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BRIEF MENTION.

Hon. Sidney Dell was seen in town the fore part of the week.

Acorns are said to be very scarce, in fact there are none.

Probate court next Monday and Commissioners' court Wednesday.

Sea trout are reported to be running quite plentifully in the Columbia at present.

Rev. Faxon will hold divine services at Maineville next Sunday at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.

The large circular saw placed on the tower serves well as a fire gong. A slight improvement.

Had you noticed the change in the atmosphere, especially of early morning. It is rather fall-like.

Miss May Isaacs, of Medford, spent several days here this week, the guest of her cousin, Mr. Geo. E. Andrews.

Walter Sweetland and wife returned the early part of the week from their extended tour through some of the states.

Messrs. Lee, Wolf and Simpson, bicyclists of Portland, spent a portion of the day Sunday in town, the guests of Edwin Ross.

Misses Kittie Moore and Maud Jackson and Mrs. F. Miles and Frank Moore were passengers up on the Potter Saturday on their way to Salem.

County Treasurer Wharton authorizes us to state that the school apportionment money is on hand, arriving last Saturday, amounting to \$1,368.50.

It is stated that the potato crop in sections of this county is rather light. The dryness of the summer season has had its effect as well as the continued rains of last spring.

Mrs. G. A. Massie and children returned last Sunday from their extended visit to Ohio. Mrs. Massie reports having spent a pleasant summer, and returns much improved in health.

The Columbia Banking Company made a sale Friday of 180,000 shares to the Oregon & California Lumber Co., of Portland. The price paid was \$1.19 per thousand.

Miss Emma Chase, of San Jose, California, who has been the guest of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Way, of this place, returned home Friday accompanied by Miss Mabel Way.

The continued high water this year had a bad effect upon the wild hay crop. Upon the higher portions of the low lands the crop is reported light, and the lower lands, in many places, are yet flooded.

The need for rain is becoming more apparent daily. A thorough drenching would not only greatly benefit vegetation but it would clear and purify the atmosphere which is now composed mostly of heat and smoke.

Another large order for Belgium blocks has been received by our quarries, of greater extent than the one mentioned in our last issue. These orders have the effect to stimulate our tradesmen as well as our business men, a thing much needed.

J. O. Wristman, special agent of the Farmers & Merchants Insurance Co., was at this place Monday adjusting the loss of Linn Meeker on his house which burned at Milton last Tuesday night. Mr. Meeker held a policy for \$300 which he will receive in full.

Some much needed repairs have been and are being made on Munkle's wharf. Some of the timbers which were found to be in a bad state of decomposition have been replaced by new ones and now the wharf is being painted in good condition.

A pleasant little dancing party was indulged in last Thursday evening at the dining hall of the St. Helens Hotel by a number of our young people, looked after by a few older ones. The affair was an impromptu one, but was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The dry season of the year brings to bear upon us the real absolute necessity of a water system, without which we would be subjected to inconveniences and dangers which might overpower us. We see more plainly each day the advantages of such an enterprise.

We have recently sent out a large number of statements to our subscribers which, we hope, they will note carefully and act upon promptly. The amounts are small, in most instances, but eight hundred or a thousand of them would prove a considerable help to us at present.

A party of well known Rainier people including Marion Riggs and wife, Mrs. Craig Gilbreth, Miss Nellie Doubelover and Capt. Frank Turner, are camping at Mt. St. Helens where they are hunting, fishing and otherwise enjoying life in that picturesque and romantic country. The party will be absent about three weeks.

On Saturday evening the 26th, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Connell, of Deer Island, entertained a few friends most pleasantly. Cards and dancing were indulged in and then came one of the finest suppers that could be produced. All present enjoyed themselves immensely, and it will be a long time before the host and hostess are forgotten.

Thursday evening a number of invited friends assembled at the home of S. S. Way and spent a few hours pleasantly with music and conversation, the occasion being a farewell party to Miss Mabel Way who left the following morning for San Jose, California where she will make her home with relatives, and attend school during the next two years.

