

OREGON MIST.

United States and County Official Paper

St. Helens, October 6, 1893.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

All communications sent to the Editor for publication should be accompanied by the author's name and address...

BRIEF MENTION.

Commissioner Barnes was in town Tuesday.

The Columbia river is very low at present with indications to remain so for some time.

Washington Mueckle returned last Saturday from a several week's sojourn in the vicinity of Skamokawa, Wash.

Very little fall fishing is being done on the river about this place. The fall fishing this year is not what it has been in former years.

All wild fowls are reported to be not so plentiful this season as formerly, to be accounted for by the cold, backward spring, perhaps.

John Swager offers for sale the shingle mill on Milton creek. He will make you a liberal offer and one that will prove a good investment.

Charles Doan, Esq., of Rainier, was in the county seat yesterday. He was on business and returned home by the Dixon late in the afternoon.

Jake George has his new barn enclosed in a neat, new picket-fence and has lately built a sidewalk along the west side of Cassianu street to the barn.

The attendance at court here next week will probably be pretty large. Arrangements are being made by our hotel keepers to accommodate a good, large crowd.

Jack McKay has twenty-five block makers at work in the quarries near here and the number of blocks made daily will average five thousand, a daily earning of over \$100.

Correspondents to this paper will confer a great favor by sending in all the news of their neighborhood. We want it and will make it an object to you to attend to the matter.

The condition of the roads for pleasure driving was of rather short duration this fall. A fog of dust is quite as unpleasant as the mud, and the medium did not exist but a few days.

Circuit court will convene at this place next Tuesday with a pretty long docket of both law and equity cases. The jurors are summoned and everything is being placed in readiness at the court house for the term.

Some very substantial improvements are being made in this place in the manner of building. We misnoted the dimensions of the Cooper's new building in our last issue. It should have read 22x60 feet.

The cordwood business has become quite a paying industry at this place during the present fall. Several hundred cords of wood have been landed over into the docks, and as a result was not without considerable gratification an increase in revenue.

We invite discussion of educational matters through the columns of The Mist, and think it a question that all should feel a deep interest in. The teachers of district schools in this county are especially asked to contribute any matter they may have that would prove beneficial in any way.

Dow Kenney, of Keasay, this county, took his departure last Saturday for St. Louis, Missouri, where he will accept a position in the office of the Southwestern Telegraph Co., with his brother-in-law. Dow is a young man of good habits and a promising lad, and he takes with him our best wishes.

The Oriental Hotel is again opened to the public under the management of A. H. Blakesley, who will be glad to see his old patrons and as many new ones as see fit to call. The hotel is conducted exclusively by white help, and the management will put forth every effort to please.

It is not the best policy to make too free with those things to which you have no lawful right. Someone has started on a fair road to trouble by tampering with the water mains here in town. One morning last week the large tank was found to be entirely empty as a result of the work of some miscreant. Don't meddle with such things for they are too important.

The old saying that one extreme is succeeded by another is demonstrating itself to perfection. Last winter was an extremely cold one, the spring following was an extremely backward one, the summer was an extremely short and hot one and the prospect for a long and extremely wet winter is very good. This nature of extremes is not what is meant by the saying, perhaps, but the extremes are following each other with considerable regularity.

If a town is worthy of being incorporated its laws are most surely well and sufficiently enough framed to allow of them being rigidly enforced. The silly and foolish idea of attempting to ignore a city charter and the laws that have been framed under that charter is childish in the extreme. A law enforced, such as has recently been done in this place, bespeaks credit, and we may add that more orders might be adhered to with good results.

There are a great many apples now fully enough developed and nearly enough ripened to permit of their being gathered and put away for winter use. In many of the more carefully cared for orchards in this locality are to be seen fruit trees loaded to their utmost capacity with a variety of well developed and fine looking apples. The pear crop cannot be said to be a complete failure in this county by any means, as from personal observation we speak. This variety of fruit may be scarcer than it was other years, in some parts of the county, but the general verdict is that the yield is good and the quality splendid.

