

OREGON MIST. FRIDAY, JANUARY 21.

FISHING OUTLOOK.—The prospects for the fishing season of 1895 are not very encouraging. Over 400 fishermen already left the city, and more are going on every steamer. The cannermen have fixed the price at three cents, and the fishermen have decided not to make any new nets. It will be almost impossible to secure fishermen this season, as no man will put \$400 in a year and fish for three cents.—Astoria Herald.

GOING TO ALASKA.—Last Wednesday Mr. H. H. Harvey resigned his position as member of the board of county commissioners, and expects to start soon for Alaska. He has been a member of the board for almost four years, and in his opinion has worked faithfully for what he thought was the best interest of the county. The expenses of the county have been far less during his membership of the board than they were for many years previous. This information we get direct from the county auditor, and it is greatly through Mr. Harvey's efforts that the change has been brought about. Mr. Harvey has many friends in the county who wish him success in the far north and a safe return.—Kelo Journal. Mr. Harvey is well known in Columbia county, and has many friends here who wish him unbounded success in the north.

LIVELY LOGGING YEAR.—A better condition of financial and commercial affairs in Columbia county depends, as all know, to a great extent upon the logging and lumbering industry, and every hand on the general indicator points to a successful year in that line all along the Columbia river, and certainly this county may confidently look for its share in the same line. From all quarters in Washington comes the good news of increasing activity and increased prices in the logging camps. It is acknowledged throughout that section that \$5 per thousand or more for logs will be the ruling price this year, and certainly wages will advance in the same degree. With the price of logs at \$5, loggers will be enabled to pay better wages and run larger crews, which, of necessity, will add wonderfully to the general business throughout the section in which the work is being done. Shingle-mills and logging-camps running at full blast, along with many sawmills in our county, will have the good effect of increasing wages and affording employment to our people.

OUR STATE TAX.—With the exception of the year 1894, the tax due the state from Columbia county will be less this year than has been the case since 1890. In 1893 the amount paid from this county was \$6,711.91; in 1894, \$3,890.88; in 1895, \$6,188.44; and in 1896 tax paid in 1897 \$5,602.78. The tax to be paid this year, as of former years, paid on the preceding year, which shows our assessed valuation, less exemptions, to be \$1,358,616, and since the state levy is fixed at 3 1/2 mills, the amount to be paid the state is \$4,755.15, which, the county, must be paid by March 9th. Columbia county has a reputation of being prompt in the matter of paying state tax, and no doubt Treasurer Wharton will strive to maintain the good name. As a result of promptness in this matter, Columbia county has had but little interest to pay the state on derred payments, the amount being thus paid since 1890 amounting to \$109.21, in 1894 the amount being \$89.49 paid on 1895 tax, and in 1896 \$19.72, being interest on deferred payments on 1894 tax. It is to be remembered the state board was slow in 1894 in computing the several rolls, and as a consequence it was late in the spring when the tax roll in this county was ready to turn over to the sheriff, thus causing the delay in the payment of the state tax, and necessitating the payment of interest. It is to the interest of taxpayers in our county to be prompt with their payments, thus avoiding paying interest to the state. Unless the money has been turned over to the treasurer, as a matter of fact, the state tax cannot be paid, and unless our taxpayers respond readily to the call of the sheriff for taxes, we are again placed in the same position of having interest on state taxes to pay.

NOT TO BE IMPROVED.—Captain W. L. Fisk, under whose supervision a survey of Scappoose bay, with a view to its improvement, was made some time since, reports adverse on the matter. The detailed report of Mr. Fisk is evidence that he made a thorough examination. He sets forth, in an impartial manner, the resources adjacent to the bay; tells of the average commerce there; speaks of the splendid timber; of the great quantities of cordwood shipped out of the bay each year, and of the adaptability of the immediate section for dairying; yet, he states emphatically that he does not consider the bay worthy of improvement by the general government. If we remember correctly, it was the desire of those asking this improvement that the course of Scappoose creek be changed by turning it into the bay at a point about three miles further south of where it at present enters the bay. In the report of Mr. Fisk he states that so far up the bay as the mouth of Scappoose creek there is a good channel, with an average depth of water of eight feet, but above that point the channel is winding and widening, and contains a less amount of water. It was from that point up the bay that the improvement was hoped for, and in so doing the lower part of that body of water would also, of necessity, be improved. The county of the upper part of the bay, as Mr. Fisk says, is given principally to dairying and stock-raising, but had this improvement been made it would have enabled the people to devote more attention to logging and the cordwood industry, which, of necessity, is an important and growing industry. Of course, the section of country along the bay has the advantage of rail facilities, but we are of the belief that had the improvement in the bay been made, it would have added materially to the advantages of the settlement and brought the country forward in an advantageous degree.

