

DOINGS IN POLK COUNTY

STORIES BY THE OBSERVER'S CORRESPONDENTS.

Personal Paragraphs Pertaining to Movements of People Whom You All Know.

MONMOUTH.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Ireland of Corvallis, formerly of Monmouth, spent Sunday visiting their many friends in Monmouth, and on Monday went out on the Luckiamute to visit their daughter, Mrs. Columbus Tetherow.

Ed. Huber of Carlton was a guest of his brother, A. F. Huber, and his sister, Mrs. C. A. Nott, the latter part of last week.

Doctor T. Yeber and wife of Portland were guests of Mrs. Yeber's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Ground, over Sunday.

Walter Mitsler, formerly of Monmouth was visiting friends in town Monday.

Milt Bosley of Sunny Side was in town on business Monday.

Allen Town of Sunny Side made this city a pleasant call on Tuesday.

The latter part of last week, returning home Saturday, we went to Philomath, Benton county. Passing through Corvallis we found that place pretty lively but it was quite dull in Philomath. The grain between Monmouth and Philomath looked pretty well, and we saw quite a number of farmers plowing for spring grain.

M. K. Boatman and Mr. Dudley of Corvallis made our city a flying visit Thursday of last week.

E. R. Pike and C. W. Spring are running a meat market on College avenue, and we may expect to get meat at living prices.

The Creamery company held a meeting Saturday and decided to run a cheese factory for a while in connection with the creamery.

Mr. McDonald is going to run an ice factory with his dairy, and will make ice cream to sell. He says he has the milk to spare and can not get the ice when he wants it.

John Palmer and Ralph Dodson of the Luckiamute valley was in town on business Saturday.

Mrs. J. Winegar is convalescing. Mrs. Treat is improving slowly.

"Uncle" Bob Williams is gaining some.

Mr. Polan, Sr., is considerably better and is up some.

Mr. McClellan went to Salem Tuesday to move a family to Albany.

Mr. Editor, it seems to me that if Polk county helps to build a road to Newport, via Falls City, that is all we should be taxed to build. Of course Portland will boost the Tillamook road, but we fail to see where it would benefit Polk county.

CROWLEY.

Mr. Lafe Townsend of Salem was an overnight-visitor at the home of George Smith and family during the past week.

Seth Riggs and sister, Miss Emma of Portland visited a few days with relatives here recently.

Little Martha Newfield is having the mumps.

Mr. Black of Independence bought dairy cows of Mr. Farmer, Mr. Valliere and Henry White recently.

R. J. Williamson and family visited at J. W. Edgar's at Oak Grove one day last week.

There was about 35 in attendance at the school rally here last Friday, a good lunch was served and all present enjoyed the day.

F. M. Edgar was a Rieckrell caller Saturday.

Miss Stella Smith spent several days in Dallas the past week.

Seth and Cass Riggs were Dallas visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kaner Trent and little daughter of Rieckrell spent Sunday at R. J. Williamson's.

Sam Smithson of Amity visited at F. M. Edgar's last Saturday.

Mrs. Farmer and three daughters attended Sunday school at Oak Grove Sunday.

R. J. Williamson and family were Dallas visitors Saturday.

Miss Pearl Dennett went to Dallas last week to care for a patient at the hospital.

Mr. Ed. Miller of Minnesota is visiting his sister, Mrs. F. E. Valliere and family.

Charley Knower was a Dallas caller Monday.

Lloyd Mallicoat was a McCoy caller Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Edgar were Sunday visitors with F. M. Edgar and family.

GUTHRIE.

The play and basket social at the Guthrie schoolhouse last Saturday night was attended by 186 people, all of whom expressed themselves as being pleased with the play. Everyone was delighted with the solos rendered

ed by Lester Guthrie, Little Viola Bradley, and Mrs. Elmer Guthrie, and the duet by the two, Mrs. Guthrie. The boys certainly showed how much they were pleased, as \$41.60 was realized from the sale of baskets. Two young ladies' baskets brought \$5.50 each.

EOLA.

Eola held a very successful all-day school rally the 24th of February, presided over by G. W. Brunk. There was a short literary program rendered by the school children, after which the usual school questions were discussed and thrashed out 'till nothing but chaff remained. A bountiful dinner was served during the noon hour which was enjoyed by all present. Prof. Griffin from the Agricultural college gave a very interesting talk along the school industrial work which is being carried on in the state and in which Polk county is not taking a back seat. County Superintendent Seymour and Mr. Myers of Dallas were present.

