

LOCAL.

Old papers 25 cents per hundred. The timely rain has fallen copiously. Judge Hattan visited Portland Tuesday.

John Wilverding returned to Portland Monday.

Read the guessing proposition in another column.

Parties desiring old newspapers should call at this office.

Register and Journal (semi weekly) for \$1.75 per year.

Dishes given away free at the New York store in St. Helens.

E. L. Pullen, of Rainier, visited St. Helens and Warren, Tuesday.

A. W. Haggin, of Rainier, took in the city of Portland, Wednesday.

Bert and John Roberts started for Eastern Oregon Monday morning.

Mrs. C. L. Hoeghkirck and son Dolph, of Rainier, visited Portland Tuesday.

Jack McKie loaded two cars with rock for Fort Stevens the first of this week.

James Bonnick was up from the Clifton seining grounds a day or two last week.

Pete Palmer returned to Vernonia from Westport, where he has been working.

Rumor has it that there will soon be another wedding at Vernonia. Don't forget the Rice.

Ross Stanwood, of the Stanwood mill, is kept quite busy these days filling local orders for lumber.

The Haggin boys of Rainier, practical painters, are having a good run of work at Clatskanie, this summer.

Mrs. Rose passed through Houlton Sunday enroute for her home at Vernonia. She has been at Hood River.

The warships, which had been at Portland since before the 4th of July, passed down the river Tuesday morning.

If you want to sell that house you are advertising, let Haggin paint it outside and paper it inside; then you can sell it.

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

Solomon Rock started Saturday morning for a visit in southern Oregon, and while there he may do a little prospecting.

Morgus of the New York store at St. Helens is offering special inducements for cash trade. See him for fine premium dishes.

The webs of the Oregon pedestrians are again headed. The average Oregonian as well as the frogs and the ducks has reasons to rejoice.

John Pringle, of Deer Island, was in Houlton, Monday, to get some blacksmithing done. He says the recent rain has done much good in that locality.

S. Soniland, of Rainier, has just returned from a visit to Baker City and Eastern Oregon. He reports times as dull there as here in Columbia county.

Joseph Dupont, of Valley, brought us in a load of fine shingles for our office building last Friday. The Duponts are getting a good reputation as shingle makers.

George E. Reed, who has just completed the new building for the Register, has the contract for the erection of several new buildings in this vicinity.

"Beginning July 2nd, and continuing for the summer there will be no evening train from Portland, on the A. & C. R. R., but instead train will leave there at 2:30 P. M.

Miss Alice Perry, of Rainier, visited St. Helens and Houlton last week, and Miss Daisy Watkins, of St. Helens, returned with her to visit in Rainier Saturday.

Frank Able and other gentlemen of Portland, have leased the seining ground of Thor Connell on the sands at the head of Deer Island, and are operating there at present.

J. W. Haggin has secured the agency for the well known Potter Wall Paper Co's wall paper. If you are in need of paper, drop him a card and he will call on you with the finest line of samples ever seen in Columbia county.

The Register family is under obligation to Mrs. Alice Deitz, of Rainier, for a fine lot of black cherries. The name of the cherries was of little moment to the little fellows who enjoyed the treat as well as did some of their elders.

The Columbia Register office is now located in its new quarters opposite Bailey's store. We shall be pleased to see our readers and all persons interested in the welfare of Houlton as often as they can make-it convenient to call.

The Rainier GAZETTE has had all sorts of bad luck lately, but they have their press in running order again, and promise to be out on time in about three weeks. A little break in a piece of machinery causes a great deal of trouble sometimes.

Mr. Hartzell, of Rainier, who has been working in the sash and door factory for the past six years took a short vacation and visited at Scott's mill in Marion county. He returned to Rainier last Monday, bringing with him Mr. C. M. Phillips, an excellent mechanic, who also expects to secure work in the factory.

