

WHAT IS MONEY.—The man who won the prize offered by an English paper for the best definition of money put it thus: "An article which may be used as a universal passport to everywhere except Heaven, and as a universal provider for everything except happiness."

MADE AN ASSIGNMENT.—Anya & Kistner, of Rainier, have made an assignment to J. B. Doan for the benefit of all their creditors. The firm's resources are estimated at \$7,000, with liabilities of \$5,000. J. B. Doan, as assignee, has filed his bond in the sum of \$15,000, and the settling up of the firm's business will be begun at once.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.—Teachers' examination began here Wednesday at 1 o'clock with fifteen applicants present. They were I. B. Shoemaker, Maude Bryant, Elsa Dunn, Dussa Wilson, Boda Erickson, Alle Lyons, Flora Blough, Estella Holsapple, Ida Morgan, Leah Wilson, A. J. Smith, W. H. Coffin, Samuel Sunnyland, F. J. Zimmerman and Omar Spencer.

PLAYED IT WELL.—The local dramatic club played the drama, "A Fisherman's Luck," to a large audience at Seapooce last Friday evening. The members of the company were at their best, and the performance was rendered in pleasing style, considering the fact that they were hampered for room. The receipts were \$27.70, and each member of the company is desirous of thanking the people of Seapooce for their kindness.

FOR OYSTERS.—Gov. Lord has received a letter from John J. Brien, United States commissioner of fish and fisheries, at Washington, D. C., informing him that the commission takes great interest in the proposed investigation of the waters of Oregon, with reference to their adaptability to Eastern oysters, and has authorized Prof. Washburn, of the state university, at Eugene, to carry on the inquiries, the federal government defraying the expense.

WILL ISSUE BONDS.—The county court of Clatsop county, Wash., has decided to issue bonds to liquidate its indebtedness, which amounts to \$62,000, including interest. The bonds, it is thought, can be sold at par, bearing 6 per cent interest and run twenty years. A Tacoma firm, it is said, has offered to take the securities on these terms, which will save the county one-fourth the interest now paid, besides saving to individual holders of warrants an enormous discount, for the time being, at least.

A PRETTY RACE.—The first steam boat race witnessed here for many months was between the Gatzert and Lurline Wednesday. Both steamers came alongside the dock together, and the Lurline being on the inside, and on leaving got away about half a length ahead, but the Gatzert succeeded in passing her by the time they reached Warrior Rock about a mile above town, when they passed from view. These two steamers make a very pretty race, though the Gatzert is conceded to be the faster boat of the two.

OREGON PAID THE BILL.—Salem Journal: The book known as "The Early Indian Wars of Oregon," compiled by Mrs. Victor and published by the state, and for sale at actual cost of printing and compilation, does not sell very fast. The actual cost of putting 2000 copies out exactly amounted to \$3 per copy, or \$6000, and a few people desire the book to such an extent as to pay the price. It is a well written book and well bound, and a valuable acquisition to any library, but writing and publishing history works by the state is expensive business.

ARTISAN ENTERTAINMENT.—Monday evening of this week the Houlton assembly of United Artisans gave an entertainment to which the public responded to an invitation to be present. An excellent literary program was rendered, frequently interspersed with well selected vocal selections, which were rendered in a charming manner. Miss Frankie Way and Mrs. C. H. Piggott, with their soft, blending voices, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Plank, rendered the vocal selections well, and added greatly to the evening's entertainment. Quite a number from here attended, and all felt amply rewarded for their trip. The Houlton Artisans are enthusiastic, and in time will have a strong and prosperous assembly.

THERE ARE MANY KINDS.—A newspaper without enemies is scarcely deserving of friends. The vicious and lawless never like a bold, fearless newspaper, and every self-respecting publisher should be proud of their enemy. There are other newspaper foes, however, who are far more to be feared, and consequently, more to be feared. First and foremost is the man who owns a newspaper, an honest debt and will not pay it. The man who wants to shape the policy of a newspaper and is not allowed to do so, is a sure enemy. But the meanest enemy of all is the man who the newspaper has befriended, and who deliberately condemns the sheet after securing from it all the assistance he possibly can. The newspaper can, to some extent, respect an open and avowed enemy, but an ingrate, under any circumstances, is beneath contempt.

