

OREGON MIST.

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY. SIDE-HEAD PARAGRAPHS.

ESTRAY.—Red bull, two years old, white spot in forehead resembling a half moon, stub horns. Notify Michael Pitzer, St. Helens.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—A liberal offer will be made the ladies of Columbia county by calling at The La Mode millinery parlors, 238 First street, Portland. New store and stylish goods.

BEATS THEM ALL.—There is no disputing the fact that Columbia county apples and pears cannot be excelled in any part of the state. This, indeed, might be said of many other varieties of fruit.

TO OPEN THE QUARRY.—We have it from good authority that Ham, Nickum & Company began this week getting out rock at Reuben for Portland. The rock will be principally for building purposes.

FOUND.—Near the railroad crossing, at Gillmore's place, a key attached to a leather strap about an inch wide and three inches long. The key resembles that of a Yale padlock. Call at this office and identify.

REMOVING HIS MILL.—W. C. King, of Apriary, is moving his shingle mill to Reuben, where it will be operated in future. The mill has a capacity of 30,000 per day, and will add greatly to the business appearance of Reuben.

OUT AGAIN.—The steamer Joseph Kellogg is on the run again, after a lay-off for a couple of weeks. It will be remembered that the steamer was snagged in the cowles river and was taken to Portland for repairs. She made her first trip last Tuesday.

ON FOUR CHARGES.—Rev. W. A. Willison, who at one time was pastor of the church at this place, has just been convicted in Portland on four charges of embezzlement, aggregating \$6,000. Willison has not yet been sentenced, pending some other charges against him for which he will first be tried.

GOES TO THE BOTTOM.—The little steamer Cyrene was sunk in the Columbia river Sunday afternoon two miles this side of Vancouver. The steamer was run on a mud bar and lies partially submerged. The Lurline and Dallas City tried to pull her off but failed. Monday Paquet & Smith, with a crew of men and wrecking appliances, left Portland to raise the sunken steamer and take her to Portland.

IMPROVING THE COWLITE.—The government snagboat Corvallis, which has been employed for six weeks on the Cowlitz river, arrived in Portland Monday, and Captain Hatch expects she will be hauled out for repairs. She has not been pulling snags this trip, but has driven over 200 piles for the protection of the banks at the bend about half a mile below Toledo, and the space behind them has been filled with brush and earth, forming a durable revetment.

LUCKY FISHERMEN.—Jacob Hesse and Robert Imbrie, from Washington county, came over Saturday on a fishing expedition, with salmon their main object. They secured a boat and net and proceeded in the regular way to capture the object of their trip and by Monday morning succeeded in capturing eighteen fish, we know not what kind, but Mr. Hesse says they were salmon. The gentlemen left for home Monday well pleased with their luck fishing.

LOGS GONE ADRIFT.—The recent rains have raised Lewis river several feet, and Friday about 400,000 feet of logs broke loose above Woodland and came out at the mouth of the river. The owners, however, followed and succeeded in saving a part of the logs after they reached the Columbia. They claim that some person had cut the lines with which the logs were fastened, but this seems hardly probable. Lewis river is a treacherous stream when high and no small amount of fastenings would be sufficient to hold a raft in such a current.

RODS INTO ETERNITY.—Alexander Crawford, a resident of Jewell, a settlement in the Nehalem valley, thirty miles from Astoria, has recently missing since the 30th ultimo. The evening of that day, Crawford, who was formerly a member of the Salvation Army, of Portland, held a religious meeting at Jewell, and at 10 o'clock left in a small skiff for home. He had been engaged by a rancher at Sunnyside to work at that place, and upon his failure to appear a search was instituted, resulting in the finding of the skiff. The missing man, who is thought to have been drowned, was 47 years of age, and for the last year resided alone on a ranch near Jewell.

