

Mrs. Jacob George visited in this city this week.

Mrs. T. J. Cleaton spent a day or two in town last week.

Mrs. Morgan returned Saturday from South Bend, Wash.

Mrs. D. J. Switzer is spending a few days at North Beach.

Miss Grace Miles spent two days in Portland last week.

Miss Daisy Watkins spent last Sunday at Clatsop beach.

Mrs. R. Cox is rapidly recovering from her recent illness.

Miss Tillie Muckle spent last Sunday and Monday in this city.

W. D. Connell was in town from Deer Island Wednesday evening.

Mrs. J. B. Godfrey is home after a visit to Clatskanie.

Miss Maude Watta, Scappoose, visited relatives in this city a few days this week.

N. A. Perry and wife and Miss Marie Watta returned Monday from a visit to Victoria.

Mr. Michael Fresh was in town Wednesday from his farm on the headwaters of Clatskanie.

Mrs. D. W. Richardson left Tuesday for a two week's visit to relatives at Salem and Cottage Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rubert left on Tuesday for Everett, Wash., where they will probably make their future home.

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

The local physicians operated upon and removed a growth from the lower lip of Mrs. John Dolan, of Warren, Wednesday.

When you want to get a good article for your money, go to Collins & Gray. They have a large and well selected stock of first-class goods, and their prices are reasonable.

The assessor has a notice in this issue to the effect that the county of equalization will meet on Monday, October 7th, for the purpose of equalizing the assessment of 1901.

Dr. Cliff is developing a wonderful degree of aptness and ability in amateur photography. He has a large-size camera and is surprising his friends in the class of work he is turning out.

Collins & Gray have just received 500 or 600 patterns of the best fall and winter suitings we have seen anywhere. If you want a good suit made to order, call and see them. They guarantee satisfaction.

Messrs. A. H. and Frank George and U. W. and Clay Clark have a contract for the erection of a residence, large barn and other buildings on Martin's island, and are now engaged at the work of putting them up.

Mr. R. Cox returned Monday from Olympia, where he had visited for two or three weeks. He was accompanied home by his daughter, Mrs. F. L. Clear, who will remain until Mrs. Cox recovers from her recent illness.

Mr. John Pringle was in town Tuesday on a route home from Portland, where he had spent several days looking after the sale of a large tract of timber in his hands for disposal. Mr. Pringle declares the sale will soon be consummated.

Judge Deon was in town Monday, and among other matters of business he transacted appraisers of the estate of Charles Hollander, deceased, were appointed as follows: Kasper Koberslein, M. E. Page and A. D. McGilivray.

A quiet wedding took place last Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Powell, in this city, the contracting parties being Mr. George E. Woodruff and Miss Mary F. Bradbury, both of this county, Rev. C. E. Philbrook, officiating.

We neglected, inadvertently, last week to say that Mr. Otto Kulper had returned from the far north, after over a year spent in those regions. Mr. Kulper looks hale and hearty and we presume, came back with a store of both knowledge and wealth.

Mr. Joseph Bonnell, who has for several years been in the employ of the O. R. & N. Co., has accepted the position of foreman of a Northern Pacific work train, and is stationed in the vicinity of Deer Island, where much improving in the company's road bed is going on.

Of the large class of fifteen applicants for county papers at the recent examination of teachers there was not a failure, and the superintendent is correspondingly gratified to know the standard of excellence among the teachers of this county has reached and is maintaining so high a degree.

The report was brought to this city last Saturday that Brinn Bros. logging outfit, on Coweeman, had been destroyed by fire, but later information does not confirm the statement. Fire raged about the camp for some time and it was necessary to cease operations for a couple of days, but no serious damage resulted.

The Bethian fraternal paper, the Senator, in its last issue, said: "Well, of all things, Brother Frank Dow, of Avon Lodge No. 62, is keeping batch, and he says he enjoys it, too. But the way he says it makes one half disbelieve him. He is doing this for recreation, while Mrs. Dow is at the coast canning clams for him this winter."

The Rathbone Sisters of this city had a most interesting session of their temple meeting on Thursday evening of last week. A number of sisters from the Rainier temple were present and rendered valuable assistance in the initiation of three candidates, after which delicious refreshments were served. This temple is now in thriving condition, and is one of the popular societies of the city.

S. Benson says the damage caused by the fire in his logging camp was not nearly so great as was reported. The fire ran over some ground where timber had been cut, but did not harm there, and the costly log chute was not damaged to the extent of \$100. When the chute was on fire the men began sending logs down it, which rubbed some of the fire out, and the jolting and dust put out what was left. There have been two fires in this camp before, but they were easily controlled, and did little damage.

