# CORRESPONDENCE

## WEST ST. HELENS

On Frday last Prof. Brehaut and wife left West St. Helens for Portland, where they will visit friends for a while. The professor will attend the summer school at Eugene. They will make their home at the latter city during the summer. Considerable anxiety is felt among the patrons of the school as to the probability of Prof. Brehaut returning to this city. A very large majority have signed the petitions which are being circulated. It is safe to say that 75 per cent of the citizens oppose the action of the school board in proposing to cut the salary of the teacher and reduce the teaching force from four to three. Prof. Brehaut has brought the Houlton school to an excellent standard of efficiency, and to reduce the working force of the school is to cripple its usefulness and success. Economy could better be practiced in other places than to save a few dollars at the expense of our educational work. This is the verdict of all except a few, and some of them pay no tax at all.

The seventh and eighth grades surprised Prof. Brehaut and wife on Thursday evening. A pleasant time was had. Games and plays were indulged in and a fine lunch with ice cream was served. The happy crowd left "ere the morning broke."

Mrs. George Chambers and her little daughters Grace and Hazel, visited Mrs. James Chambers at Blind Slough, going Friday and returning Tuesday following. George says, "Batching aint nice. The meals are not regular." He agrees fully with the Scripture, "It is not good for man to be alone."

Miss Nettie Amelia Snyder left on the morning train Tuesday for Salem, where she expects to arrange for post graduate work in music. Miss Snyder expects to go east in the early coming fall.

Earl Bennett is still confined to his home with severe attack of bronchitis. He has the sympathy of his many friends, who hope for his speedy recovery.

Mrs. B. I. Plummer left Wednesday for Salem and Aumsville. She was accompanied by her two little daughters, Lois and Maud. She expects to be absent for two weeks or more. At Salem, under the care of Dr. Finley, a minor surgical operation is to be performed for her daughter Lois. In the meantime everybody is requested and expected to cheer B. I. in his loneliness.

Congratulations are in order for our genial barber, who quietly slipped away on Tuesday last and joined the Benedict order at Vancouver. This was to be a secret for some time but a nosey reporter browsing around heard the fact. Mr. and Mrs. Beller will reside in St. Helens. Their many friends wish them bon voyage on the sea of life.

An excellent audience was present on Sunday morning at the Memorial services in the Houlton Methodist church. The church was nicely decorated with flags, bouquets, and bunting, while Old Glory floated over the door of the church outside.

Several appropriate selections were sung by the choir, including "The Hero of the Cross," "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "America." Miss Nettie Amelia Snyder sang, as a solo, "A Dream of Paradise," by Hamilton Gray. The sermon was preached by the pastor, text Deut. 4:8 and 9. The following veterans of the civil war were present: Walter H. Smith, Brower Sen. James Lowe and C. L. Ayres. The last two were accompanied by their wives.

George Chambers, with his Ford, took the following company to Warren and return after the evening service at that place on Sunday: Editor Kantzman, Rev. Sanford Snyder, Mrs. Snyder and Miss Nettie Amelia Snyder. The kindness of Mr. Chambers was duly appreciated by all, especially by Mrs. Snyder, as she is obliged to use a wheel chair whenever she goes out.

During the sermon on Sunday morning at the Methodist Episcopal church the pastor said: "It is better to show our kindness and give our bouquets to our friends while they can see their beauty and enjoy their fragrance than to wait until they are gone and then cover the coffin with foliage." On Monday morning he received a fine bouquet of white carnations and fern, with the message: "Here is one bouquet for which you need not wait until you are dead."

The young people's meeting at the M. E. Church Sunday evening was led by Miss Beth Perry. These meetings are much appreciated by the young people, also by some who are not to be classed as "young."

This question is asked on the street more often than any other. Will winter never be over and summer never come? Truly this kind of weather is quite sufficient to cause the people to lose interest in the Mexican imbroglio, the war in Europe and even the recall election, while they look with longing gaze for strawberry shortcake and garden sass, which latter luxuries seem to be indefinitely postponed.

## RAINIER

Mr. Nilsen, the grocery man, went to Portland and returned with a wife, to the surprise of his friends.

