

If You will Give Them a Trial They will Convince You that what is Said in this Advertisement is

THE TRUTH

—Our Large Stock of—

DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES

Consists of the Highest Standard of Quality, which we aim to sell at very reasonable prices.

RUBBER GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

...BOOTS AND SHOES...

DART & MUCKLE,

POPULAR DEALERS.

ST. HELENS, OREGON.

JOHNSON & BURCDORFER BROS.

Manufacturers of and Dealers in—

...All Kinds of Rough and Dressed Lumber...

Flooring... Rustic... Ceiling... Dimension Lumber... SCAPPOOSE, OREGON

ST. HELENS MEAT MARKET

J. H. DART, Proprietor.

MUTTON, BEEF, BLOLOGNA, PORK, PORK, VEAL, SUMMER SAUSAGE.

Breakfast Bacon, Cottage, Picnic and Westphalia Hams. Pure Lard.

Highest Cash Price Paid for Stock... J. H. DART, ST. HELENS, OREGON.

St. Helens Pharmacy

DR. EDWIN ROSS, PROPRIETOR.

Drugs, Chemicals AND PATENT MEDICINES... Perfumery, Toilet Articles, School Books, School Supplies, Stationery, Etc...

PAINTS, OILS, PAINTERS' SUPPLIES. CLEVELAND COTTAGE COLORS.

St. Helens Pharmacy

ST. HELENS, OREGON.

...WHEN IN NEED OF MEDICINE...

CLATSKANIE DRUG STORE

Drugs, Patent Medicines, Toilet Articles, Etc

DR. J. E. HALL, Proprietor.

CLATSKANIE, OREGON.

MONTE VISTA NURSERIES

APPLE TREES. We have a choice lot of one and two-year-old trees, such as Ben Davis, Northern Spy, Baldwin, Spitzenberg and Gravenstein.

Willamette Prune. ALSO CHERRY, PLUM AND PEAR TREES. A. HOLADAY, PROP., SCAPPOOSE, OREGON

...STEAMER JOSEPH KELLOGG...



...Portland and Kelso Route via Columbia River...

OREGON MIST.

FEBRUARY 16, 1900.

What did you say about the weather? Mr. Edwin Merrill was up from Deer Island last Saturday.

Chas. Larsen and Wash Muckle were visiting the metropolis Monday.

By all means do not fail to attend the dance in this city next Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Brinn are now occupying the Jacob George residence on Honey Hill.

Miss Dorothy Copeland was a passenger for Portland, on the steamer Sarah Dixon, on Tuesday.

Attorney Dillard has placed a new safe in his office, having arrived from Portland last Saturday.

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

Miss Lottie Hall, of Portland, was in town during the past week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Hall.

Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Cliff entertained a number of their friends at cards on Thursday evening of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Bryant, of Clatskanie, were visiting their son, J. N. Rice and family, in this city, this week.

Miss Amy George, who has been visiting relatives in this city for two weeks, returned to her home in Portland last Monday.

Registration of voters in this county is progressing very slowly. Such should not be the case. Every elector should register forthwith.

The steamer Hassalo broke some of her machinery on her up trip last Monday, disabling her for a few days. The Thompson is now on her run.

Mr. Obed Blakesley, who has been visiting his niece and nephews at this place for the past two months, took his departure for his home at Smith's River, Cal., last Saturday.

We noticed Lon Smith, of Milton creek, taking passage out of town last Saturday on the hurricane deck of a brand new wagon, which he will likely enough put to excellent use this summer hauling wood.

Columbia county will be divided into four census districts with an enumerator for each district. Mr. McIsaac, Supervisor Teller's secretary, says no appointments of enumerators will be made until late in May.

Mr. J. B. Godfrey, who is employed in the Peterson logging camp, near Stella, spent last Sunday with his family in this city. Mr. Godfrey says a great many logs will be put in the water in that vicinity during the present year.

This office is under obligations to Senator McBride for the release of the report of the United States commissioner of fish and fisheries for the years 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897 and 1898. Much valuable information is contained in the reports.