It was a fine goat that perambulated the streets of Rainier and gathered up the garbage, saving the taxpayers many dollars by doing the work of the town marshal in picking up tin cans, banana peels, etc. By chance Mike S.—left his red shirt out on the front porch, and the pesky goat climbed up, and walking out on the banister took in the red shirt, chewed it up and swallowed it. Mike was mad and demanded the red shirt back or the goats death. The red shirt was beyond human reach so the goat must die. Mike took him to the railroad track and hit him with the rails and sent him behind a lumber pile to await the coming express which passes that point at 40 miles an hour. Directly the train came dashing around Newzom's curve, and this is the way Mike tells the story: And thin pretty quickly she whistled for down breaks, and knowin she had no stop conin there, I says 'what's the ould can eater done now?' Troth sir, the ould god had coughed up my red shirt and flagged the train."

M. J. Kittering has one of the finest ranches in the vicinity of Rainier, and a few days since we availed ourselves of the opportunity to visit his place and eat cherries. He has a very fine orchard of apple, pear and cherry trees. A few years ago he bought the piece of stump land, and hired a portion of it cleared. To-day he is reaping rich harvests of hay and grain for his labor. He has as fine a vegetable garden as it has been our pleasure to see anywhere at this time of year. As a horticulturalist, he is an expert. He has also a fine herd of cattle crossed between the Jersey and Short Horn. Then of sheep and swine he has some very fine stock, in fact there is none better in Columbia county. His ranch and its productions show very plainly what may be done by persistent effort, and the use of a moderate amount of capital.

Last Saturday afternoon, while looking out over the bluff in Rainier opposite the mouth of the Cowlitz river, we heard cries of distress and saw a man in the bow of a launch waving a flag and trying to attract attention. At first we thought the launch was in a sinking condition. Later we learned that W. J. Matchette, of Carrolton, Wash., and a launching party, were left in a sad plight while enroute for Portland in a steam launch, a piece of machinery was broken and the launch rendered useless. A couple of fishermen, with their boats, went out after the launch and towed it into Rainier where Matchette telephoned for repairs. The launching party took their departure for Portland Sunday morning.

The carpenter work on Robert Yount's new residence at Rainier is about finished. Last Sunday afternoon the Rainier brass band, of which Robert is a member, spent a good portion of the afternoon discoursing sweet strains of music from his verandas. By the way, the Rainier brass band is one of the best in the state for the time of its organization. The citizens of Rainier have reason to congratulate themselves on having within their town so good musical talent as is found in the band.

"Whatshall we eat?" is the all absorbing question with the housekeeper. We have pork and beans, lunch tongue, ham loaf, Vienna sausage, roast, corned, and chipped beef, deviled ham, catsup, mustard, pickles of all kinds, honey in pound combs, besides salmon, oysters, clams and fruit to help solve the problem these hot days. We also keep fresh fruit and vegetables whenever possible and pay the best price for produce. H. O. Oliver, dealer in groceries, dry goods, furniture, etc., Houlton, Oregon.

Frank Tracey, Sec. of the Vernonia Bureau of Information, came out over the mountains last Friday, bringing with him a couple of railway men, who have been in the Nehalem valley for some time looking over the old route from Hillsboro to Jewell. Frank says that it will not be many years before the valley will have a regular network of railroads. The Northern Pacific, the Southern Pacific, the Goble Pacific and the Portland Scappoose and Tillamook are all headed for that country.

Marion Fowler, the pioneer blacksmith of Rainier, is again in the field for business. He has purchased the smithy erected by James Spence opposite the K. of P. hall in Rainier, and is prepared to handle all kinds of repair work. Messrs Ehrlinger & Hamilton, the recent proprietors of the aforesaid shop, have returned to Goble, their former home.

A. D. McGillivray is having a good run of business at his blacksmith shop in Rainier. He is a good smith and tries hard to please his many customers. Frequently we see teams of horses from the ranches near Clatskanie at his shop to be shod. Mc. ran a shop at Clatskanie for a number of years, and his old customers are loath to give him up.

The Register man has houses to rent and houses to sell in the town of Rainier the best school town in the county. A house and one block, two houses and one block, and also a house and lot for good business location. He has also two or three good locations for small fruit farms or chicken ranches.

The blackberry harvest is about over. The crop this year has been exceptionally good. Several tons of berries have been picked and marketed at the different towns of this county, as well as ten or fifteen tons being shipped to Portland and Astoria.

