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OREGON MIST.

FEBRUARY 23, 1900.

Collins & Gray, St. Helens merchants.

Mrs. Thos. Cooper, of Kalama, visited relatives in this city a few days this week.

New goods and fresh groceries at Collins & Gray's.

Mrs. W. A. Harris spent Saturday and Sunday in Portland.

Al Parker was over from Nehalem valley Saturday. He went to Rainier to visit relatives.

Dr. Cusick and his son-in-law, Dr. Morse, of Salem, were in town several days this week.

Rev. Mr. Philbrook will preach next Sunday at Paris at 11 a. m., and at Yankton at 3 p. m.

Born—At Columbia City, Tuesday, February 20, 1900, to the wife of Willis Bumgardner, a son.

Harbingers of springtime are in evidence. Even the crop of spring poets promises an abundance.

A letter received from Mr. I. Bumgardner conveys the news that he has located for the present at Alameda, Cal.

For goods and wares of any kind, you need not go away; the best you'll always find in the store of Collins & Gray.

Services will be held at the Congregational church at Scappoose next Sunday at 2 p. m., when Rev. R. M. Jones will preach.

Judge Taylor came up from Astoria last Saturday to attend to matters in the probate court regarding the estate of Edward Westby, deceased.

It is said that a prominent young man of Peble creek is soon to leave the state—of single blessedness. He does not want anything said about it, however.

The annual school meeting for school district No. 2, for the election of one director and a clerk, the first to serve for three years and the latter for one year, is called. The meeting will be held at the schoolhouse in this city at 7:30 p. m., on Monday, March 5, 1900.

"Grandma" Merrill, of Deer Island, died at her home at 12:30 noon, Wednesday. Deceased was the mother of Hon. Norman Merrill, of Clatskanie, Edwin Merrill and Alonzo Merrill, of Deer Island. Mrs. Merrill was a very aged lady, having resided in this county for more than forty years.

Mrs. M. F. Hazen, of Warren, met with a severe misfortune last Tuesday morning by running a needle into her right hand, eye and face. After entering the flesh nearly half an inch the needle broke off. The needle was threaded, inflicting greater pain. Mrs. Hazen was brought to town and physicians removed the offending particle without difficulty.

In the probate court last Saturday, Mr. Charles Mayer was appointed administrator of the estate of George Hayes, deceased. The estate is estimated to be worth \$3000. Mr. Rufus H. King was appointed guardian of the minor boy, Alton, aged 14 years, who expressed a desire for the appointment of each of those gentlemen to the positions respectively.

The county clerk collected \$138.85 of back taxes on Tuesday of this week from Edmund Hall, a timber land owner, residing in the East. The money was due for taxes on land for 1899. The lands in some cases were assessed to other parties, but in developing that Mr. Hall owned the lands, he was notified of the amount due, and forthwith settled it.

Herb Howard, the Yankton sawmill man, was in town Saturday. Mr. Howard says he has about 400,000 feet of excellent quality of logs in his mill pond, and in a very short time his mill will start up on full time and continue to run all summer. He will cut a great deal of cedar this season for the Portland saw and wood factories.

Mr. Howard states that a good demand for cedar lumber exists in that city, and he finds a ready market at good prices, for all the cedar he can supply.

The work of extending the tax on the roll was finished in the county clerk's office last Tuesday, and comparing was commenced. The roll will be ready to turn over to the sheriff for collection by the last of the week. The sheriff has already received many letters of inquiry regarding the matter, and people are anxious to pay and get the matter off their hands. It is very likely that tax collections will be made with less difficulty this year than last, when the record was beaten for early remittances.

There are to be several changes among the business-house locations in this city about the first of April. Brinn, the saloon man, has leased the Harris building, now occupied by Morgus, the Jew, and after the first of April, Brinn will serve liquid refreshments to his friends at the new stand. J. S. Cloninger has leased the Blakeley building now occupied by Brinn Bros., also the Cooper saloon building, but for what purpose is yet a mystery, unless in anticipation of an influx of people to the town upon the commencement of work on the railroad. Morgus seems to be rooted out entirely and is just now seeking a new location. Mr. Dillard is figuring on putting up a business house over on the strand in front of the Harris building, which, if erected, will probably not be long without an occupant.

There is no better medicine for the babies than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Its pleasant taste and prompt and effective cures make it a favorite with mothers and small children. It quickly cures their coughs and colds, preventing pneumonia or other serious consequences. It also cures croup and has been used in tens of thousands of cases without a single failure, so far as we have been able to learn. It not only cures croup, but when given as soon as the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. In cases of whooping cough it liquefies the tough mucus, making it easier to expectorate, and lessens the severity and frequency of the paroxysms of coughing, thus preventing that disease of all dangerous consequences. For sale at the St. Helens pharmacy.

