LETTER RECALLS

alf Century Old Letter Tells of In-dian Massacres in Oregon—Doc-the Mist of the 3rd, wherein you im, Half Century Old Letter Tells of In-Martin White,

Abent this time of the month, forty-eight years ago, all was not supeaceful in certain sections of Oregon as it is now. This fact is set
forth in a letter which is in possession of Judge Martin White and
which he prizes very highly. It was
written in December 1872, by S. F.
Chadwick, the secretary of the state
of Oregon, to George Merrill, who at
that time was county clerk of Columis county. The letter is dated at bia county. The letter is dated at Salem, Oregon, and is as follows: "George Merrill, Esq.,
"Dear Sir: Yours of November 27, 1872, is at hand. Also returns. The

Assessment roll is here also. pidike to trouble you so much.

News by telegram to the govern-er this morning is that the Indians on Tule Lake, Jackson county, have butchered nearly all of the settlers in that vicinity and are in open hostil-ty. Clusens have armed themselves and will act under state and U. S. authority. The Indians are no doubt Klamath Lake. Modocs and Snakes. "Yours truly, S. F. Chadwick."
The letter was written by hand and

on plain paper for in those early days the typewriter had not come into use, nor were there many printing shops in Oregon. The ink used, however, was very good, for it has not faded and the bandwriting of the forms. secretary of state is legible and easily read.

Judge White obtained possession of this letter in 1895, a quarter of a century ago. It had been filed in the "cupboard" filing case of the county cierk and in some manner had the "cupboard" filing case of the county cierk and in some manner had slipped behind the case. When the "cupbord" filing case was removed from the cierk's office to the office of the assessor, Judge White discovered the letter. The old courthouse (a portion of which is now the Gray building on Strand street), contained the records of the county officers but the filing cases were primitive, though it is said that the records and ciercal work were excellent. ords and cierical work were excellent.
The reference to the assessment

roll in Mr. Chadwick's letter is explained by Judge White in this way In former days it was customary fo. each county clerk to send to the secretary of state a copy of the entire assessment roll of his county. Now only the summary is sent and the state tax commission takes charge

The letter, written by hand, the stationery which was plain, and the facts contained in the letter remind the old timers of '48 and '50 of the AT NEV history of Oregon at that time, and it will remind the younger genera-tion of the progress of the state since se early days and should make them appreciate the dangers which beset those hardy pioneers who first settled in Oregon

FREE MAIL DELIVERY

having decided to renew their efforts St. Helens have decided to place in charge of the prepartory campaign a man of experience in this line of work. Mr. W. C. Flynn who has many years of experience in postal work is spending the winter on leave of absence in Oregon and has consented to lend his assistance and co-

Among the first requirements of post office department before the establishment of such service is the placing of street signs, numbering of houses, and the building of sidewalks. Mr. Flynn will begin by circulating a petition for service and asking the people to have the numbers placed on their houses. A nom-inal charge will be made of twentyfive cents a set for numbers placed in position and the people are re-cuested to be prepared to pay for same promptly and thereby save time. The city is now preparing the street signs.

STREAMS RE-OPENED FOR ANGLING

As per a notice published in this of fish and game commissioners have re-opened for fishing by hook and line commonly called angling, for catfish, crappies, bars and white fish in the waters of the sloughs and lates of Multnomah, Columbia, Clates and Linn counties for the months of December, January February and March of each year. It is provided, however, that no person shall take more than thirty of any and all such fish in any one day. Fishermen should read the published notice (crefully. cerefully.

and, there will be a large crowd in altendance. The committee in charge of the dance has secured a fine orchestra and the music will add much to the entertainment. The local post has staged several successful dances and they say the dance tonight will the convenience of the conv be better than any one they have yet had. The public is cordially invited and a pleasant evening is assured to those who attend.

