

OREGON MIST.

Aug. 25, 1899.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NOTES.

Largest stock and lowest prices at W. H. Dolman's.

Dr. M. K. Hall, of Rainier, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Slaughter were in Portland Monday afternoon.

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

Mrs. F. L. Clear left on Monday for Mojave, Cal., to join her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Duming and Mrs. Ellis returned on Tuesday from Seaside.

James Muckle and F. M. Thorp were doing business in Portland Monday afternoon.

Mrs. W. H. Conyers and daughter, Laura, of Clatskanie, were in this city last Saturday.

Mrs. Kate Wilbur and daughter, of West Butte, Cal., were in the city a day or two this week.

Miss Mary Kendall, of Portland, visited her aunt, Mrs. H. P. Watkins, in this city this week.

Judge Doan was up from Rainier Tuesday afternoon looking after public and private affairs.

There is a new Slaughter-house going up in town, but perhaps it will be used for a bookkeeping room.

Prof. W. H. Powell and wife and Mr. Harry Darnall were in town last Friday evening en route for Pittsburg.

Rev. Mr. Philbrook will preach at Bachelor Flat Sunday next at 11 a. m., and at Houlton at 8 in the evening.

The family of John Sundby removed from this place to Aldina this week. Their future home will be made there.

Martin White's new residence is just completed and Mr. and Mrs. White expect to establish themselves therein this week.

Mr. J. B. Godfrey, who has been engaged in the saloon business at Cornelius, was in town this week. Mr. Godfrey has disposed of his interests up there and is now looking for a business opening.

There is little danger of sunstrokes during the prevalence of such weather as has prevailed during this month. It, nevertheless, is a stroke of very indignant judgment on the part of the weather clerk.

The soothing and healing properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, its pleasant taste and prompt and permanent cures, have made it a great favorite with the people everywhere. For sale by Dr. Edwin Ross.

The next time you catch the traumatic tetanus—that doctor's slang for lockjaw—all you have to do is to run to the nearest drug store and get a dose of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, on gossips, and people who run down their own town.

Mr. Wm. Blair, of Seaside, Idaho, who has been pasturing his dairy-cattle at Bunker Hill since the high water drove him from the island, returned the herd to the Musgrove place Tuesday evening on the Mascot. The cattle were in good condition considering the difficulties under which they were cared for.

Andrew Rubert and Charley Gable are busy at present preparing for the fall fishing season, which opens on September 10th. They will use a 175-fathom seine and will operate it at the head of Louse Island, in the Slough. The Slough has always been a favorite place for fall fishing, and no doubt the gentlemen will succeed in their undertaking.

It is reported that Alfred Holman, the well-known editorial writer on the Oregonian, has acquired a large interest in the Daily Mercury of San Jose, California, and that he will shortly assume editorial charge. The Mercury is the chief journal of that city and district, and one of the leading half-dozen journals of California. It was established in 1851, and is a fine property.

The physical condition of Sheriff Rice is not greatly improved. He appears better, but on an attack on his condition becomes apparent not only to himself, but to his friends. Saturday Mr. Rice had a very severe spell of heart trouble. On Monday, although feeling stout and well white quiet, a little exercise would render him almost helpless.

A sportsman who, a year ago, was confident that the lakes and sloughs on Sanvie's island were going to be filled with carp, has since that time changed his mind and gives them up for gone. He concludes that the carp have been to many for them. He says the boys should not shoot the herons which come around duck ponds, as these birds destroy immense numbers of carp, and should be protected.

If weather conditions are favorable hop-picking will begin about the 10th of September. The growers seem pretty well agreed that not more than forty cents per box will be paid for picking. They say that for several years the pickers were the only ones who got anything out of the hop crop. They made money while the growers were losing money, and that even though they have a market for their hops this year the pickers should be satisfied with a forty-cent rate, as good wages can be made in the excellent condition of the yards.

Rumor has it that the whereabouts of Michael Roemer, whose place of business is back of Rainier, is at present somewhat of a mystery, and has so been for nearly two weeks. Roemer owns a large tract of land back of Rainier, some of it mortgaged to the state, on which stands a mill, which was operated with considerable profit for several years. Recently, however, it is said Mr. Roemer was experiencing some financial trouble, and being unable to overcome the difficulties, he sought relief, probably only temporarily, from his business affairs, and served an attachment on the mill property to secure the county from losing the taxes, and now a Mr. Haines, of Portland, through his attorney, W. J. Rice, has filed an injunction suit for \$100 damages against that official.

