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LOCAL

Talk to Ross. Columbia County Bank. The steamer Iralda took the America's route on the Willamette Slough route up last Sunday, in order to give the latter boat a chance to clean up. On the return trip they turned her loose and made the distance between Portland and St. Helens in one hour and forty-two minutes. Engineer Younts says she can make a few minutes better, but that is good enough.

Mr. Jacob George and F. A. Frizon left the Sound country to see the battleships, and while there took an excursion trip to Victoria, the beautiful and happy town in John Bull's dominions.

Mr. Charles Briggs, of Yankton, was St. Helens visitor last Saturday, and at the Mist office to inquire why his paper did not reach that postoffice in time. Accidents will happen, and a newspaper press was the all-sufficient cause.

There is no more prosperous community than St. Helens on the Columbia River. New people are coming in and houses are going up. The stone quarries are the great factor in this growth, and the demand for their products will increase each year until several hundreds of high priced workmen are in employment. A good mill on the site would cause the town to grow still more rapidly, but it will grow even without the mill, especially if the time is not far distant when an electric road will connect us with theropolis.

Miss E. H. Flagg is visiting her son and his family at Georgetown, Wash., this week.

The Mist acknowledges the receipt of a very elegant program of the commencement exercises of the Clatskanie High School. Under the efficient management of Professor Collins the Clatskanie school has made rapid and substantial progress and is a just source of pride for the citizens of that community.

The first annual conference of the Columbia River Mission of the Wesleyan Methodist church is in session this week, meetings being held in the chapel in the part of town. The conference in Oregon Washington and California. Last years conference was held at Astoria. The church is a small one and attendance will not be large but, constantly growing in membership, its presence here will be appreciated by the community. The first session is today. There will probably be three sessions Saturday and all are cordially invited to attend.

ORATOR SPEAKING—Quite a large audience assembled in the circuit court last Monday evening to listen to an address by a socialist orator by the name of Lewis. Careful attention was given to the speaker had to say and at the conclusion a liberal contribution was made up. Mr. Lewis is a fluent and able speaker, and no doubt told many things which deny the existence of evil, but many are unable to believe that socialism is the remedy. That in socialism which is good and practicable will triumph, but the man who believes any set of doctrines has all the odds of truth is doomed to disappointment.

WANTED—I want to buy two pigs, three to five months old. Anyone with them for sale please notify Gus Kuzie, Warren, Oregon.

SKYLING AND PLASTERING—Good guaranteed. Address L. E. Gulker, St. Helens, Oregon.

Miss White had the luck to capture a youngster who robbed a woman at Astoria last Sunday. The boy had fled from Holbrook to Scappoose and the A. & C. northbound. Some of his actions attracted the attention of the brakeman, who saw him carrying money for fruit, and, though not fit the description the brakeman pointed him out to the sheriff, who got into conversation with him and got a confession from him. The boy was taken from the train at Goble and Fowler took him to Portland on the morning train.

SAD AFFAIR

Shooting of Gordon Roy Barger by Father.

Mistaking his 12-year old son, Gordon Roy, for a crane, George Barger sent a bullet crashing through the boy's head, killing him instantly. The tragedy happened at 7 o'clock Sunday evening, at a point on Scappoose Bay, a mile and a half from here.

Mr. and Mrs. Barger, who live on a houseboat near St. Helens, were visiting John Simeon, a crawfisher. The boy had gone ashore to play, and the father noticed a crane flying over, and, thinking it had alighted in a small lake, took down a rifle and started after it. When within about 50 yards of the water he saw what he thought to be the crane, and immediately fired. Going to the spot he was horrified to find that he had shot his son, the bullet entering the back of the head, about one and one half inches back of and above the right ear, and coming out of the forehead about one and one half inches above the right eye.

Barger immediately went to Simeon's houseboat and notified his wife, and, with Simeon, they returned to the body. Then, apparently in compliance with what seems to be a general belief that under such circumstances a body must not be removed until it has been viewed by the coroner, he went to the house of M. D. Green, who came to St. Helens for Coroner Cliff, upon whose orders the body was taken home.

