

# OREGON MIST.

FEBRUARY 16, 1901.

**How are your wabs?**  
Oregon is at herself again.  
**Pay your tax and be happy.**  
Goods arriving daily at Collins & Gray's.

Mrs. H. R. Cliff visited Portland Tuesday.  
Mrs. W. B. Dillard and son spent a day or two in Portland this week.  
Mr. and Mrs. D. Davis returned Monday from a week's visit at Olympia.

Mrs. T. J. Cleaton, of Portland, was a guest of Mrs. H. R. Cliff last Friday.  
Miss Winnie Way, of Portland, was the guest of friends here last Sunday.  
Dr. Cawood, dentist, can be found each Wednesday at the residence of R. Cox.

Yesterday was St. Valentine's day, and the occasion was duly celebrated.  
S. C. Henry, of St. Helens, is agent for the latest improved gasoline lamps.  
Dr. Edwin Ross is expected to arrive here from San Francisco next Monday.

Judge Dean was up from Rainier Monday transacting business at the court house.  
Attorney R. P. Graham was down from Portland Tuesday attending to legal matters.  
Mrs. Marion Butler, of Portland, spent several days last week visiting relatives in this city.

Henry Colvin, of Marshland, expects to install a new logging engine in his camp this spring.  
Frank L. Parker, a well known business man of Astoria paid this place a visit last Monday.

There were no applicants for examination for state papers before the county school board Wednesday.  
Have you been down to Collins & Gray's and examined those 400 patterns for fine spring and summer suits?  
Logger Emerson, of Rainier, has been getting out piling. He will move his camp to John Dibble's land below town.

Two million feet of logs will be run out of Milton creek this week and rafted in Scappoose bay. Crouse, Holstein, and others, put them in the water.  
Mrs. Jacob George, of Portland, and Mrs. Lay E. Watts, of Kenbee, were in town Saturday, in attendance upon the regular convention of the Eastern Star.

Mr. W. H. Horlbert, who some time since resigned his position as general passenger agent of the O. R. & N. Co., has been succeeded by Mr. A. L. Craig.  
Spring will be here soon, don't delay getting your spring goods; Collins & Gray carry a large stock of general merchandise. If you need anything give them a call.  
The mail boat passed this place on its up trip at 6:15 Friday evening about five hours late. The steamer was grounded in the neighborhood of Mays, and was thus delayed.  
A petition was filed in the county court Wednesday praying for the appointment of an administrator of the estate of John Kennedy, deceased, who died several years ago at Rainier.

# TIMBERMAN'S OPINION.

Editor of a Timber Journal Dilates Upon the Proposed Railroad.  
The last number of the Columbia River and Oregon Timberman contained a lengthy article on the proposed railroads to Scappoose valley. It said in part: "This railroad scheme, including the branches to Vernonia, to the coal mines and to Tillamook bay, contemplates complete drainage of the commerce of that country to Portland, and it is one of the richest sections now open to such development anywhere. The coal mines, it is presumed, would not be restricted to Portland for their market, for the quality of the product would give them entrance to other cities, and from Tillamook bay the coal could be shipped by water to San Francisco. The Nehalem river will not admit vessels suitable for carriage for so great a distance, there being only nine feet of water in it. As to the Nehalem valley timber, the branch to Vernonia will give a rail outlet to the country about the upper courses of the stream, and the river itself for forty miles will float everything that the railroad that crosses it a dozen miles from its mouth. Therefore, this project embraces that whole region, and gives it a short cut to a good market."

"It is estimated that Tillamook county has about 700,000 acres of timber land, which will average 35,000 feet to the acre, giving a total of 24,500,000,000 feet. Columbia county, through whose territory the proposed railroad would run, has about 800,000 acres of timber land, with an average of 30,000 feet to the acre, giving a total of 7,800,000,000 feet in that county tributary to the proposed road."

Governor Geer has filed the barber Sunday closing bill without his signature, thus completing the proceedings necessary to make it a law. As it bears an emergency clause, it goes into effect at once, and will make barbering on next Sunday a crime.