The public is cordially invited rublic a plank walk has been built to the church from the pavement, and the church from the pavement, and another on Fir street at the rear. and they say the dance tonight will

MANY APPLICATIONS

The Mist has received the following letter from Sam H. Kozer, secretary of state:
Mr. S. C. Morton, Editor St. Helens

Mist, St. Helens, Oregon. Dear Mr. Morton:

pressed upon the motor vehicle own-ers in Columbia county the import-ance of applying early for their 1921

Undoubtedly the work of the pa-pers has had its effect for the num-ber of applications received since sending the request to the press for sending the request to the press to publicity has greatly increased. I am going to take similar ilberties, hereafter. Through the medium of the press much can be accomplished. in bringing about a better condition respecting the operation of motor ve hicles, although I am inclined to be-lieve it is improving all the time.

deorge Merrill, Esq.,
"Dear Sir: Yours of November 27,
s72, is at hand. Also returns. The list you have sent have not been re-

Truly yours,

SAM A. KOZER.

Secretary of State.

Editor's Note—If you. Mr. Auto
Owner, have neglected to apply for
your 1921 license, mall your application TODAY. cation TODAY.

SPECIAL MEETING OF WAREHOUSE ASS'N

A number of the stockholders of the Warren Co-operative Warehouse Association held a meeting at Warren Saturday, and business of imporauce relative to the future work of the association was transacted. It was voted to increase the present holdings to \$100 and it was also voted to adopt the Rochdale plan in the association's store. The meeting was continued until Wednesday, De-The meeting cember 29th, at which time action will be taken to increase the capital

A Sunday school program will be given at the Free Methodist church Sunday evening, December 26. The program will take the place of the regular preaching service and will consist of songs, recitations and other exercises by the children of the Sunday school and special music by a 4 real or quartette. All friends and interested parties are invited.

AT NEW CHURCH

Catholic Church Finished in Timfor Christmas Services-New Structure Credit to Taste and Zeal of St. Heiens Catholics.

On Christmas Eve at midnight the IS CONTEMPLATED
The Chamber of Commerce togethwith the mayor and city council sung at the new Catholic church.

In spite of the numerous doleful secure free delivery of mail for predictions that the building could Helens have decided to place in not possibly be completed in time. fact stands accomplished, as it was finished today

Ed. Ketel, who had charge of the concrete and plaster work, has truly erected a monument to his ability. It is no ordinary structure, the Gothte arches, niches and angles rendered the building of the forms a work of accuracy and skill.

And the din of industry which has been heard for four months sounded loudest during the last two weeks; ten local carpenters rushed the job completion under the direction of Martin Clancy, engineer and contractor on public buildings for 40

The little church is a credit to the taste and zeal of the Catholic people. The exterior lines form a true model of the old English Tudor Gothic architecture. And the interior decoration is such as to make one almost gasp & admiration. Coming in at the massive front entrance the eye falls upon a wide expanse of lovely stained glass windows in one or which is depicted saintly and martial figure of St. Joan of Arc, then your gaze wanders up to the four great trusses which support the roof, the spaces between them are filled with soft shadows east by the eight hang-ing bowls of light. Farther forward in the church you see the high arch of the Sanctuary in which the raid-night services will be held. At the fact of the arch is a marble communton railing. At each end of this is an artistic white and gold altar on one of which is a statue of the Virgin Mother of Christ, and on the other a statue of Christ Himself showing to men the heart which loved them "even to the death of the Cross."
Looking beyond the railing yes be bold the beautiful high altar—the Columbia Post American Legion will have their big dance tonight and Judging from the number of tickets sold, there will be a large crowd in attendance. The committee in charge and the saviour of the world in His last angents.

The service on Priday night will

FOR 1921 LICENSES The Children's Kingdom

CHRISTMAS EDITORIAL



glad the hearts of all at this blessed season—The Children's and night. In order to insure constant operation during the coming

At midnight the portals which shut this magic kingdom | year, repairs must be made and that is the reason the mills will close for off from the workaday world swing silently open. At dawn the little people of the realm begin to troop into it. Little pattering feet, funny little forms clad in nightclothes swarm that the plants need. brough the open gates of the Kingdom of Christmas and take possession for the day.

