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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

M. L. Hazen, assistant engineer on the Tutoosh, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Hazen, of Warren, during the past week.

J. Dupont & Sons, of the Valley shingle mill, will deliver shingles to customers at St. Helens, Houlton, Columbia City, Warren and neighborhood. They manufacture the very finest grade of cedar shingles and guarantee their prices to be as low as shingles of the same grade can be procured elsewhere.

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

The ball given by the St. Helens baseball team on Saturday last was a success financially, and the present report having had an enjoyable time.

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.

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

Speaking of the Republican nominee for county school superintendent the Grant County News says: "Prof. J. H. Collins, who was principal of the Canyon City public school two years during the '90s, has recently been nominated for the office of school superintendent by the Republicans of Columbia County. Prof. Collins did excellent work, while in this county, as a teacher and institute worker. The people of Columbia County will make no mistake by electing him to the head of their schools."

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

D. M. Ewing, of Mayger, dropped dead in his boat while making a drift on Monday last. The Bryant boys noticed him lying down in his boat, and on going to him found him dead. Mr. Ewing leaves a wife and five children - four girls and one boy, one of the daughters being Mrs. J. G. Watts, of Scappoose. Mr. Ewing is spoken of by his neighbors as a man of a very kindly disposition, and his sudden death is sincerely mourned by his surviving family and the community generally. The funeral occurred on Wednesday.

Goods delivered without charge, willingly and cheerfully. Order freely.

M. C. GRAY, St. Helens Or.

Mr. Clarence Garrison, who returned recently from east of the mountains, reports that people in that section are expecting very high water this summer, that the vast deposits of snow have hardly begun to melt, and as there is more snow in the mountains than ever before at this season of the year, and the river is now at a high stage, a record-breaking flood is not impossible.

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

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

The lovers of good baseball would be pleased to see a little better order kept at the games hereafter. Not so much "ragging" with the umpire; and the spectators should be compelled to keep back of a certain line.

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

PERRY & GRAHAM.

Republican meetings have been held this week at Deer Island on Monday and at Scappoose on Wednesday evening. At Deer Island Hon. Harrison Allen was the principal speaker, and at Scappoose Hon. Grant B. Dimmick, Republican nominee for Presidential Elector, made his first appearance in this county and delivered a clear cut, logical address devoted mainly to local matters and well calculated to win friends for the Republican county ticket. Mr. Dimmick will have four more appointments in this county, and all who are interested in good government should be sure to hear him. The county candidates accompany the speakers at each meeting.

Houlton Circle, Women of Woodcraft, gave a very enjoyable social on Tuesday evening last. The attendance was large and a very creditable programme was rendered, though the enjoyment of the latter was somewhat marred by the disorderly conduct of a number of boys and young men who should have had more respect for the rights of others. At the conclusion of the programme ice cream and cakes were served, and certainly no one had reason to complain of the quantity or quality. Houlton Circle is sure to grow and prosper, with such good cooks and excellent entertainers.

Considerable good local news and correspondence is unavailably omitted this week.

Hon. T. A. McBride's picture in last Monday's Oregonian was easily recognizable by his friends. In this respect it was an exception to the rule.

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

It's a picnic to be able to buy a five-pound shad, full of roe, for fifteen cents, and Royal Chinook salmon for six cents per pound. That is the market price of these fish in St. Helens at the present time.

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

Our friends of the Ranier Gazette promise to furnish the best paper in Columbia County. All right, boys; the public is the jury.

Mr. Clyde Fulton, of Astoria, was in St. Helens on legal business last Monday.

Weinhard's beer on tap at the Owl saloon.

THE JAIL BREAK.

A Prisoner Escapes but is Recaptured in Portland.

Charles Meehan, indicted by the grand jury on the charge of burglary from the Mayger store, at Mayger, on January 3, at which time \$216 in cash was taken, made his escape from the county jail some time Monday night by cutting his way through the ceiling and lowering himself down from the roof. The work was done with a jack-knife and Meehan must have been occupied with it several nights. Meehan was brought here from the Portland jail, where our prisoners are kept while awaiting the action of the grand jury, one week ago last Monday, at the beginning of the present term of court.