THE GARDEN SPOT.—A correspondent in an exchange says: Is there another spot on the face of this earth where man can more nearly produce all the necessities of life—his breadstuffs, his rams, his fruits, his vegetables, his salmon and numerous other fishes, his wool, his sugar beet, his building lumber and fencing and firewood, etc.—at so little expense and so much ease as in the Willamette valley? As a matter of fact our people live almost wholly independent of the outside world, and yet there are those who are nearly always complaining—in fact, who would complain if they were going to be hung. Contrast our equitable climate and never-failing crops with the grasshopper regions of Kansas, or the stricken valleys of Nebraska, or the frostbitten plains of the Dakotas, where it takes one-half the year to raise food enough to keep your self—and your own self the other half—where they are fauned in the winter by the out-ting winds from the scorching winds in the summer by who ever heard of a man purgatory Oregon for any other colony leaving a large, new barn; has also put a new roof on his residence.

WILLISON GIVES UP.—Willison the preacher, who had moved for a new trial on Friday, withdrew his motion Monday on the opening of Judge Stephens' court. This means that he has made up his mind to take the medicine administered, as he has made no motion so far of appeal to the supreme court. Willison, by his tergiversations, calculating by the accounts of his victims, cleared up about \$10,000, and is now not known to have a penny. What has become of this money is the query often heard around the court house.—Oregonian.

NOT AMBERGRIS.—Several persons recently picked up on Clatsop beach quantities of what many thought to be ambergris, because of its resemblance to that substance and of its having been found at a spot where the carcass of a whale lay. A sample of the ambergris was sent to Professor Gilbert at Stanford University, with a request that he have it analyzed by the chemist at the university. Yesterday a letter was received from Professor Gilbert stating that the analysis proved the substance to be animal fat or tallow, and that it had probably come from some vessel that had been wrecked on the coast of Clatsop county.

A BUSY TOWN.—Rainier has been one of the busiest towns on the river, of late. In addition to the already large trade there in cordwood, shingles, and general merchandise, there has been paid out there of late about \$1500 a week for salmon which has been shipped to the down river canneries. This may not seem very large but it is actual cash and all remains at home, as those engaged in fishing spend their money, as a rule, with the local merchants. The amount of money handled in Rainier, buying fish, alone, greatly stimulates trade and increases the commerce of the town in many ways. We have been informed that a large amount of salmon now being put up is to fill contracts for China and Japan.

LOGS LOOKING UP.—Logs are commanding a much better price just now than for many months past. Quality, of course, counts some figure, but the general tendency is upward. Mr. West of Stella, Wash., sold a large raft in Portland Monday for \$4 per thousand, and contracted the next lot at \$4.50. This is the price for first-class saw timber. The reason for the increased price and increased demand is that there has been very few logs put in the past year and the supply is almost exhausted. Consequently, mills that have large orders to fill are contracting at an advanced price. Under existing conditions the supply of logs would in a comparatively short time become exhausted, hence the advance in the price will have a tendency to stimulate loggers, and it would not be surprising to hear of many camps starting up very soon.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.—Last Sunday night an attempt was made to blow up the house belonging to Judge Blanchard on his homestead back of Rainier in which were living about twenty Chinese woodchoppers. The explosion, however, did no further damage than to raise the building off its foundation and shift it a few inches out of line. The Chinese were all in the building at the time so we have been informed, but none of them were injured. They had been previously notified by anonymous letter that they were not safe in the community, but it seems no attention was paid to the threat. Judge Blanchard has offered \$200 reward for the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties. The whole affair arose out of the Chinese being employed to cut cord-wood when it is claimed there are plenty of white men in the community who are badly in need of the work.

