

SIMPLY AWFUL.—The nepotism business is awful. One of the physicians at the asylum is a son-in-law of one of the trustees. This is extremely reprehensible. There is also employed in the office of the state printer the nephew of an old time friend of a sister of the wife of the printer's brother, while one of the state house employees is a son of a friend of an acquaintance of an uncle by marriage of a clerk in the office of the secretary of state, who is in no manner related to Secretary Kincaid.

COSTLY TO THE STATE.—State Treasurer Metcham says that it is absolutely necessary for a special session of the legislature to be held, and that one will be called before long. Merchants are charging big prices for needed supplies for state institutions because they have to wait an indefinite period for their pay, and certified claims against the state are drawing 8 per cent interest. The taxpayers will feel the result of the conduct of the legislators in refusing to hold a session last winter.—Telegram.

THOROUGH RECKLESSNESS.—George Sutton, said to have been the first fisherman to cast a gill-net for salmon in the Columbia river, died at Nasol, Wash., last week. Sutton came of wealthy parentage, and when a young man was master of a vessel fitted out by his father for Sandwich islands. By his recklessness he soon lost his ship, and, being too proud to return to his people, he came to the Columbia and became a fisherman. He was a brother-in-law to ex-Secretary Hamilton Fish and a member of the family of Suttons who established the celebrated Sutton line of sailing vessels and steamships now in operation.

POOR MAIL SERVICE.—No little amount of complaint has been heard of late regarding the poor mail service between Portland and down river points. The mail has been arriving here at all times of the day, from 9 in the morning to 3 o'clock in the afternoon from Portland. It is rather the rule than the exception for the down mail to be from three to five hours late. The service has been poor indeed, and the postal authorities are derelict in the performance of their duty if they do not look into the matter. A private individual carrying the mail would be reported quickly if he did not furnish a better service.

FOUND SIX SKULLS.—D. B. Watson came into Pendleton from the Umatilla reservation Friday, and this visit to town had for the reporter the story of finding six human skulls and the moldering remains of a wagon, whose wheels had 3-inch tires, says the Tribune. The discovery is said to have been made on a point between two canyons east of Deadman hill, not far from the old immigrant road. Mr. Watson was searching for fossils, so he says, when he made the discovery. The wagon was found southeast of Parker Wells' place, about 1 1/2 miles east of Deadman hill. It was in this place that four freighters were killed in 1878. He found the skulls about three miles from the wagon. They were not all together, but were scattered over about an acre of ground.

WASHING STAMPS.—The postal authorities are just now having no little amount of trouble over the repeated use of "washed" stamps. Stamps that have been cancelled once are washed and used a second time, and are not detected without the closest scrutiny. The washed stamp is of pale color and usually, if held up to the light, the cancellation mark can be detected. There is a heavy penalty for washing stamps or in any way using a stamp after it has once been cancelled, and one of these days some stamp-washer may come to grief on short notice. A postage stamp is a small article, but Uncle Sam would spend just as much money to punish for illegally using one postage stamp as for robbing a postoffice.

NOR MCBRIDE'S, EITHER.—It is at least gratifying to observe that the Hawaiian treaty is considered safe in the senate. The national honor will thus be preserved—and nobody will have to make up Senator Perkins' mind for him, either.—S. F. Bulletin. No, nor Senator McBride's either. His father represented the United States government as minister to Hawaii, and the flag that bears the stars and stripes was not hauled down during the term, though some stormy times were experienced. That's the sort of stuff Senator McBride is made of, patriotic to the core. Not a jingo, but a patriot; an American who believes in maintaining the honor and dignity and increasing the power of his country.—Statesman.

TO RAISE REVENUE.—The city council of Forest Grove has decided to levy a tax on all business houses and mercantile men, varying from \$5 to \$25 annually. Merchants must pay \$25, as well as drug stores; banks, \$20; livery stables and groceries, \$15; butchers, hardware stores, doctors and dentists, \$10; printers and barbers, \$5; tinner, \$5; lawyers, \$4. Telephone, telegraph and insurance companies will also be called upon to contribute. Cows at large must pay \$4. Men are taxed \$1. This is to raise money for a sinking fund to meet the city's bonded indebtedness. Already people are roasting in the city council, and the tax is liable to cause a commotion. A Hillsboro attorney is at work under direction of the council drafting the bill.

