

LOCAL.

Wise Brothers, Portland, Dentists.
C. I. Hazen has been nursing a felon on his right hand this week.
Goble school district No. 29 levied a three mill tax for this year.

Wm. T. Watts, surveyor, was doing business at the county seat Tuesday.

C. W. Emerson informs us that he has moved out on his ranch near Carico.

W. A. McIntyre is constructing a fine new residence near Perry Usher's place.

Guy Sprague, brother of Mrs. L. D. Weeks, is here on a visit from Victoria, B. C.

Chas. English, of Deer Island, visited Houlton and St. Helens Tuesday evening.

Mrs. W. C. Lee and son Willie, of Rainier, visited with her parents here over Saturday.

For first-class dentistry, go to Wise Brothers, of Portland, corner of Third and Washington.

John Edholm, of Vernonia, came in Tuesday night to attend the K. of P. installation at St. Helens.

Kelley Brothers, of the Houlton Exchange, have been granted another six months' license for their saloon.

Our school will resume again next Monday, both teachers and pupils having enjoyed a two weeks vacation.

Grace Adams came up from Rainier and is again stopping with her grandmother, Mrs. A. H. Mathews, of this place.

DIED—In Yankton, December 25, 1904 Myrtle Clara, eldest daughter of E. O. Steward, Lena Steward, aged 15 years, nine months.

J. G. Watts, of Seapooose, was down Tuesday visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. N. A. Perry, and attended the K. of P. installation at St. Helens Tuesday evening.

The masquerade ball given in Spences hall on last Saturday evening was a great success, taking into consideration the number of maskers present and the good time had.

An agreeable movement of the bowels without any unpleasant effect is produced by Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by Perry & Graham.

Mrs. Frank Brown, of Yankton started Tuesday evening for McMinville, where she will remain during the school year. Her children are attending school there.

During the past two weeks Houlton merchants have reaped a rich harvest. They tell us that their trade is better than it was a year ago, and notwithstanding times are a little close.

Dan Gilson, of Portland, was a Houlton visitor last Monday. He had with him a gentleman by the name of Ledwich, who was looking for a location. He may possibly buy a portion of Dan's place.

F. C. Cleaver, one of Goble's substantial ranchers, was shopping Saturday and added his name to our list. He says he needs a good county paper, and then showed his good judgment by subscribing for the Register.

At the town meeting Monday night the resignation of I. H. Copeland, proposed town trustee, was accepted and L. D. Weeks was chosen to fill the vacancy. The proposed charter was read and good feeling prevailed throughout.

R. L. Kenny, the barber at Goble, is doing a very nice business. Goble is a small place for a barber, but every man in it believes in patronizing his home town. Then Mr. Kenny is an expert at his trade. And that helps a whole lot.

J. B. Doan, as trustee of the Muckle estate in bankruptcy, sold 20 acres for \$15 more than the interest covered by the mortgage. There were no bids, for the balance of the property and the sale was adjourned until next Saturday at 10 a. m.

Bailey & Brinn, who operate in general merchandise business have made many improvements in their store room. They were compelled to do this on account of an ever increasing trade. By fair and honest dealing they have gained a reputation that is more to be desired than great gain.

Last Monday evening was one of the times when there was a good representative meeting in the town of Houlton. The object was that of incorporation. When the question for adoption of the proposed charter was submitted, there was not a dissenting vote—yet there were all kinds of rumors afloat before the charter was read.

H. O. Oliver has one of the best up-to-date country stores in Columbia county, where you can find anything from a needle to a crowbar or from a wheel-barrow to a threshing machine. He has only been in business a short time but his trade is increasing and his stock growing. He has used printer's ink quite freely and in consequence is known far and near as a wide-awake business man.

Wm. Makinister, formerly a resident of this county, passed through Goble en route for the Willamette Valley. He lost his youngest child a few days since by eating poisoned fruit. It is supposed that some apples that they had bought up in the valley had been sprayed and the fruit retained the poison sufficient to destroy the life of his child.

The growth of Houlton for the past year has been phenomenal, but much as it has improved during the past six months, yet a great deal more is to be accomplished in the near future. A large general store carrying an eight or ten thousand dollars stock; a fine joint high school building with St. Helens, and ten or twelve cottages, the latter to be erected by a corporation who will also put in an immense shingle mill plant, is what we may look for during the next six months.