Mrs. J. W. Day, of this city, joined a large party of members of the Eastern Star lodge of Portland, who passed here last Saturday morning on their way to Astoria, where they were very pleasantly entertained by the local lodge of that order.

Last Friday closed the fifth month of the fall and winter term of school in this district. The work accomplished has been of great value to the pupils, and very likely the teachers will be retained for an additional three-months term after March 1st.

The fact that Mr. Willard Johnson, of Castle Rock, will have charge of the floor at the dance here on February 22nd, and the knowledge that splendid music will be furnished by a Portland orchestra, are two features which certainly will add greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Nelson Pinckney, a resident of Carico valley, was arrested and brought to this place last Sunday, upon a warrant sworn out by his wife, charging him with threatening her life. The case did not go to trial, and Justice Cox placed the defendant under \$100 bonds to keep the peace.

The friends of Captain James Good, of the steamer America, will be pleased to learn that his health is rapidly improving at the health resort where he is staying in California. The captain expects to be able to return to Portland about the first of March and resume his duties on the steamer.

None of our school teachers seem to want state papers. The examination advertised by Superintendent Copeland to have been conducted here this week, commencing on Wednesday, was not proceeded with. However, someone may put in an appearance yet, as the programme is outlined for four days' work.

About one-fourth of the voters of this county have registered up to date. Less than three months time remains in which to have your name recorded as a qualified elector. Any elector, no matter what part of the county you reside in, may register at the county clerk's office. When you are in town call at that office and register your name.

Old St. Valentine must have been on a bender Tuesday night, at least the kind of weather he ordered for his celebration day would indicate something radically wrong. The visitation of the snow storm on Wednesday has a tendency to checkmate any mating inclination, if we are permitted so to intimate.

The city treasurer will pay off all outstanding city warrants endorsed prior to March 20th, 1899, and warrants Nos. 422 and 427 endorsed on that date. This will be the last call issued by the present city treasurer for the year's business ending the 1st Monday in April next. It is desired that all warrants called be presented for payment in order to close accounts as nearly as possible before the present officers retire.

Mr. I. Bumgardner and family, of Deer Island, took their departure on Monday for California, where they expect to locate and reside permanently. They will go to Oakland, and if not satisfied with that locality will go on to Santa Rosa.

Mr. Bumgardner has been a resident of this county for many years, and in his removal the county loses a good and honorable citizen. The Misses Jones with a host of other friends in wishing Mr. Bumgardner and his family improved health, contentment and prosperity in their new home.

The man with the standing ad is the backbone of the newspaper, and the solid man of the community. In summer or in winter, in sunshine or rain, his name greets the public eye with every issue of the paper, and the public come in time to regard him as well established in a successful business, whether they have been his patrons or not. "Nothing succeeds like success," and the public once getting the idea that a man is doing well, stands ready to patronize him and turns to him naturally when it wants anything in his line. In this simple fact lies the whole secret of persistent advertising.

Jack McKie, of Stella, was a passenger down from Portland Monday evening. Mr. McKie informed a reporter of this paper that prospects were very good for his securing a contract to get out a large number of street paving blocks at this place. Mr. McKie stated that in case the first contract was let it was quite certain that other and better contracts would follow.

Nick Dupont, who is employed in Peterson's logging camp, at Stella, had a narrow escape from being killed last Friday. Nick was engaged in some work near the timber feller, and a tree while the workmen were laboring started to fall in the direction of which Nick was working. Fortunately he heard the tree start to fall and by a sudden inspiration for unequalled exertion of his legs he reached a point of safety not any too soon, as the tree, in falling, missed him by a few feet.

Such accidents and escapes are of so frequent occurrence in the timber camps that loggers think little of them only at the time, but to ordinary humanity the thought of such accidents creates a flesh-creeping sensation.

Mr. Byron Grote was among the passengers for Portland last Monday from down-river points. He had spent the day before cruising and examining the timber and the experience of laboring on that stream. Mr. Grote's associates in the projected enterprise were not favorably impressed with the conditions and surroundings, and it is thought the plan of building the mill and flume, as mentioned in this paper last week, will be abandoned.