Confined with Meehan was Edward Fairchild charged with burglary from Elppen and Simmons store at Clatskanie. Fairchild did not escape owing to the fact that he is quite a large man and could not get through the hole cut by Meehan. Fairchild admitted Tuesday afternoon to the District Attorney that Meehan cut his way out with a knife furnished him by a prisoner named Larsen, who pleaded guilty at this term of court to the crime larceny.

The knife was lent to Larsen, according to Fairchild's statement, by Sheriff Hutton to cut kindling with. Fairchild did not "peach" for the reason that Meehan threatened to kill him if he did.

La Cruzador cigars - two for a quarter at Brinn Bros. Owl Saloon.

The base ball game between St. Helens and Filida, Was. nines last Sunday at this place resulted in a decided victory for the St. Helens nine.

Sheriff Hutton conducted an energetic pursuit of Meehan, and offered reward of fifty dollars for his recapture which was effected by Jailer Jackson, of Portland. He was brought back to St. Helens Wednesday on the Iralda.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The eighth month of the Houlton school closed May 6th. The following is the report:

No. days taught.....	20
No. days attendance.....	840
No. days absence.....	55
No. times tardy.....	5
No. boys enrolled.....	24
No. girls enrolled.....	20
Total number enrolled.....	44
Average daily attendance.....	42

Those neither absent or tardy in the advanced department are: Dora Crouse, Ethel Matthews, Ida Popejoy, Harry Popejoy, Earl Perry, Edna Perry, Eleanor Smith, Ruth Slater, Jennie Spence, Cora Usher, Manly Copeland, Hattie Wickstrom, Clyde Perry, Eva Wilkinson, and Frank Graham.

REBEY A. JACKSON, Teacher.

Those in the primary department were: Elta Popejoy, Nellie Dunn, Edith Clark, Maggie Spence, Beth Perry, Hazel Wickstrom, Esther Copeland, Nellie Slater, Roy Perry, Glen Smith, Guy Boid, Dale Perry, Allen Spence, Emmet Smith, Alex Spence, Wilbur Clark, Harry Dunn, Leonard Ridley.

GRACE METZGER, Teacher.

FOR SALE.

Large high grade Guernsey cow, soon fresh, great milk; express spring wagon with pole; 200 cedar fenceposts; nearly new washing machine.

C. W. ADAMS, Warren.

A DAY'S OUTING.

You can go to Seaside every Sunday via the A. & C. R. R. Only \$1.50 for round trip. The second excursion of the season from Portland to Seaside and return will be run Sunday, May 8th. This cheap round trip rate of \$1.50 applies from Houlton and Scappoose, and train will stop there both ways. Everybody should take this delightful ride, enjoy five hours at the beach and recuperate on ozone.

\$3.50 Values for \$1.95

Also a better grade of boys' suits, regular \$3 values for \$1.95 and \$1. 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 Lollar, corner First and Yamhill.

AN 1899 COPPERHEAD.

It may be well to remind the voters of Columbia County that the men who are to-day claiming that there should be no partisanship in the present county contest are themselves the most bitter and malignant partisans, and a vote for a candidate on the Dolly Varden ticket is a vote to give the patronage of the county offices to R. H. Mitchell. Before you take the Register's advice in political matters read what its editor, then in charge of the Columbia County News, had to say in the issue of that paper dated December 15, 1898:

MC KINLEY'S WAR BUTCHERS

The associated press dispatches state that Aguinaldo's army is broken into small bands carrying on a guerilla warfare. Those rounded up will be shot or hanged as an example. It is an old maxim "All is fair in war." The question who is the barbarian, Mc Kinley's war butchers, or the Filipino assassins, will be debatable now that Congress may take a hand.

Nothing more venomous was ever said by any Copperhead during the dark days of the Civil war, and milder utterances sent Vallandigham to prison. The soldiers of the Second Oregon were patriots and the man who stigmatized them as "war butchers" should have been treated to a coat of tar and feathers by the loyal citizens of Columbia. For such a man and his associates to ask to be in charge of the affairs of Columbia County is an insult to McKinley's memory.

In the issue of January 5, 1900, Mr. Mitchell said:

Not only the blood of Gen. Lawton, but of every beloved and loyal American citizen whose life has been lost in battle or by disease, in the Philippines, is upon McKinley and his supporters. Remember this war has never been declared by Congress. This is McKinley's war. It is the policy of Benevolent Assimilation and the Duty and Destiny racket that has caused the trouble. Many Republican boys who work for McKinley do not endorse this unholy war.