The Red Men of Goble held a public installation Tuesday night. Great Deputy Sachem Walter Hunter installed the following: Sachem, G. C. Fowler, S. Sag.; O. D. Hunter, Jr. Sag.; M. J. Butts, Prophet; F. W. Makinister, K. of K.; W. Hunter, K. of W.; H. M. Fowler; F. S. C. C. Fowler; S. S., Edgar Fowler; Bravem: M. Link, V. Furor, W. E. Makinister, S. T. Alexander, O. J. Link, T. Hunter, G. S. Foster and W. McFarlan. G. of W, John M. Isador; G. of F. A. Hunter. Affine spread, a good program, and magic lantern entertainment pleased all.

Natal Grange No. 302 met for the first time in the new hall December 17, 1904. The following officers were elected: Master, N. D. Peterson; lecturer, Miss Ada Burris; secretary, Mrs. Nettie Peterson. A Christmas tree in the new hall on Christmas eve was a pleasing feature. Installation of officers will be open to the public in the afternoon of the day of our next regular meeting, January 21, 1905.

Cook Gamble was over at Rainier with a remonstrance against the closing of the road from Nehalem Valley to Rainier. Practically the road has been closed for six months, it being full of logs and the brush hanging over until it is impossible in places to get through. The county court would do more for the benefit of the county if they would apply a portion of the county funds on this road, and a little less in some other places.

Mr. Thompson, the blacksmith, while shoeing a horse last Friday, met with a painful though not serious accident. The forefinger of his right hand was caught in some manner by the nail in a shoe while it was being placed, and the flesh of the finger was torn loose to the bone. Although he has worked at his trade for upward of forty years, yet this is the first time he was ever caught by a nail.

The following officers were elected by Vail Grange No. 294 at their meeting December 29th: A. Freeman, worthy master, Henry Larsen, overseer; Peter Leonard, lecturer; A. B. Wright, chaplain; N. Jensen, treasurer; M. F. Hazen secretary; P. Anderson, steward; K. F. Larsen, assistant steward; Peter Larsen, gatekeeper; M. A. Hazen, ceros; Catherine Bacon, pomona; Grace Disney, flora.

Milton Grange No. 322 initiated E. H. Flagg Wednesday night and installed the following officers: R. H. Mitchell, W. M.; J. B. Godfrey, O.; I. H. Copeland, lect.; Mrs. E. J. Mitchell, chap.; Mrs. W. T. Oliver, sec.; Anna Copeland, treas. C. I. Hazen, stew.; H. Usher, asst.; Kate Perry, pomona; Cora Woodard, ceros; Cora Usher, L. A. S.

Mrs. Camp, a niece of Mrs. Met Hazen, died at her home in Warren Monday. She was buried in L. O. O. F. cemetery Wednesday. Deceased was about 20 years of age and had lately come to Oregon from Washington.

DIED—Henry Cook died at Goble, Ore., December 25, 1904, at the residence of C. Maginn. Deceased was born in Ohio in 1834. Mr. and Mrs. Maginn desire to thank the people of Goble, and of the transfer boat for their kindness.

Hon. Geo. Mayger started yesterday for Portland and will go on to Salem the first of the week, where he will do some effective work for his state.

Rev. Alvord will preach at the M. E. church immediately after Sunday-school next Sunday.

Sheriff White took Munson and Geo. Kane to the asylum at Salem Wednesday.

BORN—To the wife of E. L. Pullen, of Warran, January 2, a son.

CLATSKANIE DEPARTMENT.

—BY CUMTUX—

David McDonald is in Portland this week.

Mrs. Dr. Glaze is reported sick this week.

Mort Harvey, of Deep Creek, was in town this week.

Geo. Howetson was running logs down the Clatskanie this week.

The West Oregon Planing Mill has shut down for a few days.

Mr. Thomas Laws, of St. Helens, our county assessor, was in town a few days this week.

Al Johnson, Log Van, Mr. Daywalt, and Lindberg, of Nehalem, were in town this week.

The old year went out with the usual boom of the giant cracker and a hop at Graham's hall.

M. E. Page is making preparations to move into the Graham building, lately vacated by McKiel.

Little Willie McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McDonald, is quite sick with the croup this week.

You can hear the hammer ring all over town as the nails in the different buildings are being driven home.

John Spurgeon is spending a few days at the Summit mills this week.

We noticed Mr. Dean Blanchard and Mr. Count, of Rainier, in our burg this week.