The horns blow, the rattles sound, the drums beat, rations if sugar plums and comfits are served out to the pajama-clad rmy. Chariots, carts, donkeys and automobiles speed across he carpeted plains, and the reign of the children revels itself at to a sleepy end at nightfall, with dolls and swords clasped n hands which cling on after the eyes have fallen shut in sleep.



It is a great day, a day of sweet foolishness, a time for he baring of hearts too long screened from the eyes that long o look into them and see love enthroned.

Make the most of it, the best of it and all you can of it. It comes but once a year. Most people find themselves unable to buy the presents they would like to buy for Christmas. Some find the season a time of unhappiness for that very eason. Try not to feel thus. It is not the presents bought r received that makes the day of good. It is the love spent nd not the money that counts.

The DAY should break down every barrier between hearts stranged and be the starting point for better relations and new affections-and above all, it should be the day or as 'hildren's Kingdom.



A PLEASURE TO PAY,

SAYS GEO. H. SHINN

It's a pleasure to pay a bill when you consider you have received the value of your money, thinks George H. Shinn, for in a letter enclosing a check to renew his subscription to the Mist, he says, "It is a pleasure to pay the subscription to the Mist. We get many times the cost of the subscription for the money, as it is the best small town newspaper we know of.

"Wishing the additional part of the money as it is the best small town newspaper we know of."

take Mr. Shinn's statement as the whole truth and appreciates more than it can express the kind words and greetings.

MILLS CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS TONIGHT

The St. Helens Lumber company and the other mills of the McCormick company will close tonight and will

COLLEGIANS HOME

FOR HOLIDAYS The population of St. Helens has increased somewhat during the past few days as many of the young folks from St. Helens who attend the insti-tutions of learning in the state are tutions of learning in the state are home for the holidays. Among those who the Mist reporter met were Lester Wellington, Walden and Mason Dillard and Miss Nora McCleay who attend the U. of O., Miss Edrie La-Bare and Miss Ella Hatten of the Monmouth Normal college, James Adams, Max Wilson and Edward Malmin of the O. A. C., and Lawrence and Mabel Dayles and Elsie Morley of Willamette University.

BOY SAVES LIFE

The boat which brings the children from the boat to the incline. Henry ty prior to her marriage and was Lessard, aged about ten years, wasn't as careful as he might have been and The teachers' institute held at as careful as he might have been and when near the edge of the dock, slipped and fell into the water.

The teachers' institute held at Rainier last Saturday was not well attended due to its following so closelimmy Buss, aged fourteen and an ly the teachers' examination, and for righth grade pupil in the St. Helenschools, saw him fall and heard his cries for help. Without a moment's hesitation, young Buss dived into the water and brought to the surface good one and was carried through the water and brought to the surface good one and was carried through his young friend and held onto him until Mr. Beaver, who operates the boat, could run alongside and pull both of the struggling youths from he icy waters.

It was a brave action on the part of young Buss and when Mayor saxon heard of it, he said that at the text meeting of the council official ecognition would be taken of the oc-urrence and that he would bring the natter to the attention of the presiient of the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce and see if Jimmy Buss vould not be recognized in the list of Carnegie hero awards. Chas. L. Wheeler, president of the St. Helens hamber of Commerce, is co-operatng with the mayor and as soon as 'ull particulars are available, they vill present to the proper officials an uthentic story of the occurrence and

BACHELOR FLAT

BACHELOR FLAT, Or., Dec. 22. The notices are out for bids on arrying the children to and from he St. Helens school.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore motored to

ortland and spent the day Friday. Frank Nagel writes anyone who ishes to see a first-class cellar to ome inspect the one he has just ompleted on his place.
G. S. Burkhead vent to Corvallis

sthe best small town newspaper we know of.

"Wishing the editor and his entire force, including the office "devil," a Merry Christmas and a Happy New ear, I am, yours sincerely,

GEORGE H. SHINN."

