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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. Reuben Graham, of Portland, formerly of this county, was a St. Helens visitor on Tuesday last.

Mr. Albert Seffert of Deer Island, one of the MIST's old-time friends, was a visitor at our sanctum Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Beaver, Sr., were in town from Warren on Tuesday last.

We regret to learn of the serious illness of Rev. Thorp, of Rainier, who has been suffering from pneumonia.

Hurry up and register. Let us see how big a vote Columbia County can poll in a presidential year.

Our complete line of men's, boys and ladies' sweaters are attractive, and prices right, at Oliver's.

Four generations, and not a woman present.—During a visit of Mrs. W. E. Dillards at her father's in Portland, on last Sunday, her son, husband, father and grandfather took a "stag" dinner together, in St. Helens.

Bailey & Brinn's store is headquarters for general merchandise, Houlton, Oregon. Good goods a specialty. Quality, quantity and price guaranteed.

The fish commissioners, in their new launch, paid St. Helens a brief visit Tuesday. The boat is quiet and speedy, and violators of the law will have a hard time getting away from it.

Largest store and largest stock can be found at Perry & Graham's store at Houlton. Goods delivered free.

A republican club has been organized at Warren, with the following officers: President, W. C. Cooper; Secretary, J. W. Allen. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 23. A good program has been arranged, and all Republicans are requested to become members.

Fresh fish in season every Friday, and special Sunday dinner at the Oriental Hotel.

Mr. John Campbell, of Vernonia, was in St. Helens on Monday last. Mr. Campbell, who is thoroughly well posted on such matters, has written, for the Board of Information at the St. Louis Centennial, a pamphlet descriptive of the resources of the Nehalem Valley.

The Scappoose Lumber Co. has nearly completed its flume from the timber owned by the company to the station, a distance of about two miles, and the N. P. engineers have completed the survey from the main track to the dry sheds. At present the mill is cutting lumber for use in building the flume.

Remember we are headquarters for granite and tinware, a new supply just on. H. O. OLIVER.

It is thirty-six miles from Vernonia to Forest Grove, and twenty-five miles from Vernonia to St. Helens, an advantage in distance of eleven miles in favor of this place, and yet we are told that the trade of the upper valley, to the amount of about \$5,000 per annum, goes to Forest Grove. Is there any good reason why our merchants should continue to lose this business?

Magnolia, Canadian Club, Old Government Whiskies and Gordon's Dry Gin at the Owl Saloon. Old Crow Whiskey bottled in bond. Also Old Quaker-made Rye Whiskey.

Dr. A. P. McLaren's new building near the R. R. depot at Rainier is now almost completed, and contains a fine drug store and one other for rent, with a residence overhead. This building has a very sightly appearance, and is one of the handsomest structures in Rainier, and the Doctor is to be congratulated on the enterprise shown. It is such men that help make the places grow.

Carabana cigars—two for a quarter at Brinn Bros. Owl Saloon.

Bills are out for a floral banquet at Warren school house Saturday evening, April 24, for the benefit of the school. The Warren Band will furnish the music, and there will be a good program of music and singing. After which there will be a fine basket supper of all the good things the ladies of the neighborhood will bring in. No admission fee for women or children, but men will be charged 25c each.

Dart & Muckle have received a complete line of men's clothing, ranging from \$7.50 to \$15. Call and inspect them.

There is not so much lumber being hauled from Rainier as in the past, on account of the bad roads. The plank road has proved to be a great boon to the community, and every one would welcome the advent of better roads. The mills are all running full blast, and to the visitor the town has the appearance of prosperity and progress, and we hope to see it still improve. The growth of any place in this county is always to be welcomed. It should be our aim to assist one another in any laudable enterprise.

Caused and fresh vegetables.

H. O. OLIVER.

The Coweman Driving and Rafting Company, of Cowitz County, of which Muckle Bros. of this city, were the principal stockholders, together with Bailey Brothers and H. E. McKinney, have sold their franchise, dams, improvements, etc., on the Coweman, including four hundred acres of land, to the Warehousemen Timber Company, the Eastern & Western Lumber Co., the Oregon Iron and Steel Company, E. S. Collins, and H. E. McKinney, for \$35,000. The purchasers are the largest timber owners on the Pacific Coast, having purchased, within the past few years, over \$10,000,000 worth of standing timber. The company will make extensive improvements on the Coweman, and largely increase the output of logs.

