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BRIEF MENTION.

Hon. N. Merrill was in town the latter part of last week.

Commissioner Schoonover was in the city Wednesday.

The adjourned term of the county court will convene Monday.

Be on the lookout for sample packages of Pride of Japan tea.

W. W. Allen, city marshal of Vernonia, was in town Friday.

Late advices are to the effect that Judge Blanchard is resting easy.

Miss Agnes Burke of Portland, was visiting friends at this place Tuesday.

The way of the transgressor may be hard, but it is an awful easy one to get into.

A teacher can learn of a vacancy by addressing Supt. T. J. Cleaton, at Clatskanie.

Carol McNutt, a merchant of Vernonia, paid this place a visit Wednesday of this week.

Miss Hazel Crandall visited friends in this place Tuesday. The young lady was from Portland.

Prof. Rork will expound people's party principles in this place on the 7th of next month.

Jacob Musbauer, of Mayger, made final proof on his homestead before E. E. Quick, Monday.

Geo. E. Davis and Prof. T. J. Cleaton passed through this place Monday en route to Portland.

The finest line of watches, clocks and jewelry at A. N. Wright's, 305 Morrison street, Portland.

Ed Hayburn who has served faithfully in this office for the past four months has resigned his position.

Emery J. Mills, of Vernonia, made final proof on his homestead before the county clerk Wednesday.

The popular steamer Lurline continues to make the best time of any liner on the Astoria route.

The present rains may not prove so beneficial after all. Damage is reported to crops in many sections.

Jim McKay, an old-time resident of Scappoose, had \$172.50 stolen from his room in Portland Monday night.

Miss Frank's Way left for Portland Monday, where she will attend the high school during the coming winter.

M. P. Young, of Clatskanie, and Julius Flieter, of Banker bill postoffice, made final proof on their homesteads Tuesday.

Dr. Wm. Griswold left Thursday for the world's fair, where he will visit a few weeks after which he will return to his old home in St. Paul.

For most job printing send your orders to The Mist office where they will be executed by an experienced printer at hard-time prices.

Misses Marie Watts, of Scappoose, and Mamie Bart, of St. Helens, started Saturday for Monument, where they will enter the State Normal school.

A local philosopher was recently heard to remark that it is some satisfaction, at least, to raise a family, no matter how cursed mean the members may be.

Miss Mollie Burk, of Portland, is the guest of Mrs. G. H. Lamont. Miss Burk is an old-time typist, and well known among the printing fraternity. She made us a pleasant call Tuesday.

J. C. Berling, of San Francisco, was a caller at this office Tuesday. He reports that \$150,000 of the midwinter fair fund has been collected and the remaining part is coming in at the rate of \$8,000 a day. Work on the buildings was begun Monday.

Glen, the nine-year-old son of H. P. Watkins, had the misfortune to have three toes on his right foot crushed by a wagon wheel which passed over it Monday morning. He was trying to climb upon a moving wagon which was loaded with haled straw, when he lost his hold and fell under the wheel.

J. M. Barclay, of Portland, a dealer in wood-sawing machinery, gasoline and steam, was in this place Tuesday. Mr. Barclay's machines are perfect and they do their work well. Any one in this locality desirous of purchasing such a piece of machinery can do no better than to address Mr. Barclay at Portland. See a notice in another column.

Fred Copes and Howard McBride returned Monday from a several day's trip to Mt. St. Helens, where they put in the time fishing and hunting. The boys report elk and mountain goat plentiful enough but say they are hard to capture. They intended ascending the mountain but a snow storm having visited there discouraged them and their returned home.

F. H. Bryant, assistant superintendent and disciplinarian of the state reform school, at Salem, was in town Wednesday on his way to Rainier, where Ray Sutton was being held in custody awaiting the officer's arrival. Mr. Bryant was a caller at this office, and being a liberal conversationalist he was kept busy for a half hour answering questions concerning his institution.

