

MIST MISTINGS

Mrs. J. R. Ellison was a Portland shopper Tuesday.
 Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Watts visited friends here Sunday.
 Chris Mathieson transacted business in Portland Monday.
 Sherman Miles was a business visitor in Rainier Tuesday.
 Judge John Phillip was in Portland Tuesday on legal business.
 A. E. Austin spent Thanksgiving with the family in Woodburn.
 Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Phillip spent the week end with friends in Portland.
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Wheeler spent Saturday and Sunday in Portland.
 Misses Marie and Leonora Paulsen visited with friends in Portland Saturday.
 Mrs. Victoria Perry of Rainier is here on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. A. F. Barnett.
 Mrs. Harold Broughton has returned from a five weeks visit to Portland and Eugene.
 Mr. and Mrs. James W. Hunt spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. Hunt's parents in Westport.
 F. B. Holbrook and Fritz Anliker were here Tuesday in consultation with County Agent Howard.
 D. C. Howard, county agricultural agent, was in Portland Saturday, on business connected with his office.
 Rev. A. D. Spear returned Saturday evening from Spokane, Wn., where he has been visiting friends.
 The steamer Tahoe, loaded with 720,000 feet of railroad ties, sailed Monday night with San Pedro as destination.

H. F. McCormick and Sherman Miles were business visitors in Portland Wednesday.
 Dr. W. R. Denham, a former resident of St. Helens, spent Thanksgiving with friends here.
 Oswald Deming came down from Camp Lewis to spend Thanksgiving with the home folks here.
 Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stevens of Scappoose were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Goin.
 Private James Muckle spent Thanksgiving day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Muckle.
 A. W. Muckow, of Portland, spent the Thanksgiving day at the home of his sister, Mrs. Von A. Gray.
 Dr. J. T. Walls has taken charge of the dental office of Dr. F. A. Lowe, who was called into army service.
 J. H. Thatcher and Phil Holden spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. Holden's mother, who lives near Tremholm.
 Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Ballagh and daughters were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. Ballagh's sister, Mrs. Yeoman in Portland.
 George V. McClure, who has charge of the Y. M. C. A. work in Columbia county, was here Wednesday. His headquarters are in Rainier.
 The funeral of Leonard Sabin was held from the Methodist church on Thursday morning. The young man had been ill for sometime and his death was not unexpected.
 O. B. Bennett, a former resident of Clatskanie, but now a resident of Portland, was here Monday transacting business at the courthouse.
 H. F. McCormick and Clyde Sutherland were business visitors in Portland Monday, conferring with parties identified with the lumbering interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Osborne spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Portland.
 Sheriff Stanwood and District Attorney Metsker were in Portland on Friday.
 Paul C. Morton of Portland, representing Mason, Ehrman & Co., wholesale grocers, was here Monday calling on the trade.
 D. W. Price, Emmett Stevens and Gus Lange were a committee of good road boosters who called on the county court at their special session Tuesday.
 Percy Harrison went to Salem on Saturday, taking with him a boy named William Johnson, who was committed by the juvenile court to the reform school.
 After being in session for two days preparing the budget, the county court adjourned Wednesday. The budget meeting will be held on Saturday, December 28th.
 Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Esther Rapp, of Portland, formerly of St. Helens, to Lieutenant Alfred E. Bauman, of Seattle and Camp Lewis. No date has been set for the wedding.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Barnett celebrated their third wedding anniversary Sunday. Mrs. Victoria Percy, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trow, Mrs. Hughes and Joseph Brough came up from Rainier to help in the celebration.
 Private Paul Nelson of Camp Lewis, was here this week on a short visit to friends. Paul was formerly captain of the steamer, Wil-lavis, and later captain of one of the Hammond river steamers. He doesn't seem to mind the step down from captain to private and claims he likes army life just as well as steamboating.
 Information has been received at the office of the St. Helens Lumber Company that the motor vessel, City of Portland, had reached Shanghai, China, after a run of 35 days from the Columbia river. The vessel carried 2,000,000 feet of lumber and piling. The stockholders of the vessel recently received a dividend of \$50 per \$500 share. A considerable lot of stock in the ship is held by St. Helens people.
 The funeral of the late C. L. Jeffries was held Sunday and the interment was in Yankton cemetery. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. A. S. Hisey. The funeral arrangements were looked after by a committee from the riggers and laborers union, deceased being a member of the union. A beautiful floral offering bearing the emblem of the union was one of the numerous floral offerings.

