

GENERAL NEWS SUMMARY

Christian Felber Committed to the Asylum.

State Teachers' Association—Home Comfort Range Company's Peculiar Methods.

THIS ONE NOT INSANE.—Ole Munson, a fisherman living on a scow in the slough above town, was, on complaint of A. H. Blakeley and S. C. Henry, examined as to his mental condition before Judge Doan last Wednesday. Munson was not believed to be insane and therefore was not committed to the asylum.

GIVE THIS YOUR ATTENTION.—Those school districts which contemplate levying a special tax for the maintenance of the district, are, by law, required to do so by the first of February of each year, in order that there may be no delay in making up the tax roll. The law governing this procedure may be found on page 62 of the Oregon school law.

QUADRANT CASE DECIDED.—The quadrant land contest case has been decided by the supreme court in favor of the government. This will be good news to many settlers in the Nehalem valley who have been occupying land in the quadrant for several years and have spent a great deal of money and labor improving it, believing all the time that the government would win the suit.

HORTICULTURE AND DAIRYING.—The Oregon Agricultural college offers free to any young man or woman who desires information along that line a short course in horticulture and dairying. Board and lodging may be had at the school as from \$2 to \$4 per week. The whole expense for the four weeks course need not be more than from \$12 to \$20. Further information at this office.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.—The average salary paid male school teachers in Oregon the present year is \$45.16 per month. The average last year was \$46.44. The average for lady teachers is \$37.42. The value of school property in the state is \$2,988,311.17. The number of teachers employed is 3317, and the number of pupils enrolled is 86,312, which is a gain over last year of over 3000.

A BRAVE BOY HUNTER.—A correspondent writes the Guard from Wedderburn, Oregon, concerning a Lane county boy, a son of T. J. Cook: "Master Harvey Cook and his dog went hunting the other day and killed a very large panther, measuring nine feet, and also two large wild cats. The brave little boy is only eleven years old and is a fine hunter. He has killed two bear and ten deer and quite a lot of small game this winter. What county can produce a better record for a brave boy than Lane?"

FOR GOOD ROADS.—A good roads convention is being agitated to be held in Portland. This is a movement that all the people interested in the development of the country should take hold of and push along. Legislation of some nature ought to be secured at the next session of the legislature which would place road construction upon a substantial and similar basis in all parts of the state. The gospel of good roads has been preached by every newspaper in the state, and it does seem that the people ought to have some interest in the matter now.

STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the State Teachers' Association will be held at Salem, commencing on December 28th and ending on the 30th. The programme for the occasion has been arranged for the occasion and will be used, announced, and by whom. Special rates have been secured for those who desire to attend, as follows: All members traveling over the Southern Pacific will be charged full fare going, and return for one-third fare. One and one-half fare will be charged for round trip over the lines of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company. It is the intention to hold a county school superintendents' convention at the close of the teachers' convention.

ADJUDGED INSANE.—Last Saturday Christian Felber, who was held to answer on a charge of larceny in Justice Clark's court last week, and who was confined in jail in Portland to await the action of the grand jury, was brought back to this city to be examined as to his sanity. The complaint was sworn to by R. S. Hattan and A. H. Blakeley, and the examination took place before Judge Doan, and Felber was adjudged insane and committed to the asylum. When questioned by the physicians Felber said he knew it was wrong to steal but he did not know it was wrong to be in the jail in the Joliet penitentiary in Illinois, from October 1895 to 1896 for stealing 500 feet of lumber. He said it did not make any difference to him whether he went to the asylum or to the penitentiary, for in either case he would be cared for instead of getting his living in the way he had heretofore. His case is a peculiar one, and he will probably not remain in the asylum long.

THE SAME HERE.—Joseph Stewart, one of the Home Comfort Range Co's agents, in Richmond, was arrested the other day on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. The complaint was made by Mr. John R. Hall, of Melbourne, who was induced by Stewart to purchase a range for \$69, having been promised six years time on the same. The note was signed by Mr. Hall, and was made payable on July 1, 1897, Stewart promising to give a written agreement, giving Mr. Hall six years time, which he failed to do, hence the arrest.—Standard (Quebec) Journal. To the above the Fossil Journal adds: "Most of the notes obtained by the Home Comfort Company in Gilliam were gotten under circumstances almost identical with the Canadian case above quoted, and no doubt the company's agents pursue the same tactics all over the con-

WITHIN COLUMBIA COUNTY

What Our Correspondents Have to Say.