There is a piece of wagon road in the Carico valley which is being improved by private capital and enterprise that will prove a blessing to that section when completed. The improvement of roads in that valley should be the one main object of its settlers until they have reached a degree of perfection that would be a credit to any locality. The road spoken of is the worst piece of road in this county, and why the people of that section cannot be interested is matter for much surprise. The wagon-road is the artery and channel through which flows the products of your farm, and their improvement is the most important question that is now brought to face with us. Your hay, grain, potatoes, hops, wool and other products must reach a market over your local road, and without good roads you are year after year losing money by endeavoring to transport it over poor roads. The unnecessary wear and tear of your vehicle brings to bear upon the prominent fact that you are losing money, hence there is not the effort made that should be to insure success to the farmer or producer. Assist in the improvement of your local thoroughfare and you assist in the upbuilding of your neighborhood, in general.

If there is any man independent of hard times it is the farmer who has a good farm and is out of debt. He produces what people must have and when he sells it he gets just the kind of money he wants or else he keeps the goods. He can keep them too for there are many ways he can turn them into money. Take wheat as an example: If the price does not suit him, he can have it ground into flour, and he and his neighbors can eat it. If that will not work he can feed it to stock of some kind and drive the stock to market, and thus be able to realize a fair price. The merchant, the manufacturer and the laboring man is entirely dependent on selling that which he has. A stagnation in business effects them disastrously, but has very little effect on the farmer. The present times are not realized by the farmer except from hearsay.

The Vancouver Independent, speaking of the law compensating county officers, says: "Under the salary system the counties are growing poorer all the while. The sheriff and other salaried officers of the county have no stimulus for energetic action. One reason for this is that the officer's receipts are not affected by the non-payment of dues; while in the fee system every officer is interested in making close collections, as his pay depends upon the amount of money he collects. There are few officers who are disposed to work for the county as they would do for themselves in collecting fees. The last legislature has many errors of government to atone for, of which this is one of the least."

There are state elections this fall in thirteen states—Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Virginia and Wisconsin. Only five of these elect governors, viz: Ohio, Iowa, Massachusetts, Virginia and Wisconsin. The others elect only legislators and minor state officers. In Iowa, Kentucky and Virginia the legislatures chosen this fall elect United States Senators. While the voice of the people will not be directly upon national issues, the result of these elections will nevertheless give a pointer as to the feeling of the voters on the business and industrial paralysis.

An exchange wants to know what a blue one town grow into a city while others with good location remain villages? It is because in the one case there are men with push and energy who are not afraid to help their town along. They work for public improvements and use every means in their power to induce people to locate in their town. They send newspapers and circulars to every acquaintance whom they think can be induced to visit their place. Then the attractions are shown to him and he is treated with so much kindness that he falls in love with the city at once. A town only succeeds when it begins to work for its self.

Some complaint is registered regarding the intense heat of the past few days. It has been warm, we must confess, but imagine yourself for a few days down in the sandy deserts of Arizona, with the thermometer standing at 120 during the day and falling no lower at night than 95, with a strong wind blowing at the rate of sixty miles an hour, which is so warm that you dare not open your mouth for fear of having your tongue scorched, carrying with it gravel, sand and pebbles as large as marbles. Such is the state of affairs in meteorological conditions there. We had better not complain.

Parties who occupied the Plummer house at Milton, which burned last Tuesday evening, are unequalled in their convictions that the house was burned before it was set on fire, as several articles including a silver watch are known not to have been burned. The theory that the house was fired is given color by its proximity to the railroad track which at this season is the highway for tramps and footpads at all hours of the day and night.

City Marshal Harmer, of Rainier, this week took to the Reform School at Salem, Ray Sutton, of the first-named place. The boy is fourteen years old and was committed to that place of restriction upon a charge conferred by his mother, for disobedience. This is the first and only inmate of that institution from this county.

School Superintendent Cleston returned to Clatskanie last Friday where he will resume his duties as teacher in the public school at that place. The Professor has had a well-earned rest this summer, and will take up his labors with renewed energy.

The horses advertised for recently by the Portland Bridge Company have not yet been found. Persons giving information leading to the discovery of their whereabouts would probably be liberally rewarded.

We have recently added to our assortment of type some of the latest designs in printing materials, and are now able to neatly execute orders for job printing than ever.

The Columbia river is slowly assuming its ordinary stage of water.

By your school books from Ross. He has in stock all kinds of school supplies.

In another column will be found the apportionment by counties of the state school fund.

For fine watch repairing go to A. N. Wright, the Iowa Jeweler, 305 Morrison street, Portland.

