

**PERSONAL AND LOCAL**

Miss Anna Sweeney returned to her college duties at Corvallis on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Selleck returned Monday morning from their trip to Portland.

Miss Hesse Conover, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. C. Brown, left Sunday for Ocean Park, Cal.

Mrs. George Beck, who has been visiting here for some time, returned to Weed Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cornell went to Portland Monday, where Mr. Cornell will attend the annual convention of the representatives of the Oregon Life.

Mrs. Arthur Bacon, of Madison, Wis., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Sherman Jess, left on Monday for Vina, Cal.

K. M. C. Neill arrived Monday from Portland and went immediately to inspect the progress of his new mansion on the Applegate. Mrs. Neill will arrive later.

Mrs. Mary Callison arrived Tuesday morning from Eugene.

A. J. McCorkle left Tuesday morning for Portland on a business trip.

Mrs. Margaret Pettit, of Murphy, left Tuesday afternoon for Hopkins, California.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCormick and baby arrived Monday night from Pomona, Cal., to be with Mrs. McCormick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Kinney.

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F. B. Olding went to Portland Monday on business, expecting to return Sunday morning.

Rev. W. F. Glosckner left Monday morning for a northern trip, making his first stop at Merlin.

Thelma and Alfred Hobson left Monday night to resume their studies at the Philomath college.

Henry Knutzen returned Monday evening to Durkee, Oregon, after spending several weeks with old friends.

Mrs. W. T. Coburn returned to Glendale Monday, after spending a few days with her sons, Eugene and Lester Coburn.

Mrs. S. D. Williams and daughter of Rogue River Orchards company spent Monday in the city.

G. W. Crews returned Tuesday from Myrtle Creek, where he has been looking after some mining interests.

Mrs. George Baneroff left Tuesday afternoon for southern California points, booking dates for her husband's lectures.

Mrs. J. P. Truax is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Leland Tansel, who arrived here a few days from North San Juan, California.

R. C. Robertson has returned from San Francisco and after a few days' stay here went to the Greenback mine.

**Kick of Horse Breaks Leg—**  
J. M. Briggs, residing at 8th and I streets, is suffering from a broken leg, received Monday forenoon from a kick of one of Amos Smith's horses, which he was leading to water. Drs. Smith and Flanagan reduced the fracture.

**Courier Official County Paper—**  
The county court Monday afternoon named the Courier as the official county paper for the year 1913, therefore the official publications of the county will continue to appear in this paper. The action of the board was unanimous. The proceedings of the county court will be published in both the daily and the weekly Courier, thus giving the widest possible publicity.

**Evangelist Holds Meetings—**  
Rev. A. H. Otto, the evangelist of Ashland, has been in the city for the past few days and has been speaking at the Salvation Army hall each evening and will continue to speak there for a few nights more. Mr. Otto is considered one of the brightest and most interesting speakers in the west and the addresses which he has given have been thoroughly enjoyed by those who have heard them.

**Huber Perfects Appeal—**  
Gebhardt Huber, convicted in the police court for having sold liquor without a license and fined \$200, has perfected his appeal, and has filed the necessary bond in the amount of \$250. His bondsmen are P. A. DeGonault and H. P. Tracy. Huber was granted license to conduct the saloon in the Observer building, but the evidence showed that he sold liquor the night before the license became effective.

**Bicycle Pilferer Caught—**  
The mystery surrounding the theft of George Coffenberry's bicycle was speedily dispelled when Chief of Police McLean and his force got on the scent, for the wheel and culprit were both landed before much time elapsed. Mr. McLean "got wind" of the thief from another hole, finding that he was headed for Medford, so he had the would-be cyclist stopped on his tour at Gold Hill, from which place he was brought back this morning by Constable Randle. The thief, whose name is Emil Sels, said he took the wheel with the intention of selling it later. Sels is 18 years old and was "beating" his way from Spokane to San Francisco. He has been found over to the grand jury.

**Returns From Vanguard Mine—**  
C. E. Phillips has returned from a trip to the Vanguard mine located on Day's gulch on Josephine creek. He says that the crew of men is doing some most profitable work on the property, and that the outlook is promising. The ore runs high value in both gold and copper. Mr. Phillips says the mine is in the district to the west are all becoming steadily in the hands of the Pacific coast companies. He says the mine will reach within the year.

