

**Editorial Snap Shots.**

Well might it be said that the Japs are loaded for bear.

Take water! Out of the duck pond in the heart of the city.

If Old Sol would smile down on us a little oftener we should all be very grateful.

There is this satisfaction in not getting mail for about a week, for no duns come to hand.

One foot and a half of rainfall for February in Tillamook, the original Webfoot country.

When you want the county news you can always find it first in Tillamook's old and reliable newspaper—the HEADLIGHT.

There is nothing peculiar in Tillamook being "bottled up," for it has been that way all the time from an industrial and commercial point of view.

Now take water! Through a \$60,000 pipe while the bloated bond holders pocket the money and laugh over Tillamook City's cupiditidy and folly.

We always thought there was plenty of good lumber in Washington until Joe Franklin left a saw mill over there and returned here for the purpose of taking away a Tillamook Plank.

February was a rough and boisterous month and the vivid lightning and the heavy peals of thunder early on Sunday morning warned people that something was happening overhead.

If the taxpayers are not satisfied with the names of those who have been named as a water commission, then let the taxpayers declare by their ballots at some future occasion whom they want.

Some business men say they can stand a \$60,000 water system if others can. That is proof enough that they expect to go down in their jeans to make up the deficit, but hear them squeal when they "stand it."

The HEADLIGHT is anxious to see the engineers' report of the survey of Tillamook bar and the estimate of cost to improve the same, but somehow we cannot find out anything about, so have come to the conclusion that it must be "bottled-up" up like Tillamook.

If the Fairview Grangers can give anything like a passable theatrical performance, we do not think that it would be out of place for the HEADLIGHT to extend an invitation to them to play in this city. We believe the "city folk" would give the Grange theatricals a full house.

The Globe Democrat says "Russia has canceled her 1904 date at St. Louis. We shall meet, and we shall miss her, but there will be no vacant chair." We believe the Democrat is wrong. There will be thousands of vacant chairs in Russia before the sturdy little Jap is whipped.

Russia may not care to admit it, but we are inclined to the opinion that the two war ships which are reported to have struck mines in the harbor of Port Arthur pumped up against Japanese torpedoes, and that was what sent them and their crews to Davy Jones' locker.

If there is one person more than another we want to see re-nominated on the republican state ticket, it is Judge G. H. Burnett. We have watched him somewhat closely and critically on the bench, and there is no denying the fact that he possesses a fine judicial mind and lends dignity to the law by not allowing anything irrelevant in court.

What with little or no harbor improvements, saw mills and the logging camps closed down, the industrial prospects for this county are not bright. But as Old Bossy is Tillamook's old stand by, and with the prospect that the chittim bark peelers will do a land office business, the prospects of another good year are as bright as could be expected.

As the directors of the Fairview and Red Clover Creameries are not inclined to give out the reports of those factories for publication, we are sorry that we cannot publish them in full this week, for their secretary, Mrs. S. Severance, who has filled that position for both factories for a number of years, has always had interesting reports, and her long connection with those institutions has made her an efficient and valuable secretary.

There is one thing sure, the vote on Tuesday knocked some of the value out of city property and town lots. And no wonder that property owners are feeling blue when a few individuals can sway an election for the expenditure of \$58,000 borrowed money, by being assessed for a little bit of personal property. City lots and town property are not worth so much to-day because of this.

Jack Frost must be pretty rough on Tillamookers when they go East in winter, for Mr. Patzlaff, who has just returned from there, reports having his nose and ears frozen and his blinkers closed up. We always thought Tillamookers were privileged characters when they went on the outside, but Jack Frost didn't do a thing to one of our towns-

men when the glass was down from 6 to 36 below zero.

Is it true that some of the city authorities are acting as agents for the slot machine men and have placed machines in most of the saloons. Gee! We've hit upon a happy idea. We move to bond the city for another \$60,000 so that the city council can erect, maintain and run a gambling house in the interest of the city. If the city is going into the bonding business, why not take up the best paying proposition first, for the city is receiving no revenue from the wide open gambling joints.

