

OREGON MIST.

April 14, 1899.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

The Canby is now on the Rainier-Portland run.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Copeland were in Portland last Saturday.

Services will be conducted at the Episcopal church Sunday evening.

Tax money continues to pour into the sheriff's office at "break neck" rate.

Assessor White spent this week in his office correcting that part of the assessment already made.

Mr. Israel Spencer was over from Vernonia Monday, attending to business matters in the county seat.

Attorney W. H. Conyers, of Clatskanie, is attending to legal business in the county seat last Friday.

Rev. C. E. Philbrook will preach at Bachelor Flat Sunday at 11 a. m. and in this city in the evening at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Judson Weed was down from Philomath the early part of the week looking after business interests in this vicinity.

Dr. Hatfield, of Vernonia, was in town Monday night, arriving from Portland, where he had attended to business for a few days.

A. L. Morgan, of Hudson, made final proof before the clerk on Monday. His witnesses were W. K. Holman and J. B. Headlee.

Grand Chancery Court will pay Ayon Lodge K. of P. an official visit next Tuesday evening. All members are requested to be present.

The farmers' favorite black stallion "Vulcan" will visit Columbia county again this season. Dates later. G. L. Lindsey, owner.

To insure publication correspondents should mail their matter so it will reach this office not later than Tuesday night or Wednesday morning, at latest.

Mr. Chas. Meserve was in town last Sunday. Mr. Meserve expects to again engage in the newspaper business, but has not yet decided upon a location.

Dr. A. F. Knoder, the Columbia county dentist. First-class dental work at lowest prices. Located permanently at Clatskanie. Call and be convinced.

The first installment of high water has arrived and other shipments will probably continue to come in job lots until the stock will compare favorably with that of 1894.

The new city officers met with the outgoing council Monday evening, assumed the oath of office, and on Wednesday evening met and organized the body ready to do business.

It is said the O. R. & N. will build another new boat for the Portland and Astoria route in the near future. The plans are arranged and most of the details are well in hand.

George Mayger says that invariably with the coming of a large log boom from his wharf comes a severe rain storm. We sincerely hope a large boom will come for wood about August 1st.

Mr. Francis, who went to California several months ago, for the benefit of his health, was in this city yesterday on his way to Goble, where he had previously been the night watchman at the Borthwick mill.

The population of our sister town, Rainier, must be rapidly increasing. The Review man says there are 1000 people there. Good. Rainier ought to be able to make a pretty strong pull for the county seat now.

If times continue to get hard (?) and logging camps continue to spring into existence all over the country where there is a possibility of a chance to log with profit, operators will find it necessary to import men to do the work.

After 12 o'clock tomorrow night it will be lawful to fish for salmon. The price paid for fish will be 5 cents. If the law regarding the issuance of license to residents only is adhered to, the probability for a profitable season is encouraging.

Mrs. Martin White will start next Monday for Darlington, Wis., where she will visit her parents for a couple of months. She will be accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Morris, of North Vancouver, and her brother, Mr. E. A. Lillie.

During the first quarter of this year, ending March 31st, the total number of documents filed for record in the clerk's office were 121, consisting of 30 mortgage releases and one court decree, the charge for recording the latter being \$12.75.

The steamer America was running considerably behind her schedule a few days last week on account of an accident to one of her engines, which is now in good shape again and the boat making her usual good time, supplying a splendid service.

A splendid future is ahead of Columbia county. Besides its particular adaptability to dairy, fruit-raising, production of hay and hay raising, the timber here is certain to be a source from which the people are to realize handsomely in the next few years.

Wm. Brinn has re-opened the Star saloon. Mr. Brinn applied for license and died his bond at the council meeting Wednesday evening, and starts out in business assuring the public that nothing but the best brands of liquors and cigars will be kept on hand.

Last Saturday was a red letter day in the tax collector's office in this county. Over \$5000 was received for taxes in small bills, besides many amounts paid in person visiting the office. Of this amount over \$4000 was the tax of the Northern Pacific railroad company.

