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## LOCAL

Talk to Ross. Columbia County Bank.

Mr. Asa Holladay, of Scappoose, captured first prize for his four-tier display of Northern Spy apples at the session of the Oregon State Horticultural Society held in Portland this week. That is nothing new, however, as he always wins. The regrettable fact is that there were not more Columbia County apples on exhibit. It is our great source of future wealth, for no county in America can grow better apples than Columbia County, Oregon.

The whistle of the Western Cooperaage Company's factory at Houlton made pleasant music in the ears of those whom it awakened to the call of labor last Wednesday morning. The enforced idleness has been anything but pleasant, especially to those whose financial condition made them dependent upon credit. It is hoped that the quarries will soon be running, and with the advent of spring weather all trace of hard times will have disappeared. Men who have been able to secure steady work at high wages for several years should not be destitute when idle for a few weeks, but unfortunately they generally are.

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Sheriff Martin White, who has been sick since New Year's Day is not as well as his friends hoped he would be by this time. The trouble appears to be neuralgia of the head and has affected his hearing so that on Wednesday he went to Portland for treatment by specialists.

The tax levy for all purposes this year, outside of special road, city and school taxes has been fixed at seven mills, two mills being for road purposes. In addition to this the residents of St. Helens will be called upon to pay five mills for special road, school, and city taxes—a total of twelve mills. The assessed valuation of the county is \$16,786,655, and a seven mill tax raises \$117,506, an increase over last year of about \$37,000. The tax money is apportioned as follows: State, \$12,254; School, \$23,479; Library, \$302; Soldiers and Sailors, \$167; County, \$50,720; Roads, \$33,573. There is a warrant indebtedness of \$27,000, caused in great part by erasing the timber. There are a number of appeals against the assessment of timber lands, and if the county loses of course its revenue will be reduced.

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LAKESIDE STOCK FARM—Conductor J. H. Dobbins, his wife and two little daughters, were visiting Mr. Dobbins' mother and family at Lakeside last week before starting on their long tour through the South. They are going via San Francisco and Los Angeles and will stop at all cities of interest on the Southern Pacific route, going through to New Orleans. They will travel by day exclusively, in order to enjoy the scenery.

There were 110 births, 33 deaths, and 65 marriages in Columbia County during the year 1907. The population of the county is about 10,000, and, when it is considered that quite a number of these deaths were accidental, it speaks well for the healthfulness of our county, and it is very doubtful whether there is a lower percentage of deaths from natural causes in any other part of the world.

I have money to loan on approved real estate security.

W. H. POWELL,  
St. Helens, Oregon

Father Servais, of Portland, held mass in the K. P. hall in this city last Tuesday morning, and was greatly surprised at the size of his congregation. There are a number of Catholics residing in this vicinity and it is probable that regular services of that church will be held here at stated intervals in the near future.

License was granted on Saturday last for the marriage of Margaret A. Callahan with Orville D. Garrison.

Eugene Semple, well known to the older residents of Columbia County, is reported to be so dangerously ill that his life is despaired of. He is an inmate of the Minor Hospital, at Seattle. Mr. Semple was prominent in Democratic politics in this State, and, upon his removal to Washington was appointed Territorial Governor by President Cleveland. He will be remembered as a man of a very genial and generous disposition, who had many friends wherever he was known.

