

OREGON MIST  
FRIDAY, MARCH 11.

Surveyor Meserve was in town yesterday.

T. C. Watts, of Goble, was in Portland Tuesday.

Master Alfred George visited in Rainier over Sunday.

Dr. H. R. Cliff was in Portland on Wednesday afternoon.

Be sure you are right, then go ahead, means just what it says.

George Mayger was attending to business in Portland Monday.

Mr. J. B. E. Bourne, of Rainier, was in this city on business Tuesday.

Geo. Mayger is now sporting a brand new 1898-modul Rambler bicycle.

Mr. S. B. Rose, of Vernonia, is circulating on our streets Wednesday.

Mrs. C. I. Hooghkirk, of Rainier, was visiting friends in this city Tuesday.

Rev. Mr. Philbrook will preach at Scappoose next Sunday morning and evening.

Mr. A. H. Powell, of Pittsburg, was in town Wednesday evening and Thursday.

Rev. Haley will preach at Houlton Sunday morning, and in this city in the evening.

James Muckle spent a day or two in town the first of the week, returning to Coweeman Tuesday.

John Brous, of Vernonia, was in town this week attending to matters before the county court.

Mrs. J. H. Sheldon went to Portland Tuesday to see her sister, who has been quite sick for some time.

Frank Hoyt and John Dolan and Omar Bennett, of Warren, were in town on business Tuesday.

Mr. J. W. Boals, of Mayger, was attending to business matters in Portland and this city this week.

Mrs. Holcomb, of Portland, spent several days in this city this week visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dillard.

James Sheldon was looking after matters pertaining to the fishing business at Eureka cannery Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. U. W. Clark and Mr. G. D. Gilson, of Houlton, were among the passengers to Portland Wednesday.

Mrs. J. H. Groves, of Portland, was in this city a day or two last week visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jas. Muckle.

Messrs. Dillard & Day were called to the Sound Monday to attend to legal matters in which they are interested.

Mr. H. O. Howard, the Yaakout sawmill man, was in town Monday looking after matters connected with his mill.

Mrs. A. J. Rubert, sr., who has been in San Francisco for several months, is expected to arrive home some time this month.

Fred and Harry Caples were passengers on the Oregon, which sailed last Sunday. They intend going to Fort Wrangel.

Mrs. Gilmore and daughter returned Wednesday from Oregon City and vicinity, where they had visited for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Cox and Mrs. F. L. Clear spent a few days this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dow, at Oak Island.

Ed Barnes, Alvan and Chas. Merrill, who went to Skagway some time since, returned to their homes, near Deer Island, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dolman, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Beegle, Mr. W. B. Dillard and others were passengers for Portland Monday.

Miss Florence George returned on Tuesday from Reuben, where she had visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Wagle for a few days.

Jack O'Toole, well known at Deer Island where he formerly worked on the Connell place, returned from California the first of the week.

Arthur Sewall, candidate for vice president on the democratic ticket in November, 1896, was in Portland last Sunday and Monday looking after his shipping interests.

Gus Wikstrom was in Portland on Tuesday. Gus is making so much money that he was obliged to purchase a Webb safe in order to have a secure place to keep his accumulations.

Mrs. J. N. Rice, Mrs. A. J. Deming, Mrs. D. Davis, A. B. Little, J. S. Cloninger and wife, W. W. Blakesley, A. J. Rubert, Jas. Cox, David Henshaw, Jas. Dart, and others, were in Portland Tuesday.

Ernest Council, who, with his parents, resided at Columbia City several years ago, was in this city last Friday on his way to Columbia City to visit relatives. He has been residing at Corvallis, and on Alsea river, since leaving this county.

Dr. A. P. McLaren, of Rainier, was in town Monday afternoon. Dr. McLaren is Columbia county's efficient coroner, and no doubt will be a candidate for re-election. He has been a faithful and efficient officer, and will no doubt receive another nomination by acclamation.

Mr. D. J. Switzer went to Clatskanie Tuesday night, where he will be superintending the construction of the water system being put in at that place. Mr. Switzer has considerable experience in that line, and Clatskanie people may depend that their system will be perfect if superintended by him.

I desire to attest to the merits of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as one of the most valuable and efficient preparations on the market. It broke an exceedingly dangerous cough for me in 24 hours, and in gratitude therefore, I desire to inform you that I will never be without it, and you should feel proud of the high esteem in which your Remedies are held by people in general. It is the one remedy among ten thousand. Success to it.—O. E. Downey, Editor Democrat, Albion, Ind. For sale by Dr. Edwin Ross.

This March weather is as uncertain as a politician's smile.