The assessors are wrestling with a hard problem these days in their efforts to make the assessment roll for the current year. The books printed to conform to the requirements of the new law, supplied by the state, are a nuisance, involving a great deal of unnecessary labor and entailing no amount of inconvenience. There is a great increase in the amount of information to be entered, and the consequent increase of data as a result of more pieces of land to be assessed and entered, is proving a task to those engaged at the work. The roll will contain nearly fifty pages more this year than heretofore.

The baseball tournament, mention of which was made in these columns last week, is an assured thing. Our citizens are to be congratulated upon the liberal and ready manner in which they responded to the request for contributions for prizes, and the results will amply repay for all efforts expended. The secretary of the association has been flooded with requests from teams to enter the contest, but it has been decided to allow but four teams to enter, as was the original intention, and the affair will be confined strictly to county teams, being a county organization. Mr. Clatskanie and Rainier teams will enter, and have been scheduled, as has also the home team. The prizes of \$40, \$30, \$20 and \$10 will be contested for, as was stated last week, and the tournament will take place Friday and Saturday, September 6th and 7th. The grounds have already been placed in prime condition, and there is no reason why the affair should not be successful from every point of view. An umpire from either Washington or another county in this state will be employed, one wholly disinterested, and the game will be strictly under his charge. Out-of-county teams signify a willingness to enter, but they could not be accommodated, hence only county teams have been scheduled. It's a go, so let's make it a roaring success.

Agates are reported to have been plentiful at Newport this year as usual. It is a very peculiar fact that water agates are found in no other place in the world except on the beach for a few miles at Newport. At first the theory was that the agates were washed up on the beach from the ocean, but the question arose that if they could be washed up there why not elsewhere? Now the generally accepted theory and the one which is undoubtedly the correct one, is that they are in the cliffs, and are washed out as the cliffs gradually crumble away during the winter. This fact was demonstrated this summer by an Albany lady who dug one of these agates from the side of the cliff. She had noticed the edge of the stone protruding, and when it was dug out the lady discovered that she had a beautiful water agate.

An affair took place Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Plank, which will long be remembered by those participating as a complete social function. The occasion was the celebration of the anniversary of the birth of the host, and his friends swarmed in on him in such numbers and so unexpectedly that Mr. Plank felt the need of the return of his younger days to cope with the occasion. Age is a very delicate subject with most people, and for fear of offending our host we will say he was sixteen, maybe a little more. After enjoying the bounteous supply of refreshments the throng departed for their homes about midnight, and are anxiously awaiting the coming of Johnnie's seventeenth birthday.

The residence of Mr. H. O. Howard, of Yankton, was totally destroyed by fire last Thursday forenoon. The fire was caused from a defective terra cotta flue, and its work was quickly done. There were a number of people in the house when the fire broke out, and the efforts of all hands to save much of the contents of the building proved of little avail, although a few articles of furniture were rescued. We understand there was \$400 insurance on the building. The orchard near the house was badly damaged. Mr. Howard is taking the machinery out of his mill with the view of removing it to the Stehman place, back of Rainier.

The following appeared in last Friday's Oregonian concerning the coal on Scappoose creek:

"The board of trade has evidence that steam-producing coal can be had down in Portland at a cost of \$3 a ton without building a railroad to the ledge, which is eight miles from Warren, in Clatskanie county, E. C. Hines, of California town, has been developing the ledge for several weeks, and now has a seam six feet in thickness, samples from which have been shown the trustees of the board. Analysis gives this coal 35 per cent fixed carbon; 35 per cent volatile matter, and 30 per cent ash. Mr. Hines has no proposal to make in regard to his coal mine, and seems amply able to go on with the work of developing—two points which the board thinks largely in his favor.

Stearns can obtain a supply of coal at bankers built near Warren, and the cost to them will therefore be very much lessened. The investigating committee, appointed by President Council to look into this coal supply matter, is favorably impressed with the find, and it is likely that Portland will be getting the coal that Portland obtained over the eight miles between Warren and the mine. This short branch would enable the mine-owners to bring the coal to the city direct, and its cost to consumers would then be much less than \$3 per ton. Ledge coal has been visited the surface of the ground for nine miles, so there can be very little question as to the permanence of the supply."

Hits the Bull's-Eye.