McKinley is dead, but the venomous curs who barked at him and at our soldiers in the Philippines are still living and they and their aiders and abettors are asking the people of this county to put them in charge of the offices of this county.

In the issue of July 7, 1899, Mr. Mitchell said:

McKinley has censored the press report so that only such matter as suits the dictator is allowed to appear in print. He has by method's best known to himself and his wretched supporters, endeavored to inject his envious, ragged and Algerian into the public mind. In other words he is through the press and palpit trying to cover up the sin and shortcomings of the most corrupt and avaricious administration since the days of Buchanan.

And this is the man who, less than a month before the Democratic County Convention, announced that he would support Theodore Roosevelt for the Presidency - Mr. Roosevelt who, upon taking up the burden upon McKinley's assassination, announced publicly that he would carry out the policies of his predecessor, and from that day to this has taken no backward step from the Philippine programme laid down by the martyred President. It is safe to say Roosevelt would not feel honored by the support of this modern Copperhead. When such men are placed at the head of the Democratic organization in this county it is a good year for Republicans to vote the straight ticket.

THE PLATFORM VS. THE FACTS.

The platform of the opposition, adopted at Clatskanie on Saturday, April 15, contains the following statement:

"We deprecate the extravagance into which our county has been plunged, and the extortionate taxation to which we have been subjected, which has been doubled since 1897."

The record is open to the inspection of all, and it is as follows:

County taxes, 1896 roll.....	\$24,000.00
County taxes, 1897 roll.....	\$23,319.24
County taxes, 1898 roll.....	21,921.60
County taxes, 1899 roll.....	19,350.23
County taxes, 1900 roll.....	22,209.84
County taxes, 1901 roll.....	28,288.26
County taxes, 1902 roll.....	29,533.93
County taxes, 1903 roll.....	22,505.05

The state tax has been very greatly increased; but that is certainly not the fault of the county court, and does not enter into this calculation. The charge is that taxes have been doubled as a result of extravagance in county affairs, and the charge is ridiculously untrue.

There is, however, another matter to which we desire to call the attention of the people, and that is the comparative condition of the county's finances in 1897 and at the present time.

Indebtedness, Mar. 31, 1897.....	\$8,611.41
Indebtedness, Mar. 31, 1904.....	1,126.38
Balance.....	\$7,485.03
Cash on hand Mar. 31, 1897.....	\$1,344.11
Cash on hand Mar. 31, 1904.....	20,733.22
Balance.....	\$25,389.11
Total.....	\$32,874.14

That is to say, Columbia County is in better financial condition by \$29,574.14 than it was in 1897.

The Republicans should play no favorites. Let every man on the ticket have an even chance with his running mate. "The straight ticket" is the watchword in this Presidential year.

TOO HONEST.

Again Columbia County is placed at a disadvantage by the honesty of its officials. We have carefully examined much of Assessor White's work and find it all of a very high grade. The books, while they may not be absolutely correct in every particular, yet we believe for accuracy and neatness they have excelled all former Republican assessors' work - R. H. Mitchell's News.

That is probably the reason Mr. Mitchell is opposing Mr. White's candidacy for the office of sheriff. He is afraid White will be honest.

1750 VOTERS.

A Gain of 304 Over the Last Registration.

The registration of voters for the present year was completed Monday last, and The Most herewith presents the result in each precinct, together with the number registered in 1899, for the purpose of comparison:

	1902	1901	Gain
Aptari.....	27	10	17
Auburn.....	134	145	11
Beaver Falls.....	70	60	10
Clatskanie.....	184	275	91
Deer Island.....	40	70	30
Goble.....	111	122	11
Marshall.....	77	86	9
Nehalem.....	170	145	25
Rainier.....	193	229	36
Scappoose.....	107	108	1
Warren.....	82	76	6
Union.....	254	291	37
Totals.....	1186	1750	564

The greater portion of this gain of 264 is composed of young Republicans, and upon their action will depend to a great extent the size of the Republican majority in this county.

CLATSKANIE CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. C. A. Beech, of this city, having bought a piece of ground on the north side of the river, is building a neat cottage thereon.

Mr. E. S. Erickson, having taken into himself a bundle of calico, is building a nice cottage on the east side of Conyers Creek, to cage his bird in.

