

GENERAL NEWS SUMMARY

Housebreaker Captured and Held to Answer.

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OFFICERS ELECTED.—Last Monday night Unity Assembly No. 71, United Artists, of this city, elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Master, Artisan, H. Allen; superintendent, Mrs. H. Allen; secretary, David Davis; inspector, Mrs. C. H. Johns; treasurer, Mrs. F. Dow; Master of Ceremonies, Mrs. D. Davis.

THE STEEVES TRIAL.—For the past several days the trial of X. N. Steeves for the murder of Geo. W. Sayre at Portland some two years ago, has been going on at Hillsboro. About 130 witnesses were summoned prior to the beginning of the trial, and it was thought it would take fifteen days to try the case. It is largely a rehearsal of the evidence adduced at the former trial. Mr. S. B. Huston is defending Steeves.

STATE TAX BOARD.—Wednesday's Salem Journal: The state board of equalization met at 2 p.m. in adjourned session, and perfected the following organization: President, A. C. Auld; clerk, George G. Shirley, of Astoria; messenger, Hardy Holman, of Polk county. On motion of D. F. Thompson, per diem of secretary and clerk were fixed at \$8; messenger at \$1.50. O. P. Goodell, of Union county, has not been able to reach Salem yet owing to the railroad blockade.

TAX INHERIT CASE.—Last Monday this office completed a brief of 29 pages which will be presented to the supreme court in the case of the state of Oregon vs. John W. Isenhart, which has been appealed from the decision of the circuit court. The brief was prepared by Deputy District Attorney Allen. Isenhart's attorneys are Scott, Eades & Stout, of Portland. The date for hearing in the supreme court has not yet been announced. If the ruling of the lower court is reversed the case will come back to Columbia county for re-trial.

MAJOR RINEHARSON HERE.—Major Jacob S. Rineharsen, one of the oldest pioneers in the state, was in Portland yesterday on his way to Columbia county, where he has resided for many years, says Wednesday's Oregonian. Some years ago Mr. Rineharsen was stricken with paralysis, and he has been cared for at the hospital in Oregon City. Mr. Rineharsen is now 82 years of age, and he has lived in Oregon for 51 years, having arrived here in 1845. During the early history of the state he took an active part in the Indian war, and at one time he was major of the First Oregon cavalry. For a time he was employed as teacher on the reservation in Eastern Washington, at a place where Whitman station is now located. Major Rineharsen possesses a fund of information concerning the early history of Oregon that, if compiled, would make a valuable acquisition to state lore.

DROWNED IN THE COWLITZ.—C. C. Slavens, oldest son of Mr. Amos Slavens, of Warren, was drowned in the Cowlitz last Monday evening. Mr. Slavens, in company with another man, was working on the line of the Northern Pacific railroad between Kelo and Castle Rock, where the road passes around the edge of the mountain on the bank of the river. A land slide had previously occurred, which the two men were removing from the track. A second slide came down the hillside carrying the two men into the river. The other man got hold of a single bolt and floated down with the current until assistance came. Mr. Slavens was unable to get hold of anything upon which he could float, and sank. Mr. Slavens was raised and lived for many years on the Stevens donation claim about three miles out from this city on the Portland road. Some years ago he was married, and has since lived at Castle Rock, Wash. He was about 40 years of age, and had many friends in Columbia county.

CAPTURED AT LAST.—For several months a great amount of pilfering has been going on between Warren and Goble. Different people have been missing numerous articles from their storerooms and dwellings. About two weeks ago two young men by the name of Collins, living near Goble, were arrested on a charge of larceny, but were discharged for want of sufficient proof to convict. The officers, however, did not relinquish their efforts to capture the guilty parties, and last Saturday Constable Robinson, with the assistance of Edward Black and Charles Merrill, arrested one Christian Felber, who has been living in a dugout about six miles back of Reuben, who proved to be the guilty party, he having in his possession a large amount of stolen goods which were identified by persons from whom they had been stolen. Felber was brought to this city last Saturday night, and Sunday the constable took a team and wagon to bring the plunder, arriving with it Monday evening. It consisted of provision, guns, clothing, canned goods, and other articles of more or less value and of nearly every description. Tuesday Felber had a hearing in Justice Clark's court and was bound over to appear before the grand jury with bail fixed at \$500, in default of which he was committed to jail. The constable and his assistants did a good job in making the combination were they went into the dugout located in one of the deep canyons in the woods, isolated from the civilization, where the occupant was armed with sufficient weapons to have stood off a large posse, and made the arrest without a shot being fired or a drop of blood being spilled. Constable Robinson had disguised himself as a hunter, and when he entered the "shack" engaged the occupant in conversation until his assistants appeared on the scene and then with some resistance the handcuffs were adjusted. Felber, it is said, confessed that he had been

doing the stealing, and mentioned some of the owners of his plunder. He also said he had served time in a penitentiary in another state. In any event he seems to have a mania for stealing.