There was a pleasant party at the residence of Mr. Isbister, of Warren, on Friday evening, March 11th, in the nature of a farewell to Mr. Isbister and his family, who move in a short time to Gearheart Park, where they are to have charge for the season of the celebrated hotel at that place. Mr. Isbister has had charge of the Patello ranch, and has made many friends in the neighborhood of Warren, who wish him all manner of success.

Monday was a busy day with Sheriff Hatson and Deputy Wood, if being next to the last day upon which a rebate of three per cent is allowed for the payment of taxes. The sheriff and his lone deputy received \$15,000 tax money, made out 124 tax receipts, and answered 20 inquiries by mail. The heaviest taxpayer was the Astoria and Columbia River Railroad Company, which paid \$4,169.76. The Benson Logging Company paid \$3,200; Muckle Bros. \$1,400, and the Yeon-Pelton Company \$1,200. Tuesday was the last day of the rebate, and up to Tuesday night nearly two thirds of the entire tax roll had been paid in. The prospect is good for a very light delinquent tax roll in Columbia County.

Call and see the new line of men and boys' suits direct from the manufacturers. PERRY & GRAHAM, Pioneer Store.

The Warren Band will give a dance at the opera house in St. Helens this Friday evening. The band boys have acquired a reputation for giving enjoyable, orderly entertainments, and they deserve to be well patronized. Tickets \$1.

Weinhard's beer on tap at the Owl saloon.

Mrs. Richard Cox and granddaughter Lois are visiting in Portland this week.

Miss Grace DeGraft has resigned her position in the St. Helens school, where she has given excellent satisfaction to the board and patrons. We understand that she has accepted a position in Multnomah County's schools.

A new line of boys' suits from \$2.75 up. PERRY & GRAHAM.

Dr. W. D. McMILLAN, of Portland, is at the Oriental Hotel. If you have any need of dental work call and see him. If business warrants, Dr. McMILLAN desires to locate here permanently. If not, he will probably arrange for regular trips to this city.

A new line of men's suits from \$7 up. PERRY & GRAHAM.

Mr. Frank Merrill, of Portland, formerly of Cedar Landing, was a county seat visitor on Monday last.

Mr. Jas. McKay has resigned his position at the Oregon State Penitentiary and returned to his old home at Scappoose.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Powell visited Portland yesterday for the purpose of meeting Mr. Powell's cousin, who is coming from the east on a visit.

Mrs. A. Lillich, of Quincy, was in town Tuesday, visiting Mrs. Martin White.

Our Yankton correspondent reports that the Stanwood sawmill is running full time, after a long shut down.

Roadmaster Stevens visited Pittsburg this week on official business.

Dr. H. R. Cliff paid a professional visit to Clatskanie, Tuesday last. While in the city, accompanied by Dr. Hall, he inspected the drainage of a number of buildings.

Mr. Linn Meeker, of Portland, has been visiting his brother, Jas. Meeker, on the old John Gumm place.

A number of public spirited citizens, headed by Mr. Richard Cox, have completed a public boat landing on Dr. Ross's tideland. It is a convenience that has been greatly needed and will be appreciated in the busy season now at hand.

Mr. C. S. Emerson, of Houlton, one of the honored pioneers of Yankton settlement, paid the MIST office a pleasant visit on Wednesday last.

Mr. J. T. Wilson came to town Wednesday from the head of the East Fork of the Nehalem. He reports four feet of snow on the Nehalem divide. He also states that there has been more snow in the hills this year than for nine winters past.

Mr. Geo. Crandall, of Quinns, who owns the old Hodgkins seining grounds, was in the city Monday last.

Call and see our outings and calicoes. H. O. OLIVER.

Mr. R. H. Mitchell, of the Rainier Gazette, was a visitor at the MIST office last Tuesday.

A large stock of novels just received at the St. Helens Pharmacy.

Mr. T. C. Watts, of Reuben, visited St. Helens on Monday last, on his way to the county grange at Houlton.

Trespass notices and all kinds of printing done at this office.

Mr. W. H. Dolman returned on Friday last from a six weeks visit to California. During his stay he purchased 540 acres in Sacramento County.

Goods delivered without charge, willingly and cheerfully. Order freely. M. C. GRAY St. Helens Or.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCK EGGS FOR SALE.—The purest blood—At fifty cents per setting of fifteen eggs.

MRS. G. W. PERRY, Houlton.

Dr. Willis Morse, of Salem, paid a visit to his old home in St. Helens on Monday last.

