

FALSE REPORTS.—Notwithstanding the reports sent out two weeks ago that the grain harvest was finished, it now seems that there are thousands of bushels of grain still standing in the shock in the Willamette valley counties. The recent rains greatly retarded the progress in taking care of the grain and it may be some time yet before the harvest is finished.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.—The annual M. E. conference was held at Corvallis this week and an interesting session was had. Ministers were assigned to the various charges of the state, and Dr. G. W. Gue, re-elected presiding elder for the Portland district. The presiding elder for the Eugene district is Rev. I. B. Ford. The assignments for Columbia county are as follows: Olatskanie, Rev. D. M. Shannon; St. Helens and Rainier, Rev. J. W. Smith.

IT TAKES MONEY.—Laird, the Pendleton man, writing from Lake Lindeman, says: "We have about 4,500 pounds of freight in all. We figure that we are provisioned for one year. Our packing cost us \$1,040 for 3,400 pounds over the Dyes pass from here. We pay \$125 for our three-fifths interest in the boat, and yet have our duty to pay at Lake Tagish. Probably there never was such a country for big prices. Everything one does costs money, and it is pay here and pay there."

OFFICERS REAPPOINTED.—The terms of United States Marshal Grady and United States District Attorney Murphy expired by limitation some two weeks ago, and as the president was not ready to make the new appointments to fill the vacancies, Justice Field, in conformity to custom, reappointed the old officers to fill the vacancies until the regular appointments are made. These two appointments are expected to be forthcoming as soon as President McKinley reaches Washington after his summer vacation.

ELISA ANDERSON SAFE.—The old steamer Elisa Anderson, which sailed from Seattle about two weeks ago for Alaska ports with 125 passengers on board, has at last been heard from, after she had been given up for lost with all on board. The old steamer had been out of service for several years until the Alaska fever struck the country, when she was again daubed over with paint and a few repairs made preparatory to carrying the anxious hundreds who were preparing to go north in quest of gold. The news of her safe arrival in port was welcomed by all who had friends on board.

CURING A BALKY HORSE.—A Pennsylvania man owns a horse which he says is worth \$1000 to him. He had offered \$200 to anyone who could cure him of the habit of balking, and all to no purpose. He then procured a three volt storage battery, with which he connected each side of the bit and crupper by means of three wires. The horse when first hitched to a road cart braced his four feet and at first refused to move, but at the first push of the button he jumped and snorted and moved off. Each day for a week he was given the same lesson, and is now the owner's pride, as he never balks, bites or kicks.

WILLIAM REID HEARD FROM.—Many of our readers will be surprised to learn that William Reid, the man who was the railroad king of Astoria in 1890 and 1891, is now in Dundee, Scotland, and holds the federal office of United States vice consul in that city. How he received the appointment is not known. He held the same billet under President Lincoln's administration. Reid was for many years one of the most prominent railroad builders and financiers in Oregon, but he finally busted and was compelled to leave the state. Many an Astorian now carries Reid's I. O. U. in his inside pocket, with no probability of redemption. The position that Reid now occupies is suitable to his capacity of business adventurer and confidence man.—Astoria Budget.

UNION PACIFIC WILL BUILD.—One day last week the city council of Tacoma granted a right-of-way to build a railroad through the streets of that city to connect with the old Union Pacific survey which was made some years ago between Portland and Tacoma. At the time the former survey was made a great amount of work in the way of grading on the line, was done, and few people ever doubted that in due time the Union Pacific would complete the road between Portland and Puget Sound. This action by the city of Tacoma, together with the fact that the last congress granted an extension of time for the building of the railroad bridge across the Columbia river at Vancouver, furnishes foundation for the belief that the main line will be built in the near future.

