

**OREGON MIST.**

MARCH 9, 1900.

Get ready for the assessor. If you have not registered do so at once. County court is in session this week. There is no discount on this March weather. March came in like a lamb but we have already experienced the roar of the lion. Rumors of a raise in transportation rates on the river and railroad are flying in the air again. What do you want? You can get it if Collins & Gray. If they haven't got it they will get it on short notice. Judge McBride was detained at Astoria last Saturday and did not convene court here in adjourned session, as was scheduled. The city recorder has notices posted calling for an election in this city on Monday, April 2nd, 1900, for the various city officials. Dr. H. R. Cliff received from Portland last week a new two-seated carriage, the pleasure of which his family will enjoy during the driving season. Mr. Frederick Kammerer and Miss Amelia Zeisemann, both of Seaside, were married last Sunday, Rev. Doering, of Portland, officiating. Mrs. Maude E. Graham, of Marshall, was appointed administrator of the estate of William L. Graham, deceased, by the county judge. Rev. C. E. Philbrook will preach at Tide Creek schoolhouse next Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock; at Paris Sunday morning, and at Yankton in the afternoon. The county treasurer has a call for warrants in this issue. All warrants endorsed prior to January 14th, 1899, and a number of warrants endorsed on that date will be paid. Rev. R. M. Jones, of Portland, will deliver a lecture on "Gladstone and English Politics" at the Congregational church next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Everybody invited. Mr. J. S. Cloninger states that the report that he had leased the Brin salon building is ungrounded. He has leased the Cooper salon building, however, and the one circumstance was confused with the other. Mr. N. C. Dale arrived in town on Monday from Mist, bringing with him Emma B. Bittner, who was forthwith arraigned before Judge Doan, and committed to the care of Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, of Portland. The damage suit of Edward T. Watts vs. Schwering, the man who shot and crippled the plaintiff on board the steamer Young America at Portland two years ago, will go to trial in Judge George's court in Portland on the 13th of this month. The public is invited to a literary entertainment this (Friday) evening at the Congregational church. Local talent will be assisted by a male quartet from Portland. The proceeds will be used in carrying on church work in St. Helens. Admission 15 and 25 cents. At the annual school meeting held in this district last Monday evening, the retiring director, Dr. Ross, was re-elected for three years, and Mr. E. E. Quick was re-elected clerk for one year. Dr. H. R. Cliff will be chairman of the board of directors for the ensuing year. The Treseott Packing Company has let a contract to Johnson, of Portland, to build a tug for use in connection with the cold-storage plants on the Columbia. She will be fifty feet long and first-class in every respect. It is the intention to have her completed, if possible, for the coming season. Mr. John Dolan, president of the Warren republican club, has called a meeting of that club for tomorrow (Saturday) evening. Warren republicans are lining up in good shape for the fray, and it is confidently asserted that Warren precinct will respond with a republican majority. It is generally believed by Astoria people that Mr. Hammond intends to build a branch railroad from Astoria to the Nehalem valley, or in other words, buy up and equip the grade made a few years ago by Corey Bros., from Astoria to the Nehalem river at Grand Rapids. Purchases of timber lands in that vicinity and other transpiring events add color to the reports. The central committee of the republican party of this county met in this city last Friday and decided upon a time and place for holding their next convention. Rainier was chosen and the date fixed is April 9th. There will be forty-two delegates in the convention, apportioned among the several precincts according to the table appearing in the convention call in another column.

Mr. E. L. Clark, of Rainier, secretary; T. C. Wats, of Goble, W. H. Conyers, of Clatskanie, A. D. Holaday, of Seaside, U. M. Beeghley, of Astoria, W. D. Connell, of Deer Island, (by proxy) G. W. Barnes, of Oak Point, (by proxy) and D. Davis, of Union, were the members of the republican central committee attending a meeting of that body in this city last Friday. Mr. John Dolan, of Warren was elected a member of the committee to represent that precinct in the meeting.