Mrs. S. G. Schoonover and her son, Roscoe, came down from Vancouver Tuesday. Wednesday morning they continued on their way to Pittsburg to visit Mrs. Schoonover's daughter, Mrs. Hattie Ballard.

Judge R. S. Hattan visited Clatskanie and with the commissioners looked over the Clatskanie river bridge. The court decided that the old bridge was good for three or four years wear by making a few needed repairs and putting on new decking.

Judge Blanchard has completed the task of driving the piling for the soap factory foundation, at Rainier. The factory is an assured enterprise for the county. Now let us look about for other industries to employ the idle capital and idle muscle of this county.

Dr. Edwin Ross, of St. Helens, laid the foundation for a large new building about a year since. At present U. W. Clark and several other workmen are engaged in the construction of the new building on the strand, where the doctor will locate his drug store. The upper story may be used for a civic hall.

"Commencing June 8th and continuing until regular summer schedule is inaugurated, the regular train of A. & C. R. R. arriving at Astoria at 11:30 A. M. will run through to Seaside direct instead of via Ft. Stevens, arriving at Seaside at 12:30 p. m., returning leave Seaside at 4:30 p. m. instead of 2:30 p. m., allowing four hours at the beach."

Bert and Guy Mills were over from Vernonia last week getting some supplies and blacksmithing. The boys have a contract of putting 208 rods of corduroy road on Rock Creek. Bert says Vernonia will be the leading town in Columbia county in a year or two—so soon as the new railroad, now building from Goble, is completed.

A decided improvement is noticed in the walk adjoining the M. E. church in St. Helens. The old, dilapidated, board walk has given place to a nice, clean, crushed rock walk. The spirit of progress is seen in all parts of Columbia county. It is not the single great enterprise, but the many little improvements that employ the people of our county.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Judge T. A. McBride held an adjourned session of Circuit Court in St. Helens, last Saturday, when the following cases were taken up:

Gus Hegele vs Northern Pacific railway, dismissed.

McKiel vs Silvio Graham, injunction made perpetual. Plaintiff to recover his costs.

G. F. Livesley vs Muckle Bros., determined that belts, saws, etc. belong to Muckle Bros. under lease. The plaintiff required to return them.

Joseph Arnet vs Mollie Toppia, heirs are citizens of the U. S. and not aliens. Motion to strike out part of reply overruled.

Resimius vs Resimius dismissed and ordered to withdraw papers from file.

Nilson vs Nilson set for trial October 12th.

Court then adjourned to August 1st.

Working Night And Day.

The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Dr. Kings New Life Pills. These pills change weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, brain-fog into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25c per box. Sold by Perry & Graham.

GRANGE NEWS.

Natal Grange No. 302 met in regular session July 16th had a very pleasant and profitable meeting. Received one application for membership. The lecturers hour was very enjoyable, rendered so especially by the singing of our young lady members.

The W. M. appointed the following committee to gather an exhibit for the National Grange which meets in Portland in November. J. W. Armstrong, Pittsburg; Frank Peterson, Mist; Oliver Buris, Mist. The committee hopes that every one, whether members of the Grange or not, will give a helping hand to make this exhibit a success. We want grasses, grain in the straw, vegetables, fruits, woods, minerals, etc. Grain and grass should be tied in small bundles and hung heads down in the dry where the sun cannot shine on them, in order to preserve their color. Every sample should have a card attached with name and P. O. address.

Any one having an exhibit can leave it with one of the committee, or notify them and they will call for it. Let every one who leaves our beautiful Nehalem valley assist in this work.

The National Grange is a gathering of representative farmers from all parts of the U. S. and Canada, and on their return home will tell of what they saw in Portland, thus attracting attention to the merits of our valley. We need more inhabitants to make homes among us, to help us make roads, to fill our school-houses with children, in fact to make life more enjoyable.

Natal Grange will hold a basket social and dance on the last Saturday of July, at the Natal schoolhouse and dancing platform. This is leap year so now ladies, young and old, put up a lunch for two, bring your best beau, and enjoy life to the utmost. The baskets will be sold at auction, the proceeds to apply on building a hall. Come one, come all. Good music will be furnished.

