

OREGON MIST.

March 31, 1890.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Easter egg dyes at Ross'.
Mrs. H. B. Cliff visited Portland yesterday.

Send your orders for printed stationery to this office.

Harry Bumgardner was up from Deer Island yesterday.

George Ramsey, of Scappoose, was in the county seat yesterday.

Fred Watkins departed yesterday for Edgewood, Ore., where he will remain.

An authority says the demand for good men in the woods exceeds the supply.

Judge Doan was up from Rainier Monday attending to some probate matters.

When you want a hot lunch call at Mrs. McIntyre's, next to bowling alley.

Judge McBride will convene circuit court here on Thursday in adjourned session.

Mr. Al Henshaw, of Houlton, has accepted a position in the postoffice store, as clerk.

Easter services will be conducted in the Episcopal church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

Potatoes are way up. One sack of potatoes will purchase two sacks of flour—best quality.

Good mixed and oat hay at 66 per ton, loose in the barn. CHARLES MERRILL, Deer Island station.

Dr. Cliff's young daughter, Hilda, has entirely recovered from her recent attack of typhoid fever.

There will be an adjourned session of county court held here next Wednesday to attend to tax matters.

Merchant James Dart was in Portland last Tuesday buying goods to replenish his stock of merchandises.

The Cathlamet Gazette says the price of shingles has advanced to \$1.30 for No. 1 clear, with a good demand.

Mrs. Mary A. Fry, formerly of Carlow valley, this county, writes to have THE MIST sent to her address at Greenwood, R. C.

Congressman Ellis has our thanks for four volumes of handsomely bound Congressional Records. They arrived last Saturday.

The ball to be given by the Redmen at Globe next Tuesday promises to be a grand affair. Tickets, including supper, cost but \$1.00.

Bert Whitney left this place last Monday for Starbuck, in Eastern Washington, where he has secured work boasting on the Snake river.

Mrs. James Muckle, who has spent three or four months in California this winter, is expected to return to her home in this city today.

All legal voters of St. Helens should attend the town caucus this (Friday) evening. A ticket for officers for the ensuing year is to be nominated.

Mr. W. A. Harris has disposed of his stock of goods and building in this city to Mackay Bros., whom, it is said, will put in a stock of dry goods and clothing.

Jack Heckert, the tall end of a bad bargain that struck Columbia county two or three years ago, has gone to Spokane to accept a position on a paper there.

The Star saloon was closed to the public on Thursday last week. Mr. Blackley is contemplating going into business in the Willamette valley in the near future.

Hot lunch served at any hour at Mrs. McIntyre's. Coffee and pie or coffee and cake, 10 cents. Home-made bread three loaves for 10 cents. Next to the bowling alley.

Geo. A. Brinn, who is now engaged in business at Cornelius, Washington county, was in town a few hours last Tuesday shaking hands with old friends and acquaintances.

Rev. C. E. Philbrook will preach next Sunday at 11 a. m. at Bachelor Flat, and in the evening will conduct appropriate Easter services in the Congregational church in this city.

W. E. Stevens, Frank Dow and Gus Nelson, from up the Slough, and Wm. Clark, of Globe, were in town Tuesday evening attending a convention of the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Charles Gable received a telegram on Monday announcing the death of his sister, Mrs. Sophia Pope, in Illinois. Mr. Gable expected his sister to visit him here this summer.

The work of removing four or five feet off the surface of the rock bluff in the street in front of Mr. Dillard's property is being prosecuted. The work is necessarily slow and expensive.

Young Mullins came down from Scappoose last Sunday for medical aid. He suffered the dislocation of the left wrist, together with the compound fracture of the bones of that member.

Miss MacBride will give a social at the opera-house in this city on next Wednesday evening, and at Houlton Thursday evening. Admission 15 cents had 10 cents. The public is invited.

Have you a farm for sale or for rent or do you know of a person holding farming lands that they wish to dispose of? If so, please write to any agent of the O. R. & N. Co. and he will send you a circular which will interest you.

The Artisans, of Houlton, have posters out announcing an open meeting of that order for this (Friday) evening. Supreme Master Artisan McKenna will deliver an address, and installation of officers will follow. Everybody is invited.