An exchange remarks that it notices that the local newspapers are beginning to drop their advertising out of the local papers and the work along the lines of publicity between now and the late fall will be of little consequence. Why they do this is beyond our comprehension unless it is for the purpose of saving money. The advertiser and range man a better chance at the people. If this is the object the purpose is admirably served. Dear Mr. Home Merchant, don't you know that it takes a long time to drive a nail when you only hit it once every three or four weeks? The other fellow can than you can single nails with a sledge because he keeps hitting all the time. No fisherman expects to catch anything who keeps jerking his hook out of the water and waiting for the fish to follow it through the bait. But your hook is advertising with honest goods and fair prices and drop it into the clear stream of the circulation of the local paper, keep your bait fresh and above all keep fishing. The local paper is ready, willing and anxious to do your will against the usual order houses, but nothing can be done without your cooperation.

Self Explanatory.

VERNONIA, Aug. 15.—(Editor MRR.)—Please send me your paper. I have sent a copy of it lately, and you are getting out a good paper. There seems to be but two political parties—the democrat and the republican—and I prefer the latter. I have had business with the county officers lately, and find them generally honest and obliging. I have had many and oblige me on the roads. I have had work to do on these bridges I have had to say about those bridges I have had rebuilt out here. The work was done in a workmanlike manner, and they are better than they were when first built, and I think they will last longer and be a real help. Very truly yours, S. G. SCHROEDER.

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Against the Franchise.

State Senator Fulton has rendered an opinion in the interesting controversy relating to the leasing of the Nehalem river and its tributaries, in which he holds that the Oregon law of 1889 is valid, and that, in the case in question, the county court of Clatsop county has not the authority to grant the request of the Wheeler Lumber Company for the lease. Owing to the great number of Oregon streams that are similar in size and location to the Nehalem and its tributaries, this opinion of Senator Fulton is of the highest importance. His conclusions appear clear, and it is thought that the position he has taken is correct.

The opinion was rendered at the request of the protesting land-owners, and first deals with the status of the Nehalem river, which is naturally of sufficient size to float mill logs—and, it may be, small boats over some portion of it—the public has a right to its free use for that purpose. Nor is it essential that such capacity continue in the stream throughout the year, it is sufficient that its periods of high water or variable capacity, continue to sufficient length of time to make it useful as a highway.

Likewise, Mr. Fulton holds that the law of 1891 applies only to unnavigable streams, though that law is not now before the court. On the ground that the Nehalem is a navigable stream, over the ruling of the supreme court here quoted, the attorney holds that the court has not the authority to lease it to the petitioner.

In his opinion Mr. Fulton holds that the law of 1888, as it is alleged to apply to the other streams, is unconstitutional, and is positioned for the Rock creek, Humboldt creek and Fishhawk creek—is unconstitutional and has ever been so considered. He says:

"Unnavigable streams are private property, the beds thereof being the property of the state, and the stream which the streams flow, just as completely as if no streams were there. No appropriation can be made of the streams or the beds thereof without such owners' consent, and then only for a public purpose upon payment of the value of the property taken. The appropriation of the streams, as caused by the appropriation. The statute of 1889 recognizes this fact, and attempts to provide for condemnation of the riparian rights, but no provision is made for giving notice to the owner. This defect is fatal to the validity of the act."

In the opinion appears the following sarcastic paragraph:

"I wish to suggest that even if the law of 1889 is valid, it is discretionary with the court to grant or refuse the lease, and surely it would be an abuse of discretion to lease to one who has so many important streams. The Wheeler Lumber Company is evidently thoroughly imbued with the spirit of the times and proposes to keep fully abreast of the procession of trusts, for he has conceived the idea of converting our streams of mountain water into our streams of mountain water. I have heard that the trusts never fail to water their stocks, but this is surely the first instance where it was proposed to stock all the water."

Timberman Items.

In the current number of the Columbia River and Oregon Timberman we find these items concerning local firms, and of interest to our readers:

Norman Merrill, of Clatskanie, is cutting 31,000 shingles daily at their mill.

Henry Colvin, of Marshland, has purchased a Wolf and Zwicker donkey for his camp, cutting out his string of bulls forever, so Henry says.

R. Snitor, of Westport, has his mill running. Considerable improvements have been made, a dry kiln erected, a Fay planer installed, and the machinery generally overhauled.

Casper Libel, of Mist, the cedar mill man, was in Portland this week. Mr. Libel says the output of cedar timber cut on the Nehalem and hauled to Clatskanie this season will not exceed 500,000 feet. While cedar is not planted, it is getting farther back and until the building of a railroad, the amount cut will diminish annually instead of increasing.