So as to make it a genuine farce, it is now in order to take another vote on the water question. The city council won't be acting right if it don't order another election, for if one side can get another vote taken, surely the other side ought to be accorded the same rights and privileges, especially as one side had a majority of 5 at one time and the opposite side had a majority of 6 at another time. To put it pointedly, we must admit that the water question has turned out a regular burlesque.

Probably with the exception of a few who are expecting lightning to strike them, there is nothing much doing in politics on the surface. The South part of the county is more interested in chittim bark than politics. The Nehalemites are trying to build a political bridge across the river, which, no doubt, they will get in a few years, as will also the Nestuccaites, but both projects are now turned down until the county is in better shape financially. Behind the political scenes there is something happening, and of a momentous character—the same old slate makers trying to trade something they haven't got and are making promises they intend to break, and which are as flimsy as a soap bladder. But there is something doing that is going to count, and that is there will be but a few to ride in the political soreheads' band wagon this year.

It is now perfectly in order for the \$60,000 water boomers to agitate for a \$60,000 sewerage and a \$60,000 court house. Now that the popocratic agitators have gained one point, the taxpayers had better keep their eyes peeled. But we are glad to know there is too strong a sentiment all over the county against a big bonded indebtedness for a new court house, and it is just as well to know what the people in the country think of the water question in the city, and to quote what we heard a dairyman say on the street: "You people must be crazy to want to bond the city for \$60,000 for another water system!" Probably we are, but then popocratic agitators kick up a tempest in a tea kettle once in a while, or until the conservative taxpayers get tired of so many hot air agitators who want to turn this city over to the money power.

The Eugene Register is wanting to wager the HEADLIGHT another hat. This time that L. T. Harris will receive the nomination for Congress, for this is what it says: "And this reminds us that during the contest for Speakership, the Register wagered the HEADLIGHT that Harris would win it. We won the hat and having worn it two years, need another one, and we are confident Harris can thus provide us with headgear for at least another year by landing the nomination for Congress as he did for speaker, provided the HEADLIGHT is so disposed."

Had Mr. Eddy allowed his name to be used as a candidate for Congress, the HEADLIGHT would have gladly staked another hat on the gentleman from Tillamook, but as he is not in the race we must decline the Register's desire to sport another new hat in that classic city of Eugene at our expense, not that we have cold feet and want to crawlfish, but simply because Tillamook county has no favored son as a candidate for Congress. But, in politics, there are many slips between the cup and the lip, and on that account we advise the Register not to be too gay.

Tillamook City has not received mail for nearly a week over the North Yamhill route, and the end of this uncalled for delay is not in sight, although it is reported that parties started out Friday morning on snow shoes to bring the letter mail across the mountain. Whether they will succeed in getting through it remains to be seen. It is easy enough to blame Mr. Gaunt, the mail carrier, for he should, when he found he could not get through, have started men out on snow shoes the first of the week or taken the mail back to North Yamhill, reported the matter and had it come in by way of Sheridan. That would only have caused about five hours delay in mail to Tillamook City from Portland, and in that way there could have only been a delay of a day or so. Herein is Mr. Gaunt at fault and to blame. But he is not the only party who should be censured. The postal authorities are the biggest sinners and should come in for the greatest amount of censure, for it turned down bids which were reasonable compensation for the services which were to be performed, consequently it was let at such a low figure that no one can expect good service for the money, and no matter how alert the postal authorities may be, poorly paid mail carriers on star routes does not bring the postal authorities into good repute and is a detriment to the service and an an-

noynance to the public. If the postal authorities want to do cheese paring, let them start on the railroad companies with their excessive charges for carrying mail, not on some poor devil of a mail carrier on a star route who has to cross the Coast range of mountains and buck twenty foot of snow, and snowing one day and raining the next at the summit to beat the band.

**BLAINE.**  
By Tom Elaine.

In the days of prosperity, be joyful. In the days of adversity, consider. Don't forget the chittim bark meeting, March 5, 1904.

Johnie Creecy spent the past week visiting old time friends in and around Tillamook.

