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SCAPPOOSE, OREGON

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## OREGON MIST.

FEBRUARY 9, 1900.

Next Wednesday is St. Valentine's day.

Mrs. Wm. Pringle, of Vernonia, was in town Tuesday.

Be sure to attend the dance in St. Helens on the 22nd.

Services will be held at the Episcopal church Sunday evening.

Mrs. F. L. Clear arrived up from Moscow, Cal., last Tuesday.

Mrs. W. L. Curry, of Portland, visited relatives in this city last week.

Mrs. A. H. George and Mrs. E. E. Quirk visited Portland Tuesday.

The dance to be given at this place on February 22nd, will be an enjoyable affair.

W. D. Case, of Pittsburg, came over on Tuesday to attend to business matters.

Rev. Mr. Philbrook will preach next Sunday at Paris at 11 a. m. and at Yankton at 8 p. m.

Dr. M. C. Athey, dentist, will be at the Oriental Hotel until further notice. Consultation free.

Mr. and Mrs. Young, of Portland, and Mrs. Price, of Stanwix, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Muckle.

Call at the St. Helens pharmacy and inspect the stock of valentines, fancy and comic. Reasonable prices.

Charley Muckle sold four head of beef cattle last week to Portland butchers, for \$60 per head, or \$240 for the four.

Attorney Conyers was up from Clatskanie Tuesday attending to matters connected with the state land department.

T. B. Denslow, of Vernonia, was in town Tuesday undergoing examination by the pension board for an increase of pension.

D. W. Price and wife and Mrs. J. R. Watts were down from Scappoose last Sunday spending the day with Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hall.

Dr. J. E. Watt was up from Clatskanie Tuesday attending the meeting of the board of pension examiners, of which body he is a member.

Muckle Bros. this week started another logging camp on the Cowman, about ten miles below where they have been logging for over a year.

Mrs. N. F. Baker was in this city Wednesday soliciting funds to assist in building a Methodist church at Warren. A neat structure will be put up.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mayhugh, mother and stepfather of Mr. J. Salter, of Bachelor Flat, arrived here from Elmdale, Kansas, last Friday to remain permanently.

E. C. Blackford, editor of the Chief, was in town Sunday evening en route for Portland to attend the meeting of the Republican Press Club and State League of Republican Clubs.

A letter from Dr. McLaren, now in Toronto, Ont., of date of January 29, says decidedly cold weather prevails there. The mercury stood at 10° below zero the morning the letter was written.

Wm. Connell, of Deer Island, has a number of head of very fine beef cattle which he will put on the market in a short time. He has about thirty head which he expects to receive \$75 per head for.

Commencing next Wednesday and continuing until Saturday, Superintendent Copeland will conduct an examination of teachers for state papers, at the court house in this city. See programme in another column.

Mr. E. C. Dalton, representing the Columbia and Nehalem Valley Railroad Company, spent several days in this city this week looking after the interests of the project. He will leave today for the Nehalem valley to attend a meeting of the citizens to be held on Saturday, at which the railroad proposition will be considered.

Ed Stanwood, whom we mentioned some time since as projecting a sawmill enterprise, has abandoned those plans for the present and will operate a logging camp on Titled creek this spring and summer. Mr. Stanwood states that he will go ahead with his mill project later in the year. The prospective high price for logs this season renders logging a more profitable business than that of sawmilling.

For some time there have been parties figuring on the erection of a large sawmill on Tided creek, about five miles above the railroad crossing. The capacity of the plant, if it is built, will be 50,000 feet per day. The product of the mill is to be taken to the railroad by means of a large flume, and as there is an almost endless amount of valuable timber in that region, such a plant could find employment for many years. Above that point on Tided creek, there has never been any logging done, and the timber is said to be of excellent quality. The introduction of such an enterprise in that part of the county would not only be a paying investment, but it would be the means of opening up an exceptionally rich region.

