

SIDEHEAD PARAGRAPHS.

CAPLES NEWS.—The commissioners of district No. 2 voted the sum of eight dollars for the erection of a bridge across the slough on the county road between this place and Woodland. The news was received by the inhabitants and public generally, with pleasure. Mr. Ed. Georig, the genial and hard-working superintendent of the district, at once set men to work erecting the bridge, and it is now finished, being a strong and useful structure, and the road is in good shape. This road, being direct to Caples, is used a great deal by farmers bringing in their produce, etc., to ship by the steamers which call daily, as this is the only landing where such suitable accommodations can be given, there being a spacious warehouse in which to store merchandise. It is expected the government will soon erect a light at this much-used wharf. It is very much to be regretted that the term of school in this district terminates this week. The teacher, Mrs. E. D. Graham, is very much respected, and during the term has made great progress with his pupils, and gained the esteem of them all. We shall be glad to hear of him obtaining a higher position in the near future. Great credit is due the directors who have worked very hard for the district. We trust they will be able to build a schoolhouse before another term, as it is very much required. . . .

REPUBLICAN CLUB ORGANIZED.—Subject to call, a fair representation of local republicans met at the courthouse Friday evening, and proceeded to reorganize the former Harrison club. A large amount of good work was accomplished, though most of it was of a primary nature and consisted of the appointment of committees and election of officers. Judge A. H. Blakesley and Hon. W. J. Rice were appointed delegates to the Young Men's republican club, which met in Portland Tuesday. The meeting named a number of able workers as a committee on permanent organization, whose duties shall also include the drafting of a constitution and bylaws, and which body shall be the county central committee of all similar organizations. The club starts out with a large membership of enthusiastic republicans who have both means and the inclination to set a hot pace for the politicians of this county to follow.

THOSE NEW SIDEWALKS.—Agreeable to the mandates of ordinance number twenty-six, the persons who own property adjacent to the streets therein mentioned are beginning to build sidewalks in compliance with the provisions of said ordinance, and in a very short time we can reasonably expect to see all our streets provided with sidewalks which will be both a credit to the city and an appreciated convenience to the citizens. It has become the duty of the city to erect crosswalks at the intersection of the various streets, and Chairman Sweetland, of the street commission, has already ordered lumber and other necessaries for that purpose. At the expiration of thirty days the city will proceed to build walks in front of private property where the owners are delinquent, and will advertise the property for sale to pay the charges thus incurred.

CHANGES.—After over eighteen years of continuous and successful experience in the general merchandising business, the well-known firm of Muckle Bros. last week retired from business, and their store has passed into the hands of James Dart and H. P. Watkins, who will hereafter conduct the business under the firm name of Dart & Watkins. Only the stock was purchased by the new firm, the building and mill remaining the property of the retiring firm. Messrs. Dart and Watkins are both pioneer residents of St. Helens, and need no introduction to our readers. They will carry a complete line of everything the trade demands, and start out with the best wishes of their numerous friends, who wish them unbounded success in their new venture.

HE DIDN'T FORGET.—The editor stood at the beautiful gate, with all his sins and patches; not long did he wonder, nor did he wait, for they gave him a handful of matches; and tapped a big bell that was answered in—well, in the place with the sulphurous crater; and next minute found himself in it—the fast going elevator. And there landed him straightway in furnace 15, near a political briber; when lo! in a halo of brimstone was the old delinquent subscriber. And vainly to hide his emotion he tried—I would his face I could show you—as he drew a huge cart to the editor's side, saying: "Friend, here's the wood I owe you."

WET WHEAT WON'T SPROUT.—A Washington farmer has been experimenting with wet wheat, with a view of using it for seed. He discovered that from one-fourth to one-third of the wheat never sprouted at all, but simply rotted away, while that portion which sprouted was very weak and unsatisfactory. The pointer to farmers is a timely one, and should be heeded now. Those who have been figuring on the availability of wet wheat for seed for the coming season, owe it to their best interest to make tests of the grain, for by this means they may be saved by loss at harvest.

