

AN OPEN RIVER.—The boat railway scheme for the delta of the Columbia river has been abandoned by the government as impractical. The prospects are good, however, for an open river, and the construction of a canal and locks at that point is considered the most practical and judicious manner of solving the problem. The people of the eastern part of the state will welcome the day that marks the beginning of work on this great obstruction to an open river, as it will bring the relief long prayed for.

A NEW INDUSTRY.—Another new industry for Oregon has been started at McMinnville with reasonable success, by Z. J. Innes, of Dundee. It is that of sorghum-making. He has displayed an excellent sample. He grew cane enough to make 65 gallons of sorghum. The cane was of the old black variety and grows to an average height of five feet. The sorghum is very similar to that produced in the East, except that it is sweeter. Mr. Innes' experiment is the first ever made in Yamhill county.

LOOK UP TO \$5.—George Dixon, of the firm of Dixon & Henry, loggers, was down from Ostrander Tuesday. He spoke very encouragingly of the outlook for loggers. Last week he took a raft of logs to Portland, securing a good sale. The price paid for the raft was \$4.50 per thousand, spot cash, and the Western Mill Company, who purchased it, told Mr. Dixon they expected to pay \$5 per thousand by the first of March. The firm will continue putting in logs during the winter, as the mill company will take their entire output at the market price, paying cash for all rafts.—Kolo Journal.

A ROYAL CELEBRATION.—The people of Quincy celebrated Thanksgiving in the regular, old Puritan fashion. The neighbors to the number of about 150 gathered at the Stewart point schoolhouse about noon, each taking a well-filled basket of good things to eat, and the tables were laid and a feast fit for a king was spread before the crowd. Appropriate ceremonies were conducted, and a programme of literature and music was rendered to the full satisfaction of all present, and after a few hours thus spent the good people returned to their homes thankful that it had been their fortune to participate in such a demonstration.

A FEW REQUIREMENTS.—All a fellow has to do to run a newspaper is to be able to write a poem, discuss the tariff and money question, umpire a baseball game, report a wedding, best a lawyer, saw wood, describe a fire so that the people will shed their wraps, make one dollar do the work of ten, shine at a circus, address horticultural societies, test whiskey, abuse the liquor habit, measure calico, subscribe to charity, go without meals, attack politicians, defend the national platform, sneer at snobbery, wear diamonds, in vent advertisements, overlook scandals, praise babies, delight punk in raisers, lead the disgruntled, fight to a finish, publish doctor's resolutions, denounce a lawyer, set type, mould opinions, sweep the office, speak at prayer meeting, and stand in with everybody and everything.

THE GIRL THAT FLIRTS.—The editor of one of our contemporaries has evidently been jilted, for he says the girl who flirts with a whistler's goblin till he doesn't know whether he is floating in the sea of champagne to the sound of celestial music, sliding down a greased rainbow, or riding on the ridgepole of an aurora borealis, then tell him she can only be a Christ-mas present, opera-ticket, ice-cream sister to him; who steals his unripe affections and allows them to get frost-bitten—carries him into the empyrean of happy love only to drop him with a kerplunk that fills his hollow heart with compound fracture—well, she cannot be prosecuted for lechery, nor indicted for malicious mischief, but the unfortunate fellow who finally gets her will be glad to go to heaven—where there is neither marrying nor giving in marriage.

SOME HOMEY PROVERBS.—Two St. Helens cows were one day traveling along a road near the city, their minds deeply occupied with thoughts of future deprivations, when one of them saw a swarm of bees in the road ahead. Sticking her tail out behind as straight as a pumphanle, the bovine darted into the bushes beside the road. "The wicked flee when no man pursueth," said the second town cow, "but the righteous are as bold as a lion." And she calmly went on her way. She soon encountered the swarm of bees and they lighted on her and perforated her measly old hide with their stings. As she snorted and plunged backward and forward, thrashing the air with her tail, the other town cow called out from her position: "The wise man see'th the danger and turneth aside, but the fool putteth on and is punished." Moral—Texts will prove any blamed thing on earth you want them to.

FROM OVER THE MOUNTAINS.—Last Friday George Case, well known here, returned to this place from east of the mountains, where he has been about a year. George says the country east of the mountains is in the most prosperous condition this fall it has been for years. "Everybody has money," says he. The crop of wheat and the high price it brought, coupled with the price of wool, which is twice as much as it was a year ago, the advance in beef and mutton—the latter, George says, are selling readily at \$2 per head—have made the Eastern Oregon farmer absolutely independent. Cattle are not to be had at any figure, he says, and the price of every product of the farm has correspondingly advanced. The banks in that section are filled with money, and nearly every farmer, who a year ago owed large sums of money, is out of debt. The future promises still more prosperity for that section.