LIGHTSHIP LAUNCHED.—Last Saturday the lightship Umattilla reef was launched in Portland from the Wolfe & Zwicker ship yard. The vessel will be placed on Umattilla reef for the guidance of mariners. Her dimensions are as follows: Length over all, 125 feet; beam 28 feet 6 inches; displacement, 589 tons. She will be equipped with a single condensing engine, capable of developing 300 horsepower, driven by a 12-12 corrugated tubular boiler. Both engine and boiler were built by Wolfe & Zwicker. The propeller is 7 feet 7 inches in diameter, and will drive the boat at a speed of nine knots, which is designed just to hold her head against a storm. She will be equipped with a complete electrical plant, which will furnish light for the two lights at her masts. She will also have a fog whistle and bell. The equipment of the boat will be modern and complete in every particular.

PERSONAL AND LOCAL.

County court adjourned last Saturday afternoon.

James Muckle in the metropolitan Wednesday.

Best Mills, of Vernonia, was in town Tuesday evening.

W. D. Donnell, of Deer Island, was in town Wednesday last.

T. C. Watto, of Reuben, was in the county seat Wednesday last.

Harry West, of Seapooce, was a county seat visitor Tuesday.

Marlin Both, of Rainier, was in the city on business Tuesday last.

Joseph Coulter, of Vernonia, spent a day or two in town this week.

Miss Longacre, of the Warren school was in Portland last Sunday.

Miss Mary Burke, of Rainier, was in Portland Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. A. Davis visited relatives in Portland a day or two this week.

Mr. C. E. Hall, of Rainier, spent Sunday in this city with relatives.

W. H. Wehrung, merchant of Hillsboro, was in this city Wednesday.

Miss Mabel Way returned home from Portland last Tuesday evening.

Dr. E. Ross was attending to business matters in Portland Tuesday last.

A. P. Anya, of Rainier, was attending to business matters in St. Helens last Saturday.

Dr. Saylor, of Portland, was attending to court matters in this city on Wednesday.

W. H. Dolman was attending to business matters in Portland last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Alvan Shepard, teacher of the Peris school, has received his state certificate.

Rev. Plowman will preach next Sunday at Yankton at 11 o'clock and at Warren at 8 p. m.

Smith Kistner, of Rainier, was in town last Saturday attending to important business matters.

Rev. Philbrook will preach at Houlton next Sunday at 11 o'clock and at St. Helens in the evening.

The Oregon National Guard will go into camp at Hood River this week, which will be about June.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sheldon and Miss Tillie Muckle were visiting in Portland Tuesday afternoon.

Final settlement was had in the estate of William Adams, deceased, before Judge Doan last Monday.

Mr. Holcomb, grand-father of Mrs. W. B. Dillard, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dillard in this city.

Miss Mary Burke, after visiting in this city for a couple of weeks, returned to Rainier last Sunday evening.

The fishermen are catching quite a number of shad at present, which they are usually able to dispose of for cash.

Clay Clark's team ran away at Houlton a few days ago and scattered his wagon along the road for some distance.

Attorney Bauer, of the firm of Bauer & Greene, Portland, was attending to circuit court matters in this city last Wednesday.

Miss Jennie Myers, of Clatskanie, came down from Portland Tuesday evening on the Elwood and is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Cleaton.

Mr. John W. Guilt, of Portland, will hold service in Christ Episcopal church in this city next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Everybody is invited.

John McDonald, who first had the management of the Pacific Postal telegraph office in this city, was shaking hands with friends here last Monday.

It is thought the battleship Oregon will be brought up the Columbia to Portland in a short time. The big ship will be out of the dry dock in a few days.

The little daughter of W. P. McClay, of Columbia City, who was reported quite sick last week, and who was taken to the hospital in Portland, is rapidly recovering.

The grand lodge Knights of Pythias of Washington meets in annual session at Vancouver next Tuesday. Supreme Chancellor Colgrove will be present at this session.

Mrs. J. G. Watto, of Seapooce, was in this city Wednesday morning, having brought Mr. Watto down in the buggy to attend to his official duties at the teachers' examination.

Ed Watto, first officer on the Young America, has been resting this week. Ed is complaining of having that tired feeling with which so many are afflicted at this season of the year.

The thoroughfares hereabouts are in prime condition for driving and cycling, and a large number of people are taking advantage of the favorable opportunities to enjoy themselves.