A grand St. Patrick's dance is announced for St. Helens.

Rev. Mr. Weatherdon, of St. Stephen's chapel, Portland, will preach here Sunday evening at 7:30 in the Episcopal church.

R. H. Nelson, of Kysar, is making preparations to furnish shingle bolts for Dusan's mill. He says he wants a few men to cut bolts.

Final settlement in the estate of Ira Overture, deceased, was had before Judge Doan on Wednesday. B. S. Hutton was the administrator.

The buds are swelling, and the more forward of the trees and shrubs are putting forth leaves. Vegetation is more forward than it was last year.

W. W. Blakesley, D. J. Switzer, and A. King were appointed by the city council as judges of election, and Ed Joseph and David Davis clerks.

A. Smids and Dan Stehman, of Astoria, will shortly put in a mill on Smith's place, on the Clatskanie. It will be called The Nonc Such Mill Company.

The fact of the local market being well supplied with their product proves that the barnyard fowl has been giving reasonable attention to business and kept up the supply of eggs.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Gray entertained a few friends Monday evening. Whist was indulged in until after midnight. Ice cream and other refreshments were served. A pleasant time was had.

The road question in Oregon is a good deal like the woodchuck proposition with the man who said when it rained he couldn't build the shed, and when it wasn't raining he didn't need it.

Recorder Chas. Blakesley has the notices of the annual city election of St. Helens posted. The election will be held on Monday, April 4th, at the courthouse, at 7 o'clock in the afternoon.

A report circulated on our streets Monday afternoon that Consul Lee, at Havana, had been assassinated, created considerable excitement, but fortunately the report proved ungrounded, and the community rests easier again.

Judge Doan received word from Salem week last that Walter Brothers, who was sent to the asylum some time ago, may recover his mind; that Mrs. Brothers' recovery is doubtful, and that neither would be permitted to leave before two months.

The loss of the Maine is a heavy one from a financial point of view, as well as from the great number of lives lost, which is said to be the heaviest mortality that ever was suffered by any ship in the American navy. The Maine and her outfit was easily worth \$5,000,000.

This is the close season for salmon. The fishing season will open April 10. It is reported that at least one half the catch on the Columbia river will be bought by commission merchants for cold storage shipment East. A number of fishermen have agreed to deliver fish to these shippers for 5 cents a pound.

Mr. J. S. Millard, of Bachelor Flat, has a few sacks of Maui's Early Thorngood potatoes for sale. This is a good yielder, fully as early as the Early Rose, and possesses other qualities which make it a desirable potato to grow for profit. Price \$1.00 per bushel. For particulars address J. S. Millard, St. Helens, Or.

Fernand Glibbert, youngest son of F. G. Glibbert, who resides near the mouth of Cowitz river, in Washington, was taken to Portland Tuesday to undergo treatment for a fractured arm. The little fellow, who is about ten years old, was playing with his schoolmates when he fell, and sustained the injury mentioned.

Mr. J. M. Archibald, of Reuben, who has been in California since last September, arrived home on Tuesday of last week, accompanied by his wife, who joined him in California about three months ago. Mr. Archibald was at San Andreas, and says he is much pleased with that section of California, and expects to return there next fall.

St. Helens may soon have a real, full-fledged, up-to-date bowling alley. Parties are figuring on embarking in the enterprise, and we believe it can be made a paying investment. Bowling is fast gaining popularity as a pleasant, healthful, inexpensive pastime, and St. Helens people are no less susceptible to such a craze than people in other places.

On the morning of Feb. 20, 1895, I was sick with rheumatism, and lay in bed until May 21st, when I got a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The first application of it relieved me almost entirely from the pain, and the second afforded complete relief. In a short time I was able to be up and about again.—A. T. Moreaux, Luverne, Minn. Sold by Dr. Edwin Ross.

An Englishman named John Walling was brought to town Tuesday from Mr. Collins' place, near Scappoose, and tried before Judge Doan for his sanity. He developed no signs of serious affliction and it was decided to allow him to continue on his way to Portland. We believe, however, that Mr. Collins has good grounds for causing his arrest, from the report he gives of the man's conduct while at work on the place.

Mankind is not to be judged by the insolence of some men, but as a rule the migratory element are not too good to resort to almost any means to secure their ends. Tuesday morning there was one of those contemptibly mean dispositioned fellows in town, who swore at and blackgarded women and cursed and abused men because they would not feed him. We believe one would be justified in resorting to any means at had to protect themselves from this element. When a man resorts so hopelessly degraded as to be so to all kinds of abusive language because people refuse to give him food he should be severely dealt with. If visits from this element become any more frequent the city will be compelled to afford police protection. Fortunately for the fellow he got away before the constable could be notified of his doings.

