

THE OREGON MIST.

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OF LOCAL INTEREST.

Field and garden seeds at Collins & Gray's.

The regular May term of county court will convene on the 7th.

Mr. Ole Bohman was down from Seaside Monday afternoon.

Alfred Harrison, of Kalama, was in town Tuesday morning.

The public school at Houlton will close for the summer today.

Ross Stanwood was in Portland Wednesday, transacting business.

Mrs. J. H. Urie, of Houlton, was shopping in Portland Monday.

Messrs. Nels and Frank Peterson, of Mist, were in St. Helens Monday.

Andrew King was attending to business matters in Portland Monday.

John Farr was up from Near City Wednesday looking after business matters.

James Spence, the village blacksmith at Houlton, reports business brisk with him.

The exterior of Bailey & Brinn's store, at Houlton, is being treated to a coat of paint.

Mr. W. G. Pomeroy, of Seaside, is contemplating the sale of one of his farms.

Mr. J. S. Cloninger, a prominent merchant of Kalama, was in town Wednesday.

Fred Adams, of the genial postmaster at Aply, was in town Tuesday attending to business matters.

Robert Payne, of Quincy, was in town Tuesday attending to legal matters before the county clerk.

Mrs. James Cox, of Portland, visited her sister, Mrs. Daggitt, in this city, a day or two this week.

Rev. C. E. Philbrook will conduct services at Bachelor Flat and St. Helens at the usual hours next Sunday.

The county clerk issued a marriage license Tuesday to Mr. T. M. Kerr and Miss Lottie M. Jones, both of Quincy.

Miss Chalmers, of Portland, has accepted a position with the abstract firm of Quick & Switzer, as stenographer.

Mr. Wm. Spilans, of Deer Island, was in town Monday. He is contemplating taking a trip to California this spring.

Mr. E. J. Mills, of Tacoma, nephew of T. E. Mills, is visiting relatives for a few weeks at Houlton and Vernonia.

Mr. F. M. Daniels, proprietor of the South Seaside country sawmill, was transacting business in St. Helens Monday.

Mrs. James Muckle, of Portland, and Mrs. Kaitley, of San Francisco, visited relatives and friends in this city Tuesday.

The St. Helens public school closes today. The principal, Mrs. Collins, will begin a term of school next Monday in the Goble district.

Those interested in the school library should attend the school entertainment Saturday evening. The entertainment will begin promptly at 8 o'clock.

Glyde and Charley Urie, of Houlton, expect to depart for a day or two for Idaho, on a tour of inspection of the country. They are going on horseback.

Preliminary work on the Columbia City logging railroad is progressing very satisfactorily. In a very short time it is expected that a large crew of men will be employed.

The lecture delivered in this city last Friday evening by Judge Capies was largely patronized and greatly appreciated. Over \$10 was realized for the Sunday school.

Rev. Geo. R. Varney, corresponding secretary of the Oregon Baptist State Convention, will preach at the schoolhouse in Yankeon next Sunday morning and evening at the usual hour.

E. E. Nickerson, of Vernonia, was in town Wednesday morning with his team, after some farm implements. "Nick" has purchased a farm near Vernonia, and is engaging extensively in farming.

Wanted.—To trade a good-as-new, high-grade ladies' bicycle for a good riding pony or chunk of a horse, or will exchange it for a first-class cow and calf. Apply to Dr. C. L. Hatfield, Vernonia.

Buy your goods in St. Helens. You can get almost anything you want here at Collins & Gray's, who carry one of the best selected and largest stocks of general merchandise on the Lower Columbia.

The baseball season is upon us again and the local devotees of that sport are getting in shape for playing. Uniforms have been ordered from Chicago, and the boys at this place are determined to redeem themselves this year.

Mr. J. B. Godfrey has opened a real estate office in the George building, near the St. Helens hotel. He expects to conduct a general real estate and insurance business. Attorney Hall will also occupy a portion of the same building.

At the celebration of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tarbell, of Yankeon, several letters of congratulations were read from friends in the East, also a poem written by their former pastor, Rev. H. S. Caulkins, which we print in this issue.

Mrs. J. M. Payne, of Deer Island, was in town Monday arranging business affairs preparatory to the family departing for their new home in Washington, near Washougal. Mr. Payne has purchased a 280-acre dairy farm there, and they are now milking ninety cows.

