

OREGON MIST.

FASTEST OREGON FREIGHTING.—They do some freighting over in Eastern Oregon. The Prinerville Review tells about a load of 19,000 pounds. Eight horses did the work, and it took five days to make the trip of 120 miles from The Dalles to Prinerville. The freighters use a trail wagon, which is hitched behind the large wagon by a short tongue. On grades and short curves the trail wagon is detached and the wagons moved separately.

ORDERED BACK.—The Forest Rangers have all been ordered back to their positions in the mountains by the officials at Washington, D. C., to serve another month. One of the reasons given is to have a trail cut between Bolknap Springs, on the McKean road, and Hassell Dell, on the military route. This will be an impossibility later in the year on account of snow. It is also claimed that danger from fire is still feared. We think the rangers can do as much good when it rains as when the sun shines, but the boys cannot have a very pleasant outing.

CONSOLIDATED.—The Courier and Herald of Oregon City have consolidated, and come to our table this week in three parts. The reform element have united for the shekels there are in it. It promises to be true to the free silver cause and fight the gold standard, and help to redeem Oregon from utter destruction and all that sort of stuff, meanwhile holding a grip on the sheriff's office, which will no doubt aid materially in keeping it. There is about as much of danger from such journals in Oregon as there is for bibles in Hades.—Corvallis Gazette.

CONTINUOUS ADVERTISING.—It costs the Royal Baking Powder Company something like \$500,000 annually for advertising. Someone once suggested to them that it discontinued advertising one year, the baking powder was so well known and advertised, and place the \$500,000 in the profits. The answer was that it would cost the company three times that amount to get the product in its original channels again. This is a pretty good pointer to those business men who imagine they are making a great saving when they discontinue a \$4- or \$5-a-month advertisement a few months in full season. It never pays to tear out a dam because the water is low.

SUPPLY OF LOGS.—Sawmillmen think sawlogs will be in better supply during the ensuing winter than they have been lately, as logging camps have been in operation in all directions for several months, and the prices now paid for logs will stimulate the woodmen to further efforts as long as the weather will permit. Last year logs ran short, as the low wages offered loggers was no inducement, so the mills have been frequently shut down during the past summer from lack of logs. Mills are now paying from 50 cents to \$1 more per thousand feet for logs than they were this time last year, and wages for logging hands have correspondingly advanced.

CHAMBERY AT DEER ISLAND.—Mr. Frank C. Barnes, of Portland, will put in a cream separator at Deer Island early next spring. Mr. Barnes promises the highest market price for the butter-fat product of that season, allowing the milk to be retained by the farmers. There are no long-drawn-out contracts as to number of cows to be kept by the farmers, or in fact there are no binding stipulations existing between Mr. Barnes and the farming fraternity. All that is asked is that as many cows be kept as can be made profitable to all concerned. Mr. Barnes sees there is an opportunity to increase his volume of business and at the same time afford an opportunity for the farmers to increase their incomes by affording the farmers a market for their product. In all likelihood the number of cows will be greatly increased in the near future.


A CARLOAD OF SPRUCE.—The Clatsop Mill Company, of Astoria, last week shipped its first carload of spruce lumber to an Eastern market. The car was consigned to a well-known firm of lumber dealers in Minneapolis, and left Astoria prominently placarded with the name of the Clatsop Mills at Astoria. It will make a splendid advertisement for the city and her lumber industry. It is reported that the Clatsop Mill has already booked a number of important Eastern orders, and that in a position to know exactly the lumber industry is destined to attain mammoth proportions there in the future. A prominent timber man says the extension of the common point on lumber by the Northern Pacific railway is the greatest event that has transpired so far in Astoria's history, not even the completion of the A. & C. railroad.

A TRAIN HELD UP.—Last night's train down from Portland experienced a hold-up which is the first in the history of the road. No one was injured and nothing was lost, but it was held up just the same. As the train was passing Houlton station Engineer Ford and Fireman Webster were very much surprised to see a man step into the cab from the tender and quickly announce: "Stop the train—let me off—I am a detective." With an evident desire to prove that he was a detective he produced two ugly looking pistols and holding one in each hand began to explain why he wanted to have the train stop. The two men were a better argument than anything that the man could say, and the train came to a sudden stop. The man disappeared off into the darkness and disappeared off the train as quickly as possible. The man had evidently been riding on the blind end of the express car. Engineer Ford believes the man was a white man, and wanted to ride without being seen, and to arrive at Houlton on mission, so that his coming would not be noticed as the train did not stop there. Both Ford and Webster say that the two men had been with them as long as their arm and about 13-inch caliber. They also acknowledge that they made a very quick stop and start.—Astoria Budget, 13th inst.