It hailed to beat rain, and rained to beat hail here this week.

E. H. Newton, of Ohio, tarried here a few hours last Friday.

Abe Griest and John Searley returned East last week, via the Grand Round.

The thunder rolled and the lightning flashed and killed a mouse, Silaslelmoon.

Will Ray carried off the laurels at the literary debate last Friday evening. He would make a good attorney.

The Nestucca river at Blaine is up-and-coming, the salmon are jumping, the cows we're pumping, so let it rain.

It will be Binger Hermann against the field, and the devil take the hind most. Hermann is the man for us.

Mark Curl, assisted by some of his public spirited neighbors, has been working the roads this week.

Mr. Hebo is now a beautiful snow cap. One never tires gazing at it.

R. O. Richards took two wagon loads of cheese to Tillamook City last week. He was accompanied by P. B. Coulson. Mr. Richards is one of our most successful cheese makers. He has a fine ranch.

Will Ray and Dee Moon went to Tillamook City last week on business. They reported all well at the hub, but no railroad depot erected yet.

Blaine has one of the largest schools in the county, and 43 scholars have been enrolled for this year. It is now the second largest district. The district owns its own house and two acres of land, with no debt of bondage to the money power.

Howard Drew, clerk in Fred Beals' real estate office, took dinner at the Howser house Saturday. Mr. Drew was up listing property in and around Blaine. He was quite successful.

The business of the Blaine post-office is increasing. If it continues so, we will soon have a daily mail. Then, boys, we can read the daily Oregonian.

M. Thompson came down to Blaine for supplies for his powder horn ranch. He reports the neighbors all well and stock doing all right, considering the bad weather.

Don't forget to register, if you want to vote next June and November. Then don't forget to vote, and vote her straight republican. That means prosperity and good price for bark.

Man was born to peel bark. And the Lord will help those that help themselves. But the Lord help those who are caught peeling their neighbor's bark.

News has reached Blaine that the S. P. will start out a party of surveyors to survey a route for a railroad from Sheridan over the Nestucca river, pass down the river to Blaine, from there to Spruce and then take a straight shoot for Tillamook City. Let her come. We will all celebrate at the Lewis & Clark Fair.

J. J. Howser attended the Republican County Central Committee meeting at Tillamook this week, being the committeeman from the Blaine precinct. While in the city he was admitted into the Tillamook I.O.O.F. Lodge by card. He also called on Mr. Tuttle and will try and have him extend his telephone line to Blaine.

Pall Q. Van Dehinerinal, Faltz Van Dewigates and Jacob Van Diditch speaker, formerly of Holland, now of Tillamook City, were in Blaine this week and succeeded in locating three good claims. They will return soon and begin at once to open up their ranches and peel bark.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Booth entertained the young people of Blaine, at their home Monday evening. It being leap year, the young ladies were supposed to accompany the young men to the party, which they did. All present reported as having a good time and long to be remembered.

Quite a large crowd attended the literary society last Friday evening. The debate was good from start to finish, and the program first-class. The house was taxed to its full capacity, and quite a number were compelled to stand. There was a number of visitors present from the adjoining neighborhood. Amongst the audience we noticed the Dye Bro., of Woolf Creek, and Mr. Kinnaman, of Beaver.

There has been quite a number of claims taken up this winter around and east of Square Top, which is about two miles east of Blaine. But there are a great many good claims left yet. The chittim bark alone will bring from \$500 to \$5,000 per claim, and when the bark is removed the land is valuable for dairy ing and stock raising.

The news was received at Blaine this week that Edd Smith had passed Grand Round, headed for Sheridan, a-foot and alone. The Blaine constable was despatched at once over the Nestucca trail

to head him off. Later: Smith was captured with hands down, and has been taken back to Grand Round for safe keeping. He will be patrolled by Indian police until his trial comes off.

Owing to the long winter evenings, and of which most of the time is raining, and as Blaine has no hall, the young men of this place have decided to organize a Passtime Club, and to erect a building, which they have already begun. They are now clearing the ground and getting our timbers for same. Any young man who is a law abiding citizen, sober and of good moral character is eligible.