Judge Doan and Assessor White attended a meeting in Portland this week of the county judges and assessors of the state, which was calculated to bring some good results in regard to the assessment of the present year. Since the state board of equalization was abolished assessors throughout the state were at liberty to assess property just as they saw fit, and the result has been anything but just and equal. Assessor White in his remarks before the convention, outlined a policy, which if pursued, would be of incalculable benefit. His suggestions were along the line of needed legislation governing assessments and tax collecting. As the laws now there is no definite policy for officers to pursue, and the next legislative can best honor itself and benefit the people of the state by devoting some time to fixing up the laws relative to assessments and tax collecting.

THE STEAMBOAT WORLD.

Many Changes May be Made Among Popular Steamboats.

Good ground can be stated for the belief that the Telephone, and, possibly, the Bailey Gatzert, steamboats operated by the White Collar line between Astoria and Portland, have been sold to people on the Sound.

It was known several days ago that an offer had been made by Seattle parties to purchase both these magnificent boats, the price reported being \$45,000. It is said that the White Collar Line people declined this proposition, however, offering to sell only the Telephone.

The price asked for this boat is not satisfactory. Just which one of the propositions has, or may be agreed upon, it is impossible to say.

The report received includes the statement that at least one of the boats will be taken to the Sound on the first of April.

Another report is current that the Lurline, owned by the Jacob Kamm Company, will be taken off the lower Columbia run and sent to The Dalles, to be put on the upper Columbia river run.

Whether this proposed change means that the Kamm interests have been disposed of to other parties, cannot yet be learned. However, that the Lurline will cease to tie up at Astoria docks after the present month seems to be pretty certain.

In the absence of definite or authoritative information, it is difficult to draw satisfactory conclusions as to the significance of the reports. It is possible that they may have an important bearing on the pending differences between the O. R. & N. and the Astoria & Columbia River railroad in the passenger rates between Astoria and Portland.

This is a theory that has been advanced with a degree of plausibility. It does not necessarily follow, however, that any force attaches to this theory, for the removal of the White Collar Line's boats and the Lurline might operate only to remove all opposition to the O. R. & N. on the river, leaving the fight between the O. R. & N. and the Astoria road the same as present.

CLATSKANIE ITEMS.

Fred Hiatt is now established as proprietor of the barber shop.

Gilbert Tinker, of near Ilwaco, has been a visitor in our city for a few days.

Edgar Quigley was on our streets Tuesday for the first time since his attack of typhoid fever.

Mrs. C. P. Clark has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Gomme, in Portland for some days past.

The new opera house is rapidly approaching completion and will be a valuable addition to the town.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Stout, of Ilwaco, spent a few days in town as guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Myers.

The removal of John Hudson to Bridal Veil made an empty house, which was at once taken by a family recently from Missouri.

The library of the public school had a few volumes of public documents added lately, for which the patrons feel indebted to Hon. G. W. McBride.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Merrill are at Deer Island this week in attendance upon Mrs. Merrill, ar., whose condition is reported very serious for one of her age.

The aldermanic form and general countenance of John Hendrickson, of Quincy, was seen on our streets Monday. John is getting to be quite a prominent business man over there.

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The Good Templars held a session of their district lodge in our city last Saturday and that evening gave an entertainment for the benefit of the hall. The hall was well filled on that occasion and a very interesting programme of music, readings and recitations, interspersed by brief addresses, was listened to. Orville Merrill was master of ceremonies and promised us more of the same order at intervals of a month or six weeks.

The light snow fall gave two evenings of splendid skating last week. The fun was attended by some risk, however, and several persons got slight bruises. John Popham came in contact with a telegraph pole near the barber shop with such force that he was severely stunned and seemed entirely helpless and had to be hauled home very carefully. After a day's rest, however, it was found that he was not so seriously injured as was feared, and at present he is able to be around again.

The Modern Woodmen camp of this city enjoyed the visit of a few of the state officials of that order, including Mr. Simmons, state deputy, and Dr. H. Meade, supreme medical examiner, and several others on Saturday evening, the 10th.

The business part of the evening was followed by a lunch and this supplemented by return to the hall and an informal meeting, where a very enjoyable time seems to have been passed if one may judge from the applause that could be heard outside at brief intervals until the night threatened to give way to dawn.

The United Artisans have a social evening during each month, and on last Monday evening a number of friends were invited to the hall to spend the evening with them. The orchestra was present and played some fine selections and the entertainment was very enjoyable. The evening was spent in a most entertaining way. Chorus, recitations and solos added to the enjoyment of the evening, but the worthy ladies of the order, who seemed determined that nothing should be left undone for the entertainment of their guests, invited them to a collation, which was all that could be desired, and served in such a pleasant way that guests felt it was their duty to show their appreciation by eating heartily. It is needless to state they did their duty in this respect, and when the evening was spent left the hall thanking the ladies of the order particularly for a very pleasant evening.