Monday morning a coroner's jury was summoned, and the inquest held. Barger's testimony was as follows:

"As near as I can tell, it was about 7 o'clock p. m. Sunday, May 24. My wife, myself and Roy were up at Simeon's. We had lunch there with Mr. Simeon, and after lunch my wife walked to the door and saw a crane flying toward the lake. Roy had gone out of the house about ten minutes previous. The crane flew down toward the lake and I took the rifle and went down there. I slipped in through the brush to where I could see the water, and I saw what I took to be the crane. I dropped down on one knee to keep out of sight, and just as I thought the crane raised up, I fired. I went down and found Roy shot through the head."

The coroner's jury found the following verdict:

First—That death was caused by a gunshot wound from a 20-25 rifle, in the hand of his father, George Barger.

Second—That said wound was inflicted under the impression that he (George Barger) was firing at a crane.

Third—That, while sympathizing with Mr. Barger, and recognizing that there was no trace of intentional wrongdoing, we yet believe there was not sufficient caution shown, and so find.

E. H. FLAGG, Foreman
W. W. BLAKESLEY
FRED WATKINS
P. A. GREGG
S. E. LYNCH
J. H. BRUBAKER

The funeral took place from the church at Yankton on Tuesday last, the interment being in the Yankton cemetery.

The Kalama band boys visited St. Helens and Houlton last Sunday and treated our citizens to some very good music. They inspected the court house and plaza and expressed their admiration of Columbia County's public institutions. Their visit was appreciated and we trust they will come later in the season, when the little park is completed and benches are provided for their convenience.

School warrants cashed at par.

Columbia County Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sheldon visited Seattle Saturday and saw the great parade of Uncle Sam's fighting vessels. Mr. Sheldon was fortunate enough to be the recipient of a special invitation from some of the newspaper men who hunt with him every season, and they made his visit unusually pleasant, extending every courtesy to himself and wife, including an invitation to the Chamber of Commerce banquet. He says some of the hotels charged \$5 per night for the privilege of sleeping on a cot.

We pay interest on Time Deposits.
Columbia County Bank.

Mrs. M. C. Gray is visiting relatives in Bellingham, Wash., this week. Enroute she witnessed the naval parade at Seattle.

Mr. Charles Olsen has the contract and has begun work blasting away a portion of the bluff in front of W. B. Dillard's residence and increasing the width of the street to twenty feet.

Mr. J. N. Rice, the Democratic nominee for Sheriff, was shaking hands with friends in St. Helens and neighborhood this week. He is making a thorough canvass of the county in the interest of his candidacy.

John Leonard, of Arthur postoffice, Sauvies Island, died at his home on Monday last and was buried Tuesday, in the cemetery at Scappoose. Mr. Leonard was a pioneer of 1852, and esteemed by the people of the southern portion of Columbia, and by the old pioneers throughout this section of the State.

DENTIST—Dr. Rambo will be in Houlton Friday and Saturday of each week.

The crack Cathlamet ball team beat the St. Helens nine in an interesting ten inning game at Cathlamet last Sunday by a score of 9 to 8. But by the time the team which has been beating everything on the lower river had taken the boys into camp they knew that they had been playing ball. In fact, it looked as though it was St. Helens' game right up to the last inning, when by some lucky hitting and bad errors the Cathlamet boys made three runs, changing the score from 8 to 5 to a tie. Hoover and Brough, the St. Helens battery, done fine work. Watkins pitched a good, steady, game for Cathlamet. The St. Helens team will go to Cathlamet again next Sunday on the excursion to be run by the Woodland band on board the steamer Mascot.

Rev. Sleeth will hold services in the M. E. church at 11 a. m. and at 8 p. m. Sunday school at the Congregational church at 10 a. m.

For Sale—Money Orders, good any where, low rates.
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M. C. GRAY,

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H. MORGUS,
St. Helens.

DANCE

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Columbia County Bank.

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