From All Parts of the County—Local Events for Readers of The Mist.

VERNONIA VARIETIES.

Editor Sanford, of the News, was in town last Saturday.

Mr. J. Brous made a visit to the county seat this week.

Wm. Placke and wife are the happy possessors of a brand new daughter.

G. W. Lewis, a son of A. B. B. Lewis, is spending a short time visiting near Vernonia.

Mr. Richards has removed to Vernonia. He occupies the house recently vacated by Judge Brink.

Mr. Holmes and wife are preparing for an extended visit to their former home in Minnesota.

A force of men has been at work lately improving the road east of Vernonia, doing volunteer work.

A little son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Van Blaricom cut his leg very badly one day last week with an ax.

Mr. Eric Hacker, who, with his family, has spent two years in Yamhill county, has returned to his ranch on Rock creek.

Mr. Heeter, of Clackamas county, who has been visiting friends near Vernonia for several weeks, returned to his home on Sunday last.

Road Supervisor James Adams is engaged with a force of men making a new bridge across the canyon near the Tucker place on the Rock creek road.

The young people of Vernonia are preparing to have a good time on Christmas. There will be an elaborate programme rendered at Webster's hall, and a Christmas tree afterwards at the Evangelical church.

At the meeting of the Vernonia literary society last Friday the question "Resolved, that General Grant was a better general than General Lee," was discussed exclusively by the pupils of the Vernonia school. The decision of the judges was in favor of the negative.

YANKTON NOTES.

December 10. Henry Burnett is again driving team for H. O. Howard.

H. O. Howard went to Portland Wednesday, returning Thursday.

Mr. Charleston, mother and sister, Mr. Kale and wife, went to St. Helens Sunday. A number of our young gentlemen attended the dance on Tide creek Saturday night.

Alfred Harrison and James Cox, of Houlton, commenced work for H. O. Howard Monday.

The magic lantern show given by a Mr. Galloway Friday night was a success in every way. The scenes were fine.

December 15. Charles Bungardner went to St. Helens Sunday.

Joseph Ken was seen on our streets Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Sherman has been on the sick list for several days.

C. Curry's child that has been sick for some time is slowly recovering.

S. Rock, who is driving one of Howard's ox teams, spent Sunday at his home in Carico.

Mr. N. A. Perry and J. Rowley, of Houlton, were in this place a few days ago on business.

Mr. Crosby is erecting him a dwelling house on the lot formerly owned by B. Plummer.

James Cox, of Houlton, was in this place Sunday doing some repair work on Howard's mill engine.

Charles Briggs, of this place, is building a store house in which he expects to put a small stock of goods.

George Brous, of Houlton, is going to move his family out to Yankton, where he is head swayer in the mill.

The surprise party at Charles Crouse's was the place at which the young people enjoyed themselves dancing.

H. O. Howard is running his business on a large scale, having four teams hauling lumber, logs and railroad ties.

Mr. Hadley, from the East, made Leslie Bailey, of this place, a pleasant visit this week. They are old acquaintances.

A number of our people attended the crazy quilt social at Houlton Monday night. N. A. Perry drew the lucky number, 49, which won the prize.

CLATSkanie.

Oscar Elliott is in Astoria this week.

John Wallace, of Mist, was in town Monday.

Al Thomas was here Monday on his way to Mist. He had been on the river looking after timber interests for Smith & Thomas.

W. A. Edgerton and J. M. Reddick were passengers on the incoming steamer Monday morning after a few days spent in Portland.

Practises are being held this week for an entertainment under the auspices of the Sunday school, announced for Christmas Eve, next.

Isaac Bungardner and family started on Sunday evening for Deer Island to visit his parents. He took along a present in the shape of a cub bear which he bought here, as his father has been wishing he could secure a bear alive.

Frank Olsen, working on the railroad grade for Contractor Allen, got his leg broken Friday by some falling rocks in one of the cuts across Reaver. He was brought here and his injury attended to by Dr. Hall while on board the Shaver, where he was placed for conveyance to Good Samaritan hospital at Portland.

L. V. Maxwell, by a fall Sunday morning, sprained his leg quite severely, and was considerably distressed for a while, thinking the leg was broken, and he could not climb telegraph poles for several weeks. An examination by the doctor put his mind at rest, and some bandaging and liniment got him out again in a day or two.