There is about \$20,000 available for the survey of the public domain in Oregon, during the approaching season. This is the latest appropriation ever made for that purpose, and settlers on the unsurveyed lands desiring to have their lands definitely located and surveyed should make application to the surveyor general of Oregon, whose office is in Portland.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Four weeks from tomorrow is Christmas day.

Home-made bread constantly on hand at Harris' cash grocery.

Representative Tongue and son and daughter left for Washington Tuesday night.

There is said to be quite an active demand for sawlogs, with prices ranging upward.

Mr. J. H. Decker, the barber, is comfortably quartered now in the building at the rear of Harris' store.

Plenty of wet weather this winter means smiling farmers next summer and more mortgage-lifting next fall.

The dedication of the new Congregational church in this city will take place on Sunday, Dec. 19, 1897, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Rev. G. Groveron Haley will preach in Houlton next Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock, and at St. Helens on the evening of the 21st, at 7:30.

The amount of mortgages satisfied in Washington county for November amounted to over \$12,000 in excess of the mortgages filed.

Harrison Allen, formerly of this city, was last Saturday nominated by the republican convention of Astoria for city attorney of that place.

The petrified man reported to have been found in the foothills of the Cascades is probably one of the calamity hoppers of the last presidential campaign.

Last week this office printed the stationery for the grand lodge officers of Good Templar order of this state, amounting to several thousand impressions.

Two brothers named Heggblom, who have been operating a couple of fish traps between Skamokawa and Cathlamet, are reported to have caught and sold \$3,000 worth of fish this fall.

The steamer Pilgrim started on the Rainier-Portland run yesterday. She will leave Rainier daily at 7 a. m., due at St. Helens at 9 a. m., arriving in Portland at 11:30. Returning, will leave Portland at 3:30 p. m.

A rumor was hastily wadded down the street Monday evening, about 9:30, that an intruder was in the courthouse; but after careful and cautious examination by Constable Robinson the idea was dispelled as a hallucination.

The Oregon state board has made two new rulings concerning teachers' examinations. No visitors are to be admitted during examinations, and certificates are no longer to be granted to applicants under seventeen years of age.

See elsewhere in this issue the advertisement of the Marks Shoe Company, 253 Morrison street, near Third, Portland. These gentlemen are well known to our people and need little recommendation, as their goods speak for themselves.

Work is being pushed on the new wood flume, but progress is slower than was at first anticipated, owing to severe weather and many other unforeseen obstacles, which are now about overcome, and the completion of the flume will now be the work of but a few days.

St. Helens has been somewhat overrun with tramps the past ten days. About half a dozen were holding forth in the tower of the fire bell on Thanksgiving Day, and their frequent visits to residences, with appeals for food, were a matter of considerable comment among our people.

In Boston they don't say "There'll be a hot time in the old town tonight," but the catholic b'ondo murmurs, "There will be an interval of time remarkable for abnormal temperature within the corporate limits of the ancient municipality as night draws her sable curtains around."

Washington has a law against alien ownership of land. A Scotch citizen is desirous of building a beet sugar factory near Spokane, and this law stands in the way. There is a case in the state supreme court at the present time that will determine whether the law is constitutional or not.

Large shipments of farm produce continue to be made by farmers and dairymen along Willamette slough to the Portland markets. Butter is commanding a fancy price, as is also cream. A great many veal and hogs are being shipped, and the farmers of that section are disposing of, at good figures, all they can produce.

Rainier lodge No. 68, K. of P., have bills out announcing a grand ball to be given in that city on the evening of December 24th. The members of that lodge have a reputation of conducting the most thoroughly enjoyable dances given in that city, and all who attend their next ball will, no doubt, thoroughly enjoy themselves.

The Oregon delegation in congress, being protectionists, have insisted upon the government building the new Portland custom house of Oregon stone. The Forest Grove quarry, on account of its nearness to Portland and the excellence of its stone, seems to have a little advantage of the other competitors.

Receiver Galloway's report of the land office business for November shows that 16 homestead entries were made and 43 final homestead proofs; that \$13,250 was received from cash sales and \$601 11 in fees and commissions, yielding the full maximum salary for the month for both register and receiver.

The editor of an exchange says he is a true Christian, an adamant pillar of the church, and loves sacred songs, but when night after night he hears a neighboring family that owes him three years' subscription singing "Jesus paid it all," he feels like shedding his Christianity for a few moments to go over with a club and give them a receipt in full.

There are women with noses like anvil, voices like a cat fight, faces which are poison to the naked eye, feet similar to pianos, chests like ironing boards, and necks as long and stringy as poor land potatoes, go about the country lecturing on dress reform, and wearing clothes that would cause a freight train to jump the track.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Sheriff Rice was in Portland Wednesday. Jas. Sheldon was a passenger for Portland yesterday.

Edgar A. Kethley spent Thanksgiving in this city with relatives.