The politicians are on the move and some of the state candidates are starting out, looking after the political fence. Chamberlain, the democratic candidate for governor, will be in St. Helens on the 14th. Mr. Furnish, the republican candidate, is in Portland, and will undoubtedly call upon the good people of this county.

Clatskanie Briefs.

Surprising as it may seem, another lodge is promised Clatskanie.

Mrs. L. V. Maxwell is spending a few days in town visiting her sister, Mrs. Haines.

Mrs. Charles Graham, sr., of Marshland, was in town Tuesday doing a little shopping.

City Marshal A. B. Haines has had a boy added to his household collection, and tries to wear his new honors with becoming dignity.

Our candidate for commissioner, H. L. Colvin, smiles over the arrival of a daughter in his family, a rather unusual occurrence. His interests will be carefully looked after.

Cecil Bryant, a son of M. O. Bryant, a former resident here, now in Minnesota, arrived in town a few days ago with a couple of young gentlemen friends from the East, who expect to spend some time in this part of the country.

John M. Blackford and H. McKiel were doing some work in McKiel's yard Tuesday, including some pounding with a hammer. The hammer seems to have been in McKiel's hands, and John's fingers seem to have been in range, as the tanned end of one of them testified later. The doctor's services were requested. McKiel was sorry and John declared he had no business to put his finger there when the pounding was going on. It is expected to be all right before his election as justice of the peace.

The Junior League, composed of several of our boys and girls, ranging in age from six to fifteen years, gave a public entertainment at Red Men's hall last Friday evening, under direction of Mrs. Hawkins and Miss Ida Blackford. The exercises were an agreeable surprise to an audience skilfully prepared to witness as skilful performances as were rendered. Some very pretty tableaux were produced in addition to the literary and musical features of the programme and the entertainment as a whole was very pleasing.

Rev. Hawkins has been interesting himself and others in a series of popular entertainments to be given next month under the caption of "May festival." On Saturday evening, the 24th, the celebrated Meneely quartette has been secured to appear. On Sunday Bishop Cranston is booked for an address, and three evenings of the following week are to be taken up by a lecture by Prof. Coleman, the new president of Willamette, a musical and elocutionary evening, and an evening of losses talent. This series is expected to be the event of the year as a means of pleasing and profitable entertainment and preparations are to be made for a large attendance.

Our citizens had the privilege last week of a personal conference with two of the officials of the A. & C. R. R. Co., who came at our request to hear our proposition to induce the building of a spur from their main line to town. The president of the road was represented by Mr. Goselin, his private secretary, and Supt. McGuire was with him. The ground desired for terminal facilities was gone over and located, the offer of assistance, consisting of ties and about \$1500 in cash and labor, was submitted, with the offer of right of way and terminal grounds. Mr. Goselin, in response, declared the people had been very generous in their offer, and he intended to recommend that the spur be built at once. Supt. McGuire stated his belief that the proposed spur would pay the company as well as accommodate the people and he wanted to see it built. He stated further that he had received letters from persons desiring of locating manufacturing enterprises here if the spur was secured. Messrs. Kingsley, Flippin, of the West Oregon Lumber Co. were present, by invitation, and looked the ground over for a location to terminate their flume and locate their planing mill.

Reuben News Notes.

C. H. Hopkins, of Rainier, was in town Monday.

Miss Kitty Lindsay visited friends in Kalama Friday.

Miss Louise Morel visited her mother Saturday and Sunday.

Albert Larsen visited the Macabee lodge at Kalama Wednesday.

W. D. and M. L. Satterlee and son were Portland visitors Monday.

Omni and Henry Wesner attended the L. O. E. lodge at Kalama Friday evening.

Otis Burbee, of Castle Rock, is visiting with his brother, John Burbee, this week.

Clark Bros. made a shipment of shingles to the U. S. depot at Astoria Wednesday.

W. H. Hampton is rafting piling and logs for the Kalama Boom Company, at the mouth of Kalama river.

Frits Auliker gave a dance at his home on Tule creek Saturday evening. All present had an enjoyable time.

George Morel left here for Marshland Thursday, where he will work this summer in Henry Colvin's logging camp.

Wm. Link M. Link, C. Monroe, Jas. Kennebec, M. J. Butler and T. C. Watts visited Rainier lodge A. F. & A. M. Saturday evening.

Mrs. Capt. Gillham and daughter, of Portland, returned home Saturday evening, after a few days visit with the captain at the railroad camp at Mooresville.

M. L. Satterlee, wife and son, of Ankeny, North Dakota, who have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Satterlee for the past month, started for home Wednesday.

