

# THE OREGON MIST

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## LOCAL

Ross, Columbia County Bank, Amer Yellowstone was loading Helens last Saturday.

She gives her annual rose show (Saturday). We predict that a blooming success.

Council met last Friday evening special session. The principal was the discussion of the saloon. It was the opinion of all that the license should be fixed for year, the entire sum to be advanced.

Mrs. W. H. Powell returned evening from several days' Portland's rose show

counties out of 33 in the State are now dry, and the Prohibition at the next election to fight for State prohibition, and they will win, and the Webfoot dry. The prohibition movement is gaining ground throughout the State and it looks as if it might be a national issue.

are now on the way to Portland for machinery for the new logging house plant, which will be the greatest industries on the coast. Incidentally it will be hundreds of dollars annually to County. It will also hasten the day of electric road.

atters, son of Mrs. Carrie Wattle seriously sick.

agnus Lumber Company has new gang edger and is commencing mill. The company steadily and has all the work

erand, Wm Reamius and Mr. Bachelor flat, are putting up fences on their farms. The flat neighborhood, when the is completed, will be a very district to live in.

ber Association is holding its meeting in Portland this week. Number of Columbia County's men are in attendance. The men then happy returns of the day made the Oregon of today should always be remembered.

er Rex—The shad season is over, and the catch is getting dry days. The paunting of shad on the Columbia River has proven to be success and the annual harvest shows an important sum. Those who fish here and pay 10c for a shad and see can appreciate the of a former St. Helens girl a resident of one of the larger New York State. She visited a and was shown a handsome bow she thought, I will have an Oregon dinner of baked shad she didn't. The price was as her husband does not become millionaire club she decided best was plenty good enough. Everybody that appreciates the very low figure articles of food in use here that none but the can enjoy on the Atlantic Coast.

ighth grade examinations are held in the schools of Columbia this year. There about thirty participating.

public school holds its graduation exercises to-day and tomorrow. President Copeland will deliver the address to the graduating class and present diplomas.

President Copeland, when he returned to the office of county school agent, expects to engage in at or near Albany, Linn County.

Willard Tucker, who for seven months and thirteen days has carried the mail between Houlton and Vernonia, has resigned to Corvallis, where he has position in a photograph studio. H. of Yankton, has taken Mr. mail route.

m Ross and E. E. Quick took for Portland Wednesday to attend session of the Masonic Grand

in session.

The county clerk's office is preparing the abstract for the district attorney in the appeal cases of the timber men from the decision of the county board of equalization. The appellants are The Benson L. & L. Company; the Detroit Trust Company; Jennings-McRae Company; Western Timber Company; John West; O. K. Logging Company, and Blodgett & Company. The cases will be tried at the July term of court, by which time the newly-elected district attorney, Hon. E. B. Tongue, will have charge of the county's legal affairs. They will be strenuously contested and Mr. Tongue will have to go against the best counsel money can buy. We have no doubt he will acquit himself creditably and to the satisfaction of his Columbia County constituents.

Information is desired as to the whereabouts of Bernard Skelley, who was last heard from near Goble, Oregon. Any news of him will be thankfully received by Mrs. S. McKone, of Castle Rock, Wn. Oregon and Washington papers please copy.

The Houlton City Council met last Monday evening, and there was a very large audience of interested citizens. The principal topic of discussion was the granting of liquor licenses, and the prevalent opinion seemed to favor a \$400 license and no limit on the number of saloons. Three applications have been presented to the council and it is understood there are two more to come. Houlton and St. Helens will be the booze centers for a large area of country.

Marriage licenses have been issued since our last issue to Ruby New and Joel Newton, and to Susie May Cummings and George W. Gard.

Mr. Gus Lope has built a neat fence in front of his residence on Columbia street.

Warren Quick insists that if the council is going to hold frequent special meetings he must have his salary as Recorder doubled. At present it is \$0 per year. The raise will make it \$00 per year, which will help build that new house.

I have a full stock of determination to supply the trade with a variety of choice groceries, fresh vegetables and fruits. Granite, tin and queens ware. Seeds, paints and oils. Motor gasoline and Naphta, and I heartily appreciate your patronage.  
M. C. GRAY.

SHINGLES FOR SALE—I carry a stock of cedar shingles and offer them for sale at from \$1.50 to \$2.35 per thousand.  
H. MORGUS,  
St. Helens.

The biggest blast ever put in by the St. Helens Quarry was touched off one day this week, and consisted of one hundred and thirty kegs of black powder and a quantity of giant powder. An excavation was made in the side of the cliff eighteen feet, and a cross cut of eight feet. The blasting at the quarry now adays continues through the twenty-four hours, and immense quantities of the crushed rock are being taken to Portland. The only objection we have heard to the quarry work is that the blasting prevents good work upon the part of the setting hens, as it shakes and addles the eggs.