Blaine republicans are putting on the war paint ready for the fray, and there will be a war dance this year over the carcasses of republicans who attempt to disrupt and defeat the party. Mr. Editor, haven't those factional republicans been whipped often enough, and sense enough to come in out of the cold and be one of the boys again? [Most of them have, and those who have not are better out of the party, for they only keep up a factional fight when they can't run things to suit themselves.—Ed.]

Mark Hanna is dead but the Govern-ment still lives. Roosevelt will be nominated by acclamation and elected president by the largest majority that was ever given any one man during the history of the United States. He will receive ten million votes. McKinley received over seven. The last, last hope the democrats had of electing a president this year flicker out when the telegraph wires flashed the news that Hanna was dead. While we are not a prophet or a son of prophet, however we will venture to assert that the democratic party has elected its last President. Perfect harmony now appears to prevail in the ranks of the republican party of Tillamook County. Wherever there is union there is strength.

**COULSONBURG.**

C. Mills, the hustling real estate agent of Tillamook City, spent the fore part of last week with friends here.

Albert Kinnaman came over from Spruce Saturday, to visit N. Dves.

E. H. Newton, of Suisun City, Calif., arrived here last week. Mr. Newton is now looking for a location. We hope he may be able to find one to suit his fancy, and that he will become a "Tillamooker." Anyway, Mr. Newton came just in time to see a fair sample of "web" weather, the kind that makes Tillamook county famous.

Clarence Coulson has gone to work for Joe Hollett, at Blaine.

O. W. Kinnaman and wife are down from Boulder Creek.

Miss Abbie Coulson is again at home, after spending a week, visiting friends and relatives in Tillamook City.

A son-in-law of Mr. Christensen was here looking for a farm last week. We failed to learn the gentleman's name.

Everybody seems anxious to get a "Chittim bark" claim, and the ones who are fortunate enough to have one, are still more anxious to get to harvesting the "precious" stuff.

G. T. Coulson is working for Mrs. Dell Bailey, at Blaine.

School is progressing nicely under the "tutorship" of Miss Smith.

N. Coulson, who has been quite poorly the past few weeks, is some better at this writing.

Will Thun has removed his cattle from the Swabb place to the Alfred Binglow ranch.

**Weather for February.**

| Temp.  | Maxi- | Mini- | Mean  | Rain- |
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| ature. | mum.  | mum.  |       | fall  |
| 1      | 52    | 32    | 42.0  | 0.04  |
| 2      | 48    | 28    | 38.0  | 0.00  |
| 3      | 47    | 38    | 42.0  | 0.25  |
| 4      | 49    | 39    | 44.0  | 1.99  |
| 5      | 49    | 32    | 39.0  | 0.15  |
| 6      | 44    | 37    | 40.1  | 0.60  |
| 7      | 43    | 34    | 38.1  | 0.35  |
| 8      | 38    | 29    | 33.1  | 0.15  |
| 9      | 40    | 28    | 34.1  | 0.05  |
| 10     | 47    | 31    | 39.0  | 1.50  |
| 11     | 47    | 39    | 44.1  | 1.50  |
| 12     | 44    | 34    | 39.0  | 0.70  |
| 13     | 42    | 31    | 36.1  | 0.85  |
| 14     | 44    | 33    | 38.1  | 0.40  |
| 15     | 46    | 36    | 41.0  | 1.21  |
| 16     | 46    | 37    | 41.1  | 0.33  |
| 17     | 48    | 36    | 42.0  | 0.11  |
| 18     | 48    | 35    | 41.1  | 0.10  |
| 19     | 47    | 35    | 41.0  | 0.40  |
| 20     | 44    | 34    | 39.0  | 0.55  |
| 21     | 53    | 37    | 45.0  | 1.57  |
| 22     | 53    | 46    | 49.1  | 0.42  |
| 23     | 48    | 34    | 41.0  | 1.02  |
| 24     | 49    | 32    | 40.1  | 0.40  |
| 25     | 45    | 32    | 38.1  | 0.35  |
| 26     | 45    | 38    | 41.1  | 0.50  |
| 27     | 48    | 38    | 43.0  | 0.41  |
| 28     | 46    | 35    | 40.1  | 1.21  |
| 29     | 44    | 33    | 38.1  | 0.30  |
| 30     | 00    | 00    | 00.0  | 0.00  |
| 31     | 00    | 00    | 00.0  | 0.00  |
| Sum.   | 13.44 | 10.02 | 11.81 | 17.92 |
| Mean   | 46.3  | 38.0  | 40.6  | "     |