Mechanics at work this week putting in additional shelving and making other improvements to the interior of the St. Helens pharmacy to make room for the increased stock of drugs, patent medicines, chemicals, paints, oils and painters' supplies, stationery, school-books, school supplies, confections, cigars and all other articles usually kept in a well-regulated drug store. The increase of business warrants the improvements, which indicate that St. Helens is to have a pharmacy stocked with pharmaceutical goods, second to none outside of the metropolis. The public will be pleased to learn this fact, and there is no doubt but that the efforts of Dr. Ross to be at all times ready to supply the wants of this growing community will be rewarded by a liberal and substantial patronage.

On Thursday evening of last week the Rathbone Sisters, at their regular semi-monthly meeting, entertained a large number of friends and members of the K. of P. lodge at their hall in this city. The business meeting was of brief duration, when the friends appeared and the festivities began in earnest. The feature of the evening was the guessing of counterfeiters, of which there was a large number printed on small cards and distributed among the guests. A great amount of amusement was had, especially when the reading of the answers was begun. At a later hour, ten lunch tables were spread with many inviting delicacies, such as the good ladies of St. Helens always prepare, and for over an hour all present seemed to exert themselves to demonstrate their appreciation of the Sisters' hospitality. To say the evening was pleasantly spent would be repeating a foregone conclusion, and those present departed demanding, almost, an invitation to the next social function provided by the Rathbones.

### CLATSKANIE ITEMS.

W. H. Conyers took the train for St. Helens Tuesday morning, on legal business.

Mrs. Thomas Moser, of Delana, spent a few days in town, the guest of Mr. Ed Flippin.

Miss Tillie Olson, who has been teaching at Vesper, was in town Friday on her way to Portland.

Sherman Lockwood, now residing in Portland, spent a portion of this week among relatives in this vicinity.

E. C. Blackford is in Portland this week attending the state convention and the republican club meeting.

Mrs. J. F. Wendel and son, Clyde, have been visiting among old acquaintances for a few days. They are now located on the east side in Portland.

Miss Annie English came down on Friday morning from Portland University and Miss Mary Tichenor came this week. It is doubtful about Mary returning as she expects to teach school, if we are correctly informed.

Will Chisholm went to Portland last week to spend a little time in a hospital there. His recovery from pneumonia does not seem to be as complete as he wished, and he concluded to try the hospital accommodations for awhile.

The number of young boys and young misses about Dr. Hall's residence Saturday afternoon was occasioned by there being a birthday party there for Arnold. He was celebrating his eighth anniversary, assisted by his playmates.

Word came last week that Norman Merrill was sick in a hospital in Portland, having taken suddenly ill while in the city. He was able to return Sunday, and went up again on Tuesday as a delegate to the meeting of state republican clubs.

J. A. English and wife, temporarily on board the steamer No Wonder, took occasion to come up to the prize Sunday from Palm's mill, where the steamer had landed. They are looking well and expect to return to their residence in the near future.

Thomas Sloth, who a few years ago was one of the boys of our town, came up on Sunday evening to look our town over, and concluded it had changed a good deal since he lived here, and Tommy himself, had changed a good deal in the meantime, being larger and stronger.

The Epworth League gave a reception and social at Conyers hall last Friday evening, where a considerable gathering listened to a programme of recitations, singing and music, and later were invited to a feast of sandwiches, cake and coffee. A very pleasant evening is reported, the orchestra music contributing largely to the enjoyment, and the "spread" a very agreeable sequel.

It is reported that Enos Hankins contemplates a removal to Okolobos in the near future, with his family, expecting to try his fortunes in that much-talked-of locality. It is to be hoped that friend Hankins will find that "distance lends enchantment," and that Okolobos from a distance is much more attractive than when one is there, but we will be surprised when he gets there if he does not sometimes think with a lingering fondness and regret of the bean ranch he left at Hazard Grove, where he spent a few pleasant years while he was grubbing and getting a few acres in a good state of cultivation.

### NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that I have sold my general merchandise store to Collins & Gray, who will occupy my old stand and continue in much the same kind of trade. I wish to thank my late customers for the very liberal share of patronage given me during the past fourteen years, and hope the accommodations have been mutual. I will attend to settling up the outstanding accounts and notes due and payable to me. My debtors are requested to promptly call on me and make settlement on all accounts and notes due me. I can attend to this business and thereby save the annoyance of a legal collector.

