

**RAINIER'S GOOD FORTUNE.**

Large Export Sawmill to be Established There.

The Smith Lumber Mill, at Rainier, has been sold, as we stated last week, to a new company formed by W. I. Reed, a well-known California lumber man, and Gardner G. Wilder, of Hoquiam, representing the estate of his father, who died recently on the island. The amount involved in the transaction is said to be \$40,000. The papers have been filed for record with County Clerk Watts. For the past year the property has been operated by the Clatsop Mill Co. of Astoria, who leased it from the Smith estate. The plant has a capacity of about 60,000 feet per day.

The deal was consummated in Portland last week, but was only known to those interested. Messrs. Reed, Gardner and Kinney were present at the closing of the transaction. Tuesday night Mr. Wilder left for San Francisco. Mr. Reed said that the intention of the new owners is to improve and enlarge the plant so as to make it one of the most modern in the Northwest. Its present capacity will be greatly increased and all the latest improved machinery for the manufacture of lumber will be installed as soon as time will permit. The object of the company is to reach out for a market altogether strange to the Columbia river district. Mr. Reed said:

"Our intention in buying this property is to build up a lumber trade between the Columbia river near the Hawaiian islands. This market is now supplied entirely by the mills on Puget sound, and Southern California ports. I see no reason why the Columbia river, with endless resources and special adaptability to the lumber trade, should not enjoy some of this business. The annual amount of lumber imported by the islands is approximately 75,000,000 feet, and all of that comes from the Pacific coast. Mr. Wilder, who has lived in Honolulu nearly all of his lifetime, and is thoroughly acquainted with the business, will handle the wood and the saws, and we will come pretty near getting our share of the business, since we feel sure that it costs no more to turn out lumber on the Columbia than on the Sound or in California. The logs we expect to get from points along the river, as has been done by the people now in control."

Mr. Reed said he could not say with any certainty how soon the property would be turned over to its new owners, but he thought the change in management would probably take place on February 1, next. In the meantime the mill will be engaged in new machinery, and that when the new owners step in they can commence doing business on a larger scale at once. Mr. Reed will be the local manager of the concern, and will personally superintend the mill. He is an experienced man, having been in the lumber business since 1887. He was lately connected with the Oakland Lumber Company and has had considerable experience in shipping lumber to Honolulu. For the past three years he has spent a good portion of his time in Portland and on the Columbia, with the intention of eventually locating here.

With the success of the plan outlined it will become necessary to engage a fleet of lumber carriers between the river and the islands, and the near future will likely see a goodly number of the lumber schooners now in the Sound-Hawaiian island trade steering their course for the mouth of the Columbia.

**MORE HONORS.**

Fisher Brothers' Shingles Receive Merited Recognition.

Columbia county shingles received the first prize at the Pan-American exposition, being those made at Mayger by Fisher Bros' mill, their shingles being the best. This is not the first recognition the shingles made by that firm has received which gives them renown throughout the United States. At the Omaha Transcontinental fair this same brand of shingles received the bronze medal, and certainly none of the shingles merit all the recognition they have received. Fisher Bros. have been making an excellent quality of shingles for many years, always aiming to put out a first-class shingle, but without hope of reward further than a conscientious desire to give all they got for. As a result of their earnest endeavor their shingles have won first place in the list of high-quality goods in that line. We are all happy to know that so good an article is manufactured in our county, and pleased at the opportunity to share the honors with those who won them.

**E. E. GIRT SUICIDES.**

Killed Himself At His Home Near Apiary, Last Sunday.

Cool and deliberate, Ed E. Girt, who lived near Apiary, in Beaver valley, took his own life last Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, by sending a bullet from a .45-caliber revolver into his forehead and through his brain. The deed was committed while laboring in a fit of temporary insanity. The young victim was about eighteen years old, and had been ill considerable for a year or two. His brother was in the house with him at the time the deed was committed, and in the same room, being engaged at preparing supper. When the report of the gun was heard he rushed to the room in which the deed was committed, and saw his brother lying stretched across a bed, the pistol beside him. Coroner Cliff was notified and went to the scene Monday, where an inquest was held and an examination by Dr. McLaren was made of the wound. The bullet was found to have entered about the middle of the forehead, ranging straight back and escaping through the back of the head. The report of the jury was to the effect that deceased came to his death by his own hands.

