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MASONS AT RAINIER

FRATERNAL VISIT

A delegation of Masons made a fraternal visit to the Masonic lodge at Rainier Tuesday evening. Hon. Frank J. Miller, grand master of Masons in Oregon, made the lodge a special visit at the same time. Geo. Mosick, a past master of the lodge, is confined to his home by sickness. This did not prevent the lodge from extending the usual Masonic visit. The lodge marched in a body to his residence and presented him with a past master's jewel. The following officers were elected: A. Nutt, worshipful master; Wm. J. Miller, senior warden; T. E. Hughes, junior warden; C. Lewis, treasurer; W. McMillan, secretary; R. H. Miller, senior deacon; C. R. Holberg, junior deacon.

After the ceremonies all repaired to the banquet hall, where a most sumptuous feast was in waiting. Geo. Palworth acted as toastmaster and Master Miller, on behalf of the visiting members, presented C. A. Nutt with a past master's jewel. The toastmaster then invited the members to "help themselves." A reporter informs us that it was a most successful visit.

COURT DOCKET

Nystrom vs. Kallberg, recovery of money; verdict for plaintiff.
Blumauer & Hoek vs. C. E. Steyer, demurrer taken under advisement.
H. H. Coshaw vs. Columbia County, demurrer overruled.
Jana Cravens vs. A. Reynard; motion to strike out, filing time to plead.
Suzannah Graman vs. John Graman; order to return warrant to the jurisdiction of court.
Mrs. Craig vs. Roy L. Craig; modify decree; plaintiff given custody of child.
Mario Holstrom vs. John Buchanan; on trial.

INSURANCE CASE TWO MONTHS OLD

The second month of the insurance case in progress at Kalama, was completed yesterday and no let up in the production of testimony is yet in sight. Supt. J. G. Gruver of the Mountain Timber Co., has been on the stand all this week. With two months of time elapsed since the case was first begun before Judge Darch, and with the remainder of the plaintiff's testimony still to be introduced, the defendant's evidence to be presented, and the argument of counsel to be heard, one can readily conclude how far from a conclusion the case is. When the fact that this is only the first of 17 similar cases is remembered, one shudders to think how much longer it will be occupying public attention. It bids fair to surpass Dickens' caricature of court work in his time in the famous case of "Jardyce vs. Jardyce."—Kalama Bulletin.

The firemen will give a grand ball at the city hall Christmas eve, December 24. They promise an unusually good time.

COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES.

Yankton school, Mrs. Bird B. Clarke, principal. Miss Kate Moore and Miss May Novak, assistants; total enrollment is 80; the work covers ten grades. This is one of our best schools; discipline is excellent; fine neighborhood. All are working for a good school.

January 28, 1915, is "Go to School" day for Columbia county. Patrons and school officers are asked to visit their respective schools on that day and familiarize themselves with the work being done.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction, J. A. Churchill, is devising a plan of giving public recognition to those teachers who prove themselves progressive and successful in their work. To all teachers who meet the five requirements will be given a Professional Teachers' Certificate, which will certify that the holders have not only taught successfully during the previous year, but are progressive and have shown the proper professional spirit. This certificate will be issued by the Superintendent of Public Instruction upon the recommendation of the County Superintendents that all the requirements have been met and that the holders deserve special recognition for their attainments. While the certificate will in itself not entitle the holder to teach, it will offer great assistance to school boards in helping them to select only progressive and up-to-date teachers who have been especially successful in their work.

Answers to Watson & White's complete arithmetic may be had free by applying to the County Superintendent.

District No. 11, Columbia City, has erected new outbuildings and put in a new floor in school house. Miss Maclay is teacher.

Trenholm, District No. 43, has a new playshed. The Boundary Board recently granted a petition which lobbied the territory in this district. This school standardized last year, and is a modern, up-to-date school which speaks well for its patrons. Miss Brown is teacher.

District No. 28, South Scappoose, has a splendid modern cottage school, one of the best rural school buildings in the county. This school should standardize. Miss Walker is the teacher.

The training classes in St. Helens and Clatskanie are doing a splendid work. The men responsible for the training are practical and not theorists. They seem to know their job from actual experience as well as training.

