

LOCAL

Talk to Ross. Columbia County Bank. H. J. Barley, while loading ties on a scow at the mouth of Lewis river last Wednesday evening, fell overboard and was drowned.

J. E. Welland, formerly of Houlton, is now running the Bohemian Cafe, 287 Alder St., Portland, Or.

L. E. Bailey of Portland was a Houlton visitor this week.

Dr. Cliff's new launch is finished and Doc is working it over time. It does go some though.

Mr. G. F. Lindgren of Clatskanie was a St. Helens visitor Thursday.

To OWNERS OF TIMBER CLAIMS AND TIMBER.—We will buy for cash any good timber tributary to the Nehalem river. Will deal with owners only. No others need answer.

The people of Houlton complain that their water pipes are continually being stopped up by dirt.

Optimo cigars; two for twenty-five cts. Leaders in quality. Brian Bros.

S. S. Long, of Warren, has built a blacksmith shop at Houlton and will henceforth be found at his new location this side of the shoe shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Pugh, of Hudson paid a business visit to St. Helens Wednesday.

Grading is now going on the Mastea road. The right of way from the N. P. track to the bay is clear of stumps.

Money to loan at eight per cent. Columbia County Bank.

Mr. E. E. Quick was a visitor to Philomath, Benton county, this week.

Teachers examination commenced here Wednesday, with the following in attendance: Margaret Callison, Goble; Johanna H. Magnusen, Mist; Ella Ternahan, Scappoose; Gertrude B. Liggitt, Catlin. Wn. Clara V. Morton, Rainier; Anna H. Blair, Clatskanie; Harold P. Ross, St. Helens; Pearl Lindsay, Gresham; Lena Harding, Clatskanie; Lydia Wyman, Independence; Ira L. Rowe, Rainier.

Columbia County people are invited to patronize the Vienna Cafe, No. 251 Morrison, between Second and Third, kept by Gus Lange, of Scappoose.

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Mr. J. H. Wilson of Mist was a caller at this office Tuesday. He reports business as being quiet in his neighborhood.

Judge J. B. Doan and Attorney Wright of Rainier were visitors to this place this week.

There is a good prospect of the establishment of a large school at this place. Some time ago two Sisters from St. Helens Hall, of Portland, were here looking for a location for a branch school.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm Ross and son Cecil took the train from here to Rainier Saturday night. From Rainier they took the train for Clatskanie, spending Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stockwell.

Miss Maude Decker spent Sunday with her people in this city.

Wm Karth is building a new barn on his place near Stanwood's mill.

There are several cases of chickenpox in the neighborhood, keeping nearly half the pupils home from school for a few days.

Miss Blanche Retherford and Miss Ruth Saxon visited friends in Yankton Sunday.

The warm sunny days are giving us a foretaste of Spring. Calkins are out on the willows and narcissus three inches high.

The building for C. C. Masto's first camp are nearly completed. The regular logging work will begin in a few days.

There will be an entertainment and supper given by the Grange at the hall Saturday night, February 23. All are cordially invited to attend.

THE BEST OF FISH.

Kelso's Chief Industry the Capture of Succulent Smelt.

There are places, hundreds of them, which are noted for the production of some staple or marketable article, and of all the thus noted towns in Western Washington, Kelso has the distinction of being the best known on account of the smelt industry.

The little fish which tickle the palates of thousands of people each winter are the mainstay of the fishing people of this vicinity and not only put thousands of dollars in their pockets each year, but they add a great deal to the prosperity of Kelso and vicinity.

The smelt are a peculiar fish. Hatched in the headwaters of the Cowlitz or Sandy they return to the open sea in the spring. Returning in the fall and winter they unfailingly enter the Cowlitz, seeking the old spawning grounds beyond the reach of fishermen's nets.

So far this season there have been upwards of 3000 boxes shipped from Kelso, a total of 37,350 pounds going by express in the month of January alone.

Smelt have always been so plentiful that they have never needed protection by law other than licensing fishermen and there has never been any thought or fear of their extinction entertained by anyone who knew their habits.

This we have an industry which might be called perpetual as there is no doubt of its continuance for many years to come.

