

GENERAL NEWS SUMMARY

X. N. Steeves Once More a Free Man.

German Barque Potrimpos on North Beach—Clackamas River for Salmon Hatchery.

WHO ARE THEY?—Saturday's Oregonian announced that suit for a divorce had been commenced in the state circuit court at Portland by Alice Boggs against Lea Boggs, and that the parties were married in St. Helens on February 6th, 1894.

TO EXPEDITE MATTERS.—Senator Mitchell has introduced a bill providing that persons making timber-claim entries can prove up before any officers authorized to take proof in homestead cases. This bill will allow a number of people to prove up without going long distances.

OFFICERS OF O. E. S.—The following are the officers elected in Mizpah chapter, Eastern Star, for the ensuing year: Mrs. J. G. Muckle, W. M.; E. E. Quick, W. P.; Mrs. Mary George, A. M.; Mrs. Frances Johns, secretary; Mrs. Ellen Hart, treasurer; Mrs. S. M. Quick, conductress; Mrs. May Cox, A. G. Installation will take place on December 26th.

PURCHASED A LOGGING PLANT.—Mr. I. G. Wikstrom and a gentleman from Michigan have purchased the Cline logging plant on the Kalama river, and will operate it in future. The plant is valued at about \$7,000, and is thought to be good property. The Michigan man is an old logger, and no doubt between the business qualifications of the two gentlemen they will be successful.

MARIONIC ELECTION.—At the regular communication of St. Helens lodge No. 32, held last Saturday night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: E. E. Quick, W. M.; U. W. Clark, S. W.; Judson Weed, J. W.; C. H. Johns, Sec.; James Muckle, Treas.; Tyler, Wash Muckle. The appointive officers are: J. George, S. D.; F. Vivian, J. D.; E. M. Wharton, S. B.; S. Salsar, J. S.

CHRISTMAS AT COLUMBIA CITY.—Preparations were extensively made to have a Christmas tree at Columbia City last night. A well arranged plan had been announced by Mr. Frederick Vivian, the outline of which would indicate success. A literary programme was the first thing in order, after which presents from the tree were to be distributed, and this followed by a supper, under the supervision of Mrs. Vivian.

READY TO ASSIST CUBA.—Pendleton's militia company is in readiness to defend America against Spanish invasion or to march to Cuba to fight for the cause of independence if occasion should demand. A few evenings since it was reported on the streets of Pendleton that the militia had been called upon, and in less than half an hour 35 of the 50 members of the company reported at the armory ready to receive marching orders.

ANOTHER VESSEL ASHORE.—The German barque Potrimpos went ashore on North beach, about six miles from Ilwaco, last Saturday. The crew, numbering 18 men, all landed safely on shore. The vessel is only a short distance from the wrecked Glenmorag, but in a much more dangerous position, being broadside onto the beach. This is the fourth vessel that has gone ashore this year on a strip of coast of less than 40 miles in extent, and all bound for the Columbia river.

THE SEA WAS TOO ROUGH.—Mr. H. Orchard and family left Astoria on one of the small steamers bound for their home at Tillamook last Monday morning at 10 o'clock. When the little steamer got down near the bar the sea was running so high that it was not thought best to venture out, and she returned to Astoria, so also did Mr. Orchard and family return to St. Helens, having had on that short journey sufficient sickness to satisfy them. They started overland for Tillamook from this place Tuesday.

OFFICE ETIQUETTE.—A lady ask us whether etiquette requires one to knock at the door of an editor's sanctum before entering. We hasten to reply: If you are coming to pay your subscription or bring in a nice juicy item of news, don't stop to knock, but just walk right in as if you owned the place. If, on the other hand, you are out collecting you should make the fact known through the window and then knock at the door until the editor opens it. You may sink down from exhaustion before he does so, but you will be adhering to the office etiquette that is bound to please the average editor.

