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NEWPORT

State Fish Warden H. L. Kelly met with the Rod and Gun Club at its Hall Thursday evening and in an address to the Club told how important it is to preserve our fish, clams, crabs, oysters and all sea food as this is the great incentive to bring people to the coast to get a change of fare as well as climate. These industries brought thousands of dollars to the people. The reason we have so few fish is they have been caught out by the selfishness and avarice of man. He said the boys running along the creeks with 22 rifles and killing the salmon during the spawning season was causing the loss of hundreds of dollars to the people. He said each female salmon had at least 4000 eggs and by destroying the loss to the people would be \$100, properly hatched and cared for. The natural spawning grounds were being destroyed by clearing and cultivating the soil and the only way to preserve and propagate the fish was to keep up the hatcheries. Instead of having only one or two hatcheries there ought to be a hatchery on every important stream in the county. The cannery people who are interested in the propagation of fish are putting up their own money to build and keep up the hatcheries. They are a good thing. J. C. Dixon and P. J. Parks were down from Elk City to see the warden and to assist in trying to get the hatchery on Big Elk re-established. This is a good place for the hatchery, a good spawning ground at the head of tide on a gravelly bottom. The State already owns the ground and plant and Mr. Kelly assured the Club the hatchery would be re-established. The Rod and Gun Club is taking an active part in the game and fish preservation and propagation.

The Thanksgiving dance and feed were a great success. About 150 persons were in attendance and at least 75 couple were on the floor at one time, all dressed in the costumes of fifty years ago. The dear girls looked something beautiful in their sun bonnets, short dresses, heavy shoes, pantalets, sky scrapers, shignons, etc. The men were also not to be sneezed at. They made a fine appearance also, dressed in short, white knee breeches, swallow-tailed coats, long hair and neck ties, brogan shoes and the pose and grace of a Chesterfield. The dances were old fashioned quadrilles, double shuffles, doce balonet, "money musk," and all kinds of rollicking, frolicking country dances. The music went back fifty years when people enjoyed themselves, such as "Haste to the Wedding," "Arkansas Traveler," "The Little Old Log Cabin in the Lane," etc. The hall was beautifully decorated with bear, coon, bob cat and rabbit skins and with bunting and poppys. Yaquina and Toledo were well represented at the dance. Coffee, cake, pumpkin pie and doughnuts were served. It made one homesick to go back and live over again—in memory—the glorious time we had, "Dear Tom," fifty years ago.

Henry Curl, a full-blooded Calapooa Indian, was tried in Justice Berry's Court Friday. The complaint was brought by Will G. Emery, deputy fish and game warden, for this county. The complaint alleges that Curl had his fish net stretched across the Siletz river on the reservation from bank to bank, thus preventing the fish from going up the river. He was also charged with fishing and selling fish without a license—three separate charges. The defendant was represented by Glen O. Holman of Dallas and the State by J. F. Stewart, district attorney, and P. A. Lafferty. The defendant's attorney demurred from the complaint on the ground that Curl was an Indian, a ward of the Government, and was therefore not amenable to

the State law, that the State had no jurisdiction, that Curl was under the control of the agent or superintendent and could not transact business like a free citizen. After the case was very ably argued on both sides for some time the Court, in his judicial ermine, decided to overrule the demurrer and to fix a fine of \$75 for each of the offenses committed by the defendant, making a total of \$225. The defendant gave bonds and through his attorney the case will be appealed to the U. S. District Court, where the status of the Siletz Indian will doubtless be determined.

On Saturday Lee Doty was tried in Justice Berry's Court for assault and battery committed on the person of St. John on the 14th day of November. Doty was charged with striking St. Johns with his fist, inflicting a severe injury. The evidence showed the defendant, in a moment of anger, shook his fist at the plaintiff but did not strike him, the plaintiff dodging as if he had been struck. J. F. Stewart and P. A. Lafferty appeared for the State and Will E. Gwynn for the defendant. It was a jury trial. The jury deliberated about five minutes and returned a verdict of not guilty. The cost is about \$50, which will be charged up to the taxpayers. The Court says he will not try any more cases of that kind unless the plaintiff gives bonds for costs.

The steamers Bandon and Fife are still at the docks—can't get out because of the rough water.

