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BRIEF MENTION.

Sunday is the first day of October. The great exposition at Portland opened Wednesday.

The progressive farmer is now busy plowing and sowing fall wheat.

Miss Joe Groves came down on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Muckle, Monday.

Much sickness is reported as a result of the many sudden changes in the weather.

The panic is a thing of the past and banks will certainly be loaning money again, soon.

Miss Dell Caples, of Columbia City, is now teaching the district school in Carico valley.

It is strange how one's imagination will become aroused when there is the slightest chance for suspicion.

Editor E. C. Blackford, of the Clatskanie Chief, was in the county seat this week doing business before the court.

The wheat market is daily looking better. A good price for this product would help prosperity even in this county, materially.

It is thought that the leader of the gang which has been perpetrating the contemptible and fruitless attempts at burglary and assault, is safely lodged in jail in this county.

Gus H. Bynon and wife, of Vernonia passed through this place Monday en route for Portland, where they will attend the Exposition, and the meeting of the editors.

At Myrtle Point, in Southern Oregon, the thermometer registered 90 degrees Wednesday, while at this place one was comfortable only when hovering over a warm fire.

When laden vessels are passing out to sea almost daily. A very large, four-masted ship laid in the stream off this place several hours Tuesday laden with wheat and flour.

The Mayger Company, of Mayger, is driving a fish trap just below the wood wharf at that place, and will hereafter try to make fishing a lucrative feature of their business.

Clarence White, the gentleman who is expending the books of the various county officials, at this place, reports fair progress and expects to be able to submit a report during the month of October.

D. J. Switzer started last Thursday for Ypsilanti, Michigan, and the World Fair. Mr. Switzer will visit his parents whom he has not seen in many years; besides visiting the Chicago Exposition.

By a visit to the general merchandise house of Watts & Paice, at Scappoose it will be seen that their house is stocked with a large and varied assortment of everything carried in such an establishment.

Last Saturday evening the people of this place were treated to a real and genuine dog show with all its attending slight-of-hand performance, and parrot, monkey and goat accompaniment. The opera house was fairly well filled and the performance was creditably spoken of by many.

Andrew Rubert and Will Miles have just completed a fish trap in the Willamette slough just above this place. At the first lift they had caught, besides eight salmon, a monster sturgeon but before the fellow could be secured he made a break for liberty, taking the salmon with him and leaving the disgusted fishermen a souvenir of his visit in the shape of a hole in the net the size of a wagon wheel. The same sturgeon is supposed to have been captured later by some neighboring fishermen, which, when put on the scales tipped the beam at over seven hundred pounds.

A distressing and serious accident occurred to an infant daughter of W. A. Harris, of Vernonia, Saturday. During the progress of fall house cleaning, a small bottle of carbolic acid was placed in reach of the little girl for a moment, and forgotten. The baby no sooner spied the bottle than she was possessed of a desire to get hold of it, and in another moment had applied her teeth to the stopple and removed it. Fortunately very little of the fiery acid touched her lips, but enough of it struck to the stopple to severely burn her mouth. The whole contents of the vial were spilled upon the palm of her right hand, and before an antidote could be applied the fingers and wrist were burned in a shocking manner. Medical aid was summoned and everything possible was done to counteract the terrible fluid and relieve the little sufferer, and it is hoped the accident will not result in permanent injury.

We have heard some of the people of this county complaining about the rate of taxation, and being more or less interested we clip the following from an Indiana paper which was congratulating themselves on their low rate of taxation: "The tax levy for the year of 1893 was adjusted by the commissioners, which shows it up as follows: County tax, twenty cents on each \$100 valuation; fifty cents on each poll, bridge, eight cents on each \$100 valuation; gravel road repair, eight cents on each \$100 valuation; sinking fund, ten cents on each \$100, which foots a total of forty-six cents on each \$100 valuation and the poll of fifty cents.