The length of the night at any time of the year may be found by multiplying by two the time of the sun's rising. Doubling the time of its setting will give the length of the day.
 Oscar Wirkalla, cashier in the general offices of the Columbia River Packers association at Astoria, was a guest of E. I. Ballagh this week and while here went duck hunting with Mr. Ballagh.
 There will be a special and important meeting of the Riggers and Laborers Union at the union hall on Saturday evening. Secretary Holden wants every member to be present to take part in the business which will be transacted.
 Frank Dams came down from Camp Lewis to spend several days in his old home. Frank has two brothers in the service, one at Camp Lewis and a younger brother, Tom, in France. All of them are former employees of the mill company.
 Dr. Thompson, Friday, December 13th, Oreadia Hotel.
 L. E. White of Chinook, Montana, is here on a visit to his cousin, John Q. Gage. Mr. White owns a coal mine in Montana. He had not visited St. Helens for the past ten years and, of course, noted the growth and many improvements in the city as compared to its appearance ten years ago.
 Private J. D. (Mickey) McDonald, accompanied by his friend, Private F. W. Conway, came down from Vancouver barracks to spend Thanksgiving day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McDonald. Until recently, Mickey has been stationed near Montesano, Washington, but his company was transferred to Vancouver. It is the general impression that they will soon be released from service.
 Corporal William Russell, accompanied by his friend, Sergeant Major Charles Davidson arrived from Camp Lewis Thursday morning and will spend several days before returning to the army post. Russell thinks that a great many of the 25,000 men at Camp Lewis will soon be mustered out. Quite a few from the depot department have already been discharged from army service.
 At the residence of the bride's parents in Portland Wednesday evening, Miss Bernice Masten and Mr. Harold Beaver were united in marriage. The bride is well known in St. Helens and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Casten. Until a few years ago, she lived in St. Helens. The groom is also well known here and holds a responsible position with the St. Helens Shipbuilding company. The newly married couple will make their home in St. Helens.

COUNCIL HOLDS AN INTERESTING SESSION
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built for \$5,000. The city attorney was requested to prepare the call for bids.
 An ordinance for the construction of a sidewalk in a certain district on the north side of Nigger Creek gulch, was read for the first and second times.
 Several building permits were granted and upon motion the council adjourned at 8:30 o'clock, just about five minutes too early for President Tarbell and Secretary Jacobson of the St. Helens Co-operative Creamery association to meet them, as the officers of that concern had gotten lost in the fog and the council adjourned just before they reached the city hall.

Came to my Place—Over a month ago, two red cows, dry. Being well taken care of. Owner can have same by paying for ad and small expenses. F. L. Howles, Warren, Oregon. Phone 105-F-13.

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- PURSES
- HANDKERCHIEFS
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OCTOBER FIRE LOSS ENORMOUS

The losses by fire in the United States and Canada during the month of October, as compiled by the New York Journal of Commerce, amounted to the enormous total of \$75,472,300. This was largely contributed to by the loss of the shell loading plant at Morgan, N. J., and the serious Minnesota forest fires which destroyed several towns. The figures for October this year compare with the same month last year and \$17,701,375 in October, 1915. The losses for the ten months of 1916 aggregate \$288,942,885 as compared with \$220,714,815 for the same months of 1915 and \$189,481,220 in 1914.
 During October of this year there were 164 fires, each of which caused an estimated property damage of \$10,000 or over. This compares with 209 such fires in September, 277 in August, 253 in July and brings the total of the fires to \$10,000 and over since January 1 this year up to 2639.
 The munition plant at Morgan Station, N. J., carried a very small amount of insurance, but the loss to underwriters from the Minnesota forest fires, which embraced whole towns, will be enormous, as the quantity of lumber burned was very great. Probably ten million dollars would not cover the loss to fire insurance companies by the Minnesota fire.

INFLUENZA IN EUROPE

In England, as in this country, there is complaint of slowness on the part of the responsible authorities in taking precautionary measures against the influenza, and the tardy publication by the local government board of instructions and advice leads the London Times to remark that it would have been better to lock the stable door before the escape of the horse. Perhaps vigilance was somewhat relaxed because England was visited last summer by a relatively mild form of the epidemic, much like that 30 years ago. "The new influenza," the Manchester Guardian calls the present visitation and speaks of the great number of pneumonia cases as making it almost a distinct disease. The same is true in Berlin, where the question has been raised as by a New York doctor, whether the second epidemic is not really a diluted form of the pneumonia plague. The Ukraine also is having its second attack, and the disease is now so prevalent in Europe that it will obviously be necessary for a considerable time to take all possible precautions in this country. —Springfield Republican.

Chinese Work in France
 The allied armies employ 60,000 Chinese behind the fighting lines in France, principally in road construction, railway building, blacksmith and carpentry work. The coolies are paid about \$13.50 a month. In addition, they are given \$250, a fabulous sum for coolies, as a bonus for embarking for France, \$75 in case of injury and \$150 is given to the next of kin in case of death.

His Diary
 The following is part of the diary of an American soldier who had promised to give daily accounts of his experiences on board ship:
 "Tuesday, 8 o'clock. Feeling fine. Full of good cheer and porridge.
 "Tuesday, 9 o'clock. Still full of good cheer, minus porridge!"

Where Your Dollars Buy the Most

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WATCH FOR DATES

SERIAL—"Vengeance and the Woman" SATURDAY

Our regular Feature Booking not arranged in time for this week's issue, but will play each day with a 6- to 8-Reel program

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