

OREGON MIST.

DECEMBER 15, 1909.

Judge Don was up from Rainier Tuesday.

Choice perfumes for Christmas at the drug store.

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

The addition to the court house is almost completed.

Mr. Charles Muckle was a Portland visitor on Monday.

Dr. Ross was attending to business matters in Portland Monday.

An adjourned term of circuit court will be held here next Tuesday.

Mrs. Frank Dow was down from Oak Island on Thursday last week.

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

Ed Black, of Mayger, spent a day or two in town this week visiting relatives.

Our various merchants are displaying their Christmas goods in great quantities.

No means will be spared to make the New Year dance at this place a grand success.

The president's message to congress appears on the first page of this paper this week.

Mrs. Thos. Cooper was up from Kalama a day or two this week visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Watts, of Reuben, were in the city for a short time on Saturday last.

Mrs. J. P. Howe, of Seattle, accompanied by her daughter, are visiting relatives at Warren.

If you are in need of some nice, up-to-date stationery it will pay you to leave orders at this office.

Rev. Mr. Philbrick will preach at Paris on Sunday at 11 A. M.; Yankton at 3 P. M., and at Houlton at 7:30 P. M.

Mr. W. N. Meserve came down from Portland Wednesday night and spent a day in the city on business matters.

Mrs. W. J. Muckle, of Rainier, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. C. H. Johns, to this city for a short visit last Saturday.

Messrs. E. H. Lynch and J. D. Morgan, of Scappoose, were in town Wednesday afternoon attending to business matters.

Mrs. Martin Both and Mrs. M. Pomero, of Rainier, were in this city last Saturday to attend a meeting of the Eastern Star lodge.

Lincoln Meserve, of Gray's River, Wash., was in town last Friday, having spent a week visiting at different points throughout the county.

Mr. J. S. Cloninger left on Wednesday for a vacation. He expected to visit several California points, going from here direct to Los Angeles.

At the drug store there is a complete assortment of Christmas novelties, picture books, etc., to select from for your contemplated Christmas presents.

A suitable New Year present for yourself or neighbor would be a year's subscription to The Mist and Weekly Oregonian. Only \$2.00 a year for both.

Avon lodge Knights of Pythias will hold their semi-annual installation of officers on the night of January 2nd. All members are requested to be present.

Lost, on the steamer Traida on Saturday afternoon, a ladies gold watch with the monogram "M. S. B." on the case. Return to purser on Traida and receive reward.

At the New York store there is a complete line of Christmas novelties. All kinds of attractive toys for the children. Morgus will fit you out for Christmas presents.

The funds raised some time since to build a woodshed at the Congregational church have been put to use and a neat and handy structure now adorns the rear of that edifice.

The Scappoose dramatic club would need but little encouragement or persuasion to come to St. Helens and produce their excellent comedy-drama, "The Soldier of Misfortune."

Mr. P. A. Parker, of Seattle, and Mrs. E. C. Slavens, of Seattle, were in town on Saturday at the 25th of November. Mrs. Slavens and daughter, Mrs. Warren, were present.

Don't be a bit bashful about calling and settling your long-standing accounts at this office. Now is a splendid time to avail yourself of the opportunity of squaring your old scores with the printer.

Rev. Mr. Jones, of Portland, was in this city last Monday en route for Rainier, where he is at present conducting revival services in the Congregational church. Mr. Jones will hereafter preach on each alternate Sunday at that place.

Mrs. J. H. Bridgford and children, of East Ninth street, leave tonight for Santa Clara, Cal., where they will spend the winter. Mr. Bridgford goes to Washington to look after the interests of the Tillamook bay country in which he is largely interested.

Remember that we can furnish the leading paper of the county, The Mist and the Oregonian, together for only one cent per copy. The Oregonian will cost you \$1.50, thus, by subscribing at this office you get both papers for \$2.00.

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PASSED BOGUS CHECKS.

Logger Arrested and Identified as Having Swindled Portlanders.

J. W. Collins was arrested at the Grand Central depot yesterday, says Tuesday's Oregonian, by Detectives Day and Weiner, who were expecting him from Rainier where he had passed a worthless check on John Morgus, a storekeeper there. Collins proved to be the same man who recently passed a worthless \$20 check on the Salem woolen mills and another of \$10 on the Chicago clothing house in Portland. He was yesterday identified by both his Portland victims, who had let him have goods on his paper, paying him the balance in cash.