A mass meeting of the taxpayers was held at the Midway Theater Tuesday evening for the purpose of hearing a statement of the City's finance and a discussion and explanation of the different amendments that will be up for adoption or rejection at the city election the 6th of December. A large representative audience of taxpayers was present. Mayor Benschell explained the financial affairs of the City and what the council had done during the past year in the way of grading and planking streets, building sidewalks, etc. The city fathers have been very careful and economic in the management of the city's affairs. The amendments may not pass as some of them are considered not to be for the best interests of the city.

Later—The Bandon and Fife went out over the bar Wednesday evening at 4 o'clock, in tow of the Ollie S. The bar was smooth and the shoalest place was 18 feet at half tide. All the other vessels have gone out, the Patsy, Tillamook, Mirene and Gerald C.

WINANT

This is sure fine weather we are having if it will only keep it up. If we went according to Fiegles Creek correspondent we would have rain all the time. School was supposed to commence Monday, but was delayed on account of the teacher not showing up. It will probably start Monday.

Miss Gladys King is spending a few days in Newport this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Baldwin, the former an old resident of the bay, spent a week visiting relatives around this vicinity.

Mrs. V. D. Boone and mother, Mrs. T. Ferr, spent Saturday in Toledo.

There are some improvements being made in our community. George Lewis is building a kitchen and V. D. Boone a barn. We are very sorry to hear the account of the accident to Dan Chamberlain, who was injured while at work on a bridge near Albany. He was taken to the Albany hospital.

Dick and Tracy Huntsucker made a trip to Newport Monday.

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN

One work horse, 6 years old, weight about 1400. One Kentucky Whip saddle mare. See Nets W. Miller, Pioneer, Or.

LITTLE ELK

It looks as though Winter had set in.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Loudon spent the week-end with Mrs. Loudon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich, returning home Monday.

Mrs. Lois Wakefield went to Wodburn Tuesday to visit her grandmother until after the holidays, Mr. Wakefield accompanying her as far as Albany.

Mr. Lemon moved in with his family one day last week. He also brought his horses and dogs with him.

Mrs. Dee Shirley of Enterprise has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Bill Wakefield, for the past two or three weeks, returned to her home last Monday.

W. F. Wakefield went to Toledo Tuesday to attend County Court.

S. T. Loudon was a Toledo visitor last Thursday, having business with the County Court.

We will all have to take off our hats to the man of "Skookum." That kind of writing puts life into a paper.

There will be a Pomona Grange meeting at the Eddyville Grange hall December 18th. The grangers of Eddyville are making preparations for a good time. All grangers are requested to attend as there will be business to attend to that is of interest to every one in the county. All members in good standing in the fourth degree are eligible to attend and join the Pomona. So come and help us. Remember the date—Saturday, December 18th, and don't fail to come.

BEAR CREEK

R. L. Calkins and family and Mrs. W. W. Grant spent Saturday night with T. H. Lang, and then went to Chitwood.

A. B. Slocum and son returned from Corvallis Wednesday.

Mrs. A. C. Young went to Washington to visit her father, who has been very ill.

Alpha Thompson returned home after a few weeks' visit on Bear Creek.

Marie Slocum spent a few days with the Thompsons.

A. B. Slocum made a trip to Elk City Monday.

Gerald Colkins returned home after a visit at Bear Creek.

L. V. Calkins of Chitwood spent Thanksgiving at Big Elk.

ROCK CREEK

W. J. Southwell has moved his sawmill over from Eddyville and has set it up on Hoxie Simon's place where he is now sawing lumber. This will be a great convenience for the people of Rock creek valley and Upper Siletz, as we understand Mr. Southwell is going to sell lumber at very reasonable prices.

Notwithstanding the weather conditions work is progressing rapidly on the Valley and Siletz railroad. A large force of men have been employed on this road all Summer and recently the force was increased by 80 men. The road is graded almost to the summit of the divide between the head of Rock creek and the Lucklamute.

Ralph Harrington of Falls City, accompanied by his wife and baby, has been visiting his sister, Mrs. W. J. Southwell.

Alvis Lynch of Dallas is visiting at the homes of J. L. Morrison and G. H. Horsfall.

Mrs. J. T. Dalley is visiting her husband in Albany. Mr. Dalley is working for the S. P. railroad company.

