

OREGON MIST.

July 14, 1899.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. Mayer has ice cream on sale every day.

The exterior of the drug store has received a fresh coat of paint this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Cleston are now occupying the Scott residence, having moved their household goods this week.

Members of Avon lodge Knights of Pythias are requested to attend the regular convention next Tuesday evening.

Genuine summer seems to have arrived and a yearning for a shady nook in some quiet retreat is manifesting itself.

Mr. M. S. Hazen, of Warren, will speak before the people of Peris tomorrow (Saturday) evening on the question of "Territorial Development."

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Mayer were passengers on the Northwest Wednesday night for Lexington, Wash., where they go to visit relatives for a day or two.

The river continues to fall slowly. The fact of the water remaining high so long is working serious hardship on the farmers and dairymen of the bottom lands.

Rev. Mr. McPherson will preach in the Methodist Episcopal church at Houlton at 11:30 a. m., and at St. Helens at 8 p. m. Subject, morning, "Choice of Moses;" evening, "Life."

Mrs. S. E. McIntyre has decided to make St. Helens her future home, and has removed all her household effects here. She will continue to supply the public with cakes, bread and pies.

You need not go to Chicago to have your picture enlarged, but call at the gallery in Rainier and get a fine color picture for \$1.00. Or a dozen photos for \$1.00. Best work and material guaranteed.

A number of local sports went to Scappoose last Sunday and indulged in several contests for high speed on bicycles. The races were run in West's lane and it is said that Eugene Whitney carried off the laurels.

The largest salmon ever caught in the Columbia near this place, was taken last Friday by Ed. Henriot, a resident of four feet, five and one-half inches in length, fifteen inches deep and seven inches thick, and weighed 70 pounds.

Joseph Dupont, supervisor of the Bunker hill road district, informs us that he has put in over 1000 feet of corduroy road in his district this year and that the general condition of the road in that locality is better than it has been for several years.

The Rathbone Sisters of this city held their semi-annual installation of officers on Thursday evening of last week. After the completion of the business, ice cream and cake was served to the members and a few friends, the evening being very pleasantly spent.

The president on Tuesday commissioned Mr. Henry D. Orwig as a major in the thirty-seventh regiment now being organized in the Philippines. Major Orwig was once a resident of Clatskanie, having numerous relatives and friends residing there.

Dr. Edwin Ross started from this city last Friday evening for Los Angeles, Cal., to attend the convention of the National Educational Association. The doctor expects to remain in that city about four days, when he will return to this city about Tuesday of next week.

On the first of the month Mr. W. F. Slaughter, formerly of The Mayer Company, of Mayer, took charge of the business of the Oregon Wood Company, at this place, Mr. G. G. Mayer retiring from its management. Mr. Slaughter will make St. Helens his future home, having brought his household goods and family up from Mayer Wednesday.

Since Dr. A. P. McLaren has left this county permanently, there exists a vacancy in the official roster of the county, that of coroner. Herein lies an opportunity for some hungry office seeker. If the doctor's successor is to be appointed it will be well for the county to remember that a good, robust person should be named for the place, since early in June of next year there will be an immense funeral of defeated populist candidates to conduct.

Governor Geer has issued the annual proclamation as regards setting out fires in the forest. Past experiences in Clatskanie county should stand out as a danger signal to parties whose careless acts have caused such great damage. A vigilant lookout should be kept for persons who seemingly possess no regard for life or property, and their arrest and conviction should follow. Our timber is our most valuable resource and should be guarded as carefully as any other valuable property.

A meeting of the St. Helens volunteer fire company was held Wednesday evening. The usual routine business was transacted and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: Foreman, L. L. Decker; 1st assistant foreman, A. Deming; 2d assistant foreman, A. Robinson; president, Wash Muckle; vice-president, A. King; secretary, C. W. Blakesley; treasurer, Jas. Muckle. Six names were presented for membership. The meeting adjourned to meet on Monday, July 24th.

The contribution to the Oregon soldiers monument fund by the people of St. Helens was not only an adequate amount for a little place, but a pretty tribute and a highly commendable act of patriotism and loyalty. The individual amounts, as a general rule, were small, but the aggregate was substantial. If every town in Oregon will contribute proportionately, the fund will be sufficient to erect a most beautiful monument to the memory and heroism of Oregon's regiment of volunteer soldiers.

The delinquent tax roll as returned by the sheriff last Saturday contained \$8,092.55. This roll is being copied this week by the clerk, who will attach the warrant for collection, ten days time having been given that officers to accomplish the work. Taxes are still being received at a rapid rate by the sheriff, who is receiving for the same, and due credits will be given on the delinquent roll as soon as it is returned to him. Over \$3000 has been collected on the delinquent roll, and Deputy Hattan intimates that the amount to be advertised will not exceed \$1500.