His Rainier venture netted him \$20 and a pair of gum boots, so he was doing very well in the bogus check business until ruthlessly interrupted by the Portland police.

When lodged in jail yesterday, Collins said he had worked in logging camps on the lower Columbia, and also for Brown McClellan, of Portland, and as a "long-shorthead." The blank checks which he was using have been procured in some manner from the First National bank, of Portland, and from Ladd & Bush's bank, in Salem. He will be arraigned in the municipal court today.

The merchants think that many Portland merchants take big chances in receiving checks from strangers. The game of the check-passer is to buy clothing on Saturday afternoon, and as banks cannot be communicated with by telephone, the forger has nearly two days to get out of the city before being discovered.

HOULTON NOTES.

There was a dance given at the City restaurant Tuesday evening. A good time is reported.

Preparations are being made to have a Christmas tree at the church for the children of this place.

A number of Houltonites took in the drama at Scappoose Saturday night, feeling well repaid for their visit.

Rev. Bruce Wolverton, of Salem, is holding services at the Methodist church for a few evenings, commencing Tuesday.

Frank Gilson, son of G. D. Gilson, of the Houlton Hotel, arrived in this place Wednesday morning from Vermont. It had been seven years since father and son had last seen each other.

George Gragg, of Deer Island, took his place behind the counters of N. A. Perry's store last Monday, as clerk. Bud Henshaw, who has held the place for the past two years, retires. He will attend school in Portland after the first of the year.

Last Wednesday and Thursday evening a number of traveling fakirs held forth at Perry's hall, giving free concerts and selling medicines. One of the features of the last evening was a pieating contest by three boys, which was highly amusing. Another feature was the voting contest for the most popular young lady. Miss Grace Kelley receiving the prize. Dancing was then indulged in, which lasted until late.

VERNONIA ITEMS.

A. Shannahan made a trip to Forest Grove last week.

Mrs. Wm. Pringle, of Pittsburg, was up to Vernonia Friday.

Ora Lavender is up from Pittsburg for a few days off duty in the mill.

Matthew Johnson, of Crooked creek and several Irishmen in Vernonia and vicinity Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

S. B. Ross returned Wednesday from Yamhill and Washington counties, where he made a successful tour with his magic lantern.

Frank Wilson made a trip to Clatskanie last week. His sister, Ida, returned with him from Mist, where she has been teaching school.

Hans Christensen made final proof on his claim last week at St. Helens. Ernest Shannahan and Phil Sheeley accompanied him as witnesses.

"Old Charlie," S. B. Ross's second best horse, is no more. He jumped one day and broke his leg and had to be shot. Total loss to S. B., 15 cents.

"The Soldier of Misfortune."

Quite a number of St. Helens people and several people from Houlton went to Scappoose last Saturday evening to witness the production by local talent of the popular comedy-drama, "The Soldier of Misfortune." None were in the least disappointed. The plot was well founded and each character admirably sustained the part for which they were cast.

Especially is this the case in the part of the hero, Mr. Frank Sheffield. The manner in which he disposed of his important and difficult part was creditable to him and tided the critical audience over a few unavoidable mistakes in other parts. Miss Ella Tompkins, as the heroine, did full justice to her difficult part, and convinced the audience that much time and care had been devoted by her to the study of the character she so creditably impersonated.

Mr. Gus Ostby, as the comic character, the well-to-do aristocrat, did full justice to his part, succeeding in creating a small amount of amusement for the auditors. Another comedy character, Mr. Adams, sustained his part well, and assisted wonderfully in connecting the chain throughout with an occasional link of humor. The villain, the character that never receives a particle of sympathy, carried his important and difficult part through very creditably. Other characters of the play, whose names we did not learn, did equal justice to their parts, and altogether the play was very creditably and successfully produced.

After an hour and a half's entertainment by the dramatic club, the audience was invited to partake of a luncheon in another part of the hall, prepared by the committee on arrangements, and which was heartily enjoyed.

The large safe used for a vault by the late Columbia Banking institution of this city, and which has put in most of the time since its advent in this city, traveling from one building to another, took another journey this week, which, it is to be hoped, will be its last so far.

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Does This Strike You?

