

LOCAL.

Who is running the rock crusher?
Now is the time to make good roads.

The Columbia Register makes its bow.

Rainier has a baseball club and a brass band.

County commissioner's court convenes next Wednesday.

If you want a fine hat go to Baily & Brinn's. They have the goods.

Attorney Mendenhall of Portland was a county-seat visitor, Monday.

John Smith, of Yankton was a caller at the Register office last week.

G. A. Hall, Esquire of St. Helens called for a few minutes, Monday evening.

Kelley Brothers have added a new porch and awning to their place of business.

Hon. J. B. Doan of Rainier, while en route for the county-seat, Tuesday took look at our den.

Sheriff Hattan visited Clatskanie Wednesday on official business pertaining to circuit court.

E. E. Stucker of Rainier has been seriously afflicted with rheumatism for two or three weeks.

The game of ball between St. Helens and Scappoose was won by Scappoose the score being 4 to 5.

Prof. Henrici of Portland furnished the music for a very pleasant social ball at Rainter Saturday night.

The Houlton stove factory is running on full time, and is one of the best industries in Columbia county.

Wm. Shaw and family have returned to Rainier, Mr. Shaw having secured his former situation with Reed's mill.

The mornings are cold and chilly, but there is an occasional summer day that reminds us that warm weather is nigh.

At Baily & Brinn's you find a good quality of general merchandise, at the right price. New goods arriving daily.

Miss Engart of Scappoose and Mrs. Thompson of Oswego were the guests of Mrs. R. H. Mitchell of Rainier last week.

Dr. Hines of the State Historical Society expressed himself as surprised at the progress and development of the town of Rainier.

The circuit court will convene Tuesday May 10th. The case of Geo. W. McBridge vs. Northwest Lumber Co. is set for May 12th.

Lieut. Vernon Band of Warren will give a grand ball at Houlton this evening. A good program has been arranged for the concert.

Baily & Brinn carry a full line of Men's, women's and children's shoes including a fine stock of Royal Chino's just arrived.

Mrs. Rose Watts of Scappoose was complimented very highly for her singing at the association in the Congregational church in Rainier.

The Register returns thanks for the many expressions of good will, and for a helping hand by several of the young men in setting up our presses.

Bad Henshaw, who has been quite ill for two weeks past, has recovered sufficiently to again be about. He paid our ransom a visit Wednesday.

The Pomona grange meets at Scappoose, Saturday, May 7th. This promises to be one of the most interesting meetings ever held in this county.

If you want a suit at the right price call and see us. We are closing out our entire stock of men's, youth's and boy's clothing, Baily & Brinn, Houlton Ore.

County School Superintendent Copeland returned from a trip to the Nehalem where he visited several schools, and found them in a prosperous condition.

A good live correspondent is desired to join the Register staff. If you want to try the job for the community where you reside, take the matter up with us at once.

Morris Pratt pitched a very nice game of ball for St. Helens, Sunday but unfortunately he hurt one of his legs while running a base and has been laid up this week.

If W. A. Young is elected representative of the people of Columbia county may look for some needed legislation for the benefit of the farmer as against the grafter.

The old dilapidated picket fence enclosing a part of Jacob Brouse's property in Rainier has given place to a five board fence, which greatly improves appearances thereabouts.

The preliminary hearing of Elizabeth Brought charged with purjury was had before justice Watkins of St. Helens, Thursday. Mrs. Brought was bound over to appear at May term of court.

Sheriff Hattan has collected on this year's tax roll about \$68,000, and their remains only about \$9,500 uncollected, very little of this amount is delinquent, the major part being for last half of tax.

The Rainier Mill & Lumber Co. resumed operations again last week. The Reed mill has been idle for several months past, and when the whistle sounded for work the first of last week it was a signal for rejoicing among business men as well as laborers and operators in the mill.

We have made no special effort to secure advertising or subscriptions as yet. We have only taken what has been offered. The advertising columns always an index to the business interests of the place, but ours is not complete. There are two blacksmith shops a barber shop, a butcher shop, a jewelry shop, one store and several sawmills and carpenter ads. that should and probably will appear in the Register later on.