Respectfully, W. H. DOLMAN.

### RAINIER ITEMS.

It seems as if Valentine's day is close at hand.

Dr. M. K. Hall visited Portland last Saturday.

Sheriff Rice was seen on our streets last Sunday.

M. Hunt, of Portland, was seen on our streets last Saturday.

The boys here have organized a base ball team to play this summer.

Martin Both made a flying trip to the metropolis the latter part of last week.

Misses Hattie Bush and Laura Miller attended the dance here last Saturday.

While playing ball last Sunday Will Dryden had the misfortune to break an arm.

Orville Smith, of Holmes' Business College, Portland, spent Sunday with his folks at this place.

Mr. Clyde and Max Bush, of Bush's landing, attended the dance here last Saturday given by the R. D. C.

W. J. Deitz had the misfortune to fall off a walk a few days since, receiving a quite severe bruise on his face.

The town council met last Monday and appointed Jack Stacy, judge, and M. R. Pomeroy and John Schmusen, clerks, for the approaching election.

Dr. M. K. Hall has moved his stock of drugs into his new quarters in the both building, and is ready to do business. He will be pleased to welcome all his patrons at the new stand.

M. Sexton had a close call from a serious accident last Sunday. He was riding a track velocipede when a swift train was met. By jumping quickly he saved his life, but the velocipede was badly demolished.

A very unfortunate and expensive accident happened at Gillette's mill a few days ago when the friction gear that hoists the logs from the water to the mill, gave way. It will necessitate a shut down for at least two weeks.

### What Does This Mean?

Three clerics are busy selling all kinds of groceries, feed, hardware, leather and rubber goods, ladies' dress goods, ribbons, laces, etc., at Collins & Gray's store, St. Helens. Good farm products taken in exchange.

### Do You Know?

Consumption is preventable? Science has proven that, and also that, relief is suicidal. The worst cold or cough can be cured with Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure. Sold on a positive guarantee for over fifty years. Sold by Dr. Edwin Ross.

"I think I would go crazy with pain were it not for Chamberlain's Pain Balm," writes Mr. W. H. Stapleton, Hermine, Pa. "I have been afflicted with rheumatism for several years and with tried remedies without success, but Pain Balm is the best medicine I have got hold of." One application relieves the pain. For sale at the St. Helens pharmacy.

### PITTSBURG MILL BURNED.

Undoubtedly of incendiary Origin—Insured for One-Third Value.

The Pittsburg Lumber and grist mill was destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning, January 31st, at about 2 o'clock. When the fire was discovered the flames were shooting out of the doors and windows, and to save the structure was impossible.

The fire was of incendiary origin. There had not been a particle of fire about the mill for almost three weeks. Mr. Case, the manager, is of the opinion that the fire was set underneath the mill in the planer shavings.

There were seventy-five bushels of wheat stored in the mill belonging to the company and seventy-five bushels in grist belonging about the neighborhood. Besides this, there were about 10,000 feet of the very best quality of lumber stored in the mill. The plant was valued at about \$3500, with \$1200 insurance.

Mr. Case states that he is undecided yet as to whether the mill will be rebuilt, yet it is the desire of the company to reestablish their business if possible.

Judge McBride held an adjourned session of circuit court at this place last Saturday, when the following matters were heard:

Krabber vs. Fannie G. Porter et al; motion to set aside service of summons argued and submitted.

F. Elling vs. W. H. Musgrove; part of evidence taken; balance of testimony to be taken on February 17th.

Such is the Law.

VERNONIA, Feb. 4.—(To the Editor.)—To settle a controversy, will you state in your paper whether or not the last legislature passed a law requiring each and every man in this state between the ages of 21 years and 50 years to pay their road tax (in money) — K. Y. Z.