Summary.—Mean temp 40.6; Max temp, 53; Date, 21, 22; Min. temp, 28; Date, 1, 9; total precip., 17.92 inches; No. of days cloudy 29; Dates of frost, Killing, 2, 9; Dates of hail, 4, 5, 6, 7, 19, 22, 28, 27, 28; Prevailing wind, direction S. W. Remarks: Ice on 2 nights only. Eclipse on the 17, and cold north winds will make March rough month. March 20, Equinox; from 16 to 24 expect heavy rain and high water; Latitude 45.26; Longitude 123.51 West of Greenwich.

**The Ladies' Aid Society.**

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M.E. Church are prepared to do any kind of plain sewing, quilting, or making comforts. They have at the present time two quilts for sale. For further information call at the parsonage.

**Commissioners' Court.**

The Board of County Commissioners met on Wednesday and Thursday, County Judge W. W. Conder and Commissioner Geo. W. Bodyfelt being present, when the following business was transacted:

- Pacific States Telephone Co..... 3 00
- G. B. Lamb, salary as Supt..... 50 00
- C. A. Johnson, salary as deputy assessor..... 50 00
- A. M. Hare, salary as assessor... 100 00
- Homer Mason, salary as clerk... 133 33
- Albert Mason, salary as assistant clerk..... 50 00
- Fred Arthur, salary as deputy sheriff..... 50 00
- E. W. Stoney, salary as sheriff 159 63
- Homer Mason, incidentals..... 4 75
- G. B. Lamb, incidentals..... 3 25
- E. W. Stanley, supplies for B. F. Archie..... 14 95
- G. B. Alley, making jury list... 3 00
- W. G. Kelso, making jury list... 2 00
- George Cohn, making jury list 2 00
- P. W. Todd, salary as treasurer 45 83
- F. L. Sappington, making 14 city maps at \$2.50..... 35 00
- Claim of Smith, Jenkins & Chatfield for supplies..... 12 80
- W. E. Southwick, carpenter work..... 3 75
- W. W. Wiley, teacher's examination..... 12 00
- E. H. Whitney, ditto..... 12 00
- C. S. Harman, work..... 1 60
- Tillamook Herald, printing..... 17 75
- Tillamook Independent, printing..... 6 50
- Peterson & Svenson, cabinet..... 5 70
- C. F. Franklin, copying book... 2 10
- Chas. I. Clough, merchandise... 172 24
- Otto W. Alther, care of G. Meyers Cohn & Co., merchandise..... 20 40
- Chas. I. Clough, merchandise... 37 30
- T. H. Goynne-aid towards building bridge across Tillamook river..... 100 00
- J. S. Stephens, tax collector bond for E. W. Stanley..... 20 00
- James Christensen, work..... 15 00
- G. W. Watkins, measuring timber..... 2 00
- E. W. Mills, professional service..... 13 50
- J. S. Diehl, wood..... 3 00

**ROAD DIST. NO. 5.**

- Connie Dye..... 4 69
- John Spencer..... 4 14
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- R. Y. Blalock..... 75
- James Christensen..... 8 00
- Henry Bealar, supt. district No. 16..... 16 00
- COST BILL STATE VS. ALVIN JUHRS AND FRANK LONG, JR.
- G. B. Alley, justice..... 7 75
- Emmett Quick, constable..... 2 20
- Clyde Clements, witness..... 1 50
- E. Quick, witness..... 1 50
- Tillamook Headlight, printing R. L. Wade & Co., merchandise Cloverdale Mercantile Co., merchandise..... 26 90
- W. W. Conder, salary as county judge..... 50 00
- G. W. Bodyfelt, salary as commissioner..... 10 00
- D. Martiny, for rent..... 8 00

The court allowed \$35.00 to John H. Scott to aid Good Roads Club of Oregon in conducting their work.