Rev. W. N. O'Kelley sends word that he will fill his appointment at this place next Sunday, August 3d.

The St. Helens public school will open next Monday under the supervision of W. A. Wood and Mrs. Way.

Warrants were ordered drawn on the city treasurer, at the council meeting Tuesday evening to the extent of nearly \$300.

H. F. King, Jean and Charley Blakesley returned Tuesday evening from a trip to Bunker hill. The boys report very good luck.

Willie Quick, of Washington county, who recently lost his foot in a threshing machine at Independence, is reported doing very well.

Mrs. Mary A. Ramsay, of Powhattan, Ohio, a sister of Sheriff Massie's accompanied Mrs. Massie from Ohio, and will remain in this place for a couple of weeks.

Dr. H. R. Cliff has lately removed his office to the building on the corner, formerly used as the telegraph office. Calls made at that place will receive prompt attention.

Hon. G. W. McBride is spending the summer at his old home in this city and is steadily regaining his health under the skillful care of his sister, Mrs. W. H. Dolman.

The steamer Sarah Dixon failed to materialize on Wednesday morning, and upon inquiry we learned that she was hung up on a sand bar in Clatskanie slough.

Keep up courage and make the best of the situation these hard times. Things will undoubtedly change for the better soon. Present conditions are foreign to this country and cannot last.

A Miss Stewart, of Corvallis, arrived down on the Potter Tuesday evening on her way to Columbia City, where she will spend a few days visiting, the guests of the Misses Willie and Dell Caples.

At the common council meeting Tuesday evening arrangements were made with A. H. Blakesley whereby the old building standing opposite the residence of E. E. Quick, is to be removed.

Rub-a-dub-a-dub said the washboard to the tub, and never scrub in three hot and snaky days, but come to Dolman's store, and purchase more, and more, of good things by the score, kept in stock always.

There is a stage line in operation between Forest Grove and Tillamook, making semi-weekly trips. The stage leaves Forest Grove and passes through the Wilson river country, where there is reported to be the best of fishing.

From the Reuben correspondent we learn that a raging forest fire in the vicinity of that place has been raising general havoc with timber, bridges, fences and flames. Much care should be exercised by persons that no serious damage results from forest fires allowed to spread unchecked.

It will be seen by the table showing the number of school children in the several counties of this state that Columbia county is coming rapidly to the front in number of pupils. There are thirteen counties in this state which have a smaller number of school children than has this county.

It has been proposed to the light-house board by the U. S. Engineers that they build the road from Cape Meares to Tillamook with hired help. This has been agreed to and it is thought the appropriation of \$5,000 will be sufficient to complete it. The road will be seven miles in length and will furnish a good route to the Netarts beach.

The report for school district No. 16, for the month ending August 18, is as follows: Number of days taught, 18; number enrolled, 24; average days' attendance, 16; number of visitors, 5. Those who were neither tardy or absent during the month were Myrtle Stehman, Carrie Girt, Clyde Stewart, Joseph Doan, Lee Clark, Willie Rice, Raymond Doan and Ollie Rice.

Jean Blakesley is the hero of the day. He is a good, as well as youthful hunter, inasmuch that last Thursday he succeeded in capturing one of the finest deer that has been killed in this neighborhood this season. He was hunting near Bunker hill with his older brothers and outfit them as a marksman. We can testify to the quality of the venison, and we have no hesitancy in proclaiming its good qualities.

Miss May Isaacs, of Medford, who has been visiting her cousin, Geo. Andrews, of this place, was given a very pleasant farewell party at the opera house Tuesday evening. A large number of invitations were sent and accepted and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Dancing and cards were about the order of the evening. At midnight the guests retired to their homes, declaring the event one of the pleasantest of the season.

Oregon and Washington not only believe in reciprocity, but practice it. Probably the most showy church on the coast is being built of sandstone brought from Pittsburg, a small town thirty miles from Tacoma, for the Baptists of Portland. Tacoma has returned the compliment by placing an order for half a million Belgium blocks for improving its streets, the paving stones to be taken from the quarries at this place.

Emerson Bro's' shingle mill, which some time ago was closed down under an attachment, and held in charge by Jean Weaver, has been placed in the hands of S. B. Rose, as temporary receiver. The mill is now being operated by the creditors who are working up the material, out of which to receive their back pay. Their time is limited to thirty days, at the expiration of which time the property is to be returned to the sheriff.