AN ENOUGH BLOW UP.—After quitting work last Tuesday evening the new steam wood saw which has been in the city only a few days, was placed in George Lemon's barnyard for the night, where it would be off the streets and therefore out of the way. The next morning the owner of the machine started a fire in the furnace and then proceeded to oil the bearings and make ready for business as soon as steam was raised, when all at once a loud, sharp report startled the man and in an instant he discovered the whole lot blown off the boiler. The report was heard all over town and it did not take long to form a conclusion that dynamite or some other powerful explosive had been placed in the machine during the night, evidently for the purpose of destroying it. Upon examination it was found that no great amount of damage had been done, although it was necessary to take a part of it to Portland for repairs. The thing wondered at most was that the man about the boiler had not been hurt, but fortunately he escaped uninjured. The matter caused great consternation among the inhabitants of the town, and the general expression seemed to be that a person who would attempt to perpetrate such an outrage would not hesitate to blow up a man's house or set fire to the town to gratify a personal grudge, regardless of the injury that might be inflicted upon innocent parties.

PERSONAL AND LOCAL.

Hop Gold beer on draught at the new saloon.

Omar Bryant, of Olatskanie, was in town Tuesday last.

Get Dr. Lyons' prices on dental work. St. Helens hotel.

Mr. W. B. Dillard was attending to business in Portland yesterday.

Jacob George is firing on the Gatsert, taking the place last Thursday, a week ago.

Miss Frankie Way and Miss Alfred McAllister are visiting in Portland this week.

Mrs. S. S. Way began the winter term of school at Yankton on Monday a week ago.

Services will be held in the Episcopal church in this city next Sunday evening at 7:30.

We have carefully prepared descriptive pamphlets of Columbia county for sale at this office.

Joel Bates, of Goble, was in town Monday and renewed his liquor license for a period of six months.

Rev. Phillips will preach at Bachelor Flat next Sunday at 11 o'clock and in this city in the evening.

Two steam wood saws in operation on our streets would indicate that our citizens propose to keep warm this winter.

Mrs. Hall and daughter, Lottie, who have been visiting in Eastern Oregon for some time, returned home Tuesday evening.

See Dr. Lyons about your dental work. Greatly reduced prices for this time only. Leaves for Portland Monday evening.

Hon. Norman Merrill, of Olatskanie, was in town Tuesday. He has been somewhat under the weather for the past two weeks.

Judge Moreland, of Portland, and C. W. Fulton, of Astoria, attorneys at law, were attending to business in this city last Tuesday.

The topic of conversation among our sporting fraternity these days is a bowling alley. It would, no doubt, be a paying investment.

A marriage license was issued by County Clerk Wood last Tuesday to F. C. Whitten and Miss Abbie Bryant, both of Olatskanie.

Misses Daisy Watkins and Amy George went to Portland last Monday morning, where they will attend High school during the winter.

Mrs. Charles Hoogkirk, of Rainier, and Mrs. T. C. Watte, of Reuben, were passengers on the early boat for Portland yesterday morning.

Mr. W. B. Dillard is building a board fence around a block of land in the western part of town which includes a part of the large wall. The fence will be plank, with cedar posts.

Attorney W. H. Conyers, E. W. Conyers and E. S. Bryant, of Olatskanie, were transacting business in connection with the settlement of the E. G. Bryant estate before Judge Doan on Tuesday.

District Attorney Cleeton and wife will go to Astoria next Saturday night, so that Mr. Cleeton will be on hand for the regular September term of circuit court which convenes in that city Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bellamy, of Francis, Wash., arrived here a week ago Wednesday to visit Mr. Bellamy's sister, Mrs. John Gilmore. On Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Bellamy and Mrs. Gilmore and daughter went to Oregon City to visit relatives.

The season for killing birds is fairly on and the supply seems better than for several years. One hunter came in last Monday with twenty-one birds—ducks, pheasants and grouse—which he claimed to have killed at twenty-one shots. That is a pretty good record for one day's shooting.

The new Congregational church in this city is assuming considerable proportions. The main building is 34x36 feet, with a side room to be used for Sunday school purposes, which is 14x22 feet, separated from the main building by folding doors. There are only a few men at work on the building, and therefore progress is slow.

