tongue, ham loaf, Vienna sausage, roast, corned, and chipped beef, deviled ham, catsup, mustard, pickles of all kinds, honey in pound combs, besides salmon, oysters clams and fruit to help solve the problem these hot days. We also keep fresh fruit and vegetables whenever possible and pay the best price for produce. H. O. Oliver, dealer in groceries, dry goods, furniture, etc., Houlton, Oregon.

A gentleman of St. Helens, who is thoroughly acquainted with the lay of the country says that people desiring to get into St. Helens, and who are now shut out by reason of the "Crushed Razor" road, may yet find ingress into the city by coming through the Sister's field to Houlton and then drive down to the Houlton-St. Helens road. There is nothing like knowing all the crooks and turns in the road when you go down to "Jerico."

The Rainier base ball team is getting up quite a reputation this season. The Astoria crack nine was to come up to Rainier last Sunday, but for some reason they declined and sent the boys an invite down. The Rainier club went down and put it all over the Astorians. The score stood six to four in favor of Rainier. It has been suggested that a tournament be held in Rainier this year and all amateur clubs of the state invited to participate.

Two engineers of considerable note in Columbia County met by chance in one of the resorts in the fourth end of the county. After partaking of one or two glasses of Adams ale(?) they began boasting of their prowess as engineers. One declared that he "yarded 200 logs in nine hours," the other that he had run "200 lbs. of ensilage through an improved rock crusher in 18 hours." Call the editor down again, will you?

"Commencing June 8th and continuing until regular summer schedule is inaugurated, the regular train of A. & C. R. R. arriving at Astoria at 11:30 A. M. will run through to Seaside direct instead of via Ft. Stevens, arriving at Seaside at 12:30 p. m., returning leave Seaside at 4:30 p. m. Instead of 2:30 p. m., allowing four hours at the beach."

The Register man has houses to rent and houses to sell in the town of Rainier the best school town in the county. A house and one block, two houses and one block, and also a house and lot for good business location. He has also two or three good locations for small fruit farms or chicken ranches.

Wm. Roberts, a livery-man, of Rainier is reported to be among the missing. Having received a check in favor of his wife for a considerable sum of money, he went to Portland to get the check cashed and forgot to come back. Moral: Wives should keep hold of their own purse strings.

A lady, from the vicinity of Warren, called at our office Saturday and requested us to advertise for 50 men. She is not particular in selection, but she wants 49 of them to work with her husband in shoveling the "crushed razors" from the Portland-St. Helens macadam highway.

Messrs W. H. Dolman and S. A. Miles, of St. Helens, were seen to board the steamer Iralda, Monday morning, each carrying a gun and a grip. It was surmised that they were going to join the volunteer army to assist the Japs. However they both returned on the afternoon boat.

The ladies of the Woodcraft gave a lawn social Tuesday night. The grounds were illumined by Chinese lanterns and bon-fires built along Milton creek. A nice evening could not have been chosen. Through some misunderstanding the ice cream did not arrive, but the ladies served melons to the large crowd in attendance.

We acknowledge an invitation to attend a two days session of an Oregon Development League, the official call of which has been published heretofore. Hon. R. S. Hattan has appointed ten delegates to represent Columbia county in the league. A list of the delegates thus appointed are published in another column.

Messrs N. A. Perry, of Houlton and Superintendent McGuire of the A. & C. R. R., and several other gentlemen have leased a large duck preserve on Deer Island, where they and their friends expect to have some fine shooting this season. They have already commenced feeding for wood duck and teal which are generally plentiful here.

Working Night And Day.
The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Dr. Kings New Life Pills. These pills change weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, brain-fog into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25c per box. Sold by Perry & Graham.

Sunday night a fire broke out in the woods back of Goble and burned nearly 2000 cords of wood which had been cut and ricked up ready for hauling out. The wood belonged to the Columbia Timber Co. and to the Cold Storage Co. of Goble. We have been unable to learn whether the county bridges were damaged, or if any buildings were burned. There were several good buildings in close proximity to the fire, and the county had two pretty good bridges near there.

No Pity Shown.
"For years fate was after me continually," writes F. A. Gullidge, Verbena, Ala. "I had a terrible case of Piles causing 24 tumors. When all failed Backlen's Arnicia Salve cured me. Equally good for Burns and all aches and pains. Only 25c at Perry & Graham's."

For sale or trade, a house and lot in Rainier. Good location for residence or business. Call on or address R. H. Mitchell, Rainier, Oregon.