The man who says "Amen" is the loudest at a prayer meeting is not always "a safe risk."

Tax Miter this week contains a complete report of the proceedings of the county court up to noon Thursday.

Wanted.—A girl for general housework. Call on or address, Mrs. J. G. Muckle, St. Helens, Oregon.

After the June election defeated candidates can take a trip up the Yukon, instead of up the proverbial salt river.

Wanted.—A middle-aged lady for light housework in a small family. Call on or address, John W. Boales, Mayger, Oregon.

Some of the most forward of the fruit trees are putting forth blossoms. They may be sorry as it is a little early for such "doings."

A number of spouters have already "opened the campaign of 1898." Some men think they open a campaign every time they open their mouths.

The politicians always stand "squarely" on the platform. It would relieve the monotony a little if some of them would stand crookedly or at an angle, or anyway crookedly.

Thos. Van Scoy, of Portland University, will lecture before the reading circle in this city on Friday evening, March 13th. Subject, "Books." Admission free. Lecture at the M. E. church.

When a letter from your best girl runs in the following strain: "Dearest on earth, heaven only knows how my heart screams for you," you may mark it down that "you are not the only pebble on the beach."

Mr. Wheeler, of the firm of Hipple & Wheeler, of Nehalem, has closed a deal for the purchase of 73,000 acres of timber land in Columbia county for a syndicate of New York lumbermen, says the Astoria Dispatch.

It is said that a valley editor said silver buckles on garters were becoming fashionable and he hoped to see more of them. His wife sued for a divorce, and the only woman in town who had silver buckles on her garters was said to be the poor editor until he was as raw as a potato.

The agent of a colony of 100 Swedish families has been in Oregon for some time. His colony would come to this state if the cultivation of flax for fiber were one of the established industries. They are all spinners and weavers of flax, are thrifty and reliable people, and would make a most desirable addition to our population.

The meeting called on Tuesday of last week by the union, at Astoria, to determine the price of fish, was fairly well attended. After a discussion of the subject it was deemed the wiser policy to postpone any action on the matter until nearer the opening of the season, when the condition of the market could be more accurately determined and an amicable agreement reached between the cannerymen and fishermen.

Oregon farm lands are beginning to have an actual cash market value again, and men are coming into Douglas county every day from the Eastern states, who want to buy farms. Conditions are changing for the better all over Oregon, and by next year, if we take no step backward by putting a lot of irresponsible agitators in power in Oregon, we will again be riding on the crest of a wave of prosperity, says the Plaindealer.

It is, or should be, the highest aim of every merchant to please his customers; and that the wide-awake drug firm of Meyers & Esheleman, Sterling, Ill., is doing so, is proven by the following from Mr. Esheleman: "In my sixteen years' experience in the drug business I have never seen or sold or tried a medicine that gave as good satisfaction as Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Sold by Dr. Edwin Ross.

Robert T. Lincoln club, of Warren, had a lively meeting Wednesday. The members are at work in earnest, and that part of the precinct this year can be depended upon to do its full duty in the campaign. The club has been meeting each alternate Wednesday evening, but at its last meeting it was decided to meet each Wednesday evening until after the campaign was over. The club has a corps of efficient officers, and its effects will be felt by the opposing party.

Since we had not chanced to pass that way since last fall, the fact that a new, handsome dwelling adorns the site occupied for many years by a house which was built by the former owner of the property now owned by Frank Meeker, on the road to Columbia City, had not been brought to our notice. Since Mr. Meeker has owned the place he has made many improvements, and now has one of the nicest places hereabouts. He is an active, energetic, young man, and will certainly succeed in making his place the most attractive and lucrative of any small farm in the county.

The repairs to the steamer Bailey Gatzert, which has been lying disabled at the Alder-street dock since her counter with the steel bridge some weeks ago, are well on toward completion, and the steamer will soon be ready to go into commission again. The steamers on both the hurricane and main decks have been replaced and the finishing touches are now being given to the work. Two new hog posts have been set up on the steamer and strong rods passed over them from end to end, thus greatly strengthening her. When the Gatzert resumes her run she will be as good if not better than ever before.

A crossed woman and a crossed electric wire are two things to be avoided. A woman looking for a rich husband is wonderfully like a confidence man looking for a farmer. If you want a woman to cheerfully pay a dollar for an article, tell her the price is a dollar and a half. There would be mighty few militia companies if the members were compelled to wear plain clothes on parade. When a man wins at poker he shows his hat on the back of his head. When he loses he pulls it down over his eyes. Men are not in this world rewarded according to what they know, but according to what they can make others think they know.