H. T. Davis and family arrived here from Weiser, Idaho, last Friday afternoon and will make Rainier their future home.

Ed. Clark has just received the sad news of his sister's daughter's death by drowning, who is a widow. Miss Boelman was her only child and was clerking in a store to get means to educate her daughter. It made it doubly sad, Mr. Clark and sister losing their mother recently.

The marriage of R. H. Beck, son of Professor Beck of this place, and Miss Leona Silva occurred at Vancouver last Wednesday afternoon. The event came as a surprise to their many friends of this city inasmuch as the young couple left here quietly, and their intentions were not known until the publication of the marriage was noticed in a Portland paper.

With all of her mills and logging camps running full blast, Rainier has again reached her normal conditions, or in other words, Rainier's payroll is about where it was three years ago, when the lumber industry received its first warning of a slump in lumber prices.

The Columbia River Highway between this place and Goble will be opened for travel in about three days, so says George Turney, who made the trip yesterday to "Little Jack Falls," just back of Prescott. Mr. Turney reports the roadbed being in splendid shape considering the severe weather conditions of the past winter. The rock crusher wil be started next Monday, and it is planned to have the road rocked this year as far as Goble. With this strip of road rocked it will give Rainier people an outlet this winter to Portland, the road from Goble being in fair shape for winter travel.—Review.

## CLATSKANIE

Mrs. D. W. Freeman of Deep Creek, is visiting in town with Mrs. A. E. Harvey.

Willard and Franklin Evenson, who have been attending Stanford university, arrived home the first of the week for their summer vacation.

Miss Dolly Deering, who has spent the past four months at Independence, studying music prepartory to entering McMinville college, came home last Friday for a few days visit. She wil return tomorrow, stopping off at Newberg for a short visit with friends.

Oscar Kelsey, the Sweet Pea King of Clatskanie, was the successful winner in a friendly competition between the growers of sweet peas on the Clatskanie district of the Delta Gardens. The seed was planted three months ago and Mr. Kelsey brought in the first blooms last week. We understand that the Chief is to be forwarded for the coming year to O. K. for having been so successful in "O. K"ing his plants.

A small but elaborate affair took place Wednesday, May 24, in the form of a dinner party, given by Mr. and Mrs. McKiel in honor of their daughter Betty, the occasion being her 19th birthday. The table was very daintily laid, the center-piece being a large bouquet of American Beauty roses. An eight-course dinner was served to perfection, the birthday cake especially proving the unique skill of Mrs. McKiel.

The Rev. Harry F. Gelvin of Pilot Rock, Oregon, was unanimously called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church here. A letter has been received stating that he will be in town next week and will conduct the services on Sunday, June 4, and take up the active work of the pastorate.—Chief.

## SCAPPOOSE

Adolph Tate purchased a Ford machine from the Independent Auto Co. last week.

Mrs. J. G. Watts started for Wellesley, Mass., last Saturday to attend her daughter Hazel's graduating exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Goodenough of Portland, are spending their vacation with Mrs. Goodenough's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Buschman.

Miss Ellaree Butler of Portland, spent Monday and Tuesday with her parents.

Dr. Flynn has been quite conspicuous in our town of late. We believe he is homesick and will eventually return and hang out his shingle.

Roy Price and wife of Portland, spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs. D. W. Price.

Miss Athline Tolly spent last week with friends at Rainier and Mayger.

Dr. Blatchford is putting a new coat of paint on the residence now occupied by the Tolly family.

Grandma Johnson, who has been sick for many years, is reported as being much worse the last few days.

Frank Sheppard of the Sheppard Auto Co., running the bus between St. Helens and Portland, was in town with a fine Dodge machine which he was demonstrating to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Uhlman.

The Hangerude boys, in the canyon, have each invested in a new motorcycle.

Victor Watts took in the Robinson show in Portland Monday.

Alexander Clfalmers and son of Forest Grove, visited the Lakeside Stock Farm May 27 for the purpose of inspecting the model barn that was built last year. He pronounces it the best he ever saw and expects a copy from it, as he is planning on building soon.

L. G. Allen has been very sick for the past week but is at present improving and was able to be out Decoration Day.

Mrs. John Emmett has returned to Yoncalla after spending a week in the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. M. J. Butler.

Orville Garrison had another smashup with his new Ford. The machine turned over like a pancake, and how the seven passengers escaped death is a question.