Work on the new wharf of the Oregon Wood Company is progressing nicely, and will be completed in a few days. The wood capacity of the new structure is 125 cords in the racks, and is proportionately substantial to its capacity.

Weather permitting, there will be a picnic given by the friends of the Episcopal church at the grove next Monday. Weather not permitting for an outdoor gathering, all are invited to spend the evening (Monday) at the residence of Dr. H. B. Cliff.

Birdie Harris suffered the fracture of the right arm, just below the shoulder. The accident happened about a week ago, while the little girl, in company with young friends, was at play, but not for a week later was it positively known the member was so seriously injured.

Rev. E. Edwards, pastor of the English Baptist church, at Mineville, Pa., when suffering with rheumatism, was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He says: "A few applications of this liniment proved of great service to me. It subdued the inflammation and relieved the pain. Should any suffer from rheumatism, I would advise them to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm." For sale by Dr. Edwin Ross.

A gentleman who is evidently endeavoring to "square" himself with mankind, gives this definition of an old maid: "An old maid is a woman who has not been fool enough to be fooled by every fool who has been fool enough to foolishly try to fool her."

Next Monday evening between the hours of 7 o'clock and 8 o'clock the annual election for officers for the city of St. Helens will be held at the courthouse. Little excitement usually attends the annual selection of city custodians, and the forthcoming election will probably be no exception to the rule.

In consideration of the fact that the new law regulating the salaries and duties of district attorneys requires Mr. Clifton to have a deputy in each county in his district, he has appointed to that place for Columbia county Mr. Geo. A. Hall. The salary allowed by the state for such deputy is \$200 a year.

The Marks Shoe Company, of Portland, has an ad in this issue. This one of the oldest established firms in Portland, and their stock is complete in every detail. When in the city, and desirous of making a purchase in their line, give them a call at 293 Morrison street, near Third, north side.

Columbia county's state tax is paid for 1890, the treasurer having remitted the amount last Saturday. The remittance was for the entire amount—\$7,907.66. State tax, under the new law, does not become delinquent until May 1st, and interest is not charged by the state on unpaid tax until June 1st.

A dispatch in Wednesday's Oregonian from Clatskanie says the store of Z. Bryant & Sons was entered by burglars last Monday night, and underclothing, boots and shoes stolen. The cash-box of the store was robbed of 50 cents in pennies. The railroad station was entered and an unsuccessful attempt was made to open the safe. There is no clue to the burglars.

A report from Astoria published in Wednesday's Oregonian states that C. E. Mallory, the station agent at Goble, had been robbed of \$400 on Tuesday. The description of the man who on that day, purchased tickets at Goble for Astoria was telegraphed to Astoria, and upon the arrival of the men there they were taken into custody, but search failed to produce any evidence of their connection with the crime.

Deputy Fish Commissioner Cathcart captured two gillnets together with a number of fish and the operators of the gear, near Rainier on Tuesday last week. The men had been fishing for some time, and were disposing of their catches to Kalama dealers, who, it is said, were waxing fat on the returns from their market. Men were fined \$50 each by the justice of the peace at Rainier. Their gear was also confiscated and sold.

Preliminary arrangements are being perfected looking toward the construction of a logging railroad into the timber belt along Merrill creek, back of Deer Island. It is said to be the aim of the projectors, prominent persons of this county, to run the road over to the headwaters of Clatskanie and Milton creeks, in which event a superior body of timber would be reached. Thus the possibilities of the future for Columbia county become doubly encouraging year after year.

Glen Link, of Goble, is in the city being treated by Dr. Cliff for an ailment of the spine. The diseased parts were removed by a severe attack of typhoid fever several years ago, and assumed such a degree as to render the patient almost entirely helpless. Mr. Link had been in the hospital continuously for fifteen months prior to coming here for treatment, and the degree of success which has followed the attention of Dr. Cliff is so far entirely satisfactory to both patient and physician.

From information obtainable it is evident that the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company contemplates extending its line down the coast to the Nehalem, says an Astoria dispatch. While no steps of a public nature have been taken, several local parties have been purchasing timber lands in that locality, presumably for the railroad people, and are said to have bonded 17,000 acres. In many instances only the timber has been purchased, and in all such cases a right-of-way sixty feet wide has been secured for the stated purpose of building a railway.