PERSONAL AND LOCAL.
Hon. N. Merrill was in town yesterday.
Judge Blanchard was up from Rainier Wednesday.
Joel Hill, of Clatskanie, was on our streets Monday.
Mr. Edwin Merrill was up from Deer Island Wednesday.
Miss Nora Conyers spent a day or two in town this week.
Harry and Bert West were down from Scappoose Wednesday.
Mr. Chas. Conyers and wife of Clatskanie, were in town Monday.
Thomas Muckle returned Wednesday from Dawson City, Alaska.
The county court is now in session hear complaints from taxpayers.
James Gatens was up from Deer Island Monday attending to business matters.
J. P. Heckert, of the Rainier Review, was circulating in this city last Friday and Saturday.
Ike Bumgardner came up from Clatskanie Monday to attend to some business affairs.
MILKERY.—The latest styles in milkery at Mrs. W. B. Buell's, near the schoolhouse.
Mr. Charles Maygor, sr., spent a few days in town this week, coming up from Mayger Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Charley Mellinger came over from Vernonia Tuesday and continued on to Portland Wednesday.
Dr. Geo. hold quarterly conference next Saturday at 3 p. m., in the St. Helens M. E. church, and in the Scappoose church at 7 p. m.
The little steamer Canby took a large crowd of passengers from this place last Monday. She is a neat little craft and makes fairly good time.

Mr. Thomas Henderson and family, of Astoria, have been visiting at the home of Capt. A. Henderson, at Houlton, this week.
The family of Judge McBride, who have spent the summer at Deer Island, moved to Oregon City last Saturday, where they will reside in future.
The Oregon Wood Company has sold a scowload of fir wood—250 cords—at \$3.25 per cord. The wood will be taken from their wharf at this place.
Albert Henshaw, who has spent a year or more in Condon, Malheur county, visited his parents at Houlton last week. He returned to Condon on Monday.
Mr. A. T. Laws, of Marshland, spent a few days in town last week and this. Mr. Laws reports logging operations as about closed for the season in the vicinity of Marshland.
Old fashions in dress may be revived, but no old-fashioned medicine can replace Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale by Dr. Edwin Ross, druggist.
L. L. Decker was in town Tuesday. He had just returned from Southern Oregon, where he had been employed with a gang constructing a telephone line through that portion of the state.
The big industrial exposition at Portland closes tomorrow (Saturday) night. Special features and attractions have been arranged for that night, and it is expected a large crowd will be in attendance.
Mr. Chas. Breedlove, who spent some time in this city last winter and spring, successfully passed the law examination at Salem recently, and week before last was admitted to practice law in this state.

There is considerable inquiry for green apples from the East, even as far as Pittsburg, Pa. The winter apple is not appearing in any great quantity yet, and the prices are therefore not definitely fixed.
Mr. J. P. Sesseman and Miss Ruby D. Allen were married in the church at Vernonia yesterday (Thursday) evening. The young couple were reared at Vernonia and both are favorites. They have the best wishes of many friends.
Captain D. W. Robbins was in town Wednesday. Captain Robbins spent the past summer on the Yukon, and has many interesting incidents to relate. While here Captain Robbins deposited \$133 in the county's exchequer for redemption of land which had been sold for taxes.
Apples are in good demand this year. Such demand and such prices have not obtained for several years. In fact we have been informed by reliable persons that such offers are being made in other parts of the county which affords an opportunity for the fruit producer has not enjoyed for many years.
A case in the justice court Monday afternoon, wherein the state was plaintiff and Charles Urie, of Houlton, defendant, resulted in defendant being discharged after hearing the testimony of six witnesses. A Mr. Walker, of Houlton, was the complaining witness, and it seems to have been a simple row of no particular importance.
Dr. J. F. Hatfield has located at Vernonia to practice his profession. The doctor comes from Chicago, and expects to make Vernonia his permanent home. The Nehalem valley has been without a physician for about

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STEAMER SHAYER IS SUNK

Collision in the Fog the Cause of the Accident.

No Lives Were Lost, but a Brief Panic Ensued—Happened in the Dead of Night.

The steamer Shayer lies on the bottom of the river, near the landing at W. D. Cornell's place, on Deer Island, just below Columbia City, with a great hole torn in her port bow, as the result of a collision with the T. J. Potter, which occurred at about 2:30 Tuesday morning, during a heavy fog. The steamer left Clatskanie as usual at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon, having a large cargo of freight on board, among other things being 20,000 feet of lumber and 91 bales of hops. With much work to do along the river it was past 1 o'clock before the steamer got to Kalama. Captain James Shayer had retired, the boat being in charge of Pilot Benham. No trouble had been experienced up to the time of leaving Kalama, and as the steamer began blowing fog whistles, Captain Shayer set up in his bunk, intending not to go to sleep if the weather got any thicker. Following is Captain Shayer's story of the accident:

"Soon after the Shayer commenced blowing fog whistles, I heard the Potter blowing also, and looked out of the window, expecting to see her when she passed. Very soon after hearing her first fog whistle, I heard her blow two whistles, which were promptly answered by the Shayer. These whistles were followed an instant later by a danger signal from the Potter, the Shayer also blowing a danger whistle almost simultaneously with the other steamer, and an instant later the crash came, the Potter showing up on the port side instead of the starboard side, and striking the Shayer about 15 feet astern of the bow, cutting her to the keel. The passengers on the Potter were in the cabin at the time, and I laid about as quickly as possible, and enabled us to transfer for the passengers before the boat sank. The crew on both boats behaved splendidly, and there was very little excitement, considering that the passengers had been rudely awakened from a sound sleep, and hurried out with only a few minutes' notice. All of the passengers saved their personal effects, but the crew had no time to get anything out from their quarters, on the lower deck, before the steamer was under water nearly up to the ladies' cabin. We were well over toward the shoal water near Cornell's place, on Deer Island, and the Potter kept above us over, until the Shayer at last took ground in about 18 feet of water, where she now lies in an easy position, from which she can be raised without much difficulty."

The loss is estimated to be about \$1000 on the cargo, and it is thought the boat can be raised and put in good shape for about \$1500. There were about thirty passengers on the Shayer, who transferred from the Potter to the Telegraph and later to Portland. The Potter was in command of Captain Joe Turner, and she laid by until 4 o'clock that morning. She was not scratched perceptibly. The work of raising the Shayer is now under way, and it is thought she will be ready to run again in about two or three weeks.

two years, or since Dr. Newth and family removed from there to Philomath. It's a good field, and no doubt Dr. Hatfield will do well there.
Rev. G. W. Gue, D. D. will preach next Sunday, in Houlton at 11 a. m., in Warren at 3 p. m., and will conduct memorial services in St. Helens at 7:30 p. m., in honor of the late Major Wilkerson, who was killed by the Indians at Walker, Minn., on the 5th inst. Many will remember the major (then "captain") as having preached in the M. E. church here in the early '80's.

A young son of Mr. Rower's, residing back of Rainier, was in this city Monday to have a wound in his left arm dressed by Dr. Cliff. The young man had been hunting, and stepping upon a log, he carelessly let his rifle drop, the hammer striking the log. The gun was discharged and the ball passed through the muscle of the left arm, causing a mean flesh wound. The bone was not injured.
Mr. A. H. Matthews, of Pittsburg, was in town Tuesday. Mr. Matthews had a rib broken a few days since, and has been away from home on a short leave-of-absence, as it were. Mrs. Matthews accompanied him. He says the Nehalem people are very much in earnest in regard to improving the road leading into this city, and it is expected that some good work will result from the great amount of talk.

Fifty cents per bushel for potatoes in the ground strikes us as being a pretty good price, yet that figure is being paid to potato growers in the vicinity of Warren and Scappoose. The California potato crop is an entire failure, and many sections of Oregon have not produced as large amount of potatoes as usual this season, so those who have an abundance of that product will receive a handsome figure for them before the winter is passed. These are satisfactory prices, indeed.
Attorney C. H. Piggott spent last Sunday in this city. Mr. Piggott left St. Helens early in May, going to Valley Centre, Cal., where he remained until just recently. Mr. Piggott says he is glad to return to Oregon, and expects to remain here indefinitely. He has established a law office in the Mulky building in Portland, and will practice his profession. Incidentally Mr. Piggott remarked that he had visited Mexico, where he said the American dollars exchanged right along for Mexican dollars at double the price of the Mexican money. They have free and unlimited coinage of silver in Mexico, at the ratio of sixteen to one.
Mrs. Jennie McDonald, of Deer Island, has sold the timber on one hundred acres of her land, which lies just below the station at Deer Island. The purchaser is a Portland gentleman, who will consume the entire product for cordwood. The piece of land is heavily timbered and the amount of wood which will be taken off will aggregate several thousand cords. A large crew of men are now engaged at the undertaking, with James Gatens as foreman. The wood will be loaded upon cars at the Ft. Hughes spur and hauled to Portland. Mrs. McDonald is receiving 20 cents per cord stumpage for fir and 25 cents for hardwood, of which there is a considerable amount.

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Which Will Take the Place of the Young America.
Captain Good, of the steamer Young America, is now engaged in the construction of a new steamer for the slough run. The boat, when completed, will be much larger than the Young America, although a propeller boat. The dimensions of the new boat are 100 feet in length, 15 feet beam at the water line and 15 feet beam at the deck, with an 18-foot deck. The power in the new boat will be 20-horse power greater than the power in the Young America.
It is the intention of the builder that his boat shall develop such a speed as to leave St. Helens at 7:30 a. m., and arrive in Portland on the same time schedule that the Young America now arrives on.
Captain Good will have handy landings put in along the slough so it will be possible to make better time.
The Young America has been a faithful servant, and we believe the people along the slough appreciate the fact and will give the new boat a hearty welcome and most liberal patronage. A daily boat cannot be maintained at a small expense, and for this reason it should be the aim of the people to direct all possible support to the new steamer when she comes out on or about the 1st of February.