The Mist force appreciates the expression of Mr. Shinn. All of them endeavor to make the Mist a paper representative of St. Helens and Columbia county and Shinn says we have succeeded. Once upon a time there was a George who "couldn't tell a lie." The boy's name wasn't Shinn, but the Mist believes our George is just as truthful as the other George we have read of. At any rate, the Mist is perfectly willing to take Mr. Shinn's statement as the class changed the plans for the depot, and the changed the plans for the depot, and the changed the plans for the depot, cials changed the plans for the depot, After insistent effort on the part of Mr. Wheeler and others connected with the chamber, the railroad officials changed the plans for the depot, deadling that there would be been sent to be a supply that the chamber of the sent the chamber of the sent the deciding that there would be less chance of accident to pedestrians and vehicles if the depot was built on the east side of the track.

The plans as submitted by Chief Engineer Winchell call for a building 115x30. At the south end of the building there will be a platform and facade which will be convenient for

now is located and extend to the north end of the depot on the east side, so that better facilities for loading an unloading freight will be provided. Over the track will be a covered shed.

A twelve-foot concrete platforn will be built in front of the depot. The plans as prepared provide for a ladles waiting room at the south end of the depot. Offices and lavatories in the center of the building and the men's waiting room at the north end. in the center of the building and the men's waiting room at the north end. It is understood that \$25,000 has been set aside for the building and the changes of trackage and other improvements and early in the spring work will begin on the project. The depot will be a frame building, but the plans of the engineer call for a structure which will be a modern station and one which will be a credit both to the railroad com-

be a credit both to the railroad company and St. Helens.

NEWSY NOTES OF COUNTY SCHOOLS By J. B. Wilkerson

The children of the Warren and Deer Island schools are very proud of their new playsheds.

District 37, Shiloh Basin, recently purchased a "Smith Heater" and some playground apparatus.

OF YOUNG FRIEND
The teacher and pupils of the Canaan school expect to give a program December 24. Following the program, presents will be distributed from a Christmas tree. The walls of Bravery Recognized by Mayor Saxon.

The teacher and pupils of the Canaan school expect to give a program December 24. Following the program, presents will be distributed from a Christmas tree. The walls of the school room have been tasteful decorated for the occasion. During November, the school gave a program which netted over \$100.

Mrs. Mary Colvin has been engag-The boat which brings the children of Sauvies Island and those who live at the section where the Columbia who live the section where the Columbia which is located, had landed at he incline to the dock Friday afterion and the children had stepped to the section and the section and the section at the section when the section where the columbia to the section where the section

> good one and was carried through successfully.

> There are only seven pupils at-tending the Kist school, district L5, but the teachers and pupils have everything necessary with which to do efficient work. The teacher, Miss Mathilda Fluke, recently became Mrs. Clifford Bergerson. Mr. Bergerson has placed the district under obligations to him by his seeing that a teacher is made a permanent resident of the community.

> The Pleasant Hill school has 26 pupils in atendance and all of the grades. Mrs. Madge Rogers, who has charge of the school, taught there several years ago, and is again rendering good service for the district She has had special training for her work as a rural teacher.

The Vernonia schools have expernake their recommendation as to he recognition of young Buss. It was a brave act, and the young man isked his own life to save the life school. The graded school is a confine comrade. a union high school. Only a few years ago, two teachers were all that were required for the schools, while six are employed this year. The growth in the school is a fair index to the growth of the community. What-ever the upper Nehalem may lack, it does not lack school spirit.

Based on valuation, the Natal district is the fourth on the list of the county districts, its valuation being approximately \$747,000. The last census report shows that there are G. S. Burkhead went to Corvallis Wednesday for a visit with his daughor. Mrs. M. M. Long.

Miss Florence who is attending he Oregon Normal school is home or the helidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Morton accommanied by Mr. and Mrs. O. Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Heumann metored to Portland Saturday to attend the wedding of a friend.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Nagel entertained the following last Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sodderberg, Mr. and Mrs. K. P. C. Jacobsen and Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Larson.

pupils in the county.