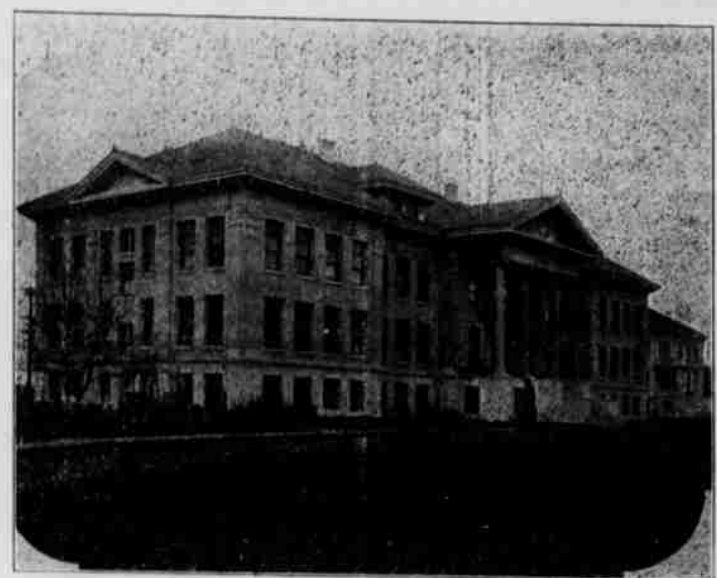
A good large map of Oregon, sale price \$5, will be delivered free to any district in this county which has not yet received one, for the asking. If you need library cards or pockets, please ask for them.

The teachers of Columbia county are indeed very sorry to lose from their ranks two of their staunchest, tried and tested co-workers, who have so nobly and effectively labored with them these many years. We deeply regret the loss of these excellent teachers, truest friends and most worthy citizens. Our loss is others' gain. The portals of dear old Tennessee are opened wide once more to receive one of her native sons and his estimable wife and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilkerson. May the blessings of heaven be thine!

Teachers are to be standardized as well as schools. It is inevitable.

Here is some suggested play apparatus: sand boxes, swings, see-saw, teeter board, slides, merry-go-round, horizontal bars, horizontal ladder, shot, discus, croquet, tennis, etc.

Simplified spelling must and will come. It is coming soon. One year ago it was endorsed by thirty-three leading American colleges; now it is endorsed by one hundred sixteen colleges, a gain of eighty-three in one year. Today it is endorsed by seven thousand American teachers and over one hundred thousand foremost students. It is headed by the Simplified Spelling Board of Madison avenue, New York, and the Simplified Spelling Society of 44 Great Russell street, London, England. Customs, laws, religions, arts, sciences, ideas, words and all things of life and value change. Is English spelling the one perfect and immutable thing? Since



OREGON STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

This institution was established in 1876 in connection with the School for Blind, but later the two were separated. Its object is purely educational. Its peculiar function is to afford the necessary, modern, centralized facilities for educating the deaf, giving them as far as possible and to a remarkable degree a command of written language, ability to speak and to read speech from the movement of the lips, and sufficient practical industrial training to fit them to be independent, self-supporting, helpful citizens. It is free for the same reasons the public schools are free. Trained teachers and the most modern methods are employed. The literary work covers all grades from the most elementary to first-year high school. Great emphasis is placed upon vocational training. Printing, carpentry and woodwork, farm and garden work and the care of poultry, cooking, laundering, fancy sewing and dressmaking, and

household work are taught. A physician is called whenever required, and the pupils' general health, eyes, and teeth are carefully looked after. Approximately 100 pupils were enrolled in 1914.

The school is located on the Oregon Electric Railway. The grounds and farm of 52 acres adjoin the city limits of Salem on the north. The principal buildings are of brick, with ample provision for safety, and proper light, ventilation and sanitation.

The superintendent is assisted by a matron, and a staff of nine literary teachers, one of whom also teaches in the industrial department, three special teachers in the industrial department, and four supervisors having care of the children out of school. Twelve employees are required in the domestic department, kitchen, laundry and engine room, and on the farm. During the school term the monthly payroll is approximately \$1580.00.

when? Simplified spelling rests on reason, economy, and authority. Reason dictates, that what we write or print should represent only and exactly what we hear or speak. Economy requires us to reject useless letters. The teaching, learning, writing and printing of useless letters cost untold money and time.