The Rainier Commercial Club kept open house last Friday night, and the visitors from the Houlton-St. Helens Commercial organization who accepted their invitation were received with the most unstinted good fellowship and entertained in a manner that made them feel it was altogether good to be there. Eight members of our local organization participated, and we believe every one of them felt amply repaid for the trip and came home fully convinced that there is nothing in the world the matter with the Rainier Commercial Club, or with the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church who had charge of the important duty of supplying the wants of the inner man. It was good fun, interspersed with good solid business talk, and we predict that it was the beginning of an era of better feeling between the different communities of Columbia County. The theme of the evening was good roads and civic improvement, and it was emphasized that along these lines the best results could be accomplished for Columbia county. The musical part of the programme was given by an orchestra composed of Messrs. Nutt, Mitchell, Doll, Evans and Younts, with Mrs. W. J. Fry as pianist. The male quartet, consisting of Messrs. Vogle, Fry, Boarne and Nutt, rendered several enjoyable numbers, and Bro. Fry, of the Review, furnished the comely element in his usual enjoyable manner. It was good from start to finish, and the finish did not come until two o'clock Saturday morning. A resolution was adopted favoring the appointment by the court of a competent engineer as road master. Those attending from the Houlton-St. Helens Commercial Club were: I. H. Copeland, W. H. Powell, M. C. Gray, J. B. Godfrey, Edwin Ross, Wm. Ross, and E. H. Flagg.

For Sale Cheap—One Dayton computing scale with turntable, one grocers coffee mill, one cheese box and knife, one sixty gallon oil tank and pump, one dozen square caudy jars. Inquire of L. Sweet, Rainier, Ore.

Syrup of White Pine and Tar, the old reliable cough remedy. For sale by A. J. Deming, druggist.

PROMPT PAYMENT—Preston Washburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Washburn, of Rainier, who was bottled at Hudson, October 29th was a member of Columbus Ten: No. 48, Knights of the Macabes, located at Mayer, and his parents are now in receipt of the amount for which he was insured, which shows efficiency and promptness on the part of both the local and head offices of this worthy beneficiary organization.

Mr. James Barr, of Clatskanie, was a visitor to the county seat last Wednesday, on his way home from Portland, for the purpose of finding out where he lived, in order that he may register as a voter. Mr. Barr is one of our pioneers, and heretofore has been able to locate himself, but he recently filed upon a piece of the Southern Pacific grant near Scappoose, and was uninformed as to which voting precinct he was located in.

Assessor Laws is attending the assessor's convention at Portland this week.

Deputy Assessor Humphrey, of Union County, visited with the brethren of St. Helens Lodge, Knights of Pythias last Tuesday evening. He saw the rank of Knight conferred upon two candidates and enjoyed the hospitality shown him.

Mrs. Cora Lancraft, of Portland, is visiting her brother, Mr. J. B. Godfrey of this city.

The county clerk's office is preparing the transcript for the appeal to the Supreme Court in the case of Richard Martin, Jr. vs. Martin White and others. Martin brought suit to remove a cloud on the title of land owned by him, which had been sold at the 1901 junk tax sale, and purchased by Martin White, Edwin Ross, J. G. Watts and R. H. Mitchell, who are the other parties defendant to the appeal. They paid \$250 for the land, and have paid the taxes since. The circuit court decided in favor of Cox, and gave him title without in any manner reimbursing the county or the purchasers. The case of Jones vs. Short and others is also on appeal.

Miss Frost, who teaches the second and third grades in the Clatskanie public schools has been compelled to resign on account of sickness. The vacancy remains unfilled.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Hazen, of Warren, are traveling for the benefit of Mr. Hazen's health. Their first stop will be at Hood River, after which they may go to California.

Hon. E. Connell, of Deer Island, was at the county seat yesterday for the purpose of filing his petition for renomination to the office of Representative on the Republican ticket.

## Voters Registered

In the different precincts of Columbia County up to date, with their political affiliations:

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Apriary	.....	.....	.....	.....
Anburn	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beaver Falls	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clatskanie	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deer Island	.....	.....	.....	.....
Goble	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marshland	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nehalem	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oak Point	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rainier	.....	.....	.....	.....
Scappoose	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union	.....	.....	.....	.....
Warren	.....	.....	.....	.....

