

LOCAL.

Are you going hop picking?
Old papers 25 cents per hundred.
Fogs and mist—regular hop picking weather.
Prof. Collins, of Clatskanie, was in Houlton Tuesday.
Capt. Newson, of Rainier, visited St. Helens, Tuesday.
Parties desiring old newspapers should call at this office.
Register and Journal (semi-weekly) for \$1.75 per year.
J. B. E. Bourne, of Rainier, visited Portland, Tuesday.
There is some talk of a baseball tournament at Clatskanie.
Judge Blanchard, of Rainier, spent Sunday at the beach.
J. W. Day, of St. Helens, went to Portland, Wednesday.
Dishes given away free at the New York store in St. Helens.
W. C. Lee of Rainier has given his residence a coat of paint.
Prof. Bristow, of Portland, was a St. Helens visitor, Wednesday.
N. Larson, the Mayor Meat Market man, was a Rainier visitor, Monday.
Street improvements and new sidewalks are now the latest in Rainier.
Forest fires are raging above Yankton in the Bunker Hill district this week.
Ex-Senator McBride was registered at the Moore hotel, Seaside, Saturday last.
Mrs. J. B. Wilkerson, of Rainier, who has been quite ill, is again convalescing.
The steamer Cop. H. Mandel, of U. S. engineer service tied up over Sunday at Rainier.
A. L. Clark has just finished the work of papering Victor Furor's residence below Goble.
Mrs. David Henshaw, of Houlton, attended the Artisan's social at Seaside last Tuesday.
Mrs. Reynolds went to Oregon City Tuesday, where her husband has secured a situation.
G. Watts, wife and two sisters, from Scappoose, formed a pleasant party at Seaside this summer.
A sign of hard luck is for thirteen to sit down at the table where there is only sufficient grub for six.
Prof. J. B. Wilkerson visited Portland last week and attended teachers' examination for a life diploma.
Eugene Miles and a party of young folks from St. Helens attended the Houlton dance Saturday night.
At Bailey & Brinn's you find a good quality of general merchandise, at the right price. New goods arriving daily.
Morgus of the New York store at St. Helens is offering special inducements for cash trade. See him for fine, premium dishes.
Married, at the home of A. F. Myers, Clatskanie, August 12, Rev. Jas. K. Hawkins officiating, John P. Myers and Dora L. Liggett.
Excursion rates to Ringling Bros. Circus over the N. P. R. R. from Houlton, \$1.15. Dates of sale August 29 and 30. Limit for return August 31st. N. A. Perry, Agent.
Beginning July 2nd, and continuing for the summer there will be no evening train from Portland, on the A. & O. R. R., but instead train will leave there at 2:30 P. M.
A fire set out in the vicinity of P. Hughes's place burned 140 cords of wood and a quantity of tools for Churchley Bros., of Portland, Tuesday.
A. G. Haggin, of Rainier, has the contract for putting in the brick foundation for the new school building at Reuben. The foundation will be 36 by 56 feet.
Mrs. Burnett, who has been running the Rainier Grand Restaurant, has closed the restaurant and removed to Graham's landing, a short distance below Goble.
J. H. Gibson and wife moved from Moorsville, back of Goble, to Rainier, where they will make their home this winter. Mr. Gibson has work in Yeon's logging camp.
A burglar entered the residence of A. G. Haggin, back of Rainier, a few nights since. He was met by a shepherd dog and in his hurried exit broke two fruit jars and a window sash.
If you like the Register, tell your friends about it and induce them to subscribe. We have special clubbing rates with the Portland Journal, Oregonian and San Francisco Examiner.
R. A. Sewell, of the Columbia & Logging company, says that snags and logs are still burning in the camp back of Columbia City, but the green timber has stopped the progress of all fires in that vicinity.
Judge Hattan and Sheriff White visited Hillsboro, last Friday and returned to St. Helens with their prisoners, Mary Robinson and Michael Pieters. Sheriff White had traveled more than 400 miles in search of the fugitives.
Mrs. A. G. Kernick writes her brother, Supt. Copeland, that Mr. Kernick has sold a part interest in his Jumbo mine for \$130,000. This is certainly good news, and as he has other good prospects, he may yet strike something better.