Mr. Chas. Caples, of Columbia City, was a caller at the MIST office on Monday last.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.—Notice is hereby given to all subscribers to the Yankton and St. Helens telephone line, that a meeting will be held at Yankton, Ogn., April 1st, 1904, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing two directors, a secretary and treasurer, and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

L. F. BARGER, Sec. March 12, 1904.

HOULTON NEWS NOTES

Monday was a gala day in Houlton for the Grangers throughout the county. It being convention day for that society.

Mrs. H. Ridley and son returned from Everett, Wash., this week.

Meales have, it is thought, broken out here again, Ethel Matthews having a severe attack of it.

Mrs. Wilkinson visited her daughter, Mrs. Ed. Joseph of Rainier, this week.

Ye Editor R. H. Mitchell of the "Gazette," was among those who attended the Grange Convention.

Miss Maude Watts, of Scappoose, was a visitor to her sister, Mrs. N. A. Perry, one day this week.

M. I. Henshaw and Mrs. A. V. Urie were shopping in Portland Wednesday.

New sidewalks and fences are the order of the day here.

Fred Lowe was up to Houlton from Fort Stevens for a few days this week, returning Tuesday, accompanied by his brother Joe.

Ed. Guild, a former resident of this place, but now of Rainier, was in town Friday.

E. Cooper has moved his family to Columbia City where he will cut wood this summer.

Geo. Kelly had the misfortune to lose his scow which went adrift during the high winds. The contents however were recovered near Kalama.

The Artisans gave a surprise social in honor of Mrs. A. V. Urie last Friday evening. Mrs. Urie leaves for Ft. Stevens with her family in a few days, where they will reside during the coming summer.

N. A. Perry is on the sick list this week.

Miss Ruby Jackson visited with Miss Brehaut at Paterilla Ranch, Warren, Saturday and Sunday.

More Business And Less Talk At M. C. Gray's General Store.

COUNTY GRANGE CONVENTION.

Grange met at Houlton on Monday last and organized by the election of W. A. Young as temporary chairman and I. H. Copeland as temporary secretary.

Committee on Credentials—H. West, Mrs. Miller and Ed. Joseph.

The committee on credentials reported the following as entitled to seats, and the report was adopted:

Scappoose—J. G. Watts, J. P. West, H. West.

Quincy—E. Lovegren, R. S. Payne, Mrs. R. Lillich.

Goble—T. C. Watts, M. J. Butler, G. W. McKinster.

Yankton—J. E. Luman, C. G. Brown, G. L. Tarbell.

Warren—K. F. Larsen, F. M. Hoyt, A. Freeman.

Hudson—R. P. Burns, I. S. Parcher.

Houlton—L. E. Bailey, I. H. Copeland, Winnie Bailey.

Natal—J. F. Peterson, Wm. H. Rose.

Rainier—E. H. Joseph, R. H. Mitchell, J. H. Timoney.

Cedar Grove—Chas. F. Nelson, W. A. Young, M. P. Young.

Clatskanie—A. C. Miller.

Deer Island—J. G. Pringle, Joseph Holiday.

The temporary officers were made the permanent officers.

The following were elected delegates to the State Grange:

J. P. West, Scappoose; M. J. Butler, Goble; R. P. Burns, Hudson; I. H. Copeland, Houlton. The wives of each of these delegates, if they belong to the Grange, and accompany their husbands, are entitled to the full privileges of delegates.

Alternates—J. G. Watts, Scappoose; T. C. Watts, Goble; R. N. Lovelace, Hudson; G. W. Perry, Houlton.

The following resolution was presented by Vail Grange and ordered to be presented for adoption by the State Grange.

Whereas, the present R. R. facilities are inadequate to the wants of the people of this state; Resolved 1st. That all passenger trains stop at all flag stations when lagged. 2nd. Wherever the R. R. Co. have acquired ground for depot facilities that they be obliged to erect buildings sufficient to accommodate the public.

SCAPPOOSE.

The late, cold rains have retarded spring work to a large extent.

J. C. Johnson has equipped a gasoline launch to ply on the slough in the interest of his creamery.

The Scappoose Lumber Co.'s flume will reach Scappoose station by the end of the present week. The flume is over two miles long, and opens up a large area of timber country.

The Farmers' Institute on Monday, the 21st, at this place, promises to be a meeting of unusual interest. No pains will be spared to make it a success. There will be a dinner furnished free to those who attend, and a general good time is expected.