CHITWOOD

Titus Kurtichanov, Sr., returned home from Portland one day last week, after spending several weeks at a sanitarium.

Edgar Johnson left for Salem Friday to attend the Y. M. C. A.

convention there. He returned home Monday.

William Price came in from Philomath Tuesday and has moved onto his ranch near here.

Prof. John Kurtichanov came home Saturday and made a short visit with his father and mother. He returned to his school near Orton Sunday.

Members of the Simpson Creek Telephone company met at W. N. Cook's residence and held a business meeting one day last week.

R. R. Wilson made a trip to Toledo Tuesday.

FIEGLES CREEK

R. P. Goin, school superintendent, visited our school, which closed a four months' term last Friday. Our teacher, Miss Winnie King, returned to her home at Corvallis Saturday.

George Titus went to Philomath Thanksgiving Day to visit the Schedlers.

Albert Lake has been visiting Chas. Lindley.

Maine and Huron Briggs were on Fiegles creek last week.

Clarence Davis has been hauling fence posts from Sure Thing for the Davis place at Harlan.

George Tubbs went to Summit for supplies last week.

Jay Buford is busy supplying his own and his father's ranch with edibles.

The grubstake for the homesteader assumes something of the same aspect as it did for Klondikers during the gold fever. Every penny must be hoarded jealously and applied to absolute necessities first, last and all the time. We realize this more fully where a neighborhood is altogether made up of new homes acquired from the government.

Ralph Darting has gone outside again, having found employment.

The building of a schoolhouse is our next proposition as we are hoping to have a very interesting school the coming early Spring. The session to extend over the Summer months. That season is an inspiration here.

WEST YAQUINA

A. W. Weber and A. H. Phelps of Ona made a business trip to Newport Wednesday by way of West Yaquina.

G. W. Ryan came in from Beaver Creek Monday. He returned Tuesday.

Fred Commons was in Friday from Ona with a load of cream. Clifford Phelps was a Yaquina visitor the first of the week.

E. M. Holcomb and family, recently from Masfield, Washington, have taken a cottage in West Yaquina and will reside here during the Winter.

ELK CITY—Proper

(Wednesday to Wednesday)

Thanksgiving has passed and also the effects of the big dinners. No serious attacks of indigestion having been heard of.

Mrs. S. J. Whitford partook of the turkey at the M. W. Simpson home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Allen and daughter, Lois, spent Thanksgiving with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Clark.

Jim Winskill was sojourning in town the latter part of the past week.

Paris Parks made a trip to Newport the first of the week, in the interests of the hatchery business.

It might be observed that it would be well for those opposed to the way the hatching and fishing business is run to look up data from both sides before passing their private opinions on to the public. Some people differ from others, with good reasons.

Ed Graves was busy cutting down some of his apple trees the first of the week.

Quite a frost was reported last Saturday at this place. S. J. Whitford was assisting

our postmaster and merchant, A. B. Clark, last Saturday afternoon.

The "Skookum" items of last week's paper were enjoyed by the writer of this place.

According to the Newport writer poor old Newport can't close up on Sunday. Too bad; too bad.

I may be wrong and I may not when I say that if the Medicine Man reported to his tribe that the Great Spirit said so and so, they "believed" and that is more than some of the people of today do. Tell a man that there are so many billion or so stars and he'll believe you, but hang up a sign "Fresh Paint"—nothing doing until he has made a personal examination with his finger.

Willie Jacobson returned from Rudly, California, where he had been visiting relatives for the past three weeks.

Victor Jacobson visited with A. E. Allen Sunday.

The run of salmon in the creeks is very surprisingly small so far. Will the hatchery have to stand for this, too?

Mrs. E. B. Graves returned from Newport Monday morning, having spent Sunday with her sister.

Mrs. J. H. Matteson nearly met with an accident the early part of last week. She was standing too close to the draft of the stove and her apron was drawn into the stove and caught fire. It burned to her waist before it could be put out.

Dick Carter left for the Valley Monday morning. He expects to return the last of January.

R. A. Abbey has had the bad luck to lose a cow the early part of this week.

George Hodges left Tuesday morning for Portland. He is on the Federal Grand Jury and expects to be gone until sometime in March.