**BIG TIMBER DEAL COMPLETED.**

Large Holdings Near Rainier Sold to J. B. Yeon for \$91,000.

The Star Logging & Lumbering Company, of this city, yesterday sold its large holdings near Rainier, Or., to J. B. Yeon, for \$91,000. The purchase consists of 3,100 acres of heavily timbered lands adjacent to the Columbia river, 4 1/2 miles of railroad, three locomotives and four donkey engines. The purchaser proposes to employ about 250 men winter and summer, and the cutting down of trees and the rafting of logs will continue far into the fall, the logs being towed to the Portland sawmills. The tract is said to be easily accessible from the river, and the amount of timber now standing is estimated at 125,000,000 feet. The land is well adapted to pasturing and dairying, and will be valuable for those purposes when the timber has been cleared away.

J. B. Yeon, the purchaser, is a well-known logger of the Lower Columbia. Last year he sold a large tract of timber land on the Ellokman river to the Pelton-Armstrong Company for \$48,000, and since that time he has been doing considerable trading in timber lands on both sides of the Columbia. Yesterday's big sale was brought about by J. C. McFadden, of Cathlamet Wash.—Wednesday's Oregonian.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Watters were in Portland Monday.

Michael Fresh, of Deer Island, was in town last Saturday.

Herman Schmitt was up from Deer Island last Saturday.

Ed Barnes, of Deer Island, was in town Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Jacob George, of Portland, visited friends and relatives in this city last Saturday and Sunday.

Merchant James Dart was in Portland Tuesday, purchasing goods to replenish the stock at his place of business.

Rev. R. M. Jones will preach at the Congregational church at Seapooose next Sunday morning and evening.

Commissioner Case was over from Pithburg a few days this week, visiting different points throughout the county.

Deputy Sheriff Wood and wife were in Oregon City Wednesday, the former going to make final proof on a homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Laws, of Clatskanie, were in town a day or two this week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. White.

Miss Lulu Frakes, of Seapooose, has returned to Portland and has re-entered business college to review the course, which she will soon complete.

Fred Henderson was up from his home near Goble, Tuesday, and remained over night to take part in the festivities conducted by the Knights of Pythias.

The friends of Mrs. L. Meeker, of Houlton, will be pleased to learn that the lady's health is now improving rapidly since she went to California.

Messrs. R. O. Haesen and William Cooper were in town from Warren Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Cooper conducted a shooting match at his place on that day, and was successful in disposing of twenty-six turkeys.

The Oregon Wood Company has purchased the Georig place, on Germany hill, excepting the improved portion, about 45 acres, and will utilize the timber for wood. There were 273 acres involved in the transaction.

Alex Sward and E. G. Shannahan came over from Vernonia last week with a number of hogs, which Mr. Sward had sold to outside parties. After transacting business here and in Portland for a day or two they returned home Saturday.

The big shingle and lumber mill, belonging to Norby and Olsen and Fisher Bros., at Bunyon, at the new station on the Astoria road, will be ready by the first of the year to begin operations. This will be one of the finest plants of its kind on the Columbia river.

Misses Tillie Muckle and Mary Burke, of Portland, were in the city yesterday, enjoying Thanksgiving with their relatives. Miss Muckle, who is a professional nurse, has just recently returned from a professional trip to California, and expects to soon leave for Utah to remain some time.

The members of Avon lodge of Pythians, with their ladies and gentlemen friends, enjoyed one of those pleasant old times in the castle hall last Tuesday evening. There was an entertaining programme, consisting of singing, reading, speeches and luncheon. About forty persons participated and all seemed to have a royal good time. "Didn't they, Charley?"

Erwin Seffert, of Deer Island, was in town last Saturday, and reported that a result of the heavy rains recently here had been enabled to drive about 500,000 feet of logs down Tide creek, as far as the railroad bridge. Here the logs were hung up because of neglect on the part of the railroad company to leave sufficient room below the bridge for logs to pass through.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the programme of a Sunday school literary meeting to take place at Seapooose Tuesday evening, December 24th, when prizes will be given for best recitations, singing, declamations, essays, poems, readings and instrumental music. This is a new departure in the line of Sunday school work, and will no doubt be very much of a success.