A parent-teacher club was organized with Mr. Hamer President, Mrs. Youngburg vice-president, and our teacher, Miss Gardner secretary. A program committee was appointed, composed of Mrs. B. I. Ferguson, Mrs. Hamer and Mrs. Youngburg, which will arrange an entertainment for their first meeting night, March 25.

Geo. P. Litchfield of Salem visited at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Thos. Holman Monday.

Mr. Wiley Carpenter of Dallas visited friends in Eola Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Riley Robertson and daughter, Mrs. Pryor Robertson of Salem, visited friends and attended Sunday school in Eola Sunday.

Our teacher, Miss Gardner, attended the institute in Independence Saturday.

Miss Flora Clement, who is teaching at Crowley, visited her mother and brother here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Lewis and two daughters, Mrs. Currie and Mrs. Wilson of Salem, visited his son, Oscar Lewis and family last week.

Mrs. I. L. Patterson visited in Portland last week.

Geo. Brunk went to Portland last week.

Ray Ferguson has finished pruning a 10-acre cherry orchard for Mr. Maylor. He and Byron Brunk are now grafting for Mr. Edward Hamer.

A family by the name of Gill from Salem, has moved into the house recently vacated by Mr. Moe, who has moved to the Traglio place, where he intends to cut wood.

B. I. Ferguson is pruning and grafting cherry trees for Mr. Thos. Holman and I. L. Patterson. He has just finished pruning a 20-acre orchard for Mr. Hirschberg of Independence.

Prof. Brown of the agricultural college gave a pruning demonstration in the orchards of Gilbert and Patterson that was witnessed by about forty farmers and fruit growers.

Among our sick is Mrs. Hanks, who was taken to the Salem hospital two weeks ago, and who has decided to remain two weeks longer as she is improving slowly. S. W. Brunk has had very poor health all winter. Mr. Mead is not gaining very fast from his severe spell of rheumatism. Mr. Mitty is gaining slowly from his recent sickness. Grandma Chapman's health is very poor.

Our Sunday school has been running three weeks now. We began with twelve members and increased to 44 last Sunday. The red and blue button contest seems to have the desired effect. Our opening hour is 3 p. m., Mr. Melvin Hanks superintendent.

CHERRY GROVE-PEDEE.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ballantyne visited Mr. and Mrs. W. West on Sunday. Levi Dyes visited the Burbank boys on Sunday.

Adam Yoist and Miss Hattie Burbank and Loren Burbank spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Jasper Willet.

Miss Elsie Bakh and Bill Ostrander visited Miss Inez Burbank Sunday evening.

There was a Hard Time dance at Pedee last Saturday.

L. W. and A. L. Burbank drove to Salem in their machine on Friday. Miss Daphne Henderson returned from Independence on Sunday.

There will be a Hard Time dance at Marquardt's next Saturday.

Miss Nora Burbank was in Independence last Saturday.

BUELL.

A basket social will be given here on March 13 by the Woodmen. A play by the Salt Creek highs will also be a feature of the evening. The people of this vicinity are most cordially invited to attend this gathering, and the ladies are requested to bring well-filled baskets. These community meets are conducive to better fellowship among neighbors and friends, and should be well patronized. This occasion promises to prove highly entertaining.

SESSION IN A NUT-SHELL

THINGS THE LAST LEGISLATURE ACCOMPLISHED.

Absence of Freak Legislation One of the Conspicuous Features of the Law-Making Term.

The legislature appropriated and left standing in millage and taxes and continuing appropriations \$6,477,031 for the next two years, as against \$7,735,921 in 1913, a net reduction of \$1,258,890. With laws repealed and consolidations effected the total state reductions will total two millions.

No new taxes were imposed, fees and licenses were reduced. No new boards or commissions were created, taxes were lowered, limited and made easier payable, no freak or radical labor laws were enacted, no referendums ordered to be taken, conditions for the industries were made easier and new industries were promoted, is the record made.

The legislature enacted no laws penalizing corporations attacking investments, or placing obstacles in the way of capital coming to Oregon.

Following remedial beneficial and constructive laws in the interest of retrenchment and economy, and to produce revenues were passed:

Law to repeal continuing appropriations cuts off many fixed charges.