**Neighbors' Scrap Gets in Court—**  
As a result of a difference of opinion following the recent school meeting at Williams, Arthur Vineyard appeared before Justice Holman in this city with an assault and battery charge against him, the complainant being Thos. Huxie, a neighbor. It is charged that Vineyard struck Huxie with a shovel, bruising him in some way. The defendant was bound over to the grand jury with bonds fixed at \$100.

**H STREET CAR HOLDERS RECORD IN LOS ANGELES.**  
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—Police are searching today for the perpetrators today of the 14th street car hold-up here within a month. Two men were held with revolvers held on a crew of an Eagle Rock Vetter car at midnight, amounting \$100. The police believe the same men to be guilty of the series of hold-ups.

Engraved cards at the Courier.

**Orchardists Advised to Winter-Prune**

Winter pruning should be pushed to completion now as soon as possible. Peach trees should be pruned back sharply, cutting out all superfluous wood and leaving a rather open center. Winter pruning produces wood growth, therefore in order to produce a symmetrical tree, the pruning must be done with discretion.

Summer pruning produces fruit buds. Give your orchards a thorough application of the lime-sulphur solution now while they are dormant. While it is more orderly to prune first, before spraying, it is sometimes advisable to get the spraying done while the weather is fine, especially if you find you are going to be rushed for time.

I find so many are inclined to get off spraying until the buds have begun to swell, and thus injure a great many trees, in many cases killing every bud on the tree. The lime-sulphur spray is a winter spray to be used during the dormant period for killing San Jose scale, and all other insects which are on fruit trees in winter.

Ascertain by using a tester, that the solution tests 30 per cent strength before dilution. For spraying peaches, roses and ornamental shrubbery, dilute to 1-10 strength, which means one part spray to ten parts water. For spraying apples and pears, use a 1-8 strength. Whatever you do, be sure that you have it strong enough, else your spray will not have the desired effect.

I wish it were possible to impress upon the mind of every fruit grower the grave necessity of keeping his orchard absolutely clean of pear blight. This is the one disease we really need to fear in this valley, the only one which cannot be controlled or eradicated by ordinary means once it gets a good start in our orchards. The only remedy is the knife, and once it reaches the body of the tree, the case is hopeless and the tree must be taken out. We have few growers in the county who do not know pear blight and the remedy for it, yet it is amazing how careless and indifferent the average orchardman is when it comes to keeping his trees free of it. If every man would carefully patrol his orchard, see that he has no holdover cases, this disease could be driven out of the valley.

Care should be used in pruning that you do not inoculate healthy wood. The best prevention is to carry a sponge saturated with corrosive sublimate, having a strength of one to one thousand, and use this to disinfect your knives frequently.

In going over the county I find indications are favorable for a large peach crop. While apple and pear orchards promise a medium crop in most parts of the county. And it is up to us to make up in quality what we lack in quantity.

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**Wants Open River—**  
Sanderson Reed, attorney of Portland, has been in the city the past few days. Mr. Reed is representing the interests that have the salmon canneries at the mouth of the Rogue river, and is endeavoring to arrange some line of action that will be approved for the opening of the river to commercial fishing, the canneries, which represents an investment of \$100,000, having stood idle since the taking of salmon for sale was prohibited.

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**LIVES LOST IN WRECK OFF COLUMBIA BAR**

ASTORIA, Oregon, Jan. 7.—The low storm clouds, blowing away and the seas subsiding somewhat at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, it could be seen that there are still three men clinging to the rigging of the lone mast remaining on the sunken Rosencrans.

The life savers are still attempting to shoot a line over the mast so that the breeches buoy might be brought into use, and the tug Oneonta is still cruising in the vicinity.

All the remaining members of the crew have disappeared with the steel hull of the tanker.

The men clinging in the riggings of the Rosencrans are equipped with life preservers and as the wind is abating it is possible that they may be saved. Only the smokestack and masts of the steamer are visible.

The wrecked steamer is six hundred yards from the shore and is in the same spot where the steamer General Washington was wrecked last year. The tug Oneonta has gone to the assistance of the Rosencrans but is unable to get to her owing to the roughness of the bar.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 7.—According to advices received by the officials of the Associated Oil company here, there is no chance of saving the forty members of the crew of the oil tank steamer Rosencrans, wallowing in the shallow waters of Peacock Spit, at the mouth of the Columbia river.