Mr. Lon Smith, the Milton creek logger, will remove with his family to Missouri in two or three months. He will reengage in copper and zinc mining there, having followed that occupation for many years before coming to Oregon. He may return to this county, however, after an absence of two or three years.

Senator McBride came down from Portland on Thursday evening of last week and has been enjoying a much needed rest at the old home in this city. The senator, though very much fatigued from constant labor for several months, is still enjoying splendid health, and aside from being somewhat lame, has his robust appearance of years ago.

Evidently a good many of the fellows who come down from the Klondike are determined to see how big lies they can tell. One tells of millions coming down, another says it's only a few thousands; one predicts a famine, another says there is plenty of food; one talks of scurvy, another says everybody is well. Take the average of all you hear; believe one-half of it; forget that, and you won't have Klondike.

S. A. Miles has brought an action against the North Pacific Lumber Co., in the state circuit court for \$1,189.75, alleged due for logs, which Daniel Little had in the Cowitz river, between June 30, 1893, and June 25, 1895, on which Miles claims to have had a mortgage. It is alleged that the defendants took the logs and converted them to their own use. They are said to have contained 264,390 feet of lumber, valued at \$4.50 per thousand. The various sawmills have controversies of this kind every now and then which the courts are called upon to dispose of.—Oregonian, Sept. 8.

Cure that cough with Shiloh's Cure. The best cough cure. Relieves croup promptly. One million bottles sold last year. 40 doses for 25 cents. Sold by Dr. Edwin Ross.

VERNONIA CLEANINGS.

Fair weather prevails once more.

Mrs. Smith, of Upper Rock creek, was in town last Saturday.

Albert and John Baker left last Saturday for the hopfields near McNinnville.

Andy Parker, in the absence of his brother, took the mail to Bransport last Saturday.

Now and then a disgusted straggler wends his weary way homeward from the hopfields.

C. C. Keasey took a load of household goods to St. Helens last Wednesday for Mrs. Detrick.

The dull hum of the thrasher cylinder is no longer to be heard, as the harvest in this locality is over.

Mr. E. Keasey, the postmaster at that place, brought the mail from there to this city last Thursday.

L. W. VanDyke has been assisting Frank Tracy the past week in making some improvements on the latter's farm.

Rev. Fisher went to Mist last Thursday and united in the bonds of matrimony Miss Jennie Burkhead and Mr. Martin Harvey.

H. D. VanBlaricom and family left for outside points last week, intending to return with a load of merchandise for Merchant Zillgett.

Phil Sheeley and Samuel Mow passed through town last Friday en route for the gristmill at Pittsburg, returning home in the evening.

John Edholm passed through town last Saturday morning with his team and wagon loaded for Olatskanie. John has secured a lot of hauling at that place and will remain there for some time.

W. B. Derberry, the mailcarrier between Keasey and this city, is now seen wearing a broad smile upon his countenance. "Billy" informs us that an assistant mailcarrier arrived at his home last Thursday.

Mr. M. Davidson has been busily engaged in picking apples on his ranch recently acquired. He says that apples, and fruit in general, growing close to a public road, will keep better when picked than when left on the trees.

In a recent letter received from Dr. C. H. Newth, formerly of this place, but now of Philomath, he states that he is more than pleased with his location. The doctor also states that the educational opportunities are excellent.

We notice, Mr. Editor, that the News correspondent from this place has changed his tune. He now stands with outstretched finger "pointing" to the "corruption" of the "government." It does make us have such a feeling of awe. Ah?

The returning hoppickers tell us that Guy Mills and Louis Thorpe, who left for the hopfields some time ago, are now engaged in a more profitable business, that of steamboating. They are working as deckhands on a steamer running between Portland and Salem.

Mr. Solomon and family left last Wednesday, after bidding Nehalem farewell, for the hopfields. They expect to travel south until they find a suitable location. Mr. Solomon and family have resided in this place for many years, and are highly respected by all who know them.