Precinct totals. 1 31 6 2

## Road Supervisors.

- 1—W. R. Stevens
- 2—W. Cooper
- 3—J. S. Despain
- 4—H. C. Wood
- 5—Chas. Kratzke
- 6—H. B. Phillips
- 7—C. A. Girt
- 8—Ira Parcher
- 9—John Stockenberg
- 10—A. A. Kelly
- 11—Thomas Boyle
- 12—John Boxler
- 13—J. M. Hill
- 14—C. W. Mellinger
- 15—A. R. Emmons
- 16—Peter Bergerson

## ST. HELENS SCHOOL NOTES

The enrollment for the year is still growing. Among the new arrivals are Marv, Carl, and Edith Hamilton, Fay Jones, Scott Lynch and Herman Allen.

The roll of honor for the third month is as follows: Leslie Watters, Harry Richardson, Willis Kelly, Carrie Cobb, Anna Quick, Alice Quick, Loyd Hattan, Searl Hattan, Manly Copeland, Hilda Cliff, Nathan VanOrden, Helen Richardson, Teddy Prescott, Ruth Decker, Chas. Laws, Kenneth Cliff, Axel Olsen, Lois Clear, Bernice Van Orden, Margaret Moss, Ella Hattan, Mand Richardson, Ethel Lyach, Olive LaBare, Katie Lynch, Lester Lake, Frank Weigle, and Roy Laws.

We have five tuition pupils in the upper grades.

Parents should see that their children are in school every day, as occasional absence cannot be excused except for certified illness.

The attendance thus far has been good and we hope and expect to maintain the present average.

The establishment of postal savings banks we heartily endorse, for we believe in the long run it will be highly beneficial to our banks and the people in general. Money placed in the various post-offices will in turn be deposited in the banks and will soon return to the regular channels. The present "money stringency" would be unknown with a thorough system of postal savings banks.

## KIST

Geo. Holt is suffering from a severe attack of lagrippe.

A. L. Cole, the brakeman who was killed near Roseburg a short time ago, was a brother of Mrs. Anna North of this place.

Henry Kibby, a former resident of this place was visiting friends here last week. Mr. Kibby has become very hard of hearing.

Nels Rodgers made a trip to Buxton last week. It is reported that one of his horses went down in a mudhole and came up on the other side of the wagon tongue.

Tom, the barn cat on the Dallas farm, died January 5th. He was brought from Yankton in the spring of 1891, therefore would have been seventeen years old next May.

The Kist Vernonia Telephone Company held its annual meeting January 13th and elected the following officers: President, Harry Wilson; Secretary, J. R. Dallas; Treasurer, Gus Hult.

Mrs. A. C. Bergerson is visiting relations and friends in Washington county.

Will the editor of the Mist tell us what Silica sand is and what it is used for, some of us might have a slumbering bonanza on our place and not know it.

Silica sand is composed mainly of silicic acid. It is nearly colorless. There is plenty of it in Columbia County, but not ninety-eight per cent pure, as was required by the Portland parties. Rock crystal, flint, and other varieties of quartz are nearly pure silicic acid.

According to the Oregonian, State Senator Steiwer, indicted for conspiracy to defraud the Government and for fencing in government lands, has been offered an "immunity bath" provided he will give evidence to convict the other defendants. Senator Steiwer was a member of what was known as the Mitchell faction of the Republican party in Oregon, and this demonstrates that no favoritism is being shown, but that the purpose of Mr. Heney is to see that justice is done without regard to faction. If we are in error about Senator Steiwer's affiliations we are willing to be corrected.

## REUBEN

Miss May Buskirk, of Woodland, Wash., visited with Miss Rose and Irene Buskirk last week.

Mrs. Annie Morrison, of Portland, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jordan this week.

E. W. Winans, of Hood River, is visiting with his son, Mr. A. Winans, this week.

Mrs. G. W. Jordan and children visited with Mrs. Jordan's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Schultz of Beaver Valley, over Sunday.

S. L. Malselm delivered to the butcher at Goble a hog that dressed over 421 pounds, for which he received \$23.15.

Mrs. Antone Wise returned home last Saturday from a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. T. H. Clark, of Aberdeen, Wash.