The Oregonian of Wednesday says: "Frank Payne, who operated the first foundry on the East Side in the early days of East Portland, is in the city on a visit to his friends, coming from Seapooose. Something over 20 years ago Mr. Payne acquired ownership over quite an extensive tract of land at Seapooose, but did not suppose it was of much value, although he knew it contained an extensive deposit of iron ore. He ran his foundry until a few years ago, when his lack of industry compelled him to close down. He then went down on his farm and began grinding up the ore for metallic paint. He put in some machinery, and one day, Mr. Payne found that his tract, which he thought of little value, is better than the best claim in Alaska.

MEMBERS OF AVON LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, AT THEIR WEEKLY CONVENTION

Tuesday evening were most agreeably surprised to receive a present—the first since the institution of the lodge—a handsome silver tray-shaped ballot-box, bearing the inscription 'Beautifully engraved on its side: "Avon Lodge K. of P. St. Helens, Oregon, Compliments of Mrs. Frank Dow." The present came from the East by express, and was unattended by any ceremony, which fact in itself betokens the unassuming, modest and benevolent disposition of the donor, and while every member of the lodge has always recognized in Mrs. Dow a warm and earnest friend, the reception of such a token of esteem and interest seemed to dull the sense of expression of gratitude of the boys as they gathered around the chancellor's station and looked on in silent admiration of the beautiful and valuable gift. It was intended by Mrs. Dow that the present should arrive here on the birthday of the lodge, August 8th, but because it failed in this respect not the degree of appreciation by the recipients. As well as its being a token of friendship it is an appropriate gift, a useful article and an ornament in the lodge room, always to be admired and appreciated.

One of our correspondents last week asked who could advise the people in the vicinity of Keasay in regard to whether or not there was an operative law in this county forbidding swine running at large. There is such a law on the books, but probably not preventing swine from running out. The law was created by the voters of this county at the general election held on June 4th, 1888. We have made a research of the records in the county clerk's office in order to speak intelligently and correctly upon the subject. A previous act of the legislature made the matter discretionary with the people of the county, to be decided by ballot, which on the date above-mentioned was had, resulting in a very large majority against allowing swine to run at large. Against their running out there were 511 votes cast; in favor of their running at large there were 157 votes cast. Since that time it has been unlawful for owners of swine in Columbia county to permit them to roam at will throughout the county.

The price of logs, instead of declining, as was predicted by some loggers last winter, is steadily increasing and the sawmills both in Astoria and elsewhere along the river, are making contracts for spruce logs at \$5.50 per thousand. C. C. Masten, the Bear creek logger, closed a contract a few days ago with one of the local mills for 600,000 feet at \$6 per thousand. The logs were bought below the ruling price and were taken at the loggers' scale. Portland buyers have offered as high as \$7.50 for clear, or first-class spruce, and find difficulty in obtaining sufficient quantities at that figure. The output of logs on the Lower Columbia and its tributaries is said to be below the average for this year, owing to the unfavorable weather conditions. The demand for both fir and spruce is regarded as phenomenal, and loggers expect prices to go higher before the season's logs reach tide-water the coming winter.—Astorian.

Kelso people gave an excursion to this place last Saturday night on the steamer Kellogg. The personnel of the number attending was, as a general rule, very respectable, and after coming ashore at this place the conduct of the young people was all that could have been desired, but unfortunately on all such occasions, there has to be a few ungentlemanly, boisterous characters, who not only disgrace themselves, but cast an odium over the entire company. However, only a few such characters accompanied our numerous friends from Kelso, and certainly there were none who deplored the fact of their presence more than did those of the better element on board. About 150 persons came up, and after strolling around the city for less than half an hour, the trip homeward was resumed.

It does seem that circumstances have a wonderful influence over conditions, climatic and otherwise. Persons who are close observers of things tell us that a great many years ago pleasant, sunshiny weather until late in October was the rule rather than the exception. Of late years, or since the state fair was established, the month of September has been characterized by severe rain storms, doing damage to crops and rendering festivities at the fair an almost failure. The month of August in Oregon has always been known as a very warm, dry month until the last two or three years, or since the Astoria people have taken such an active interest in their regatta, since which time the most disagreeable weather has prevailed about regatta time. It does look rather suspicious, doesn't it?