Mrs. Ryerson left Tuesday morning for Portland.

Ed Graves, H. Matteson and A. E. Allen were busy unloading a car of feed Tuesday.

J. E. Van Allen and Henry Matteson were Toledo visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Morrison returned from the Valley Tuesday evening, where they had been visiting for the past week or so.

ORTON

William Southwell has started a sawmill at this place. It is now running and has orders for six months ahead.

The Siletz river is now very high, following the heavy rains of last week.

E. T. Raddant left for Portland Tuesday morning.

Mr. Rexford of Rocca was a visitor at Orton Tuesday evening.

Edward Evans, Jr., died on Wednesday morning, after a lingering illness of several years. His funeral was held Friday and was well attended.

E. M. Fraizer and wife visited Siletz Sunday.

Philip H. Elting, who has been confined to the house with a bad cold for a few days, is about again with his ever-smiling face.

The roads are in very bad condition, due to the heavy rains. A very successful basket social was held last Wednesday at the Orton schoolhouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert De Poe were visitors at Siletz over Thanksgiving.

The pupils of the Upper Farm school held Thanksgiving exercises Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

UPPER BEAVER

We are certainly glad to see the sun shine again.

Archie Zeek of Poole slough assisted K. D. Martin in harvesting his potato crop the first of the week.

Mr. Weaver was a Yaquina visitor Saturday.

H. G. Rhoades, G. E. Lewis, I. N. Huyett, P. Vancil and Peter Peterson were trading in New-

port Monday. Mr. Rhoades delivered a fine beef to the Sanitary Meat Market.

Mrs. A. Peterson and daughters, Edith and Josephine, went to Oyster City Wednesday for a visit with Mrs. Dora Huntsucker and family.

K. D. Martin went to Toledo on business Monday.

Mr. Bowers was a Newport caller Saturday.

J. M. Bowers and Peter Peterson were at Poole slough Friday looking after their boat houses.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Rhoades and children spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. P. Vancil.

G. E. Lewis was busy last week repairing the telephone line.

Mrs. I. N. Huyett and children Robert and Vesta and Miss Celeste Martin visited the school Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Huyett and children and Miss Celeste Martin dined with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Martin on Thanksgiving.

Mr. W. C. Martin, who is over eighty-one years of age, prepared the dinner.

CHITWOOD SCHOOL

Everyone has returned to school after Thanksgiving, none the worse for wear.

The chimney has been repaired and surmounted by a hood and vane to make better draft and keep out rain.

Edgar Johnson returned Monday from the Boys' Conference at Salem to which he had gone as a representative of the local Boys' Club.

Parents are urged to take notice of the grades on the pupils' report cards. A "U" indicates unsatisfactory work and a condition which must be remedied if the pupil is to finish the work of his grade.

SILETZ

It is still raining in the Siletz regions. The river is raging.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Labour came to Siletz Sunday in answer to a telegram stating that their son, Bert Howe, who is now in Wyoming, has just been operated on for appendicitis. Mrs. Labour expected to go to her son's bedside, but a later telegram stated that he will be alright. She went to Toledo to be in direct telegraphic connections until he is past danger.

John Adams of Siletz returned home from Salem and Chema-wa, where he went on business last Wednesday.

Arthur Benschell drove the government team to Toledo Saturday to meet Dr. Clausius on his return from Grand Ronde reservation, where he was called last week. That reservation is a part of his charge in the government service.

H. H. Schwartz, attorney of Portland, came to Siletz Saturday on business with S. C. Brassfield. He returned to Toledo Sunday afternoon.

Rev. G. C. Scudder went to Upper Farm to hold services at that place Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Graham, mother of William Graham, came to Siletz Tuesday and is a guest of her niece, Mrs. Warren Hall.

Miss Florence Ennis of Lower Farm was a Siletz visitor Tuesday.

A. C. Crawford, road supervisor, was doing some planking on a fill down by Alex Catfish's place Monday and Tuesday. This place was getting nearly impassable.

Mr. Brown of Nashville passed through Siletz on his way home. He had been down looking for a new location for Salmon river district.

Lester Waugh was a Siletz visitor Wednesday and Thursday.

ONA

Mrs. Francis Gatens left last week for La Grande, where she will join her husband.

G. B. Ryan went to Yaquina.

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