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ST. HELENS, OREGON

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Dr. A. P. McLaren, of Rainier, was a county seat visitor on Friday last.

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

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.

Mr. H. Caples, a former resident of Columbia County, has been nominated for Commissioner on the Cowllitz County (Wash.) Republican ticket.

Mrs. Geo. Hall is visiting relatives in Oregon City.

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

Mr. Dan Richardson has received information that his father, Mr. Asa Richardson of Portland, is quite seriously sick with la grippe.

The MIST has secured a Rainier correspondent who will hereafter give the full news of that live community.

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

G. C. Mayer, the man who founded Maysger, Wash., and still lives there, is at the Imperial.—Oregonian.

The Oregon Ladies' Band, of Portland, desires to give a dancing party at St. Helens in the near future.

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

Mr. C. H. Fisher, a Rainier attorney, was a visitor to the county seat Monday.

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

Fisherman's luck is certainly bad luck now-a-days. With the great expense the fishermen have incurred in preparing for the season, it is to be hoped that the run will soon improve.

All the local and war news in the MIST and Oregonian. Only \$2 a year.

Katherine Wade, of Portland, Oregon, Scientific Optician, will be in St. Helens Wednesday and Thursday, May 4th and 5th, at the Oriental Hotel. Eyes tested free. Difficult cases solicited.

Our entire line of button shoes will be closed out at 50c to 75c per pair. PERRY & GRAHAM.

The urn containing the ashes of Willie Bailey, who died in Honolulu, March 6, arrived in St. Helens Sunday last and was buried beside his mother on Germany hill.

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

MRS. G. W. PERRY, Houlton.

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

The match game of base ball between Scappoose and St. Helens teams at the home grounds on Sunday last resulted in a victory for the visitors by the creditable score of 5 to 4. The game was very creditable to both sides, the visitors winning by a lucky hit in the eighth inning.

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

Mr. John Loomis, of Houlton, was a visitor at the county seat Monday. Mr. Loomis has fitted up a barber shop and bath rooms at Houlton, and installed a competent tonsorial artist there.

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

Walden, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dillard, had a narrow escape from a serious accident on Sunday last, he being kicked by a horse, the animal's hoof striking him just below the shoulder blade. He was knocked down, but not even seriously hurt, as the hoof must have struck him just as it reached its kicking limit, the marks of the shoe being plain upon the boy's back.

Circuit Court meets Tuesday, May 10. The docket will be a light one.

The county now has five boarders in the Multnomah County jail awaiting the action of the grand jury: Chas. Melan, charged with larceny of money from Mayger's store at Mayer; Hermann Pyykkonen, charged with rape; Fairchild, charged with larceny from Simmons & Flippen's store at Clatskanie; Alfred Anderson, bound over to keep the peace; and Fritz Larsen, charged with larceny of a suit of clothes.

Mr. Fred Stanley, President of the Columbia Timber Company, and the Goble, Nehalem and Pacific R. R. Co., was a visitor to the county seat last Saturday, and while here called upon the editor of the MIST, with whom he served in the State Legislature in 1899. Mr. Stanley is an enthusiast when speaking of Columbia County's prospects and predicts a great future for this section, based upon the fertility of its soil rather than on the lumber industry.

Official figures compiled by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, show that for the month of March Portland exported more wheat than was shipped from any other city in the United States, no other port approaching within 50,000 bushels of the Oregon metropolis.

Jack McKie returned from Portland last Saturday evening, bringing with him an order for 50,000 Belgian blocks. Watch those rock quarries. In time to come they will pay out more wages than any other manufacturing institution in Columbia County.

Dr. J. B. Onstead, supreme medical examiner of the United Artists, will speak at Perry's hall this Friday evening. There is no admission fee and the public is cordially invited. Speaking will begin promptly at 8 o'clock so that all who wish to attend the band concert at Spence's hall beginning at 9 o'clock can do so.