J. W. ARMSTRONG.

Martin Wetrick, of Portland, went over to Pittsburg, Wednesday.

Mrs. S. A. Miles, of St. Helens, started yesterday for Seattle, to visit with relatives.

Walter H. Smith and son, Eugene, departed last Saturday for the Klamath Lake country.

Alex Sward, of Vernonia, passed through Houlton, Wednesday, enroute for Portland on business.

There are to be ten sets of Dicken's works printed; 130 volumes in all, at a cost of \$1000 for each volume. They are to be printed on parchment, such as was used 400 years ago.

"CRUSHED RAZOR" ROAD.

Nehalem Valley, July 19, 1904. Editor Columbia Register:

It has been said that distance lends enchantment to the view; that those things we have, those blessings which we enjoy are never so good, never so sweet as those belonging to and showered upon others. We, of the Nehalem, have been prone to find fault with our roads. In the summer they are full of holes and roots, in the winter axle deep with mud. It is possible however, may probable that other parts of the county are worse off than we of the Nehalem. Let us see: Last week the writer undertook a journey to St. Helens; and when between Houlton and his destination, where he struck the Portland-St. Helens road, he encountered a piece of modern improved road, veneered with crushed razors, or some other equally sharp macadam, which shaved all the hair off his horses legs from the fetlocks down.

We do not know what St. Helens has done to merit this punishment. It may be, however, that her enemies do not desire any one to enter the town and find this mode of prevention cheaper than maintaining an armed guard. But the County still has some claim on St. Helens, and the authorities should open up the road, either by building a new one, or raking the obstructions out of the old.

Whoever is responsible for the same, might be a glittering success at the head of an insane asylum, but as a road builder, it is safe to say he will never win the pennant.

Brutally Tortured.

A case came to light that for persistent and unmerciful torture has perhaps never been equalled. Joe Gobbick of Colusa, Calif., writes: "For 15 years I endured insufferable pain from Rheumatism and nothing relieved me though I tried everything known. I came across Electric Bitters and it's the greatest medicine on earth for that trouble. A few bottles of it completely relieved and cured me." Just as good for Liver and Kidney troubles and general debility. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Perry & Graham.

The Lecturers' Reading Circle.

Michigan's system of grange lecture work has for the past four years embraced an extensive course in addition to regular programmes, which comprise as subjects for discussion current events, special day exercises, question box, recitations, select reading and music. The aim of the lecturers' bulletin is to provide a variety of suggestive material to aid the subordinate lecturer to arrange and carry out a programme at each meeting of his grange that will come within the scope of his local conditions. And, further, realizing that the lecturer should possess abundant knowledge on the topics assigned and be able to pass on to some members a suitable article for a select reading or an answer to a question on current events, they have this year presented to subordinate lecturers a reading club, which will be as a key to the monthly programmes outlined in the bulletin. This consists of agricultural books and papers and bulletins.

What the Order Stands For.

The rural population is beginning to understand that to come within the gates of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry means more intelligent and successful farming, more cheerful and attractive farm homes, a broader education for the farmer, his wife and the boys and girls. It stands for intelligent and progressive legislation in the interests of agriculture in the town, state and nation. It believes in the right of every American citizen to labor with diligence and receive a just reward for the energy bestowed. The Order does not conflict with any other legitimate interest, but is firm in the belief that the farmer is entitled to a full share of what the harvest yields. —Hon. C. J. Bell.

A Suggestion as to Nova Scotia.

There is a grand field for grange work and organization over in the fertile Acadian lands of Nova Scotia. Perhaps some of our state masters or other officials could be prevailed upon next summer to go over to our Canadian neighbor and assist in the work of organization or at least of sowing the seed for future harvests. We have an idea that a little United States enthusiasm along this line would be very helpful.

Congress has been appropriating millions for river and harbor improvements, coast surveys, a Panama canal, etc., and is now ready to help build better roads if the demand for them is sufficiently strong.

It is not legal to confer the four subordinate degrees on the same person at one session of the grange.

Both Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and Assistant Secretary Brigham are members of our Order.