Mr. J. D. Birdall, of Columbia City, was in town Tuesday, and reports everything at the little city down the river moving along quietly. Mr. Birdall has been the government light keeper at that place for over eleven years, and has proven himself an efficient employee.

The people of the different sections of the county are thoroughly aroused to the importance of better roads, and are insisting themselves more than ever before to secure them. In a few instances the people have agreed to donate more than half the cost of permanent improvement.

We believe the improvement made right along in this line is such as to merit commendation. Show your appreciation by paying your subscription. Every improvement made costs a few dollars, and it is necessary to collect our accounts if we continue to improve the paper.

Will Chandler, of Clatskanie, was in this city last Friday evening in quest of a team of large horses for use in a logging team. He also visited the other side of the river with the same object, but failed, and continued on to Portland, where he found what he wanted. Fancy prices are now asked for good teams, and the person who has them for sale is decidedly in luck.

Might Work Admirably.

Mr. Kelley, of Portland, arrived down from that city the latter part of last week with a wood-sawing machine for the Oregon Wood Company. The machine will be operated in the timber, and is intended to have a capacity, under ordinary circumstances, of from twenty to thirty cords a day. The mechanism of the machine is not intricate, and will not cause much trouble in moving it about in the woods.

In conversation with parties Mr. Kelley is decidedly of the opinion that the machine could be used for other purposes than sawing wood, to good advantage. Its operator states that he has a manner of sawing blocks for road building, the plan of which is simple but probably feasible. The plan is said not to be an experiment, as it has been successfully tested in other countries. His method is to cut blocks about eight inches in length, of whatever diameter of tree happens to be handy, and by the use of a heavy roller, smooths and levels the surface of the finished upon which the blocks are laid, to the full width of the bed, which serves as a process of cementing the blocks in an almost solid body after a little time and use. Mr. Kelley states also that the cost of a road thus constructed is not one-half as great as one built with plank, and that the difficulty can easily be imagined.

It seems to us to be a plan that would warrant investigation, at least, because if the method can be made as successful as Mr. Kelley is enthusiastic in its advocacy it certainly is quite meritorious.

Mr. Kelley has the contract for sawing for the local company this summer, and states that he will build a piece of road while here, just as a sample of what can be accomplished according to his idea. There is no questioning the durability of a road built in such a manner, and if the plan and feasibility of securing the blocks is practicable and the cost of construction can be reduced to the figure stated by Mr. Kelley—15 cents per square foot—it might be well to test it, at least.

Are We Doing Our Duty? Every county in Oregon with the exception of Columbia, is bidding for and receiving people who are moving Westward by accident or as a result of their own effort, and here the effort seems to be in a rut, from out of which there apparently is nothing that will remove them. Individuals, towns and sections of country are prone to follow a rut until they are diverted either by accident or as a result of their own effort, and here the effort seems to be in a rut, from out of which there apparently is nothing that will remove them.

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COUNTY COURT.

An Adjourned Term Held Here on April 5th, 1899.

Court cases pursuant to adjournment. Present: Hon. J. B. Doss, county judge; Hon. P. A. Frakes, county commissioner; J. G. Wada, clerk; J. N. Rice, sheriff.

Do proclamation being made the following proceedings were had:

E. B. Wood, supervisor road district No. 10, presented to the court vouchers covering expenditures in account with said district for 1898, and a warrant for \$0 was ordered drawn in his favor in final settlement.

A deed of dedication of land for a public highway, leading from Willamette street in St. Helens to Hamilton, and signed by G. D. Gilson and wife, was presented to the court and ordered placed on file.

Tax-sale certificates Nos. 235 and 1164, covering lots 2, 10 and 11, block 19, in Columbia City, sold for 1898 taxes assigned to Eunice B. Little for \$12.50.