Master Ray Sutton, who was recently taken to the state reform school, took his leave of that institution Wednesday last with another lad named Johnson, and made his way back home to Rainier. Marshal Harner soon introduced him to one of the cells of the new "coolie" to await the coming of an officer from Salem. The young man will doubtless soon realize that the way of the transgressor is hard.

Charged With Stealing Brick.

A criminal action was heard in Justice Blakesley's court Tuesday, in which J. T. Armstrong, of Scappoose, was defendant, and his nephew, a younger Armstrong and a young Bonner, were the plaintiffs. Armstrong was charged with stealing \$3 worth of brick, and from the evidence submitted the facts in the case are about as follows: For the past three years all the parties to the suit have been operating a brick yard at Scappoose under some sort of a partnership understanding. The first two years the yard was operated in the name of J. L. Armstrong, who, thinking that the young men could better operate the yard than himself, turned it over to them about twelve months ago, since which time the elder Armstrong has given his time and labor to the work without, as he claims, receiving any remuneration therefor. Some weeks ago the parties attempted to make a settlement of their differences but failed. The old man claimed an interest in the brick for his labor, and a short time since sold and delivered to Joseph Campbell \$8 worth of them and kept the money. The young men had him arrested, charged with larceny and the case was heard by a jury of six who returned a verdict of not guilty.

Petty Thieves at work.

It times don't get better pretty soon people will be forced to carry everything they have, including red-hot stoves and wood piles, right with them to keep tramps and sneak thieves from carrying them away. There is a class of people in the country who through indolence and constitutional laziness are always poor, even in the most prosperous times and when hard times come their condition is painfully intensified. They must live, however, and if a more convenient means of getting a living does not present itself they do not hesitate to prey upon the substance of the more industrious and appropriate it to their own use. J. D. Birdwell, of Columbia City is the latest victim of these vandals. During one of the nights of last week someone who was evidently familiar with the place entered his room and relieved him of \$32.65 in cash and a fine Colt's revolver. When pilfering is carried on to this extent it becomes both annoying and expensive and makes one wish that somebody could be caught at it and made an example of.

Judge Lancaster Dead.

Judge C. C. Lancaster died at his home in Vancouver, Wash., Friday night, aged ninety years. Judge Lancaster was one of the very earliest pioneers of this state having come here in 1847. He settled in Oregon City where he began the practice of law in which he was very successful, and soon became a prominent figure in the politics of the state. During 1848-9 he was a distinguished member of the circuit court which office at that time entitled him to a seat on the supreme bench. Early in the 'fifties' he was elected representative to congress for the territories of Oregon and Washington, and served his constituency ably in this capacity four years. Judge Lancaster was frugal in his habits and accumulated large estates in this state and Washington which have become very valuable of late years. His possessions include a large tract of valuable real estate in and around St. Helens. He was far advanced in age and died in his ninety-first year.

Patronize Home.

Next to the deep abiding interest which every man has in his individual possessions in the pride and satisfaction he feels in seeing his town prosper and his people happy. Too many men, selfish in the extreme, are envious of their neighbor's prosperity, and hence we see many who patronize away-from-home establishments for everything they need rather than buy at home and help their town. Many articles bought elsewhere are no better or cheaper than those bought of home dealers. This shortsightedness does not permit them to see that their interests are identified with those with whom they are continually coming in contact in everyday affairs of life. Now, it seems to us that a man in a community in which he lives can get anything good for himself without sending away from home for it. Every resident should take sufficient interest in the town in which he lives to do his trading and thus keep the money in circulation in his own community. In short if you want to kill a town and invite hard times to your door import everything you can and export as little as possible. Patronize your home business men and mechanics, and see what a difference it will make in your local business affairs.

FELL FROM A FLUME.

County Judge Dean Blanchard Has a Serious Accident Tuesday.

RAINIER, Sept. 19.—Dean Blanchard fell from the flume a distance of thirteen feet striking on some cordwood, dislocating his right shoulder and breaking his right leg above the knee. Dr. McLaren reduced the fracture and soon had him resting comfortably.