Last Saturday, the steam tug Yonburg, from Nehalem bay, arrived at the dock of the Rainier Mill and Lumber Co. with a raft of 200 of the finest logs that the Nehalem valley affords. This is the first successful towing of logs in across the bar from Nehalem bay. The logs are all number one and will be cut to fill orders recently taken in the Eastern markets. Heretofore logs have been obtained only from the Columbia river and its tributaries. The towing in of this raft of logs means much for Rainier, as it insures a continuous supply of logs for manufacture until the timber is all taken from the Nehalem valley.
"What shall we eat?" is the all absorbing question with the housekeeper. We have pork and beans, lunch tongue, ham loaf, Vienna sausage, roast, corned, and clipped 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.
Prof. W. C. Aylesworth, of Portland, will give a free musical entertainment and drill at the Houlton M. E. church, next Monday evening. Prof. Aylesworth is a very successful music teacher, and if enough interest is shown to justify, a singing class will be organized. It is to be hoped that a large audience will greet the Professor, Monday evening. We understand that he will also be present and sing at the Epworth League Sunday evening.
At the recent teachers' examination held in St. Helens, the following applicants were successful: First grade—Mada S. Arnold, Algie L. Arnold, Phyllis M. Blackford, S. Caroline Schneider, W. A. Young. Second grade—Lecia Lowe, Irene H. Johnson. Third grade—Ida M. Blackford, Virgil Prichard, Esther Silva, Edwin North, Alice Sharp. Three failed to make the required grades for a certificate.
Joseph Silva, of Rainier, had his house, which was built more than forty years ago, reshingled this week. It is a pretty good old house notwithstanding two scores years of rain, sun, and wind have altered its appearance. Its roof has sheltered three generations, and it is but fair to state that Grandpa Silva does not appear much older than he did when the old house was first built.
The A. & C. R. R. will sell round trip excursion tickets from all points on its line to Astoria and return, August 24th and 25th at one fare and one third for the round trip, account of Astoria Regatta, this rate in no case to exceed \$2, or be less than \$1.00. Tickets limited good to return until Aug. 28. Special rate from Houlton to the Astoria Regatta \$2.00. Dates of Sale, Aug. 24 and 25th. Return limit Aug. 28.
Commencing June 8th and continuing until regular summer schedule is inaugurated, the regular train of A. & O. 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.
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.
A. E. Gillett, of Delaware, Ohio, visited St. Helens and Rainier in the interests of the Ridgley Benefit Association, which is purely an Odd Fellows insurance company, the first of the week. Quite a number of the Odd Fellows of Rainier took out policies in his company.
The game of base ball Sunday between the Rainier club and the University Park club was a close one, the score being 6 to 7 in favor of Rainier. The game scheduled for next Sunday will be with Clatskanie on the Rainier grounds.
Messrs Blanchard and Thomas, of the Rainier soap company, made a business trip to Hepper the first of the week to look after the mineral supply for use in the factory as soon as the building is complete and the machinery installed.
If you want a five or ten acre tract of fine fruit or garden land or good location for a chicken ranch, good school and church privileges handy, good factory adjoining place, apply at this office.
FOR SALE, reasonable, five milch cows; three fresh and two will soon be fresh, and one four year old Durham bull. Apply to Mrs. Hilma Gleason, on Deer Island road near Carico.
This week the Register turned out some fine colored posters for Umpquits Tribe No. 21, J. O. R. M. who will give an entertainment and dance Saturday evening, Sept. 3rd.
Messrs Ohas. Malmsten, Omar Spencer and Miss Oral Spencer passed through Houlton, enroute for Portland, Monday.
Married at St. Helens, Wednesday, Judge Hattan officiating, Henry Wasser and Sara Jones of Reuben, Oregon.
H. T. Grewell, living 1 1/2 miles north of W. rren, has a milch cow and a couple of heifers for sale.
Mrs. H. O. Oliver was a Portland visitor, Wednesday.

St. Helens Mystery Solved.