The book of Israel Spencer, commander of John's Post No. 70 G. A. B. examined and approved, to \$63.00.

Taxes upon west half of west half of section 6, township 4 north, range 2 west, assessed to E. C. Leahy, for 1891 and 1892, amounting to \$24.00, ordered returned, and tax-sale certificate No. 1218 covering same land for 1893 to 1897 taxes inclusive, amounting to \$63.00, was cancelled—no title; and the clerk to take credit for said amounts.

Adjourned.

Largest Ever Known. The tax roll of Clatsop county has been returned to the county clerk as delinquent. Out of a total of \$120,794 on the roll there are \$67,371 in arrears up to the first of April. This sum is the largest ever collected on a tax roll in that county before it was returned delinquent. Property owners must have struck Clatsop county, too.

Building a New Boat. Captain Newsome is entirely rebuilding the Iraida. The hull has been made 22 feet longer and the new boat will have 30 inches more beam. The model of the boat has been improved, which, it is thought, will render her steeper. The machinery of the old boat will be used, and it is expected that a great speed will be attained by the new boat. She will be out about the middle of May, and is said will be put on the Astoria route.

Sunday School Superintendents. To the Sunday school superintendents of Columbia county, Oregon—

We are sorry to help pay the expenses of the state association, but we are proud of our last county association, and each Sunday school take up a collection during the year for that purpose. Will you kindly log after the matter, and send your collection to Dr. Edwin Ross, St. Helens, Oregon, at your earliest convenience. E. H. Patterson, President.

He is Here. Dr. Slocum, the renowned head, throat, lung and worm specialist, of the Slocum Medicine Company, is in the city. If your home doctor has failed to cure you, don't give up. Dr. Slocum's remedies can give you health. They have cured others they will cure you. Search, the forerunner of consumption, can be cured. Also chronic diseases of males and females. Call and be convinced. Hours 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Advice and trial treatment free. Oriental hotel, until including Sunday, April 16.

Musgrove Won the Case. The jury in the case of N. A. Musgrove against Samuel Colson, master of the steamer R. E. Thompson, returned a verdict for \$800 last Saturday in the circuit court for Multnomah county, in favor of the plaintiff. Musgrove sued for \$6700 for damages done to his farm on Sauvie's island, during the flood of 1894, when the defendant ran his boat unnecessarily close to the river bank, so as to cause heavy swells to wash away fences and outhouses. This case has been pending in the courts for several years.

Made a Successful Run. One of the most successful drives of sawlogs had in Milton creek for many years was made Wednesday afternoon. An excellent head of water, the result of the recent rains, was in waiting at the large dam, and as a force of men had previously prepared for the occasion by rolling the forest logs to the center of the creek-bed, the run was a complete success, nearly 3,000,000 feet going out. The logs are owned by several parties, and their sale means the distribution of a considerable sum of money in this community.

School Superintendent's Report. School Superintendent Copeland has made up and forwarded to the state superintendent of public instruction his annual report, from which we glean the following information: Boys enumerated in our county, 1152; girls, 1081; of which number 790 boys and 809 girls are enrolled. Ninety-nine of these in the schools were under 5 years of age, and the average daily attendance was 200. In the county were 24 male and 57 female teachers, at monthly salaries averaging \$36.40 for the male and \$31.20 for the female teachers, while the superintendent's salary for the year was \$180. In the county there are 67 districts and 1200 voters for school purposes. The schoolhouse property in the county is valued at \$22,568.50, and the furniture, fixtures and apparatus at \$5,077.70. The amount of funds received for all school purposes was \$15,327.50 and the expenditures were \$14,503.85.