The surveyors for the Goble, Nehalem road were at work at the vicinity of C. L. Ayers' place, near Paris, last Monday, on their way through to Nehalem, by the way of Oak Ranch creek. The extreme southern point to be attained on this survey is in section 27, due west of St. Helens, and 12 miles distant.

Mr. R. B. Mason, of Yankton, is soon to embark in a new industry, the first of the kind, we believe, in this county. A Portland friend recently shipped him a number of Belgian hares, and through Mr. Mason's late departure, we can claim a rabbitry in our midst. This line of commercial industry has developed into quite a fad in our state, and of course Columbia county has to fall in line with all that's new and enterprising.

An alarm of fire at 4:30 Saturday afternoon, brought a quick response by the hose company. Upon arriving at the scene of the fire the residence of A. J. Denning was found to be burning, but the flames had gained but little headway and were quickly extinguished. The fire, which started from a defective light, did but little damage either to the house or contents. Fortunately, there was no wind blowing at the time, else the safety of the entire town would have been seriously imperiled.

Senate bill No. 106, by Brownwell, of Clackamas, relative to removal of county seats, has been reported back to senate by the committee on counties, and so amended that it is a sweeping measure in its intent. As it stands amended it will require the petition of three-fourths of the property taxpayers to the county court before that body can order a vote to be taken on the matter. Then it will require the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the property tax payers within the county to remove the county seat in any county.

The Goble, Nehalem & Pacific railroad has five miles of track completed and ample rolling stock on the rails. At this point are 1,500,000 feet of logs ready to be transported to the river, also 5,000 cords of wood for delivery in Portland. This road was started eight months ago by Messrs. Cannon, Day and Bell, and the splendid success which those gentlemen are making of it is ample evidence of the enterprise and business ability which they possess. This road will be steadily extended westward until its terminus is reached at Nehalem and Tillamook bays.

The Eugene Register sarcastically says: "Merrill, of Columbia county, has introduced a bill in the legislature to give the logging companies a right of way through the country, and to exempt them from the payment of taxes on the land they use. It is a measure which will be of great benefit to the logging companies, and will also be of great benefit to the people of the state, as it will give them a right of way through the country, and will also exempt them from the payment of taxes on the land they use."

# COAL IN COLUMBIA COUNTY.

**Best Evidence of This and Other Minerals.**  
COLUMBIA CITY, Feb. 9, 1901.—(To the Editor.) There is so much talk about railroads to the Nehalem that I fear a repetition of the Tower of Babel episode on the Euphrates river, near Babylon, two or three thousand years ago. There has been a railroad survey and some work done on the last few years—on every direction one from above and below. However, I must say there is nothing in sight for a railroad to the Nehalem except timber, and that of the best quality, unless coal lignite is considered valuable, and in that case it is not necessary to go far from the Columbia river or present railroad line, for here, only one mile from these highways we have a deposit of coal twelve feet thick, top coal same as that on the Nehalem. No doubt a better grade of coal could be found here, as this deposit is situated half way up the mountain in a bed of soft sandstone which is 200 feet thick. There has been coal found here which Mr. Flek, the well-known mineralogist, of Portland, pronounces coking coal, but no ledge of it has been discovered, the sample found, being, no doubt, float from a lower stratum.

Now what I want to say is this, first consideration be the truth: Mount Hood and I have been in this county a long time, perhaps more in evidence as to time than anything else. However, an old Oregonian is never afraid of the fish in his story on the doubts of the other fellow. I have an Anasias as a back counter so no need to say. My researches have resulted in finding coal, iron, and mineral springs throughout the district from South Scappoose to Tide creek, on the north; that is to say, the minerals crop out and give other surface evidences in many of the deep cut creeks in at least a dozen places. The hills and other mineral springs, in the same number on the same ground. The above district is all underlain with a formation of soft gray sandstone, which seems to be unbroken except by cleavage, the same as the coal. There is one gas spring at this place, the top of the water of which will blaze from the touch of a match.