WILL CELEBRATE.—Arrangements are being perfected to celebrate the Fifth in St. Helens. Money has been subscribed for music and the various out-door sports. We do not expect to outdo Portland, but there is good reason to believe that one can be entertained here just as well, with much less expense than by going abroad. In the afternoon games, races and tests of strength will take place, including a horse-race. The Ridgefield band will furnish music for the day and also for the ball to be given in the evening. The public generally is invited, and those who bring their baskets can enjoy a day's outing in the picturesque woods of adjoining towns, while others can be accommodated at the hotels. A day of pleasure at little cost can be had on this occasion.

PERSONAL AND LOCAL.

S. A. Miles was a Portland visitor yesterday.

Judge Doan was up from Rainier Wednesday.

James Kennedy, of Gebie, was in town yesterday.

Mr. James Muckle visited Portland last Monday.

Miss Tillie Muckle was a Portland visitor last Monday.

Dr. C. G. Caples, of Columbia City, was in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dillard visited Portland Tuesday last.

Posters are out announcing the celebration here on July 5th.

Mr. C. Curry and wife, of Yankton, were in town last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Perry, of Houlton, visited Portland last Monday.

Dr. Edwin Ross was attending to business matters in Portland Monday.

James Dart, S. A. Miles and Wash Muckle did business in Portland Tuesday.

Mrs. T. J. Cleston has been suffering from an attack of tonsillitis this week.

Mr. A. H. Powell and E. O. Darling, of Pittsburg, were in town last Friday evening.

E. E. Quick was in the metropolis last Monday attending to business matters.

Rev. and Mrs. M. Burlingame, of Houlton, were in our city yesterday morning.

Mrs. Charles Mellinger, of Vernonia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. Joseph, in this city.

Attention is called to the professional card of Dillard & Day, in another column.

The material is on the ground for the extension of the sidewalk north of Masonic hall.

Rev. C. E. Philbrook will preach in Houlton next Sunday morning and in St. Helens in the evening.

Attention is called to the professional card of Attorney G. A. Hall, which appears in this issue.

Mrs. W. H. Dolman arrived home Monday evening after spending some time with relatives in Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Reddick, of Oregon City, were in this city Wednesday evening, the guests of Mrs. T. J. Cleston.

A considerable number of small salmon and bluebacks are being caught at present, with an occasional steelhead.

There is some talk of organizing a brass band in this city in the near future. That would be a cause worthy of support.

Lane county is to have a new court-house, the county court having already adopted the plans furnished by a Portland architect.

District Attorney Cleston went to Astoria Sunday night to attend the regular term of circuit court which convened Monday.

Constable Robinson went out to Scappoose yesterday morning looking for a man who was reported either crazy or very mean.

The Scappoose dramatic club will play the popular drama "Down the Black Canyon," in this city tomorrow, (Saturday) evening.

E. C. Gilmer, receiver of the State Insurance Company, of Salem, was in town several days this week, arriving here Tuesday evening.

CLATSkanie NOTES.

Clatskanie sent a delegation Tuesday to Marshland to attend the wedding of Miss Julia Graham.

The mail carrier has had long hours lately, but he waits for the mail, to the great satisfaction of our citizens.

Mrs. Fannie McDonald and two children are with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. Bryant, on a visit from near San Jacinto, Cal., where she has resided for the past three years.

Mrs. J. A. English is in the city this week to ship her daughter, Annie, by steamer to San Francisco, on her way to San Diego, where she expects to spend a couple of months.

We hear of an ice cream and strawberry festival to be given at the school house on Quincy next Saturday evening. We would like to go for the Quincy people know how to arrange and manage that sort of thing.

Our neighboring town of Mist announces its intention of giving vent to its patriotism on Saturday, July 5th, and invites the public from near and far to be present and participate. Mist is not going to be behind the times.

Large posters announce that Clatskanie will celebrate on Monday, July 5th. A committee of arrangements consisting of some of our leading business men are at the head of the enterprise, determined to do justice to the national holiday.

The county teachers' institute is appointed for Clatskanie this year, and the Chief has a list of committees to give tone and importance to the occasion. We are glad to see the teachers, and our citizens will welcome them. They had better come Monday morning, and be on hand for the celebration and basket picnic. Superintendent Watts at the head of the procession, carrying a U. S. flag, would be a drawing card for the occasion.