B. W. Plummer, an erstwhile merchant of Milton and later of Reuben, has skipped the country, leaving a large family and numerous creditors to mourn his sudden and unannounced desire to travel. The causes which prompted Plummer to seek pastures new seem to be legion, but the most plausible theory in regard to what caused his sudden desire to vacate this county, is an apparently well founded report of certain shady transactions in connection with the late fire at Milton. Plummer lost some over insured property in the fire, which he had secured a policy on in the State Insurance Co., by writing the application himself while acting as agent for the company, and rather than stand catechising as to his whereabouts a couple of hours before the fire was discovered, he surrendered his policy without a cent, and made hasty preparations to leave the country. Last Monday Plummer failed to materialize and an examination of his safe disclosed the fact that he had taken \$50 belonging to his brother and hastily departed, leaving a note to his wife saying that she would never see him again. It then transpired that he had given a bill of sale of his store to Geo. Jaquish to cover payment of a \$600 loan. He had no other possessions and his family is consequently left without a penny. The goods which Plummer bought after he took possession of the store were never paid for, and Portland creditors will take it and leave Jaquish to join the procession of mourners. A neighbor, sometime since gave Plummer \$400 to pay an account in Portland for him. The neighbor also falls in line for his \$400 accompanied Plummer on his travels. Numerous other little eccentricities peculiar to Plummer are being developed daily, but they are too many to itemize. His wife was in St. Helens Wednesday asking aid from the charitable inclined, to assist her in raising money to send her children to an orphan's home. Plummer is 35 years old, below the medium height, prominent nose, heavy mustache, florid complexion and weighs 135 pounds. He is a native in good standing and the order at this place will render assistance to his family.

The fact remains undisputed that the greatest menace that has been brought about for many years was the introduction of carp into our waters. Complaint is registered in every locality where they exist that they are a pestilence which could be exterminated to the gain and betterment of all concerned. As a food fish they are utterly worthless, and if there is any other reason why they should be allowed to exist and increase in our rivers, bays and lakes, we would like to know it. They are very destructive to such vegetation as grows in their habitations, and as they become more numerous their work is found to be of a more destructive nature. It is feared that these fish will prove very detrimental to such work of improvement as has been done on our river bars, and if such a fact should eventually develop their extermination should be retarded no longer than would require to accomplish such a thing. These fish are very voracious in our adjacent waters and we predict that their early extermination would be hailed with approval by many of our readers.

We are familiar with circumstances, which are being hoodled in the tail end back by fishermen, but the latest and perhaps the most peculiar case of that nature is that of catching mink by such a process. One day recently R. Cox, of this place, while fishing with a rod and line, near here, spied a mink swimming leisurely near him. The rod, suddenly seeing the fisherman, dived, and followed the line to the bottom. He was felt to strike the line when Mr. Cox jerked the line and hooked the mink in the foot. The game was slowly pulled to the surface but not being sufficiently enough hooked to hold, the mink soon freed itself by one of those quick movements which they are so characteristic of, leaving the fisherman staring in blank amazement, so wonderful was his surprise.

The attendance at the Portland Industrial Exposition was unusually light during last week until Saturday evening when the city turned out on mass and by 9 o'clock the place presented a scene of brilliant animation never before eclipsed at any former exhibition. New features this year are not noted, with the exception of the prismatic fountain, which is a novel and pretty feature. The music, however, is a sufficient recommendation for the exposition and is all that could be desired. Liberator certainly merits the reputation of being the greatest of his profession, and his music this year is fully up to the standard.

An ordinance prohibiting bicycle riding or the use of any two-wheeled vehicle upon the sidewalks of St. Helens, has been approved by the city council and is being enforced by the authorities. The law is a timely one and will very likely be the means of preventing painful or serious accidents to life and limb. The habit of using sidewalks for tracking lumber and freight had become a mild nuisance, and legislation preventing it was certainly in order. Bicycle riding on the sidewalk had also assumed dangerous proportions.