I have visited several oil producing countries and have read extensively of the genesis and indications of petroleum and have seen so many evidences of it here that I have no doubt of the existence of oil in all the region spoken of above. There is one other thing I might speak of in connection with the described district. Marl limestone is found in quantities. This formation is simply a calcareous clay, composed largely of shells and fragments of shells. This formation is the residue of the earth's crust, and is formed in the same manner as is well known by geologists, literally swarmed with trilobites and radiates and fishes, which for numbers and species, far outrank those of the present day, and this condition of things lasted for hundreds of thousands of years, and the oil product of all this animal life passed down up in the present underground rivers of oil.

Now, as a proof of what I have said, I will at any time, show these places of minerals and springs to any one that may wish to see them, and will do so free of charge in any manner. This has been my habit for years, and I have been to see the country properly developed. We have spent several thousand dollars in driving tunnels and boring for coal here, and thus far we have not developed what we want, but in the spring we are going down (if we don't go) both for coal and oil; perhaps a little.

There is a good bed—several feet thick—of red mineral paint, near this place, which has been used for preservative purposes and found to last for years. There is fireproof clay in abundance in this district, and several kinds of what we call here a ten-yard walk. Side by side the aesthetic creature who kept her corsets laced to the whole and wore low-necked dresses in the winter, and the intelligent idiot who rode a bicycle nine or ten miles in ten minutes; beneath the mound of yellow clay we find a tombstone of the woman who sneaked death from the "incoincidental" in a few sweet moments; while beneath the sweeping willow, gathered in a tin pail, rests in peace the battered remains of the aeronaut. Here reposes the doctor who took his own medicine. Down in the potter's field, with his feet sticking out to the cold blast of winter and the blistering rays of the summer sun, are stretched the remains of the editor; while the broken bones of the man who refuses to pay for his paper are pitted in the corner of fence. Over by the gate softly rests the woman who kept strychnine in the cupboard with baking powder.

**Funeral of Fred Kobel.**  
One of our respected fellow-citizens has fallen prey to the enemy of good race. Fred Kobel has lived in Columbia county for the last ten or eleven years, coming here from Wisconsin. He was born in Switzerland in 1853, came to America in 1884; settled in Ohio first, afterwards going to Wisconsin, from whence he came to the coast. He had struggled to make a living on a farm in our county, and had just built a new house in which to take life a little easier when he was stricken with a fatal malady, softening of the brain. He died at the State hospital in Salem, January 19, 1901, and the remains were brought to Goble to sleep the last sleep on the earth. He himself had worked. His death was a sad blow to the family, who lost in him a good husband and kind father. A wife, two daughters and one son survive him. The funeral services were conducted by Elder Schnepper, of Portland. CONTINUOUS.

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**Death of Baby Walker.**  
The young child of Mrs. J. L. Walker, of Houlton, died of spasmodic croup on Sunday, February 11. Rev. Mr. Philbrook conducted the funeral service and the remains were laid to rest in Odd Fellows' cemetery.

"There in the Shepherd's bosom,  
Where the white stars are drifting down,  
Is the little lamb we missed one morn,  
From the household flock below."

# TAX ROLL OF 1901.

**Sheriffs Now Engaged in Collection of 1900 Taxes.**  
Last Monday morning the tax roll of 1901 was turned over to Sheriff Hattian for the collection of the 1900 tax, the total amount to be collected being \$48,750.81, about \$2500 in excess of the amount the roll contained a year ago. There are ten separate divisions of taxes to be collected—consisting of state tax \$8,420.80, county school tax \$7,414, county tax \$999.34, sheep tax \$16.81, soldiers and sailors indigent fund \$147.73, county tax \$22,200.84, road tax \$5,640.81, special school tax \$3,916.43, city of Vernonia special tax \$27.88, polls \$507.

The process of collection is now on in full blast and it is expected that sufficient money will soon be taken in to pay the state and school tax, which, by law, must be paid before the redemption of warrants can be commenced.

**Inducements for the Boys.**  
John Dellar, located on the corner of First and Yamhill streets, Portland, has a display of twenty-five different styles and grades of boys' suits, which are offered as a special inducement from 50 cents to \$1.50 less than any other store in the city. John Dellar knows that the boys are hard on shoes; that's why he carries none but good, solid ones, and sells them from 25 cents to 50 cents less than any other store in the city. A big variety of boys' caps, regular 25 and 50-cent values, are offered for 15c, 25c and 35c. A large assortment of boys' waists at 25c and 50c, regular 50c and 75c values. The latest style of sweaters, 50c, 75c, \$1 and \$1.50. The boys can be very neatly dressed for a very little sum of money by buying of John Dellar, corner First and Yamhill streets, Portland, Oregon.