Two junk men from Portland had quite a wordy conflict Monday in trying to adjust some partnership matters. They appealed to different citizens as arbiters and referred to the justice of the peace, whose patience was somewhat tried in an attempt to reconcile the differences between them. One called the other a Russian Jew, who returned the compliment by calling him a Polish Jew. They had agreed to divide profits and one was determined to take stock and make the division here, while the other insisted on waiting until the stock was taken to Portland and sold. A compromise was finally arrived at and one partner with \$3 as his net result was able to get himself pretty well filled up before the steamer left for Portland. Fortunately he had a return ticket and the town saw them go without any regret.

A hint to our country cousins! Living in town has its perils as well as its pleasures. It does happen sometimes that families in town are not always fixed to be made a convenience of by their rural friends without being put to great inconvenience. This was illustrated a few days ago in a family in town where the husband and father is out on the river fishing. The fishing business had not proved very remunerative up to the time of our incident and the family was living pretty close until times would improve. To help along, the wife does washing and ironing sometimes. One day recently this good house wife had entertained her mother over night and for breakfast. When her mother departed she commenced ironing and as noon approached intended giving the children an easily prepared dinner that she might get through with her work. Much to her surprise, about noon she was honored (?) by a visit from a man and wife, with his mother-in-law, sister-in-law and her child. They were not relatives at all, but neighbors, outside of town, and all stayed for dinner in a neighborly way. Fortunately there was an enough meat in the house to feed all of them and they were all fed, departing after dinner, to allow the house wife to resume her interrupted duties. All went smoothly until toward evening when another neighborly lady from the country with a grown up daughter put in an appearance to gladden (?) the house wife and interrupt her ironing. She was soon convinced that her new visitors intended to stay for tea, but the noon crowd had pretty well exhausted the supplies and she was not quite clear where the supper was to come from. There was 15 cents in cash left in the house, however, which had to go to the meat shop for the visitors' comfort. When tea was prepared and commenced it was discovered that the daughter had found a young man to talk to at the front door and she could not come. In fact she was not hungry at any rate. The family with their guest took their evening meal, after which the young lady at the front door, falling to hold the young man any longer, came in and the hostess was put to the trouble of making additional preparations for her, as she seemed to have found her appetite. It is all right to be neighborly and a christian duty to be hospitable, but even christian graces are not to be abused, and this incident, true in every particular, is mentioned merely as "a word to the wise." Clatskanie has excellent hotel facilities and meals are served at very reasonable rates. Try them and see.

Mr. Henderson Orchard, of Kalama, Castle Rock, Tillamook, Marshfield and St. Helens water works fame, was in town Wednesday, arriving here from Kalama. Mr. Orchard has lately been engaged at putting a system of water works in at Marshfield, Coos county.

A special train of eleven cars, loaded with hogs from Nebraska, arrived at Troutdale last Sunday. Thus while Oregon ships beef and mutton east, the eastern farmers ship pork to Oregon. This is indeed a great country.

Elmer Brown, who has been attending the Portland High school for the past three years, and who was graduated from that institution on Tuesday, visited his aunt, Mrs. C. H. Piggott, in this city Tuesday evening.

Wild blackberries are very plentiful this year, and parties in search of that fruit are also plentiful. A great many gallons of those berries have been brought to town already this season.

The Portland postoffice was considerably damaged by a gas explosion last Monday afternoon. It will cost a considerable sum to make the necessary repairs to the building.

The flume company are endeavoring to make arrangements to extend the flume further up Milton creek. Some difficulty is encountered, however, in securing the right of way.

A creamery might be built and operated at this place with profit. A more feasible location could not be found, transportation and accessibility taken into consideration.

C. W. Mayer was in town Tuesday. It is thought Mr. Mayer will engage in the wood business at this point, although the gentleman was noncommittal upon the subject.

George Perry has his new store building at Houlton ready for occupancy. He expects to have his stock of goods on hand in a day or two.

It was just 2:45 p. m. when the mail arrived here from Portland Wednesday, nearly six hours late in making thirty miles.

Mr. Brodie, of the Oregon Wood Co., was in town several days the first of the week. He returned to Portland Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Hasen, of Houlton, were passengers for Portland on the early steamer last Wednesday.