Mr. C. L. Ayers was in from Paris on Tuesday. Geo. C. Jacquish was up from Goble Wednesday. W. H. Miller was in from Valley on Wednesday. Attorney Conyers was up from Clatskanie Monday. Herman Schmidt was up from Deer Island Tuesday. Geo. Rainey was down from Seaside Wednesday. Sam Appin, of Cornelius, was in the city Wednesday last. James Charlton was up from the Coweman camp this week. Judge Blanchard, of Rainier, was in the county seat Monday. Sigel and Aaron Knighton left for Baker City last Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Merrill were up from Deer Island Tuesday. H. T. Bennett, of Warren, was in the county seat Wednesday. Assessor Martin White visited his home at Quincy last Saturday. Mrs. Dow, of Oak Island, spent last Friday in this city visiting friends. Mr. P. O. Marks was up from his ranch back of Goble, on Wednesday. The Valley school will open on Monday with Miss May Whitney as teacher. E. E. Nickerson and S. G. Schooner, of Nehalem valley, were in town Wednesday. D. J. Switzer was attending to business matters in Portland on Monday and Tuesday. Attorney Reuben Graham was down from Portland Monday attending to probate matters. Prof. F. C. Whitten, of Clatskanie, was in the county seat last Saturday shaking hands with friends. Dr. J. E. Hall and Postmaster H. L. Warren, of Clatskanie, were in the county seat on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb, of Portland, spent Sunday in this city with their daughter, Mrs. W. B. Dillard. Miss Daisy Watkins returned to her home in this city last Saturday, after a stay of several months in Portland. Mr. S. R. Way came up from the Muckle camp on the Coweman to visit with his family a few days this week. Commissioner Peterson is in the city assisting the other members of the court in disposing of county business. Mrs. W. H. Dolman returned home last Saturday from California, where she visited relatives for over a month. Mr. E. Hall, of Warren, expects to leave for eastern states in a few days. He has sold his farm and goes east for a visit. Mrs. L. Meeker, of Houlton, was operated upon about two weeks ago for the removal of a cancer. She is recovering rapidly. Mrs. A. Balmanno, of Portland, visited her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. Davis, in this city, Saturday and Sunday. Commissioner Frakes arrived in town Tuesday evening and entered upon the discharge of his duties on the county board Wednesday morning. George Solomon, who formerly lived in Astoria, visited with Mrs. Balmanno, who has spent the last two years back East, returned to this county last Friday.

Mr. A. Shannahan and daughter, Lulu, came over from Vernonia Sunday. Miss Shannahan will remain in this city for some time with her sister, Mrs. Cleiton. Harrison Allen was up from Astoria Monday attending to business before Judge Doan in the Joseph Smith estate. Mr. Allen is a candidate for district attorney. Miss Maude Decker has returned from Hood River to her home in this city, where she expects to be able to remain permanently, as her health is greatly improved. Peter Anderson, of Warren, a subject the King of Denmark, was admitted to full citizenship before Judge Doan on Wednesday. James Dart and Richard Cox, witnesses. Win Seffert and Mr. Smith were up from Deer Island Wednesday. Win returned on Tuesday last week from a nine-week's visit in Iowa, glad to get back to Webfoot. Mr. and Mrs. Cleiton arrived home last Friday and expect to remain in this city for some time. Mr. Cleiton's court matters having been arranged so as to permit of his remaining at home more of the time. Mr. E. Adin Ross and Miss Anna Mielkison will be married at Marshall, Wis., on the 21st of this month. Mr. Ross will be remembered as a brother of Dr. Ross, who spent several months in this city about two years ago. Mr. E. H. Philbrook, of Portland, spent Sunday with his parents at Houlton. Mr. Philbrook is with G. A. Heildinger & Co., piano dealers, and is representing the company in the territory from Portland to Astoria and over the Northern Pacific territory as far north as Olympia.

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The City's New Officials—Mr. Both's Hotel to Open. Rainier, Or., March 7.—The annual election for city officers at this place on Monday was characterized by considerable interest, more so, by great odds, than has marked such an occasion for several years. The citizens' ticket was successful to a man, and the new officials are men of pronounced opinions as regards public matters concerning the city. The whole number of votes cast was 64, and the citizens' candidates for town trustees received almost the entire solid vote. Those elected, with the number of votes received, are as follows: J. E. Brown, 61 votes; M. R. Pomeroy, 50 votes; W. D. Plue, 52 votes; C. S. Sill, 49 votes; W. A. Wood, 47 votes. For treasurer the vote resulted: M. K. Hall, citizens, 40 votes; W. J. Dietz, independent, 17 votes. For police judge, W. J. Sney, citizens, 47 votes; Wm. Symmons, independent, 2 votes. For marshal: J. A. Schumason, citizens, 37 votes; John Zweenen, independent, 21 votes. The new officials will assume their duties next Monday.