THE ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT.—Semi-weekly—Tuesday and Friday—eight pages each issue—sixteen pages every week—only one dollar a year, is unquestionably the biggest, best and cheapest national news journal published in the United States. Strictly republican in politics it still gives all the news, and gives it at least three days earlier than it can be had from any weekly paper published anywhere. It is indispensable to the farmer, merchant or professional man who desires to keep thoroughly and promptly posted, but has not the time to read a large daily paper; while its great variety of well selected reading matter makes it invaluable as a home family paper. Remember the price, only one dollar a year. Sample copies free. Address Globe Printing Company, St. Louis, Mo.

STEEVES ACQUITTED.—The trial of X. N. Steeves for complicity in the murder of George W. Sayres, in Portland two years ago, terminated at Hillsboro last Monday by the jury bringing in a verdict of "not guilty." The trial had consumed altogether about 21 days, and was given to the jury last Friday afternoon. Saturday evening they came into court and reported that they stood ten for acquittal and two for conviction, and therefore could not agree. The court, at some length, in-

structed them that they should, if possible, agree upon a verdict, and again remanded them to the custody of the bailiff. All day Sunday, and until about noon Monday they were kept in confinement, when the two who had stood out for conviction gave in to the majority. The former trial of Steeves on this charge took place in Multnomah county, where he was convicted of manslaughter, and sentenced to 15 years in the penitentiary. The case was appealed to the supreme court, which reversed the lower court, and ordered a new trial. A change of venue was taken to Washington county with the result as above stated. One remarkable feature of the trial was the length of time consumed by counsel in presenting argument to the jury. District Attorneys Cleaton and Lord for the state and ex-District Attorney James McCall for the defense, each consumed five hours in presenting their respective sides of the case to the jury. It was, perhaps, the longest trial ever had in the state.

SOME LONG INSTRUMENTS.—Last Saturday there was received at the clerk's office in this county an instrument containing five deeds from Alfred L. Carey, as special master, to the Northern Pacific Railway Company, also two mortgages, one, a prior lien mortgage from the Northern Pacific Railway Company to the Mercantile Trust Company, and another from the same railway company to the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, a general lien mortgage. These instruments are to be recorded in thirty-three counties in which the company owns property in three states, Oregon, Washington and Idaho, also the instruments must be recorded in the office of secretary of state of the three named states. The fee for recording the instruments in this county is \$327.50, and it is estimated that it will require one man 45 days to do the recording. It will be seen that the company has changed its style to the Northern Pacific Railway Company instead of railroad company.

BEHIND THE TIMES.—The government snagboat Mathlons, was moored at the old Cauthorn wharf over Sunday. She had been working on the river between this city and Albany, and was on her way up the river to the neighborhood of Harrisburg. The boat is fine in more respects than one; for instance, she is fitted out with a patent steering apparatus at an extra cost of \$500, and this attachment is worked by steam. Instead of the man at the helm having to turn, and twist, and sweat in his exertions to control the craft, he moves a little lever and the wheel spins around for him. This lever moves so easily that a child can handle it. The whole affair is so constructed that should the steam steering gear get out of order, it will in no way interfere with working the wheel by hand in the old way. There is no doubt that in time many steamers will use the contrivance, but at present few crafts are supplied with them.—Corvallis Times. The Times man should take a trip down the Columbia where all steamers of any considerable size have been using this same steering apparatus for more than fifteen years.

TO PROPAGATE SALMON.—A concurrent resolution has been introduced into the senate by Senator Mitchell of Oregon, looking to the further propagation of the Chinook salmon in the Columbia river and its tributaries. After citing the many good results that might follow the expenditure of a small amount of money by the government for this purpose, and also that under present conditions the wages now being paid out in carrying on this industry in the Northwest is over \$2,000,000 annually, the resolution follows: "That the secretary of the interior be, and he is hereby, directed to set apart the Clackamas river, in the state of Oregon, one of the tributaries of the Columbia river, and the contiguous government lands, to such an extent, and in such quantities as by him may be deemed advisable, as natural spawning grounds for said fish and for the use of salmon hatcheries."