Mr. D. M. Durrell was in this place Tuesday visiting the scenes of his boyhood days. He came here when a boy 3 years old, afterward being raised in building a sawmill on the spot now occupied by Muckle's mill, in 1881. The mill was destroyed in 1886 by being fired by the Indians. The house now owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Jay Deming was built by Mr. Durrell, at many years ago.

The time of year has arrived when an editor naturally feels as though a few dollars owing from delinquent subscribers should be forthcoming, and we kindly ask those knowing themselves indebted to The Star to liquidate. We wish here to thank the majority of our subscribers for their prompt payment of subscription dues, and assure all others that we would thank them if they would pay up.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the parlors of the Oriental hotel on Thursday last week, when Mr. J. H. Wellington and Mrs. Mary Williams were pronounced man and wife by Judge Doan. The young couple have taken up their abode in their home, the property formerly owned and occupied by G. W. Cole, where they are at home to their large number of friends, who extend felicitations and join each other in wishing them happiness and prosperity.

The following awards of honorable mention were made to Columbia county people for exhibits at the Pan-American Exposition: W. S. Miller, Clatskanie; Ben Davies; D. F. Baker, Vernonia; oats and barley. Colonel Doeh, who has been in charge of Oregon's exhibit at the exposition writes President Tift, of the state commissioners, that the grand total of Oregon's winnings in the awards is \$32 prize. These prizes consist of 129 medals and 103 honorable mention.

Judge McBride will be called upon to decide in district court next week whether the estate of a deceased person can be held for costs of inquest, says the Times, of Forest Grove. At the time of the sudden death of Anna C. Hatch, in this city, an inquest was held and subsequently the county judge ordered a bill for the costs to the amount of \$25 to be presented to Frank Waters, the administrator. He declined to pay, but by agreement the matter is to be presented to the district court. It is an important point and its decision will affect every county in the state.

**NEW RAILROAD.**

Northern Said to be Looking for a North Shore Terminal.

The Northern Pacific surveyors are at work making a preliminary survey from Pe Ell, in Chehalis county, to the headwaters of Gray's river. They are very anxious to give any information as to where they will reach the Columbia river. It is certain, however, that the N. P. desires to have terminus on the Lower Columbia river, and the survey now being made from its South Bend branch in the direction of the Columbia makes certain that it will only be a matter of short time before its line of road will reach there. There are only two points which are feasible, Cathlamet and Frankfort. It is now a question as to which place will be selected, and the problem will not be solved until the surveys are completed. The company is desirous of tapping the fine body of timber on the headwaters of Gray's river, and in the meantime reach the Lower Columbia. This road will mean a great deal to the residents of the Gray's river valley, as it will give them market on the Sound for their products.—Cathlamet Gazette.

**IS MT. BAKER SMOKING?**

There is considerable comment on Puget sound over the statement that Mt. Baker is smoking, and that an extinct crater has again awakened into life. Whether this is true remains to be seen, but the fact remains that the story has been told and given considerable credence. For the most part the summit of the mountain at this time of year is hidden by clouds and during a morning break in the clouds several days ago a number of persons claimed they saw large volumes of smoke rolling from the top of the mountain.

To the credulous the situation presents itself as follows: The mountains along the coast range have all at some time been active volcanoes. It is believed that they are connected with the same underlying caldron of lava, and that when it cooled sufficiently to cease the flow of one the next quieted, also, and finally died altogether. The recent earthquake in Utah, it is believed, may have weakened the caldron and caused it to life again and caused the craters to smoke.

**THE FIRST THANKSGIVING.**

The fishermen were ordered "to scour the seas for spoil," the hunters "to shoulder their matchlocks and bring in such game as would allow the Mayflower colony in a more special manner to rejoice together." The result was a supply of wild turkey, deer, bear, and game of every sort and in such abundance as to amply feed the colony for a week. They had as guests the friendly chief, Massasoit, and ninety of his Indians. The Indians contributed to the feast deer and "a great basket of oysters." This was the introduction of the young colony to its afterward favorite shellfish, and the women cooked them in the best manner known. The menu of that immortal dinner has not, alas, been preserved, but it is known that the two dishes most fully appreciated by the Indians, as well as the Americans, were the "brown roast turkey" and the pumpkin pie.