Dr. J. B. Omstead, Supreme Medical Examiner for the United Artisans, will lecture at Perry's hall this Friday evening, beginning promptly at 8 o'clock. All Artisans and the public are cordially invited to be present. The speaking will begin promptly at 8 o'clock and the audience will be out in ample time so that those that wish can attend the concert at Spence's hall beginning at 9 o'clock.

On Monday Attorney Schmauble passed through St. Helens, with an urn containing the ashes of Wm. Bailey who died at Honolulu, and his remains cremated. The urn was deposited in a grave beside his mother's in the Germany Hill cemetery. Willie Bailey was well and favorably known in this vicinity.

Two boys and two girls have been dropped from the roll of the Portland High school. Immoral conduct outside school is the charge. One of the girls attempted suicide, and declared she was being punished for the offense of another.

Several members of the ladies base ball team of Houlton, practice every afternoon, and will shortly issue a challenge to the St. Helens young ladies team to meet them on the diamond.

The Livesley Brothers have received another extension of time in which to pay for the Muckle mill, six months, or until, the supreme court has decided as to Muckle Brother's title to the land.

The Republicans nominated their candidate for commissioner in the lower end of the county within ten miles of the home of the holdover commissioner. The South end of the county has no representation on their ticket.

Deputy Sheriff Wood and Walter Blakesley were seen yesterday with packs on their backs, fishing rods and tackle in their hands going up towards Scappoose. Fish stories next week.

A vote for Wm. Pringle for county commissioner is a vote for economy in county affairs and the lowest tax levy consistent with the needs of the county.

Balford, the foreman of the Western Cooperaage Co., has commenced the erection of a commodious residence on the tract near the depot.

Thursday while pulling at a line on raft of logs, the rope slipped and gave way and Messrs Barney Kelly and Cash. Dean got a ducking.

James Bacon has again taken charge of the Warren post office. Glad to hear of the change. Jim always was a good post master.

Birt McKibben who has been attending school at Cottage Grove took a short vacation, and visited his friends in St. Helens.

Uther Clark of Houlton was chosen as member of the State Democratic Central Committee from Columbia county.

John Lamberson Jr. has returned to Houlton. He has been residing at Palm's mill near Clatskanie for some time.

The Western Cooperaage Co., shipped two cars of their product to San Francisco yesterday.

Dan. Gilson is preparing to build a barn for the accomodation of teams coming to town.

The Oregon Wood Co. is preparing to load a schooner with 400 cords of wood for California.

All matter for publication should be on our table not later than Tuesday of each week.

Mrs. Howarth of Portland is the guest of her sister Mrs. Hoozhirk of Rainier.

Mrs. Ayres of Yankton, was a guest of Mrs. Hendrichs of Houlton, yesterday.

The Register will club with the Oregonian weekly at \$2 per year.

The Register and the Portland Semi-weekly Journal one year \$1.75.

Jesse Hendrichs transacted business in Portland this week.

The roads are getting dusty in the high and dry places.

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VERNONIA.

What about our telephone line?
All quiet just before the election.
Everybody is busy farming, when the weather will admit.

Mrs. Dow who has been quite ill for some time is getting better.

Miss Kizzie Moyer of Scappoose is visiting friends in the vicinity of the old Pearis post office.

One day last week while at dinner, Dupont's shingle mill was discovered to be on fire. The fire was soon quenched, and no great damage was done.

Miss Maud Rice is carrying the mail on the west end of the Houlton-Vernonia route, while John assists on the farm. She reports the roads in bad condition. What is the matter with the rock crusher?

Last week Geo. W. Rice of Vernonia took a load of wool out to market. The Nehalem valley is gaining quite a reputation as a wool growing district. Large consignments will be shipped from the valley, this spring.

A town hall is talked of at Sea Side. La Grande is to have a new city hall. The 58th. congress adjourned yesterday.

More hops than ever this year, probably. It is a great season for the placer miners.

Morrow county expects the largest crop in its history.

The Woodburn post office was burglarized Tuesday night.

A new ferry boat, 58x18 feet, has been put on the Snake river at Ontario.

The Browns have lost 25 games and won 5, and it looks as though Portland base ball is dead easy.

All of Oregon's bills in congress have been passed but two, and they will go over to the short session.