Mary Robinson the 14-year-old daughter of Allen Robinson, of St. Helens, who disappeared from her home on Friday, July 29, leaving a cast-off dress with a note pinned to it telling that she had committed suicide, and blaming Dan Lope as the man who had caused her to commit the deed, was arrested in company with Michael Pieters, the wood-sawyer of St. Helens, Thursday night of last week at the hotel in Beaverton.
The couple had driven from Oregon City in the afternoon and stopped at the hotel at about 8 o'clock. Suspicion was aroused, the couple watched and finally a man who had resided at St. Helens and identified the girl as Mary Robinson, of St. Helens, and the man as a person he had seen sawing wood with a steam saw at St. Helens.
When the town marshal arrived and demanded admittance to the room Pieters refused unless he had a warrant for his arrest, but later yielded and the door was opened. While waiting for the sheriff of Washington county, Pieters jumped out of a second-story window and attempted to escape. The town marshal immediately followed and recaptured his man. Neither man was injured by the jump. It required the efforts of several of the by-standers to secure Pieters and escort him back to the room to await the arrival of the sheriff.
Both Pieters and Mary Robinson were taken by Sheriff Connell to the Washington county jail, at Hillsboro, to await the arrival of Sheriff White.
Pieters had \$148 on his person when arrested.
The following is the story told by Mary Robinson.
"I was stolen from my home on the night of July 29 by Pieter and several other men, whom I did not know," she said. "I learned afterward that one of the men's names was McDonald. Pieter had asked me three times to marry him, and I always laughed at him, because all of us at home used to laugh at him. I thought he was either crazy or joking. The day before he stole me away he saw me in the blackberry patch and told me he had made preparations to take me away, and that if I refused to go with him, he would kill me. He frightened me so badly that I was afraid to refuse to go with him. That night we went outside St. Helens to a timber claim where Pieter, myself and the men with Pieter stayed until the following night, when we went to Vancouver. From Vancouver we went to Portland, stayed there two days, then left for Sacramento. We remained there several days in a hotel and then returned to Vancouver by way of Astoria by boat. At Astoria I was left alone in my room all day and part of a night, and then I was taken to Vancouver. I am glad I am going home, but I hate to meet my parents. I don't care for Pieter, and only went with him because he threatened to kill me if I did not."
As she has told one or more stories in direct contradiction of this, it is impossible to discover the truth from her statements. Pieter's story, which follows, is quite different and may be nearer the truth.
"I have known Mary Robinson since she was old enough to walk," he said. "One night I saw her wandering around the river bank near my scow. I asked her what she was looking for, for I thought she had lost something. She would not answer me at first, but finally declared that she was never going to go home again and was going to drown herself. I asked her why, and she said that Dan Lope had ruined her and that she could not face the disgrace. I tried to reason with her and told her to go home and maybe I could find a way to help her out of her difficulty. I finally told her that if she would run away from home I would put her in some school or hospital where no one knew her and where she could hide her shame. She agreed, I planned it all, and she seemed pleased with all my plans. I took her away and first tried to place her in the Sister's school at Vancouver. Failing there I went to Oregon City, then to Beaverton, where I arranged to place her in St. Mary's Home. No one went with us when we left St. Helens. I have not mistreated the girl, but have watched her carefully, fearing she might in a moment of melancholy, take her life."
Michael Pieter, who is known by everybody in the vicinity of St. Helens, is 65 years of age. And it is the general impression of those best acquainted with him that the part he took in the matter was one of sympathy, and that there was no intention of anything criminal on his part. While Pieters is a recluse and a hermit, he has never so far as the records show ever been arrested for crime before. A suspicion may have been entertained against him at times, but never was evidence sufficient to warrant his arrest before. The story in Saturday's Oregonian purporting to come from Sheriff White in regard to Pieters is contradicted by the girl when she says: "Pieters did not attempt to harm me in any way."
Now as to the story regarding the young man, there is also room for much doubt, and it is possible that the notes written in regard to him and the stories told were fabrications to shield the real criminal.
The story of Mary Robinson on the witness stand is entirely different from