Ex-Senator Mitchell has gone to Paris, France, called there by the dangerous illness of Mrs. Mitchell.

Mrs. F. A. Moore, of Salem, has been in this city for several days the guest of Mrs. R. Cox.

Mrs. Quirolo, of Portland, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. Vivian, of Columbia City.

Captain James Cox, of Houlton, was a Portland visitor Wednesday last.

SHOULDER DISLOCATED.—Miss Agnes Muckle, in company with other children, was high up in a cherry tree last Saturday when the limb upon which she depended for support gave way, letting her fall to the ground, dislocating her left shoulder. Dr. Ross was called and, after administering chloroform, replaced the joint.

KIMBALL'S ARE HERE!—I am here with a sample line of Pianos and Organs direct from the factories of the W. W. Kimball Co., and should like to have everyone who is contemplating buying a Piano or Organ to call at the St. Helens hotel, and examine these beautiful instruments. I shall only remain here a few days, so don't delay but come in at once. Cash or easy payments, if desired. Old instruments taken in exchange at a fair valuation. FRANK KIMBALL, Salesman.

PECULIAR FIND.—The owners of the National Bank of Commerce, in Tacoma, came to the conclusion some time ago that, by sinking a well under their building, all the water necessary could be obtained for the use of the building, and instructed their engineer to go ahead with the work. There was little prospect that anything short of 40 feet would be sufficient to get what was desired, but when down about 20 feet a lot of old spoons and a frying pan were found, and 35 feet down the laborers came across the skeleton of a man firmly imbedded in the hard pan. It required several hours' hard work to get out the bones. On inquiry among some of the old timers it was learned that an Indian burial ground was once located in that vicinity.

VERNONIA GLEANINGS.

Rev. Fisher returned from Jewell last Thursday.

G. W. Rice brought in a load for E. A. Zillgitt last Tuesday.

John Adams was successful in killing a large bear last week.

William Flacke came over the mountain with a load last Thursday.

A number of our citizens are preparing to celebrate at Hillsboro.

Messrs. Pringle and Bennett, of Hillsboro, were in this city last Thursday.

R. Seseman has been working in the grist mill at Hillsboro the last week.

Frank Tracy has purchased the old stage team that McNutt Bros. formerly used.

The Evangelical quarterly meeting held at Beaver last Sunday was well attended.

Mrs. Richard returned home from Portland last Friday, where she has been working.

George Kerr, of Hillsboro, has been engaged to play violin for the dance at Mist on the Fourth.

Ernest Shannahan passed through this city on his way to Hillsboro last Friday after a load of lumber.

Charley Peterson and Gust Holt are slacking for Mr. Nelson, who has recently purchased a ranch from Frank Johnson.

Mrs. William Wilkinson and daughter, Elma, were visiting at the residence of Mr. A. Shannahan last Saturday and Sunday.

Lon Emmons, who has been hauling lumber between Mist and Clatskanie is taking a lay off on account of slippery roads.

Quite an excitement was created in Hillsboro last week by the sawdust trainway catching fire. However, no very great damage was done.

Mr. Brown, of Nebraska, came over the mountains last Sunday and is visiting at the residence of J. E. Dow. Mr. Brown intends to stay all summer.

Arrangements are being made for a basket picnic on Sunday, the Fourth. Rev. Fisher will preach a patriotic sermon. The picnic will be held at the tabernacle.

Ed Webster passed through this place last Tuesday on his way home from Forest Grove. Ed had the misfortune to break the hind wheels of his wagon and was using sled runners instead of wheels.

William Mellinger, Jr., and bride returned to this city Monday. The boys remembered Will loudly with bells, horns and one circular saw. The boys report a fine time and an evening pleasantly spent.

Mr. Muller's house burned to the ground on the 10th inst. This leaves Mr. Muller in a very poor condition, but he will immediately proceed to build a new house and perhaps watch his stovepipe better in the future.

The teachers of this valley gathered at the residence of I. P. Spencer last Monday evening for the purpose of making arrangements for a school picnic to be held during the summer. It was agreed upon that the picnic be held on the 24th of July. Teachers present were: Miss Bertha Detrick, Miss Humphreys, J. E. Dow, O. C. Spencer, U. C. Adams and L. W. Van Dyke.

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