It rains, even in Eastern Oregon. The Pendleton East Oregonian says: The rains recently are calculated to increase the pinch of bad times on Umatilla county. Grain in the stack has been very hard to thresh on account of the much too generous rain a week or so ago, and the difficulty is now greatly enhanced. There is much grain to thresh, but the farmers and hands can do nothing but quit work and hope for dry weather. Considerable loss is the inevitable result.

I. W. Case, the Astoria banker, gave notice the other day that he would pay the creditors of his bank 100 cents on the dollar on the same terms as those set forth by the Commercial National bank in Portland. He offers five per cent. interest on all his debts and announces that he resumes business as soon as ninety-eight per cent. of his depositors consent to his terms.

The Eugene cannery is not finding this a favorable season. Fresh fruit has not yet been abundant enough to justify starting it up. The sweet corn experiment has been a failure owing to the fact that the corn did not thrive. Some prunes and tomatoes will be canned and the large dryer will be operated on prunes exclusively.

The cheapest property today in this country is timber land. Its advance has not been rapid since the panic of the seventies. The demand for wood pulp, the wonton destruction by fire of our forests, the increase in our population and many other causes all are tending to make timber valuable.

The Northern Pacific railroad will put on a full force of section hands Monday. It will be remembered that there have been no section hands on the line for a number of weeks.

Edwin Ross will leave here Tuesday next for Portland, where he will resume the study of medicine at the University in that city.

Fred Caples, of Columbia City, left Wednesday for college at Corvallis, where he will resume his studies.

Bert Damon, of Medford, was in town Wednesday, visiting his friend, Geo. Andrews.

News this week is about as scarce as dollars, and the situation is getting no better fast.

Will Meeker is again able to be on the street after a four-week's siege of lung fever.

Mrs. Judge Moore, of Salem, visited friends here this week.

Assaulted and Robbed.

One of the most dastardly and unprovoked crimes ever committed in Columbia county was perpetrated upon an old couple named McDonald, who live near Apiary, on the 19th. The old couple settled upon their present homestead two years ago, having come from Nebraska, and have no family except a widowed daughter and a grand daughter aged seven years.

On Tuesday night, of last week, the daughter was away from home and the old people were preparing to retire when the old gentleman opened the door in response to a rap, and was felled to the floor by a murderous blow on the head from the metal end of an air brake hose, in the hands of a masked robber. The murderous brute was accompanied by two others and after knocking the old man down they entered the house and in an equally brutal manner beat the old lady into insensibility and threw both of them out of doors and the little girl with them. They then ransacked the house, securing \$86 in cash, a watch and rifle, and after throwing away all the cutlery in the house they dragged the old people and little girl back in the house and after locking the door, left the place.

It is supposed the object of the robbers was to secure \$2,000 which the old people had lately received for their homestead. The money, however, had been locked up in a bank. Upon receipt of the news of the outrage, Sheriff Massie went to the home of the McDonalds and secured the best possible description of the old people could give of their assailants and went to Portland where he enlisted the assistance of Chief Hunt in his search for the criminal. The McDonalds were convinced that one of their assailants was Wm. Graham, their daughter's husband, from whom she has been separated two years. Graham was soon located in the city jail, where he had been taken on a charge of drunkenness. He was turned over to Sheriff Massie to whom he confessed that he knew who committed the crime but denied having had anything to do with it himself. He was taken to the Rainier jail where he will be kept until the grand jury investigates his case.

COUNTY COURT.

Proceedings of the Adjourned September Term.

In the matter of the appointment of a road supervisor for road district number twenty-one, it appearing to the court that there is no legal and being patented to them, and if not so patented, then the clerk is authorized to change assessment of said company from two dollars to one dollar per acre, and in case said lands have been patented, the assessment to stand as it now appears on the roll.

In the matter of the assessment of the O. & C. R. R. Co., the court being fully advised in the matter, it is ordered that the clerk ascertain from the land office at Oregon City if said company's lands in this county have been patented to them, and if not so patented, then the clerk is authorized to change assessment of said company from two dollars to one dollar per acre, and in case said lands have been patented, the assessment to stand as it now appears on the roll.