At present there is a lively demand for beef cattle and all indications point to the fact that this demand will continue. The present demand for beef cattle should impress itself upon the stockman or farmer. He is an important factor in the future supply of meat. The big head of fast becoming an unknown quantity. The farmer who has a couple of hundred acres of land, who raises his own feed and his own cattle, is going to do the business in the future, and his product will always bring the top price—conditionally, that he raises good stock. Having his range more cost, breeding from good breeds and giving his attention to business, he will have an income that will make him and his independently wealthy.

Messrs. David Henshaw and W. H. Smith, of Houlton, who three or four weeks ago went to Lewis river on a camping and prospecting tour, returned last Friday. The gentlemen report a pleasant trip and are quite enthusiastic in regard to gold digging in that section, and are confident that they will bring home with them certain quantities of gold. The specimens they brought home with them would certainly indicate that very rich deposits of gold exist in that vicinity. They had 255 grains of gold amalgam, the result of their own panning. It has been claimed for many years that the gold deposits existed along Lewis river, and these gentlemen have demonstrated that such is the case.

Congressman Moody, of The Dalles, and Mr. Nolan, of the same city, were passengers on the Hassalo Monday night for Astoria, where they expected to pass a few days pleasantly during the regatta. In conversation with these gentlemen the editor of this paper learned that little damage to grain crops of the late rains has been sustained in the warehouses at The Dalles, and all of it in good condition. Mr. Moody expects soon to visit this county, looking after the demands and needs of the people of this section.

During the civil war, as well as in our late war with Spain, diarrhea was one of the most troublesome diseases which afflicted the soldiers. In many army had to contend with it. Mr. David Taylor, of Still Ridge, Greene Co., Pa., is one of these. He uses Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and says he never found anything else that would give him such quick relief. It is for sale by Dr. Edwin Ross.

NEGOTIATIONS RESUMED.

Easterners After Clatsop County Timber Lands Again.

The Astoria Budget of last Thursday says that the big timber deal that fell through on account of the unfortunate deaths of Radir, Doty, Heikman and Cloutier by being poisoned while cruising in on again, and was not consummated during the next few weeks. The deal comprised many thousand acres of fine timber land in Clatsop and Tillamook counties and it was announced that there was an intention to build a logging road from the tract to tide water where a large mill was to be erected. At the time of the death of these men, Congressman Stone, of Warren, Pa., was in Portland and he was largely interested in the deal. It was only by the merest accident that he was not one of the party. As Bar was largely interested in the deal, his death caused it to fall through and Congressman Stone did not feel disposed at that time to proceed with it. On the noon train today Congressman Stone, E. D. Wetmore, an extensive lumber dealer of Pennsylvania, and George F. Stone, of Seattle, a brother of Congressman Stone, arrived in the city to take up the deal where it was broken off last spring. Mr. Stone had very little to say about the timber deal other than it was again in progress and that Mr. Wetmore, who accompanied him, was also interested in it as he had been before and it was the latter's desire to personally make an examination of the property before the deal was closed. Previous to the death of the four timber cruisers, the deal had been in progress for months and nothing was generally known about it or would have been until it was consummated if the accident had not occurred. The deal is said to represent more than \$100,000.

LOGGING BUSINESS THRIVES.

New Industries Are Starting on the Lower Columbia.

Two new 25-ton locomotives have reached Portland within the past few days from Curry, Pa., for logging camps just being started on the lower Columbia, opposite Tongue point. One of the engines is to be placed on a new seven-mile track recently constructed on Gray's river, by the Saldern Lumber company and the other on the line of the camp of the Gray's Bay Logging Company, where it will run on a new four-mile track. Both locomotives were built for the regular standard-gauge track, and are called "mountain climbers," as they are said to be capable of hauling loads on a logging track. The hauls down the incline, toward the water's edge, these engines are not likely to be called on to haul much up-hill traffic.

When these new camps are put in operation the loggers of the lower Columbia will be perceptibly increased, and the indications now point to a ready market for all rats reaching Portland for some time to come, as logs have been rather scarce, according to the statements of those engaged in the business. A new three-mile logging track has been completed on the line of the Vancouver, Klakitak & North Yakima railroad, and the first trainload of logs was brought to the water's edge near Vancouver this week. The spur tape a Van-couber within eight miles of Vancouver, and will afford a regular supply of saw logs to the Portland mills for some time to come.