THE GRANGE

Conducted by J. W. DARRAW, Chatham, N. Y. From Correspondent New York State Grange

GRANGE SCHOLARSHIPS.

New York and New Hampshire Putting the Plan into Operation.

At the last annual session of the New York state grange a resolution was adopted to appropriate from the state grange funds \$200 annually for four scholarships, to be given to members of the Order. In any of the agricultural courses at Cornell university. A similar movement, looking to the educational interests of farmers' sons and daughters, has been instituted in New Hampshire also. Beginning with the opening of the college year, Sept. 7, 1904, each subordinate and Pomona grange in New Hampshire will have the privilege of appointing one student annually to a free scholarship in any of the four year or two year courses in the college, each appointment to be good for four years if in a four year course, or for two years if in a two year course. Students holding these scholarships will be relieved from paying the annual tuition fee of \$90, but will not be relieved from payment of incidental or other fees. Women may hold these scholarships on the same terms as men. The method of appointment is entirely at the option of the grange. It may be by election, competitive examination or otherwise.

These scholarship appropriations are quite in line with the avowed purpose of the grange to help the farmer and his family. In those states where funds will permit, we doubt if more practicable good can be accomplished with an appropriation of \$200 to \$500 than in this manner. It is expected that these scholarships in New York state are to be awarded as the result of competition between granges. The following plans have been suggested and seem likely to be adopted in their essential features:

First.—Scholarship to be awarded to the county showing the largest percentage increase in membership during the year.

Second.—Scholarship to be awarded to the county showing the largest percentage increase in new granges.

Third.—Scholarship to go to the subordinate grange showing the largest percentage increase in membership and attendance.

Fourth.—Scholarship to be awarded to the boy or girl having the best record for scholarship and best attendance at grange.

SOME GRANGE DOINGS.

National Master Jones Tells What the Grange Has Accomplished.

In matters of finance, the grange, through wise co-operation in fire insurance, has saved many millions of dollars to the farmers. In nearly every state the enactment of laws has been secured, making it possible for farmers to organize mutual fire insurance companies. In Indiana the grange secured the passage of the law of 1877, and the amendments thereto in 1883. Under these laws about fifty farmers' mutual companies have been formed, saving in that state alone \$4,000,000. One company organized under this law has saved more than \$100,000 to the farmers of St. Joseph county.

In life insurance, in many states, laws have been secured and mutual companies organized that have been almost equally successful with fire companies. Co-operative creameries, cheese factories, corn husking and shredding companies and live stock improvement associations have been a means of great profit and saving to the farmers. If co-operative laundries and bakeries were established also, our overburdened housewives would rise up and bless the grange for relief from these exacting duties that come to every home, especially in this day when domestic help is so hard to get.

In matters of legislation the grange has standing to its credit the elevation of the department of agriculture at Washington to a position equal to other departments of the government, with its chief a member of the president's cabinet, thus securing to farmers a voice in the affairs of the nation. This great boon was secured after a fight of twelve years. Also the Grout bill, protecting the dairy interests against the frauds practiced of selling oleomargarine as pure country butter.

It was the grange that raised the question that congress had power over interstate transportation companies and had the right to fix freight rates. This question was carried by the grange to the supreme court of the United States, and the decision secured that all corporations were subject to legislative control. On this decision the interstate commerce law and the Sherman antitrust law rest. The interstate commerce commission law has saved hundreds of millions.

New Hampshire Grange Prizes.

The state grange of New Hampshire offers \$100 to be divided into three prizes, to the three granges that will make the best park of not less than an acre or thin a grove of not less than two acres. It also offers an unabridged dictionary to each Pomona district for the best essay read at a Pomona meeting and a cabinet desk to the subordinate grange in each deputy district that shall excel in certain prescribed literary work during the year.

Austerlitz grange, Columbia county, N. Y., has 164 members, and not one is in arrears for dues.

The grange picnic season is in view again.

TRANUCING A STATESMAN.

What President Roosevelt Said About Thomas Jefferson.