CANDIDATES GALORE.—Last Monday evening a rumor became current that Norman Merrill had resigned as a member of the coming legislature, and without waiting for some definite information from Mr. Merrill himself, candidates for his place became numerous as if by spontaneous combustion. No less than a half dozen from this end of the county wanted to succeed the man whose term does not expire for 18 months yet and who had not in any sense relinquished his right to the place. Other parts of the county also, we understand, had a surplus of men whose lives, energies and fortunes (particularly the latter) were ready to be laid at Columbia county's feet as a sacrifice to the county's interest. But alas! behold the gloom that overhangs those upon whose shoulders the material interests of the county appear to rest, when on yesterday morning Mr. Merrill announced through the Oregonian that he "had not resigned and did not intend to."

MORE SWAMP LAND DIFFICULTY.—There seems to be more trouble about the swamp land heretofore purchased from the state under the swamp land act. Mr. P. A. Frakes, of Seaside, has 18 acres of swamp land which was originally purchased from the state under special act, but which now seems to be in contest by the government to protect their grant to the railroad company. Mr. Frakes is cited to appear with two credible witnesses before the register and receiver of the land office at Oregon City on the 17th of this month to offer testimony to prove the swampy character of the land in question. The land seems to have been purchased from the state in 1860 and since that time has probably passed through the hands of several innocent purchasers. It is a strip of land absolutely worthless to anyone except those who have land adjoining it, and consequently will not be in very great demand. Mr. Frakes thinks he will have no serious difficulty in establishing his right to the tract.

"THIS SEEMS PERSONAL."

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 4.—(To the Editor.)—Much has been said about the splendid work of Chairman Ehrlich, and he has been banqueted and speeches have been made setting forth the mastery hand that conducted the campaign. Desiring, therefore, to contribute my share in testimony as to the great results accomplished, I desire to compare his work with that of the former chairman of the state central committee, Mr. George A. Steel. The following is a comparison: 1894—Hermann's vote under Mr. Steel's management..... 22,294 1896—Tongue's vote under Mr. Steel's management..... 19,356 1894—Ellis' vote under Mr. Steel's management..... 18,975 1896—Ellis' vote under Mr. Hirsch's management..... 12,617 Loss under the Hirsch management 6,358 Who is responsible for this? Under a policy of rule or ruin, this "splendid" result has been achieved (if you desire to call it so.) Fellow republicans, do you desire to continue to submit to this iron rule and despotism, under the dictation of one man? McKinley should have carried this state by 10,000 majority, if it had not been for the evident manipulation in this state at the last June election. This is patent to republicans in the respective counties where they were beaten. Multum in parva was sacrificed in the interest of a personal candidate.

OLD-LINE REPUBLICANS.—The above communication appeared in the Oregonian of last Saturday, and since the author had not the manliness to attach his signature, it really should not be made a cowardly attack behind the screen of a non de plume, in which he offers some comparisons of the vote of two years ago and that of last June, for congressmen, let us make an honest comparison that will compare, at least in the second congressional district, and see, if possible, where the fault lies for the republican congressman not getting more votes.

1894—Ellis and Northrup vote..... 21,170 1896—Ellis' vote under Mr. Steel's management..... 18,975 Gain over 1894..... 2,195 The correspondent, with the customary "nerve" of one who seeks to disguise his identity, after citing his own incomplete figures, asks: "Who is responsible for this?"

By looking over the list of names attached to Northrup's petition last spring it is easily seen who is responsible. It was the Steels, the Fallings, the Pittocks, the Scotts and the Lydell Bakers, etc., that reduced Mr. Ellis' vote last June by the candidacy of Northrup, and no doubt this same "Old-Line Republican" name appeared on the same list which was concocted to defeat the regular nominee of the republican convention. The vote of Northrup and Ellis added together would have been Mr. Ellis' vote had it not been for Mr. Northrup's candidacy in the interest of a populist candidate for congressmen.

We do not undertake to say that the recent victory was altogether due to Mr. Hirsch's management of the campaign, for there were many influences brought to bear to bring about the republican victory in this state. But we do contend that many of the men who were instrumental in bringing about Mr. Northrup's candidacy last spring, including Mr. Northrup himself, did not turn a hand in the recent contest to bring about a McKinley victory in this state. The Steel-Simon-Northrup Oregonian combination were they went into the dugout located in one of the deep canyons in the woods, isolated from the civilization, where the occupant was armed with sufficient weapons to have stood off a large posse, and made the arrest without a shot being fired or a drop of blood being spilled. Constable Robinson had disguised himself as a hunter, and when he entered the "shack" engaged the occupant in conversation until his assistants appeared on the scene and then with some resistance the handcuffs were adjusted. Felber, it is said, confessed that he had been

WITHIN COLUMBIA COUNTY

What Our Correspondents Have to Say.