Night Was Her Torture.
"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but when all other medicines failed, three \$1.00 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 58 pounds." It's absolutely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, Lung Grippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Perry & Graham's.

A few weeks ago we made mention of the fact that certain political bosses of Columbia county had set about to effect the removal of certain postmasters in this county. Since then a certain gentleman writing from Washington to a friend in this county gives the reason assigned for asking the removal of these postmasters as "Pernicious Political Activity," and by way of explanation he gives in detail the names of the gentlemen, who signed the letters and petition asking for removal. This list will be filed away for future reference and will be drawn upon as occasion may require. However we are free to state that it is possible that a change in postmasters in one or two instances might not be amiss, yet it is safe to say that the postmasters of Columbia county had but very little to say or do relative to politics, and the most "pernicious political activity" was shown by the men, whose names comprise the aforesaid list.

Brutally Tortured.
A case came to light that for persistent and unmerciful torture has perhaps never been equaled. Joe Golobick of Colusa, Calif., writes: "For 15 years I endured insufferable pain from Rheumatism and nothing relieved me though I tried everything known. I came across Electric Bitters and it's the greatest medicine on earth for that trouble. A few bottles of it completely relieved and cured me." Just as good for Liver and Kidney troubles and general debility. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Perry & Graham.

Had the crushed rock in Union precinct been placed upon the road between Houlton and Yankton where the road is already graded, instead of on the basaltic rock-road bed, where the road never becomes muddy, there would have been no kick. The fact is, there was an attempt to make a big showing with the money. When work do not proceed properly done, the people do not grumble about their taxes. It is only when the money is improperly used, that there is ground for complaint.

The Rainier first nine went to Astoria to play ball Sunday.

Contraband of war is stuff shipped by a nation with a small navy.

Born, to the wife of H. O. Oliver of Houlton, July 26, a daughter.

One Eyed Riley, of Scappoose, was a pleasant caller at our sanctum, Tuesday.

The first of the week fire destroyed several rods of fence for Mr. Lamberson.

Portland's Chinese have a new joss. Let's laugh at them and continue to pray for the kind of weather we want.

Mr. John VanBlaricom and family, of Mt. Tabor, went to Vernonia, Tuesday, to visit Mrs. Van's mother, Mrs. C. L. Parker.

Orin Able shipped three fine shepherd dogs on the steamer Iralda yesterday—one to H. Banks, Readers, and two to Calvin Johnson, of Scappoose.

A 13-year-old girl of Deer Park, Wash., has been married. Her parents may have thought that a husband would be a nice addition to her stock of dolls.

A young man writes to ask the best way of spending his week's vacation with the view of obtaining rest. About the only way that we know he could spend a restful vacation would be to have the Warden of the penitentiary lock him up in a dark cell.

SCAPPOOSE.
The hum of the steam thrasher is here in the land.

J. Zeisman, of the canyon, has the banner oat crop of this section.

Crops of all kinds are yielding well, notwithstanding this is presidential year.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Newman received a present of a bouncing baby boy last week.

A number of dwellings are being erected in the town of Scappoose at present.

Otto Miller has a contract for several car loads of cedar posts for Portland parties.

A. Hingrun recently completed a handsome addition to the residence of Asa Holliday.

P. Mayer wears a sweet milk smile these days over his brilliant prospects for a bountiful crop.

Leota Lowe, of Houlton, completed a highly successful term of school in the canyon last Friday.

There is more rejoicing over the one office that was saved (the School Supt's) than the ninety and nine that went not astray.

Scappoose now has a first class butcher shop, which is much appreciated and is receiving a liberal patronage. Bob McKay is the founder.

Dairymen in this vicinity complain of a fly about the size of a goat, with a bill like a lawyer's, which telescopes and is used to draw both blood and milk.

No town in Columbia county has exceeded Scappoose in increase of population and permanent improvements, during the past year. It is probable that this place will be incorporated at the next meeting of our State Legislature.

Our genial, wide awake friends Messrs G. Lang, W. Tetz, and Henry Bartel, of the Canyon, have secured the contract of delivering lumber from Nelson & Reid's mill in Wash. Co., to Scappoose, where it will be loaded on cars and shipped to Coates & Powell, of Portland, Or. who are building a town of considerable dimensions on the east side.

Deer hunters must be somewhat troublesome in this vicinity as the following notice posted on a farmer's gate would indicate.