John R. Beagle, of Oregon City, spent Sunday last in this city.

Merchant Dart was attending to business in Portland Wednesday.

H. P. Watkins was doing business in the metropolis Thursday.

Miss Mamie Dart was a passenger for Portland Monday morning.

Miss Maud Frigg, of Salem, visited relatives in this county this week.

Alex Sward, of Vernonia, was on our streets Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. W. J. Muckle, of Rainier, was reported quite sick last Monday.

Mr. Butler left last Monday for California, where she will spend the winter.

Wm. Redman and wife of Bachelor Flat, were Portland visitors yesterday.

Miss Tillie Muckle and Miss Mary Burke, of Rainier, were in Portland yesterday.

Mr. A. Pontzen, of Meyer & Frank's, Portland, was in this city over Sunday.

Mrs. George is reported much improved in health, and will probably return home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rubert have returned to this city where they will reside during the winter.

Mrs. J. H. Sheldon, accompanied by her mother, were passengers for Portland on Wednesday.

Mr. W. H. Dolman left last Monday for Placer county, Cal., where he will remain for three or four weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Perry, of Portland, spent Thanksgiving in this city at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Dart.

James Muckle, who is operating a logging camp near the Cowman, in Washington, spent Thanksgiving in this city.

John Atkins, who has been at Ilwaco for some time, returned to this city last Saturday to remain during the winter.

Miss Bender, engineer on the Young America, was off duty several days last week taking an examination for new papers.

Mr. Nelson, of Sausalito, Grant county, returned to his home in Oregon yesterday to spend two weeks visiting his friend, D. J. Switzer.

Mr. C. H. Piggott went to Salem last Friday to take the law examination, returning Sunday. Mr. Piggott successfully passed the examination.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rice, after spending about three weeks in Kentucky, returned to this city Wednesday evening, and will remain indefinitely.

County Surveyor Meerve came up from Delena Monday, and has spent several days in the vicinity of Scappoose surveying some new property roads.

Mr. R. Cox, of this place, and G. S. Emerson, of Heaton, went to Portland Monday to assume their duties as jurors in the United States circuit court.

Mr. D. J. Switzer has been confined to his bed for several days with a severe cold, which threatened to develop into pneumonia, but at last accounts he was rapidly improving.

Mrs. W. H. Conyers, of Clatskanie, spent several days in town this week visiting friends. She had been to Oregon City and Portland, and after visiting here returned home Tuesday night.

Martin White came up from Quincy Wednesday and remained until Thursday. Mr. White is making some improvements to his farm along the bank of Beaver, in the way of drying bling for a breakwater.

Ed Joseph, of the steamer Young America, had an operation performed on his right leg last Tuesday by the physicians in this city. A part of the shin bone, which member is injured some time since by coming in contact with the blade of a truck, was removed.

Farmers' Institute.

SCAPPOOSE, Or., Nov. 30, 1897.—Dear Sir: Your cooperation in a farmers' institute to be held at Scappoose, Or., on Dec. 9 and 10, is earnestly requested. A word as to what these institutions are may not be out of place. They are held at various points throughout the state under the auspices of the Agricultural College of Corvallis. It is ordered by the board of regents that six of these be held annually, and the number frequently exceeds this. These meetings are in no way political; they do not represent any faction whatever desirous of putting its principles before the public. They do profess to afford opportunities to farmers of the one hand, and professors of the college on the other, to exchange ideas and experiences in agricultural affairs. They have proved to be one of the best means of enlightenment regarding practical points of farm, garden, and orchard. The authorities, feeling that they are successful only as far as they are attended by farmers and others, earnestly ask your presence and participation in discussions, with the assurance that such act on your part will prove of mutual advantage to yourself and the community in general. These meetings are always perfectly free to all; no admittance fee being charged at the door.

There are always points under discussion which interest ladies; and, therefore, to the entire public, and to the farmers in particular, a cordial invitation is extended.

Yours truly,
BURT WEST,
Secretary of the local committee.

Dr. Hall and wife were in the metropolis Saturday with Miss Hertha Arnold, who started for San Francisco on the steamer State of California this week on her way home. Miss Arnold resides in Pennsylvania, and has spent the summer with her sister, Mrs. Hall, who carries away with her many pleasant recollections of the place and its people.

Report comes to us that T. F. Ritter and Miss Sallie Pisk, of this place, were married last Saturday in the single business moon at Portland. The news nearly took our breath for an instant, but after our reason returned we joined the friends here in wishing the couple much comfort in each others society as they travel together down "the stream of time."

Daniel Dixon sr. was induced finally to part with his three-year-old colt that he and his wife were planning to sell for cash. The colt was a fine specimen of any horse-flesh in this part of the country. Frank Van was the purchaser and has another animal that matches the colt well. He will soon have a fine team. Uncle Daniel is parted for Portland Monday evening to exchange his deuces for such commodities as his family need for winter.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Report of Columbia City school for November, 1897.