Eder Wallace, who has been spending Xmas with his parents in Nehalem, returned to work in the campaign.

The Lewis and Clark Fair club will meet Saturday evening to discuss future plans for furnishing exhibits for the fair.

A party was given at Mrs. Geo. Tichenor's Saturday eve in honor of Miss Nellie Lovell. A nice time and all enjoyed themselves.

Max Burkhead, who has been in the employ of Mr. Kratz for some time, is taking a vacation, visiting his parents in Monmouth, Oregon.

The Hazle Grove school is being enlarged and hereafter two teachers instead of one will be employed, G. P. Hlatt has the contract.

Several well-known young men who have been spending the holidays here have departed to the various camps where they are working.

Mrs. Nickerson took a short trip to Portland the first of the week and then returned to Midway camp, where she has been employed for some time as cook for the Benson Logging and Lumber company.

We had the pleasure of calling on Dr. Glaze this week and found him busy. "I am always busy," said the doctor. Dr. Glaze is a first-class dentist and if you need the work of a dentist you will do well to call on him.

A protracted meeting is being held in the M. E. church this week and will in all probability extend through next week. Mr. Wood, of Oregon City, is assisting Rev. Mr. Hawkins. It is hoped that a great deal of good will be accomplished.

The people of this section are pretty well enthused over the exhibits of this county and are doing all in their power to make it a success. Mr. O. J. Bryant has about one bushel of spuds that will measure 14 inches each. Beat that if you can.

Mr. Eastman, who has been driving team for the West Oregon Lumber company, met with quite a serious accident. A piece from the edger struck him on the hip with such force as to break his hip. Dr. Hall was called and reduced the fracture.

Quite a number of the local team of the Foresters of America went to Rainier Wednesday night, the 4th, to initiate seven candidates in the mysteries of Forestry. They were Messrs. J. W. McDonald, I. McKay, Arch McLain, Fred Hen, M. M. Franklin, Max Fougel, M. E. Page and others.

To The Voter.

EDITOR REGISTER: I have had but little or no time to talk reform lately, having been away from home and very busy trying to earn bread and just a little butter, so please give me just a little space for a few words:

Under our democratic form of government the masses must naturally cast the ballot, and as the working man constitutes the greatest percentage of the population, the working man as a voter is an absolute necessity to party success.

Perfectly understanding this phase of the question, political leaders as a matter of policy endeavor so to prepare their party platforms as to offer something particularly alluring to the masses. But political platforms are not taken as seriously as they used to be, and do not count as much in election results as the political managers would have us believe.

It is a time worn principle that a party must have a platform, and, in preparing it, every care is taken to include in it sufficient labor planks to please the people and to furnish a basis for campaign oratory. The fact that not a single so-called labor plank has ever found its way into effective legislative enactment thus far has not discouraged the platform builders. It is, therefore, fair to conclude that the majority of aggressive planks that find their way into political platforms are born in a spirit of catering to popular opinion, as it is understood to be held by the working class.

I call to mind the state platform adopted by one of the parties that called for governmental ownership of the coal mines. Shortly afterward a state convention of the opposite party emphatically demanded legislation to regulate and manage the combinations of capital. A national convention declared in favor of insurance of the working people.

National convention platforms have declared against government by injunction and against the absorption of business by the trusts. They have promised remedial legislation for every evil, real or fancied. In fact, it has been the principal business of all parties to offer something to catch public opinion and change the voting sentiment in favor of the party offering it.

To those who stop to think of the promises made in party platforms and who remember how indifferently they have been kept, the party platform does not offer much of an inducement. A great number of our voters do not know the difference between one platform and the other, and in casting their ballots lend their prejudices to their performances. The truth of the matter is, that with the money question out of the campaign, and the tariff considered not a serious issue, the two great parties will practically work along the same lines.

Tonic to the System.

For liver troubles and constipation there is nothing better than DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous Little Pills. They do not weaken the stomach. Their action upon the system is mild, pleasant and harmless. Sold by Bailey & Brinn.