It MEANS BUSINESS.—One of the most important real estate transactions ever made in the history of Rainier was consummated last Monday, when Mr. L. S. Thomas of this city and the Lemcke Real Estate Company of Portland purchased 4,300 feet of water front east of the Rainier Mill & Lumber Company's mill, 4,000 feet of the S. M. Rice water front and the east mile of John Dibblee's water front.

Its value is so varied and so far-reaching that it can scarcely be estimated. While its benefits cannot be computed in dollars and cents any more than a woman's virtue or a statesman's fame, yet it has a material value, a money value just the same.

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MAIL MAN TO GET MORE PAY.—The postoffice appropriation bill of which the house committee on postoffices and post roads has completed will carry \$205,130,551. This is the largest amount ever carried for the annual expenditures of the postal service.

There are various provisions in the bill intended to reduce the pay to railroads for carrying the mails. It is estimated that this reduction will amount to something like \$12,000,000 a year.

Do not shafe me so close, Oscar, Stand farther away. Do not be afraid, Adolf. I will Give you a painless. Bless you so much laddie in My mouth. Is it dot your mouth? I thought Id was a blace you cut shafing yourself.

"Wow, dot razor iss dull!"

"You must be a mistaken. I just sharpened a slate pencil mit id, und id vorked all rigid."

"But id hass a pull."

"Oh, dot iss becoms id iss in politics."

"Iss id a republic or a democratic?"

"Id iss a populid. Id razes whiskers."

"You haf made my face raw."

"Nefer mind, I vill parboil id."

"Some powder, please."

"Blasting or insect."

"I haf changed my mind. I vill Take bay rum."

"No, you don't. Diss shop is a Local option. Ah you are godding a liddle thln on top!"

"Thin, iss id? Dot proves you Are a liar."

"How, please?"

"Der odder day you said I was a Fathead."

"Oh, vell, let by-gones be went-by. A liddle sulfur, hey?"

"Vot iss der sul for?"

"Id cures der mange."

"Why my mange hass nod efen Combined of being sick."

"You need a egg shampoo."

"Why, man, I am bald."

"Sure. So iss der egg."

"You may massage my face."

"Id iss ingrown. Better I manicure Id. Wet or dry?"

"Ef you mean der razor, whet."

"I mean your head; how do you vant it combed?"

"Comb id so id vill look sweet."

"I bedder use a honeycomb."

"Oxuse me, I might get der Hives."

"Brush?"

"No, I nefer paint."

"Ef der audience vill sit a liddler higher up in der chairs ve vill dot ditty entooted 'Led Baby Cut Ids Pearly Teeth on Fadder's Shafing Mug.'—Seattle Star.

THE HIGH SCHOOL PAYS.

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WANT Some one to buy half interest in abstract and real estate business. REASON :- To much business. Need an active partner.

Address A. M. Norton, St. Helens, Oregon

Harriman System Operates Three Mills of Its Own

While cars are unable to be procured and many mills are closed down along its line, the Harriman system built and operates three mills of its own.

The Government donated it the timber lands it is now cutting. It is supplied with its own transportation facilities and finds a market within itself.

The Southern Pacific Company's mills can run even if every other mill along its line were closed.

The policy of the Southern Pacific. The legislation which has been proposed for submission to the Legislature by the Chamber of Commerce, of Portland, and the Oregon & Washington Lumber Manufacturers Association has been wisely and carefully drawn.

Notice is hereby given to any and all parties wishing to bid on special road work in road district 3.

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SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Columbia; Virgil L. Boyer, plaintiff, vs. William T. Boyer, defendant.

In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit.

This summons is served by publication in pursuance of an order made by the Honorable T. A. McBride, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon.

WALTER H. EVANS, Attorney for plaintiff.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Columbia.

By virtue of an execution, issued out of the above entitled Court in the above entitled cause, to me directed and returned by me on the 12th day of January, 1907, upon a judgment rendered and entered in said court and cause on the 15th day of December, 1906.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of John S. Perry, deceased, by the Honorable R. S. Hattan, Judge of the County of Columbia, Oregon, for the County of Columbia.

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