Muddy Complexions and Nauseating Mucous from chronic constipation. Karl's Cloyer Root Tea is an absolute cure and has been sold for fifty years on an absolute guarantee. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. Sold by Dr. Edwin Ross.

ALL OVER THE STATE.

Items of Interest to Our Readers Found in Our Exchanges.

One-third of the fools of this country think they can beat the lawyers expounding the law; one-half of them think they can beat the doctors healing the sick; two-thirds of them think they can beat the preachers preaching the gospel, and of all of them they can beat the editor running the paper.—Myrtle Point Enterprise.

If there are any of our readers in Oregon—or elsewhere—who are hungry for land and are unmarried, now is their time, though it is short, to get a Choctaw wife who will bring him 500 acres of land in the Indian territory as a dower and be entitled to a like amount additional, on marriage. Besides, these are not ugly, but pretty, of a kind and loving disposition, who some are highly educated. Five thousand men have taken advantage of the law governing such alliances and a thousand more are about to do so.

Tale of woe from the country press: "Our state is in a bad way. The land value amounts to less than \$1 per acre, all told, less than \$1.75 for the week's work. Now can anyone tell us how much we will have for our week's work after paying for our paper, plate, rent, ink, oil and other expenses? And yet there are some wretches who will take a paper year after year and never think of paying a cent for it, and even lie to get out of paying their honest debts to the printer. May God have mercy on such miserable beings and deliver them from hell."

A humorous and ironical exchange reports the following as a very new and correct form of marriage ceremony in some instances:

"Young lady will you promise to take this helpless young gentling you hold by the hand and see that he writes nothing? Will you guarantee to stand by him when he is sick, provide him with a good suit of clothes twice a year, and always see that his supply of stove wood is dry and convenient till the divorce courts start intervening. If you feel like taking a little matter like that, deposit \$20 with me as a guarantee that he will be taken care of and take the gentling and light out."

There is no vice that so completely undermines the moral nature as gambling. Dr. Lyman Abbott says, "It is a vice that prevails so extensively nowadays does infinitely more harm than strong drink, and he further remarks that it makes no particular difference whether the gambling is done with cards, dominoes or stocks. Dr. Abbott insists that if a man tries to get something for nothing he is dishonest, whether he does it so as to render him liable to imprisonment or not. The habit destroys moral distinctions and the power to make them. Yet gambling has been rife in all ages, and in all countries, and is indulged in more generally, if not more eagerly than the civilized man. It seems strange that culture has put no more check upon this vice. But the prospect of getting something for nothing, or at least, a great deal for a very little, presents a strong temptation to many minds that cannot resist it, and it is likely to flourish as long as our acquisitive facilities do.—Oregonian.

One of the biggest fool ideas that ever got into the heads of a lot of fool statesmen was that which got lodged in the brains of the last Oregon legislature and caused the repeal of the law which provided for a state board of equalization. The demand for the repeal of the law came largely from the agricultural districts, and now the agricultural districts have to pay the tax. It is a time of test will be found that the farmers' land has been assessed at about the same valuation as on former years, and this will be largely true of the residents of the smaller towns and cities, but in the larger cities where the land is concentrated in a few large property owners were quick to see the advantage to be derived from a lower valuation, and as a result we have a decrease in the valuation in Portland of more than \$1,000,000. The saving, of course, is in the state tax, and now, "cow counties" will have to go down in their pockets and pay for the popular craze which demanded and secured the abrogation of the state board of equalization, a sum sufficient to have paid the expenses of the board for twenty years.—Roseburg Platender.

Just a little dollar on his mission sent, makes a lot of people glad each time the coin is spent. You pay for the coin to the grocer, from whom it takes at length some pretty bit of cloth or lace his better half to buy, or helps her winter hat to make her rival right. The dry goods man sends on his bill, and the coin is spent. It stays a dollar still; and every time 'tis spent at home, some act of good is done in "booming" local industries, ere setting of the sun. That single dollar has thus a wondrous power to make somebody better a dozen times over. It pays the bills, and wards off ill, and n'er its power releases to sooth the doctor, buy the coal and pays for clothes and taxes.