RAINIER'S NEW SCHOOLHOUSE.—Verily, Rainier has one of the most convenient, modernized, handsome and creditable school buildings in the state; one which the people of that town can justly feel proud of. There has not been one thing left undone which would modernize it and make it an ornament and a creditable building. From the ground to the top of the dome the distance is eighty feet, and as nearly as possible the foundation is about sixty feet square. The lower story is divided into two large study rooms, with but one large room, upstairs, with but one large room, upstairs, the hall, at present, but when necessary demands this room, which is now used for an assembly hall, will be utilized for study rooms. The building when completed will cost \$2,500, and the money could have been put to no better use. A graphic description of the building appeared in this paper three weeks since, so no further mention is necessary, further than to say that Rainier has set an example which other Columbia county towns might well follow. Professor and Mrs. Cleston began teaching in the new building last Monday.

ASTORIA TO PORTLAND.—After an absence of several months, J. C. Stanton, of New York, who has been endeavoring to interest capital in the Astoria railroad scheme, returned Monday to Astoria. He was accompanied by General John H. Bryant, of New York; H. I. Kimball, of Atlanta, Ga.; Judge H. G. Struve, of Seattle; J. T. Campbell, of Detroit, and J. J. Bhafer, of Chicago. In the evening the visitors were entertained at a banquet and the situation discussed at length. All of the gentlemen expressed themselves as strongly impressed with the necessity of building a road to the seaboard, and intimated that satisfactory provided there was quickly made an opinion among the property holders of Astoria. Many of the speakers dwelt forcibly on the Oregon idea as advocated by the business men on the occasion of their recent visit to that city. Mr. Stanton intimated that in a few days he would be in a position to talk business to the subsidy committee. It is understood that Judge Struve accompanied the party as legal representative of some capitalists with whom Mr. Stanton has been negotiating.

Mr. Johnson, at Scappoose landing, has recently built a large, new barn; has also put a new roof on his residence.

THE COLUMBIA AND EASTERN.

Proposed Union Pacific Connection by the Nehalem Valley Route. Articles of incorporation of the Columbia & Eastern Railroad Company were filed with the county clerk of Multnomah county Tuesday afternoon by Colonel R. W. Mitchell, Henry C. Grady and C. W. Johnson. The capital stock is placed at \$500,000, divided into 5000 shares of \$100 each.

The company proposes to construct a railroad from a point in Clatsop county, at or near the mouth of the Columbia river, through the valley of the Nehalem, then through Columbia, Washington, Multnomah, Clackamas, Marion, Linn, Harney, and Crook counties, to a point near the Snake river at Ontario, or near Owyhee. If practicable, the company will purchase the Astoria & South Coast railroad, running from Young's bay to Seaside, and connect it with the proposed line. Branch lines will be built wherever and whenever necessary demands. The company will also engage in the manufacture of lumber, quarrying of rock, mining of coal, and in the operation of ferries.

The proposed line will pass through a rich country, especially from Astoria to Portland, as undeveloped coal mines are everywhere in the Nehalem valley. This scheme embodies the plans of the Soboleff line from Portland to Astoria, on which some grading was done in 1892. It is entirely different in its features from the line which the Union Pacific intended to build. The latter, a company composed of R. W. Baxter and the Union Pacific officials, intended to build, was practically a consolidation of all interests, it being proposed to give Astoria rail connection with Portland by a connection with the Northern Pacific at Goble, and to tap the Nehalem by branch lines. Some railroad men claimed that this scheme would not be a profitable one as the company could not meet river competition. They advocated a line through the Nehalem valley such as the new company intends to build, with extensions in other directions.

From the articles of incorporation, it would appear that the new company is incorporated for the object of building a line to a connection with the Union Pacific, which would give that company communication with Portland and the sea independent of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company. As proposed, the line will run directly from Astoria to Ontario, a town in Multnomah county, located on the line of the Union Pacific, 40 miles from Huntington, where the Union terminates. It remains to be seen whether the road is to be built for that purpose.—Sun.