Mrs. Willis Baumgardner, of Columbia City, died last Tuesday of peritonitis.

DENTIST—Dr. Nettie E. Harbour will visit St. Helens Wednesday, June 24, and remain four days returning once a month thereafter. Everything in the dental line done in a first class manner. Crown and bridge work a specialty. Teeth examined free. Office at St. Helens Hotel.

BASEBALL—There were two good games of baseball on the St. Helens diamond last Sunday afternoon, though the fact that our home club clearly outclassed the visitors deprived them of the interest that is always aroused by a close contest. The first game was between the St. Helens and the Peninsula logging camp, and should have been a shutout for the visitors, who were allowed to make one run by error. The second game, between St. Helens and Woodland, was more interesting, though it was easily won by the home team. Throughout both games our boys played good ball, and the work of the battery, composed of Laws and Sharpless, was especially noticeable, as was also the stickwork of Ballagh, who holds the club record for hits. We predict that with a little more practice the boys will be able to administer a good drubbing to the heretofore invincible Cathlamet team when next they cross bats.

PIGS WANTED—I want to buy two pigs, from three to five months old. Anyone having them for sale please notify Gustave Skuzie, Warren, Oregon.

Mr and Mrs. J. B. Godfrey have returned home from their sojourn in Lincoln County.

School warrants cashed at par. Columbia County Bank.

Mr. Frank Peterson, of Mist, was a visitor to St. Helens on Wednesday last in connection with the settlement of the estate of Gus Peterson. He reports a very backward Spring and that cold weather has done considerable damage to the fruit crop, especially early apples, cherries and pears.

Assessor Laws visited Yankton Wednesday for the purpose of procuring lumber for his proposed new house.

W. B. Dillard and son Waldron started Wednesday for a pleasure trip through the Nehalem Valley.

Mr. Joseph Heyburn, the lighthouse keeper, is enjoying a thirty days vacation. During his absence Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watkins have charge of the light.

UPLAND PASTURE—For fifteen or 20 head during high water. No horses taken.

W. J. FULLERTON, Warren.

Don't forget the county exhibit at the State Fair. Now is the time to collect grasses, and grasses are the most important crop in Columbia County.

W. B. Dillard of St. Helens, G. W. Welch, of Clatskanie, J. D. McKay of Scappoose, and W. J. Fullerton of Warren were in attendance on the Democratic State Convention which met at Portland on Wednesday last.

Mrs. James Dart attended the Pioneer's Reunion in Portland Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tarbell, of Yankton, were Portland visitors on Wednesday last. Mr. Tarbell expected to attend the Chalmers sale of Durham cattle as a prospective buyer.

FOR SALE—A mowing machine and rake, in first class condition. S. H. Freeman, Deer Island, Oregon.

The Ladies Aid will serve ice cream and cake Friday evening at Masonic Hall, for the benefit of the M. E. Church. Come and bring your friends.

The biggest shad ever caught in the Columbia river was purchased from Jim Sheldon Wednesday for twenty-five cents. It weighed ten pounds, and when Mr. Sheldon heard what a Columbia County woman was asked for shad in New York he wanted the buyer to pay him \$4.75 more. It was truly a handsome fish, and it was a good down weight ten pounds.

GRADUATING EXERCISES—The graduating exercises of the eighth grade of the St. Helens public school will be held Thursday afternoon, June 19th, at 3 o'clock. Parents are especially invited to be present.

The wedding of Laurence Holman, purser of the steamer America, to Miss Grace Nicholson, of Portland, occurred in that city last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Holman will make their home in St. Helens at the corner of St. Helens and Columbia streets, the house having been recently repaired and furnished for their occupancy. Mr. Holman has made many friends here who will rejoice at his good fortune and extend their best wishes to himself and wife.

For Sale—Money Orders, good anywhere, low rates. Col. Co. Bank.

DEATH OF MALCOLM MCKAY—Old pioneers of Oregon will hear with sorrow of the death of Malcolm McKay, Columbia County's oldest pioneer, though he died in the fullness of years, at the age of 87. Mr. McKay's early years were as rough and venturesome as his latter days have been peaceful and quiet. He was born at Lewis Island, Scotland, December, 15, 1821, and had all the rugged traits of his native land. He came to America in the employ of the Hudson Bay Company, and in their employ made the trip overland from Hudson Bay to Oregon in 1842. He continued in the employ of the company for many years, but finally took up a donation land claim at Scappoose, where he has resided ever since. He fought in several of the early Indian wars and did good service for his adopted State. In 1853 he was married to Miss Lucinda Lamberson. Mr. McKay is survived by nine children. They are: Norman, James, Edward, Robert, and William McKay; Mrs. Mary Balch, and Mrs. Sarah Garrison, all of Scappoose, and Mrs. Emma O'Conner, of Portland.

