LOCAL

MODERN WOODMEN ORGANIZE—A camp of the Modern Woodmen of America, the largest fraternal benefit order in the United States, was organized at I. O. O. F. hall in this city last Saturday night, with 22 charter members and nearly as many old members of the order who will deposit their cards as soon as the camp is permanently organized. The drill team from Oregon Fir Camp, of Portland, was present and exemplified the work. The following officers were elected: Consul, E. I. Ballagh; Advisor, A. B. Lake; Banker, Eugene Ferry; Clerk, George Flagg; Escort, J. C. Good; Watchman, Harvey Wilkins; Sentry, G. V. Bennett; Physicians, Drs. Ross and Cliff; Managers, P. H. Faulk, W. J. Fullerton, P. Waldron. At the close of the ceremony all repaired to the banquet room and participated in a luncheon of coffee, sandwiches and creamed shrimps, prescribed by Dr Cliff. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 5th, 1910, when it is expected there will be a large class of new members. This is also the anniversary of the order, and it is a coincidence that the camp was organized with the same number of members as the first camp had on its charter twenty seven years ago.

FRUIT CAKE FOR CHRISTMAS—Order it from the St. Helens bakery.

SCAPPOOSE GRANGE ELECTS—Scappoose Grange at its meeting on Sunday last elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Master, Nettie Butler; Overseer, J. G. Watts; Lecturer, Ellaree Butler; Secretary, E. Adams; Steward, Grant Lynch; Chaplain, Edgar Stephens; Assistant Steward, Joe Adams; Gate Keeper, Thos. Cloninger; Lady Assistant Steward, Susie Cloninger; Pomona, Gladys Adams; Ceres, Mary Adams; Flora, Mrs. T. A. Cloninger. Pomona Grange meets with Scappoose the first Saturday in February.

Messrs. A. E. Ansorge and S. A. Miles are quite seriously sick, and a number of others are suffering from attacks of la grippe and kindred maladies.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE—All are invited to attend the Christmas exercises at the Congregational church this (Friday) evening. There will be a tree and all the children of the Sunday School will be remembered; and there will also be a very interesting program, consisting of songs and recitations.

Is your house wired? Now is the time to do it. Columbia Electric Works.

The Columbia County Bank buys Christmas presents for its depositors who have saved enough during the past year. The bank will explain to every one who asks free of all cost.

Doctor Hollingshead, Superintendent of the Portland District, will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist church in St. Helens next Sabbath, both morning and evening. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the close of the morning service. Special Christmas music at both morning and evening services.

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

Monday night Squeeze Ethridge will meet Howard Miller, of Cathlamet, in the lower river town, to decide which one shall step into Goico's footsteps when he is a back number. Everyone attending will see some classy work, for Squeeze is there with the goods.

HORSES FOR SALE—Inquire of Jack Appleton, Deer Island.

FOOTBALL—St. Helens backed their line and ran their ends and walked over 'em. The team of our neighboring city of Portland will have to put on some avoirdupois if they ever hope to get away with the local bloc elephants. Last Sunday the Multnomah aggregation eleven were here, and it was a shame the way they were trampled into the mud, for they were every one good fellows and good sports. When the game was over it stood 21 to 0 in St. Helens favor. Look out for a game Christmas and attend the football dance Jan. 1st.

If you must buy Christmas presents, spend the interest on your savings and let the principal stay, a safeguard against old age. The Columbia County Bank pays 4 per cent. on Time Certificates of Deposit.

The taxpayers of Road District No. 3 met at the court house in St. Helens, on Saturday last, and levied a special tax of three mills, which will raise about $6,000. It was decided that the money be expended as follows: On the Houlton-St. Helens road, $1,500. On the Deer Island road, commencing at the northern boundary of No. 3 to a point opposite the school house in Columbia City, grading at an estimated cost of $1,000. Yankton road, commencing at a point opposite the mail box in front of G. C. Barger's farm, running westerly to Yankton postoffice, grading, clearing and crushed rock at an estimated cost of $2,500. Bachelor Flat road, commencing at opposite Dave Pope's house, south to the south boundary line of the district, crushed rock, estimated at $1,000. The meeting recommended the purchase, by the county, of a steam road roller.