A 22,000 edition of a pamphlet, descriptive of Benton county has been issued for general distribution.

A Hepner man's two terrier dogs were lost in the Blue mountains for a week, but finally found their way home.

A number of new buildings are going up in Silverton, which will improve this year more than in any former year.

A Seattle man hid his savings under the carpet. Some one got away with the dough, and now the man's floored himself.

McMinville's new water works will be ready in about 60 days. They will help to make McMinville one of the finest little cities in the land.

During the recent flood in Burnt river the water was two feet higher than in 1894. The O. R. & N. has a force of 200 men at work building a new bridge.

The Newberg creamery now occupies its new building. This creamery started a few years ago on a small scale, but has grown into an extensive industry.

Several carloads of potatoes were shipped from La Grande last week to Missouri. What's the matter with Missouri? Nothing, anyway, with Oregon.

Dayton is progressing surely, if slowly. It now has a sawmill, a flour mill a creamery and four evaporators, and will soon have a water works system.

The farms of nearly 100 South Dakota men having been sold to the government, most of them have come to Oregon. Several of them have lately been at Corvallis.

The Japanese are repulsed in an attack on a Russian port on the Yalu river and it is reported that a Japanese transport with 600 men on board was sunk by a submarine boat.

Three great qualities of the Irish language, said a delegate to the Irish Teachers' Congress lately, were that it was the language in which they could pray the most fervently, curse the most bitterly, and court the most sweetly.

The Spring campaign has opened early on the John Day range. As a result of the first volley fired into a band of sheep by those who grudge these creatures the grass that they eat, ninety sheep lay dead and about an equal number were so cruelly wounded that it was necessary to dispatch them for mercy's sake. A war of this kind is a disgrace to humanity. It proves nothing and settles nothing.

The Forest Grove milk condenser snipped a car-load of cream this week to New Orleans, the first shipment to cross the Mississippi, though Texas has been a liberary patrol for months. A test has shown that the cream is perfectly adapted to either a hot or a cold climate. It is sent south, and across the Pacific to tropical countries, and to Alaska. Milk is coming in very liberally now, and there has been a gratifying increase in supply over this time last year. Nearly every farmer is increasing his number of cows from 25 to 100 per cent over what he started with a year ago.

HOW TO HELP YOUR TOWN.

Praise it.
Talk about it.
Write about it.
Take a home pride in it.
Remember it's your home.
Tell of it business resources.

When strangers come to town use them well.
Look ahead of self when your town is considered.

Don't call your best citizens frauds and imposters.

Support your institutions that benefit the town.

Don't forget that you live off the people here and you should help others as they help you.

Respect every good citizen in your town, and if there are others try to make them good.

DELEGATES CHOSEN.

The recent State convention selected the following delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

Governor George E. Chamberlain, Multnomah.
W. F. Butcher, Baker.
C. Redfield, Morrow.
F. V. Holman, Multnomah.
James Gleason, Multnomah.
J. T. Matlock, Lane.
T. R. Sheridan, Douglas.
Samuel Garland, Linn.

Passed 8th Grade Examination.

The following is the result of April Eighth Grade final examinations for Columbia county:

PASSED.
Cass Fowler and Olive Blackford, of Clatskanie;
Willie Burns and Gilbert Thayer, of Rainier;
Grace Disney and Iva Grewell of Warren;

Chas. F. Brown of Yankton.
Seven others can pass in May by raising their grades in one or two branches. Three failed completely.

Democratic County Central Committee.

J. W. Day Chairman, S. Helens, Or.
J. A. Schumaker, Sec., Rainier, Or.

APIARY PRECINCT.
To be filled.
AUBURN PRECINCT.
Wm. Pringle of Pittsburg, Ore.

BEAVER FALLS PRECINCT.
To be filled.
CLATSKANIE PRECINCT.
Geo. Tichenor of Clatskanie.

DEER ISLAND PRECINCT.
A. Mott, Deer Island, Ore.
GOBLE PRECINCT.
J. C. Monroe, Goble, Ore.

MARSHLAND PRECINCT.
S. M. Graham, Marshland, Ore.
NEHALEM PRECINCT.
John Bauer, Mist, Ore.