Limiting tax levies of all taxing bodies in the state.

Reduce Railroad Commission appropriation from \$105,000 to \$80,000 and cut off 17 salaries.

Joint memorial to collect \$466,000 taxes and return of O. & C. land grant to state.

Semi-annual tax law making taxes payable April 5 and November 5 without penalties.

Abolishing useless state census will save state and counties \$50,000.

Permitting insane patients to be paroled reduces fixed charges of state asylums.

Biennial appropriation of \$10,000 for bubonic plague repealed.

Counties given share of game law fines.

Abolishing license fees for fishing in Pacific ocean or bays.

Requiring boards and departments to pay for printing out of their own funds.

Law to collect revenue from trading stamp devices.

Reduces cost of elections by abolishing one judge on each of 2000 election boards.

Permanent registration law with card index, saving counties and cities large sums.

Exempting state institutions from eight-hour law.

\$200,000 of state highway fund to finish state road over Siskiyou.

Abolishing state immigration board and acceptance system.

Establishing flax industry for employment of idle convict labor.

Consolidation of state engineer and state highway engineer.

Requiring banks to pay two per cent on deposits of county funds.

Bill for farmers' state banks on co-operative plan.

Would Have Us Beautify.

Last Saturday afternoon Mrs. Bertha Taylor Voorhorst and Miss Joyce of Portland spoke at the Isis theater at Independence in the interest of civic improvements. The meeting of the county teachers' institute declared a recess in order that the teachers might attend the meeting. This meeting was held under the auspices of the Woman's Civic Improvement club with the president, Mrs. J. S. Cooper, presiding.

Saturday the two women spoke again in the chapel of the State Normal school at Monmouth under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher association, of which Mrs. I. Cornelius is president. As a large number of pupils had gone home for the week end, Miss Joyce was asked to return with her pictures at some time and give the lecture for the students. This she will no doubt do.

Boyer Refutes the Charge.

Messrs. John Boyer of Bear Camp and George K. Walker of Bentley were in Dallas on Wednesday interviewing the county court relative to the proposed trunk line road to the Tillamook coast. While here Mr. Boyer denied the story told by a party from Dallas who recently spent several days near Bear Camp, to the effect that Boyer espied a mammoth cougar crouching on a limb while he was passing a wooded trail and hot-footed it four miles to his domicile without even stopping enroute for refreshments. Mr. Boyer, however, during a rigid cross-examination, admitted that he had seen a cougar—the largest one that roams the mountains of that neighborhood—and also that he hot-footed it, but he positively refuted the assertion that he took on no refreshments enroute.

Hammel As Superintendent.

A Coos Bay publication has the following concerning J. C. Hammel, who

last fall traded his stock in Hotel Hammel at Albany to Mr. Thompson for land near Dallas:

"The North Bend Hotel association has come upon facts that causes the directorate of that body to believe that they were tricked by J. C. Hammel. The latter was to secure a lease on the building after completion and had subscribed for \$10,000 in stock, never paying a cent upon the amount of his subscription. In the payment of Architect J. E. Troutelotte's claim it comes to light that the said J. C. Hammel had induced Troutelotte to agree to cut his fees three ways, and Hammel was to get his part for superintending construction. Hammel, when he returns to North Bend, if he ever does, will be given a warm reception."

CHEESE FACTORY IN PROSPECT

Money Subscribed for Industry, But Good Road First.

George Walker of Bentley is enthusiastic over the future prospects for that immediate section of Polk county, and especially so concerning Bentley. He says, however, that the future prosperity of the ranchers there depends largely upon the construction of the proposed highway to the Tillamook coast by that route, its building giving an outlet over a good road to at least forty-two families. It is the intention of the farmers there, he says, to erect and operate a co-operative cheese factory at Bentley in case the projected road is constructed, the money for which concern has already been subscribed. There are, according to this authority, 400 cows that would contribute to make the factory a success.

It is probable that a hotel will be built at this point during the coming summer, and that a store will also be opened and other business enterprises started on a small scale. The fishing and camping facilities of the immediate section attracts many tourists there during the summer months, while in the immediate locality are something over twenty families at the present time. Mr. Walker is a comparatively newcomer, having resided at Bentley only about a year, but he is delighted with the country and its future prospects, and says he purposes trying up there with a view to remaining the rest of his days.

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