The party out of power always promises better times if it is placed in power. The administration calls attention to the improved condition as compared with the time when it came into power. If it happens, however, that times are not so good, very little is said regarding the matter, and the campaign is devoted largely to questions of state that are so far beyond the conception of the average voter that he can not grasp the situation and wonders what it is all about. If he is not an irredeemable partisan, he is very much in doubt, and the assurance of the party out of power that it has something better will generally find in him a willing convert—for who does not like a sure thing? Nor does it require much argument to start a man after it. The average citizen who continues to pay advanced prices for the coal, oil, beef, and other trusts that control his necessities, wonders what there is in it for him; for, despite all of the fine talk, he can not see where anything startling has been done for the protection of his personal pocket-book; and that to him is the question of importance. So far as he can see, the interference of the government with the trusts has not benefited him in the least. The anti-conspiracy law was another prominent feature of a party platform, and what became of it? The congressmen whose party demanded that government by injunction be ended, have been as quiet as the dead through the succeeding congressional sessions that have had the bill under consideration. There have been no thunderous demands made by them in congress, although the echoes that were started four years ago during the campaign can still be heard.

The political orators always held out strongly for good wages, short hours, fair treatment, and all of these things to make men glad when they heard them promised. Congress was urged to pass an eight hour work day law to apply only to employees on government contracts. This law naturally met the opposition of the employers, although the reasons for their objections were only their prejudices against a short work day. If all contractors were compelled to make their contracts on the same working day basis, there could not be injustice to any of them. The truth of the matter is that the employees feared the employees who were not on government work, would also demand the eight hour day. This was a disturbing factor to many employers who are now in position to impose long hours upon their laborers. The employer did not mention the fact as a reason for his objection. He raved and swore and called the laborers anarchists, and succeeded in having the bill referred to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, who will not report until after the election. Party platform promises have been offered until they are worn out, and now, regardless of what either party offers, or of how pretentious its platform may be with promising generalities, the average laborer will pay but little attention to any of them. It is reasonable to expect, however, that his vote will depend largely upon his earning and purchasing capacity prior to the time of the coming election. His sentiments and politics are in his home and dinner pail. If his dinner pail is well filled it is all right and there is no need for a change.

To sum up the labor situation as it applies to politics at this time, it is safe to affirm that there is no organization except the Socialist party that offers a substantial remedy to the workingman, the man who works for his living and depends on campaign oratory for his political and social education, believes as much as he thinks affects him personally, and usually votes accordingly. Let us hear from you. OBSERVER.

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Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our neighbors in Yankton and elsewhere who so generously came to our aid in our recent bereavement. May the kind father of us all hold them all in His love and protection and give to them the same blessing of friends and help and brotherly kindness in their time of need or sorrow.

E. O. STEWARD,
LENA STEWARD.

Mrs. Mary S. Crick, of White Plains, Ky., writes: "I have been a dyspeptic for years; tried all kinds of remedies but continued to grow worse. By the use of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure I began to improve at once, and after taking a few bottles am fully restored in weight, health and strength, and can eat whatever I like." Kodol digests what you eat and will cure you. Sold by Bailey & Brinn.

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ST. HELENS DEPARTMENT.

A Happy New Year.
Pay your water rent.
Dock Cade is becoming quite a painter.
Robinson and Lope have made a stock yard.

Leap year is gone—who said rats? Now boys!
L. L. Decker is badly crippled with rheumatism.

A porch has been added to the St. Helens hotel.

A. M. Holton left Tuesday for Estacada on a business trip.

The river is rising rapidly and considerable drift is afloat.

A new gasoline street lamp is one of our many improvements.

Michael Piertier is catching more logs and making more cord wood.

Wild flowers, such as currant, may be seen in bloom along the river bank.

Sandy Renney, of Dallas, spent the holidays at the Kettle home.

Chas. Thompson is again employed as engineer on the steamer America.

School has commenced again, after a very restful vacation of ten days.

Spacious sidewalks, with good railings, are adorning considerable of the burnt district.

Mrs. Louis Barger, and children will go to Grants Pass shortly to join her husband.

Mrs. Gage and children are spending a week with relatives at Stafford, Clackamas county.

Some cattle have been bought and sold here at a very low figure, which goes to show the scarcity of hay.

Mrs. E. C. Gray went to Tacoma last Wednesday to attend a meeting of the Pacific Coal and Oil company.

The steamship Charles Nelson will return shortly for another load of ties. It carried away 17,000 the last trip.

Miss Hoffman has returned from her trip south. A complication of drawbacks made her stay shorter than expected.

Business at the Sisters quarry has been renewed. A scow has just been loaded. The chute is completed except the bottom, which will be made of railroad rails.

How to Make an Honest Dollar Without Work is the Question of the hour.

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