Fred Uhlman has just completed a drilled well at a depth of 73 feet, with 40 feet of water. He will install a pressure system and carry water to separate troughs for each of his prized Holsteins.

Mrs. D. J. Merwin visited her brothers Henry and Jay White last week.

Judge Haitan, County Clerk Barnett and Dr. E. Ross were all Scappoose visitors Tuesday.

At the cemetery on Decoration Day we noticed from out of town, formerly Miss Jene Thomas, Mrs. Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bonser and Miss Lilly Larsen of Portland; Mrs. Parker and daughter Amanda of Holbrook; Mrs. George Perry and daughter Beth of Houlton, and Mrs. Baker of Warren.

John Buschman, clerk in the navy department in Washington, D. C., is spending vacation with his brother, H. Buschman.

G. Lange is the proud possessor of a new Ford.

Mrs. A. Holaday is visiting at Vancouver on account of the illness of her son Dix.

The Buschman family entertained 23 members at a family gathering last Sunday.

The Misses Eva Garrison and Ardath Hagey were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Stevens at St. Helens.

Grandma Kammeyer, who has been very sick, is now improving.

Rev. C. H. Johnston is suffering with a bad cold and cough.

Mr. and Mrs. Holoday entertained Miss Oregan, who is tutoring the Frank L. Smith children, and the Niblock family last Monday evening.

## COLUMBIA CITY

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Harrison made a trip to Columbia City to see Willis Bumgardner and family Sunday. They went to the Kinder cemetery, where they have several relatives buried.

Decoration Day is here and the weather has been so bad and cold there are no roses to be had, and when the weather is nice there are thousands of them.

Ed. Graham has done some fancy work on his rose bushes with a net needle and twine. He seems to be handy with it.

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## NEHALEM VALLEY

Did you have any rain? We did.

Born, to the wife of Mr. Pernie, an 8 pound baby girl. They have named the little newcomer Ama Ree. Mother and child are doing nicely at the home of Mrs. Pernie's sister, Mrs. Hult.

Roy Smith has returned from Portland.

Mrs. P. Sheeley called on Mrs. J. Smith Thursday forenoon.

Mrs. Harvey Christensen and the new baby girl is getting along nicely.

May Day program was quite extensive, as Keasey, Pleasant Hill and Kist all joined forces with Vernonia. The girls showed great physical ability in walking the 2 by 4, also in the races. The boys' jumping contest was well carried off. Kist, as a small school, showed some excellent jumpers. Vernonia gave a fine musical in the evening, which shows what interest the children there are taking in music. Pleasant Hill's team of girls won the relay race. Keasey school is also small but hard to find a better.

Road workers are busy once more. The mud is bad though, getting a team down till it had to be taken out with ropes.

People are holding their breath today, it looks so much like rain, which we appreciate very much but sometimes get a little too much.

The eighth grade graduating exercises were held in union at Pleasant Hill.

Mr. Hall's new auto truck is doing excellent service between Vernonia and Timber.

Mrs. P. Sheeley called on Mrs. Christenson Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wildman and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Christenson Friday evening.

Election day was well carried at Vernonia Friday. Everyone seemed happy.

## REUBEN

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Robbins of Nehalem Junction, entertained Mr. Robbins' sister, Mrs. George Guard of Drain, Oregon, and his niece, Mrs. J. R. Hennessey of Portland, last week.

Henry Wasser and wife of Maple Dale, were in town Monday.

Ernest Mallaber is carrying the mail on the rural route during Harry Jordan's vacation.

Mr. Brighton of St. Helens, was in town Monday, scaling cedar piling.

Mrs. Minnie Burgess and son John of Rainier, visited on Decoration Day with Mrs. Burgess' father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lindsay.

Mrs. T. C. Watts was a Rainier visitor Wednesday.

Judge J. A. Eakin and wife of Astoria, passed through our town Wednesday on their way to Salem and Eugene.


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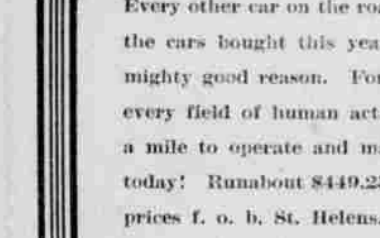

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