SHOOTING SCRAPE AT MAYGER.

Jerry McGraw Painfully Injured by Thomas Dawson.

Jerry McGraw, an old resident of Mayger, was brought up to St. Helens Wednesday, suffering from a painful gunshot wound in his left foot, which he received at the hands of Thomas Dawson. The shooting was the outcome of ill feeling which has existed between the two families for some time on account of a dispute which had its inception over the title to the land upon which Dawson lives. The two families have been near neighbors for about six years during all of which time unpleasant things are reported to have been said by both families regarding the other. Shortly before 6 o'clock Tuesday evening Jerry went to the house of Mr. Dawson for the purpose, as he says, of asking the latter's daughter to apologize for certain things Jerry charged her with saying about himself and sisters. They soon became involved in a dispute and the girl called to her father, a short distance from the house. Dawson arrived at the house in a few minutes during which time Jerry had stepped out into the yard where the two men met, when Dawson drew a thirty-eight-caliber revolver and fired at McGraw, who was standing about twenty feet away. The shot was evidently not intended to do any serious injury, as it was aimed so low that the ball entered Jerry's left foot just above the joint of the great toe and passed down and backward entirely through the foot and was found in the shoe when it was removed. McGraw came up to this place where Dr. Cliff dressed the wound, after which he swore out a warrant for Dawson's arrest and went on to Portland, where he will be treated at one of the hospitals.

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The Cathlamet Gazette says fishermen will have to take things as philosophically as possible. The cannerymen have sold their fish, but have been unable to draw on the banks until the actual remittances in coin come from their customers. It now costs \$3.50 per thousand to get the coin here from the east for fish sold. Several canneries are unable to pay their men on this account, but the suspension is only temporary.

Our, at one time, boss, A. V. R. Snyder, of the Dallas Transcript, evidently does not care for berry picking—fails to see the fun. He says when a man talks about spending a few days in the blackberry patch for "recreation or pleasure," he don't know what he is talking about. Here the writer is with his hands and wrists torn and lacerated, the skin all scraped off his legs from his knees down, several painful hornet wounds, face all scratched up and joints as stiff as pokers, all for 35 cents worth of berries. If it was not for us to pick berries any more, the bushes must be brought in so that we can sit on an easy chair, the briars removed and a written guarantee that hornets and yellow jackets be kept out of camp.

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The last spark of hope seems to have vanished from the Astoria people in regard to their interior railroad. Mr. Hemington, the latest "sky" railroad adventurer and "rainbow chaser" has also vanished. The last extension of time—ninety days—is now up, or just about, and not yet has one word been heard from him. He is probably in Salt Lake City in his great store, dealing out Oregon railroad news or Columbia river stuffed sturgeon. His railroad scheme seems not to have resulted as was anticipated by him. If this was the first failure to comply with contracts and agreements it might be overlooked, but there have been so many breaches in Astoria railroad matters that they are becoming to be one of the to-be-looked-for results. What a surprise it would be to Astorians if someone would accidentally commence work on the proposed Nehalem road and push it to completion. We are of the opinion that Astoria people will not be surprised, because if that town is ever the terminus of the Nehalem railroad it will become such through the efforts of its own people and not those of persons who are looking for fame. Astoria might today have had a railroad had her people, instead of depending on other people, gone ahead and completed the road on their own accord. They, at least, had as good a chance to do so as the persons who have been standing them off with promises, and now they find themselves no more progressed than they were twenty years ago.

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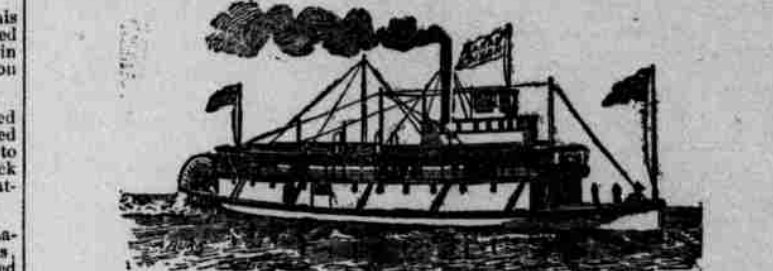
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