A man about starting to Portland to purchase some articles, not thinking they were kept in St. Helens stores, stopped at Mr. Dolman's and bought just what he wanted, and at less than Portland prices. Without inquiring you can't tell just what they don't keep in Dolman's store.

Prof. T. J. Cleeton and George E. Davis were seen in town last Saturday. Prof. Cleeton takes advantage, occasionally, of the opportunities offered to get away from his duties on Saturdays, by the increased steamboat facilities on this Columbia of ours.

Mrs. Colburn has her fall millinery goods in, and you will be surprised how cheap she sells. Ladies will do well to get her prices before purchasing elsewhere.

Mrs. Colburn will compare prices on hats with any one. Prices to suit the times.

Fine watches and jewelry at A. N. Wright's, 305 Morrison St., Portland.

Edwin Ross took his leave Tuesday for the Portland Medical University.

TWO MURDERERS CONVICTED. Hansen and Rieter to Pay the Death Penalty at Astoria.

There is a very strong probability that Sheriff Smith, of Clatsop county, will have an opportunity to try his hand as a hangman, and that John Hansen, the old Norwegian who brutally murdered his wife on the 30th of last July, will be one of the subjects upon which he will exercise his executive skill. The crime for which Hansen is to pay the death penalty, beside being unprovoked was extremely revolting and is exactly paralleled by the shocking murder of Victor Snellman, a few weeks later. On the day above quoted Hansen and his wife quarrelled over some domestic matter and Hansen left the house for an hour or so, but returned heavily intoxicated, and going to the garden where his wife was picking berries for dinner, he brutally assaulted her with a club with which he beat out her brains. His arrest and confession followed, and the only mitigating circumstance offered by Senator Patton, who defended him, was chronic alcoholism. District Attorney Barrett was assisted by F. D. Winton and C. J. Curtis.

Fallon made a masterly effort for his client but the case was a hopeless one from the start, and in the forum of public opinion was decided against him before it went into court. Judge McBride pronounced the death sentence upon him yesterday. His attorneys have taken an appeal.

JOHN RIETER CONVICTED.

John Rieter, who murdered and robbed Victor Snellman on the Olney and Astoria road on the 4th of last August, was tried before Judge McBride Friday. Fourteen witnesses for the prosecution were examined, and like Hansen, the case was so strong against him that it was given without minute's deliberation, returned a verdict of willful murder. Rieter was given the death sentence Wednesday, and it is not likely that any attempt will be made to change the decision of Judge McBride's court.

The crime for Rieter is to swing was a peculiarly atrocious one, though about on a par with a number of other similar affairs of the kind of which Clatsop county is especially prolific. Rieter met his victim on a lonely mountain road, and stealthily approaching him from behind dealt Snellman a cruel blow with a club, which dashed out his brains and laid him low in death. As if to further sate his fiendish propensity, Rieter drew a clasp knife and plunged it several times into Snellman's abdomen besides otherwise mutilating his body. Rieter then robbed his victim, securing \$23 which he spent in an Astoria dance house. He next went to Portland, where he found employment in one of the restaurants of that city where he was located and arrested by an officer from Clatsop county. Rieter is about twenty-six years old and does not look the criminal that he is.

Astoria Mill Property Burned.

In response to an alarm of fire at 4 o'clock Friday morning, the Astoria fire department repaired to the Astoria Mills where a destructive fire was raging in the box factory. By very hard work the mill proper was saved from destruction, but the drying house and box factory, with all their valuable contents together with 100,000 feet of fine spruce lumber, went up in smoke. In the box factory were large quantities of stock worth \$5,000 worth of stenciled plates belonging to the different salmon packing companies along the Columbia, and several fruit dealers in California, who had large orders placed for boxes. The total loss is \$36,000 with \$9,000 insurance.

Eighty-five men will be thrown out of employment. The fire is believed to be the work of a fire-bag and an effort will be made to locate the criminal. On account of the high wind which prevailed at the time, it required the most untiring efforts on the part of the firemen to prevent the entire water front from being wiped out.

Give Americans a Chance.

