Mesers. L. Hansen, of the Ophir Mining Company, and H. R. Cliff, of the Cliftonew Mining Company, were before the county commissioners Wednesday with a request for aid in opening and improving the county road leading from Warren to the coal prospects in the hills west of here. If the coal is what it is said to be, and there seems little reason to doubt but what it is, then the court is justified in liberally assisting them in the development of an industry that will prove of immense value to the entire county. Mr. Hansen claims that with proper facilities his company could begin at once to ship coal from their mine, creating a great demand for labor and bnilding up an immense industry. The court is inclined to be liberal in these affairs, where a section of country is to be benefited, and after carefully canvassing the situation it is likely some assistance will be rendered.

Another case of "not knowing it was loaded" occurred near Peris last Sunday, and but for the interposition of kind providence another victim would have been enrolled under the banner of unfortunates who fall prey to such careless acts. The gun, a 22-caliber rifle, in the hands of Johnny Sobieski, sent a builet whinzing through the right side of the neck of the eldest daughter of Mr. J. B. Wilverding, the accident occurring at the bome of the young lady. The mussle of the gun was so near to her that the skin in all the vicinity of the wound is considerably powder burned. The affair was purely accidental, as was also the escape from death of the young lady. There might be some sense in stating a moral to some things, but in the use of firearms it is absolutely non-sensical. The ball from the rifle cut through and under the skin, making considerable of a flesh wound, but not serious.

Articles of incorporation of the Cliftonow Coal and Mining Company were filed
with the secretary of state and the
county clerk last week. The gentlemen composing this company do not expect
to prosecute work with great vigor this
winter, but in the early apring there
will be much activity about the prospects. However, operations will not 
cease at the mine entirely. In fact, the
work of development is now in progress
and will continue until it is definitely
estiled whether there is a quantity of
coal at a greater depth than has yet 
been attained. A core-drill converted 
into a churn-drill machine, arrived down 
Monday night from Portland and is now 
installed at the mine, and it is expected 
to drill to a depth of from 200 to 500 
feet. There seems little doubt in the 
minds of the gentlemen interested and 
others who have explored the country 
that a great body of coal underlies the 
entire country in the vicinity where 
these operations are in progress. 
Enough drifting has been done to lead 
to the conviction that the proper way 
to explore its in going down, which work 
is confidently expected to reveal such 
conditions as are believed to exist.

### BRIEF LOCAL MENTION.

Mr. J. E. Dow was over from Ver-

Fred Caples, of Columbia City, was in town last Saturday shaking hands with friends and relatives, after just having returned from Cape Nome, where he had spent about two years. Fred says he expects to return to the North in the spring.

Wm. S. McGregor, a man about forty-five years of age, residing in the vicinity of Gobie, was examined before the county judge, Monday, as to his sanity. He was sent to the asylum for treat-ment, and Sheriff Hattan proceeded to Salem with him that afternoon.

Road Supervisor Plank is engaged this week at making a fill across the canyon south of town, on the Scappone road, to take the place of the bridge, which had become decayed and unaafe. The fill will cost no more than a bridge and will be permanent and lasting.

At a meeting of the school directors of this district, held Tuesday, it was decided to issue \$3,500 of bonds, in obedience to the expressed will of the people, for the purpose of erecting a school-house. Nothing definite in regard to building will likely be done before spring.

E. E. Quick, D. J. Switzer and U. W. Clark, the referees in the Bryant-Conyers controversy at Clatskanie, after spending a week on the ground in an effort to adjust matters, returned home last Friday evening. They expect to have a volumnious report to submit to the court in regard to their findings in the matter, and it is hoped a settlement will result.

### CLATSKANIE NEWS ITEMS.

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The public school at Warren closed its second month last Friday. I have enrolled sixty-eight pupils.
Whole No. of days attendance 1165%. Whole No. of days absence, 97½.
Whole No. of times late, 8.
General average of attendance, 57.
Those entitled to the placing of their names upon the roll of honor are: Hattle Grewell, Walter Cooper, Annie Cooper, Clarence Cooper, Alfred Cooper, Hazel Collins, Mammie Olsen, Carl Lund, Annie Larsen, Scott Lynch, Margaret Isbister, Erwin Grewell, Elmer Duncan, Lens Wilson, Nellie Grewel, Gertrude Lynch, Georgia May Slavens, Orilla Tucker, Maud Wilson, Verna Tompkins, Eva Grewell.

### ELECTION BOARDS.

Rev. Hawkins and wife spent a por-ion of last week in the metropolis. New Law Governing Appointment of Those Officials.

Whole No. of times late, 8.
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General average of attendance, 57.
Those entitled to the placing of their names upon the roll of honor are: Hatte Geosel, Walter Gooper, Allred Gooper, Clarence Gooper, Clarence

### Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank our friends and neighbors for their many kindnesses and assistance during the time of our recent deep bereavement in the loss of our mother, Mrs. Shattuck, and take means of thanking all our friends.

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