

THE OREGON MIST

St. Helens, Oregon, January 31, 1908.

LOCAL

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County warrants cashed at par.

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stallation of officer of the Women of Woodcraft was postponed until the fourth Tuesday in February.

Constante Tonelli, of Ragnoroli, Uvcone, Italy, died at the quarry of the St. Helen Quarry Company last Friday morning, of typhoid fever and was taken to Portland for burial.

Miss Allie Perry, of Rainier, was a pleasant caller at the Mist office last Tuesday.

Cecil Ross has passed through an operation this week in Portland for the removal of Adnoids, a growth that obstructs a passage from the ear to the nose, and thereby causes deafness.

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Voters Registered

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

Table with columns: Precinct, I, R, D, S, \*. Rows include Aptary, Auburn, Beaver Falls, Clatskanie, Deer Island, Goble, Marshland, Nehalem, Oak Point, Rainier, Scappoose, Union, Warren.

Precinct totals 16 316 46 26 8

Teacher's Examinations

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Columbia County will hold the regular examination of applicants for State and county papers at St. Helens, Or., as follows:

FOR STATE PAPERS Commencing Wednesday, Feb. 12th at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday Feb. 15th at 4 p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, spelling, history, physical geography, reading, psychology.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, bookkeeping, physics, civil government.

Friday—Physiology, geography, composition, algebra, English literature.

Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, school law.

FOR COUNTY PAPERS Commencing Wednesday, Feb. 12th at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, Feb. 14th, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, orthography, reading physical geography.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, physiology.

Friday—Geography, school law, civil government, English literature.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, this 29th day of January, 1908.

I, H. COPELAND, County School Superintendent.

TAKE NOTICE Notice is hereby given that I will not be responsible for the acts or conduct of Ernyl Buell, my son, or for any debts or bills made on account of him.

LEWIS M. BUELL, Hillsboro, January 23, 1908.

CUT AND GRAFT Make Your Old Orchards Bear Good Fruit.

A movement has been inaugurated in every county of the Willamette Valley for the renovation of old apple orchards by cutting them to the ground, or within about two feet of the ground, allowing them to sprout out from the stump and then to top-graft with Yellow Newtowns.

The movement is inaugurated by the State Board of Horticulture, and the Willamette Valley Apple Growers' Association, which gives the following advice:

If the tree trunks are sound and it is desired to graft during the current year, a perpendicular cut should be made through the bark and a small section of the wood, almost parallel to the bark and scion, inserted after being shaved thin and cut chiefly on the side nearest the bark of the tree.

Scions may also be inserted under the bark and through a slit cut as if for budding.

The bark line should be trimmed to fit snugly around the projecting scion and should be tied down and the wound well waxed, especially behind the scion. In the latter method scions should be inserted 6 to 12 inches below the top of the stump and should be placed where limbs are desired. The stump should not be split in any method of grafting.

All trees should have their tops removed before March 1. Cut off the whole top with a cross cut saw, taking care that the remainder of the stump be not split or its bark loosened. At least two men should do the work. If scions are inserted on the top of the stump several inches of the stump will have to be taken off again in April or

May when the grafting is done. These methods require somewhat more skill than to allow the trees to grow a year and then to graft into the new wood.

Any of these three methods will be successful if carefully done. In three or four years these trees will commence to bear again, and, being low, can be sprayed easily and the fruit cared for economically.

Under present conditions it is not possible to spray old orchards successfully, and all such orchards contain too many varieties, few of which are of any commercial value.

By the method proposed the Willamette Valley can be made a great Yellow Newtown orchard and will handle its output through the Willamette Valley Apple Growers' Association, already formed.

For many years these old orchards have been of no value to their owners, and in their present form will be condemned as public nuisances.

But by top grafting with Yellow Newtowns they will, at a very slight cost and a minimum of labor, become most valuable assets to their owners.

This matter has been very carefully considered by the leading horticulturists of the state and the plan will be carried out under the direction of the State Board of Horticulture and through the inspection of the various counties.

These officials hope that every person in the Willamette Valley owning these old trees will adopt the suggestions made and in a very short time these brush-heaps that are eyesores all over the valley will become sightly as well as profitable.

KIST Mr. Weed cut his foot quite badly last Saturday and will be laid up for some time.

A wagon road has been opened along the west side of the river, on the Dallas place, so that Clear Creek will have an outlet toward Vernonia without crossing the river.

A merry crowd of young folks got together with lunch baskets and gave Miss Ethel Weed a genuine surprise last Friday night. A pleasant time is reported.

Elen Mow started for Forest Grove Monday, where his mother resides. J. H. Turk is on the sick list with neuralgia in his face.

Frank Routledge, after finishing the Kist-Buxton telephone line, is now working up a line in the Green Mountain country.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hult died January 20th and was buried in the Vernonia cemetery.

It is reported that W. D. Hart may rent the A. C. Bergerson place. We would be pleased to welcome Mr. Hart and his family to this neighborhood.

Rev. E. D. Hornshoe came to the valley and held quarterly meeting at Vernonia over last Sunday. He preached at Beaver school house at two o'clock Sunday afternoon.

SCAPPOOSE The Columbia Lumber Company resumed operations last week. Mr. A. Vantassell is managing the shipping department.

The Chapman Timber Company is adding more men and heavier machinery to its already large plant, and nothing but a complete fallout in log prices will shut them down.

A. D. Holaday is busy shipping the apples that have made Scappoose a place on the map, and from all accounts a large acreage will be set out this spring.

The residence of A. Hangerud, in South Scappoose, burned to the ground Saturday. The loss was about \$1,000 and represents the savings of twelve years on a mountain homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Wickeraham are stopping in Eavesport, Iowa, for the winter. Mrs. W. is in poor health and hopes to regain it there.

D. W. Price and family are wintering in Redlands, California. Misses Marie and Maude Watts are visiting friends in Los Angeles.

Mrs. A. R. Immisch is teaching the eighth and ninth grades, in the place of Mrs. Bergstrom, who resigned.

The school board has under consideration plans for an eight-room schoolhouse for bigger Scappoose.

W. R. Gorsage is helping in Watts & Price's store. Grant Lynch is recovering from an attack of typhoid fever.

A Heitsman lost an eye in a peculiar manner a few weeks ago, while out hunting. Having crippled a mul crane he caught it in his arm and started home with it. The bird, getting an opportunity, struck him in the left eye with a sharp beak, destroying the sight.

Rev. Vernon Cook, of Whitman College, visited his numerous friends in Scappoose the past week. P. A. Frakes sold a Holstein bull for shipment to Hongkong, China, this week. Good roads and good schools is now the Scappoose slogan.