Assessor White did not attend the meeting of the assessors of the state held in Portland this week, failing to see wherein any good could come from such a meeting, as the assessment for 1899 is practically finished. Mr. White says that had such a meeting been held before the assessment was made for this year, there might have been some benefit from it, but it would take him at least two months to revise his work in case any changes were made. Mr. White made the assessment this year along the same lines of valuation as he has in existence, and considers the work to be sufficiently thorough to be satisfactory to the county court.

THE SOLDIERS ARE COMING.

Preparations for a Big Celebration by St. Helens People.

A meeting of the citizens of St. Helens was held in the afternoon Wednesday to take steps for celebrating the arrival of the Oregon volunteers at this place, while en route from Astoria to Portland. The meeting was presided over by Mayor Dolman, and the council took an active interest in the matter. The foremost desire seemed to be that of securing one or more cannons, to be mounted on the bluff at this city, to be used to fire the national salute as the troops approach this city. To this end it was agreed to appeal to Major Brooks, of Vancouver, and to the governor of this state at once.

There will be a routing celebration here at the events. The chain of circumstances following through the routine of preparation for this great occasion has been such as to place St. Helens in a most conspicuous position, and such an opportunity to display our metal as the citizens of this city. There will undoubtedly be thousands of people desirous of accompanying the vast number of steamboats as far as St. Helens who cannot be accommodated, and the proper demonstration here will afford means for many spectators to witness the event.

Mayor Dolman, Councilman Dillard and Recorder Mayer were chosen by the meeting as a committee on general arrangements, who will use their best endeavors to secure the presence of some artillery and the men to operate the guns. Mr. Dillard left for Vancouver Thursday morning to arrange with Commander Brooks, and other preparations are being made. The occasion will be made one for general celebration, every citizen in the county being cordially invited to embrace the opportunity and join the people of St. Helens in this grand event. The city council appropriated funds for the occasion and the citizens are contributing liberally to a fund to defray the expense of this celebration.

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Houlton Notes.

Hay making is in full blast this week.

Mrs. Henshaw visited Portland Tuesday morning last.

Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Daggett were Portland visitors Monday.

Mr. Gilson has a large force of men working at haying this week.

John Frantz was seen walking around town last Friday morning and afternoon.

The A. & C. E. R. have a new Saturday schedule. Trains pass this place at 3:16 p. m.

A number of our people went to Portland, Vernonia and Klamath to celebrate the Fourth.

Chas. Little and brother, Morris, returned from South Bend, Washington, Monday last.

Mr. W. F. Slaughter, of St. Helens, was a passenger down to Mayer on the A. & C. Tuesday last.

The section crew at this place is constructing a barbed wire fence along the railroad above the depot.

Jacob Brous and family, of Rainier, passed through our town last Monday on their way to Vernonia.

Rev. Stevens, of Portland, preached in the church at this place last Sunday evening to a large audience.

James Cox, jr., returned home from Alaska last Saturday morning. He returned to that country last Tuesday.

Clay Clark, John Lamberson, Aaron and George Kelly returned to Mareland Sunday last to again commence their work.

C. J. McKenna, supreme master Artisan, of Portland, came down last Friday evening to install the officers of Houlton assembly No. 80.

N. A. Perry and wife and Chas. Perry and wife took a trip over the mountain to the beautiful Nehalem valley last Saturday. They returned Tuesday evening by way of Washington county.

What is Shiltoth?

A grand old remedy for Coughs, Colds and Consumption; used through the world for half a century; has cured innumerable cases of incipient consumption and relieved many in advanced stages. If you are not satisfied with the results we will refund your money. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. per bottle. Sold by Dr. J. C. Chamberlain, St. Helens, and N. A. Perry, Houlton.

TO WELCOME THE BOYS.

Plan for Their Reception by the Home People.

The Mer believes that it would be a commendable act of courteous recognition of the good service of the boys if the citizens of Columbia county, and especially those of St. Helens, would arrange for a reception for the volunteers about to return from Manila, belonging in this county. There are seven members, we believe, of the Oregon regiment from this county, and while they will doubtless be publicly received by the citizens of the various localities, it behooves us, as residents of the county seat, to extend a hearty welcome to every gallant young soldier whose residence is within our county's borders. It might be well to call a meeting of our people at once that committees might be appointed and other necessary steps taken to give the boys a reception befitting the occasion. When it is definitely known on what day the regiment will return, an evening should be set apart for the reception. We might have exercises consisting of addresses by prominent citizens of the county, responses by the soldier boys, patriotic songs, the display of Old Glory, and, perhaps, indulge in a little dancing. These exercises could be held in the big hall, which is amply large enough to accommodate all who could conveniently attend. This Mr. Mer merely offers this outline as a suggestion, and we are sure if a meeting is held this programme would be improved upon. Some recognition of the boys' gallantry and loyalty should be made by the home people, and at present nothing better than this plan suggests itself to us. We are satisfied our endeavors would be fully appreciated.