The boys belonging to the Beeghly and Mellinger threshing crew had the misfortune to receive a severe poisoning last week from some unknown cause, but it is surmised that the dust from a poisonous weed did the work. The boys' faces and hands are broken out in a frightful manner.

Frank Tracy has already moved some of his household goods and other effects to the farm recently purchased of Mr. Solomon. Mr. Tracy is at present engaged in building an addition to his house and making other general repairs. Frank has a good farm and a comfortable home.

Mrs. Detrick, accompanied by her son and daughter, Lloyd and Bertha, passed over the mountains last Wednesday en route for Portland. Mrs. Detrick will immediately move to University Park, where she will reside during the coming winter. Miss Bertha will attend college at that place.

A. Shannahan and family concluded they did not wish to pick hops, and returned home last Sunday. They inform us that the hops are rotting very fast, owing to the recent rains, and also that they are becoming quite low, consequently, in picking, one would be required to pick only good hops, which would be rather slow work. A large portion of our pickers are expected home soon.

"Land, sakes alive!" how the News does groan under its weight of correspondence from this "neck-of-the-woods." Last week came a weight of "perilous plinters." Wonder if that correspondent isn't going to run for a county office? He thinks he is a novice because we are not a month behind time with our news, now, Mr. "Perilous," we live on a county road, and see every one "that's a plinker by." Say, why don't you take that "perilous plinker" and "plink" down some trees, then you can see what's "a-go-on."

A Cure for Bilious Colic.—RACONOR, Scriven Co., Ga.—I have been subject to attacks of bilious colic for several years. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is the only sure relief. It acts like a charm. One dose of it gives relief when all other remedies fail.—G. D. SNAPE, For sale by Dr. E. Ross.

STRIKERS AND DEPUTIES COLLIDE.—The coal miners' strike in Pennsylvania reached a critical point last Friday at Hazleton, where the striking miners were fired upon by a posse of deputy sheriffs and twenty-one of them killed. The striking miners were on the march, and when intercepted by the sheriff and posse the strikers drew up in line as if to offer resistance, and, according to telegraphic report, one of them struck the sheriff, who at once gave the order to fire, with the result, as above stated. About forty-five others were seriously wounded, many of whom may die. The whole affair was a most unfortunate one, and in many quarters the sheriff receives severe censure. And yet it cannot be disputed that the officers of the law must preserve order. It is said the strikers were all Hungarians, Poles, Lithuanians and Slavs.

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OLATSKANIE NOTES.

The Olatskanie hotel is getting a coat of new paint this week.

Hon. N. Merrill is in St. Helens and Portland this week.

W. H. Conyers was at the county seat the first of this week.

A. M. Tichenor is looking after the post-office in George's absence.

Frank Merrill's residence looks much improved in the new coat of paint.

Mrs. Laws and Mrs. Powers, of Quincy, were shopping in our town Monday.

Edith Lindgren, of Mist, left on the steamer for Portland Friday evening.

James Muckle, of the county seat, spent last Wednesday in and about our city.

Rev. D. M. Shannon is returned to Olatskanie for another year's pastoral work.

John Wallace, of Mist, has been bailing hay at the Will Tichenor barn for the past few days.

Miss Ollie Owings returned to Portland this week after spending the summer in this neighborhood.

J. M. Reddick has been delivering quite a quantity of hard wood to parties in town for the past few days.

Professor Whitten closed his summer term of school at Marshland last week and is on a brief visit to Portland this week.

Joe Aldridge brought over some of his surplus grain from the Nehalem valley this week and found a market for it in town.

Miss Ada Lovell is canvassing the city for some neat and attractive books that people seem to be generally pleased with.

Mrs. P. H. Stout, of Ilwaco, after a few days' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Myers, left Monday evening for Portland.

The family of Z. Bryant have been moving this week to the upper rooms in the Edgerton building, while Anson Orwig and family are occupying the Riverside hotel as managers.