"Notice to Hunters."
"Please shut the gate as my wife is sick and unable to chase stock out of the field. Don't shoot the calves, they are all does. The hired man may be distinguished from a bear by these traits. A bear has long brown hair. The hired man is bald. A bear will move rapidly in open ground; but the hired man never makes a quick move. The bear also has sharp teeth and claws; there is nothing sharp about the hired man except his appetite. One swallow doesn't make a summer, neither does one swallow from a pocket flask permit a hunter to wallow down ten acres of grain. Therefore beware of the dog and a lawsuit."

ONE EYED RILEY.

Vernonia Grange.
Last Saturday I went to Vernonia to visit the Grange of that lively city and to assist in conferring degrees. There should have been several candidates but only two appeared, one for the 1st & 2nd degrees and one for the 3rd & 4th degrees. The Grange at Vernonia is in a prosperous condition and receiving new members continually. We are glad to see the farmers uniting, as it is their only mode of defence. Individually they are weak, united they are powerful, so brother and sister farmers let us all unite.

From Vernonia, I hurried home and made haste so Natal to attend the basket social, which proved to be a grand success both socially and financially, the net proceeds being over fifty dollars, for which the Grange extends its thanks to one and all. The date of the social was altered because of another social event that was set for the last Saturday of July.

Let all Patrons remember that Saturday, August 6th, the Pomona Grange of Columbia county meets at Goble.

J. W. ARMSTRONG, Deputy.
PITTSBURG.

News is rather scarce this week, the only event of much importance being the basket social and dance at Natal. Being as curious as a woman, I tried to find out what I could, but didn't learn much; not even whether the widow, who objects to whiskers, lives up or down the river.

There was a joke on Squire Ballard at Natal. After buying a pretty flower bedecked basket, he started a hunt for its original owner but, alas, no one would claim it and in disgust he finally sold it for the benefit of the Grange. Better luck next time neighbor.

Inquiries among the participants in the gayeries elicited the fact that all had a good time, and the morning dawned with a cold grey light away in the distant east before many of them sought the arms of Morpheus. The average guess as to amount cleared for the new hall is about \$40.

O. Mellinger is doing a fine job of work on the road below A. Elliot's. Good for you Charlie; now when I go to see the future Aunt Sallie, she won't be frightened about my being lost in the mud coming home.

Lon Emmons has begun work on the road below the Powell baidge. We have hopes of decent traveling between here and Mist soon, Emory Mills already having lots of puncheon ready for his end of the road.

G. W. Armstrong went down the river Thursday to work a few weeks for Derick & Waen.

Mrs. W. D. Case expects a visit from her daughter soon.

Miss Grace Powell and brother, Ora, were among the gay dancers at Natal on Saturday.

The little rain we had helped the gardens, but wasn't half enough to suit.
UNCLE JOE.

GRANGE TOPICS FOR 1904.

These Are the Subjects Suggested by the National Lecturer.

May.—What are the relative merits from cultivation and fertilization derived by growing crops?

June.—Can improvement be made in the present method of marketing crops?

July.—What is the duty of the farmer in the management of the affairs of his political party?

August.—What is the duty of the farmer in the management of the affairs of state or nation?

September.—What is the duty of the farmer in the management of local affairs, including churches, schools and roads?

October.—What constitutes the essential features inside the ideal home?

November.—What are required as the outside attractions of the ideal home?

December.—What should the different members of the family contribute to an ideal home?

There are many ways of developing an interest in the grange in these topics, but we know of none better than to have a short paper assigned to be read as an introduction to the discussion, and let this be followed by a "question box," the questions having been carefully prepared beforehand and assigned and to be of such a nature as to bring out all phases of the subject under consideration.

The Dominion Grange.
Dominion grange, Canada, at the annual session held recently, elected as master for 1904 Henry Grose. A feature of the session was the address of Master Jabel Robinson, M. P. who retired after twenty-one years of service. He dealt chiefly with the tariff and trusts and spoke strongly in favor of rural free mail delivery and the taxation of railways.

Strong Grange County.
The Androscoggin county Pomona grange of Maine has a large membership. At the annual meeting this year the membership was reported to be 2,636. Maine ranks third in membership in the United States, and over one-tenth of its membership is located in Androscoggin county. There are nearly 4,500 Patrons in that county.

The New York state grange began May 1 to issue a monthly lecturers' bulletin for the benefit of subordinate grange lecturers. It is edited by Frank Shepard of Lawrenceville, N. Y., lecturer of the state grange.

Has your grange ever had a fair? If not, why not? You will be surprised at the amount of stuff one little grange can get together if it tries hard.

Grange headquarters at the St. Louis exposition will be open from Sept. 1 to Dec. 1 and will probably be in the Administration building.

Where you find a well organized and efficient degree team there you will find the degree work rendered most impressively.