If there could be enacted an American law that would protect American laborers all good Americans would greet it with cheers. The trouble is fifty-eight per cent of our laborers are foreigners, and a ten times greater menace to American laborers than any law that could be placed upon our statute books. What is needed is an end to the admission of the foreign workmen entirely. Our supply at present is five times greater than the demand. Shut them out. Give our own countrymen a chance.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Following is a report of school district No. 2, St. Helens, for the month ending Sept. 29th: Number of days taught, 20; number of pupils enrolled, 52; average attendance, 46; number of visitors, 6. The following named pupils were neither absent nor tardy: Daisy Watkins, Pearl Massie, Grace Miles, Lavelle Watkins, Myrtle Newell, Lottie Cooper, Carrie Newell, Gracie Dart, Mary Dufour, Elmer Newell, Pearl Decker, Harry Massie, Nellie Cooper, Frank Newell, Annie Cooper and Sherman Miles. Those present every day and tardy only once were: Maud Decker, Fred Watkins, Flora George, Julia Sobika, Annie George and Ellie Strachan.

The pupils, with few exceptions, express a desire to do more and better work in the future than has been done the past month. Although satisfactory progress has been accomplished in the different branches, we would call attention to the excellent attendance for the past month, which is ninety per cent of the total enrollment. This is far above the average in the county or state, and we respectfully ask the parents to not only aid the children to keep this up, but to assist them in getting to school on time to prevent tardiness.

W. A. Young Principal. M. E. Way Assistant.

J. C. Moreland, Grand Master Workman, of A. F. & A. M., of Oregon will make St. Helens Lodge No. 32, an official visit next Saturday evening, Oct. 7th, 1893.

COLUMBIA COUNTY'S FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

Reports of the Sheriff, Treasurer and Clerk for the Six Months Ending September 30, 1893.

SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT

Of the amount of money and warrants received for taxes, and money paid to the County Treasurer by the Sheriff of Columbia county, Oregon, for the six months ending on the 30th day of September, A. D. 1893.

Table with columns: TO AMOUNTS RECEIVED, BY AMOUNTS PAID. Rows include coin and currency, April, May, June, July, August, September, and Total.

Cash on hand applicable to the payment of county warrants. \$2,150 00

STATE OF OREGON, County of Columbia, ss. I, G. A. Massie, sheriff of said county, do hereby certify that the foregoing statement is correct and true. Witness my hand this 30th day of September, 1893. G. A. MASSIE, Sheriff of Columbia County.

SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT

Of the County Treasurer of Columbia County, Oregon, for the six months ending on the 30th day of September, A. D. 1893, of money received and paid out, from whom received and from what source, and on what account paid out:

Table with columns: AMOUNTS RECEIVED, AMOUNTS PAID OUT. Rows include April 1893, May 1893, June 1893, July 1893, August 1893, September 1893, and Total.

STATE OF OREGON, County of Columbia, ss. I, E. M. Wharton, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the amounts received, paid out and remaining on hand, in the county treasury of said county for the six months ending on the 30th day of September, A. D. 1893. Witness my hand this 2nd day of October, A. D. 1893. E. M. WHARTON, County Treasurer.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Of the County Clerk of Columbia County, State of Oregon, showing the amount and number of claims allowed by the County Court, for what allowed, amount of warrants drawn, and amount of warrants outstanding and unpaid, from the 1st day of April, 1893, to the 30th day of September, 1893, both inclusive:

Table with columns: ON WHAT ACCOUNT ALLOWED, AMOUNT OF CLAIMS ALLOWED, AMOUNT OF WARRANTS DRAWN. Rows include Road and bridge, Ferry, Criminal and civil court expenses, Stationary and printing, Court house and jail, Clerk, Sheriff, School superintendent, Bailiff, County judge, County commissioner, Superior court, Jury account, County treasurer, Assessor, District attorney, Relate of tax, Public account of teachers, Official reporter, Platting school districts, and Total.

AMOUNT OF OUTSTANDING WARRANTS UNPAID.