Mrs. G. W. Cole was in Portland on Wednesday. Mr. W. B. Dillard was in Portland last Monday. Mrs. J. H. Sheldon was in Portland last Tuesday. Frank Dow was down from Oak Island Tuesday. W. T. Watts, of Scappoose, was on our streets Tuesday. Wm. D. Connell, of Deer Island, was in Portland Monday. James Sheldon was in Portland Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Jacob George and daughter, Flora, were in Portland Tuesday. J. B. Godfrey was looking after business matters in Portland Wednesday. Attorney G. W. Cole was attending to legal matters in Portland last Saturday. The house and contents of E. H. Flagg, at Salem, were destroyed by fire last Friday morning. Ed Joseph, who has been in the hospital in Portland for some time, arrived home last week much improved. Rev. Mr. Fowell, of Portland, will hold services in the Episcopal church in this city next Wednesday evening at 7:30. Commercial job printing in all its branches done at this office in the absolutely latest styles and at the most reasonable prices. Rev. Philbrick will preach at Deer Island next Sunday at 11 a. m., at Columbia City at 3 p. m., and in this city at 7:30 in the evening.

Final settlement in the estate of Jacob Beusch, deceased, was had last Friday before Judge Dean, and the administrator discharged. The Rainier Sash & Door Factory is to resume operations with orders sufficient to keep it running for six months, so we are informed. Thomas Cooper and son, John, of this city, expect to leave on the next trip of the Elder for Skagway, where they will engage in business. Latest fashions of types, lowest prices, and unexcelled workmanship are the combined qualifications of this office to turn out job printing in all lines. The 12-year-old son of Mr. Dan Rice, of Clatskanie, has been very low with pneumonia for several days, but at last reports was considered improving. Mr. Edgar Enyart and Miss Anna Rombolski were married Wednesday at the residence of Mr. Edwin Merrill, at Deer Island, Justice Edwin Merrill officiating. Professor Headley, of Portland University, will deliver a lecture this (Friday) evening to the members of the reading circle at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dillard. Dr. Ross was called to Clatskanie last Sunday night by telegram to consult with Dr. Hall on a case which is in the latter's charge. The doctor returned Monday night. Two deaths occurred in Rainier last week, one being an infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Riggs, the other, a man whose name we failed to learn. Both were buried last Saturday. Lincoln J. Meserve, of Clatskanie, administrator of the estate of John Atkins, deceased, was in town last Friday settling the estate matters in the probate court. Everything was satisfactory, and the administrator discharged. A special school meeting for this (No. 2) district is called to meet at the schoolhouse in this city on Monday evening, January 21, at 7:30, for the purpose of levying a tax to pay indebtedness and maintaining the school. Voters take notice. Over 300 people will leave Astoria for Skagway during the next 30 days. All the Astoria boys who are there are now doing well. W. W. Whipple will start a restaurant there; O. W. Dunbar, E. J. Howells, and Mr. Lewis left on the Elder Saturday to start a paper. Major J. S. Rinearson, a respected citizen of this county, living near Mayer, was in town last Friday. Mr. Rinearson is in his 84th year, and is yet quite spry. Mr. Rinearson has resided in this county about 25 years, and has taken more or less interest in public matters. At a meeting of McKinley Republican Club held in this city Wednesday evening Dr. Edwin Ross, Dr. H. R. Cliff, G. W. Cole, D. J. Switzer, and David Davis were elected delegates to the State League of Republican Clubs to be held in Portland on Monday, February 1st, 1895. Robert Patrick, of Vernonia, came over from there Monday, and from here he will go to Dawson City, seeking on the Oregon tomorrow, if he can secure passage. Robert is a good, healthy specimen of manhood, and just such a person to endure such a trip. We wish him success, at all events. Some of our neighbors on the bay brought some cattle to this city Monday for shipment on the Kellogg, among the herd being one of those pompous, dignified animals, which, by his actions, would indicate that he was the ruler of the roost, and certainly he was. The gentler gender quietly submitted and took their passage, but this important fellow was a source of no little trouble. All the men and boys in town were out in full force, including the crew of the steamer, but his bullship finally succumbed in escaping and the steamer departed without him. A meeting of the state central republican committee is called by the chairman to meet in Portland on Tuesday, February 2, at which time preparations will be made for the spring campaign. Proportioning delegates from the several counties to the state convention, and recommending a date for primaries and county conventions are important among other duties of the committee. Columbia county will be represented by George G. Mayer. On the same date the congressional committee will meet, which consists of one committeeman from each county in the district, W. D. Connell representing Columbia county in the second district.