what it was at Beaverton. She denies having gone to San Francisco. Said she was concealed in the brush for a whole week within a hundred yards of the town of St. Helens, where she could look out and see the people searching for her, and that there was nothing to hinder her going home at any time if she so desired. She said that she threw stones against the old man's scow to wake him up; that he never tried to persuade her to go away, but that he pealed with her to go home. That he did not mistreat her in any way. That at all times he acted as a father to her.
Pieters hearing was held before H. P. Watkins, Tuesday afternoon. Pieters was bound over to appear before the grand jury at the October term of court, and his bond was fixed at \$500. It is likely that he will not give bond.
There is nothing wrong in what he has done, the law is all wrong from Pieter's view of the Robinson affair.
Time will reveal the fact that others are connected with this affair.
It is the presumption of law that a man is innocent until he is proven guilty. The stamping of feet during the preliminary examination of Michael Pieters was in very bad form to say the least. There is always some good about the worst of men. And there are scores of good things that might be said in extenuation of Pieters. One is that he has tended to his own business, and by so doing has amassed a fortune. He has befriended more than one man in this county and helped him through financial difficulties. Had a rigid cross examination of the one witness against him been had, there is little question but that her evidence would have been greatly shaken.
The Death Penalty.
A little thing sometimes results in death. Thus a mere scratch, insignificant cuts or puny boils have paid the death penalty. It is wise to have Bucklen's Arnica Salve ever handy. It's the best Salve on earth and will prevent fatality, when Burns, Sores, Ulcers and Piles threaten. Only 25c at Perry & Graham's.
Riley's Bible Story.
One-eyed Riley, of Scappoose, tried to disguise himself and beard the lion in his den. He changed his shirt, but the editor smelled him from afar and was absent, as usual, when he arrived at the sanctum sanctorum. He has been rehearsing his bible of late and quotes from memory—which may account for inaccuracy:
"When in doubt, always vote the democrat's ticket."
"Blessed is he who votes with the democrats."
"The Lord loveth a good democrat."
"When a democrat is in office, keep one eye on him, when a republican is in office, keep both eyes on him."
Puts an End to it All.
A grievous ailment comes as a result of unbearable pain from over taxed organs, Dizziness, Backache, Liver complaint and Constipation. But thanks to Dr. King's New Life Pills they put an end to it all. They are gentle but thorough. Try them. Only 25c. Guaranteed by Perry & Graham.
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HARRISON ALLEN, District Attorney
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H. HENDERSON, Clerk
MARTIN WHITE, Sheriff
CASPER LABEL, Commissioner
H. L. COLVIN, Comm'r
EDWIN ROSS, Treasurer
A. T. LAWS, Assessor
I. H. COPELAND, School Supt.
W. T. WATTS, Surveyor
H. R. CLIFF, Coroner

THE GRANGE

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THE DEGREE WORK.

Its Importance Not Always Fully Considered.

Fred Shepard, lecturer of the New York State grange, urges a reform in the manner of performing the degree work, in his state Lecturer's Bulletin.

In many granges, he says, there is a serious lack of that influence over their membership which should be exerted by the different granges, from the fact that too little attention is given to "degree work." This work is done too often in a careless, slipshod manner which is neither a credit to the grange nor attractive to the candidates. First impressions are lasting, and if the candidates do not receive a favorable impression when the degrees are "worked" something is lost to them that they can never gain. I have yet to learn of a grange whose ritualistic work is performed well that is not a successful grange. A reform in the manner of doing this work is most urgently needed. The manuals should be banished from the grange hall. More attention and care should be given to the regalia. The floor work should be done in such a manner as to impart to it the beauty and impressiveness which it possesses when rightly performed. The lecturer can, as circumstances will permit, devote a portion of the time at his disposal to drill in the floor work. In this way the officers of the grange will receive that practice so much needed that the degree work may make a pleasing and lasting impression on the candidate—an impression which time cannot efface from their memories.

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE.

Examinations For New York State Grange Scholarships in August.

Competitive examinations for the grange scholarship to the agricultural college will be held Aug. 6 at some convenient point in the various counties. These examinations are to be conducted in the presence of the committee. Each master of the Pomona or each deputy in counties where there is no Pomona is to appoint one brother and one sister to act with himself and hold examinations in each county. No county can have more than one scholarship at one time. Any member in good standing in any grange is eligible to compete for these scholarships. The candidate should make application to the master of his Pomona or to his deputy. Each scholarship is valued at \$50. In case any candidate fails to pass the entrance examination to the agricultural college the scholarship falls to the one of the same sex having the next highest standing. Patrons desiring further information regarding the college of agriculture should apply to the director at Ithaca for the catalogue.

Grange Work in New Hampshire.

The state board of agriculture, northern New Hampshire Pomona and the state grange united forces in holding a great farmers' outing among the White mountains on July 27-29. The exercises on the first day consisted of addresses and musical and literary exercises at Bethlehem. The second and third days were devoted to sports and excursions to places of interest.

The series of field meetings, continued during the last twenty-one years by the Pomona granges, will begin Aug. 1. State Secretary Drake has got up a book for recording the attendance of the members and officers and the rank of the latter in degree work and the score of the grange in literary work. It is a great saving of time and will greatly aid the deputies in their inspections. The next state grange meeting will be held in Dover, N. H., in December.

The Founders of the Order.

A personal letter from O. H. Kelley, one of the founders of the Order, to the editor of this department says that "the real founders of the Order were some thirty instead of seven. If I am one, surely Miss Caroline A. Hall was one. The foundation was laid when Fredonia (N. Y.) grange was organized. Brother A. S. Moss was the father of that grange—he was certainly a 'founder.'" The common impression is that there were only seven persons interested originally in the movement, but Mr. Kelley ought to know.