F. Vandermost has leased the Watts farm for a term of years.

R. W. Grant is employed at Hammond, Oregon.

Miss Verna Farrell is stopping with friends in Portland.

Robert McKay has moved to Oak Island, where he will engage in dairying.

J. D. McKay has resigned his position at the state penitentiary and comes back to Scappoose.

A. H. Larsen has sold his land at Scappoose to J. W. Richardson.

VERNONIA NOTES

Lon Emmons, H. G. Downing and Jas. Rice, of Vernonia, took two wagon loads of flour and groceries to Vernonia last Saturday.

Tom Pettijohn and Wm. Sitts of Upper Rock Creek made a trip to Houlton with pack horses after flour.

Ed. Guild of Rainier visited Vernonia on business.

G. W. Rice has returned to Vernonia to build a new barn on his place. W. P. Tucker takes charge of the mill during his absence.

Charles McCanley of Houlton returned from the Upper Rock Creek.

What is the matter with the Butter King?

Mrs. Van of Vernonia is quite sick. She is not expected to live.

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We will Make Money

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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

Notice is hereby given that the State Convention of the Republican party of the State of Oregon is hereby called to meet in the City of Portland, Oregon, on Thursday, April 14, 1904, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various State offices to be voted for at the regular State election to be held in the State of Oregon on Monday, the 9th day of June, namely:

One Supreme Judge, for a period of six years; one Dairy and Food Commissioner, for a period of four years; Four Presidential Electors, to be voted for in November, 1904.

Circuit judges and district attorneys for the judicial districts of the State, for the term of six years and four years, respectively.

Joint representatives and senators for the various districts.

There will also be chosen at the said convention four delegates to the National Republican Convention.

The various counties in the State of Oregon shall be entitled to representation in said convention as follows: One delegate at large for each county, and one delegate for every 150 votes, and one additional delegate for each fraction thereof over 100 votes, cast for K. S. Bean for Supreme Judge at the State election of 1902, the number for the respective counties being as follows:

Baker	14	Linn	14
Benton	7	Malheur	5
Clackamas	15	Marion	23
Clatsop	10	Morrow	7
Columbia	7	Multnomah	51
Coos	9	Polk	9
Crook	5	Sherman	4
Curry	3	Tillamook	5
Douglas	14	Umatilla	15
Gilliam	4	Union	10
Grant	7	Wallowa	6
Harney	4	Wasco	12
Jackson	12	Washington	13
Josephine	7	Wheeler	4
Klamath	4	Yamhill	11
Lake	4		
Lane	19	Total number	
Lincoln	5	delegates	361

It is also recommended that the primaries in the various counties be held on Saturday, the 23 day of April, 1904, and the various County Conventions on Thursday, April 7, 1904.

By order of the Republican State Central Committee.

FRANK C. BAKER, Chairman.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

To Be Held at Scappoose, Monday, March 21, 1904.

A farmers' institute, held under the auspices of the Oregon Agricultural College, will be held at Scappoose on Monday next. Following is the programme:

Monday, March 21, 9:30 A. M.

Address of Welcome.....Mr. J. G. Watts
Response.....Dr. Jas. Withycombe
Music.....Instrumental
Garden and Orchard Pests.....Prof. A. B. Cordley
Discussion.....

Paper.....A. L. Holiday
Discussion.....

Plant Food and Plant Growth.....Prof. A. L. Knisely
Discussion.....

The Value of Herd Records.....Prof. F. L. Kent
Discussion.....

Monday, March 21, 1:30 P. M.

Instrumental Music.....Marie Vandermost
Dairying on the Small Farm.....
Discussion.....Dr. Jas. Withycombe
Discussion.....

Solo.....Mrs. J. G. Watts
The Care of Milk and Cream.....Prof. F. L. Kent
Discussion.....

Recitation.....Pearl Wilderwood
Farm Manures and Waste Materials.....Prof. A. L. Knisely
Discussion.....

Instrumental Music.....Raymond West
Recitation.....Miss Leila West
Monday, March 21, 7:30 P. M.

Duet.....
Mrs. J. G. Watts, Prof. J. W. Belcher
Farming as an Occupation.....
Discussion.....Dr. Jas. Withycombe
Discussion.....

Recitation.....L. Holiday
Quartet.....Miss Watts, Mrs. Watts,
H. B. Esson, F. A. Garber
Rural School Problems.....Prof. A. B. Cordley
Discussion.....