In view of the fact that the county court was not advised of the state tax levy previous to its adjournment last week no levy was made for 1897, but in all probability when the matter is settled the levy will be the same as it was the year previous—27 mills. It is the desire of the present board to levy a tax sufficient to meet current expenses and to additionally reduce the indebtedness a little each year. We believe the taxpayers of this county will be better able this year to pay a 27-mill tax than they have been the two or three years previous, and it was probably with this idea in view that the board, in connection with other matters, deferred action in the premises. Judge Dean and Commissioner Frakes will meet, we understand, on the 25th instant and fix the levy. We have assurance, however, that the levy will not exceed 27 mills, and if it fixed at that the county will be enabled to reduce the indebtedness several thousand dollars. Among the items contained in the proceedings of the commissioner's court which appear elsewhere in this issue, is one in regard to delinquent taxes that has been carried on the rolls for many years, consisting of assessments on homesteads, double assessments, incorrect descriptions of property, poll tax, tax on personal property removed from the county, and mortgage assessments, amounting in the aggregate, to about \$13,000, which the court very correctly ordered stricken from the rolls. This county has been carrying these amounts along from year to year, and estimating them as resources, when, in reality, they were absolutely worthless, and a source of no little trouble and extra work. "Stop my paper!" exclaimed a man Tuesday afternoon, as he rushed into our office, and the tone of voice with which he looked at us denoted that he meant business, and with but little ceremony we proceeded forthwith to take his name off the list, but it was not there. After a few excited inquiries he discovered that he was in the wrong print shop, and his apologetic phrases came so thick and fast that we lost sight of all other circumstances surrounding the matter in our slow recovery from fright, and when we realized what had happened, our man was gone. We stepped to the door just in time to see him enter an establishment further south on the street. We'll excuse him this time. The progressive ladies of Westfield, Ind., issued a "Woman's Edition" of the Westfield News, bearing date of April 3, 1896. The paper is filled with matter of interest to women, and we notice the following from a correspondent, which the editors printed, realizing that it treats upon a matter of vital importance to their sex: "The best remedy for croup, colds and bronchitis that I have been able to find is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For family use it has no equal. I gladly recommend it. Twenty-five and fifty cent bottles for sale by Dr. Edwin Ross. The new-year number of The Dalles Times-Mountaineer, which appeared last week, is a fine one. It contains a glowing account of the resources of Wasco county, and many fine half-tone illustrations of business houses of The Dalles and other Wasco county towns. It contains, also, descriptive matter of Sherman county, and furnishes photographs of the leading men of The Dalles, Wasco and Sherman counties. People of The Dalles should feel highly gratified that such an edition could be gotten out in their town. Last Monday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Gray, ended a series of six games of drive whist, which has been a source of much pleasure to the players. The scores of the various players have been varied, and without consulting the score-cards it would be difficult to state who the champion is. Drive whist is a hard game to beat, and the less-experienced player usually has the best score. This six-game series has been a pleasant one, and it is hoped the games will be continued. There is an extraordinary amount of work in the county clerk's office at the present time. Work of ascertaining the amount of assessable property in the several school districts has been prosecuted, and so soon as the districts report their levies the tax on the roll will be extended so that the sheriff may begin collecting the districts having until February 1st to report. Besides this work there is a great deal of recording to do, and taken altogether the clerks and assistants are kept extremely busy. The many friends of Mr. A. H. Blakeley, of this city, will regret to learn that he received another stroke of paralysis last Monday night, and is confined to his bed in an absolutely helpless condition. It was about six months ago that he received a light stroke of paralysis, not sufficient to entirely disable him, but the recent stroke was more severe, rendering him speechless and otherwise helpless. Mr. Blakeley is about 65 years of age, and it is not expected that he will recover. Mr. D. C. Tedford took his departure last Saturday for Northport, Wash., on the Columbia river, near the British Columbia line, near where he had bought 20,000 shares in a quartz mine. Mr. Tedford thinks his mine is a good one, and it was his intention to push development work on the ledge, and as soon as possible make the mine a shipper. There is a prevailing idea that the county court allowed, in the full extent, every bill presented to it, but if our readers will carefully scan the list of bills allowed they will readily ascertain that the court carefully considers each bill before it is passed upon, for in many instances the amount allowed is much less than the amount asked. Fred Caples, of Columbia City, returned last week after about a year's absence in the North. During the time he visited Roseland, B. C., and other points in that section, going from there to Vancouver and Victoria, where he remained some time. We understand he intends returning to Northern points again soon. Mr. George Mayer was in town Tuesday evening. It is Mr. Mayer's intention to remove with his family to this city in the near future preparatory to taking charge of the company's business at this place.