A blizzard is raging and a sixty-miles an hour wind prevails.

Mountainous waves are breaking over the vessel and her foremast and most of her deck fixings have already been washed away and the vessel is breaking up. All hope has been given up for those on board by the company's agency here.

Heroic efforts are being made by the Cape Disappointment life saving crew to shoot the boat a life line, but the gale dropped the line at every attempt before it reached the boat.

The Rosencrans, which was formerly a federal transport, went ashore early this morning, while trying to negotiate the Columbia bar in the teeth of a howling gale. She is wedged into the end of the spit where she lies exposed to the full brunt of the storm. Her \$18,000 cargo, consisting of 18,000 barrels of crude oil, was awash early.

The rigging to which members of the crew might have clung for safety is practically all down and there is not a member of the crew in sight. The position of the ship is 15 miles northwest of Astoria and additional life savers are being rushed from there to Cape Disappointment.

This was the second trip of the Rosencrans to this vicinity. She is known as the "jinx" ship of the Associated Oil fleet on account of her having met a series of mishaps since being taken over by the company. A few years ago she burned off the California coast and only her steel hull remained. On the occasion of her first trip to Astoria she was buffeted by storms and lost part of her deck works.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 7.—A message just received by the weather bureau here from the North Head weather station near Cape Disappointment, says:

"The Rosencrans sunk. Three men clinging to masts. Only masts above water."

The Rosencrans exact position is in Peacock Spit, a mile and a third south of North Head weather station. She is a total wreck.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—The officers of the Rosencrans include Captain L. P. Johnson, First Mate Thomas Mullins, Chief Engineer Richard Grundell, First Assistant Engineer J. McPherson and Second Assistant Engineer Adams.

**Mrs. Mary Hart Dead—**  
Mary Elizabeth Hart died Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leona Ferguson, 114 Overland Ave., at the age of 65 years, 8 months, death being due to a heart. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m. at the residence. Rev. F. C. Lovett holding the service. Interment was at Granite Hill cemetery. The deceased was at one time a resident of the Merlin district, where her husband died recently. She was born at Cincinnati, O., in 1847, and was the mother of 10 children, six of whom survive. They are: Mrs. T. J. Hines of Merlin, Mrs. Lena Ferguson of Grants Pass, Mrs. W. E. Braden, Monrovia, Ind., Miss Amanda Donovan, Cincinnati, T. C. Donovan, St. Paul, Minn., Theo. Donovan, Dayton, Ohio.

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**SPOKANE GIRL COMMITS SUICIDE IN PORTLAND.**

PORTLAND, Jan. 7.—A drained carbolic acid vial clutched tightly in her hand, the body of Hattie Henninger, a beautiful young Spokane girl, was found by her brother Henry, hidden under a clump of brush in the outskirts of the city early today, thus ending a three days' search for the girl. Miss Henninger, who had been brought from Spokane for treatment at the Waverly sanitarium here for a nervous disorder, disappeared Sunday morning. She is believed to have purchased the acid and gone at once to the place where her body was found.

**CONSUL GENERAL NASH DEAD**

LONDON, Jan. 7.—Paul Cleveland Nash, United States consul-general at Buda-Pest, Hungary, was found dead today at Claridge's hotel here. The cause of his death is not known.

**TRUST OF SHIPPERS PROBED BY COMMITTEE.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The merchant marine committee of the house began today hearings to probe the alleged existence of a shipping trust. A large number of ship owners and agents are here prepared to testify at the investigation which probably will continue for about a month. A special effort will be made by the investigators to discover to what extent trans-continental railroads control over-sea freight and passenger carriers, and to what extent foreign governments own or subsidize vessels.

**CALIFORNIA MAY CLOSE DOORS TO PRIZE FIGHTING.**

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 7.—If the proposed bill which Senator Brown of Los Angeles will introduce in the state senate is adopted, prizefighting in California will be eliminated. Brown intends to include in his bill a provision that no boxing bout shall be held at which the principals receive compensation.

**"I want to divorce the financial end from boxing altogether."**

"Then we shall have clean boxing, without the slugging that now attends it. Los Angeles was disgraced by the reports of the McCarty-Palzer fight."

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