To accomplish what would be desired would necessitate the outlay of a very large sum of money and Mr. Grote is of the opinion that conditions would not warrant such an expenditure.

A dispatch from Astoria in Wednesday's Oregonian says: "The cold-storage men have already begun to fight for fish and from the experience of last year it is hard to tell where it will end. The ruling price for fish until recently has been 7 1/2 cents per pound for steedheads, and 8 cents for chinook. Yesterday Charles Alter, the buyer for foreign shipment, raised the price to 8 1/2 cents, and the Astoria Fish Co. raised their price to 9 cents, and at the same time announcing that they were willing to meet any advance that Alter might make. As there is so little snow in the mountains the waters will not wait until after the annual flood as usual, but will get their rises in the water as soon as the season shall open."

Some of our people think the weather will continue as late throughout the remainder of the winter, while others are certain there will yet be a severe cold snap. The latter class substantiate their opinions by stories of great and severe storms they have seen in Oregon in February, all of which they claim are the forerunners of the winter.

Some of our people think the weather will continue as late throughout the remainder of the winter, while others are certain there will yet be a severe cold snap. The latter class substantiate their opinions by stories of great and severe storms they have seen in Oregon in February, all of which they claim are the forerunners of the winter.

Some of our people think the weather will continue as late throughout the remainder of the winter, while others are certain there will yet be a severe cold snap. The latter class substantiate their opinions by stories of great and severe storms they have seen in Oregon in February, all of which they claim are the forerunners of the winter.

Some of our people think the weather will continue as late throughout the remainder of the winter, while others are certain there will yet be a severe cold snap. The latter class substantiate their opinions by stories of great and severe storms they have seen in Oregon in February, all of which they claim are the forerunners of the winter.

Some of our people think the weather will continue as late throughout the remainder of the winter, while others are certain there will yet be a severe cold snap. The latter class substantiate their opinions by stories of great and severe storms they have seen in Oregon in February, all of which they claim are the forerunners of the winter.

Some of our people think the weather will continue as late throughout the remainder of the winter, while others are certain there will yet be a severe cold snap. The latter class substantiate their opinions by stories of great and severe storms they have seen in Oregon in February, all of which they claim are the forerunners of the winter.

Some of our people think the weather will continue as late throughout the remainder of the winter, while others are certain there will yet be a severe cold snap. The latter class substantiate their opinions by stories of great and severe storms they have seen in Oregon in February, all of which they claim are the forerunners of the winter.

Some of our people think the weather will continue as late throughout the remainder of the winter, while others are certain there will yet be a severe cold snap. The latter class substantiate their opinions by stories of great and severe storms they have seen in Oregon in February, all of which they claim are the forerunners of the winter.

Some of our people think the weather will continue as late throughout the remainder of the winter, while others are certain there will yet be a severe cold snap. The latter class substantiate their opinions by stories of great and severe storms they have seen in Oregon in February, all of which they claim are the forerunners of the winter.

Some of our people think the weather will continue as late throughout the remainder of the winter, while others are certain there will yet be a severe cold snap. The latter class substantiate their opinions by stories of great and severe storms they have seen in Oregon in February, all of which they claim are the forerunners of the winter.

Some of our people think the weather will continue as late throughout the remainder of the winter, while others are certain there will yet be a severe cold snap. The latter class substantiate their opinions by stories of great and severe storms they have seen in Oregon in February, all of which they claim are the forerunners of the winter.

Some of our people think the weather will continue as late throughout the remainder of the winter, while others are certain there will yet be a severe cold snap. The latter class substantiate their opinions by stories of great and severe storms they have seen in Oregon in February, all of which they claim are the forerunners of the winter.

Some of our people think the weather will continue as late throughout the remainder of the winter, while others are certain there will yet be a severe cold snap. The latter class substantiate their opinions by stories of great and severe storms they have seen in Oregon in February, all of which they claim are the forerunners of the winter.