A little excitement was created at Clatskanie on Tuesday last week when it was made public that Henry L. Warren had been appointed postmaster at that place. Mr. Warren had not been a persistent seeker for the place, and the appointment came rather unexpectedly. However, it comes far from being a case of misplaced confidence, as Mr. Warren is in every respect qualified to discharge the very important duties of such a place, and he will give excellent satisfaction as a caterer to the public. Henry will wear the ermine without a single stain.

It is an unfortunate thing for Columbia county that the law passed by the last legislature, requiring sheriffs to collect mileage for serving papers in civil actions, does not become operative a few days sooner. The bill was signed by the governor on the 18th of February, and as it had no emergency clause it does not take effect until May 1st, just late enough that the sheriff will do most of such work for the May term of court without compensation to the county. It might have been amended to become effective a few days sooner.

Persons whose vocation is to handle a considerable amount of money, especially those receiving public funds, are experiencing considerable difficulty at present guarding against the imposition of having counterfeit coins passed on them. The unwary fall easy victims to the operations of persons who make a practice of passing spurious money. The county at present seems to be flooded with bad coins, and it stands one well to hand to be continually on their guard. Notwithstanding the close scrutiny of coins and currency the illegal article is occasionally worked off by the unsuspecting. Several pieces of bad money have recently been discovered in this city, and everybody should be alert in the effort to run down the persons who are peddling this dangerous article.

There is much friendly rivalry at Rainier between the preacher, the justice of the peace and Judge Doan in the matter of performing marriage ceremonies. Nearly every week are published in the county papers marriage notices which conclude with "Judge Doan officiating." Since the judge was first elected justice of the peace for Rainier precinct he has married about sixty couples, and says he has made himself popular in the business by "standing in" with the girls. If anyone be desirous of having the "knotty" problem solved in as short time as possible we would refer them to Judge Doan, who can sentence a couple for "life" with as easy grace as he can sit on a road supervising the annual fair attendance. As soon as the judge discovers they are willing to take each other he doesn't stop to inquire whether for better or worse, but says "all right," and settles the question at once.

Mr. L. Meeker, of Houlton, is an adept at entertaining visitors. We were asked last Sunday to accompany Mr. Meeker on a brief look at his beautiful little farm, and have no hesitation in saying we found the place all that could be desired as a comfortable home. Mr. Meeker met a disastrous reverse in his expectations for a large prairie crop this year by the killing of about three hundred of his formerly thriving prairie chickens by the recent cold weather, which is a circumstance to be regretted not only by the owner, but by all parties interested in the beautifying of the village, for verily the beautifully laid-out orchard of thirty trees was an ornament to the place. Everything about the home shows a keen perception of what would make the place comfortable and attractive, and all modern conveniences are to be found there. One very interesting portion of the home we visited was the cellar, where we found a barrel of "boiled-down" cider, of which we had our fill. Mr. Meeker's generosity is exceeded only by his desire to have his visitors thoroughly enjoy themselves.

In this city there is a relic of the handiwork of the famous cavalry general, Phillip Sheridan. It is a bedstead made by Mr. Sheridan while he was stationed at Fort McMinnville, this state, in 1858. The article of furniture belongs to the estate of the late A. H. Blakely, and is now in possession of the oldest son, Charles Blakely. The piece of furniture bears the ear-marks of primitive means of manufacture, although it is neat in design and is evidence of skill in the art. General Sheridan about the same time made a small stand, which is now in the possession of Mr. Hec Caples, at Caples, Wash., and both articles are highly prized by their owners. When stationed at McMinnville, Mr. Sheridan, then a second lieutenant, used often to stand at his friend's camp and some day attain to the high office of army captain, and how well he succeeded in his aspirations is known to every one. Mr. Miss Sherrin, of Rainier, is one of the members of the division of men who fought under the banner of Sheridan during the war of the rebellion, and had the name of the great general in supreme reverence.