A SERIOUS GUNSHOT WOUND.

Ed Watts, of This City, the Victim of a Serious Blow.

Ed T. Watts, of this city, is now in the marine ward at St. Vincent's hospital, Portland, suffering from the effects of a gunshot wound at the hands of one German, Henry Schwering. Ed Watts is one of the most popular young men in the surrounding country, being known throughout the entire county. He was born in Columbia county, is the oldest son of T. C. Watts, of Reuben, and is known to be straightforward and industrious. The wound is the result of an accident to Mr. Watts, but, as the report from the Evening Telegram of Tuesday will show, there is a question as to whether the gun was discharged intentionally or by accident.

Following was taken from the Telegram: "Edward Watts, a fireman, this morning was lying aboard the steamer Young America at the docks when he was shot by a bullet from the hand of Henry Schwering, a German fisherman, from behind the county jail's door, while the steamer was being loaded. The bullet struck him in the chest, and he was taken to the hospital. The steamer was being loaded with lumber for the purpose of a simple warrant by Justice McDevitt, to be served against the German for trespassing on another man's ground."

A tragedy, for tragedy it is, as the fireman—a young man in his prime—was crippled for life, even though the wound does not prove fatal, occurred aboard the Young America this morning, which plied between St. Helens and Portland. Armed with his warrant the deputy sheriff placed the German under arrest just as the steamer landed. While the officer had his back to the prisoner's shoulder a deafening report rang out. The fireman, standing near the gangway, and clapping his hands on his forehead, exclaimed, "My God, I'm shot!"

"His life's blood spouted from the wound as the prisoner turned slowly white. When the smoke cleared away it was found that an ugly Colt's revolver, with a bore like a rifle barrel, had been fired through a sack the prisoner carried. An accident—pure and simple accident the officer claimed, but the deputy sheriff believes it was a deliberate attempt upon his life. These are matters which Judge McDevitt will decide upon.

"The circumstances leading up to the arrest are complicated. The prisoner lives on a large in Williams street. Near by is a plot of land, a little farm occupied by Bud Roy, to which the German also claims to be right. Last Saturday Roy had a complaint issued charging the German with trespassing. The deputy sheriff took the warrant and this morning went to the large farm. The German, he said, threatened to refuse to permit him to come aboard. Knowing that the German was coming to town on the Young America the deputy sheriff called the sheriff, and with the result described.

"He is under \$2,000 bonds, and is charged with three counts—carrying concealed weapons, resisting arrest, and assault with a dangerous weapon." Henry Schwering, who shot Ed Watts, had his preliminary examination in Justice McDevitt's court yesterday morning. He had three charges against him; assault with a dangerous weapon, carrying concealed weapons, and trespass. He was held under bonds of \$100 on the first charge, fined \$25 on the second, and the third was taken under advisement.—Oregonian, Thursday.

Dr. Cliff visited Mr. Watts Wednesday and found him resting reasonably well under the circumstances.

Some people who see nothing but disaster ahead declare that the price of shingles and lumber is no better than it was two or three years ago, says the Kelo Journal. One free silver and free trade enthusiast states that shingles were only \$1 per thousand and sawdust \$4.50 per thousand. Here are the facts as they exist in the Kelo market: Knapp & Dix sold shingles that had laid at the Kelo wharf in the rain and mud, for \$1.15 per thousand spot cash. Alger has refused \$5.50 per thousand for his logs, and returned to let a raft go this week for \$6 per thousand. Mr. Alger was in town this week and Messrs. Medlock and Lyons, of the Coweeman boom, know that the Journal speaks the truth. We do not understand why people love to howl calamity where everything indicates better times and to-day's prices are far ahead of what they have been.

Last Monday evening pursuant to call the annual school meeting of district No. 2 was held in the schoolhouse in this city. The report of the clerk for the past year was submitted and accepted. Dr. H. R. Cliff was elected director for three years and Mr. E. E. Quirk was re-elected clerk. The business of settling with the bondsmen of the previous clerk, C. H. Newell, was brought on, and the bondsmen, Jas. Muckle and E. E. Quirk, stated that they were willing to pay the district \$50 each rather than allow the matter to go into the courts. After due consideration the voters of the district authorized the directors to make an agreement with the bondsmen along the line of the proposition submitted by them. The shortage, as we understand it, is about \$340, and we believe the district acted judiciously in offering to compromise on the matter. History of bond cases leads up to the knowledge that their collection is an uncertain quantity, and any amount recovered on a bond is so much gained.

Weekly Excursions in Through Cars to the East.