How to Prevent Croup.—Some reading that will prove interesting to young mothers. How to guard against the disease. Croup is a terror to young mothers and to post them concerning the cause, first symptoms and treatment is the object of this item. The origin of croup is a common cold. Children who are subject to it take cold very easily and croup is almost sure to follow. The first symptom is hoarseness; this is soon followed by a peculiar rough cough, which is easily recognized and will never be forgotten by one who has heard it. The time to act is when the child first becomes hoarse. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is freely given all tendency to croup will soon disappear. Even after the croupy cough has developed it will prevent the attack. There is no danger in giving this remedy for it contains nothing injurious. For sale by Dr. Edwin Ross.

THE SEMI-WEEKLY ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT, eight pages, republican in politics, and THE MIST, one year \$1.75 in advance. The Globe Democrat is one of the leading republican papers of the United States, and its eight pages twice a week are filled with the latest and most interesting news. Its agricultural department is of especial interest to farmers. Send \$1.75 to this office and receive both papers for one year.

MARVELOUS RESULTS.—From a letter written by Rev. J. Gundersen, of Diamond Lake, Michigan, we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the results were almost marvelous in the case of my wife. While I was pastor of the Baptist church at River Junction she was brought down with pneumonia succeeding a gripple. Terrible paroxysms of coughing would last hours with little interruption and it seemed as if she could not survive them. A friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery; it was quick in its work and highly satisfactory in its results." Trial bottles free at Dr. Edwin Ross' drug store.

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from a horse the other day, but fortunately she escaped with a few bruises and a little mud. S. A. Fowler, who has been under the weather for a few days, is able to be about again. Mr. Frank Bishop was doing some improvements on the county road last week near Reuben. One of the Watsons was visiting Ed Fowler and gave us a few pointers on card playing recently. Mr. O'Connor has returned from Portland bringing with him a beautiful baby carriage which he presented to Mr. Link Stehman. James McNaughton, who is doing the logging for the Mooreville mill is still putting in logs, making good use of the result of the late rains in the small creeks. It makes the debtor the agent in part for ascertaining credits, and if any debtor pays taxes on any amount he owes another, such payment of taxes will be considered part payment of the debt. It makes all property assessable, and if any person or institution fails to give in their assessment the assessor shall make an arbitrary assessment of the same, which shall be deemed a valid assessment. Any person or institution wrongfully returning to the assessor his property, shall, when the fact is ascertained, be rightly assessed, and then 20 per cent of such valuation shall be added as a penalty for such violation of duty. The assessor begins his office work January 1st of each year. The county board of equalization meets August 1st and continues in session not less than three days nor more than three weeks. After the work of the county board is performed the county court can make no changes in the assessment. A summary of the assessment only is sent to the secretary of state for the use of the state board of equalization. This saves the state, through its counties, about \$25,000 a year. The state board of equalization, as now composed, is abolished. The duties of equalizing the assessment of the counties being vested in the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer. In equalizing the various county assessments they shall, without consideration of the various kinds of property assessed, add or deduct such a percent to or from the total valuation of each county as will be necessary to restore equality. This will obviate the necessity of the several county clerks making the changes usual on the assessment roll. For county purposes the levy and collection of taxes will be made upon the assessment as equalized by the county board of equalization. This method of equalization will save the taxpayers \$6,000 each year, and will serve every purpose of the present method. It provides that the original assessment roll with the clerk's warrant shall be the basis of the collection, no copies of the roll being made. This saves the state, through its counties, \$25,000 a year. The treasurer is made the tax collector up to the point of delinquency, the sheriff collecting only delinquent taxes. The tax collector is charged on his bond with all taxes placed in his hands for collection. This is on the theory that taxes that have been assessed can be and should be collected. In case such collection is impossible, the proper showing made to the county court will give the tax collector such credit relief as is just. After the sheriff has exhausted his power in the collection of delinquent taxes then he shall make and file with the county clerk his delinquent roll, which shall be so ruled as to provide for the record of the delinquencies of three years. After five years of delinquency the same is dropped from the records. The bill has many features, and seems to be a perfect assessment law throughout. One feature especially worth mentioning, is the provision for the payment by the taxpayer of one-half the tax in the fall and the other half in the spring. The bill proceeds upon the theory that the people are interested in the equal collection as well as in the equal assessment of taxes.—Polk County Observer.