Some of our people think the weather will continue as late throughout the remainder of the winter, while others are certain there will yet be a severe cold snap. The latter class substantiate their opinions by stories of great and severe storms they have seen in Oregon in February, all of which they claim are the forerunners of the winter.

Some of our people think the weather will continue as late throughout the remainder of the winter, while others are certain there will yet be a severe cold snap. The latter class substantiate their opinions by stories of great and severe storms they have seen in Oregon in February, all of which they claim are the forerunners of the winter.

Some of our people think the weather will continue as late throughout the remainder of the winter, while others are certain there will yet be a severe cold snap. The latter class substantiate their opinions by stories of great and severe storms they have seen in Oregon in February, all of which they claim are the forerunners of the winter.

Some of our people think the weather will continue as late throughout the remainder of the winter, while others are certain there will yet be a severe cold snap. The latter class substantiate their opinions by stories of great and severe storms they have seen in Oregon in February, all of which they claim are the forerunners of the winter.

Some of our people think the weather will continue as late throughout the remainder of the winter, while others are certain there will yet be a severe cold snap. The latter class substantiate their opinions by stories of great and severe storms they have seen in Oregon in February, all of which they claim are the forerunners of the winter.

Some of our people think the weather will continue as late throughout the remainder of the winter, while others are certain there will yet be a severe cold snap. The latter class substantiate their opinions by stories of great and severe storms they have seen in Oregon in February, all of which they claim are the forerunners of the winter.

Some of our people think the weather will continue as late throughout the remainder of the winter, while others are certain there will yet be a severe cold snap. The latter class substantiate their opinions by stories of great and severe storms they have seen in Oregon in February, all of which they claim are the forerunners of the winter.

Some of our people think the weather will continue as late throughout the remainder of the winter, while others are certain there will yet be a severe cold snap. The latter class substantiate their opinions by stories of great and severe storms they have seen in Oregon in February, all of which they claim are the forerunners of the winter.

Some of our people think the weather will continue as late throughout the remainder of the winter, while others are certain there will yet be a severe cold snap. The latter class substantiate their opinions by stories of great and severe storms they have seen in Oregon in February, all of which they claim are the forerunners of the winter.

Some of our people think the weather will continue as late throughout the remainder of the winter, while others are certain there will yet be a severe cold snap. The latter class substantiate their opinions by stories of great and severe storms they have seen in Oregon in February, all of which they claim are the forerunners of the winter.

Some of our people think the weather will continue as late throughout the remainder of the winter, while others are certain there will yet be a severe cold snap. The latter class substantiate their opinions by stories of great and severe storms they have seen in Oregon in February, all of which they claim are the forerunners of the winter.

Some of our people think the weather will continue as late throughout the remainder of the winter, while others are certain there will yet be a severe cold snap. The latter class substantiate their opinions by stories of great and severe storms they have seen in Oregon in February, all of which they claim are the forerunners of the winter.

Some of our people think the weather will continue as late throughout the remainder of the winter, while others are certain there will yet be a severe cold snap. The latter class substantiate their opinions by stories of great and severe storms they have seen in Oregon in February, all of which they claim are the forerunners of the winter.

RAINIER ITEMS.

S. B. Moore is on the sick list this week.

Joseph Brough took in the sights at Goble last Saturday.

John Murgus is attending to business in Portland this week.

F. J. Gilbert went to Portland last Saturday on business.

Fred Fincher, of Maygor, was seen on our streets last Sunday.

O. Hunter, of Goble, was seen on our streets one day of last week.

W. J. Dietz made a flying trip to Portland last week on business.

M. Both left last Friday for Astoria to pack fish until the season closes.

Mrs. G. B. Johnson was a passenger on the train for Astoria last Saturday.

Dr. M. K. Hall visited the metropolis last Saturday on professional business.

Mrs. L. Bennett, of Portland, sister of Mrs. Plue, was visiting in this city over Sunday.