RESULT OF THE ASSESSMENT.
Summary Statement of Columbia County's Assessable Property.
The following summary statement of the assessable property of this county was completed by Assessor White yesterday.

Value of taxable land	\$1,275,000
Value of non-taxable land	\$2,500,000
Value of improvements on taxable land	75,000
Town and city lots	27,000
Improvements on town and city lots	40,000
Improvements on land not patented	5,750
Value of railroad bed	11,500
Value of rolling stock	31,750
Value of telegraph and telephone lines	7,400
Value of merchandise and stock in trade	16,500
Value of farming implements, wagons, carriages, etc.	4,875
Value of stock in hands	65,250
Money	20,000
Notes and accounts	22,125
Value of shares of stock	1,500
Value of household furniture, watches, jewelry, etc.	30,801
Value of horses and mules	15,250
Value of cattle	49,000
Value of sheep and goats	908
Value of swine	1,150
Gross value of all property	\$1,886,000
Exemptions	91,250
Total taxable property	\$1,794,750
Number of polls	700

CIRCUIT COURT.
What Has Been Done in Court During the Past Week.
John Conway vs E. S. Bryant et al; confirmation of sale and deficiency judgment.
John Conway vs Nathan Nichols and Mary C. Hill; default and decree.
State of Oregon vs Harley Redmond; dismissed.
Milleent S. S. Durham vs W. H. Durham; decree of divorce.
A. F. Davis vs Joel and Mary C. Hill; verdict of \$29 for plaintiff.
S. C. Spencer vs John Conway; judgment in favor of defendant for costs.
John Carson vs L. Salders; order appointing J. W. Cole guardian ad litem for minor heirs of James Pak, deceased.
I. G. Wikstrom vs John N. Peterson et al; default and decree of foreclosure.
Minnie Mitchell vs L. Mitchell; decree of divorce.

SCHOOL REPORT.
WARREN, Or., Oct. 13.—Following is the report of Bay View school, district No. 7, Columbia county, Oregon, for month ending October 7th:
Number days taught..... 20
Number days attendance..... 752
Number absent..... 92
Number pupils enrolled..... 32
Number issues tardy..... 41
Average daily attendance..... 36
Those present every day were Edith, Jasper and George Hazen, Sadie, Jacob and Katie Baker, Annie Larsen, George and Ida Sawyer, Floyd Fullerton, Johnnie Rasmussen, Frank Hoyt, Harry Grosell, and Ethel Bacon.
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CONTEST NOTICE.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
United States Land Office,
OREGON CITY, Oregon, Oct. 1, 1898.
A SUPPLEMENTAL CONTEST AFFIDAVIT HAS been filed in this office by George F. Smith, contestant, against homestead entry No. 2977, made June 11, 1897, for Southeast 1/4, Section 11, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, by Constant Froegmann, contestant, in which it is alleged that the said contestant Froegmann never made settlement on his claim; that he never resided there at all nor did he make entry, nor did he file a claim; that his absence is not due to his employment in the military or naval service of the United States at the time of the filing of the said affidavit to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m., on November 2nd, 1898, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Oregon City, Oregon.
The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed Oct. 1, 1898, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that said notice be given by one and proper publication.
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Ratchet Braces.....	60c to \$2.00	3-qt. White Mountain.....	1.50
Draw-knives.....	45c	4-qt. White Mountain.....	2.00
Folding Drawing-knives.....	\$.45	5-qt. White Mountain.....	2.50
Common Saw-sets.....	10c	6-qt. White Mountain.....	3.00
Morrell's Saw-sets.....	25 to 40c		
Carpenter's hammers.....	25 to 50c	LAWS Hammers,	
Carpenter's hatchets.....	35 to 50c	13-inch Philadelphia.....	4.25
Carpenter's hand-axes.....	50 to 75c	14-inch Philadelphia.....	5.10
Jack planes.....	65c	15-inch Philadelphia.....	6.00
Diagon hand-saws.....	1.25	20-inch Philadelphia.....	7.00
Good steel hand-axes.....	50 to 75c	21-inch Philadelphia.....	7.50
Firmest chisels.....	17 to 55c	22-inch Philadelphia.....	8.00
		GRANITE CAMP KETTLES,	
		3-qt. with cover.....	50c
		4-qt. with cover.....	50c
		5-qt. with cover.....	50c
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