Do You Know Consumption is preventable? Science has proven that, and also that neglect 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.

WARREN ITEMS.

Mrs. J. S. Bacon was a Portland visitor last Monday.

The recent cold snap has put a stop to a great deal of farming, also carpentering.

J. F. Downing is making some improvements on his place by having some land cleared.

H. W. Larsen left last Tuesday for Bay Center, Wash., where he expects to work for the summer.

The republican club, which was organized a few evenings since, will meet every Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Baker have both been on the sick list, but am glad to state that they are better.

The tower on the new creamery on the Noon place is looming up and it will not be long before it is completed.

Mrs. Collins, of the Kelvin Grove farm, was visiting with her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Downing, last Tuesday.

Mr. Weatherly, of Portland, was down last Thursday attending to business connected with the Sunset creamery.

Mr. Lynch and family, of Scappoose, are moving into the residence of Mr. E. Hall. We welcome them into our midst.

The young folks of this place are preparing to give an entertainment some time next month. The proceeds will be used toward helping the building of the Evangelical church.

HOULTON ITEMS.

N. A. Perry did business in Portland Wednesday.

Mrs. D. Henshaw went up to Portland Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Perry entertained a few friends at dinner Sunday.

The Misses Johnson, of Portland, were down to the dance on the 14th.

Wm. Knighton, of Portland, visited relatives and friends here a few days last week.

We were pleased to see quite a number from St. Helens taking in the sights here Sunday afternoon.

The social event of the season so far was the St. Valentine's dance given in Perry's hall Wednesday evening, February 14th. An excellent supper was served at the residence of Mr. John Lamberson.

Captain Henderson went up to Portland Monday to consult with Dr. Smith in regard to the swelling on his face, but the doctor could not tell him what the trouble was. They will have another consultation next week.

VALLEY ITEMS.

Mr. Evoh was here last Sunday.

Wm. Miller went to Houlton on Friday.

L. Dupont took a trip to Portland Monday.

About four inches of snow fell the latter part of last week. It laid a few days and then disappeared.

Mr. Bookmeyer moved to the Bumgardner place at Deer Island, on Monday of last week, where he will hereafter make his home.

Two gentlemen from Portland took a stride over this vast timber belt the early part of last week. We could not learn their special object for doing so.

They had a compass with them and found corners of different sections, and also took a glance over the large fir and cedar timber which grows in this vicinity.

VERNONIA ITEMS.

Phillip Sheeley returned from Forest Grove last Friday.

Prosper Claude was in Vernonia Saturday from Keasay.

D. M. Holbrook, of Portland, is visiting friends in the valley this week.

Mrs. Ethel Pringle has been quite sick but is better at this writing.

H. C. Clark returned to the valley last Wednesday, after an absence of nearly a year in Eastern Oregon.

The cold snap last week will be a great benefit to fruit in this section. The warm weather in January was making the fruit tree buds swell too early.

Circuit Court.

Judge McBride held an adjourned term of circuit court here last Saturday, when the following proceedings were had: Franz Elling vs. W. H. Musgrove; finding in favor of the plaintiff.

Margaret A. Goss, vs. T. B. Goss; demurrer overruled; defendant given until March 3d to further plead.

A. Kubler vs. Fannie G. Porter; motion to quash service of summons overruled and given until March 3d to answer.

Court adjourned until March 3d.

Climatic Effect on Orchard Pests. We are beginning to learn some interesting things concerning the effect of climate on orchard pests. The habits of these pests differ greatly west of the Rockies from those of the same species in the East. At Tacoma Prof. Cordley stated that in the East the codling moth does its damage as soon as the blooms are out, and the authorities there recommend spraying from bloom to June 20th. Here, the professor says, this moth does its work from June 20th to September 20th, and the spraying should be done at that season. Mr. Smith, of Hood River, reported 98 per cent of the apples free from worms by diligent use of the Kedis spray. We shall probably find the season in which the codling moth is active differs considerably in the different climatic conditions of our own state.—Ranch and Range.

Tell Your Sister. A Beautiful Complexion is an impossibility without good pure blood, the sort that only exists in connection with good digestion, a healthy liver and bowels. Karl's Clover Root tea acts directly on the bowels, liver and kidneys, keeping them in perfect health. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. Sold by Dr. Edwin Ross.

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FARM FOR RENT. Fairly well improved farm, one team of horses, six cows, farming implements. For further particulars apply to CASPER ZOLLER, Goble, Oregon.

MATTERS POLITICAL.

State Republican Convention to be Held in Portland April 12th.

The republican committee of this—the Second—congressional district, met in Portland on Wednesday of last week and took action on important matters relative to arrangements for the district convention. All the counties in the district, except Clatsop and Willamette were represented.