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What Our Correspondents Have to Say.

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

CARICCO ITEMS.

Messrs. Hendricks, Ayres and Dupont are busy clearing up ground getting ready to put in their spring crop.

May we have pleasant weather from now on. We are like the man who prayed for pepper—we want barrels and barrels of it. Mr. Moyer and son, Will are still working in Starwood's logging camp. They will remain there as long as work continues this winter.

Floyd Fowler offers his ranch for sale for \$600 cash. A cheap place and a good ranch; easy of access, as it is situated on the county road.

Mr. Saurvins is at work in Portland and will be at home for the spring work. His son Will will have charge of the ranch during his father's absence.

Lord! Christmas is here, and so turkey, no tree, and no masquerade—what shall we do? As there is so much mud and we are out of money, so we can't get out of the neighborhood; what will we do?

Mr. Dell Fowler will sow quite a large meadow with clover in February. He is aiming at a good meadow in the near future. Sensible, sensible to the last. Some of his neighbors ought to do likewise, and do so quickly.

Messrs. Rock, Uhlman, the Miller brothers and the Karth boys are tired of batching. Notice is hereby given that all marriageable young ladies who are desirous of marrying that this is a standing offer to all such. Old maids and widows need not apply.

Carpenter Wilverding, having finished the Karth brothers' house, has returned home, where he will remain until another job appears in sight. Why can't we trip the light fantastic toe Christmas or New Year's night at the Karth's new house? The community responds—Amen!

We have just taken a vote of the neighborhood, and found out that we are both civilized and moralized, and we can read and write a little. Now then, we would like to be christianized. So there is plenty of room and work for a missionary to do here. Remember we can appreciate both a religious and an educated one. Send him along.

YANKTON NOTES.

A. A. Smith was in St. Helens Saturday. Burt Tarbell went to the metropolis last Tuesday.

A number of our people were in St. Helens Sunday.

W. Brinn and Ed Staunwood were on our streets Sunday.

John Smith went to Tide creek Saturday, returning Sunday.

Some of our young folks enjoyed a very pleasant drive Sunday evening.

W. Pringle passed through this place Monday en route to St. Helens.

A number of the Houlton boys attended the lyceum and dance at this place Saturday night.

The log drive made by Brinn & Holstein Saturday conveyed quite a lot of logs to tide water.

William Resimus and Charles Wikstrom attended the lyceum Saturday night at this place.

The little sociable dance given at Brinn & Holstein's cann Saturday night was a real enjoyable occasion.

Miss Beatrice Cronse, of St. Helens, spent a portion of Saturday and Sunday with her parents and friends in this place.

VERNONIA VARIETIES.

G. W. Rice has the champion team for hauling goods over the mountain.

Mr. Wm. Pringle made a trip to St. Helens on Monday for Christmas goods.

Dr. C. H. Newth went to Portland last week for Christmas goods and a supply of drugs.

An excellent programme will be rendered at the Christmas tree entertainment on Christmas Eve.

Mrs. McElroy has received a license to preach from the United Brethren church, and is stationed at Vernonia.

The young men attending the Vernonia school are developing considerable talent on the trapeze (and under it.)

At the last meeting of the Vernonia literary society Mr. Omar Spencer was elected president and Prof. Dow editor.

Mrs. Smith, of Upper Rock creek, who has been visiting in Portland for several weeks, has returned to her ranch.

The various committees who have charge of the Christmas tree entertainment are doing lots of work, and their success is assured.

MAYGER ITEMS.

Born—To the wife of William Dotson, a daughter.

J. W. Boals made a business trip to Rainier last week.

William Ransom has completed a coal shed for John W. Boals.

R. T. Boals, of Kalama, is spending the holidays with his parents at this place.

John McAdam and Gus Larsen are hand-lodging off Major Rinecarson's place.