A few democratic papers of Oregon are just now furnishing evidence of the viciousness of some kinds of journalism. They have discovered a Polk county man who is willing to swear that he paid the governor \$1000 to be appointed superintendent of the penitentiary, and failing to receive it, demanded his money back and got it; and further that he has written evidence with which to back his statements. The whole thing reads like one of the blackest political lies. The democratic papers know, of course, that it is a lie, but they are making the most of it. They hold up their hands and roll up their eyebrows sanctoriously, declaring that such a thing is not possible, that the chief executive of the great and good state of Oregon could not do such an act as worse than Benedict Arnold, etc., etc. But, if it should be true, this most corrupt of all officials, this blackest of traitors should be driven out of office, on to politics, and be the people's memory. Some one out of the people's memory, and the inference is, of course, that the sore-headed Polk county aspirant for sinecure is perfectly right. There are things that make one wish that the law was of wider application.—LaGrande Journal.

This paper possesses the only well equipped job printing plant in St. Helens, where the quality of stock used and workmanship are of the best. Our prices are consistent with such qualities and we guarantee satisfaction to patrons.

GUERRILLA WARFARE.

Aguinaldo's Forces Committing all Sorts of Atrocities.

MANILA, Dec. 13, 1899.—Colonel Smith, with a detachment of the Seventeenth infantry, surrounded and captured in a village near Malaqui a party of guerrillas, who had made their headquarters there. The party included the band which assassinated seven officials at Malaqui for friendliness to the Americans. All are insurgents who became bandits when the disintegration of the Filipino army began. They kept the country around Malaqui a state of terror for several weeks, and committed twenty-five murders in less than that number of days. When they were caught they were promptly sent to General MacArthur's headquarters, at Davao, by train. It is expected that they will be speedily tried, and either shot or hanged as an example, if convicted.

COUNTRY SWARMING WITH BANDITS.

The whole country north of San Fernando and between San Fernando and Manila, except within the permanent line of troops around the cities and the closely patrolled stretches of railroad, swarms with similar bands. Probably they will be increased by men from Pilar's army, many of whom are making their way south to join the insurgent force in Cavite province.

These people, for the most part, are country-raiding and carry of railroad, Colonel Bell's and Colonel Wood's troops, who are scouring the country for them. They devote their energies to ambushing commissary wagons and picking up soldiers who leave their commands. Every day some wagon train is fired upon or some soldier disappears.

SOME OF THE OUTRAGES.

General Wheeler's secretary, Mr. Garrett, was disarmed and slashed by a boloman almost within sight of headquarters, his assailant pursuing him head-on to the headquarters building. The policy of these ruffians is to make the country uninhabitable for Americans, and to frighten natives into refraining from giving assistance to the Americans, as well as to compel the inhabitants to support the insurrection.

The brother of the president of Imus went out on other duty, but he has some rice. He was captured by his compatriots, accused of being a spy and executed.

Only a small proportion of the insurgent arms have been surrendered, and the problem of suppressing this guerrilla war is anything but easy of solution. Some of the American officers think it worse than fighting Indians, owing to the difficulties of the country and the trouble in locating the enemy, who resort to the amago dodge and hide their guns, when hard pressed.

Some of the Americans favor the issuance of a proclamation declaring all natives found with arms, to be bandits, punishable as criminals, instead of being treated as prisoners of war.

SPANISH PRISONERS RELEASED.

Information has been received at headquarters that 500 Spanish prisoners have been shipped to Manila, and that 1600 others have been assembled in Vigan, including General Pena. Probably these are Spaniards released by General Young's troops in the Benguet district, where they were concentrated by the insurgents.

AMERICAN PRISONERS RESCUED.

General Young reports the rescue of Bruto, of the Nevada regiment, and Edwards, of the gunboat Yorktown, who have been held prisoners by the Filipinos. General Tino, conveying the American prisoners north, is hotly pursued. Aguinaldo is a fugitive in the mountains, his body guard having been destroyed, and Gregorio Pitill killed. Leganto province has been cleared of insurgents. The navy co-operated with the army on the west coast. Two thousand and eight hundred released Spanish prisoners are coming to Manila.

Card of Thanks.

We, the undersigned, kindly thank the good people, both of Goble and Houlton, for their kindness and tender assistance during our late bereavement, the sickness, death and burial of our husband and father.

Mrs. M. MATTHEWS, Mrs. M. BOWLEY AND FAMILY.

PROPOSALS INVITED.