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

The preliminary examination of Mrs. Elizabeth Brough was held before Justice Watkins on Tuesday last on a charge of perjury, committed in swearing to the age of one of her children for the purpose of securing a marriage license. The examination resulted in her being bound over without bail to await the action of the grand jury. District Attorney Powell, for the State, and Attorney Geo. Hall for the defense. The history of the Brough family in this state certainly demonstrates that ignorance is expensive, and pity is due to the children of such parents. Born in poverty and raised in ignorance, married before they were out of their girlhood, more to get rid of them than for any other motive, what can be expected as the outcome?

M. C. GRAY.

20 colors in silk 50c yd. Portland price 75c yd. Warranted complete. Paint, varnish, white wash and paper hangers' brushes, paints, etc. Latest styles in hats and shoes. M. C. GRAY.

The A. & C. B. R. R. advertises a popular excursion rate of \$1.50 from Portland to Seaside and return, to last during May and June and to be good from all way points. Trains will leave Portland at 8 A. M., leaving Seaside on the return trip at 5 P. M., thus giving plenty of time for a good day at the seashore, and returning reach Houlton at about 9 P. M. Excursion every Sunday during the two months named.

The first game of the Oregon State Baseball League was played at Salem yesterday between the Roseburg and Salem teams. Result not known at the time of going to press.

Capt. L. D. Mahone will lecture in the Methodist Church, this city, on Monday evening next, at 8 p. m. All are invited to attend and hear the captain's version of the so-called local option bill.

The steamer America, having been fitted for oil burning, will resume her route between St. Helens and Portland next week, provided her permit arrives from Washington, D. C. There are about a dozen river steamers burning oil at the present time, and their number will rapidly increase.

Weinhard's beer on tap at the Owl saloon.

Mr. I. H. Copeland has secured the necessary petition to entitle him to a place on the Australian ballot as an independent candidate for the office of school superintendent.

The Portland dailies are lending the aid of their columns to assist one Anna Eva Fay in defrauding the gullible public. It is small business for a paper like the Oregonian, Anna Eva Fay and all others who pretend to supernatural powers are frauds and should be suppressed by law.

Louis Savage, who killed Foster Wachino on the Grand Ronde reservation last Saturday night, is well known here and resided quite recently at the mouth of Lewis River, opposite St. Helens. He is decidedly a bad Indian, and is said to have left this section on account of some trouble.

Mrs. Mabel N. Chastain, Grand Chief of the Rathbone Sisters, will visit Ava Temple, of this place, next Saturday evening on official business.

The Evening Telegram wisely informs us that between April and August there will elapse a period of three months. This is one of the few statements that will be believed without investigation.

The first vessel was put upon the Portland drydock on Monday last, April 25, a date to be remembered in the history of the state.

The Rainier Gazette copies with proper credit a long editorial from the MIST. Which shows that the Rainier boys are gentlemen and worthy competitors.

All the news—local, state and national—the MIST and Oregonian for \$2. You should subscribe now.

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

PUBLIC SALE.

I will on May 19th, 1904, sell at auction, on the W. W. West estate, one mile and a quarter northeast of Scappoose, Ore., Columbia County, the following:

- 30 head of dairy cows, grade Jersey and grade Holstein.
- 1 Jersey bull, 3-year old.
- 21 head of yearling heifers.
- 2 saddle horses.
- 1 yearling mare colt.
- 2 saddles.
- 1 tubular separator, No. 9, with 50-gal. milk tank, cans and pails.
- 1 Babcock milk tester, 4 bottle.
- 1 farm wagon, narrow tire, broad tread.
- 1 farm wagon, cast wheel trucks.
- 1 spring wagon.
- 1 two-horse cultivator.

Terms of Sale.

All sums of ten dollars and under, cash. Five per cent discount on all sums over ten dollars.

A credit of six months given on all notes with six per cent until paid.

Sale to begin at 10:30 a. m.

Free Lunch at Noon.

Auctioneer, T. A. Cloninger.

