

LOCAL BREVITIES

Casper Libel brought to the ballots from Mist Priucent.

The St. Helens Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. A. R. Crook on Wednesday, November 10th. Lilla M. Crouse, Sec.

Wm. M. Ross has moved into the Dr. Cliff house and A. L. Stone is now occupying the house given up by Mr. Ross.

F. M. Thorp, of St. Helens; Phil Frakes, of Scappoose; and Fred Frantz, of Houlton, are residents of Columbia County that have been subpoenaed to serve on the Federal jury in Portland.

Work on the fine new residence of Chas. Muckle has progressed rapidly and the building is fast nearing completion. When finished we are informed that it will be the best in the county.

SHOT WHILE DUCK HUNTING—Mr. J. L. Bell of Rainier, was the recipient of a number of stray shot while hunting ducks in one of the Deer Island lakes last Sunday. One of the pellets struck him in the lower lid of his right eye and caused considerable pain and inconvenience, but we learn that his eyesight will not be impaired.

MARRIED—At the Court house in St. Helens, Judge James Dart officiating, on Wednesday, November 8th, 1910, Anna R. Payne, daughter of Mr. R. L. Payne of Mayger, to Thomas L. B. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan will make their home near Bandon in Coos County, Mr. Duncan being the owner of a farm in that neighborhood.

GOVERNMENT EXPERT WILL TEST SCALES

Federal Inspector to Tour Pacific Northwest in Interest of Consumers.

Washington, D. C.—The United States Bureau of Standards is preparing to demonstrate to the people of the principal cities of the Northwest that they have it within their power materially to reduce the prevailing high cost of living.

F. S. Holbrook, assistant inspector of weights and measures of the Bureau of Standards, is now making his way across the northern tier of states to the Pacific Coast, and thence southward to Los Angeles, stopping en route in all large cities to ascertain in what ways the public is being imposed upon by dealers who, knowingly or innocently, are selling "short weight" goods. Mr. Holbrook, moreover, while en route will make a study of state and municipal laws governing weights and measures, and will look into the manner and effectiveness of the enforcement of such laws as are on the statute books of the different states visited.

In the course of two or three weeks Mr. Holbrook will reach Portland, making inspections in the meantime in the big cities of Montana, Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma and Olympia. From Portland he will go to Astoria, Oregon City, Salem, Roseburg, and thence to California. In each of these cities Mr. Holbrook, bearing credentials from the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, will visit representative stores of various types, but particularly grocery and provision shops, and there inspect weighing and measuring devices that he finds in use. He will visit stores of the best class, and shops of the lowest type; those with fashionable patronage as well as those that supply the slums.

TWIN CITIES SHOW GROWTH

Enumerators in Two Districts Charged with Padding 4668 Names.

Washington—Charging fraudulent efforts on the part of two individual enumerators to pad the census returns for Minneapolis to the extent of 4,668 names, Census Director Durand announced the correct population of that city to be 301,468.

St. Paul's population is 214,744, giving the Twin Cities together 516,212. The gain for St. Paul was 32 per cent as against 49 per cent for Minneapolis.

In giving out the returns Mr. Durand made a statement in which he said that while more from the Minneapolis returns than 4,668 had been eliminated, there was no evidence of any concerted attempt on the part of the enumerators, or of the supervisor, to fraudulently pad the census returns.

SETTLERS RUSH FOR VACANT IDAHO LAND

Coeur d'Alene, Ida.—Shivering in miner's tents, some without shelter and little bedding, about 1000 "sojourners" squatted on land in the Coeur d'Alene reservation, and awaited the signal that opened the unallotted tracts to general settlement at noon Tuesday.

Following the recent land drawing, all who drew lucky numbers and did not file lost their chance. Numbers were exhausted, and when all had been given a chance, the people of the United States were given a chance to file.

All squatters must make affidavit when they file that they went to the land not before the noon opening hour. If they say they were there before noon they will be considered trespassers. After the opening signal they will throw up their shanties, stir up the earth and hurry to Coeur d'Alene to claim the land because of priority of settlement.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—The annual Thanksgiving proclamation, issued by President Taft today, is as follows: "This year of 1910 is drawing to a close. The records of population and harvests, which are the index of progress show vigorous national growth and the health and prosperous well-being of our communities throughout this land and in our possessions beyond the seas. These blessings have not descended upon us in restricted measure, but overflowed and abound. They are the blessings and bounty of God.

"We continue to be at peace with the rest of the world. In all essential matters our relations with other peoples are harmonious with an evergrowing reality of friendliness and depth of recognition of mutual dependence. It is especially to be noted that during the last year great progress have been achieved in the cause of arbitration and the peaceful settlement of international disputes.

"Now, therefore, I, William Howard Taft, President of the United States of America, in accordance with the wise custom of the civil magistrate since the first settlements in this land, and with the rule established from the foundation of this Government, do appoint Thursday, November 24, 1910, as a day of national thanksgiving and prayer, enjoying the people upon that day to meet in their churches for the praise of Almighty God and to return heartfelt thanks to him for all his goodness and loving kindness.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the City of Washington, this 5th day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ten, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-fifth.

"WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT.
"By the President, Alvo A. Adee, Acting Secretary of State."

With 1.42 inches of rainfall in the vicinity of Spokane during October and a proportionate increase in the precipitation in other districts of the Inland Empire, the fall grain is well up in many places and the stand is universally reported the best in years.

Letters unclaimed at the Saint Helens, Oregon, Postoffice for week ending Nov. 6th, 1910. Veni Maslov. Letters not claimed by November 10th 1910 will be sent to the dead letter office. M. C. Gray Post Master.

Mr. G. F. Robertson, of St. Johns, has purchased the laundry here and will re-open it and start work at some time in the immediate future. Mr. Robertson has moved to St. Helens and will make his home here. He is a practical laundry man and will give the people of St. Helens a home industry that should receive liberal patronage.

A revolution of judgment as to the duty of the man at the top is on foot. The officers of government are held to a new standard of responsibility. There is a more exacting ideal of trusteeship in a big business. It is extending more and more. It is no longer considered truthful for the president and directors of a railway to say that the traffic manager is responsible for the rebates that have been scandalous violation of the law.

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C. I. Hoagkirk, Master.

RAILROAD TIME.

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