LOCAL OFFICE SUSTAINED.

Contest Case of Bonnick vs Harris Ordered Dismissed.

A decision involving a homestead entry contest case has been received at the Oregon City land office from the department of the Interior, in the case of James Bonnick against William A. Harris. The decision of the local land office officials to dismiss the contest has been confirmed by the Washington authorities. The following facts were brought out in the trial, the purpose of which was to show that the contestee had abandoned the claim.

Harris made entry June 23, 1894; the land being in Columbia county; October 27, '97 James Bonnick filed a contest to the said entry, alleging that William A. Harris had not resided on the claim for two years since making the entry in violation of the United States laws.

The case first came up at the Oregon City office, December 20, 1898; it was decided January 20, 1899, and was recommended for dismissal because of the following grounds:

Improvements consisting of a good house, barn, outbuildings, several orchards, about two acres of cleared and fenced land and two or three acres of "slashing," and one mile of road, costing in all \$400, were proven to have been put on the claim; that the contestee had lived on the claim socially according to his ability in the contest; that he had abandoned the claim; that he had abandoned the same and that said abandonment has not been on account and was not due to his employment in the military or naval service of the United States in time of war.

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WHERE IS THE TROUBLE?

Compelled Again to Speak of the Faulty Mail Service.

We are not inclined in the least to be complaining, but on occasions of the nature of which we now are to speak we feel perfectly right in putting in our own and creating a little commotion if the existing and management of mails in this county is not remedied. Last Saturday we received the following note through the mail:

Mist, Or., Aug. 10, 1899.

"THE OREGON MIST does not reach Mist until Tuesday. If you cannot make arrangements for it to reach here on Saturday please discontinue my subscription, and oblige,"

"O. H. WILSON."

Mr. Wilson is perfectly justified in his complaint and demands. There is no reason for anybody to offer in extension of this condition only the absence of negligence on the part of some one. The Mist is mailed on Thursday afternoon of each week before 5 o'clock as regularly as Thursday days, and why it should require five days for it to reach its destination within the borders of the county is something not easily understood. The bundle of papers for Mist should reach its destination by Saturday night, no matter which route is chosen for it to leave the distributing office. It is mailed in sufficient time to go to Houlton on Thursday evening, and it does seem that it could reach either Clatskanie or Pittsburg by Friday night, in which event it should find its way to Mist by Saturday night, according to the schedules as we understand them.

This is not the first complaint of this nature similar appeals to the paper sent through with less delay are often received at this office, but an effort to locate the trouble has thus far proven of no avail. We deplore the fact very much, but remain helpless to remedy it unless an appeal is made to the postal authorities in Washington. This seems the only course open at the present time.

Patrons of county newspapers desire to receive them not later in the week than Saturday night, and they certainly cannot be blamed for their demands. However, we assure Mr. Wilson and all others that the postal authorities will not with the publisher, and an earnest effort will be made to locate the defect and have it remedied if possible.

GOOD COUNTY ROADS.

Prospect of a 4-Mill Tax in Clatsop For That Purpose.

The movement for improving the county roads now that it has been commenced in earnest, ought by all means not to be allowed to rest until we have thoroughfares leading to all parts of the county of which we may feel proud. There is no one other thing that would do us more good than the improvement of our highways and we rest assured that until we get better roads our town will never reach the point of prosperity that it should. To secure this requires the expenditure of a large sum of money.

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NEW COURSE OF STUDY.

Letter From Superintendent of Public Instruction.

County School Superintendent Copeland lately received an interesting letter from the state superintendent in regard to the proposed new course of study of the state, of which following are extracts:

"SALEM, Or., Aug. 1, 1899.

"By today's express I send you copies of the course of study. A sufficient number will be sent you soon to enable you to furnish each school district according to the plan adopted in the work one copy. I trust you will place them where they will do the most good.