In the matter of railroad crossings on the N. P. R. R. in Columbia county it is ordered by the court that S. G. Schoonover be appointed to examine all railroad crossings of said railroad, and report thereon to this court; also to correspond with the officers of said company relative to the establishing and widening grades at said crossings, and to make arrangements for a county road along and within the limits of said railroad at or near the foot of Merrill's lake, where said railroad has a long trestle built.

BILLS ALLOWED.

Table listing bills allowed with names and amounts. Includes Honeyman, DeHart & Co. iron furnished road district No. 10, \$20.94; Neilson, N. lumber furnished R. D. No. 1, \$16.00; Zillgitt, F. A. supplies furnished Humphrey, pauper, \$5.00; Mayger, C. & Co. supplies road district No. 9, \$18.48; Glass & Prudhomme, justice's docket, \$14.00; Zillgitt, F. A. supplies furnished road districts No. 15 and 19, \$11.70; Conyers, E. W. supplies furnished paupers, \$74.00; Neilson, N. lumber furnished road district No. 1, \$8.00; Adams, L. work bluing stump on county road district No. 18, \$10.00; Adams, U. C. work bluing stump on road district 18, \$17.00; Adams, U. C. hauling lumber Massie, G. A. sheriff's fees State vs. Armstrong, \$10.00; Vernonia Mill Co., lumber furnished R. D. No. 19, \$39.75; Massie G. A. sheriff's fees, \$34.25; Quick, E. E. fees as clerk, \$125.25; Schoonover, S. G. roads and attendance at court, \$38.00; Barnes, G. W. supervising roads and attending court, \$36.50; Kelly, W. J. same, \$2.00; Cole & Switzer, abstract of land, from Oregon City and Salem, \$6.00; Davis Bros. Co. printing, \$24.00; Little, A. B. fees as county surveyor, \$31.70; Dolman, W. H. supplies furnished Mrs. Rambolaki, \$27.30; Pacific Bridge Company, building bridge, \$2,275.00.

County Bridge Completed.

The much talked of and persistently agitated county bridge over the Nehalem river near Vernonia has at last been completed by the contractors, the Pacific Bridge Co., and was accepted Monday by the county commissioners. The urgent need of a good bridge over the Nehalem at this point has been much felt for several years by the large number of residents east of the river, and particularly those who live in the Pebble creek country, and on the line of what is locally known as the Green mountain road, which is a short route from Hillsboro to Vernonia. The building of this bridge has been agitated in a local way for the past five years but not until recently were aggressive steps taken to have the work actually commenced. The bridge will complete a much better and shorter route to Washington county points than those now in use and will be a very great convenience to people living in the districts mentioned, who, in order to reach Vernonia are obliged to go several miles north or south of that point to other bridges which span the river, or ferry it in small boats, which is at all times inconvenient and risky, and a greater part of the year actually dangerous or impossible on account of the swift current and large rocks. The bridge has a 140 foot span with thirty foot approaches, and cost the county \$2,275, which was the lowest responsible bid for its construction. It has twenty-one-foot piers and ten tons of iron, and 46,000 feet of lumber was used in its construction. The contractors had the lumber furnished by the Vernonia Mill Company, and were fourteen days constructing the bridge. Much satisfaction is expressed by the citizens of that vicinity for the favorable consideration of their petition by the County court and it is unambiguously agreed that the cost of the bridge is money well expended.

DEER ISLAND.

Beautiful fall weather.

This is the time to plow your ground and sow the winter grain. Miss Adell Pugh, who recently finished a term of school in the Canaan district, is now in charge of the Columbia City school.

Our school will soon close for the term. Mrs. Gaddis did not find much trouble in controlling the pupils.

Bessie Glendye, granddaughter of Mrs. Anne Merrill, left for Oregon City Monday, to attend school for the winter.