VERNONIA GLEANINGS. Very pleasant winter weather. A few wild geese were observed flying north this week. Philo Olson, from Pebble creek, was in town Wednesday. F. L. Wilson paid Washington county a business visit Thursday. Mrs. Armstrong, sr., is visiting the family of E. B. Dunlap this week. W. W. Allen went to Pittsburg Wednesday with a load of wheat to grind. Ernest Shannahan and wife were Vernonia visitors Wednesday and Thursday. Phineas Peck hauled a load of hay from Samuel Mow's Monday for Rev. Fisher. Mrs. Smith, of Upper Rock creek, was visiting the family of W. W. Allen Thursday. Hans Christanson and family were visiting friends and relatives in this town last Sunday. We are informed Albert Baker contemplates spending a few days visiting friends on the Columbia river. Pres. Howard, accompanied by Mr. Dave Early, drove a few head of cattle to Samuel Mow's to winter, Tuesday. Dow Keasey, of Keasey, leader of the Vernonia Dramatic Club, came down to this city for rehearsal Wednesday. Wm. Wilson, sr., paid Greenfield a flying visit Monday, returning Tuesday accompanied by his daughter, Ida. Rev. F. M. Fisher returned Monday from Miss. He will conduct a series of meetings at this place commencing with Monday evening. KEASEY ITEMS. Miss Mabel Harvey, from the Burn, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Maggie Webster. Robert Patrick bid adieu to friends at Keasey last Saturday, destination—Dyes or Skagway. Mrs. Eliza Reed has returned to her home on Reed's hill, from Forest Grove. There is no place like home. Mrs. Faltinet, mother of Fred, is seriously ill at her home on Upper Rock creek. Hopes for her early recovery are entertained. Miss Beatrice Burkhead, of Sunnyside, and her sister, Mrs. Martin Harsy, visited at Homewood ranch on Wednesday and Thursday of last week, going from there to the Webster home, returning to Mist on Friday. Otto Cheldelin is reported quite ill, so much so that medical aid will be required. Although it is not often that we have need for a physician, the lives of the few are as precious as the lives of the many. Who among the D's will come to Nehalem and take up their abode? The seventieth birthday of E. W. Keasey was very pleasantly celebrated Wednesday, January 12, by giving the "Aged Patriarch" of three score years and ten" a genuine surprise. Mrs. Malvesten, Elzberger, Peck, Spricer, Hosiery, and Rev. Fisher, also Miss Beatrice and sister were present to partake of the dinner prepared for the occasion. Sunshine without added to the pleasures within. HOULTON HAPPENINGS. Opal Cox is visiting in Goble this week. Mrs. Jas. Cox visited Portland Tuesday. Mr. L. M. Stern returned from Portland last Friday. Mrs. F. M. Flory is visiting with relatives in Scappoose. Miss May Burlingame returned home last Saturday. Mrs. C. E. Emerson spent several days in Portland last week. Our city merchant is adding a safe and burglar alarm to his store. Mrs. P. G. Baker, of Portland, is visiting with friends here this week. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Burnette visited relatives in Scappoose the forepart of the week. Miss Mand Watts, of Scappoose, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. N. A. Perry, at this place. Mrs. Lizzie Kelso, who has been sick for a long time, was taken to Good Samaritan hospital in Portland last week. Business is quite brisk at this place since the flume got in condition to run wood, so it affords work for a number of men and boys. The United Artisans installed officers on Monday evening, the installing officer, Mr. Seton, giving a lecture on the good of the order. Rev. Burlingame and family were pleasantly surprised here last week by some of his friends presenting him with a little donation of some eight or nine dollars in cash and about the same amount in groceries. Rev. Burlingame is holding a successful revival meeting here which will continue the remainder of this week and next. Presiding Elder Shupp came down from Portland Wednesday and is assisting in the good work. SUMMONS. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Columbia County. The Astoria and Columbia River Railroad Company, plaintiff, vs. James McGregor, defendant. To the above-named James McGregor, defendant: You are hereby notified and required to appear and answer the Complaint of the above-named plaintiff in the above-entitled action, in the above-entitled Court, on or before the first day of the next regular term of said Court, namely, on or before the 11th day of May, 1895; and you will take notice that if you fail so to appear and answer, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint and for a judgment against you for want of an answer; the relief demanded in the Complaint being a judgment condemning and appropriating to use of the plaintiff for railroad purposes and for the purpose of taking material therefrom to be used in constructing and maintaining the embankment of plaintiff's railroad, the following-described tract of real estate, situated in Columbia County, in the State of Oregon, to-wit: Beginning at the point of intersection of the West boundary line of plaintiff's right of way hereinafter described with the South line of Section 26, in Township 7 North, of Range 2 East, of Meridian 2, West of the Willamette Meridian, at a point 128 1/2 feet West of the Southeast corner of said Section 26; thence West along the South line of said Section 26 a distance of 174 1/2 feet; thence North 29 degrees 10 minutes West, a distance of 45 feet; thence North 43 degrees 07 minutes West, a distance of 93 1/2 feet; thence South 29 degrees 10 minutes West, a distance of 75 1/2 feet to the Easterly boundary line of the right of way hereinafter described; thence East along said Easterly boundary line of the right of way hereinafter described, containing 1 1/4 acres. Also the following tract or parcel of land situated in Lot 12, Block 3, in said Section 26, in said Township 7 North, Range 2 East, of Meridian 2, West of the Willamette Meridian, a distance of 147 feet West of the Southeast corner of said Section 26; thence along a three-degree curve to the left to a tangent at said corner, which bears North 20 degrees, 25 minutes West, through a total angle of 12 degrees, 31 minutes, and a distance of 415 feet to the end of said curve; thence a distance of 15 feet to the end of said curve to the West, bearing South 22 degrees, 2 minutes West, across the Southeast corner of the Southeast quarter of Section 26, and along the East line of said Township 7 North, and Range 2 East, to the center line of said right of way in the following: Beginning at a point in the South line of Section 26, in Township 7 North, Range 2 East, of Meridian 2, West of the Willamette Meridian, a distance of 147 feet West of the Southeast corner of said Section 26; thence along a three-degree curve to the left to a tangent at said corner, which bears North 20 degrees, 25 minutes West, through a total angle of 12 degrees, 31 minutes, and a distance of 415 feet to the end of said curve; 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