W. F. Slaughter and wife, of St. Helens, were visiting in Rainier on Saturday last.

The A. & C. railroad had a slide at Quincy last Friday night, delaying the train several hours.

Gilbert & Son's sawmill started up last Tuesday. The saw is in good running shape at present.

B. F. Wiggins, of Westport, was seen on our streets last Saturday. He came up to attend Masonic lodge.

P. A. Brant's child has scarlet fever, and we learn that the city is going to place them under quarantine.

Work is being pushed along on the Newsum building. The plasterers will begin work about Monday next.

The Congregational church held a donation party at J. E. Bruns' residence last Friday evening. Everyone reports having a splendid time.

Mrs. W. A. Wood was a passenger on the up train last Friday. She went up to see her sister, Miss Agnes Burns, who is sick in a Portland hospital.

Robert Pomeroy had the misfortune to be in front of the bat last Sunday while the boys were playing ball, and had his face jammed up considerably by the ball hitting him.

VERNONIA ITEMS.

Mrs. R. Sessman is on the sick list this week.

School in the Tucker district closed last Saturday.

School closed in this district Wednesday, February 7th.

T. B. Denlow made a business trip to St. Helens last week.

John Pringle returned from the outside world Wednesday.

J. W. Cave went to St. Helens Monday after a load of freight.

Thos. Anderson, of Kist, was in Vernonia on business Saturday.

John Peck, of this place, has secured employment in a butcher shop in East Portland.

Born, on February 7th, to the wife of Josh Sessman, a daughter. Weight 8 pounds. Josh will recover.

John Taylor and son, Cleve, are visiting friends in the valley. John expects to depart for California in a few weeks.

I. P. Spencer went to St. Helens Thursday after his daughter, Ora, who has been attending school in Portland this winter. They returned home Saturday.

Dr. Cliff and Mr. Dalton came over from St. Helens to be in attendance at the meeting of the citizens in this city last Saturday in regard to the railroad proposition. There were only a few out as it was not generally known that there was to be a meeting that day. However, they succeeded in getting a good donation in the way of timber, consideration of the number present. There is no doubt that they will get the amount of money that they ask for from this end of the route.

WARREN ITEMS.

Mrs. J. S. Bacon did business in Portland last Friday.

Frank Sheffield was a Portland visitor Friday and Saturday of last week.

N. F. Baker, who is working at Hammond, Or., came home last Saturday on a visit to his family.

Frank Slavens returned from Portland last Saturday evening, where he had been visiting for a few days.

Miss Musette Grewell returned from Kalama last Monday, where she had been attending the teachers' examination.

Mrs. E. Hawkins, Mrs. Cora Gause and Miss Olive Ellis were passengers on the steamer America for Portland last Monday.

A number of the Warrenites attended the dance given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McKay, of Scappoose. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

REUBEN ITEMS.

Casper Zaller was a passenger for Portland Monday.

W. J. Dietz and Jack Tracy were in town Monday from Rainier.

Lloyd Steward, of Vancouver, was doing business in Reuben Monday.

Dan J. Moore shipped two large horses to E. Dillen, of Portland, Monday.

John Munson, Bert Mather and his mother attended the entertainment at Houlton last Friday evening.

Dan J. Moore, administrator of the H. B. Borthwick estate, paid all claims against the said estate since July 9, 1899, last Saturday.

IMPORTANT MEETING.

A convention of county judges, county commissioners and assessors of the state will convene next Tuesday in Portland at the rooms of the Multnomah county commissioners, in the City Hall. The purpose of the assembly is to agree upon some equitable plan that can be adopted in assessing the tax of 1900 and recommend to the legislature of 1901 such amendments to the present laws as the convention shall present. The laws especially to be considered are the cumbersome, inefficient and inoperative laws relating to assessments and taxation, roads and highways, and probate matters.