Such law is in the state, in case, however, the county court of any county sees fit to proceed under a section of the law, which appears elsewhere in this issue, under the caption "Important to Supervisors." The county court of this county did proceed to enforce the provisions of that act, which, by the way, was not mandatory, as you will observe, but was done in the hope of improving the condition of the highways. We are of the opinion, however, that this act was passed by the legislative session of 1893.

Organized for Work.

The necessity for organization in order to accomplish any considerable amount of good in connection with the projected railroad into Nehalem valley, caused a number of the citizens of St. Helens to hold a meeting here last Saturday evening and proceed to organize themselves into a working body of committees. The meeting was held in the office of Mr. E. E. Quick, the proposition of Mr. Dalton considered, later letters from him read and discussed, and a committee of eight members appointed to go and confer with the work of securing right-of-way, terminals and other subsidy, as follows: Messrs. John Pringle, W. D. Case and L. W. Vasilyke, of Nehalem valley, and Messrs. James Muckle, Dr. H. C. Cliff, W. B. Dillard and David Day. An informal meeting of citizens was held at Vernonia last Saturday, when the matter of offering inducement to the railroad company was discussed. Another meeting will be held there tomorrow, the 10th, and the proposition to further consider matters in this connection will be again taken up. Mr. John Pringle, who came over from Vernonia Sunday, states that he anticipates no trouble in securing liberal donations of timber in that valley as an inducement to the company to construct the road.

Gathering in the "Shekels."

County Clerk Watts is proving himself to be a systematic machine, not a political machine, but a tax-collecting machine. Through his efforts and close attention to the matter, he has collected many thousands of dollars of delinquent tax which others would have come miserably lost. One thing in connection with this matter which strikes the observer with a little of the three-cornered side of life is the suddenness with which people forget that they had not paid their taxes, or their school tax, or their tax that they had paid their tax, but were unable to find the receipt. The clerk has a printed form of letter, which, often after filling up a few blank lines, he starts out on his journey to the delinquent. Sometimes it creates a little excitement, and often a little controversy and a great deal of correspondence, but finally the tax is paid and all concerned are made to feel better.

During the month of January, this year, Mr. Watts collected \$308.38 in taxes, and the success that has attended his efforts so far this month, and the assurance he has of collecting several large sums before the first of March, is cause to believe that the amount collected in February will be larger than was that of last month. From one person Mr. Watts is quite certain of collecting \$130 of lack taxes within the next few days. The receipts of the county clerk's office during January, for fees, amounted to \$219.80, which, with the lack tax collected, amounted to receipts of the clerk's office for January \$617.88, a splendid start for the year.

GONE HOME.

Alonso Franklin Adams, son of T. L. and C. A. Adams, was born in Rice county, Minnesota, February 27, 1860. He came with his parents to Oregon when a lad, being among the early settlers of the Nehalem valley, where he learned to manhood and by hard work, had improved a claim and accumulated sufficient property to form the nucleus of future prosperity. He was a quiet, unassuming, kind hearted man and the poor about him had many opportunities to thank him for his generous beneficence. He was most solicitous for the comfort of others, a trait of character very prominent during his last illness in his thoughtfulness for those who administered to his wants. He was always considered a good, moral man, but for some time had seriously contemplated the subject of Christian living. At a service held in the Evangelical church at Vernonia Sunday evening, September 24, last, he went to the altar, dedicated himself to God and expressed a desire to live a Christian life. He at once identified himself with the prayer circle and Sunday school. In a few weeks he went to a Portland hospital for a minor surgical operation, where he contracted a fever, from which, after his return home, he suffered a relapse. He lingered until Sunday evening, January 28, when the tired heart ceased to beat and the watchers said Lon had gone home. After a short service at the home of his parents, the remains were taken to the church and the funeral sermon preached by Rev. G. M. Stroup, from Exodus 3: 2-4, and at noon on Tuesday, while the burial service was read, we laid him away to rest. Three sisters and four brothers survive him: Mrs. Julia A. Moore, of Okawies, Minn.; Emma J. Harrison, of Tillamook, Ore.; Minnie L. Kemp, of Lewiston, Idaho; Clarence H., of Houlton; Thomas J. and John H., of Vernonia.

### COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Existing Conditions—A Brilliant Future in Store.

Indications point to an exceptionally busy season in Columbia county this spring and summer. The opening of the salmon season is always looked upon with great anticipation, but extraordinary interest in the fishing season seems to be manifested. The prospect for a high price for fish is inspiring fishermen to unusual preparations for that occasion. Merchants and business men in all parts of the county seem agreed that the year just starting out does so under the most promising conditions.

While the fishing industry is of great importance to our county, and is one from which a great revenue is derived by many of our people for a few months in the summer season, its importance is greatly overshadowed by the logging and lumbering industry, which, however, at present promises to be the most successful and profitable during the present year of any time in the history of that business. Besides these industries our farmers, dairymen and stockraisers have great assurance of an increased demand for all their product at an increased price. The price of stock has not been so high for many years, with no indication of a decline in either demand or price.

These conditions are only what might be expected from the natural development and upbuilding of a rich county with unbounded resources and advantages, but there are other matters which strengthen and reassure our people of a new era of advancement, development and commercial progress. Nature has done a great deal for our county, which man, so far, has been unable to take advantage of. Circumstances have given the county sixty miles of frontage on the greatest river of the Northwest, where facilities for shipping are not wanted. To add further to the importance of such conditions, nature has provided our hillsides and valleys with unexcelled timber resources, both in quantity and quality; it has filled our hills with iron and coal; our soil it has made productive; filled our rivers with an abundance of fish, and by engagement in that industry, employment is furnished for hundreds of people. We have the finest dairying and agricultural lands on the coast. All now are necessary to provide for wider business opportunities is the building of one or two short railroads from points on the Columbia river into the county's interior to open up means for transporting the vast wealth of timber and minerals of the state, where the product can be manufactured into lumber and shipped to every known country on the globe.

This important necessity seems well under way now to be provided, at one point in the county at least. Certainly no more favorable place for the river terminus of a railroad into the interior is to be found than at St. Helens. An easy grade from here can be had, and when the product of our adjacent country is brought to the Columbia by such a road, it is within a few moments' travel from the metropolis of the state, a condition which would add greatly to advantages.

The river front at St. Helens is the first opportunity for landing in deep water below Portland. Vessels could be loaded here at small expense with the products of all the country tributary to this place, which comprises the timber from many thousand acres of heavily wooded land, and the products of the Nehalem valley. Such an enterprise not only would afford opportunities for marketing the timber, but it would open up a broad field for manufacturing, farming, dairying, fruit culture and stock raising. The Nehalem valley is an extremely rich region, in which abound great natural resources, and when once tapped by rail it will become one of the wealthiest agricultural sections in the state.

The advantage of rail facilities by way of St. Helens is not to be underestimated on account of the always-ready market for these products at Portland. The climate of Columbia county is the most healthful of any section in the state. Our winters are mild and our summers delightful in the extreme. Our mountains and valleys abound with delightful summer resorts.

There are many enterprises which will certainly closely follow the building of a railroad. Innumerable sawmills and manufacturing plants of various kinds will seek location within our borders immediately upon the opening up of our county by a railroad; hundreds of people will be given employment, and every farmer and business man will have great demand for his products and goods.

By all means let us foster and encourage any plan or undertaking which promises all or any part of these opportunities. We have the resources, but the capital must come from without our own borders. It would be irrational to presume that capitalists would come merely for the benefit of our own people. Chances for large returns on the capital invested is certainly seen by those who are about to undertake a railroad project, and for that reason we have ample assurance that capitalists will be derived by the residents of this county. From a business standpoint, from the standpoint of a desire to progress rather than to retrograde, let us encourage all the effort that may be made to open up our county.

Good tame hay, onions, etc., wanted at Collins & Gray's general merchandise store, St. Helens.

Try Hunter-Baltimore Rye at Brinn's saloon.

...GRAND...  
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TICKETS 75 CTS.

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—STEAMER—

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