India is generally referred to as the "home of cholera," the disease being established epidemically throughout a wide area. In India, as elsewhere, water has been the chief nurse and disseminator of cholera, and it is asserted that if every town and village in India were provided with pure and properly protected water, the so-called "endemic area" would soon become indefinite. The experiences of Calcutta, as observed by Dr. W. J. Simpson, the health officer of that city, go to show that those persons who have an abundant and pure water supply, namely the Europeans and better class of natives, escape cholera epidemics, except in isolated instances, which can generally be accounted for, while the natives, who necessarily depend on tank water, suffer severely when a tank becomes polluted by the excreta of a cholera patient. It must be remembered that the natives bathe and wash their utensils and clothes in the tank, because it is the only available place for doing so, and that they use the water of the tank, contaminated as it is, by sojourn and sewerage, for cooking and drinking, because it is the only available water supply for domestic purposes.

Persistent Burglars.

There can be no reason to doubt that the parties who cracked Dean Blanchard's safe at Rainier Tuesday night are the same parties who burglarized the store of Watts & Price at Scappoose, Wednesday night. There is also no doubt that they are professionals as the job done on Blanchard's safe shows signs of skilled cracksmanship. The safe is a new one just from the factory of Victor & Co., with the manufacturer's name written diagonally across the door. To show that they were next to their job they started to drill at the upper left hand point of the "Y" and missed by a sixteenth of an inch the steel guard which is set in the concrete and contains the combination. The object was to miss both the combination and this guard and get a hole clear through the space between the outer and inner doors where enough powder could be confined to blow the outer door open breaking the connecting-shaft at the combination and leaving the vaults and inner wall of the door in place, but exposed so they could be removed with the fingers.

The amount of powder used must have been considerable as the explosion completely wrecked the door, almost blowing it off its hinges. The heads of the bolts, which fasten the shouldered jama to the steel face of the door, were broken off by the force of the explosion, and the lining of the door which is made of cast iron was broken in half a dozen pieces. The explosion was heard by parties in the neighborhood but, as usual in such cases, no one thought of burglars. The safe was rifled of everything it contained, including several insurance policies, notes, deeds and other papers, of no use to the thieves but valuable to the owners.

At Scappoose the crooks were not successful in getting any money but a closer examination shows that the loss of Messrs. Watts & Price's larger than first reported. One hundred dollars worth of fine cutlery, which had just been opened was taken, together with a large amount of furnishing goods and other valuables. Messrs. Watts and Price are peculiarly unfortunate in the matter of burglars, this being the fourth time their store has been entered and robbed. The gentlemen have decided to leave a request on the door of nights that burglars be less generous with their patronage or be kind enough to distribute it more equally among their neighbors.

The frequency and daring of these burglaries has become very tiresome to law abiding people, and it looks as if there could be some way found of stopping it. These parties now have a large amount of booty in their possession and by concerted action on the part of the authorities they could easily be apprehended and put where they belong.

A huge wild boar which has been entering Judge A. H. Blakesley's garden near town, and assisting him in digging his potatoes, was caught in a trap which had been set for him, and shot by the Judge Friday morning. The porker was large and thoroughly wild. He always visited the garden late at night and left before daylight, making it almost impossible to apprehend him. His attentions to the garden covered a period of about two weeks during which time he harvested a quarter of an acre of the Judge's spuds and did not fail to sample other good things which were there in abundance. A bear trap was set for him and he was so unfortunate as to step in it, after which a shot from the Judge's Winchester cut short his predatory career.

One of the boldest gangs of river pirates that ever infested the Columbia is now operating around Rainier where, almost nightly for the past few weeks they have perpetrated the most daring steals. Their pilferings are confined principally to the neighborhood of the wharves, but other parts of the place are visited and everything loose taken. Last week three quarters of beef were stolen from the steamer landing, and the fish packing house of W. Both was entered and twenty-five hundred sturgeon hooks stolen. It is thought that the gang doing the stealing has its headquarters in the Cowlitz river opposite Rainier where a number of disreputable characters are said to be congregated. A visit to this place by the sheriff would undoubtedly result in great benefit to the neighboring community.