WITHOUT A SCHOOL.—The public school at this place will close with the present month, at which time the school fund will be exhausted. As the majority of voters at the special meeting refused to vote a special tax, it will not be possible to open the public school again for about thirteen months. Of course this state of affairs is greatly to be deplored, but the decree has gone forth and there is no way to continue the school except to do so by popular subscription or by encouraging someone to open private classes.

SPRAY YOUR FRUIT TREES.—This is the proper season of the year for spraying fruit trees for the extermination of all parasites, and the subject is being agitated generally by the country papers, especially by those of Eastern Oregon. One paper says the horticulturists of Wasco county are attending carefully to their trees. Fortunately the fruit trees of Columbia are reasonably free from the destructive parasites; but nevertheless, the owners of orchards should vigilantly guard their interests in that direction.

TO CEMENT A BELT.—In order to cement leather belting or leather and wood, dissolve two parts, by weight, of gutta percha in five parts of oil of turpentine, and then add two parts of powdered kerosene asphalt. After standing several days the mass will become homogeneous. If too thin allow it to evaporate to the consistency of honey. Before applying it too leather, the latter must be deprived of fat by the application of benzine to the side to be cemented.

NEW BUTCHERING FIRM.—Work was commenced Friday on a new building on the Strand, just above the powerhouse of the water works, which, when completed, will be occupied as a butcher-shop by W. I. Sweetland and Jas. Sheldon, who have formed a partnership for the purpose of engaging in the butcher business in this city. Messrs. Clark & Urie have the contract for the building, which is to be 25x50 feet. The work of driving the foundation is being done with a hand pile-driver.

TO PROTECT SALMON.—A movement on foot to protect the salmon industry of the Columbia River, it is asserted that there is eminent danger of the extermination of the salmon, unless something be done. A bill has been sent to congress, and a petition to both houses of that body is being largely circulated in Oregon and Washington, and will doubtless accomplish good results as it is being liberally signed, especially along the river.

OLD STAMPS PREFERABLE.—The supply of world's fair stamps will soon be exhausted, as the postoffice department has decided not to issue any more. The stamps were quite a novelty at first, but they soon grew tiresome. Business men practically prefer the old stamps. They are smaller, and besides there might be something in the fact that there is not so much of them to lick.

LARGE SALE OF TIMBER.—C. H. Newell, of this place, has purchased all the fir timber on the St. Helens homestead belonging to Mrs. Tysekiewicz, which he will have cut into cordwood and sell it over Muckle Bros'. wharf. The amount of wood which can be cut on the tract is variously estimated at from 1,500 to 3,000 cords. It is understood that Mr. Newell paid twenty-five cents stumpage.

RUSSIAN THISTLES.—It is said that the Russian thistle, which is such a great nuisance in the west, is one of the best crops to plow under for green manure, and that the best way to get rid of it is to attempt to utilize it, for then insects will attack it, and it will not grow without seeding. Some of the farmers need just such weeds to compel them to cultivate their land thoroughly.

RECEIVED APPROVED.—The Columbia banking company, of this place, has succumbed to the general disaster from which the country is suffering, and last week passed into the hands of A. H. Blakesley, a receiver, who will proceed to settle up the affairs of the company. An effort will be made to straighten out the complications of the bank and reopen it for business.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.—There will be seen in another column of this paper a notice to persons who are contemplating taking the examination before the county school board, for a certificate to teach in this county. The examination will begin on Wednesday, February 14, 1894.

BANKING PROPERTY SOLD.—A deed has been filed for record transferring the building at present occupied by the Columbia banking company to E. E. Quick, who will rent the building for offices, etc. The consideration is \$1,000. The wharf is still the property of Jas. C. Rice.