The St. Helens schools are progressing splendidly under the efficient management of Professor Baker and his able assistants. St. Helens has sixteen teachers, six men and ten women, and we are justly proud of them all. The new men this year are J. H. McCoy, C. E. Ostrander, C. E. Lake and F. J. Sten. The new women are Miss Rankin, Miss Perry, Miss Leith, Miss Botsford and Miss West. The hold-over teachers who were here last year, are L. L. Baker, Jr., J. D. Brohaut, Miss Ethel Matthews, Mrs. Amanda Lake, Mrs. Anna Saurer and Miss Helen Duns.

The High Schools of Columbia county are composed of a splendid student body of two hundred fifty most excellent young men and women, which soon must be a great force for good. Why not equip a few of these fine young people for teachers? At present, sixty per cent of our teachers have to be imported.

What is good disciplining? No two teachers or patrons will exactly agree on this question. There is lack of uniformity and much diversity of opinion concerning this question. Discipline means training, control, culture, chastisement, correction, etc., and leads to order. Order means conformity to law and decorum; freedom of disturbance, general tranquility and public quiet. The County Superintendent is an adherent of good discipline, and believes it to be the basic principle and foundation of every good school. Good discipline is opposed to noise, disturbance, confusion, etc. It means quiet; it means little John Doe in his own seat, attending to his own business in the quietest manner. John Doe is attending to his own affairs only; he disturbs no one, and no one disturbs him. He does not communicate with other pupils during school except on very rare occasions, and then only by permission.

A Good Teacher
1. Registers her contract, certifi-

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Edrie LaBarre and Dorothy John were week end visitors at Portland. Tuesday afternoon Virgil Hatton and Harry Richardson former students and debaters, visited the school.

This week the High School was treated to two interesting lectures. Supt. Allen spoke on the "Army of School Children in the U. S." Jimmy Palmer, of the Portland Y. M. C. A., talked on "Backbone and Grit."

We have several first class radiators that can be used as refrigerators. The girls have organized a literary society, with the following officers: President, Keturah Dixon; vice president, Marie Walker; secretary, Arta Morell; treasurer, Edrie LaBarre; sergeant at arms, Dorothy John.

The Ridgefield High School and grammar school played the St. Helens High School and freshmen teams here Wednesday night. The freshmen lost to the grammar school by the close score of 15 to 11. The High School won their game, 32 to 16. The lineup follows: St. Helens, Wellington, Deavers, Zysset, Browne, Perry; Ridgefield, Berger, Klim, Potter, Roosevelt, John, Kinth. Referee, Richardson; time keeper McDonald.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Christmas Candy at Mason's. Mrs. Bert Hauptman spent Wednesday in Portland.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Williams of Ilwaco, Dec. 10, a girl. Jacob George attended the Hotel association in Portland this week.

Senator George McBride was a business visitor here several days this week.

Miss Susie Ketel is home this week from Goble, where she has been for the past three months.

Virgil Hallan arrived home Sunday from Khaloutan, where he has been the past three months.

Mrs. Annie Cox, Mrs. M. H. Allen, Miss Amy George and Chas. Muckle, motored to Portland Wednesday.

Mr. Farmer: You might leave a couple of sacks of potatoes and the Muts will see that they are distributed where they will do the most good. White and Morton.

Dr. Emil Enna gave his first recital of his music class in this city at the Guild hall Wednesday evening, before a large audience. The pupils performed their parts admirably and displayed remarkable progress in their work. It was a very satisfying entertainment.

Mr. Grant of Astoria, president of the Columbia River Packers' association, was a business visitor to this city Tuesday. He made arrangements to rebuild the company's dock at this place and make other improvements.

The St. Helens Eastern Star held their annual election last Saturday evening. Worthy Matron, Mrs. Lillian Crouse; patron, E. A. Rotger; associate matron, Mrs. Florence Rotger; secretary, Mrs. C. H. John; conductress, Mrs. Christie; chaplain, Mrs. Mary George.