"The chief objects and methods of this course should receive the unanimous and hearty support of our teachers and school officers. The valuable results which it can gain for our schools should command our main attention. The graduation of the country schools embraces a great truth, not new in itself, but recent in its application to this kind of work. It is the establishment of a wise and orderly procedure in the present of the branches taught in these schools. It has the power to quicken a sincere and intelligent zeal in advocating and incorporating it as an organized principle in this portion of our educational operations. The more complete and well based a training which it provides for our school children should arouse a general and well sustained desire to realize speedily its best effects in our ungraded schools.

"The prevailing system of teaching in our ungraded schools tends invariably to produce an unbalanced education in the minds of the pupils, the most serious difficulty which we have to meet. It will take years to overcome this difficulty.

"An adequate view of the magnitude of the work upon which we have entered in this work is to be gained only by a study of the result from it, must lead to the formation of the settled purpose to prosecute it to a settled end. We should accept cheerfully the hard and increased labor which must devolve upon us. Every opportunity for the permanent establishment of this system in a county, or even in a school district, should be gladly embraced.

"We believe that the past record of the teaching fraternity of this state justifies us in the belief that there will be an unanimity in the work of completing the educational operations of the state into a system, which begins at the primary school and ends in the university. J. H. ACKERMAN, "Superintendent of Public Instruction."

I wish to thank those who so kindly subscribed to pay board for Mrs. Ferris and daughter. The amount collected was \$10.15. Mrs. S. E. McIntyre.

HOULTON NOTES.

Grandma Perry is rusticated at Seaside this week.

Edward Hemen is helping N. A. Perry build fences this week.

Miss Ida Rowley is having an outing on Bunker hill this week.

Deputy-Sheriff Hatton took the train for Goble one day this week.

N. A. Perry left for Seaside Wednesday morning to join his family.

Mrs. C. L. Dagget returned from a week's visit at Kerns, Wash., last week.

E. H. Philbrook started for Olegus, Wash., last Tuesday on the noon train.

Mrs. P. G. Baker and Opal Cox came down from Portland last Monday evening.

The Vernonia mail carrier is running somewhat late nowadays owing to bad roads.

Some of the bridge gang left for Kalama last Tuesday to do some work at that place.

The Quaker Medicine show, which was here for three nights past, left for Rainier Tuesday.

The magic lantern show that was given here last Monday evening proved to be a success.

Captain and Mrs. Henderson left for Astoria last Saturday morning to witness the regatta.

D. Henshaw, sr., and W. H. Smith returned from a month's outing up the Lewis river country last week.

An ice cream social is on the bills for Saturday night. Come everybody and bring your friends and sweethearts and enjoy a good dish of I-cream.

Mr. A. R. Taylor, a son-in-law of Mrs. M. P. Smith, of this place, arrived home from the Philippines Sunday noon and proceeded to Vernonia Tuesday morning.

We all thought it strange last Monday evening to see Tom shining his shoes and putting on a stand-down collar in such a great hurry, but we learned afterwards the reason.

Just across the Columbia river below Bridal Veil, on an island, are tons upon tons of natural ice. This body of ice was frozen during the winter, and the heavy winds blew the sand in great drifts over it. The residents of the vicinity of Cape Horn cross over to the island and dig down into the sand six or eight inches and cut out great chunks of ice. The fishermen engaged in seining for salmon near this island use the ice constantly. These banks of ice are located just below Bridal Veil, on the Oregon side, on a small island.

DIED.

Basee.—Near Florence, Mont., August 8, 1899, John E. Basee, aged 33 years.

John E. Basee was born in Kennewick, Ill., August 20, 1866. Went to Nebraska in 1871, thence to Portland, Oregon, in 1886. Deceased had been engaged in railroad work since 1891, being at the time of his death, engineer on the Northern Pacific railroad. He was married at St. Helens June 24, 1895, to Miss Addie Lamberson, of Seapooose. Mr. Basee was suddenly killed near Florence, Mont., the roadbed having been washed away, his engine dropping into the opening, throwing him some distance. Deceased had lately been promoted to the position of engineer. By diligence and faithfulness he had won his way from lower positions to one of responsibility.

SKIN DISEASES.

For the speedy and permanent cure of tetter, salt rheum and eczema, Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment is without an equal. It relieves the itching and smarting almost instantly and its continued use effects a permanent cure. It also cures itch, barber's itch, scald head, nose pimples, itching piles, chapped hands, chronic sore eyes and granulated lids.

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St Helens, Oregon Harris' Old Stand.

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ST. CHARLES HOTEL.

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