Nordby, Olsen & Fluhrer have purchased the machinery for their combined cedar lumber and shingle mill about four miles from Mayor, Or. The shingle mill will be equipped with three machines, one ten-inch block and two hand machines. The sawmill will cut mostly cedar stock for sash and door trade.

Miscellaneous Fragments.

It is often argued that variety in the spice of life, and we believe it. In fact, we feel gingered, and cloved, and salted and peppered and cinnamonod to such a degree that we are all puffed up—in our head—for we can still get our hat on by use of a shoe horn—but bodily, as a result of hard knocks and hard lines, plenty of walking and some swearing—in a mild way. Briefly told, we have been moving house. We devoted over a week at this most pleasant of all pastimes, and when we emerged from beneath the debris and returned to our sanctum Monday morning we found notes on our table as follows:

"Friend Dave.—Please save me three old ducks, also three nice young females if you can.—G. H. L."

"If you want your well dug or cleaned, let me know.—C. E. Hall, Hoodlun, Or."

"If you want any anywhere shovels, let me know.—J. K. B."

"If you want to know how to play baseball, let me know.—W. A. W."

"If you want to be the ice man, let me know.—J. H. C."

"If you want any mills moved, let me know.—H. O. E."

"If you want to play tennis, let me know.—J. G. W."

"If you want any help at moving, let me know.—Dr. E. R."

"If you want to get into the baseball league, let me know.—W. A. H."

After you get moved, and you want to go to the coast, let me know.—J. C. M."

"If you want any chain lightning, let me know.—M. C. G."

"If you want an abstract of your household goods, let me know.—J. B. G."

"If you want a photograph of yourself, let me know.—Dr. H. O. E."

"If you want to help fix the baseball ground, let me know.—C. W. B."

"If you want any baggage transferred, let me know.—J. G. W."

"If you want your assessment raised, let me know.—M. W."

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ASSESSOR, ST. HELENS, OREGON, AUG. 28, 1901.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION FOR CLATSOP COUNTY, OREGON, WILL MEET IN ITS REGULAR SESSION AT ST. HELENS, OREGON, ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1901, FOR THE PURPOSE OF EQUALIZING THE ASSESSMENT OF 1901. CLAIMS FOR CONNECTION MUST BE MADE BEFORE THE BOARD.

W. H. FEARE, ASSESSOR.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERIGNED, the auxiliary administrator of the estate of Crawford W. Barnes, deceased, has filed in the County Court for Columbia County, Oregon, his final account as such administrator, and that Monday, the 21st day of September, 1901, at 9:30 o'clock a. m., at the court room in said court, in the court house in St. Helens, said county and state, has been fixed by the Judge of said court as the day for the hearing of objections to said final account and the settlement thereof. W. H. FEARE, Auxiliary Administrator of the Estate of Crawford W. Barnes, deceased.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County.

In the matter of the estate of Lydia Barnes, deceased.

THE UNDERIGNED HAVING BEEN APPOINTED administrator of the estate of Lydia Barnes, deceased, of Columbia County, Oregon, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased, to present their claims against said deceased, to present them, verified as required by law, within six months after the first publication of this notice, to said administrator, at his home, near Deer Island postoffice, Clatsop County, Oregon. EDWIN J. BARNES, Administrator of the estate of Lydia Barnes, deceased. Dated August 2, 1901. c2a30

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Department of the Interior, Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Columbia County, at St. Helens, Oregon, on September 26, 1901, viz: JOHN SCHIEVE, Homestead entry No. 11,594, for the SW 1/4 of section 34, township 3 north, range 2 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon said land: Joseph Schieve, Andrew Kenowski, and Gerhard Morbeck, all of Valley, Oregon. CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.

PROPOSAL FOR BIDS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SEALED bids will be received at the office of the County Surveyor of Columbia County, State of Oregon, at the County Court House, said county and state, up to September 4th, 1901, on which day all bids will be opened, for the construction of a county bridge across Fox creek, in the town of Rainier, Oregon, according to the plans and specifications now on file in the office of the County Surveyor. Each bidder to state the amount of such bid, which shall be forfeited to the county in case of refusal to show that the bidder is a resident of the county for a period of two days after such award is made, to enter into the contract and file his bond in the manner required by law, and in the satisfaction of the County Court, provided that the County Court may, in its discretion, reject any and all bids.

A. B. LITTLE, County Surveyor. Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, August 19th, 1901.

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Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878.

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UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Oregon City, Oregon, July 23, 1901.

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