Yankeon Briefs.

Miss Ollie Rice, of Rainier, spent Sunday with friends at this place.

Jesse Hendricks, sr., and son started Monday for the Sound, where they have timber claims.

Wilford Miller, formerly of Valley, has been visiting his old home and calling on friends here this week.

Sherman Raxton left Monday for a summer's work on the Coweeman, where he will be employed in a logging camp.

Mr. Beerman is having a tussle with malaria fever, at the home of Mr. G. R. Hyde; also a little child of Mrs. Griffin is needing the attention of Dr. Ross this week.

The Great Dismal Swamp.

Of Virginia is a breeding ground of malarial germs. So is low, wet or marshy ground everywhere. These germs cause weakness, chills and fever, and in the bones and muscles, and may induce dangerous malarial. But Electric Bitters never fail to destroy them and cure malarial troubles. They will cure malaria, fever, and stomach ailments, and are a sure remedy for malarial, and stomach ailments, and are a sure remedy for malarial, and stomach ailments.

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Vernonia Pick-Ups.

Mrs. Bonnick is some better, but not out of danger yet.

Commissioner Case was in our burg Monday, on business.

Charlie Armstrong will farm a part of A. L. Baker's place the coming season.

Mrs. Louis Behk, of Upper Rock creek, spent the Sabbath with friends in town.

A. L. and John Parker, of Pittsburg, were out to Oregon City last week on a land contest case.

I. P. Spencer, A. Soule and W. G. Woods patched up the holes in "No man's bridge" last Monday.

One of G. W. Rice's horses got pretty badly hurt last week, which very seriously interferes with his spring work.

F. E. and Sidney Malmsten went to Corvallis last week to inspect the state agricultural school located there. The latter may attend the coming year.

The serenades to the newly married couple Wednesday night of last week was rather noisy, but there was lots of fun in it and a good treat—for the boys.

Postmaster D. W. Keasey is clearing and fencing his acre lot bought of Uncle Joe Vanbariccom last year, preparatory to raising garden truck on it during the summer. It is a good piece of land.

C. A. Malmsten and wife have gone to housekeeping on a ranch four miles east of town. They are to occupy a house on Mrs. Malmsten's brother's claim until they can erect a house upon their own claim, which is near by.

Leroy Nickerson and mother, Mrs. A. Nickerson, left Tuesday evening for Toston, Mont., where they will permanently reside. We regret their going from the valley, for while not here long they showed themselves to be people of a desirable kind for any community.

Some timber men struck the town the first of the week and are offering cash for good timber land. This is all very well, but what this valley needs is cash invested in a transportation line, in the logging business, in sawmills and in the development of the valley's mineral wealth. By and by these things will come to us, and then she'll hoo.

The church people were quite disappointed last Sunday when the preacher came as had been announced. Good congregations were present, both here morning and evening and at the Beaver creek school-house in the afternoon. There will, without fail, be preaching at the usual hours next Sunday, here in town and at Keasey in the afternoon.

We were in error in our statements made in our communication of last week. First, that G. W. Parker and wife had returned to the Nehalem to live. They were in on a visit and returned the latter part of the week to Houlton. While here Mr. Parker rented his farm to G. W. Woods for the season. Our second error was in sending Miss Lizzie Early to teach the Valley school.

Old man B. B. Park finally "passed in his checks" on the morning of the 16th. He had been ailing for about a year. He was in May or June of last year the doctor suggested that he take a course of fencing. This seemed to mend the cold shivers up and down his spinal column, and he has been weak and tremble ever since, but managed to keep up a pretty good front during the summer and fall, and did business at the old stand, Bridge and First streets. During the winter months, however, he has kept pretty quiet. About to take a spring dose of Sunday observance was prepared, with the promise of a new lease on life, but he refused to take it, and so the end came as above stated. During his life he was quite of a social nature, frequently giving entertainments, with clubs and balls, often with crowds of hooters and rooters from a distance. He was not very religiously inclined, for quite often these entertainments were given on the first day of the week, but after all he was not such an awfully bad fellow. It was just his way of having a little recreation after a week of toil. His friends met at midnight on the day of his departure to prepare the last rites and to erect a monument suitable to his memory. It was a very quiet and solemn meeting. The Hon. Jim Ems delivered the funeral oration, while Prof. Bert Ross read an original poem suitable to the occasion. Meanwhile "Teck," "Chip," Cleve and Ray, Billy, Ed and others wept profusely. The monument was wrought out of cedar, folled in our plan, original, and a fitting tribute to the lamented one. So let the old fellow rest. His body will moulder away and return to mother earth, and be food for spiders, worms and other tubers and roots, while a new creation will take his place. Already young B. B. Park, whose place of business will be a north side of the opera house at Rainier on Tuesday evening, April 26th, by the Rainier Choral Society, under the direction of Prof. J. B. B. Bourne, of Portland, assisted by Miss Leonora Fisher, accompanist, also of Portland. The rendition of this excellent program promises a rare treat to all who attend.