A young bear was seen and captured by Jake Godel not far from town a few days ago. The cub objected very strongly to being captured, but Jake, with the aid of a dog, was master of the situation, and took the animal into custody. Soon after bringing it into town the Bungardner bought it as a present for his father.

Cliff Overturf is now wielding the razor and scissors with the rank and profession of a tonsorial knight. Since the departure of Mr. Coble, who left us last week without definite information as to when he would return, Cliff is using the chair at Lane's, as we understand that Mr. Maxwell is taking more than an ordinary interest in the furniture left in his possession.

It was thought best last week to close the school at the end of the third month for the holiday vacation, so our scholars will have a three weeks' vacation. The attack of measles among many of the scholars caused such a poor record of attendance recently that three weeks' vacation is expected to get them all well so that they can start in with vigor and vigilance on Monday, January 4th.

Miss Reid has gone to Portland to spend the holiday vacation with her parents and friends at University park, and to get away from the measles as well. Prof. Whitten is remaining with us to have a little time for study and recreation, having had the measles in his earlier days. Miss Bryant has also had her experience in that direction, and all the pupils in her room have now been through measles, making her work liable to no further interruption on that score.

A change has taken place in the proprietorship of the blacksmith shop property, caused by an exchange of properties. Henry Doerr resigns the town property and takes a claim near Vernonia, while John Eagle comes into possession here and has already moved into the house vacated by Doerr, who has taken his family for the present into a house just outside of town.

John is not a stranger among us, having been employed by Selders for the past year or two to do the necessary blacksmith work of two or three logging camps, and he has the reputation of being a good workman. He is now "the village blacksmith," and like Longfellow's:

"Week in, week out, from morn till night You can hear him swing his heavy sledge, With measured beat, and slow."

It was gratifying to notice last week that your problem correspondent had found out and was willing to admit there was an attempt at a high school in Clatskanie. Gratifying because the admission was an evidence that there is room in that brain for something besides the facts and problems of the school books. We would further inform the correspondent that the attempt is a grand success, as has been demonstrated by three months of actual trial. If a large attendance of scholars and enthusiasm in their work, could be anything. The correspondent would be safe in risking an attempt to find our town. A governor of Oregon, United States senators and other members of congress, have had no difficulty in getting here, and members of the state legislature are made to order here, the last three county conventions finding talent in Clatskanie to represent the county without any difficulty. The high school is getting others ready, but before they announce themselves, we would like to whisper in the correspondent's ear that a school teacher was actually nominated for the legislature while teaching here and triumphantly elected soon after the close of the term. Come down soon, apply for the school and get in line for promotion. Yes, another Clatskanie school teacher is now deputy sheriff of the county, and where the lightning will strike next no one knows. Take out a little accident insurance and come down after Christmas, visit the high school and see the place. You may get the measles on the first visit if nothing more, they are here and easy to get.

MAYGER ITEMS.

J. W. Boals made a trip to Portland last week.

S. M. Boals made a flying trip to Hogue Island last Sunday.

Elmer Meserve, of Delena, paid this place a visit last Friday.

S. M. Boals had a runaway last week, but as luck would have it no damage was done.

Mr. A. Clairmont returned home last week after being absent in Portland for some time.

Al Montgomery went up to Lewis river last Thursday to spend a few weeks on his homestead.

The recent heavy rains washed out about a quarter of a mile of the Mayger Company's flume.

Major J. S. Rinearson has returned again after being absent about two months much improved in health.

W. J. Sanborn has a crew of six men at work getting out piling to be shipped to Alaska for building fishtraps.

REUBEN HAPPENINGS.

Mrs. R. R. Foster was in Portland last Saturday.

J. E. Davidson, of Kalama, was in town on Friday.

W. C. King, of Aplary, was in town on Wednesday.

Fred Koble made a shipment of cheese to Portland Friday.

William Conner went to Portland on the Kellogg Wednesday.

Isaac Bungardner and A. O. Berg of Deer Island, were in town Saturday.

Father Woodham will spend Christmas with his son, Fred, near Rainier.

T. O. Watts and wife went to St. Helens last Saturday to visit the Eastern Star chapter.

CUBAN LEADER MURDERED

General Maceo and His Staff Horribly Butchered.

Under Pretense of Making Peace the Dastardly Outrage Was Committed.