A terrific thunderstorm was with us Wednesday, says the Fossil Journal. The lightning flashed and God's artillery boomed in close proximity to this place—almost too close to be comfortable. The rock point in Mr. Newman's pasture was struck and somewhat diminished by a stray bolt, and we are informed that another shaft made a big hole in the county highway near the head of Darling canyon. Such severe storms are like angels in this country, and it is only on extremely rare occasions that lightning strikes anything in arid Eastern Oregon. Since the storm rain has steadily and continuously fallen, and the grass has commenced to grow.

Band Members, Notice.

The members of St. Helens Cornet Band are requested to meet at the court house at 2 o'clock P. M. Sunday, the 23d instant.

Fruit Trees For Sale.

Apple trees, one to three years old, cheap, for cash; \$6 to \$10 per one hundred. Prunes and other varieties. A. HOLIDAY, Scappoose, Or.

Power Wood Saws.

I will offer liberal inducements to any one in St. Helens who may want to buy a wagon saw, either new gasoline or steam second-hand. J. M. BARCLAY, 512 Marquam Building, Portland.

When Bill Nye said a man who will use a wart on the back of his neck for a collar button, or pasture his mother's grave to save corn, fail to cross his 's' or dot his 'i's to save ink, is a credit to the man who will take a newspaper from the postoffice, and when asked to pay for it or subscribe, puts it back and tells the postmaster to mark it "refused" hit it all right.

A New Market Found.

A. Anderson, of this city, the fruit grower, is preparing to ship a lot of Italian prunes to Chicago the latter part of next week, says the Forest Grove Times. His last shipment of peach plants was fairly successful, and he is assured that this shipment will be entirely so. Prices quoted now are nearly double what they were a month ago. If fruit could be secured here in carload lots there would be a good market for all that is raised here, and there would be the advantage of cheaper rates and quicker delivery; but he finds that he cannot depend on fruit growers to ship when wanted. He is shipping now through a California fruit company, and his fruit goes to Sacramento, where it is re-packed East. The fruit is packed carefully in paper baskets, a sheet of paper between each layer, protecting it, and these again are packed in forty-pound crates. Each basket is neatly wrapped "Williams' alloy fruit" grown by A. Anderson, Forest Grove, Oregon, also the kind of fruit, thus advertising the county in which it is grown. There will be good fruit in the market this fall, says Mr. Anderson, for Italian prunes, egg plants and pears, due to the relative lateness of the Oregon crop, and to improved methods of packing fruit, generally. There are lots of fruit in this vicinity that ought to find their market instead of going to waste every year.

Exercises Much Care.

It has been well pointed out that with fruit, as with anything else, the style of preparation and presentation to the buyer makes the demand and the price. Good goods must be always packed in the neatest and most attractive manner, and one of the people who knows this and has profited therefrom is Frank, of the Peachland Paradise orchards, says the Oregonian, who uses handsome wrappers and labels for his peaches and boxes, and the greatest care in grading and packing his fruit. As a result he finds that his peaches are in strong demand at a strong advance on the going price. This all shows what may be done by a grower of fruit, and it is a hint to fruit growers in general. It is suggested to organize an association, such as California fruit centers have, and then carefully grade, pack and ship all fruits under a brand that will make Ashland peaches known and sought in all the northern markets. It would make both the demand and the price better for fruit. Such an organization, under good management, would be a success and might be followed by every section of the state with flattering success.

Let Part of It Go.

Speaking of a way by which the producers of this part of the country are to avoid the selling of their products under execution, the Oregonian says: "It may as well be understood that recovery from the financial depression in this part of the country depends upon the action of the producer. If farmers will not sell their wool and wheat they cannot pay their debts to local banks. The local banks cannot pay the city banks, and they cannot resume the accommodation of customers. This is a temporary suspension of process for collection of debt, by general consent, which has been the saving feature of the situation, cannot continue longer for fruit growers. When enforcement begins, it will be far and hardest upon the producer. If the city banks are obliged to force payment upon the growers, the latter will be obliged to enforce payment from the farmer. He would better sell enough wool and wheat to make some payment on his debts than have it all sold for him by the sheriff."