Duet, Miss Maud Watts, Prof. J. W. Belcher
The Agricultural College and its Work (Illustrated).....Prof. F. L. Kent
Breeds and Types of Stock (Illustrated with Stereophon).....Dr. Jas. Withycombe
Solo.....Prof. J. W. Belcher

DEATH OF F. S. GOERIG.

A Worthy Pioneer of Columbia County Passes Away.

F. N. Goerig, of Woodland, who died Saturday afternoon of paralysis, came to Oregon in 1853 and settled in Columbia County, at what is known as Germany Hill, near St. Helens, taking up a homestead. He lived there until 1864, when he moved to Cowitz County, where he took up a pre-emption claim in the hills. In 1867 he moved near Woodland, where he bought 160 acres and entered into the dairying business, which he conducted up to the time of his last sickness, making a great success of the business. Mr. Goerig was Assessor of Columbia County, Oregon, in 1861-62. His wife died about 18 months ago. He left seven children living, all grown, as follows: Elizabeth Martin, wife of William Martin, deceased, of Martin's Bluff; George Goerig, of Woodland, Cowitz County; Edward Goerig, of Kalama; Albert Goerig, of Tacoma; John Goerig, of near Woodland; William Goerig and Lawrence Goerig, both of whom lived with their old father at the home farm. Goerig was a glove-maker by trade, and when he came to Oregon endured great hardships in the rough life necessitated in reducing a wooded ranch to a state of cultivation. Those who were acquainted with him in the pioneer days speak of him as a man of the most amiable disposition, scrupulously honest and industrious.

FOR SALE.

Bay mare, 7 years old—safe for lady to drive; weight 1100 pounds.
Very promising 2-year old colt.
Spring wagon with shafts and pole.
Young Jersey cow—soon fresh.
Sharpless No. 2 cream separator.
1 wood rack, 1 hay rake.
3 new horse collars.
1 old double harness.
1 man's saddle.
1 lady's saddle.
C. W. ADAMS, Warren.

WARREN

Mr. Eli Lynch will manage the Partello ranch in place of Mr. Isbister, who with his family soon move to Gearhart, Ore.

A donation of books for the public school has recently been made by Ross Adams.

Mr. J. S. Bacon has been appointed postmaster at Warren. Clark resigned.

Mr. Southard, of Vermont, who is to take the management of the Noon ranch in the place of H. H. Clark, has arrived here and is familiarizing himself with the property. It is to be hoped the people of this community will extend to the new manager a hearty welcome and do everything possible to aid him forward in his undertaking, and the best of good will prevail on both sides, to the mutual advantage of all.

Mrs. Frank Nagle of Portland has returned after a short visit with friends here.

Vail Grange was well represented at the county convention held at Houlton on the 14th inst.

Joseph Copeland is away for a short time at Astoria on matters of business and pleasure.

Every one except the genuine moss back is complaining of the excessive rain fall that is keeping back spring work.

With a commodious creamery building, a complete and up-to-date equipment for making butter or cheese, or easily converted into a condensed milk factory, it seems as if our dairymen need not haul their cream ten or twelve miles away. Let freindliness and good will take the place of bitterness and strife. Try it and see if things wont work with less friction.

HOULTON SCHOOL REPORT.

The sixth month closed Friday, March 11, 1904, with the following report:

No. days taught.....19
No. days present.....84 1/2
No. days absent.....74 1/2
No. times tardy.....6
No. boys enrolled.....23
No. girls enrolled.....28
Total number enrolled.....51
Average number belonging.....48

Those of the advanced department that were neither absent nor tardy were Eva Wilkinson, Frank Graham, Ethel Matthews, Ida Popejoy, Frank Popejoy, Earl Perry, Ed. Thompson, Manly Copeland, and Clyde Perry. Visitors, Mrs. Charlie Perry, Mrs. Winnie Bailey, and Mrs. Birdell Smith.

RUBY A. JACKSON; Prin.
Those that were neither absent nor tardy in the primary department were Etta Popejoy, Edith Clark, Beth Perry, Dale Perry, Glen Smith, David Woodard, Guy Boyd, Jack Urie, Alvin Spence, Alex Spence, Wilber Clark, Esther Copeland, and Harry Dunn.
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I desire to say that I would like to do business with every person in Columbia County. My policy is to handle honest goods at honest prices, and it affords me much pleasure when I feel that my patrons are getting their money's worth.

ST. HELENS, OREGON