Mr. H. Orchard, well known here, is putting in a system of water works at Marshfield, Coos county. He has also obtained orders for about eleven miles of pipe which he manufactures at Tillamook.

Mr. Frank VanDyke and Miss Josie Groves, of Portland, took luncheon with Mr. and Mrs. James Muckle of this city last Sunday, having made the journey from Portland here on their bicycles.

Word was received here by telegram early Monday morning that Mrs. John Campbell, of Vernonia, was very sick in Portland, and her death was expected at any moment. Nothing further in regard to the matter has been learned.

Constable Al Robinson made a trip of about 65 miles on horseback last Wednesday. He left here in the morning and went several miles above Vernonia and back the same evening. Al says his horse was as fresh as a daisy when he got home.

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FROM MAYGER.

John Black made a visit to Portland last week. Mr. Gallian, of Astoria, was a caller at J. W. Boal's Monday.

John Parker is opening up a logging camp at his place. R. T. Boals attended the teachers' examination this week.

Mr. S. A. Miles, of St. Helens, was in this vicinity last Saturday. Mrs. Anas McAdam, who was taken to the hospital, is improving.

J. W. Boals made a shipment of charcoal to Brookfield last week. Mr. Thomas Everman, of Hulson, was seen in this vicinity last Monday.

Mrs. Mary Lillard, who has been suffering with this measles, is able to be about again. The Mayer Co's store is receiving a new coat of paint. Mr. Mason is doing the work.

PERIS ITEMS. The weather is still cool. Willie Moyer will enter school this week. J. Ulmas returned from Yankton last Saturday.

Joe Bonn-ll was out to his place last week looking after fruit trees and fences. Fruit prospects are still good, and clover looks well. Spring crops are mostly in. Willard Miller went to Portland last week to lay in a stock of supplies for his apary.

Rev. Plowman will preach at the Peris school house on the last Sunday in this month, in the evening. Robert Frey and wife, formerly of this place, have gone to Roseland, B. C. He writes that he has struck a job.

Real Estate Transfers. Henry Blake to James McGregor, 11 acres in sections 35 and 36, 17 n. r. 2 w. 11. John Carlson to John Girgenson, 1/2 of nw 1/4 and sw 1/4 of nw 1/4, sec 23, t. 6 n. r. 3 w. 10. W. A. Craft to George W. Wall, 1/2 of ne 1/4 and ne 1/4 of se 1/4, sec 22, t. 4 n. r. 2 w. 11. E. Hankins and wife to Hamilton Stubbs, sw 1/4, sec 17, t. 5 n. r. 4 w. 10. Norman Merrill and wife to Astoria Railroad Co., additional right of way; \$400.

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School Report. Mountain View school reports the following for the month ending May 7: Number of days taught..... 20 Total attendance..... 533 Total absence..... 60 Number tardy..... 6 Average attendance..... 42 Number belonging..... 44 1/2 Girls enrolled..... 34 Boys enrolled..... 15 The pupils who were neither absent nor tardy were: William Vail, Gustave Newman, Lela Buchanan, Willie Buchanan, Lewis Buchanan, Lena Buchanan, Katie Callahan, Pearl Hutchinson, George Leungnont, Janie Lounsgnont, Lela Lounsgnont, Stella Pomroy, Grace Thomas, Robert Grant, Grace Ostby. MILDRED BOVLS, Teacher.

DIED. SMITH.—At Rainier, on Saturday, May 8, 1897, of typhoid fever, Maud, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Smith.

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Professor G. A. Hall will close a nine months term of school here today. The past week has been a busy one, the pupils preparing for final examination. The graduating class consists of the Misses Maud Decker and May Whitney.

There will be a strawberry sociable in the Masonic hall on Thursday, May 20, under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild. Adults, 15 cents; children, 10 cents. All are cordially invited to be present.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS. New York hasn't seen the air ship, but a reporter says he saw it raining snakes in the street last Sunday. The adage, "where there is smoke there is fire," has been exemplified by a \$2,000,000 conflagration in Pittsburg. It no longer transpires that Joseph R. Doe, of Wisconsin, who was assistant secretary of war under the Cleveland administration, had difficulty in distinguishing the difference between government property and his own, and that he only escaped being dismissed in disgrace because Secretary Lamont wished to avoid a scandal.

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