The committee decided to hold the congressional convention in the Second district the day after the state convention is held in Portland, and the ratio of apportionment is to be the same as that of the state convention. A resolution was passed to the effect that every county in the district should send separate sets of delegates to the state and district conventions. This resolution was offered by G. W. Phelps, representing Morrow.

A motion was made and adopted, which stated that where a county failed to elect delegates to both conventions, the delegates to the state convention were entitled to sit in the congressional convention.

At 2 o'clock on the same day, the republican state central committee held a meeting at the office of George A. Steele, for the purpose of selecting the time and place for holding the next state convention. Portland was chosen as the place.

The ratio of 150 was chosen after a long discussion, as a larger convention would be had by this method. By this apportionment the effect that every county in the district should send separate sets of delegates to the state and district conventions. This resolution was offered by G. W. Phelps, representing Morrow.

The congressional convention of this district will be held on the following day. It was recommended by the state central committee that precinct primaries be held on Wednesday, March 21, and the county convention on Thursday, March 22nd.

The county democratic central committee of this county met in this city last Saturday and called the county convention for the selection of delegates to the state convention, to meet in this city on Saturday, April 7th. They called for the holding of the precinct democratic primaries on Saturday, March 31st.

Split Over Fusion. LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 19.—A split and a walk-out followed a turbulent meeting of the populist national committee tonight. The anti-fusion leaders, after having a number of their followers turned down by the credentials committee, organized a bolt and formed a new committee. The members favorable to fusion, after adopting the report of the credentials committee, adjourned until tomorrow, when, in all likelihood, it will empower the chairman, or a committee of three, to call the national convention for the same city and the same time the democratic convention is held.

Caucuses and conferences this morning among the contending factions broke into an inharmonious meeting of the full committee, which began at 3 o'clock this afternoon in representative hall of the state capitol, and the indications that the meeting would be emphasized 10 minutes after Chairman Butler called the committee to order and announced that it would at once go into executive session.

The difficulties of the members, of whom there were about eighty present, but holding proxies for nearly the full committee, hinged on the question of fusion. The element led by Senator Allen, with apparently the strongest following, insisted on fusion, and to that end that a committee be appointed with power to call the convention for the same day and place as the democrats.

The middle-of-the-roaders made a proposition to compromise matters regarding credentials, but the fusion element was unrelenting and the proposition was ignored by the full committee, and the committee on credentials reported, excluding all but five of the anti-fusion members in the middle of an uproar, the middle-of-the-roaders, led by Parker of Kentucky, and Welles of Iowa, left the hall, engaged a room down town and organized a bolting meeting. The main committee shortly before midnight, without deciding on a date or place for the national convention, adjourned until tomorrow morning.

The bolters, who secured a room at the Grand hotel, prepared an address and called a national convention for Cincinnati, Wednesday, May 9.

Central Committee Meeting. The county republican central committee for Columbia county, Oregon, will meet at St. Helens, Oregon, on Friday, March 2nd, 1900, at 1 o'clock p. m., to apportion the number of delegates to the coming republican convention, select a place for holding such convention, time of holding it, and recommending a date for holding precinct primaries, and for the transaction of such other business as may be properly brought before such meeting. Each precinct committeeman is earnestly requested to attend. DAVID DAVIS, Chairman.

Warren Republicans. WARREN, Feb. 20.—(To the Editor.)—A short time since the republicans of this precinct organized a club to be called the "Warren Republican Club." Its membership roll now shows forty (40) eligible voters, and we hope to soon be able to show a much larger number. D. C. ALLARD, Secy.

A meeting of the county populist central committee was held at Rainier on Wednesday of this week. According to reports, all was not harmony there, especially when the proposition to fuse became debatable. Some of the members are said to have inaugurated a walk out. The extent of the following with this movement we did not learn.

LETTER FROM WISCONSIN.

Detailed Information Regarding Columbia County Wanted. The following letter was received at this office a few days since, which is a sample of dozens of such inquiries that reach this office every month. It shows the tenacity in the East towards our good state:

"Editor OREGON MIST, St. Helens, Or. Dear Sir: I am desirous of getting reliable information concerning the agricultural resources of your part of Oregon.

"May I trespass upon your good nature for information as per following points: Is fruit raised in any quantity in your vicinity, and if not is the soil adapted to the raising of fruit?"

"What kind of agriculture is carried on principally, grain raising or dairying?"

"About what figure can desirable farming land within a reasonable distance from railroad be bought, improved or unimproved?"

"If you have any literature for distribution showing the resources of your part of the state, I would be glad to receive it, and would be pleased to see a copy of your paper."

"Yours truly, H. S. COMSTOCK, County Judge of Barron county, Wis."

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