L. O. KLAPP, Scappoose, Oregon.

\$3.50 Values for \$1.95

Also a better grade of boys' suits, regular \$3 values for \$3.50 and \$4. Besides, we give a ball and bat with every suit. We save you about \$5 on Men's suits. You can save from 50c to \$1 on a pair of shoes, pants, hats, shirts or underwear. Special cut on trunks and valises. John Deltar, corner First and Yamhill.

VERNONIA NOTES

Again the farmers are delayed in finishing their spring seeding owing to rain.

Mrs. M. R. Emmons has been quite sick but at last report was improving.

I. P. Spencer was most agreeably surprised last Friday evening when his cousin, Mr. Arthur Lewis from Los Angeles, Cal., called upon him at his home on Jerusalem Hill. Mr. Spencer had not seen his cousin since he was a young man in his teens, and he is now a middle aged man. Mr. Lewis is on his way to New York his native state.

Guest Gustafson paid Clatskanie a visit Saturday and Sunday attending the Socialist Convention and returning Monday with a load of goods for Messrs. Throope and Stuart.

Miss Lizzie Early was visiting relatives and friends at this place Saturday, also attending the Grange. She is teaching the natal school.

The Grange will hold an open meeting at their June meeting for the public to listen and take part in the discussion of the subject of "Feed and Feeding." All are very cordially invited to attend and assist in the discussion. Open meeting in afternoon. Come one and all.

Mr. Fred Wilson returned recently from Australia where he has been for the past two years. He says he don't want any more Australia under the present system of government.

C. W. Mellinger, our boss road supervisor, has a force of men at work on the roads down near the Wilkinson school house.

Phineas Peck and family leave Friday for Washington where they will reside in the future.

Born, to the wife of John Parker, of Pittsburg, on Tuesday, the 19th, a bouncing boy. Mother and son are doing well, but we don't know how about John.

Born, to the wife of E. G. Shannahan, on April 22nd, a son, mother and son doing as well as would be expected.

Richard Sesseman has been quite sick this week. So bad that he could not attend the socialist convention at Clatskanie Saturday.

RAINIER NOTES

The Rainier brass band gives its first social dance and supper on April 30. The boys expect to furnish the best orchestra that has ever visited Rainier.

Ed. Wilson made a flying trip to Portland Monday.

M. H. Abbey, of Abbey & Avery, was in Portland on business Monday last. The repairing of our streets is very noticeable. The laying of a 14-inch terra-cotta sewer along Water street is a decided improvement.

Since the installation of W. C. Lee as marshal, the town has been a little less noisy.

The dancing club composed of several of our prominent young men, gave the last of a series of dances last Saturday night. It is hoped they will reorganize again next fall.

A tennis court is being formed. A movement like this should be heartily indorsed, as it furnishes clean, healthy exercise and amusement.

Above all else, don't forget the band dance on Saturday night, April 30.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Near City school, Dist. No. 36, for the month ending April 23d.

Boys enrolled	23
Girls enrolled	40
Total enrolled	63
Average daily attendance	39
Days attendance	779
Days absence	66
Times tardy	8
Days taught	20
Visitors	7

Measles caused most of the absence. Those neither absent nor tardy: Georgia Fowler, Lottie Makinster, John King, Joe Alexander, Eugene Dugaw, Ralph Lightfoot, Chester Link, Ray Hirbyson, Sylvan Pitsenberger, Nora Young, Hattie Makinster, Milton Young, Hilda Makinster and Clyde Makinster.

W. A. YOUNG, Teacher.

STATES HELPING BUILD GOOD ROADS.

Great Progress Made Under the State Aid Plan in Northeastern States.

In the Northeastern states, from Maine to Pennsylvania, more progress has recently been made in building good roads than in any other section of the United States. This is mainly due to the adoption of the state aid plan.