The feast of the week was outgoing, for the air was heavy and the sun bright. Massasoit was there in all the bravery of a scarlet coat, trimmed with lace and a copper chain, given him some time previous, by Edward Winslow. In a strange medley of Indian garb and a borrowing of European costume, the guests of honor and their friends, the guests of honor, cementing the bond of friendship with the white settlers which held good forty-one years.

**CHRISTMAS TREE.**

The pupils and teachers of the St. Helens Sunday school decided last Sunday to have a Christmas tree on Christmas Eve for the benefit of all the children of St. Helens and vicinity, and accordingly appointed the following committees for consummating the arrangements: General committee—Mr. B. H. Mitchell, Mrs. Tyskiewicz, Mrs. Decker, Mrs. Watts and J. H. Collins. Programme—Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Decker and Mrs. Collins. Music—Miss Maude Decker, Mr. Watters and Dr. Ross. Decorations and trees—Mr. White, Miss George, Grace Dart, Leta Whitney, Pearl Decker, Eugene Mills, Sylvester Mitchell, Gler Watkins. Finance—J. H. Collins, Abbie Black, Sadie Ellis, Raymond Watts and Alfred George.

The Christmas tree will be a public one, to which everybody is invited to participate. LATE-KEEPING APPLES. The Canadian apple growers, who have made more of a study of the apple export trade than any others, are considering, among other things, the desirability of finding more choice late-keeping apples. The best export prices for apples are paid late in the season, and it is at this time that the most of our winter apples have then lost their firmness of texture and eating qualities. In spite of improved cold storage, they do not retain their quality as we would wish.

The question of producing a new variety of late-keeping apples is one that concerns every apple grower in this country. If such a variety could be produced or evolved out of the present varieties in use, it would add millions to our export trade in apples. In Canada the powers are making serious efforts to find such a variety by crossing several of the Russian apples on native stock. The trouble seems to be that most of the Russian apples are rather inferior in size and variety. They have excellent keeping qualities; in fact remaining hard and green until almost spring time; but they are neither so firm nor so delicate nor delicate in flavor. Yet the best of these varieties have a certain flavor which seem to indicate a future for them. The too-general disparagement of them seems to be due to lack of sufficient patience to test them thoroughly. The right sort has certainly not yet been found, or at least the right cross has not yet been made with any of them.

Nevertheless there are possibilities in this direction that may yet revolutionize apple growing for late winter export in this country and Canada. With the varieties possessing all the virtues and late-keeping qualities, it seems more probable that the other virtues should in time be added to them by persistent grafting and grafting with out choice native stock. The demand for such late keeping apples was never more urgent and widespread than today, and we cannot afford to ignore it. There should be further study and experiment along this line, and in time such labors may be rewarded.

The activity of timber men in securing timber lands between here and the coast is now explained when we learn that a company has been organized to build a railroad through the region. There are numerous other enterprises of that kind, but when capital sea returns it is quick to take advantage of its opportunities.—Forest Grove Times.

**Warren Happenings.**

Mrs. M. Disney, of Newberg, is visiting with relatives for a few days.

Miss Mae Slavens is spending a couple of weeks with relatives at Rainiers.

Mrs. Maggie Cooper and daughter are visiting with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Slavens.

John Slavens left last Monday for Ft. Columbia, where he will be employed on the government buildings.

Vincent Grewell, who was accidentally shot while out hunting a short time ago, is improving very rapidly.

Mumps are still around in this vicinity, quite a number of the school children now being afflicted with them.

James A. Bacon, of Ft. Stevens, is enjoying a twenty-days leave of absence, visiting with relatives and friends.

Mrs. John Downing, jr., of Ryan, Wash., arrived at this place a week ago, and is visiting with her daughters.

Vail Grange No. 294 will give an entertainment December 20th, 1901. A fine programme will be prepared for the occasion.

The dance given at the school-house hall last Saturday evening was not very well attended owing to the inclemency of the weather.

