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ON THE WING.

In The South End of The County.

The Bachelor Editor is Getting Acquainted.

The bachelor editor made a trip through the south end of the county last week. We found among other things that the road just outside of the city towards Molalla, is in a horrible state of repair and that the supervisors could well spend a good deal of time and money in repairing the same, as there is very heavy travel on this road and unless fixed before the heavy winter rains come, it will be almost impassable.

We also discovered that the Courier was the most widely read paper in the county. From Oregon City to Marquam there is scarcely a family but the Courier reaches, and its coming is looked forward to by the people as the visit of a long tried friend. This ought to be a pointer for advertisers.

We met some old friends along the route, (that is, friends whose acquaintance extends over a period of two weeks) and got acquainted with a number of others who we hope will prove our friends in the future.

The wheat crop along the route seems to be pretty well in and much of it is up and growing nicely. The recent rains have started the streams to running full and the farmers are smiling over the results of the past season's harvest.

We stopped at F. Vonderahe's place and that fine old German gave us the glad hand and wished us much success. He is a Democrat of the old school and was glad to learn that the Courier was going to be a straight Democratic sheet from this time out. At the home of J. F. Stidham we took dinner and that gentleman gave us his subscription to the Courier. Stidham is a Missourian by birth and he and his good wife know what hospitality is and made the writer welcome. While Mr. Stidham is not of the same political complexion as the Courier, he had no kick coming on that account and only wanted a first class county paper and thinks he has a good chance of getting it by patronizing us.

We travelled on down the road and shook hands with a number of other Courier subscribers, stopping at the Carus school house, where we met Prof. Metzger, who teaches at Carus. He has a good school at that place and is giving general satisfaction to both patrons and pupils. He is one of the few men teachers in Clackamas county.

At night we stopped at the home of Cy. Wright, at Liberal and were invited to rest our weary limbs for the night. We gladly availed ourselves of the opportunity and after partaking of a bounteous supper we adjourned to the family room, where Miss Gans, the good-looking teacher of the Liberal school, entertained us with a number of choice selections on the piano. Mr. Austen ably assisted her with the violin. A few of the boys from the neighborhood

gathered at night, no doubt attracted by the magnetism of the pretty school maa'm, and we enjoyed a game of whist, no matter if we did get licked.

We met a number of our Molalla friends and learned among other things that a large delegation had gone to Southern Oregon, where they expected to locate on timber claims. The party returned the latter part of week, from what we could gather, were of the opinion that for the most part, they had been unsuccessful in their undertaking. The timber claims in Southern Oregon seem to be pretty well taken up.

Messrs Starbuck and Moore have arranged for a debate on Seventh Day Adventism at an early date at Molalla, and as both men are debaters of considerable renown it looks like there will be pretty warm time of it.

The members of Molalla Grange are arranging to give a play sometime this winter. Joe Harless has charge of the theatrical company and a number of the most enterprising young people in the community are among the play-wrights, so it goes without saying that the play will be a success.

The K. O. T. M. Lodge also contemplate a play sometime this winter and with a big dance billed for Thanksgiving night, it looks old times among the denizens of this right good town of Molalla.

The Artisans had a big time Saturday night, but kept it to themselves, the general public being excluded. The program consisted of a mixed entertainment followed by an oyster supper and the Artisans report a good time indeed.

A very large number of turkeys have been slaughtered here for Thanksgiving and shipped to various parts of the country by our enterprising merchant, Mr. O. W. Robbins.

Real estate in this community is in great demand and almost every week people from various parts of the country are here looking for land and it is not improbable that some notable changes will be made before the roses bloom again.

F. O. Case, formerly of this place, but who is now employed in the Railway postal service, was visiting among old friends in this community last week. He likes his position with the Government and it goes without saying that the Government likes him.

The school at Molalla is progressing well under efficient management of her two teachers and the district seems well satisfied generally with the school. The term is only for six months and a good many of the Molalla citizens are in favor of extending the term to nine months. This should be done as Molalla is a fine neighborhood and is entitled to as good a school as can be had.

We have heard it rumored that a new store will be started here at no distant date. Molalla has now one of the best general stores in the county but the field is possibly as good for a country store as can be found in the state and there is no doubt room for another. If competition is the life of trade the present store-keepers might find an other store an advantage rather than a hindrance.

Uncle Pataick Duffy has been awarded

he contract for carrying the mail between the Corners and Oregon City for another four years. He receives four hundred and fifty dollars per year for his services. We enjoyed a very exciting ride with Uncle Patrick on Friday, wherein a couple of sportively inclined youths tried to beat Ireland. A mile was covered by Uncle Patrick in less than five minutes with his thoroughbred race mare, but we are sorry to relate we were slightly bested in the race. The road was about ten inches deep in mud and it was hard to tell who was who when we arrived at Ely. We met a real estate agent just as we were entering the city and he stopped us and asked if we had any real-estate for sale. He doubtless judged by our appearance that we had some to spare. Next time we ride with Uncle Pat we will take out an accident policy.