Something Must be Done. Spring is at hand and summer is but a short distance in the future, and with its coming we must certainly make some arrangements to secure better roads. There is no reasonable excuse for the condition of our roads. They are a downright disgrace, and until it becomes better understood that it is impossible to improve the roads to a satisfactory degree without some means of raising money for the purpose—taxation, of course—the roads will remain poor—bad. The best men, most industrious and intensely interested parties may be appointed supervisors of the road districts and the result will be the same as in the past. There is no help for it. We will help the county to prosper like good roads, and good roads must be had; that, too, by paying for them. The expense incurred each year would be practically nothing, and in a few years our highways would be so we could use them, and that's more than can be said of them at present.

Rheumatism Cured. My wife had used Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism with great relief, and I can recommend it as a splendid liniment for rheumatism and other household uses for which we have found it valuable.—W. J. Coyne, Bend Creek, M. V. Mr. Coyne is one of the leading merchants of this village and one of the most prominent men in this vicinity.—W. G. Parsons, Editor Bend Creek Herald. For sale by Dr. Edwin Ross, druggist.

Good mixed and oak hay at \$8 per ton, loose in the barn. CHARLES MERRILL, Deer Island station.

CLATSKANIE NEWS.

N. O. Dale and wife were visitors in Clatskanie last week.

L. Burnham is the owner of the new broad-tired wagon received last week. Roy Edgerton has got himself from the store to the woods, and is working in a logging camp.

A brand new red, wide-tire wagon was unloaded Wednesday for some one of our lucky citizens.

Justice Knowler was over from Mt. Monday doing some shopping and interviewing some of our citizens.

E. S. Bryant has moved his family to Phippin's logging camp to look after the wants of the men at meal time.

Z. Bryant left town Monday for Portland and a trip up the Willamette valley, where he has some interests to look after.

Miss Mary Conyers arrived on the steamer Monday morning, and is visiting her parents and friends in this locality.

J. W. Boels the charcoal manufacturer, near Mayer, was in town one day last week. As reports business good in his line.

W. F. Slaughter and George Howerton are spending some time this week in looking over the timber along the Clatskanie.

People were not bragging much about their wealth last week, as Martin White, county assessor, was here to take some notes.

By the way, the change in train schedule makes us get to the postoffice four-fourths of an hour earlier with our mail this week in order to get it of the same day.

The plank roadway about the warehouse and Merrill's building has been recently repaired, and adds a good deal to the appearance as well as the safety of that locality.

A. M. Tichenor and N. Merrill were representing our town in Portland last week. They both stand up for the town and are not backward in mentioning its advantages.

A substantial plank bridge now leads across to water street, and the logs along the river have recently been cut into firewood, giving our street a much improved appearance.

A couple of gentlemen from the East stopped over night in town, and next morning started for the Nehalem valley under charge of C. H. Wheeler to see what they thought of the timber there.

Miss Maud Mills started last Thursday for her home in Fresno, Cal., after a visit of three months. She claims to have enjoyed her stay among friends and experienced benefit from our health-giving breezes and invigorating climate.

People wondered what brought such a crowd to Attorney Conyers' office last Monday, but ascertained later he was getting some papers in shape for fishermen to procure the necessary licenses to begin work by the 15th, when the fishing season opens.

Mrs. M. Shaver and son returned on Monday morning, and were met in town by the husband and father, who had driven in the family carriage for their convenience. The carriage was on runners, but carried the party home all right.

Ed McClure, well known to our citizens, is here again from Washington county where he is farming, and expects to look after a team of horses for Phippin's hauling lumber to town for shipment this summer. His family remains on the farm.

A magnificent pair of grey horses were in town Wednesday of last week driven to a wagon by H. Stubbs, who held the spirited team in check with all the dignity and pride of the driver of a coach-and-four. The team attracted considerable attention.

Arthur Quigley, of Quincy, was over on Saturday on his crutches, owing to an injury received six weeks ago while working with the construction train and steam shovel. He reports himself improving and hopes to be at work again before very long.

There is a demand about here that is being gradually supplied for heavy and durable draught horses to use in logging operations to take the place of cattle. The horned creatures are being gradually displaced with in favor of their more active competitors to the satisfaction of loggers.