Music, music, music. Lessons every Saturday at the Montgomery building.

Telephone supplies and repairs. Columbia Electric Works.

Will Ketel, of Houlton, was passing around the cigars last week in honor of the arrival of a bouncing baby boy on the 16th inst.

Road district No. 12—away down on the Fishhawk, has levied a special tax for road purposes of ten mills. Road district 4 (Deer Island) levies a special tax of one mill.

You can see how the interest on your savings accumulates when the Columbia County Bank pays 4 per cent. on Time Certificates of Deposit. Spend the interest for Christmas presents and let the principal "ride."

The case of Sword vs. Malstrom, to settle a boundary line, received the attention of Judge Aiken last Saturday up to the hour of adjournment. M. E. Miller appearing for the plaintiff and Omar Spencer for the defendant. Court will meet here again on the tenth day of January, 1910, for a two weeks session.

Christmas presents for nothing is the way one man phrased it when the Columbia County Bank showed him how to spend the interest on his savings and have his money left.

MASONIC OFFICERS—St. Helens Lodge No. 32, A. F. & A. M., elected and installed the following officers last Saturday night: Uther Clark, W. M.; J. Warren Quick, S. W.; John Q. Gage, J. W.; James Dart, Treas.; E. E. Quick, Sec'y; Geo. L. Cunningham, S. D.; H. M. Fowler, J. D.; B. A. Legg, Steward; Fred Ketel, Steward; Washington Muckle, Tyler.

You will have money to buy Christmas presents if you save. You can spend the interest it earns and have your money left. The Columbia County Bank pays 4 per cent. on Time Certificates of Deposit.

Tonight, (Friday) the 24th day of December, the Knights of Pythias give a Grand Ball at Acme Hall, and if you are looking for an evening of pleasure you can't afford to miss it. First class music by an orchestra from Portland.

Boarders wanted at the Vermont Hotel. Good room, good board. Meals 25 cents, special rates by the week.

WIRELESS FOR ST. HELENS—This city is to have one of the most complete wireless telegraphy stations on the Pacific Coast. Arrangements to this effect have been made through Chas. R. McCormick & Company, of San Francisco, and Mr. H. A. McCormick, of the St. Helens Mill Company. It is what is known as a 3 kilowat station, and will be located in Washington Square. The pole will be the longest in use, being over 250 feet in the air. There will be two small houses, nicely decorated so that they will be an ornament to the square. The station will receive wireless messages from all parts of the world, and especially all points along this coast and ships at sea. Mr. Darling has a force of men busy on the work of construction. Mr. E. A. Crouse has the contract for the two buildings, and in less than three weeks St. Helens will receive its first wireless message. Bulletin boards will be placed at some central point down town, and all messages of general interest, including baseball games, prize fights, elections, etc., will be given to our citizens free of charge. This is certainly a great event for St. Helens, and will give it very effective advertising everywhere. As an illustration of the growth of wireless telegraphy it may be stated that one station at Seattle handled over 12,000 messages in a single month. We will have a twenty-four hour service and the rate will be the same as by ordinary methods.

HOUSE AND TWO LOTS FOR SALE—Six room house and two of the best residence lots in St. Helens. Price $2,000. Apply at this office.

CLOSING OUT AT COST—Mrs. E. I. Nixon is closing her entire stock of Millinery at cost. This is an opportunity you should not neglect.

PROSPECTS ARE GOOD—Mr John Phillips informs us that he has received a contract for a large number of Belgian blocks and believes the outlook for the block cutting industry for the coming year is excellent. Block cutters are among the highest paid workmen and earn from $4.50 to $7.00 per day, according to their ability and the character of the rock they are cutting. They are all piece-workers and receive two and one half cents per block. During the past year there were shipped from St. Helens over three million paving blocks, which means that $75,000 was paid out here for wages in this industry. Of course this does not include the crushed rock industry, nor the crew of block cutters who have worked across the river, though a number of them lived in St. Helens and received their wages here.