On April 20 Theodore Roosevelt as president of the United States, touched the golden key which opened the Louisiana Purchase exposition at St. Louis, held to commemorate one of the great achievements of Thomas Jefferson, but an achievement which Jefferson himself, in writing his own epitaph, omitted to mention in comparison with the authorship of the Declaration of Independence and the statute for establishing religious freedom in Virginia. Yet, considered with reference to our national security and prosperity, the acquisition of the Louisiana territory, carrying with it the control of the Mississippi river and the gulf of Mexico, was undoubtedly the greatest triumph of peaceful diplomacy recorded in history, ancient or modern. But there is a strange irony in the fact that Theodore Roosevelt should have been designated by fate, as a successor of Jefferson, to inaugurate the ceremonies in honor of Jefferson's greatest diplomatic work and then publicly, before the world, to give the lie to his own acumen of the founder of the Democratic party, for of all the malignant vilifiers of Jefferson President Roosevelt has been the most rancorously malignant. In his published books, "The Winning of the West," "Thomas H. Benton" and "Naval War of 1812" he has denounced Jefferson as "vacillating," as "timid," as "a shifty doctrinaire," as "incompetent," "ungrateful," "intriguing," as "secretly aiding the French," as "constitutionally unable to put the proper value on truthfulness," that he was "the most incapable executive that ever filled the presidential chair" and that "his whole influence was distinctly evil."

Touching a golden button will not wipe out these calumnies. They have been deliberately printed by President Roosevelt and scattered by him gratuitously throughout the world. They stand forth today as witnesses to prove him an unworthy citizen of the United States, who has risen to the highest place mysteriously in order that by his own act his calumnies might be stamped as the work of an ingrate and a false prophet.

APT CHARACTERIZATION.

Senator Scott Tells What He Thinks of His Own Candidates.

The Republicans of West Virginia are having a stiff fight over their nomination for governor, and unless a compromise can be arrived at there would seem to be a good chance for the Democrats to defeat either of the leading candidates. So intense is the friction that Senator Scott in a speech to the convention to elect delegates to the national Republican convention said: "Now, my dear boys, don't let us say things about each other that are harsh; don't let us have to eat crow, for it is not palatable. Good Lord know I say from my heart that I hope we will all keep cool—so that we will be prepared to go up to the polls on election day and vote for the nominee, no matter who he may be. Whoever we nominate will be better than any Democrat. Go to the polls, if you have to go with a ballot in one hand and your nose for the other, but vote the ticket."

Now, what did Senator Scott mean by urging the Republicans of West Virginia to "vote the ticket" even "if you have to go with a ballot in one hand and your nose in the other"? Just before making that extraordinary remark he had informed the convention that both candidates for governor were his personal friends and his sympathies were divided, so it evidently was not the state candidate, whoever is nominated, that would be "crow" to the senator or cause him or his partisans to hold their noses.

It is well known that Senator Scott was bitterly opposed to President Roosevelt being nominated for president, and as long as Hanna lived he hoped he would receive the nomination, but with the demise of that leader hope died within the breast of Scott. He accepted the inevitable—Roosevelt would crown or a Democrat. "Good Lord know, I hope we will all keep cool." Judging from the battle of the caucuses and conventions, the shouting of the captains, the perspiring of the rank and file and the evident heat of Scott himself, it would seem that for those interested "to keep cool" under those circumstances would be difficult.

DEFICIENCY IMMINENT.

Expenditures of Government Increasing at a Most Alarming Rate.

The government receipts are decreasing to such an extent that there is every prospect of a deficiency next year. For the current fiscal year—that is, from July 1, 1903, to April 17, 1904—the total receipts amount to \$432,482,941 and the total expenditures to \$428,633,334, making the surplus for that period \$3,849,607. The surplus last year for the same dates was \$32,450,957, so that there is a decrease in round numbers of \$30,000,000.

With this dwindling of receipts the Republican leaders in congress have made no serious effort to decrease expenditures.

One thing is certain—that the next congress must either reduce appropriations or add to the taxes or authorize another bond issue. The extravagant estimates made by every department have not been investigated, although the cost of running the government has doubled since Cleveland's administration. The discovery of graft in the postoffice department does not seem to have been met by a reduced expenditure, which shows that the system is still rotten and requires a thorough reforming.