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TIMBER HARD TO GET.

L. J. Saldern Says Logging is Expensive Business.

L. J. Saldern, a pioneer logger, returned to Portland a few days ago from Gray's river, where he is fitting up a new logging camp, to which place he is removing his Clatskanie plant, says the Oregonian Saturday. He is building four miles of railroad to tap an almost inexhaustible belt of yellow fir, and he expects to begin rafting early this winter. By the time he gets all ready to send his first raft to the Lower Columbia river, he thinks he will have spent \$50,000.

Mr. Saldern says logging is not nearly so profitable as it was seven years ago, as the timber is getting further away and more expensive to reach, while logs are only bringing \$4.50 to \$5.50 per 1000 feet, at the mills.

Although logs are bringing more now than they did four years ago, the figures did not yet reach the \$7 paid in 1892 while stampage costs a good deal more, and other expenses are heavier than at any time in the past. He paid as high as \$50 dollars an acre for lands along Gray's river, which he will be glad to sell for \$2 an acre when he gets the timber cut off. All of these lands will make good farms or pastures when once cleared of stumps, but these will require time and labor to remove. He looks for an immediate advance in the price of lumber, owing to the general demand that has recently sprung up, coupled with the fact that nearly all the timber lands of the coast have now been bought up by sawmill companies and speculators.

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DIED.

ENGLISH.—At Deer Island, Oregon, Friday, July 7, 1899, of heart trouble, Mrs. Charles English, aged 74 years. Deceased was born in Illinois July 17, 1825. She was a pioneer, having come to California in 1850, thence to Oregon in 1856, and has since resided at her home at Deer Island. She has been a faithful member of the Christian church forty-one years and has been a living example of piety for her family and her friends. The funeral exercises were conducted at the home by Rev. Phillipbrook, at 1:30 last Sunday. His appropriate text, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches," beautifully illustrated the life of the dear wife and mother, then being so tenderly laid to rest. Grandma English, as she was lovingly called by many, has been an invalid for years, yet always cheerful and helpful to her family and friends. She knew the end was near, and to all who came to see her during the last few days of her life, she would bid them good bye and ask them to meet her where sufferings were not known. She leaves to mourn her absence, a husband and eight children, all grown to manhood and womanhood, and residing in this state and California. These partings with our loved ones are hard, yet how much consolation it should be to those who are left, to know that our loved one is free from the care and suffering of this life and that she has entered a life where there is no more pain and tears and where she will be found waiting for the dear ones she has so lovingly guided here. The burial occurred at 2:30 Sunday at the Kinder graveyard, a large number of friends following the remains to their last resting place.

How joyful is the hope that lingers when loved ones cross the sea. That we, when all earth's toils are ended, with the shall ever be. No parting words shall e'er be spoken in your home, so fair. But songs of joy and peace and gladness we'll sing forever more.

FREEMAN.—At Salem, Monday, July 10, 1899, James D. Freeman, of exhaustion, aged 72 years.

Deceased formerly lived at Scappoose, where the burial took place on Wednesday, conducted by Rev. G. G. Haley.

For a complete stock of merchandise call at Wm. H. Dolman's.

THE COUNTY FINANCES.

The regular term of the County Court for the month of July has been held. The annual summing up of the financial condition of the county shows the following existing facts:

Table with financial data for July 1, 1899. Columns include Outstanding warrants, Warrants issued for the twelve months, Total, Warrants paid during year, Cash in treasury applicable to payment of warrants advertised and not paid, Cash in treasury applicable to payment of warrants not advertised, Total, Outstanding warrants July 1st, 1899.

Upon the \$33,831.32 of warrants paid during the year there was paid in interest \$5,369.92, making a total of \$43,473.99 coming into the hands of the county treasurer during the year for the liquidation of the public debt.

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County Treasurer's Notice.

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE, ST. HELENS, OREGON, June 23, 1899. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL unpaid County Warrants of Columbia County, Oregon, which have been presented and endorsed "Not Paid for Want of Funds," prior to July 1st, 1899, will be paid upon presentation at this office. Indorsement will not be allowed after this date. EDWIN ROSS, 1921 Treasurer of Columbia County, Oregon.

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