New Jersey was the first state to adopt this plan. The law enacted there in 1891 provided that the state pay one-third of the cost of improving the roads, and the counties two-thirds, part of which may be charged up to the towns in which the roads are built. The farmers were at first opposed to this law, but now they are enthusiastic in its support. More than \$1,500,000 has been appropriated by the state under this law. Nearly a thousand miles of road have been macadamized. The state-aided roads must conform to the plans laid down by the State Commissioner of Highways.

In Massachusetts the state pays the entire cost of building the roads, but requires the counties to pay back one-fourth of the cost. Nearly \$500,000 is appropriated annually for this purpose. Nearly \$5,000,000 has already been invested in roads by the state. As a result, Massachusetts has hundreds of miles of as fine roads as any in the world.

Connecticut has also operated under this plan since 1895. The state puts up two-thirds of the money for road building. The plan is considered a great success. More than \$1,500,000 has been appropriated and spent, and about five hundred miles of fine roads have been built.

In New York the state pays one-half the cost of building the roads, the counties 35 per cent and the townships 15 per cent, and the plan is working admirably. Last year \$600,000 was appropriated by the legislature, and more than \$2,000,000 has been voted since the law was enacted. This year's appropriation is more than \$1,000,000.

Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and Delaware all have state aid laws, which are working satisfactorily, though expenditures and operations are on a smaller scale than in the other states named. Pennsylvania is the latest convert to the state aid plan. The last legislature enacted a law providing that the state should pay two-thirds of the cost of road improvement, the counties pay-

sixth and the townships one-sixth. The sum of \$6,500,000 was appropriated, to be spent in six years.

The fundamental principle on which the state aid plan rests is that the public highways are for the use and benefit of the whole people, and that all should, therefore, share in the cost of their improvement.

From state aid to national aid is but a single step. Both embody the same principle. It is an interesting fact that the people of these states are enthusiastically in favor of taking Uncle Sam into the general scheme of co-operation. The State Highway Commissioners of New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont are outspoken advocates of national aid, and the New York legislature has memorialized congress to enact the Brownlow bill.

If national aid would accomplish for the whole country what state aid is doing where adopted, it certainly deserves serious consideration.

OUR NATURAL WEALTH.

The Development of Columbia County's Deposit of Iron Ore.

Mr. Frank Payne, of Scappoose, has installed a smelter on his place on Scappoose Creek, and in a short time will be melting iron for market. We have seen a sample in the possession of Dr. Cliff, of this city, and it appears to be of very fine quality. It was taken from the first trial run, made about a month ago. We are to be congratulated upon having such a man as Mr. Payne in our county, who is willing to spend his money in the development of the rich resources, and we feel sure that it will result in great benefit to the proprietor. Consider the immense amount of good it will bring to others in the county and community. It seems beyond question that the country from Mr. Payne's place to Bunker Hill abounds in iron ore, and it has been so far developed in different places near there as to show to any one the quantity and quality. It is so located that it can be brought to market by way of the Columbia River or Northern Pacific railroad on a very easy grade, and the fuel for smelting can be secured at a nominal cost—coal and wood abounding in the neighborhood. Columbia County is destined to a great future. Rich in minerals, lumber and farming lands, it must naturally forge ahead. It has also the proud distinction of being out of debt, which shows its flourishing condition. Mr. Payne will be found entertaining and energetic, and pleased to show any one the iron and smelting apparatus at work, and he will have the support of all people interested in the development of our rich resources.

XXX-RAYS.

There is a new store in Portland that is making its opponents look like 15 cents.

When this cruel war is over there will be plenty of room for the Japanese in Japan.

The editor of the Democratic organ resembles—mentally and physically—the Hon. E. Hofer of the Salem Journal.

It takes a talented politician to have a different spiel in every precinct in the county, but there are some who can fill the bill.

Talking about economy, has the clerk's office been more economically managed under the present democratic incumbent than it was under his Republican predecessor?

When Lish Applegate said the great fault of the American Government was that there were not enough offices to go around, we don't think he referred to newspaper offices.