Another through tourist car to the East has been arranged to run out of Portland, giving four each week. Hereafter the car leaving Monday will run through without change to Kansas City and Chicago, over the O. & N. Oregon Short Line, Rio Grande Western, Denver & Rio Grande, Missouri Pacific, and Chicago & Alton. That car has just been arranged for, and the one previously scheduled for Monday has been changed to Thursday. It runs through to St. Louis, via the Missouri Pacific line. The car leaving Portland Tuesday goes through to Boston, and is promoted by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific. Monday's car runs to St. Joseph, Kansas City, and St. Louis, over the Burlington. All these special through cars are receiving gratifying patronage. Consult C. N. agent before buying tickets to the East.

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Notice to Stockholders.

ST. HELENS, Or., March 10, 1898. Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the St. Helens Building Association will be held on Monday, March 21st, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m., at the office of Cole & Quick. Business of interest to be transacted. (The day, action, record, &c.) J. H. SWAGER, Pres. [Attest.] E. E. QUICK.

FOR SALE.

A 22-foot fishing boat; also 400 fishmons of new Salmon Net 96 and 98. Address, "Boat," Columbia City, Oregon.

DIED.

MILLER.—Near Corvallis, Wash., on Feb. 20, 1898, at Griddie & Buck's mill, Frank Miller, of heart disease.

Deceased resided in this county for about eight years, making his home at Anlary, where he had a homestead. He was highly respected, and in every way a splendid neighbor. He remains were laid to rest at Rainier last Sunday in K. of P. cemetery, under the auspices of the Oddfellows from Cowitz and Klamath edges, of which order he was a member. F. D. Miller, a brother, came from Whiting, I. W., and looked after the affairs of deceased.

WARRANT.

CARNAHAN-TIMONY.—At the home of the bride's parents, near Rainier, on Wednesday, March 2, 1898, Mr. J. H. Carnahan and Miss Bertha Timony, Judge Doan officiating.

SOWNELAND-WILSON.—At Rainier, Friday, March 4, 1898, Mr. Samuel Sowneland and Miss Maude Wilson, both of Beaver valley, Judge Doan officiating.

A town has no more right to depend wholly for success on its natural advantages than a man has a right to depend upon his wife's relations to get to heaven. It is the harmony of the whole people on a progressive plan that lifts a town out of ruts and puts it on the solid road to success.

TREASURER'S NOTICE.

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE, ST. HELENS, Or., Feb. 10, 1898. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL unpaid County Warrants of Columbia County, Oregon, which have been presented and endorsed, for the year of 1897, prior to June 3, 1898, will be paid upon presentation of the same. Interest will be allowed after this date. E. M. WHARTON, Sheriff, Columbia County, Oregon.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, Or., February 12, 1898. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Columbia County at St. Helens, Oregon, on April 2nd, 1898, viz: RUFUS D. BLAKELY.

Homestead Entry No. 9265, for the east 1/2 of southeast 1/4 of section 28, township 4 north, range 5 west, and lot 4 and southeast 1/4 of southwest 1/4 of section 20, township 4 north, range 4 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: W. C. Eickman, of Kelsey, Oregon, and John Campbell, George E. Fitzgerald, and Lewis Fitzgerald, of Vernonia, Oregon, and R. H. Thomas, of Buxton, Oregon. CHAS. B. MOORE, Register.

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Homestead Entry No. 8795, for the southwest 1/4 of section 28, township 4 north, range 5 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John Smith, J. P. Shesley, and Herman Jensen, of Vernonia, Oregon, and R. H. Thomas, of Buxton, Oregon. CHAS. B. MOORE, Register.

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Homestead Entry No. 9459, for the east 1/2 of northwest 1/4 and east 1/2 of southeast 1/4 of section 28, township 4 north, range 4 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Oliver Wilson, James Hill, William McDonald, and N. S. Ferguson, all of St. Helens, Oregon. CHAS. B. MOORE, Register.

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Homestead Entry No. 9523, for the east 1/2 of southwest 1/4 and west 1/2 of southwest 1/4 of section 28, township 4 north, range 4 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: S. A. Wilkinson, George H. Pearson, John Vanharscom and C. E. Solomon, all of Pittsburg, Oregon. CHAS. B. MOORE, Register.

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Homestead Entry No. 9039, for the west 1/2 of southwest 1/4 and southwest 1/4 of northwest 1/4 and lot 4 and southeast 1/4 of southwest 1/4 of section 4, township 4 north, range 4 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: J. T. Lucas, David O'Donnell, D. S. Ledy, Chas. Van Beek, all of Stratton,