At the annual school meeting held on Monday evening, Martin Both was re-elected director for three years and W. A. Wood was re-elected clerk for the ensuing year. The large hotel building just finished by Martin Both has been rented by Wm. Lee, who expects to take charge and open the building to the public next Monday. This is a creditable structure for any town, and no doubt, Mr. Lee will conduct a public house in such a manner as to merit public patronage and credit.

J. J. Schmidt is making a decided success of his Fox creek logging venture. He is finding a lot for his logs, both at home and in Portland. W. J. Muckle seems irrepressible. He has his saw mill near enough completed that he is saving the lumber to finish the frame, which will soon be completed. When the mill is in shape it will have a capacity of about 15,000 feet per day, and as there is good demand and good prices for lumber, Mr. Muckle will certainly prosper in his venture. As his mill is located on the river bank at a convenient point for shipping, either by water or rail, we soon expect to see Mr. Muckle sending out cargoes of lumber. It is, at least, out of his many friends at this place that all who anticipate in his new venture will be realized.

Met Pomeroy and E. H. Joseph were passengers for the metropolis on the Heasler Tuesday. While other localities are laying claim to places on the next republican ticket, besides our Judge Doan, we ask what the matter with Dr. M. K. Hall for coroner? A temple of bathhouse sisters is soon to be instituted at this place. Pleasant Birthday Party. Mr. and Mrs. James Muckle entertained a large number of friends at their home in this city last Saturday evening. The occasion was the celebration of the anniversary of Mrs. Muckle's birth. The features of the evening were first, a search for nuts, a goodly quantity of which had been promiscuously distributed throughout the house, the person finding the greatest number being entitled to a prize, which was a nut-cracker, won by Mr. Cleveland. Muckle won the prize in the drawing contest. Mr. Muckle possesses wonderful skill in that art, and the likeness of a nut which was produced, was black and blue and a trifle cracked, especially after some retouching by nearly everyone present. It was not possible to decide upon who won the laurels at the lunch table, and after half an hour's contest all present seemed quite willing to let the prize awarded be made a matter for future determination. The evening was most pleasantly spent.

**Public Meeting Held.** A public meeting was held at the court house in this city last Saturday evening, the object being to devise means for raising a subsidy of cash with which to purchase timber to make up the deficiency of the timber donation asked for by the people who are projecting the building of a railroad from this city to Pittsburg. There does not appear to be an over-zealous disposition on the part of the people owning timber along the proposed route to donate very liberally of their holdings as an inducement, and the proposition to subscribe funds and offer a small price for the timber is now under preparation. Mr. E. H. Mitchell, of this place, has been called upon to purchase timber in Nehalem valley for \$3 per acre, that is, as a subsidy, and in accordance with expressed views, Mr. Mitchell was constituted a committee of one to go to Nehalem valley and negotiate with the people for such tracts of timber, taking sixty-day tickets at \$3 per acre. Whether the plan will prove successful or not remains to be seen, but unless something of that nature is accomplished there is, indeed, little hope for the building of the line, as there seems but little disposition on the part of the people to donate their timber outright. It was at first proposed to bond the city for a small sum in order to raise the subsidy, but the plan seemed to meet with little favor, and donations in cash by individuals were then offered. It is estimated that there should be at least \$5000 raised for this purpose.

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**Borne by the Clerk.** To the Editor.—There are but very few who would find fault with the general government for exacting a revenue tax by imposing a stamp duty on the various instruments of writing, such as notes of hand, bank checks, etc., but it is consistent, or was it intended that school districts should be required to put a revenue stamp on the clerk's bond, while the added expense must be paid by special public taxation? Respectfully, D. W. FIREMAN.

School clerks, in most instances, are remunerated in cash for their services, and it is presumed, undoubtedly, by the law that expense of stamping the bond must be borne by the clerk, and not the district. At all events, the stamp must be placed upon the bond.—Editor.

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At the school election held at Houlton on Monday, N. A. Perry was elected director and Rev. C. E. Philbrook was re-elected clerk.

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