SPECIAL RECEIPT BOOKS.—At this office we are engaged at present in printing a large number of receipt books, general and special. If you use a special receipt, order now, so that we will be able to print and furnish them at the same rate as the general receipt book.

LIST OF MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Licenses to wed were issued to the following persons during the month of January: W. A. Wood to Anna Burns, Lena Karista to Paul Warango, James Tour to Mrs. Elizabeth Brow, David Davis to Alice E. Cox.

FOR SALE.—The fine Norman stallion, "Tempest," is for sale cheap. For full information concerning age, pedigree, etc., call on R. Cox, or Muckle Bros., St. Helens, Oregon.

MAYGER.—The Mayger Company think of starting up their logging camp soon again.

Mrs. Walter Severn is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Grand Watts, of Seaside. That wonderful fiddle Bob Toles made has had an addition put to it in the shape of a bay window, and I think he will have to stop for want of room.

The Blue Vitrol Mill was sold last week as advertised, but as the purchasers did not give me permission to use their names I will not do so, but I hear they redeemed the mortgage on the said mill.

HARRY FRENCH and his partner, Fred Taylor, have moved to the J. R. Buckler place where they intend to do a big business in hauling logs and wood. I hear these gentlemen intend to stock the sawmill here.

Geo. Wagner looks as though he is in trouble, but at certain times in a man's life I suppose they all have that forlorn look, but I think he may brighten up after the ball is over.

Our baldheaded friend, Croker, is busy burning stumps, and says he can hire Geo. Wagner to come and help him nights, that is if Wagner will take off his hat and stand on the opposite side of the stump and let the light reflect from his polished cranium so he can see to bore the stump, he will work day and night.

DEER ISLAND.—Lovely winter weather. Bright, sunny days and light, frosty nights.

Emmons Buell presented the school house with a large wall map of the U. S., Canada, and Mexico. It is about five feet square and well executed.

E. Demarest is enjoying a visit from his parents, who live at Castle Rock, Wash. The visitors are quite old people—past seventy-four years, but quite hale.

party at his house a week ago last Saturday evening. There was no dancing, but there was a jolly crowd of sociable players, and interesting conversation and sweet music was enjoyed. A bountiful lunch was served to which the hostess added many appetizing features. It was nearly morning before the merry makers adjourned, promising to meet again soon, at the house of some other neighbor.

News has been received here which causes us to congratulate the junior editor of The Mrs. Moral history teaches us that it is not well for man to be alone. Though it is seldom that an editor is left alone, there is no doubt that a bachelor editor feels those awful pangs of loneliness that are natural to the human mind, and longing for a partner to whom he can come with his sorrows as well as his joys; his losses as well as his gains, in illness as in health and find a sympathizing, affectionate friend who helps to bear his troubles along the narrow way which leads through this life to a brighter home beyond the mystic river. We congratulate Mrs. Davis upon finding a man who, like the towering oak, will stem the storm of literary life, and like the slender willow, who will bend to her will, or the never changing ivy that will cling around to guard and protect her in the time of good and ill repute.

Some weeks ago, while the ground was covered with snow, a farmer out in Carpio valley, butchered a beef, and the next morning he discovered, as he supposed, that a cougar had carried away the offal. He thought of the many privations to which families in desolate places are subjected, and immediately started for John Spawan, the veteran cougar-buster of the coast. The people turned out en masse to see the sport. When Mr. Spawan saw the tracks in the snow, he at once declared they did not belong to the feline family, but that they had been made by one of their canine cousins; nor did he think that old Tige would scent it, but the intelligent dog quickly took the track and from the howl that escaped his vocal organs, one would have thought there was a poplar stampeding in the woods. The intruder was only a neighbor's dog, and was soon brought to bay.

County Surveyor Little spent a portion of last week in town.

We notice C. W. Jones is around again after his attack of illness. We notice J. M. Blackford on the street again looking a little thinner after his struggle with the grip. Bright and Shuler have been hauling some cedar fence posts in the rough to the steamer landing this week.