Hon. George S. Ladd, master of the Massachusetts state grange, will deliver an address at the grange meeting at Thousand Islands on Aug. 16. Mrs. B. B. Lord, past lecturer of the New York state grange, will speak, besides others not yet announced.

The first chartered grange was Fredonia grange, No. 1, of New York. The first state grange was that of Minnesota, organized Feb. 22, 1869. The first session of the national grange was on April 13, 1869.

Grange day at Chautauqua will occur on Aug. 20. The new grange building at the lake is completed and will be the center of interest for all grange visitors at that popular resort.

Discuss the commercial side of farm work frequently in the grange. The selling and marketing of crops is a worthy and profitable subject for consideration.

Keep the grange out of politics and politics out of the grange.

"Too Old."

Recently in two American cities two aged men have committed suicide because they could not obtain employment. One of the cases is reported from New York. A man about seventy-two years old had applied to the night watchman at a lumber yard for work and was told to call in the morning. He sat down by a pile of lumber where a number of men were gathered and appeared quite dejected.
"No one wants an old man," he said.
As the night wore on the others went away, and the watchman in making his rounds found the old man stretched at full length, breathing heavily. He appeared to be in great pain, and his lips were burned.
The man was taken to Roosevelt hospital in an ambulance and died three hours later.
The other case occurred in Chicago.
Andrew Wermilen, forty-five years old, could not obtain employment. "Sober, industrious and a first class mechanical engineer," was his description in his letters of recommendation, but all these qualities counted for nothing with the men to whom he went seeking employment. "You are too old," they told him. So Andrew Wermilen committed suicide.
The Chicago Record-Herald in commenting on the latter case well says:
"We are apt to spend much breath from time to time in denouncing the drones and 'spongers' on society—whether beggars or idle rich—and often we use the very practical argument that they consume what they do not produce and that they are consequently wasteful members of the society. What shall we say of the warts that is involved when society itself can find no place for competent men over forty-five, who are thus driven either to destitution or to lower grades of work or to suicide? The blame rests on society, which means our society."
Does a man get "too old" to be denied the treatment of common humanity? Are we civilized, or even half civilized, when those who have grown aged in service can appeal to us in vain? Are not the soldiers of peace entitled to our care and consideration as well as those of war? Are these who fight to give life less entitled to kindness than those who fight to kill? When men ask not for charity, but only for a chance to earn, are we to turn from them because they have a few white hairs? Is there not enough for all did not the selfishness of man rise up to murder his brother?
There are the almshouses, we say. True, but they are often overcrowded, and some would rather die than lose their own self respect. They do not want to sponge, but to serve. They desire to give an equivalent for what they receive.
What shall we say of a society where things like these can occur? Surely it needs more humanity and less greed.

Russia's Port Arthur Fleet.

Sanguinary speculators about the Russian naval problem in the far east have laid much stress on the fact that with all the battering of Togo's guns, and torpedoes and the accidents that befell them the Russians came out with a couple of battleships and twice as many cruisers in good sailing as well as good fighting trim and a couple of battleships effective after damages were patched up as floating batteries. A warship is not done for until dismantled or sunk. With what the brave and ill starred Makaroff left to his successors there still remained a chance to do something not only heroic, but telling on the naval situation. All the world remembers what Ceryera might have done when he sailed out of Santiago harbor to cover his name and that of his feet with imperishable renown. But glory was all that lay ahead of the Spaniards had they chosen to run amuck with Sampson's fleet instead of running away. The situation could not have been changed. There was no haven for a lucky ship to run to in case of escape, no friendly fleet bearing down to succor the surviving ships.
But not so with the Russian fleet either in Port Arthur or the open sea. Its partially disabled ships might land a few telling shots in an enemy's hull before going to the bottom or striking the flag, and the sound ones should give a good account of themselves unless the spirit of Makaroff has fled from the Russian navy. And if all should be lost in an encounter the sinking of a Japanese warship or two would be far better than surrender without a fight or the destruction of the fleet to keep it out of the enemy's hands.
Mayor Harrison has been asked to name the most beautiful woman in Chicago. If he wants to kill off his political enemy, he might delegate the job to John P. Hopkins.
If somebody will only find a red ant that will kill the brown tall moth, the people will rise up and petition for his appointment as an agricultural department expert.
Mrs. Maybrick is free at last. Justice gets her innings some time, though she frequently has to wait a long time—at least in England.
The number of widows a man leaves seems to increase in direct ratio with the number of dollars he leaves.
Boston is said to be sinking about a foot every century. Heavy thinking has its penalties.