To see Mr. White, of the Rainier Gazette, throw a drop curve comes very near being a liberal education. He is certainly the Apollo of the newspaper profession in Columbia County.

Our thanks are due the editor of the Clatskanie Chief for a complete report of the Democratic Convention that nominated the Dolly Varden ticket.

In Democratic Linn County they are kicking against the high taxes, and the Democratic Albany Herald is demonstrating that they are caused by the Legislature, and not by the County Court.

Three times and out is the old rule, but Mr. Mitchell has broken the record. This is his fourth newspaper venture in Columbia County. Does he still favor Rainier for the county seat?

The Woodburn Independent referring to the transformation of the council remarks, "the old council with a sigh of relief gave up the ghost and the new one, like a new broom, stepped into harness."

The greatest anarchist in Colorado is the Governor of the State. He has defied the laws of the country in his attempt to crush out labor organizations in the interest of the plutocratic mine owners. It is high time for President Roosevelt to interfere.

We want the editor of the Rainier Gazette to quit "slinging language" at the unoffending people of this county. In the first issue of his paper he used the word "construed," which means nothing more nor less than corrupt, and in the last issue he uses the Latin expression, "Absit invidia." If this keeps up during the campaign there is sure to be trouble.

Don't be discouraged "Cause de clouds is black; Sunshine is a-waitin' 'Polt to travel back; I've seen rain a-plenty; Thought 'twould never quit Thunderin' an' lightning— But I ain' drowneded yet.

STOCK FOR SALE—I have ten head of fine milk cows for sale, five of them with young calves, the balance in calf. For further information call my place, four miles from Yankton, Columbia County, on the Highway road. Also eleven head of young cattle, yearlings and two year olds. Terms to suit the purchaser. A22M2P1 C. L. AYRES.

IT IS A MATTER OF HEALTH



ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County. In the matter of the estate of Willie A. Bailey, deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Willie A. Bailey, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at the law office of Chas. J. Schnabel, 615 Chamber of Commerce Bldg., Portland, Oregon, with proper vouchers and duly verified within six months from date hereof. Dated and first published this 15th day of April, A. D. 1904.

ALFRED F. SMITH, Administrator of the Estate of Willie A. Bailey, deceased. CHAS. J. SCHNABEL, Attorney for said estate. A15M18

GUARDIAN'S NOTICE.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County. In the matter of the Guardianship of Willie A. Bailey, a minor. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned, guardian (in Oregon) of the Guardianship estate of Willie A. Bailey, has filed his final report and account in said court in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Columbia County, and an order has been made and entered of record on the 22nd day of May, 1904, at the hour of 11 o'clock A. M. thereof, for the hearing of objections to said final report and (or) account and for the settlement thereof.

M. G. THORSEN, Guardian of the estate (in Oregon) of Willie A. Bailey, a minor. CHAS. J. SCHNABEL, Attorney for Guardian. A15M18

DENTIST

DR. D. B. STUART RAINIER, OREGON

Office in the Delta Block

NOTICE OF SALE.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Columbia. In the matter of the estate of John M. Gove, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Columbia County, made on the 11th day of April, 1904, the undersigned, administrator of the said estate, will after the 21st day of May, 1904, sell at private sale at the office of the Oregon Mist, St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon, to the highest bidder, for cash, subject to the confirmation of the County Court, all the right, title and interest the said John M. Gove had at the time of his death in and to the following described real property, to-wit: The northwest 1/4 and the southeast 1/4 of section 24, township 4 north of range 2 west of Willamette meridian, in Columbia County, Oregon.

VALENTINE BROWN, Administrator of the Estate of John M. Gove, deceased. Dated April 11, 1904.

FOR PORTLAND DAILY

Steamer Iralda

C. I. Hooghirk, Master.

RAILROAD TIME. Leaves Rainier daily (except Sunday) for Portland, at 4 A. M., departing from St. Helens at 4 o'clock. Returning, leaves Portland at 2:30 P. M., arriving at St. Helens at 4:45.

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