George Freeman manages to get around on time with the mails, through all kinds of weather and most wretched roads.

Andrew Doyle was in town Monday in charge of a splendid lot of smelt which he sold to our citizens at a very low figure.

Washington's birthday being the next holiday in order, preparations are being made by the public schools for its suitable observance.

J. M. Payne is keeping his professional eye out for all the children between the ages of four years and twenty. If he misses any he wants to be informed of it for he wants to report them all the first Monday in next month.

The doors and windows for the new church were brought in by steamer last week, and will soon be put in place. A new sidewalk in front of the church lot adds very materially to the comfort of persons passing that way.

Editor Blackford has had rather a hard row to hoe lately, attending to his duties with sickness in the family, but manages to keep up his old-time whistle. Some of his neighbors kindly help him out on press nights so that the Chief gets out on time.

A series of religious meetings are being held nightly at Merrill's hall, conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, of Warrenton, Or., and others. Considerable interest is manifested, and the attendance is good, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather.

George Tichenor returned from San Diego some ten days ago to spend the remainder of the winter on the old homestead. On last Wednesday he and his niece, Anna English, went to Astoria to visit Mrs. Lane and family. They returned Monday night by steamer.

Mrs. Frank Merrill and child with Willie, went up the river last week to visit her mother and get the baby accustomed to traveling. Frank seems to be getting along fairly well, taking care of the house, and judging from the amount of smelt he carried up Monday, he is providing liberally for the boys and himself.

A considerable order of long plank for wharfing has lately been sawed at Barr's mill and hauled to town by Reddick and Russell for shipment to Henri's landing. They were tough ones to handle and haul over the rough roads in their present condition, but with plenty of push on the part of the men, got them through.

H. W. McDonald and wife leave this week for San Jose, California, expecting to make their home in that vicinity. They leave here with the best wishes of the community who regret their leaving here where Mrs. McDonald, at least, has been so long and favorably known. They will make themselves useful wherever they go so that what proves a loss to this community will be a gain to some other.

Seeing Squire J. B. Doan, Dr. J. W. Messer and Frank Peterson in council on our streets the other day, we naturally wondered what had brought together such distinguished visitors. A little inquiry developed the fact that they were a committee appointed to examine and report on the damages done to property holders by granting the county road from Himple's mill to the Nehalem road. It seems that after they got out some distance they remembered that they had not been sworn in as required by law, so when seen by your correspondent were hunting a notary public.

W. H. Conyers attended to that duty and started them again with full authority to act in the matter. What they concluded will develop later.

A Kansas Man's Experience.—Mr. Albert Favorite, of Arkansas City, Kan., wishes to give our readers the benefit of his experience with colds. He says: "I contracted a cold early last spring that settled on my lungs, and had hardly recovered from it when I caught another that hung on all summer and left me with a hacking cough, which I thought I never would get rid of. I had used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy some fourteen years ago with much success, and concluded to try it again. When I had used it only one bottle my cough had left me, and I have not suffered with a cough or cold since. I have recommended it to others, and all speak well of it." Fifty-cent bottles for sale by Edwin Ross.

PERSONAL AND LOCAL.

J. D. Headlee, of Apiary was in town last Tuesday.

Edwin Ross was down from Portland Monday.

R. P. Graham, of Portland, was in town Saturday on a short business trip.

Commissioner Barnes made a short business trip to the county seat Monday.

Emmett Stevens has recovered his purse which he lost last week containing about \$50.

Salem wants a little notoriety and has made a bid of \$40,000 for the Corbett-Jackson fight.

Judge McBride will hold an adjourned term of the circuit court at this place on March 3.

The faith cure priestess, Mrs. Williams, of Portland, has just recovered from 110 days' sacrifice.

There is a man in Oakland, California, whose feet are so big that he has to use the forks of the road for a boot-jack.