Misses Mary Burgess and Bell Edgar, of Portland, are visiting with Mrs. John W. Boals.

There is to be a Christmas tree here, given by the Keyatone League of Christian Endeavor.

The Macabees of this place are improving their cemetery, and when finished will be one of the finest in the county.

Died—Of inflammatory rheumatism, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Englehart. A large concourse of friends and relatives followed the remains to its last resting place.

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Rainier lodge No. 24, A. F. & A. M., held its annual election of officers Saturday night. Those in attendance from a distance were: J. Bruce Polworth and J. B. Nice of Cathlamet, George Mayer and W. F. Slaughter of Mayer, Chris Johnson, John Quigley, John Lindgren, and James Wallace of Clatskanie, B. P. Wiggins of Westport.

Gen. John Logan, a very weighty man of Rainier, was standing on the gang plank of one of the steamers, when it gave way and the general plunged down in the dark rolling waters of the Columbia. When he pulled himself out of the water and presented his woeful countenance to the astonished gaze of the spectators, who were standing on the wharf, he was very wet.

Real Estate Transfers.

J. B. E. Bourne by Wallace McCamant, master in chancery, to William F. F. Brewster, 1/2 of donation claim of James Dobbins, master's deed; \$9634.15.

J. M. Cress and wife to A. R. Narraway, 1/2, sec 18, 14 n, r 5 w; \$1.

W. E. Conyers and wife to Geo. D. Sutherland, 1 24-100 acres in donation claim of E. W. Conyers; \$33.

J. W. Cline, by sheriff, to A. T. Creecy, 1/2 of 1/2, sec 23 13 n, r 2 w; \$846 08.

Daniel Dixon and wife to Astoria Railroad Company, right-of-way; \$30.

Henry Doerr et ux to Andrew Eagle, lot 7 and part of 6, blk 7, Clatskanie; \$1.

C. F. Doan to J. B. Doan, power of attorney.

Andrew Eagle and wife to Henry Doerr, 1/2 of 1/2, lot 2, sec 1, 14 n, r 5 w; \$1.

William Mellinger to W. J. Mellinger, land in lot to Vernonia; \$260.

A. A. Mead to A. E. Mead, 1/2 of 1/2, sec 25, 14 n, r 4 w; \$1.

A. C. McEaschra to John McEaschra, 1/2 of 1/2, sec 19, 15 n, r 2 w; \$400.

E. Ridgway and wife to William Mellinger, land in lot to Vernonia; \$250.

United States to John S. Turpin, 1/2 of 1/2, sec 30, 16 n, r 5 w; also 1/2 of 1/2, sec 31, 16 n, r 5 w; patent.

United States to Edward Schmidt, 1/2 of 1/2, sec 31, 16 n, r 3 w; patent.

Circuit Court.

At an adjourned term of Circuit Court held last Saturday the following proceedings were had:

William Mellinger vs. F. A. Zilgett, defendant answered given 30 days in which to file his answer.

State of Oregon vs. A. B. Little, default and decree as prayed for and \$100 allowed as attorneys fees.

Nathan Tingle vs. O. J. Bryant, set for trial February 13, 1897.

S. A. Miles vs. Dean Blanchard, judgment for plaintiff.

W. J. Burns vs. C. C. Cole et al, order allowing sheriff to amend return of sale on execution.

Wherrington Court adjourned until February 13, 1897.

Electric Bitters. Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed when the languid, exhausted feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish, and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt. A prompt use of this medicine has often effected long and perhaps fatal bilious fevers. No medicine will act more surely in counteracting and freeing the system from the malarial poison. Headache, indigestion, constipation, dizziness yield to Electric Bitters. Fifty cents and \$1 per bottle at Dr. E. Ross' drug store.

THE MIST and Oregonian one year for \$2.00 in advance.

Lost. One white yearling steer, marked with "Key" mark in left ear; also a red yearling heifer, having small white spot over hips. Anyone knowing whereabouts of either or both animals, please notify owner, G. Salsar, by direct address, St. Helens, care of Captain Good. C. SALLENB.

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