A poor line fence often makes bad neighbors.

Build a good road, and you will want another.

The total receipts of the Michigan state grange for the last fiscal year was \$19,856.52, of which over \$14,000 were from subordinate grange fees and dues.

The real purpose of the grange is education.
Spell it dmit, not demit.

A VERY WEAK PRETENSE

Republican Desire For Reciprocity Is a Hollow Mockery.

NO REAL REDUCTION SOUGHT.

Protectionists Will Reduce the Tariff Only on Noncompeting Materials, Which Do Not Exist—"Let Well Enough Alone" Is the Cry.

Reciprocity is doomed as far as the Republican party is concerned, for the leaders have determined to "stand pat." Senator Lodge, the head of President Roosevelt's "kitchen cabinet," is as much opposed to reciprocity as Congressman Littauer, he of glove scandal fame, whom the president described as his personal friend and close political adviser. Senator Dooliver, who not long ago was defending the "Iowa idea," has just made a speech in the senate renouncing his former heresy and urging that the tariff does not shelter the trusts, but rather hurts them by helping their small competitors. And so the list of those Republicans who flirted with tariff reform and courted reciprocity, including President Roosevelt, may nearly all be said to have decided to do nothing, go home and tell the people, "We must let well enough alone." Ex-Congressman Foss of Massachusetts says he is still fighting for reciprocity with Canada, and Governor Cummins of Iowa may continue to declare he has not surrendered, but it is only with a faint heart and a knowledge that reciprocity has been put to sleep with trust medicine in allopathic and not homeopathic doses. If McKinley were alive he would be forced to recant his last speech, in which he declared for reciprocity, or be read out of the Republican party by those who now control it.

But if the politicians have surrendered to the threats of the trust magnates and have abandoned their efforts for reciprocity or the reform of those schedules of the tariff law that give the trusts their monopoly there are more people demanding tariff legislation than ever before. Democrats are united for a reasonable reform of the tariff, and Republican business men, farmers and others all over the country have organized reciprocity leagues, the object of which is to promote business with other countries by mutually reforming the tariffs that now bar the way. To show how extensive this movement has become here is a list of these organizations:

New England Reciprocity League—William E. Brigham, secretary, 803 Board of Trade building, Boston, Mass.

Minnesota Branch of National Reciprocity League—Benjamin F. Beardsley, secretary, 649 Endicott building, St. Paul, Minn.

Lower Lakes Reciprocity League—Campbell Shaw, secretary, 730 Elliott square, Buffalo.

Tri-City Reciprocity League—Nathaniel French, secretary, Davenport, Ia.

National Reciprocity League—Adams Express building, Chicago.

It is hardly probable that these leagues will be able to convert the Republican party to the kind of reciprocity they demand, although they have thousands of members, for Congressman Dalzell, who is the recognized mouthpiece of the protectionists, declared in the house of representatives that "Republican reciprocity is reciprocity in noncompeting articles and in nothing else." That means that the protectionists refuse to lower the tariff barriers to any product of a foreign country that is produced in the United States.

Since the United States has included in her territory tropical and semitropical countries there is hardly a production of any foreign country that will not compete with our products, so that reciprocity of the Republican brand under those circumstances is impossible or would be so infinitesimal that it would amount to nothing. The Republicans at great expense made reciprocity treaties with several countries, but the Republican leaders in the senate refused to ratify them because some of the articles included in those treaties were products of the United States.

Any declaration for reciprocity by the coming Republican national convention will be for reciprocity in noncompeting articles and not for reciprocity that the reciprocity leagues are striving for. Such a declaration will not lead to any increased trade with foreign countries because true reciprocity means that both sides must give and take or there can be no trade. The Republicans are so wedded to protection that they fear real reciprocity as an opening wedge to break down the protection walls. The protected interests—mostly the trusts—control the leaders and by furnishing them money for Republican campaigns demand in return full protection, and with that real reciprocity would interfere.

Getting the Worst of the Bargain.
The Protective Tariff League, which is a league of trusts and protected monopolists, is of course interested in making the taxpayer believe that he, too, is protected, but the palpable massing of the wealth of the country in the hands of a few and the continued struggle for existence of the many is an unanswerable argument to the farmer, the storekeeper, the clerk, the artisan and the laborer that they have the worst of the bargain. As the protectionists have acknowledged that the sugar trust is the worst trust, because it dictates the price of its product and who shall deal with it and bears hardly on the sugar planter, why are not the other trusts that protection pampers equally hurtful to the American people? Tariff reform is the only way to reach them.