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned until December 18, 1899, for furnishing material for and building a church and removing about 150 cubic yards of rock, at St. Helens, Oregon. Plans and specifications can be seen at my room.

The board of trustees reserve the right to reject any or all bids, or any part thereof. D. MACLACHLAN.

A GRAND

New Year's

BALL

Is scheduled to take place in this city on

MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 1900

Good Music by Brice's Popular Orchestra.

Dance Tickets 75 Cents

Good order will be kept during the entire evening.

Prize for best waltzing will be given.

For detailed particulars see large bills.

ED HILLSBERRY,

Expert Barber

SHARP RAZORS AND CLEAN TOWELS.

None but purest chemicals used in washing and cleansing the face.

Get a Hot Towel on Your Face

Usual prices for work.

DECKER'S OLD STAND, ST. HELENS

A SURE CURE FOR CROUP.

Twenty-five Years' Constant Use Without a Failure.

The first indication of croup is hoarseness, and in a child subject to that disease it may be taken as a sure sign of the approach of an attack. Following this hoarseness is a peculiar rough cough. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, it will prevent the attack. It is used in many thousands of homes in this broad land, and never disappoints the anxious mothers. We have yet to learn of a single instance in which it has not proved effectual. No other preparation can show such a record—twenty-five years constant use without a failure. For sale by Dr. Edwin Ross.

COUNTY TREASURER'S NOTICE.

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE, ST. HELENS, OREGON, NOV. 21, 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 January 1st, 1900, will be paid upon presentation to me. Interest will be allowed after this date. EDWIN ROSS, 22422 Treasurer of Columbia County, Oregon.

CITY TREASURER'S NOTICE.

OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER, ST. HELENS, OREGON, NOV. 21, 1899. THE CITY TREASURER OF ST. HELENS, Oregon hereby gives notice that all warrants of this city, which have been presented and endorsed "Not Paid for Want of Funds," prior to Oct. 15th, 1899, will be paid upon presentation to me. Interest will be allowed after this date. DAVID DAVIS, City Treasurer.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, in and for Columbia County, In the matter of the estate of Frank M. Webber, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED, administrator of the estate of Frank M. Webber, deceased, that all creditors of and all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, to present them, with proper vouchers, within the time specified in the date of this notice, to the said administrator, at his office in the city of St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon.

Done by order of the Honorable J. B. Doan, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, Columbia County, Oregon, on November 14th, 1899. DAVID DAVIS, Administrator of the estate of Frank M. Webber, deceased. Dated November 12th, 1899.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OREGON, December 2, 1899. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver, at Oregon City, Oregon, on January 30th, 1899, viz:

Homestead entry No. 1104, for the northwest 1/4 of section 17, township 6 north, range 2 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Nels J. Feunant, James McCall, Charles Fisher and James Cox, all of Goble, Oregon.

CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.

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Homestead entry 1138, for the southwest 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 and east 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of section 23, and the northwest 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of section 24, township 4 north, range 4 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: H. Kaufman and Simon D. Yoder, of Hubbard, Oregon; John Y. Kaufman, of Neely, Oregon; and John C. Mullin, of Vernonia, Oregon.

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Ernest Grandgeorge, Homestead entry 1006, for the southeast 1/4 of section 14, township 5 north, range 3 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: James M. Archibald, Cook, James M. Archibald, Neely, Oregon; and John C. Mullin, of Vernonia, Oregon.

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JESSE A. FINEOUT, Homestead entry 3898, for the lots 1 and 2 sections 14, township 3 north, range 2 west, and south 1/2 of the southeast 1/4 of section 23, township 4 north, range 4 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Harry Slooman, of Quail Grove, Oregon; J. B. Yoder, of Hubbard, Oregon; and Frank Keele, of Buxton, Oregon.

CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.

PETITION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

To the Honorable County Court of Columbia County, Oregon. We, the undersigned legal voters, residing in Beer Island precinct, Columbia County, State of Oregon, would respectfully petition your honorable body for a liquor license, which will be held on the 3rd day of January, 1900, in the County Court, in the City of St. Helens, Oregon, and we pray that a license be granted to G. E. Hunter to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors in quantities less than one gallon, in Beer Island precinct, in said County and State, and that said license be granted for a period of one year, for all of which we will ever pray. Dated, Goble, Oregon, this 24th day of October, 1899.

W. C. Homan, W.