A Valuable Book.

"Femina" is the title of a work for women in health and disease, written by a prominent physician and specialist, on the subject of which he treats. For those who are well it is a sure guide to continued good health. It is pre-eminently useful for mothers and for those who have young women in their charge; supplying all wholesome advice that mothers neglect to give their daughters and wards. Many directions are given for the home treatment of diseases, and the book will dispel ignorance of subjects that should be understood by every woman. Every mother or guardian will want to read it, and it can be truly said that it is a most useful book for the household. The well-known publishers, The Femina Publishing Company, 222 Broadway, N. Y., want agents in every town to sell this book. They offer liberal terms, and, in addition, give their agents a splendid opportunity to establish a permanent income. Full particulars will be sent on application. Read their advertisement in another column.

Another Christ.

Ocean Bay, Mass., Sept. 17.—Henry B. Fowler, president of the Unitarians of Theosophists and Spiritualists in this place, announced today that he is the Messiah. He says he has been revealed no less than seven times, and that Mrs. Blavatsky came to prepare the way for his entry as the Christ and to establish on the condition of things now existing in the religious and business world. He says he is in constant communication with "Shades," and that his announcement and actions are pre-ordained beyond his personal control by the Sisters of the Theosophical Brotherhood. He prophesies that war and bloodshed are soon to follow and that socialism is soon to be carried to its logical end. Fowler has made many converts. His strongest adherents are women. He makes no public or set speeches, or does he attempt to mount the rostrum. He keeps away from spiritism, card readers and mediums. He is a popular with old time mediums, who seem to fear his new order of occult science.

The Hop Yards.

About one hundred people are employed picking hops at C. Inman's yard, near Catlin, says the Kelso paper, and \$1.50 is the price paid per box of twenty-one bushels. Hon. C. Atkinson, of Freeport, A. B. Root, of Olander, and others, are having their hops picked. The yield is a fair one and the price now offered will bring a good profit to the owners. It will take about two weeks to finish picking the yards in that locality and cause the distribution of about \$5,000 among the pickers, many of whom are residents of the county. Chinese men are allowed, and but few, if any pickers imported. The estimated cost of picking the Inman yard is \$2,000. Other yards in that vicinity contain almost as many acres as the one before spoken of.

More Truth Than Poetry.

Legislative influence is bought and sold as though it was an ordinary commodity. Courts are corrupted and justice bartered. The ballot, the only instrument which people have to protect themselves with, except the bullet, is being tampered with and to a great extent rendered of no account. A selfish, unscrupulous "ward-heeler," or seignior-politician is considered of more account than a dozen honest voters. Corruption, unscrupulousness, oppression, wherever. The people are taxed on everything they handle, whether they eat it, wear it or use it in their different vocations. The masses of new discoveries, new inventions, but the avarice of man monopolizes them, and they become agents of oppression instead of beneficent discoveries. Wealth is concentrated in the hands of the few, and children are begging for bread. The wise are blind; the church is asleep; the press is subsidized or hypnotized, and the masses are waiting for a "job." The army of idle workmen is increasing. Directly they will get hungry. Some are begging; some are stealing; some are starving. But all are verging on that madness which is the sure precursor of revolution. The eyes of the triumphant plutocracy see the danger, and their hearts heed not the cry of the oppressed. The world is bright for them. Why should they care? "Am I my brother's keeper?" "Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow ye may die!" And the world swings round. The gulf is widening. The conflict is nearing. Plutocracy is preparing for Helshazer's feast. Corruption, unscrupulousness, oppression, Caesar is crossing the Rubicon. History is repeating itself and God will wipe out the wrongs of humanity, although it sets back the hands of progress on the dial of civilization.—This sounds like Joe Woldrop, and we guess he is his author.

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For a lame back or for pain in the side or chest, try saturating a piece of flannel with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and binding it on to the affected parts. This treatment will cure in almost every case of rheumatism. Pain Balm also cures rheumatism. Fifty cent bottles for sale by Edwin Ross.

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