BRICKLAYING AND PLASTERING—Good work guaranteed. Address L. E. Gulker, Rainier, Oregon. m29 j24

We pay Interest on Time Deposits. Columbia County Bank.

Farmers are invited to tie their horses to the hitching racks in the plaza. The more you tie there the sooner the court will order the racks removed and the nuisance abated.

County court meets again tomorrow (Friday). It will be the last session of the court with its present membership. Obituary: It might have done worse.

If Judge McBride should raise the assessment on the timber men, how they would howl.

The first local strawberries of the season were brought in last Wednesday from the Copeland place, retailing at ten cents per pound.

Don't stay away and kick, but attend the annual school meeting Monday evening. Its better than a bargain. You can't afford to miss it.

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

I have money to loan on approved real estate security. W. H. POWELL, St. Helens, Oregon

## THE SCHOOL PICNIC

St. Helens Only Chance to Celebrate this Year Will be July 19.

The public school of this city will close June 19th, with a basket picnic in the grove near town, to which all are cordially invited. Don't forget, however, to bring a well filled basket, so that we may be prepared to act as hosts or hostesses to any who may be strangers with in our gates. There will be a short program beginning at 10:30, during which addresses will be delivered by Superintendent I. H. Copeland and Prof. J. H.

Collins of Clatskanie. Miss LeDuc is chairman of the soliciting committee for the picnic and will endeavor to call on all our people for contributions, but in case she does not call it will be on account of a lack of time and you are invited to call on her.

Mrs. E. H. Flagg will have charge of the refreshments. Mrs. Wm Ross is chairman of the table committee and will be assisted by Mrs. Watters, Mrs. Masten, Mrs. LeBare, Mrs. Laws, Mrs. White, Mrs. Deming, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Cliff, Mrs. E. E. Quick, and others. The ladies will prepare the tables, put on the eatables, etc.; in fact they will have full supervision of the dinner. Dr. H. R. Cliff will make the coffee. Let all come prepared to thoroughly enjoy themselves and show the interest they feel in our excellent public school.

## CONSOLIDATION.

At the annual meeting of the voters of school district No. 2 (St. Helens) to be held at the school house on Monday, June 15, at 8 p. m., in addition to the election of school officers the question of consolidation with district No. 29 (Houlton) will come up for consideration and settlement. As it is a very important matter for both districts the people should study it from all points of view and make up their minds only after a very careful consideration of the advantages and disadvantages of such action. District No. 2 has a good school house, adequate for the probable wants of the community for several years. It will be of no use for other than school purposes, and it would not be large enough, even were it practicable to move it, to meet the demands of the proposed consolidated district in the near future. There is but one use to which it could be put and that is for a county high school, provided the voters are of the opinion that such an institution is necessary and advisable. No doubt that thought will be in the minds of many when they vote on the question of consolidation. The advantages of consolidation are apparent in some respects. All the tendency of school thought is toward larger districts. It wouldn't lighten taxation, but it would give to the taxpayers more for their money. The consolidated district would doubtless put up a handsome building between St. Helens and Houlton and this would have a tendency to unite the two towns and build up the intervening country. On the other hand pupils would have a greater distance to travel and there might arise complications as to the manner in which the debt of District No. 2 should be settled. It is not altogether clear as to what is the best course to pursue, and the object of this article is merely to arouse interest in the matter so that all the facts may be brought out and well considered before the vote is taken. It is better to have a thorough discussion now, so that all may have their say, and the verdict of the meeting be arrived at with as little friction as possible.

## GREAT OPPORTUNITY

I am offering to the people of St. Helens and surrounding country, a well selected stock of General Merchandise, Boots, Shoes, Etc., for a few days only, at Less Than Cost, at the **Masonic Hall Building, St. Helens, beginning Saturday, June 13**

White Lawn, regular 20c Value, per yard, - - - 10c  
Six-inch Wide Embroidery, reg. 25c Value, per yard, 5c  
Ginghams, the regular 10c value, per yard - - - 5c  
Ladies' Fine Shoes, regular \$3.50 value, per pair \$2.00

Lots of other Bargains for Men and Women. Don't miss the best opportunity you have ever had to get goods at bottom prices.

**ANTONE ELLIS** St. Helens