At Houlton there are many signs of property and growth. A number of the residents there have recently been wielding the paint brush with a lavish hand, and the result is quickly to be noticed in the improved appearance of the place generally. Mr. Gilson's new hotel building is assuming considerable proportions, and when completed will be a very valuable improvement to the general appearance and convenience of the place. The Methodist church building under course of construction at Houlton will be a neat structure and fit to any place, and with the many more substantial improvements recently made in the village, which show to good advantage, is an indication of steady and substantial growth. One other improvement of more than ordinary importance is yet to be made, and one which will be mutually beneficial to both Houlton and St. Helens, is the consolidation of the two school districts and the erection of a large and well appointed school building at a convenient point between the two towns. Such a school building could be had and consequent facilities to both places. The time is only a short distance in the future when such a course will become an absolute necessity in order to meet the demands of the people of any point in the county. The cessation of the plan is such an undertaking accomplished, the better it will be for all concerned. The adoption of such a course by the two districts would render the facilities for educational training unrivaled by any point in the county, and would be a decided stimulus to building up the two towns. It would redound to the everlasting glory and satisfaction of those who caused success to follow the effort.

The fire brigade got out quite frequently for evening drills, and the sound of the bells on the hosecart is becoming quite familiar as they jingle through town in response to the efforts of the boys to make a rapid attachment at one of the hydrants. With our 350 feet of fire hose, and the number of hydrants scattered through the city where it can be attached, there is a feeling that we are getting in position to fight fire successfully.

The liveliest men now are the blacksmiths. Andrew Engel has returned to claim his shop, and Messrs. Popham & McGillivray, having to vacate, are determined to keep going, and have a shop of their own about completed on the adjoining lot. In the meantime, from across the street the familiar sound from the hammer and anvil can be heard from another shop, in charge of Mr. Jarrett, a new addition to the force. So three blacksmith firms will strike while the iron is hot, or when not striking will watch each other, as well as try to catch every horse that comes along that needs a shoe and nail on. We cheer them all and shout "Success to you!"

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Ed Guild is going to work on the railroad section here. There has been but little California weather here so far this spring, yet we are hopeful. Mr. Greenhagen is putting out fruit trees and otherwise improving his place with a view to soon moving to town. The lumber for the separator building at Deer Island is on the wharf at this place. The building will be put up at once. There are some men here looking over the country on Merrill creek with the

view to putting in a logging road similar to the one Saldern was talking of some time ago. It is hoped they will succeed. There have been 1500 cords of wood cut at Deer Island and here this winter, though as yet not much of it has been hauled out. Mr. Vey is putting in a new wharf under his old one, which will be a good improvement, and add strength to the old structure. There has been a loop formed every half mile on the telephone and telegraph wires to cause transposers to equalize the electricity on each wire. Mrs. Guild, of Portland, is down to see her son and family. She is always a welcome visitor at Columbia City. Mrs. Guild is living with her son-in-law, J. D. Wharton. Things are quiet here. All are attending strictly to spring business. Some old Oregonians are thinking of moving out West to the Philippines and grow up with the country. We have made such a success with the savages thus far west that we flatter ourselves we can do something with Aganaldo & Co., after Otis and Dewey get through with them.

WARREN DOINGS.
Mrs. R. A. Hoyt was a Portland visitor Saturday last.
J. S. Bacon was attending to business at Portland last Monday.
Mrs. W. W. Clark was a Portland visitor Saturday last.
Mrs. Barney Butler is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Tinkham.
Amos Stevens, Sr., has been attending to business at Portland for the last day or so.
The entertainment and basket social to be given on Friday night, March 31st, promises to be a success. Rehearsals have been going on for the last week, and each one feels easy in their respective roles. The proceeds are to go to Rev. J. A. Renshaw, the Evangelical minister of this place. No admission will be charged at the door. A large crowd and a good time are assured.