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BONDS FOR ROAD BUILDING.

Plan to Raise Immediate Cash for Public Highways.

Up in Benton county, where, from all reports, the roads are as bad or worse than they are in Columbia county, there is much agitation in regard to raising bonds for their improvement, and one of the policies proposed is the bonding of the county, in regard to which F. F. Morgan, candidate for state senator, writing to the local paper, says:

"In the matter of the county roads, which seems to be attracting particular attention at this time I beg to endorse the sentiment so far expressed as to the necessity for good roads and the benefits to be derived therefrom.

"There is no one thing that speaks more for the enterprise of the citizens of a community, nor that makes a better impression on the new comer, and is more an incentive to him to stay, than the possession of good roads and nicely kept homes and farms. I take it that it is generally agreed that we must have a betterment in our public thoroughfares. But the question is how best to obtain them. This is a matter that may require some legislative consideration. It will not do to depend upon private contributions either in work or money to supplement our present road tax, because all men will not agree as to the amount they should contribute, nor when and how it should be bestowed. The only just and equitable way is by taxation, which will reach and fall on all alike, both residents and non-residents, according to wealth and ability to pay. It has been suggested that the county be bonded.

"As a rule I am opposed to bonding future generations. But in this case, as our country is out of debt, times are getting prosperous and our people are out of debt, and roads and bridges are an absolute public necessity, I would suggest that should I be chosen by the people of Benton county to represent them in the state senate I shall favor a bill authorizing the county court of Benton county to issue any sum of county road and bridge bonds not to exceed the sum of \$50,000, to run, say ten years, but to be redeemable earlier at the pleasure of the county court or district court, not to exceed 4 per cent annually; provided the legal taxpayers of the county shall vote in favor of said bonds at a special election to be ordered by the county court. The court to first determine the amount of bonds necessary to be issued after thorough consideration; said bonds to be issued in denominations of \$100 each, and to be sold to the citizens of Benton county and to the highest bidder, giving any citizen a chance to purchase. The roads to be improved according to certain specifications and to be let by contract, by the mile, to the lowest bidder, and also to the citizens of the county, thereby aiding and encouraging home-made and retaining the money at home.

"The commissioners' court to be authorized by the act to levy a small road tax with other taxes to be used in creating a sinking fund to meet and pay off the bonds. The contractors of road work to either enter into bonds, the same as bridge builders, or to receive one-half the contract price at the completion of his work and the other half six months later, conditioned that his work stands the test of six months use. If not, let them be repaired by the contractor at his expense, so as to comply with the contract then get the remainder of his money from the county.

"This is the outline of my plan for the betterment of our public highways, bridges, etc. By this means the roads and bridges can be improved, every one benefited will pay for it and no one mis-materially the expense."

Lower Court Sustained.

The decision of Judge McBride, rendered in this county in October, 1906, in the case of Curtis E. Bowers, infant, by guardian, respondent, vs. Starr Logging & Lumbering Company, appellant, has been sustained in the Oregon supreme court. It was an action to recover damages for personal injury to plaintiff, 15 years old, who was struck and thrown from the brake on logging cars, fell or was thrown in front of a car and sustained an injury necessitating the amputation of his arm. Negligence of the company is alleged in (1) putting an inexperienced boy to perform such dangerous work; (2) in having a brake which was defective and dangerous. Plaintiff obtained judgment in the lower court and the judgment is sustained. The appeal was argued before the supreme court on the 6th of this month and on the 15th the decision was rendered. Cleaton and St. Raynor appeared for the plaintiff in this case.

Concert Programme.

The following programme will be rendered at the concert to be given at the opera house at Rainier on Tuesday evening, April 26th, by the Rainier Choral Society, under the direction of Prof. J. B. B. Bourne, of Portland, assisted by Miss Leonora Fisher, accompanist, also of Portland. The rendition of this excellent program promises a rare treat to all who attend.

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