A leak at the side of the dam at the Goble Milling Company's plant resulted in lowering the water about four feet. The water cut a hole about one and one half feet in diameter, but it will be easily repaired. Nothing was displaced about the mill and the lumber was untouched.

Births—At Goble, on January 8th, to the wife of Martin Hoven, a son. At Munnville, January 1st, to the wife of Ed. White, a daughter.

## Avoiding Wastes

The first great lesson to be learned is to avoid waste. Waste has been the curse of agriculture. Why pay taxes on land that is not farmed? Why only half cultivate the fields and so waste land and labor? Why waste time and capital in raising inferior animals? Why waste money in buying what should be raised on the farm? Why waste energy in trying to do more than any one man can do right? On many farms there is waste in a thousand ways, and no wonder that to some "farming does not pay." The small details must be looked after, and no farm should be larger than can be properly attended to.

## RAINIER

Bids were opened for the city water works last Monday. Five bids were made, as follows; Gieblish & Joplin, \$20,336.17; Jas. O'Neill, \$23,700.44; Jacobson & Bale, \$25,458.90; Robert Wakefield, \$27,724.98; R. D. Gould, \$28,826.76. After careful examination by the Water Commission, it was found that the bid of Gieblish & Joplin met with all the requirements, and, being the lowest bidder, the contract was awarded to them. A certified check for two thousand dollars is now in the hands of the water commission. The contract was signed today, and a bond for six thousand dollars must be given within ten days and the work to begin at that time.

Mrs. George Moeck has just received a letter from her husband, who is at present in New York, in which he says he will sail for Europe on the Steamer Arabic, Feb. 6th. Mr. Moeck will visit Spain, Italy, France and the various places of interest on the Mediterranean, and will undoubtedly go to the Holy Land, from whence he will go to his old home in Germany, arriving in New York some time in October.

Rev. W. C. Fry's subject, "Leap Year," brought out a large crowd of young people. He took for his text the 1st verse, 4th chapter of Isaiah. "And in that day shall seven women take hold of one man saying, 'We will eat our own food and wear our own apparel, only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.'" After services there was at least one bashful bachelor who was escorted to his home by a young lady.

## Cheap Fertilizing

Some of the best farms in the East have been brought to the highest degree of fertility by the use of clover, lime and manure. The farmers who have accomplished such results have aimed to save every pound of manure, and also to preserve it in the best manner. Lime is used extensively by those who know that lime is an essential ingredient of plants, and also because it is excellent for increasing the clover crop. Clover enriches the land by promoting the supply of nitrogen in the soil, hence lime and clover make an excellent combination.

A canvass of the students of the University of Oregon, just made, shows that between sixty and seventy per cent of the men in the University this year are either wholly or partially making their own way through college. The greater part of the earnings is done, of course, during the summer. The canvass shows that, since the vacation is comparatively short, the men get employment in the harvest fields, mines, and labor of various kinds paying good wages. It shows also that the engineering students find no trouble in getting work in their line. The engineering department of the University of Oregon has a large number of graduates in the employ of the Southern Pacific, O. P. & N., Northern Pacific, and in the Government reclamation service, and the majority of the engineering students are engaged before the session closes in June. A number of students are partly earning their own way during the session. The university maintains an employment bureau under the direction of the Registrar, but it was not able the past fall to supply all the calls made on it for students to work.

## Clover and Fodder

Clover and corn furnish a fodder ration that cannot easily be improved upon for dairy cows. Two factors should be taken into account when determining the amount of grain to feed. One is the extent to which clover or alfalfa is fed, and the second is the production of the cow. The rule with some is to feed 1 pound of grain for every three pounds of milk produced. When clover or alfalfa form a large part of the ration it would seem reasonable to suppose that a less quantity of grain would suffice than the amount named.

Congress will vote at 10 more currency famines occur, a day at the same time will take care that the money in circulation is all kept as good as gold and free from anything in the nature of wild inflation.