It is said that last Saturday was Clatskanie day in the circuit court at St. Helens. A number of our citizens were in attendance.

Two gentlemen from Kansas have bought some nice lots in the south part of town, and are building neat cottages thereon.

Mr. Clark Hall and wife have hied themselves down to Seaside this week to take a sniff of the pure salt air from the old Pacific ocean.

Mr. G. W. Welch, of Marshall, and W. H. Conyers, of this city, are attending the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. as representatives of Clatskanie Lodge of this city, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Miller are visiting Mr. John Carroll and family over in Washington, on the Cowlitz river, this week.

There are now three barber shops in this city. Whether the town will support all of them remains to be seen.

Mr. W. S. Chandler moved his family over to Catlin, in Washington, this week, where he will engage in the logging business for about one year.

Politics makes strange bedfellows sometimes. It is said that the county clerk is working hard for some of the candidates for county offices on the Prohibition ticket. What next?

Mr. Ben Birnfield, of Deep Creek, whose house was recently burned together with all its contents; we learn intends to move his family to this city and go into business here.

It is said by some of the wise ones in the city that another gay young Luthario of this place has bargained for a bunch of calico and has employed the preacher to tie the hymeneal knot in public at the church some time in the near future.

VERNONIA ITEMS.

Richard Seseman returned from a visit to the county seat and Portland Friday.

What is the matter with Vernonia as the home of the pugilist? Only the scrapper belongs to the petticoat class.

Last Wednesday a week ago the widow Rose of Vernonia Heights and her two sons and daughter fell upon Mrs. Hiram Van and beat her unmercifully, and because the latter tried to defend herself with a hammer the former swore out a warrant for her arrest, but when the case came up for trial the justice threw it out of court as he could not make out from the evidence who was to blame.

Grange met in regular session Saturday with a goodly number present. Remember the open meeting in June.

I. P. Spencer went to the Grove the first of the week accompanied by his daughter Margarette. Mr. Spencer expects to meet and bring home his son Omar who has been attending Stanford University of California the past year.

The justice court on Saturday bound over Harrison Rose to the circuit court for assaulting Mrs. Hiram Van with stones last Friday.

Miss May Dereberry of Keasey was the guest of Mrs. D. W. Keasey Saturday.

Mrs. Nellie Dymon left Tuesday for Houlton to take charge of the Gilson House so we are told.

Chas. Smith was a Grove visitor Saturday, on his return he brought in a load of four for one of our merchants.

Mr. A. Shanahan of Forest Grove was shaking hands with old friends and relatives this week. His residence in the Grove seems to have agreed with him, as he tips the beam at the 200 notch.

The boss supervisor, Chas. Mellinger, went to St. Helens Monday after 600 lbs. of powder for his district. Let the good work continue.

Good Opportunity.

Two-year-old Durham heifer for sale. Will be fresh this month. Gentle.

Inquiry of P. M. THORP, St. Helens.

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Mr. Copeland stated at the Deer Island meeting that he had never voted a straight Republican ticket, and that he never expected to. Not more than two weeks ago he claimed to several parties that he was supporting the entire Republican ticket.

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Each dairyman buys a U. S. and machine uses it year after year, seeing how it earns its cost over and over again in saving cream, and see how little it costs for repairs or oil, how little bother it is to keep it clean, how simple it is to operate, and how instead of being hurt by ordinary farmhouse usage, it keeps on year after year skimming just as clean and running just as easy, it makes him enthusiastic about his machine. He tells his neighbors about it and that sells more machines of the same kind. For every machine we sell by the little advertising we do, five are sold in the same territory by the U. S. machines already in use on farms.

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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. Grove, 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 Trust, 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. Grove had at the time of his death in and to the following described real property, to-wit: The northwest 1/4 and the southwest 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. Grove, deceased.

Dated April 11, 1904.

GUARDIAN'S NOTICE.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County.

In the matter of the Guardianship of Willie A. Pates, a minor.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned, Guardian of the said minor, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Columbia County, and an order has been made directing the record of the said guardianship to be closed on the 21st day of May, 1904, at 11 o'clock A. M. Therefore, I will the last day of May, 1904, at 11 o'clock A. M. receive the account of the said minor, and will thereupon file the same for the record.

WILLIE A. PATES, Guardian of the estate of Willie A. Pates, a minor.

CHAS. S. HUNTER, Attorney for Guardian.

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