An effort will be made to have every county represented at the convention and the state board of equalization. Invitations have been forwarded to Governor T. T. Geer, Secretary of State Dunbar and State Treasurer C. S. Moore. The last convention of this character was held in Portland on July 12 and 13, 1899, Judge J. H. D. Gray, of Clatsop county, presiding, and A. M. Kelsey, of Wasco county, acting as secretary. The former meeting, owing to the date being several months after March 1, when the work of assessing commences, and for the reason that many of the counties were not represented, failed to accomplish the purpose for which the meeting was called.

Discussion developed that radical changes should be made in the assessment laws, but beyond that point the convention did not proceed. The following committee was appointed at the former meeting to draft a bill and make recommendations to be sent to the legislature: First district, J. C. Pendleton, Jackson county; second district, D. F. Burton, Lane county; third district, J. M. Yocum, of Yamhill county; fourth district, R. S. Greenleaf, Multnomah county; fifth district, C. W. Carnahan, Clatsop county; sixth district, George Bosan, Umatilla county; seventh district, B. F. Pike, Sherman county; eighth district, J. C. Peyton, Baker county; ninth district, J. D. Tidus, Grant county.

Assessor Greenleaf, of Multnomah county, was appointed chairman of the committee, which has not as yet held a session to outline a policy. Mr. Greenleaf states, however, that he will call a meeting of the committee shortly before the convention is held, probably today.

One of the chief difficulties in preparing such a law as is contemplated is that no one man can judge of what is necessary. A county assessor is not qualified to make a law for Portland, and, on the other hand, a city assessor does not know what is best for the country. It is hoped that by a deal of investigation and hard work some sort of an agreement can be arrived at that will, at least, remedy a few of the worst features of the existing law.

In this work the convention may be assisted by the Taxpayers' League, which, it is understood, is preparing a similar measure for the legislature.

Several of Columbia county's officials expect to attend the convention next week.

Collins & Gray, St. Helens, go to Portland every few days to personally select their own goods. Call on them when you need anything.

ROAD DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.

In the matter of re-districting Columbia county, it is hereby ordered by the court that the county be divided into 15 road districts, the boundaries of which shall be as follows: No. 1. All the land embraced within the boundaries of Scappoose precinct shall comprise road district No. 1.

All the land embraced within the boundaries of Warren precinct shall comprise road district No. 2.

All the land embraced within the boundaries of Union precinct shall comprise road district No. 3.

All the land embraced within the boundaries of Deer Island precinct shall comprise road district No. 4.

All the land embraced within the boundaries of Goble precinct shall comprise road district No. 5.

All the land embraced within the boundaries of Rainier precinct shall comprise road district No. 6.

All the land embraced within the boundaries of Astoria precinct shall comprise road district No. 7.

All the land embraced within the boundaries of Reaver Falls precinct shall comprise road district No. 8.

All the land embraced within the boundaries of Oak Point precinct shall comprise road district No. 9.

All the land embraced within the boundaries of Clatskanie precinct shall comprise road district No. 10.

All the land embraced within the boundaries of Marshland precinct shall comprise road district No. 11.

Road district No. 12 shall be bounded as follows: Commencing at the northwest corner of section 28, T. 7 N., R. 5 W.; thence south 1 mile; thence east 1/2 mile; thence north 1/2 mile; thence west 1/2 mile to place of beginning.

Road district No. 13—Nehalem precinct. Commencing at the northeast corner of section 13, T. 6 N., R. 4 W.; thence west 1/2 mile; thence north 1/2 mile; thence east 1/2 mile; thence south 1/2 mile to place of beginning.

Road district No. 14—Auburn precinct. Commencing at the northeast corner of section 4, T. 4 N., R. 3 W.; thence west 1/2 mile; thence north 1/2 mile; thence east 1/2 mile; thence south 1/2 mile to place of beginning.

For staple groceries, dry goods, hardware, leather goods, ready-made clothing, in fact, anything you need, go to Collins & Gray, St. Helens.

Try Hunter-Baltimore Rye at Brinn's saloon.

...GRAND... Dancing CARNIVAL

...AND CELEBRATION OF...

Geo. Washington's Birthday

St. Helens, Ore.

February 22, 1900