Splawn Bros. are building a good substantial dwelling house on their ranch in Canaan.

L. B. Gleason, of Carrico, has built a new home this fall.

Mrs. Belle Gaddis gave a house warming to the young folks here, at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Widger, Wednesday evening of last week.

Mr. Widger and family, of St. Helens, moved into their new home last week.

We have heard several complaints from teachers that the superintendent does not visit their schools. We know that it is customary for the superintendent to visit schools here. This is wrong. The law specifies that superintendents shall visit schools at least once a year. It is by personal observation that he can know the teacher who does his duty. It is also expected that he will advise the teacher in the management of his school. We sympathize with the superintendent inasmuch as he has a great load with very small pay, and there are very few people who can afford to tramp the entire county over for glory. We hear no complaint with the exception of this one. We hear, however, that a teacher in this county, whose school the superintendent failed to visit, returned the compliment by absenting herself from the Institute. Such a teacher could make him a "whole man" instead of a "poor half."

THE OREGON MIST is to be congratulated upon the frequent correspondence it is able to pick up throughout the county. This gives the general news to its readers, while we have seen several local papers that did not have a line in them which the editor in charge is not obliged to grind out of his own mind. This makes an up hill business for a newspaper. Everybody interested in a newspaper or in the welfare of the manager should send news items to the paper whether they appear interesting or not. If they are not interesting to the public, they may give the editor some points to make up an interesting article. It is not necessary for the writer to compose his letter in monosyllables, the editor can do that. All that is necessary is to explain the news briefly and give the sense of the article. We, as one wish to thank the editors of THE MIST for kindness shown in this way, and we assure others the same treatment from any intelligent editor, whether of THE MIST or any other paper.

Circuit Court Docket.

The following cases are docketed for hearing in the October term of the Circuit court which convenes on Tuesday, the 10th.

LAW.

C. H. Fuller vs Will R. Gay. M Fisk vs J M Leavens & Co. C H Fuller vs Will R. Gay. F Tryon, et al, vs Green Creek Lumbering and Manufacturing Co. Francis Tryon vs Green Creek Lumbering and Manufacturing Co. M W Miller vs W E Cathway. Mayerfield & Ganz vs C R Konkle. R U McNutt vs G H Bynon. H E Girard vs G A Massie. H E Wadsworth vs G A Massie. H E Miller vs L F Banzer. C R Wilson, et al, vs J K Bourne. R L Sabn vs Dean Blanchard. Rosenfeld, Smith & Co. vs Dean Blanchard.

EQUITY.

Matter of estate and assignment of Columbia City Lumbering Company. Matter of assignment of Charles Bureau. Matter of assignment of Link & Back. W J Muckle, guardian, vs E W James et al. E Hall vs J H Gillis et al. Ward & Swope vs John Helme. M E Howard vs E R Spencer. Matter of assignment of Bevis, Nicholas & Splawn. Matter of assignment of Emanuel Snyder. W J Burns vs W W Cole. John Schmitka vs J. M. Bevis et al. Nicholi Bro. Co. vs A M Snodgrass. E Ridgway vs I M and W A Harris. Eliza T Maynard vs John Maynard. P B Crosswell vs O A Ken et al. Fisk & Johnson, insolvent debtors. John F Caples, administrator of E Bennett, vs S H Tryon et al. Augusta Warner vs Mary Leonard. J H Bartlett vs Andy Clift. Lizzie Graham vs Wm Graham. Hannie E Miller vs John Quigley et al. Elias Kinder vs Oscar E Hunter. Matilda A Carroll vs John F Carroll. F D Adams vs A J Alley.

A ball and supper will be given in Brodbeck's hall, at Houlton, Oct. 6. A good time is assured all who attend. The proceeds will be donated to the school fund.

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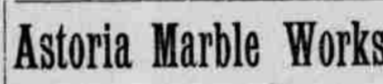
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