In Oregon's Penitentiary. A visitor at the penitentiary the other day, says the Salem Statesman, was surprised to see sixty-four prisoners stand up to be photographed at one time. That lot means just so many comparatively new arrivals, because the pictures are taken as soon after their arrival there as there are enough to pay T. O. Hutchinson of Dallas, who has the contract for the job, to come over and take them. They are taken to be placed in the "frog's gallery." This privilege is a little talk which took place at a dinner among the officers at the prison and a few guests recently, which came to the reporter from an entire stranger to the scene who overheard it repeated on a train privately. Governor Penney was one of the guests and another was a man sufficiently connected with newspapers to be suspected of having given his excellency an occasional prod for his pardoning penchant. The talk turned right for the newspaper man to say solemnly: "Well, I see the penitentiary is filling up very rapidly, Mr. Downing?" "Yes," interjected the governor, with his peculiar look and smile, "in spite of the governor's excessive pardoning habit." The more ising went on as nothing had been said. Another fact about the penitentiary not generally suspected is that it is recognized by tramps as the most reliable depot of supplies in the way of cast-off clothing, and a great many call there to get warm garments for the winter.

Good Measure in Answer to Prayer. A gentleman residing in this county who likes a joke, although he has no purpose of making light of serious things, tells a story of an odd character in his neighborhood who mixed up eccentricity, religious fervor and prudence after a most singular fashion. Last fall, when the snow was too thin for snowshoeing, the "character" got very uneasy, as he was anxious to go hunting. He fused about for several days, and at last fell to praying fervently. "Snow, Lord; send snow! Send five dollar's worth," was the burden of his supplication. That very night the heavy snowfall commenced, and before it was over the snow lay three feet deep in that neighborhood. As it was as light as feathers, it was no better for snowshoeing than when there was no snow, and the disgraced hunter looked out doore ruefully. "If I had known the blessed stuff was so thunderin' cheap," he exclaimed in his reversion, "I wouldn't have prayed for more than a dollar's worth."

To Measure an Acre. Few farmers know the size of their fields or how many acres they contain. It is desirable—in fact, indispensable—for good work that a farmer should know this, otherwise he cannot apportion seed or manure for it; nor can he tell how much time it should take to plow, harrow or cultivate it. A good outline cord the size of a plow line, should be kept for this purpose. To make one, buy 67 feet of cotton rope, 1 inch round; fasten a ring to each end, and make these rings precisely 98 feet apart. This is four rods. Tie a piece of red rag in the center. One acre of ground will be a piece four of these cords long, and two rods, making 160 square rods to an acre. The advantage of the rings is that one person can measure also by driving a stake in the ground to hold the rope while he stretches it out. The rope should be soaked in tar and then dried. This will prevent it shrinking.

Last year a neighbor had a heavy sod plowed by contract at \$2.50 per acre. Three persons stepped off it. One said it was four acres; another made it a little over five and the third said it was three and a half acres. The contractor sent over and got this rope, and all five men measured it, and it was found to be just three and a half acres. He had paid to have the grass cut off for three years \$1 per acre, or \$5 each season, counting it to be five acres in extent, thus losing \$4.50 through ignorance. Get a measuring line, and when not in use put it away, so that the hands can not get at it, or they will be very apt to cut a piece off to tie up harness, thus making it worthless for measuring purposes.

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A SWEEPING VICTORY.

Republicans Will Have a Large Majority in the Next House. CHICAGO, Nov. 7.—The following table shows the standing of the next congress, as nearly as can be computed from the returns received up to late hour tonight. A number of districts in different states are still in doubt, and the result in these will not be known until tomorrow:

Table with columns: State, Total, Dem., Rep., Pop., Dist. Lists states including Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and Totals.

Election Notes. Morton's majority in New York is estimated at 150,000.

The republicans made a clean sweep in Kansas, selecting the entire state ticket, and send a solid delegation to congress, even defeating Jerry Simpson. The populists elect the legislature in South Carolina. Washington is republican by 15,000. The democrats have probably elected the governor in California, but the republicans have a fair chance.

The republicans win a complete victory in Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Illinois, in fact every Northern state, and elect a large part of the senate in a number of Southern states, including Missouri, Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina and many others. Nine republican congressmen from Missouri. Just think of it.