Average standing, including department: Martha and Ella Morrison, 95; Hugh Caples, 92; Bennie Butts, 88; Edna Usher and Orwin Graham, 84; Curly Usher, 96; Harry Kyle, 97; Mamie Mackay, Roy Kyle and Lester Sijmmer, 98; Willard Kyle, 99. Visitors during the month: J. F. Smith, of Yankton, and E. E. Coffin, Teacher.

Stop that cough! Take warning. It may lead to consumption. A 5c bottle of Shiloh's cure may save your life. Sold by Dr. Edwin Ross.

Karl's Clover Root Tea, for consumption is the best and if after using it you don't say so, return the package and get your money. Sold by Dr. Edwin Ross.

For constipation take Karl's Clover Root Tea, the best blood purifier. Cures headache, nervousness, eruptions on the face, and makes the head clear as a bell. Sold by Dr. Edwin Ross.

Catarth Cured. A clear head and sweet breath secured with Shiloh's Catarrh remedy, sold on a guarantee. Nasal injury free. Sold by Dr. Edwin Ross.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS. In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County.

In the matter of the estate of William Wilkinson, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned was, on the 4th day of October, 1897, duly appointed administrator of the estate of William Wilkinson, deceased, by the County Court of Columbia County, Oregon, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present them, with the proper vouchers, to the undersigned, at her residence, near Hillsboro, Columbia County, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Pittsburg, Oregon. LUCINDA WILKINSON, Administratrix of the estate of William Wilkinson, deceased.

NOTICE. All parties knowing themselves to be indebted to the late firm of Beagle & Davis will please call at this office and settle their accounts, the undersigned having purchased the same.

DAVID DAVIS.

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Dated this 15th day of November, 1897. J. R. BEAGLE, DAVID DAVIS.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., November 28, 1897.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to develop into public land, his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Columbia County, at St. Helens, Oregon, on December 1, 1897, viz:

CONSTANTINE MARSHALL, Homestead Entry No. 988, for the southwest 1/4 of northeast 1/4 of section 22, township 3 north, range 3 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land: F. A. Gilchrist, Joe Dupont and Fred Zeller, all of Valley, Oregon. 91849.

CHAS. H. MOORES, Register.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT J. THE undersigned executor of the last will and testament of Elizabeth Beagley, deceased, have filed in the office of the County Clerk of Columbia County, Oregon, a final account of my administration upon said estate, together with my petition for final distribution of the residue of said estate among the persons entitled thereto; that the Hon. J. B. Doan, Judge of the County Court of said County and State, has appointed Thursday, the 9th day of December, 1897, at 3 o'clock P. M., and the Court-room of said Court at the County Court House, in the City of St. Helens, in said County and State, as the time and place for the settlement of said final account, and the hearing and distribution of said estate; and that any person interested in said estate may appear and file their objections thereto.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, November 4, 1897. U. M. BEGLEY, Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Beagley, deceased.

SUMMONS. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia.

WILLIAM KUESSLER, Defendant, vs. WILLIAM KUESSLER, Plaintiff.

In the NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the first day of the regular term of this Court, which will begin the first Tuesday after the second Monday in May, 1898; and if you fail to answer, for want thereof, the plaintiff will take judgment and decree as prayed for in the complaint hereto, declaring the mortgage therein mentioned, and the same to be in full force and effect, and ordering the same satisfied and released upon the records thereof.

Publication of this summons is made in accordance with an order of the Hon. T. A. McBride, judge of said court, made the 23rd day of October, 1897. T. M. BARRIN, Attorney for plaintiff.

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PROVISIONS AT Harris' Cash Grocery.

"The Perkins" C. W. KNOWLES, Manager. Mr. Knowles was, for many years, proprietor of the St. Charles hotel, and while there established a reputation as a hotel man. He is now in a better position to entertain his friends than ever before, and will welcome all his old patrons to his new place of business, where can be found an up-to-date hotel.

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ORIENTAL HOTEL FOR PORTLAND, DAILY. A. B. BLAKESLEY, Proprietor. Board by Day, Week or Month AT REASONABLE RATES. Young America WILLAMETTE SLOUGH. Leave St. Helens, 6:30 A. M. Arrive at Portland, 10:00 A. M. Leave Portland, 5:30 P. M. Arrive at St. Helens, 6:30 P. M. FARE 25 CENTS. Will Carry Nothing but Passengers and Fast Freight. JAMES GOOD, Master.

WANTED—FAITHFUL MEN OR WOMEN to travel for responsible established houses in Oregon. Salary \$750 suit expenses. Further particulars, Reference, Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. The National Star Insurance Bldg., Chicago.