Claims of S. B. Hunter for \$4.50 and Jasper Dimick for \$2.62 for work in road district No. 12, were continued.

Petition of L. Parrish for a county road was continued.

Claim of the Tillamook Headlight for publishing delinquent tax list was continued.

Claim of Dr. I. M. Smith for professional services was continued.

Petition of A. Benschmidt for a county road was continued.

Claims of J. Sanders for \$45.50 and Frank Wheeler for \$53.00 for work getting out piling and hauling dirt and brush on the Michaud ranch was continued.

Claim of Irwin-Hodson Co., for \$22.00 continued.

Claim of John Simmons for 163 loads of gravel was continued.

Claim of W. B. Elliott for boom pole for Kilchis bridge, in the sum of \$10, was continued.

Claim of Wm. Scott for \$29 as road supervisor in road district No. 14, was rejected.

Henry Kreimier was allowed \$1.35 on a double assessment.

J. L. Vosburg resigned as justice of the peace for the first justice district, which was accepted.

A petition for a bridge to cross the Big Nestucca, was continued.

The claim of Wm. Scott in the sum of \$35 was allowed in the sum of \$20.

Claim of \$20 of S. A. Broadhead, balance for building court house, was continued.

Petition of John Krebs for cancellation of tax sale was continued for proof as to date of burning of building, affidavit of claimant and two witnesses.

Petition of O. Young for cancellation of tax title was rejected.

Petition for bridge across the Nehalem river, which has been on file since March 4, 1903, was rejected.

A petition to make Wilson River a free county road, which was numerously signed, was presented to the court. On examination of the records, the court found that the lease of the Wilson River Road is null and void, and it was ordered that the district attorney take the proper action in the matter to vacate the same.

Claims of S. J. Sturgeon for \$9.05 was allowed in the sum of \$4.45.

Claim of Dr. I. M. Smith for professional service for \$9.00 was continued.

The court entered into an agreement with the Portland Safe & Lock Co., for the purchase of two safes in the sum of \$725.00.

In the matter of the claim of E. E. Leland for timber taken for county road purposes, the clerk was instructed to notify G. M. Watkins to be present at the May term of court.

Bond of H. B. Johnson as supervisor of road district No. 4 was accepted.

S. M. Dailey tendered his resignation as supervisor of road district No. 4, which was accepted, and H. B. Johnson was appointed to fill the vacancy.

In the matter of the appointment of a stock inspector for Tillamook County, it appearing to the court that there should be a stock inspector appointed for Tillamook county, and it further appearing that Henry Kunze will accept such position, it was ordered that he be appointed as such stock inspector, and to furnish such bond as the law requires, which was placed on file and accepted by the court.

A petition was presented to the court from Nehalem submitting a proposition whereby the petitioners guaranteed the expenditure of a certain amount of money for road work, provided the county would expend two dollars for every one dollar subscribed. The court ordered the proposition accepted, and it agreed to bind itself to expend \$738 on the road named in the petition when the supervisor files report that the amounts subscribed has been worked out.

The bonds of supervisors were accepted as follows: Matt Morrison, No. 1; Fred Kabkee, No. 2; Frank Severance, No. 3; James Christensen No. 5.

Judges and Clerks of election were changed as follows: Foley—Geo. Knight, judge.

Bay—Warren Vaughan, jr., clerk. Barnegat—W. C. Snodgrass, H. Crenshaw and E. D. Snodgrass, clerks. Hoquarton—J. S. Diehl, clerk.

Tillamook, E. D. Hoag, clerk. Fairview—H. F. Holden, judge, Morrison Mills and G. T. Jenkins, clerks. Carnahan—Assn Wells, judge, L. P. Rey, clerk.