News Notes Gathered by Live Correspondents From All Parts of the County.

MAYOR ITEMS.

Mrs. Clairmont's physical condition is improving. Messrs. Fluhrer, Stockenberg and King paid Stella a visit last Sunday. John Boals shipped a large consignment of charcoal to Pillar Rock this week.

W. J. Sanborn has a contract to furnish a Portland firm 1000 pills. John Palm and his brother, August, passed through here on their way up the river last Friday.

Swan Norgren is tending bar here this week, the proprietor being absent on a trip to Portland. The pops are still howling about hard times. If they would go to work and attend to their own business the times would be all right.

The Literary and Debating Society is in flourishing condition, it having twenty-eight members. The question debated on last Friday night was: "Resolved, that iron is more useful than gold." Mr. King defended the affirmative, and Mr. Slaughter the negative. The question was well handled but was won by the gold.

REUBEN HAPPENINGS.

Judge Doan, of Rainier, was in town last week on official business.

I. L. Gilliam has moved his family back to his ranch on the Beaver.

H. B. Borthwick shipped two fine cows to Portland Wednesday on the Lurline.

Jacob Severson's mother and brother, of Toledo, Washington, are making him a visit.

The Foresters of Mooreville have posters out for a grand ball on New Years evening.

Mrs. O. P. Mann, Mrs. G. D. Brice and Mrs. T. C. Watts went to Portland Monday on the Kellogg.

Mrs. A. Henderson, of Houlton, was in town last Friday visiting at Mrs. R. E. Watts' and Mrs. J. Severson's.

The Trecoot Packing Company shipped three carloads of salmon last Friday, one car Monday, and two cars Wednesday.

Wm. Ross and Fred Nusbaumer, who have been fishing at Rainier this fall, moved back to this place to try their luck at the same business.

CLATSkanie.

Mrs. W. S. Miller is in Astoria this week. The holiday goods in the drug store present a fine appearance.

The city council deserve thanks for their order to have the streets lighted these dark nights. Shuler, Campbell and Company are harvesting their turnips this week and have tons for market.

A. H. Murray was shipping some hay last week that will be needed for local supply before spring. Eggs have been rather scarce in this market for a short time and a little advance in price has taken place.

Ben Mattheissen is hobnobbing about on crutches while his injured toes are recovering from the axing he gave them ten days ago. James Imel as city marshal is keeping the lamp chimneys clean and the glass lamps in order so that his light shines out in good shape. Jim deserved to be re-elected.

Somewhat the report got out that scarlet fever was prevailing among the foreign population in this vicinity. The doctor says he has not seen or heard of the disease, and is rather inclined to think the rumor is not founded on fact. A literary society connected mainly with the schools holds meetings in the upper room of the school building every Friday evening. Considerable interest is manifested and some very profound questions are argued in the regular debates that occur.

A new mercantile venture is reported for Clatskanie, to be in when the era of prosperity strikes our city. T. F. Rutter is announced as the proprietor of a new store about to open in the old meat shop building opposite the postoffice. Further particulars later. Two of the Colvin boys from Marshland started in to attend the high school this week, and are proving themselves capable of entering the classes without disturbance. This school affords a fine opportunity for young ladies and gentlemen who desire to spend this unpleasant winter in study.

Fred Hiatt and his sister, Madge, had to suspend school attendance this week and remain at home to look in the glass and see when the measles spots were dying out. Fred is janitor this term and does good work, so that his services are very greatly missed at the school house. The scholars of the high school are branching out in literary channels and surprised our community last week by issuing and distributing a paper called "The High School Whizzer." It is a four-page sheet of two columns to a page, and the first issue contains a number of quite readable articles. Miss Annie English is announced as editor with John Bryant as assistant, and they are to be congratulated upon their success so far.

Inquiring about some sounds that proceeded from Kratz' hall last Saturday evening we learned that a double quartette of male voices were practicing music. We were glad to hear it was only musical practice, for it sounded as though some persons might be in pain. It was a relief to our sympathetic nature to learn differently. It seems, however, in thinking the matter over, that some of the singers must be saddest when they sing.

A quiet wedding was celebrated at the home of Mrs. A. B. Haines on Saturday evening last where Rev. Shannon united L. V. Maxwell and Mrs. Leonora Murphy. Mr. Maxwell is our telegraph man here, and is also at present proprietor of the Clatskanie hotel. Mrs. Maxwell has been assisting at the hotel, but will now take a deeper inter-

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