The following are a few extracts taken from a letter written by Floyd Pusey, directed to his mother, Mrs. S. S. Bacon, of this place. The letter is dated from Manila, February 8. Among other things he writes: "Oh the fighting continues as heavy as it has since it started it will not be long before there are no more natives left to fight. They are killing a few of our boys, but we are getting about four or five hundred of them every time they get one of us. Our company has not been to the front yet, and our chances to one well never get to go, but most of us have been on the firing line. I was out the other day and got to fire a few shots and capture one prisoner. As we were returning we got into a rice field, surrounded by trees, and a few sharpshooters opened fire on us. They were not four hundred yards from us, but were poor shots as but few bullets came very close to us, so we could hear them whistling 'Home, Sweet Home' over our heads. They were shooting smokeless powder, and we could tell exactly where they were. As there were only two of us we did not care about advancing on a dozen or so of sharpshooters, so we struck out for camp. I guess this is all the fighting I will see. Another success taken from one of his letters to his brother, dated February 11, goes on to say: "The natives are as tough as wildcats. You have to shoot them all to pieces before you kill them. When our boys make a charge upon them they always leave those who cannot run behind. I saw one place where the natives had lain behind a breastwork of logs over thirty feet long, and before they left it thirty-five of them were dead; so you can see how gritty they are. A native sharpshooter, located on the top of a church, shot right by our quarters night before last. He had just crawled out in sight when the guard saw him, and at first sight he let him have it. That was one Filipino that did not give us much trouble. The first night of the fight everything was quiet until 5 o'clock, when we could hear a few rifle shots. They kept going closer, and at 10 in the evening there was a continual roar of rifles around the town. All the soldiers were in their places by this time; the batteries had got started, and then the boats started. You could hear all kinds of guns from a Mauser rifle to a fifteen-inch cannon. The whole town fairly roared for about three hours, and then quieted down for a time, but started again and lasted all night. By night the natives had been driven back. A person would never know what a battle sounded like until they heard one. You can feel the wind of a fifteen-inch shell for two or three hundred yards, and when it explodes you can feel the jar for seven or eight miles. You cannot imagine how the blackbirds would go up in the air when a shell would strike among them. 'Blackbirds' is what we call the natives. I wish you boys would come down here instead of going to Bunker hill, as it is more interesting to hunt natives than any other kind of game. After the first few bullets whistled past you, you get used to it and feel perfectly safe. The first one that comes good and close tells you to lie down, and the next one says get down a little lower, and then you feel all right." Floyd concludes his interesting letter by stating: "Tell Dad Downing that some of the natives in the mountains wear chicken bones through their noses." What that means we are unable to explain, and Dad, when questioned on the subject, will give no information whatever.

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FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTY

WEEK'S HAPPENINGS NOTED BY OUR WRITERS.

CLATSKANIE NEWS.

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State Senator G. W. Patterson, of Hillsboro, was in town Saturday making up his first visit.

City election is announced for next Monday, and the store tickets for city officers is already in the field, with more to follow, probably.

J. L. Campbell started on the train Monday evening for Hood River, where he may conclude to remain if suited with conditions and surroundings.

Mrs. Barnard and daughter, Bertha, took their departure by steamer for Portland the first of the week. We will lose them as citizens for some time.

The scholars of Miss Reid's room were banded near the schoolhouse the other day for a picture by Rush. He succeeded in getting a good view of our future citizens.

The city council recently decided to enlarge the city and increase the capacity of our city reservoir, and the work has begun under the supervision of the city marshal.

Ed Dixon, who came out from Wisconsin last fall to visit his parents and spend some time in Oregon, started for home Monday to look after his farm and get in his crops.

Olaf Anderson's cares are increased by the addition of a daughter to his household on Wallace Island. He greatly admires the little lady, and reports his wife and baby getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Merrill have secured a good building site in getting the lots between Conyers' store and the Fletcher building, where Dr. Hall resides. They contemplate building in the near future.

C. C. Bearth, of Woodland, Wash., spent a few days in town, and returned by steamer Monday, taking with him Mrs. Dr. Parent and daughter, who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. Merrill for two weeks.

Krats Hall as a place of entertainment is no more. The carpenters have divided it into living rooms, and Dr. Knorr and family are living in some of them, where he will be found to look after the teeth that need attention.

A bridge is being put in at the lower end of Cedar avenue to connect with the elevated roadway on Front street, near the Riverview hotel. It will prove a great convenience to travelers and residents in that part of the city.

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