Through the Associated Press reports the details of the murder of General Antonio Maceo and his staff has been made known. Following are the details as reported by a Cuban in a letter written to a friend at Jacksonville, Florida:

"HAVANA, Dec. 9.—Dear Friend Justo! Our brave general, Antonio Maceo, and the greater part of his staff have been murdered by the Spaniards, the Spanish major, Cirujeda, acting the part of assassin, with Dr. Maximo Zertucha as an assistant in the horrible drama.

"Convinced that, notwithstanding his enormous army, he could do nothing against our gallant leader, who had so repeatedly defeated the Spanish generals in Finar del Rio, Weyler conceived the idea of appearing his beastly instincts by cold-blooded murder, and making the best of the secret relations between Dr. Zertucha and the Marquis Ahumada, he planned with the latter his hellish scheme.

"Weyler took the field, and in his absence Ahumada proposed through Maceo's physician, Zertucha, a conference with Maceo, to take place at a certain point in the province of Havana, with the view of arranging plans for the cessation of hostilities. The basis was to be Cuban independence, and a monetary indemnity to Spain, together with certain advantages that should be agreed upon for Spanish commerce and Spanish capital invested there.

"To carry out the plan, the agreement was that orders should be given to the detachments of troops stationed on the trocha on the section between Mariel and Guanajay, to allow Maceo, with his staff, to pass the military line unmolested. Time was required to mature these arrangements, and to give them all the appearance of truth, Ahumada feigned that before acting he must make them known to Weyler for previous approval.

"This explains Weyler's sudden arrival in Havana and his prompt departure for Finar del Rio. The conditions and place of meeting having been agreed upon, Maceo crossed the trocha, over the road to Guanajay, without being molested by the forts, but as soon as he arrived at the place decided upon, he and his party were greeted by a tremendous volley from the troops under Major Cirujeda, who lay conveniently in ambush.

"Most of the officers of his staff fell, with General Maceo. Zertucha is alive, because he was aware of the scheme and remained in the rear."

In a letter from another Cuban we find the following:

"Maceo crossed the trocha, going to the place appointed for the meeting. He passed the Spanish sentinels under Spanish protection, and they presented arms in his honor. Going forward some four miles from the trocha, Maceo and his staff, numbering 35 men and officers, came to a hillside thickly studded with small pines and underbrush. Here a Spanish outpost was observed. Maceo sent forward his flag, and in a few minutes was signaled to advance.

As he did so, hundreds of Spanish soldiers arose out of the underbrush, surrounding the party. Major Cirujeda galloped up and demanded Maceo's surrender.

"Never," shouted the intrepid Cuban leader, drawing his sword.

"Forward, my men; death to the cowards!" shouted Cirujeda.

At this the Spanish soldiers poured in a fire of leaden bullets. Maceo fell in a fire of leaden bullets. Maceo fell in a fire of leaden bullets. Maceo fell in a fire of leaden bullets.

The fire was continued until every man was killed, except Dr. Zertucha, whom the Cubans say is a traitor. The bodies of Maceo and young Gomez were then tied to the tails of the soldiers' horses and dragged over the field, so as to disgrace them, as the Spaniards did not wish to have them discovered and identified at first.

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Mrs. A. L. Richardson, of Rainier, is very sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Johns, in this city.

Good advice: Never leave home on a journey without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale by Dr. Edwin Ross.

At last reports the body of C. C. Stevens, who was killed by a landslide on the Cowitz river, had not been recovered, though every means for its recovery have been applied since the accident.

Mrs. Lawrence VanBlaricom came up on the Thompson Wednesday from Astoria, where she had been visiting. She will return to her home at Philomath after visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Weed, at Houlton, for a few days.

Charles Gable, of Bachelor Flat, has rented his place for the coming season to Mr. Hegele, of Warren. Mr. Gable, in the meantime, will devote his time to looking around the country, and taking a general rest.

The wife of Mr. Leonard Wells, of East Brimfield, Mass., had been suffering from neuralgia for two days, not being able to sleep or hardly keep still, when Mr. Holden, the merchant there sent her a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and asked that she give it a thorough trial. On meeting Mr. Wells the next day she was told that she was all right, the pain had left her in two hours, and that the bottle of Pain Balm was worth \$5.00 if it could not be had for less. For sale at 50 cents per bottle by Dr. Edwin Ross.

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Lost. One white yearling steer, marked with "Key" mark in left ear; also a red yearling heifer, having small white spot over hips. Any one knowing whereabouts of either or both animals, please notify owner, C. Saene, by letter addressed, St. Helens, care of Captain Good. C. SAENE.

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