HOLIDAY PASTRY—Order it now from the St. Helens bakery.

Prices greatly reduced on all trimmed hats. Mrs. Nixon.

CITY COUNCIL—Council met Monday evening, Dec. 20.....A representative of the Water Commission was present and requested the council to employ a city attorney.....Engineer Prescott reported he had made the survey of Washington Square and established the corners, and states it is an ideal place for a park.....An ordinance granting to the United Wireless Telegraph Co., its successors or assigns a franchise was read first and second times. The ordinance granting a franchise to H. F. Gurgens et al., was laid over until next meeting.....The recorder was instructed to notify all persons along Columbia street, from Tualatin to Willamette, to move all fences and buildings out of the street survey recently made.....The recorder and marshal were notified to take charge of the chemical engine and place it out of danger of frost.

If you want to buy, sell, or exchange any kind of Real Estate see Montgomery.

Paints, oils, varnish, nails, shelf hardware, screws and bolts—all kinds of builder's material at the store of Jas. Muckle & Son. Lowest prices.

ESTATE ESCHEATS—District Attorney Tongue has notified R. R. Quick, administrator of the estate of Patrick Hughes, deceased, that he has been instructed by Governor Benson to bring suit to escheat the property. The Governor is under the erroneous opinion that the estate has been closed of record. There is still due the estate the sum of $3,000 on note and mortgage, but this is not payable until next May. The entire property will be about $10,000, and, as Hughes died without heirs, the State of Oregon will get the money. The suit proposed is the invariable proceeding in such matters, and the funds of the estate are on deposit in the bank, awaiting the final payment.

Wellington says he will pay especial attention to orders by wireless.

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SEWING MACHINE FOR SALE—Inquire at this office.

The I. O. R. M. will give a Grand Ball at Goble Saturday, Dec. 25th. Everybody invited.

Mr. L. Culbertson, of Clatskanie, dropped in at the dist office Friday for a chat. He was returning from a visit to the metropolis and stopped at St. Helens to have a look at our town.

M. Pratt returned last week from a nine month's trip to British Columbia, where he has been engaged in hand logging. He expects to return shortly after New Years.

Dr. Welch was among the Rainier people in St. Helens last Friday, on the case of Schiller vs. Langenbacher.

Miss Edna Nixon, of this city, has been quite sick but is slowly improving.

Over 500 lots for sale from $100 up. Will be in St. Helens Saturdays. Terms: 20 per cent cash; balance ten per cent per month.
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L. R. Rutherford, of Rainier, paid the county seat a recent visit.

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Our old friend D. W. Case, former commissioner of Columbia County, paid us a short visit Wednesday afternoon. He is holding a position as foreman of Wickstrom's mill near Kalama.

The steamers Cascades and Stetson loaded here during the past week.

BOY KILLS HIS BROTHER—News comes from Scappoose that during the absence of their parents, (Mr. and Mrs. H. Harris) living near the Washington County line, their two young sons were handling a loaded gun, when the weapon was accidentally discharged, the shot striking the elder boy, a lad fifteen years of age, in the left side. He died in a few minutes.

We repair anything electrical. Columbia Electric Works.

Mrs. David Ellerson, mother of Mrs. James Sheldon, of St. Helens, died at her home in Portland on Monday last, after an illness of three months, the funeral occurring Thursday at 1:30 p. m., from Trinity Episcopal Church. The Oregonian speaks of Mrs. Ellerson as being very prominent in benevolent work and much loved by her numerous acquaintances among young people. Her home has been called the "orphans' home," because she had brought up several orphans during her lifetime. She was born in Philadelphia May 11, 1831, and was a pioneer of 1850.

Mrs. E. H. Flagg returned home this week to spend Christmas with her family.