Mrs. L. R. Rutherford entertained last Thursday evening, in honor of her sister, Miss Madeline Allen, who will leave Sunday for her home in Spokane. The guests present were: Miss Gladys Ashby, Miss Gertrude Phillip, Miss Arline M. Botsford, Miss Clara Ketel, Miss Edna Harris, Miss Alice and Anna Quick, Miss Helen Duns.

J. D. Mickle, state dairy and food commissioner, W. A. Barr, U. S. dairy expert, and C. E. Spence, master of Oregon State Grange, were in this city Thursday in conference with the board of directors of the creamery. Action is being taken to organize the co-operative creameries of the state for the purpose of securing a market for the combined output.

K. OF P. OFFICERS

Avon Lodge, No. 62, Knights of Pythias, elected officers Tuesday night for the coming term as follows: Chancellor Commander, Jas. O'Connor; Vice Chancellor, C. D. Sutherland; Prelate, E. C. Laws; Master of Work, E. A. Rotger; Keeper of Records and Seal and Master of Finance, E. A. Ross; Master of Exchequer, A. L. Stone; Master at Arms, I. R. Chapman; Inside Guard, A. J. Peel; Outside Guard, Reese Hall; Trustee, Fred Watkins.

INTERESTING POINTS

AT COMMERCIAL CLUB

Report From Land Show—County Agriculturist Proposed.

Points of interest in the St. Helens Commercial Club meeting: A fine report was had from John Philip in regard to the recent Manufacturers' and Land Products show, held in Portland. Our booth was so situated as to command attention from all who entered the building, and was most attractively arranged by the combined efforts of Asa Smith from the Clatskanie Development League, and was spoken of as a decided success by the show management.

The grasses were not so well represented as they should have been, considering the fine quality produced here, and it was one of the best, even as it was. It proved conclusively that more attention must be given to making of this affair one of publicity, more than was possible at this time, and thus show to the people at large the possibilities of our county. We received a grand medal and also a fine engraved certificate from the management of this show for our display.

We also had a letter from the Portland Chamber of Commerce asking us to aid in securing the services of a county agriculturist, as it was shown that by intelligent farming much more could be produced, and this to the advantage of the farmer, and as this expense is mostly borne by the government and the state, it would be only a small expense to the county; and this is already in operation in some ten or more counties in the state now. This will be taken up with the Warren Grange and they will be requested to act upon the matter and have the support of the club. The government aid given for this work is under the Smith-Lever act, as passed in congress May 8, 1914, allowing \$10,000 for each of the 48 states.

ARE YOU A MUT?

For the season's work the Muts have organized and are at work. The Mut headquarters is in the Hewitt building, the store room between the Independent Auto Co. and the St. Helens Improvement Co., and just opposite the St. Helens hotel. A. T. Laws will be at headquarters most of the time and will receive your contribution—money, food or clothing. The Muts have enlisted the services of many good women to help them in this work and we want to serve all those who are less fortunate than ourselves. The meaning of the word Muts so far as we are concerned, is "Make Unfortunates to Smile." We ask your co-operation in this work.

Very respectfully,
MARTIN WHITE, Big Mut.
A. L. STONE, Secretary.

CHURCHES.

Congregational Church,
10 a. m., Bible school; 11 a. m., "The Ten Commandments." "God, who guides below and rules above; the great Disposer, and the mighty King; than He none greater, next to Him none, that can be, is or was; supreme He singly fills throne." 6:30 p. m., Christian Endeavor; 7:30 p. m., "Creation's Dawn." "Was the Garden of Eden a Fact or Fancy? Was the Flood Fictitious?" John Foster, Ph. B., B. D., minister.

M. E. Church.
11 a. m., "Church Efficiency." How we can increase it in our church. Every member should hear this timely message. 7:30 p. m., "The Church in Relation to the Public School." The Gary method and others will be presented and discussed. You will want to hear this up-to-the-minute discussion. We have had it demonstrated that our church can be satisfactorily heated. You will be comfortable. Come.

R. G. Heams, who has been in Berkeley the past nine months, has returned and will work in the shipyard. Mrs. Heams remained in California.