The city election passed off with a quiet but not very vigorous contest, the successful party being about three-fourths of the voter cast. Result: President of the council, A. M. Tichenor; councilmen, A. F. Myers, H. Kratz, N. Merrill, W. E. Conyers; recorder, J. E. Hall; treasurer, J. P. Myers; marshal, A. B. Haines.

The Tichenor Mill Company, having transferred their business office from the postoffice room, are erecting a building near their wharf for an office and storage room. They are about ready to begin operations at the sawmill and expect to manufacture a considerable amount of lumber the coming season.

The piece of railroad track over the Flak place that has given so much trouble on account of its sinking, seems to have not found bottom yet, and is requiring a good deal of attention. No danger is apprehended, but a gradual sinking requires a great deal of filling to keep the track up to the grade. The wonder is where all the rock and dirt goes that is piled there.

Last Friday the postoffice changed hands, and H. L. Warren, the new official, is now in charge. He has been studying the workings of the office a few days, and is getting a fair wayward of nature in his new position. No change is noted in business circles or in the general prosperity of the country on account of the transfer of the office, and no increase in the price of stamps is anticipated.

A team of large bay horses was unloaded from the steamer Shaver Monday morning, and later in the day Will Chandler was holding the reins while they were drawing a wagon through town. The horses presented a fine appearance, and the driver—well he had a satisfied look, as though he had secured just what he had been wanting. That look and manner convinced us that he was the owner of the team. They will be used in logging this summer, probably for the Tichenor Mill Company.

Easter was observed by the Sabbath school in the morning and at the preschool in the evening. The church was handsomely decorated with ferns and flowers, and the inscription "Christ is Risen" surrounded by a cross covered with silver paper, were prominently displayed above and back of the pulpit, all producing a pretty effect in harmony with the occasion and exercises. The evening sermon by the pastor, Rev. Smith, was an excellent discourse on the topic of the day, "The Resurrection of Christ and His Promise to His Followers."

The new logging firm of Nordby & Lovgren are making headway toward the completion of a road and the beginning of what promises to be a successful logging enterprise, over on lower Beaver. Their new road is nearly completed, and takes them into some splendid timber on the lands of Joe Erickson, Anderson's homestead, about 10 miles from here. They find ample material for three or four seasons' work. Ben Lovgren, the man-

WARREN DOINGS.

Ed McFarland was in St. Helens Saturday.

Mrs. Hart, of Kelso, is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Knute Sundry is visiting her parents here.

Frank Hoyt was in Portland on business Wednesday.

F. A. Marquam, jr., of Portland, spent Sunday with Ole Bohman.

Louis Pusey and Ernest Ellis are spending a few days at Portland.

Ed McFarland and Frank Sheffield were in Portland on Thursday of last week.

Brother Bonshaw preached at the schoolhouse Sunday evening to a large audience.

Mr. Ruth Sheffield and Miss Minnie Beagle were baptized in Scappoose creek Sunday last.

A promise of \$15000 has been made toward erecting a hall here, making a total of \$75,000.

Will Pattalla, M. Stater, M. Berg and M. Tinkham, of Portland, spent a few days with Ed McFarland.

Three more new wheels in the country. Jack Cooper, Dale Sample and Jesse Bacon are the owners.

Mrs. McQueen, who has been spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Jim Baker, returned to Vancouver last Thursday.

Pardoe Howen, son of Manager Howen, of the Seattle theater, who has been visiting his grandfather, Mr. A. H. Sheffield, returned home on the noon train Monday.

The large, handsome flag that was purchased for the schoolhouse last summer, was raised for the first time on Friday last with appropriate exercises, the honor being conferred upon Miss Ella Bacon, Laura Pusey and Mae Harnes.

Quite an enjoyable time was had by our young people last Friday evening, the occasion being a party given at the home of Henry Lamen. Every known game, from "drop the handkerchief" to "Johnny fall out of the hay mow," was indulged in. Quite