A man with a broken neck is living in California. Many men whose necks ought to be broken are living elsewhere.

Misses Mary and Nora Conyers, of Oregon City, came down Monday, and were present at the wedding of Miss Alice Cox and Mr. David Davis.

Mrs. A. Balmanno, of Highlands, Portland, was in St. Helens Monday, and was present at the wedding ceremonies which were held that day.

"The following chairs in the cabin are for ladies; gentlemen are requested not to make use of them until the ladies are seated," is a sign we see on some of our steamers.

Howard McBride, who spent a part of last summer here, is now at Santa Clara, California, studying for the examinations preparatory to entering Leland Stanford University.

James Dalton, the popular purser of the steamer Kehani, has leased the residence of Andrew Rubert, and will occupy it with his family as soon as the latter arrives from Illinois.

The steamer Kehani, running between this place and Portland, is building up a good trade along the slough, the result of having gentlemen and accommodating officers in charge.

It is noted that the steamer Thompson is very deliberate in her movements since the Lurline withdrew from the trade. Competition is a great incentive to prompt service, as it is also the life of trade.

The other day, a man in Astoria drank some bedbug poison by mistake for whisky, and died from the effect. He is said to have been a stranger, as it takes an expert to tell Astoria whisky from bedbug poison.

The Oregon Press Association wishes to arrange with the California Press Association to meet their brother editors during the Midwinter fair where suitable headquarters will be arranged for the accommodation of the press of this state.

An Oregon farmer, who has taken note of migratory birds these many years, says that the wild geese are again wending their way north, from which he argues that we are to have an early spring. It can't come any too soon to suit us.

A. H. Blakesley and J. C. Rice returned from Portland Tuesday night, having been in attendance at the Young Men's State republican club, which met that day. Mr. Blakesley was joined in Portland by his daughter, Miss Kendall, of Corvallis, who will make a visit among us.

"This," said the attendant, as he led the way through the incurable ward, "is one of the worst cases we have. He was once a newspaper man." "But what is his hallucination?" asked the visitor anxiously. "He thinks he has money," answered the attendant sadly.

The Whatcom populists think they need an opera-house very badly, and being short of funds they are offered their own prescription by a local paper in this wise: "It is the easiest thing in the world. Issue script—pay it for material and labor and then make it receivable for entrance fees to concerts, operas, etc."

At a recent church gathering in Olympia the following startling announcement was made: "Miss—will now sing 'Put me in my little bed' with Mr.—the pastor." The young lady who was thus announced has not got through blushing yet, while the master of ceremonies has resolved hereafter to use commas in speech as well as in manuscript.

It is understood that a certain St. Helensite is going to enter the kingdom of conubial bliss with a maiden fair of La Center.—La Center correspondence in Vancouver Columbian. Wonder who that St. Helensite is? Keep your eyes open, and it may be that some of these fine "Sunset" evenings you will see him gliding along in a boat headed for La Center.

A large portion of the male population of Sitka have wives they have purchased. This is contrary to law. Marshal Porter of the Alaska District has just instructed his several deputies throughout the Territory to at once arrest every white man violating the law. As a result of which official order nearly every man on board the United States steamer Pinea is in jail at Sitka. Hundreds of other arrests are expected.

Prospects are quite flattering for renewed activity in the business of this place next spring. Several important enterprises are well under way and many others are projected which will doubtless take form during the season. St. Helens has numerous valuable resources which can be easily developed, and if times do not get so desperately hard that all the buildings will have to be turned into free salophouses, there will undoubtedly be many valuable enterprises placed to our credit in '94.

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185 acres in section 3, township 7 north, range 2 west. A one and one-half story house, 16x28; barn, 18x30, with sheds; 16 acres cleared, 100 in pasture, 1 acre of prunes, bearing, other fruits, cuts 30 tons of hay. Price \$2,500. Terms easy.  
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