OAK POINT PRECINCT.
F. W. Fisher, Mayer, Ore.
RAINIER PRECINCT.
R. N. Lovelace, Rainier, Ore.

SCAPPOOSE PRECINCT.
P. Lousigout, Scappoose, Ore.
UNION PRECINCT.
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W. J. Fullerton, Warren, Ore.

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Str. Joseph Kellogg.

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Conducted by
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Press Correspondent New York State Grange

PORTLAND GETTING READY.

Plans Already Being Made For the Entertainment of National Grange.

Oregon and Washington are already hustling to give the national grange a grand reception in November, 1904. In the first place, a campaign for increased membership is now being conducted by State Lecturer J. H. T. Smith of Washington, and likewise in Oregon there will be a strong effort made to show a large percentage of increase when the national body convenes.

Evening Star grange, No. 27, of Portland, Ore., is alive to the situation. A resolution was adopted at a recent meeting congratulating State Master Leedy in securing the next meeting for

Portland, and a movement was started by the grange to give the eastern grangers an exhibit of green vegetables and fruits that will surprise them in November. Grapes on the vines and strawberries, raspberries, etc., could be shown. It

gested that Oregon and Washington combine and make a grand display of farm produce. From the Portland Oregonian we learn that there are some up to date grangers in that locality. Ewatsville grange owns ten acres of land and has built a fine hall. In this hall all the social functions of the neighborhood are held, as well as the regular business meetings of the grange. A Thanksgiving dinner, at which more than 300 were fed, was served in this hall. This grange has established an annual three days' picnic, with a fair and live stock show, where the best stock in Whitman county is shown and liberal premiums are awarded.

Pine Grove grange, at Albino, is the second oldest in the county and has a membership of 140. This grange is out of debt and has a substantial fund in the treasury, which will probably be used to build a hall. The grange is keeping clear of politics and devoting its energies to bettering the social and financial condition of the farmers. Its work is largely social and educational. The first grange was organized in this county about three years ago.

LECTURERS' BULLETINS.

A Means of Communication Between State and Subordinate Granges.

There is growing need of a means of communication between state lecturers and lecturers of subordinate granges. No method is so inexpensive and efficacious as a monthly bulletin, in which the state lecturer may communicate with the subordinate lecturers on assigned topics for discussion, impart information on matters of present or future interest and thus make it possible for the subordinate grange to keep constantly in touch with the state organization. As an example of what we are speaking of we may refer, with high commendation, to the Michigan state grange lecturers' bulletin, edited by Mrs. F. D. Saunders of Rockford, Mich. The advantage of issuing such a bulletin regularly is that it can be entered in the mails as second class mail matter and thus be entitled to the pound rates of postage.

Vermont in Line.

C. J. Bell, master of the Vermont state grange, says that the attendance at the recent session of that body was the largest for twenty years and it was one of the most successful meetings ever held. There are 110 subordinate granges in the state, ninety-five being represented at the state meeting. There are twelve Pomona's in the state.

Worthy Master Bell's annual address laid great stress on the need of legislation in the farmer's behalf. Governor J. C. McCullough was the principal speaker at the public meeting. Professor Morse of South Paris, Me., well known in grange circles, was humorist of the occasion.

The Grange Must Do Things.

F. A. Dertlich, master of the Ohio state grange, is father of these weighty words: "If a subordinate grange wishes to exert a commanding influence in its community it must have a good financial footing. If it deserves to persuade men and women to join, it must have something to join." The next thing it must have, or the first thing, we would say, is an interesting and profit yielding programme. You haven't much of a grange if it isn't doing something.

Nearly 6,000 Patrons in One County.

Jefferson county, N. Y., is probably the banner grange county in the United States. It has 5,926 Patrons in thirty-two subordinate granges. All New Jersey has only 6,000. Moreover, the state grange dues of every subordinate grange are paid to date. Jefferson is necessarily influential in the grange affairs of the Empire State.

Pennsylvania Patrons.

The gain in the Order's membership in Pennsylvania last year was over 5,000, thirty new granges having been organized. As an instance of their progressiveness Cambria county may be cited, where there are twenty-two granges, sixteen of which own their own halls, valued at \$25,000.

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