Outstanding unpaid county warrants on the 30th day of September, 1893. Estimated interest accrued thereon. Total amount of unpaid county warrants with interest.

SEMI-ANNUAL SUMMARY STATEMENT

Of the financial condition of the County of Columbia, in the State of Oregon, on the 30th day of September, A. D. 1893:

Table with columns: LIABILITIES, RESOURCES. Rows include warrants drawn on the County Treasurer, To estimate amount of interest accrued thereon, Total liabilities, and Resources including funds in hands of County Treasurer, By funds in hand of County Sheriff, By general fund on hand to pay advertised county warrants, By delinquent tax roll of 1887 to 1890, By delinquent tax roll of 1891, By delinquent tax roll of 1892, By indebtedness of county, and Total resources.

STATE OF OREGON, County of Columbia, ss.

I, E. E. Quick, County Clerk of the County of Columbia, state of Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the number of claims allowed by the County Court of said county, for the six months ending on the 30th day of September, 1893, on what account the same were allowed, and the amount of warrants drawn, and the amount of warrants outstanding and unpaid as the same appear upon the records of my office and in my official custody.

Witness my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County this 30th day of September, A. D. 1893. E. E. QUICK, County Clerk.

Peoples' Outfitting Com'y.

244, 246, First Street, Portland, Oregon.

CLOSING OUT SALE

Still in Progress.

Entire Stock

Furniture, Carpets, Stoves

HOUSE-FURNISHING GOODS

AT COST, CASH OR CREDIT

Peoples' Outfitting Company,

244 First Street, Portland, Oregon.

ST. HELENS DRUG STORE,

EDWIN ROSS, Proprietor.

Drugs and Patent Medicines,

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Perfumery and Toilet Articles.

EVERYTHING CARRIED IN

A FIRST CLASS DRUG STORE

CONSTANTLY ON HAND.

ST. HELENS DRUG STORE.

"BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCK TOGETHER."

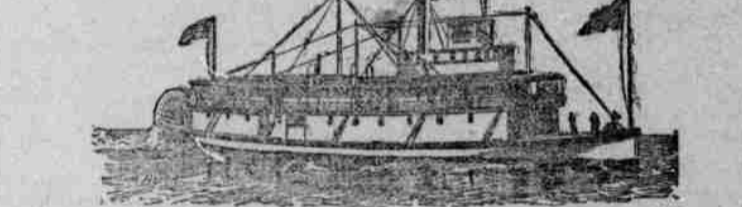
This is the reason why

The St. Charles Hotel,

C. W. KNOWLES, Proprietor,

Has such a large patronage by the business men of the State. If you want to meet a friend you will always find him at The St. Charles.

PORTLAND-CLATSKANIE ROUTE!



SARAH DIXON, G. M. Shaver, Master.

Leaves Portland, at Alder Street Dock, every day (except Sunday) a 3 o'clock, for Clatskanie, touching at Sauvie's island, St. Helens, Columbia City, Kalama, Neer City, Rainier, Cedar Landing, Mt. Coffin, Bradbury, Stells, and all intermediate points, returning every morning (except Monday.)

Stop For your Medicines at the

Clatskanie Drug Store,

—Where you will find the largest stock of—

PATENT MEDICINES, PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, TOILET ARTICLES, ETC.,

In Columbia County

DR. J. E. HALL, Proprietor.

FARMERS AND MERCHANTS

INSURANCE CO., Albany, Or.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL \$500,000 SECURED CAPITAL 247,900 PAID CAPITAL 74,250

FARM PROPERTY A SPECIALTY. For particulars apply at the office of Dillard & Cole, or THE MIST office.

Joseph Kellogg & Co.'s River Steamers



Joseph Kellogg and Northwest

FOR COWLITZ RIVER.

NORTHWEST Leaves KELSO Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 5 am. Leaves PORTLAND Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 6 a. m.

JOSEPH KELLOGG Leaves RAINIER at 5 a. m. daily, Sunday excepted, arriving at Portland at 10:30 a. m. Returning leaves Portland at 1 p. m., arriving at 6 p. m.