Thanksgiving Proclamation. SALEM, Nov. 1.—Governor Penney today issued the following Thanksgiving proclamation: "I hereby appoint the last Thursday in this month a thanksgiving holiday. In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider.—Ecclesiastes vii:14."

Eighteen Years in the Pen. Eighteen years in the penitentiary is the penalty which ex-Rev. W. A. Willison will pay for uttering four false, forged and fraudulent notes. Willison was convicted of the crimes mentioned last week, and sentenced to a number of months by Criminal Judge Stephens Wednesday morning.

ELDER GUE HERE.—Rev. G. W. Gue, preaching elder of the M. E. church for this district, preached here Wednesday evening and again last evening. At the meeting last evening sacrament services were held. This is Elder Gue's first visit to St. Helens and we believe it has been a pleasant one. He is a ready speaker and practical in his lessons, so much so that even the smaller children can easily grasp his teachings.

DEER ISLAND. Light frost last week. Potato crop a good average. An unusual number of people went to the county seat last Monday. Judging from the amount of shooting, ducks must be quite plentiful this year. Ed J. Barnes is grubbing stumps preparing land for a house, lot and family garden.

Edward Mays and family, of Hood River, visited Mrs. Mays' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cummings, last week. Bert Seffer received an invoice of fruit trees last week, also Edwin Merrill. This is not the neighborhood to talk of hard times.

Rev. Stroup did not fill his appointment last Sunday on account of other engagements. The reverend gentleman has a large number of friends here who would be pleased to see many converts to his church; but it takes patience and prudence to accomplish this. It can never be done by improper allures and comic expressions. His next appointment will be next Sunday at 3:30 o'clock.

FROM VERNONIA.

J. J. Redmond is on the sick list. R. W. McNitt was in Vernonia a few days last week. Guy Mills was mail carrier a couple of days this week.

Rev. F. Lanner and wife returned from Jewell last week. Sidney Dell left on the stage last Saturday for Portland. Mrs. Eastlick is slowly recovering from her recent illness.

M. E. Everett, of Hillsboro, was in Vernonia Wednesday. Mrs. W. A. Harris and A. D. Allen were in St. Helens last week. Mrs. R. U. McNitt returned from Washington county last Thursday. Miss Mamie Campbell and Mrs. Wm. H. Braden left for Portland last Saturday.

Justice Van Dyke's court is busy this week; three cases on the docket already. The stage from Cornelius last Thursday broke down just before it reached this place. E. J. Mills made a flying trip to Washington county last week in search of a team. The real estate market in this vicinity is very quiet, considering the great stir in railroad circles.

Mr. E. H. Ordway reports success in securing subscriptions to the St. Helens-Vernonia railroad scheme. There was a pleasant gathering of friends at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson last Monday evening. It was a surprise for Miss Frena Wilkinson. The Public creek school district has just finished a large schoolhouse. It is a credit to the district, and should make the people in district 67 ashamed of themselves.

If we can't have a railroad survey we can have something that will be nearly as good. The prospects for a geological survey of the Nehalem country is very promising, and will, undoubtedly, be of great benefit to us.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION. NOTICE is hereby given that for the purpose of making an examination of all persons who may offer themselves as candidates for teachers of the schools of this county, the school superintendent thereof will hold a public examination at the court house, in St. Helens, commencing at 1 o'clock P. M. on Wednesday, November 14th, 1894. Dated the 30th day of October, 1894, at Scappoose, Oregon. J. O. WATTS, County School Superintendent.

Executor's Notice. To all whom it may concern: NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the court of the county court for Columbia county, State of Oregon, executor of the last will and testament of Osgias Cherrington, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at the office of the county clerk in said county and state, in St. Helens, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

WANTED—COUNTY WARRANTS! I will pay the highest cash price for Columbia county warrants. Send me an order for your county warrant, and receive the cash for it by return mail. S. U. DAVIS, St. Helens, Oregon.

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