Will Myers and George Tichenor started Tuesday morning on horseback for Rock creek to spend a few days. Will goes to look after his crops and George goes along to look after him and do a little fishing in the meantime.

The neighborhood of Mist was well represented in town Monday. We noticed W. F. Hlast, Oliver Burrows, J. Turner, J. Beckman, Mr. Lane, Sr., Al Thomas, Henry Moulton, Joe Aldridge, John Jones and John Wallace.

Mrs. C. A. Himpel and children, of Nehalem, have been spending a few days in our city with Mrs. Himpel's parents, A. F. Myers and wife, and started on the steamer Monday evening for Astoria on their way home, taking Miss Jennie Myers, who will spend some time visiting down the river and on the coast.

W. E. Conyers is a good-natured man and carries a pleasant countenance, but the arrival of a daughter last Sunday morning to cheer his home, has given him a more than usually kind expression, as his fatherly affection extends itself to include the protection of an additional member of his family. The little one will be well cared for.

Thomas Celvin, of Marshland, whose serious illness was mentioned last week, died Thursday morning the 9th, and was buried the next day in the Maplewood cemetery in this city. He was quite well known in this part of the county and was a candidate for commissioner at the last election. He leaves a wife and six children and was about 45 years of age.

The matters of the Bryant estate seem to be coming before the county court again. A great deal larger estate have been settled with a great deal less trouble, but it is said to be the little things of life that worry us most, and this case seems to prove an illustration. Some of the heirs have gone to St. Helens this week again. The steamer company have no reason to complain, and if the heirs can stand the expense, the public can afford to look on and await developments.

School Report.

Report of school in district No. 15 for the month ending September 10, 1897:

Number days taught..... 300

Number of days attendance..... 300

Number of days absence..... 31

Number of times tardy..... 7

Number enrolled..... 26

Average number belonging..... 21

Average daily attendance..... 30

Pupils who were neither absent nor tardy during the month were: Martha Barr, Beatrice Barr, Grace Bolwert, Katie Dye, George Dye, Jessie Reddick, Mamie Wood, Willie Wood.

Perfect in deportment: Martha Barr, Beatrice Barr, Grace Bolwert, Ruth Bryant, Jennie Franklin, Adam Rice, Mabel Bolwert and John Bolwert.

FABRY BURNS, Teacher.

Dyspepsia cured. Shiloh's Vitalizer immediately relieved sour stomach, coming-up-of-food distress, and is the great kidney and liver remedy. Sold by Dr. E. Ross.

Broadly Nervous.

Grants: I was dreadfully nervous, and for relief took your Kari's Clover Root Tea. It quieted my nerves and strengthened my whole Nervous System. I was troubled with constipation, kidney and bowel trouble. Your tea soon cleansed my whole system so thoroughly that I rapidly regained my health and strength. Mrs. S. A. Sweet, Hartford, Conn. Sold by Dr. Edwin Ross.

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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS.

Be it remembered that at a regular term of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County, begun and held at the county courthouse at St. Helens, in said county and state, on Wednesday, September 8th, 1897, the same being Wednesday after the first Monday in said month, and the time fixed by law for holding a regular term of said court, when were present Hon. J. B. Doan, judge; P. A. Prakes and N. D. Peterson, commissioners; Judson Weed, clerk; and J. N. Rice, sheriff, the proclamation being made, the following proceedings were had:

In the matter of delinquent taxes on land bid in by the county. Ordered that the sheriff issue tax receipts to Columbia county for taxes on land bid in by the county.

In the matter of the petition of Joel Bates for a license to sell liquor in Deer Island precinct, in quantities less than one gallon. Petition granted.

Matter of petition of C. Stump and others for county road. Petition granted, and Eli Lynch, Andrew Anderson and O. D. Garrison appointed viewers, and W. N. Meserve, surveyor, to meet at the residence of R. Z. Joy on October 12th, 1897.

Matter of petition of John Schmika et