The formal opening of James Muckle & Son's new department store occurred last Tuesday, and was well attended all visitors being served with light refreshments and presented with souvenirs. It was an important event in the business history of our city, and the big store rooms with their modern furnishings and varied stocks, present a great contrast to the former methods of doing business in St. Helens.

Mrs. Orrin Abell returned home from Portland last Monday after several weeks in Portland under a physician's care, having materially improved in health.

Buy a piano for a Christmas present. $225 up at Montgomery's.

VERNONIA.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The people of this section felt the breath of Jack Frost keenly this week. The nights have been quite cold and the ground has been frozen hard.

Jack Ray, who has been in Eastern Washington since last summer, has returned home.

From all indications of the poem, "Vernonia Side Lights," which occurred in last week's issue of the Chief, Vernonia has the promise of a rising young poet. Kiddo, you are alright. Come again.

Prof. Guile, principal of the Vernonia school, went out over the mountain, by the way of Buxton last Saturday, to spend the holidays at home with his folks who live at Sweet Home, Oregon. Mr. Guile is giving satisfaction in his work.

S. C. Sherrill, who is teaching in Dist. 51, spends Christmas with his brother, W. E. Sherrill, at Lisbon. The school will have a week's vacation, closing on Friday the 24th., with a short Xmas program in the afternoon, given by the pupils who have organized themselves into a literary society.

Ed Webster has the job of fixing the Pebble Creek bridge, which was in a condemned condition.

A tree made the road between Vernonia and Buxton almost impassible. We are told that the supervisor has cut it out.

We have been informed that after Christmas Vernonia and Mist will have telephone connection. This is an improvement for which the people of the Nehalem deserve commendation. Such improvements enhance the value of the farms and will induce settlers to come in.

While we are talking of improvements it might be well to suggest the idea of a grist mill. A flouring mill in this valley would be a paying proposition. The land is well adapted to wheat growing. All improvements will create a demand for a railroad and that is what we need.

Hotel and livery barn; Mr. Billistein, proprietor. People stopping with them will receive good accommodations.

The Vernonia Evangelical church will give a Xmas program Friday evening. The Pleasant Hill school will also give a Christmas program on the same evening.

Mrs. E. Nickerson, who has been quite sick, is reported getting well.

Mr. Lane, the barber of our little burg, has put in a line of groceries.

Mrs. Seeseman has gone to Forest Grove to spend the holidays with her son and daughter.

Mr. Cad Keasey, our genial postmaster and storekeeper, has been kept on the jump selling Christmas goods.

SAWING MACHINE FOR SALE.

Portable Wood-Sawing Machine with ten-horse-power gasoline engine. Has been run only one week. Owner is now in California and will sell cheap. Address, S. Lizzie Farnum, St. Helens, Oregon. 2t

St. Helens, Dec. 24., 1909

Dear Friend:

I am going to make a resolution for next year. Mamma has left the buying of the groceries to me, and I have made up my mind that all of next year I am going to go just to one place to get our groceries, because I never have to make a trip back with something Mamma doesn't like, and she says we don't have to pay too much where we trade for what groceries we buy.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the county court executor of the last will and testament of John Boehsler, deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified as required by law, to the undersigned at the office of T. B. McDevitt, attorney at law, room 21, Ainsworth building, 267 Oak street, Portland, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

JOHN J. BANZER,
Executor of the estate of John Boehsler, deceased.

T. B. McDevitt, Attorney for the Estate.
Date of first publication Dec. 24th, 1909.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of the estate of John Murby, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that I have been appointed by the county court, of Columbia County, Oregon, administrator of the estate of John Murphy, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are directed to present same, with proper vouchers verified under oath as by law required, to me in care of the Oregon Mist, at St. Helens, Oregon, within six months from date of the first publication of this notice. Claims may be also presented at my office, 501-5 Board of Trade Building, Portland, Oregon.

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GEORGE J. PERKINS,
Administrator.

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