Thursday morning we went from Molalla to Marquam. We were driven over by that royal good fellow, Joe Harless, and he pointed out to us various places of interest along the road, such as the old tree around which the settlers gathered to repulse the Indians in the early days, a place where five hundred rattle snakes were killed by the settlers way back in the seventies and lots of other places of note along the road. We stopped at P. J. Ridings' store at Marquam and made the acquaintance of that fine old Missourian, who moved to the Web-foot state many years ago. He is jolly and good natured and a typical country merchant. He told us that he contemplated making some great changes in his business during the next year. His sales amount to about twelve thousand dollars a year and he carries on hand about a ten thousand dollar stock of goods.

There was a sale near Scott's Mill and we went thither. We found gathered several hundred of the good people of that community who were being entertained by our own renowned Bill Samson, who is to-day one of the best auctioneers in the state. He is jovial and makes many happy hits. He has been both school teacher and county officer, and in both callings made a success but his present calling seems a second nature with him and he will no doubt follow it till the last roll is called and St. Peter will have to make a bargain with him to keep him from selling the throne itself after he has entered the pearly gates.

The sale was at the old McConnell home, and we are informed that the original McConnell was the founder of Scott's mills. Everything from trumpery to live stock brought fair prices. At noon the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church, served a lunch to those who were disposed to patronize them and reaped a neat little sum as a result of their labors.

Among some of the older men of Marquam we met were the Skirvins, who crossed the plains in 1850. They hail from the same state and almost the same part of the state as we, coming from Owen county Kentucky. We made a good many new acquaintances at Marquam and we hope some friends, and secured a number of subscribers to the Courier.

Marquam is in a fine part of the county, and though remotely situated the land commands forty to sixty dollars per acre. Numerous hop-yards were seen along the road, and, in fact, hops seem to be a leading crop in this part of the county. The Marquam Fair has in the past attracted considerable attention from the outside world, but we have been told that steps will be taken next year to hold the fair at some other point in the county. We left Molalla more deeply impressed with the magnitude and greatness of Clackamas county than we had been heretofore, and are of the opinion that time will prove her to be one of the greatest counties in the union.

Steps will be taken so we are informed to organize a stock company at Molalla, whose purpose it will be to launch a county fair the coming year. No better move could be made. There are many wealthy citizens in this part of the county who promise to subscribe liberally and the world may have a chance to see something of the beauty of this fine neighborhood.

Letter List.

Following is the list of letters remaining in the Oregon City post office November 20th, 1902.

Women's List—Mrs R L Adams, Mrs Rachel Allen, Mrs Byers, Miss Ora Griffin, Miss C Gustie Gladin, Miss Miss Blanche Miller, Mrs M J Miller, Mrs Fannie Meadow, Mrs Rosa Smith, Miss Lida Simmons, Miss Jessie Turner.

Men's List—Albert Adams, A W Anderson, S Austen, Harry Barrett, Wm H Brainard, Fred S Clark, F M Cox, Wm Brainard, T H Foster, Roscoe Gard, Frank Harris, R G Hackett, F Howell, John Lake, Ebrin Myers, O E Maricle, A E McNaughton, Mr Nene-schroeder, F J Nye, Oregon City Dye Works, Ambrose Rhinehart, A J Tonkin, R A Wilson, Mr Yatta.

GRANT B. DIMICK AND J. J. COOKE.

WILL MAKE A HOT RACE FOR THE MAYORALTY.

Only Fifteen Days Until the Election, and the Fun Will be Fast and Furious.

The good people of Oregon City waked up on Tuesday morning to learn that they had a hot race on hands for the Mayoralty of this little city by the falls. G. B. Dimick who has been the mayor for the past two years announced that he is a candidate for re-election and J. J. Cooke, who has twice served the county of Clackamas as high sheriff is also an announced and active candidate for the place. As both men are deservedly popular and both are young and active, the race will be a hot one from now until the wire is reached. Mr. Dimick is a Republican, Mr. Cooke is a Democrat. Heretofore politics has not entered into the election of city officials and the present race will not be fought out on party lines. In fact some of the warmest supporters Mr. Dimick has are Democratic and some of Mr. Cooke's most loyal friends are Republicans.



Mayor Dimick was elected Mayor of Oregon City two years ago by a majority of 111 votes. He was re-elected one year ago by a majority of 205 votes. He has made a creditable record and has been a conservative and safe official. Mr. Dimick is only 33 years old. He is a good lawyer and a good business man and has many friends in Oregon City and in the county of Clackamas. His friends claim that he wins again easily.