Miss Mae Harms, of The Dalles, spent a few days here last week visiting with friends and relatives. She returned Monday morning.

The ladies of the Evangelical church are preparing to give another entertainment the 12th of next month, the proceeds to be used for the purpose of paying off part of the indebtedness on the organ.

Mr. Douglas Cooper and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. Drew and son, Edgar, spent last Monday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Carpenter, of Seapooose, the occasion being the birthdays of the host and hostess.

Jesse Bacon accidentally cut his hand while splitting kindlings, on the homestead, a week or two ago, and is now laid up with a very sore hand. His sister, Mrs. E. Copeland, of Albina, was down last Sunday and took him back to the hospital in Portland.

Mr. Max Berg was quite seriously hurt by falling from the hay loft last Sunday afternoon. He fell, striking on his head, and in some way bit through his tongue and part of his lip, also loosened one or two of his front teeth. He went on the early Monday morning train to Portland to obtain medical aid, and is at the present writing getting along as well as can be expected.

Thus far County Clerk Wherity, of Clatskanie county, has collected \$23,214 in delinquent taxes. Collection of this amount is one of the results of the legislation providing for the sale of all delinquent property on July 1st. Sale has been postponed several times in Clatsop for the convenience of property owners, and is now set for December 3rd. In the last three or four years Clerk Watts, of this county, has made about as good a record in this respect as has the Clatsop clerk. Probably not so much money was taken in in so short a time, but the aggregate in several years is probably as great.

E. W. McNutt, of Cornelius, well known to many people in this county, received a few days ago from a friend in Mankato, Minn., a tray with a picture on it of the execution of thirty-eight Indians that were hanged at that place December 26, 1892, for participating in the Neill massacre. The picture is of special interest to Mr. McNutt, because he was there at the time, having been a member of an infantry regiment to preserve order. They made an all-night march with weather twenty degrees below zero in order to be there in time. Mr. McNutt is clearly the very place in the line where he stood while the execution was taking place.

All bids for mail carrying contracts covering Washington, Oregon and Alaska interior and waterway routes, as advertised for by the government, must be received in Washington City by December 1, according to F. W. Valle, assistant superintendent of railway mail service, with headquarters at Portland. Mr. Valle is at present making a canvass of the situation and says that a large number of bidders will compete. The mail contracts will be awarded for a period of four years, beginning July, 1902, and will cover all inland and steamship routes, stage lines, and every delivery outside of the regular city offices. The bids will be opened December 23 and the awards will be announced by February 1.

Rev. C. E. Philbrook will preach next Sunday at Yankton at 11:30 in the forenoon, and at Houlton, in the Evangelical church in the evening at 7:30.

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REED—At Yankton, Friday, November 22, 1901, to the wife of J. T. Reed, a daughter.

SMITH—Near Yankton, Friday, November 22, 1901, to the wife of P. J. Smith, a son.

**A SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

Literary Meeting WILL BE HELD AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, AT Seapooose, Dec. 24th

When prizes will be awarded to the best and second best, on the following subjects: 1. Essay (for men)—"The resources of Columbia county." 2. Essay (for women)—"A mother's influence." 3. Essay (for boys under 15)—"The life of Joseph." 4. Essay (for girls under 15)—"Queen Esther." 5. Poem—Columbia River. 6. Reading (for all ages)—"Fisher, VIII, 9, 10." 7. Reading (for boys under 15)—"Matthew, v, 13, 14, 15." 8. Reading (for girls under 15)—"Acts I, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5." 9. Recitation (all ages)—"Psalm of Life." 10. Reading (all ages)—any piece given at the time. 11. Speaking (all ages)—Impromptu. 12. Quartet (No 90)—"On Calvary's Brow." 13. Duet (No. 84)—"Through Your Sins be as Rejoice." 14. Solo (No. 156)—"The Ninety and Nine." 15. Instrumental music (all ages)—"Your own selection." 16. "Pennmanship" (under 15)—John 1, 1, 2, 3, 4. Competition limited to Seapooose precinct. Compositions, with fictitious names only, to be sent to Mr. George Fox, Seapooose, by December 21. Competent adjudicators will be provided. Admission 10 cents; small children free.

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