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Signature  
of  
*Chas. H. Fletcher*  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS.  
In the county court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County.  
In the matter of the estate of Cyrus R. Boles, deceased.  
THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING BEEN APPOINTED by the county court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County, administrator of the estate of Cyrus R. Boles, deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against said deceased, to present them verified as required by law, within six months after the first publication of this notice to said W. D. Case, at his residence, at St. Helens, Oregon.  
W. D. CASE,  
Administrator of the estate of Cyrus R. Boles, deceased.  
W. H. Powell, Attorney for Administrator.  
Dated February 15th, 1901.

**NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED administrator of the estate of Sarah Case, deceased, that he has filed in the office of the county court of Columbia County, Oregon, his final account of his administration upon said estate, together with his petition for final settlement and distribution, at the court house in St. Helens, Oregon, at one o'clock in the afternoon of said day of March, 1901, at one o'clock in the afternoon of said day of the time and place of hearing and settlement of said account and petition for distribution, at which time and place any person interested may appear and file objections in writing to said account and petition.  
W. D. CASE,  
Administrator of the estate of Sarah Case, deceased.  
W. H. Powell, Attorney for Administrator.

**NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED administrator of the estate of George Price, deceased, that he has filed in the office of the county court of Columbia County, Oregon, his final account of his administration upon said estate, together with his petition for final settlement and distribution, at the court house in St. Helens, Oregon, at one o'clock in the afternoon of said day of the time and place of hearing and settlement of said account and petition for distribution, at which time and place any person interested may appear and file objections in writing to said account and petition.  
W. D. CASE,  
Administrator of the estate of George Price, deceased.  
W. H. Powell, Attorney for Administrator.

**NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED administrator of the estate of Wm. L. Graham, deceased, has filed in the office of the county court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County, my report and final account in the administration of said estate, and that the court has fixed the 4th day of March, 1901, at 1 o'clock, p. m. of said day, and the court room at said court as the time and place for the hearing of said report and account, at which time and place any and all persons interested may appear and object or contest the same.  
MAUD E. GRAHAM,  
Administrator of the estate of Wm. L. Graham, deceased.  
Dated this 9th day of January, 1901. R. P. Graham, Attorney for Administrator.

**PETITION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.**  
To The Honorable County Court of Columbia County, Oregon:  
We, the undersigned legal voters, residing in Oak Grove, Columbia County, Oregon, would respectfully petition your honorable body for a regular license, which will be held on the 6th day of March, 1901, at the court house in the City of St. Helens, Columbia County, State of Oregon. That license be granted to Louis Fluhrer, to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors in quantities less than one gallon, in Oak Grove, Columbia County, Oregon, and that said license be granted for a period of one year, for all of which your petitioners will ever pray.  
J. S. Pulliam, Charles Sandin, Ed Anderson, S. K. Norcross, E. Stockenberg, D. E. Hillsberry, James G. Cook, G. D. Myers, L. H. Stiles, W. L. Williams, J. A. Kemp, C. H. Dilly, S. McBurnies, R. H. King, C. Davidson, W. F. Schneider, L. M. Starnes, W. H. Hollingshead, Simon Keuper, W. L. Pulliam, Charles Mauger, J. B. Lovengren, C. W. Lovengren, Carl Stockenberg, Ambrose Matheson, J. P. Stewart, J. W. Hoffman, J. B. Ewing, Wm. Anderson, O. A. Teranahan, J. T. West, D. McCune, F. Williams, Frank A. Morgan, W. B. W. Gony Barron, Therman, Chas. Erickson, F. W. Fluhrer, Wm. McClellan, Wm. Roberts, J. W. Turner, Henry Henderson, J. A. McGeehan, C. A. Morgan, J. D. Cronwall, J. Downing, C. H. Jones, L. A. Jarcy, George Engelhardt, J. J. Davis, James Miller, F. J. Quinn.

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