John Cooke is equally as well known to the people of Oregon City and Clackamas county as Mayor Dimick. In 1898 he was elected sheriff of Clackamas and again re-elected in 1900 serving until last June. The county never had a safer or better business administration of the Sheriff's office than under Mr. Cooke's two terms. Mr. Cooke is yet a young man in the very prime of life. He is agreeable and affable and has a world of friends. He is well known in Oregon City as any man who lives here and says that he will win the fight for Mayor and his many friends are of the same opinion.

Each of these candidate will likely be placed on the ballot by petition under the name of neither of the old political parties. The fun is on, and the fight will be nice to look at.

C. M. Mason is a candidate for Councilman from the third ward. He is in the employ of George Grace groceryman. The contest in the first ward will be between Councilman R Koerner, Walter Little and Frank McGinnis. Charles Albright has as yet no opposition in the second ward.

TO BE RE-ORGANIZED.

THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY CHAUTAUQUA

To Be Placed on a More Permanent Basis.

Strong efforts are being put forth to reorganize the Willamette Valley Chautauqua and put it on a more permanent and enduring basis. Two meetings of the stockholders have been held during the past week with that end in view, and a plan has been mapped out, but not as yet adopted in its entirety. The plan proposes to make the capital stock \$5000, with the privilege of increasing this to \$10,000, and to make the shares \$25 each. Holders of stock in the old association can surrender their old stock and take stock in the reorganized company. The plan of reorganization was formulated by H. E. Cross, C. H. Dye, G. A. Steel and George Harding. The local chautauqua is one of the most popular institutions in the valley, and any thing looking to its betterment and perpetuity will be gratifying to Oregon City people.

NOT UNTIL SPRING.

CAN THE DEPARTMENT FURNISH GRASS SEED.

To the Fire Sufferers of Clackamas County.

The Honorable George C. Brownell, senator from this county has been using his best endeavors to secure grass and other seeds from the Agricultural department for the burnt district of Clackamas county and the farmers and agriculturist who suffered such heavy losses during the fire devastating period of last summer and early fall. He has taken the matter up with Senator John L. Mitchell and Senator Mitchell in turn with the agricultural department. The following letter from the depart-

ment explains the situation in detail and the farmers of Springwater and other parts of the county will take notice that they can receive no help from this source until next spring.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, Washington, D. C., Oct. 28, 1902.

Hon. John H. Mitchell, Portland, Oregon—Sir: I have your favor of October 17th, inclosing letter from George O. Brownell, Oregon City, Oregon, calling attention to the forest fires which have recently proved so damaging in Washington and Oregon, and asking that the department forward grass seed of various sorts for the purpose of enabling farmers living in the burned districts to renew their grass seeds. I very much regret that at this time the department is not able to send any grass seed which would be of value. Such grass seed as is distributed is only in very limited quantities, and would make no material impression over such a wide extent of country as has been devastated by fires. Furthermore, the distribution of grass seed for congressional purposes does not begin until spring, consequently as already indicated, we have nothing or little on hand. I regret that the department does not have any special fund out of which it could purchase seed for emergencies of this kind.

Very Respectfully,
J. H. BRIGHAM,
Acting Secretary.

Logus Tracts Recorded.

The Logus tracts were filed for record in County Recorder Henry Stevens' office Saturday afternoon by W. J. Nancy, George and Jessie Zimmerman. The tracts are the former donation land claims of Hector Campbell and George Mills, and are situated about 2 1/2 miles east of Sellwood, near the county line.

A Quiet Wedding.

Edward Schwab, a prominent citizen of this place, was united in marriage on Tuesday to Miss Lottie Evaline Groat, by Justice of the Peace Sipp.

HOW MANY SEEDS?

IN AN OREGON PUMPKIN WEIGHING 100 POUNDS?

A Much Mooted Question Among Clackamas County Agriculturist.

Good Many People Guessing on the Courier Pumpkin.

There is a good deal of curiosity all over the county of Clackamas about the "Courier" pumpkin. How many seeds do you suppose there is in it anyway, is the question that is being asked daily by many people. Well to tell you the truth we are not right sure about how many seeds are in it. That is a matter past fluding out just at present.

We are giving away to good guessers or pumpkins, who are subscribers to the Oregon City Courier \$150 in gold for the best guesses made. Every subscriber who pays \$1.50 is entitled to one guess and an additional guess for each subscription paid. That the people of the county are taking advantage of this marvelous offer is evidenced by the long list of those who have paid during the past week:

- HERE THEY ARE:
- Oscar May, Carus \$1.50
 - J. F. Stidham, Ely 4.00
 - Charles Spence, Carus 1.50
 - L. Steidham, Carus 3.00
 - Dan Graves, Liberal 3.00
 - W. H. Darnell, Liberal 3.00
 - George T. Frazier, Molalla 1.50
 - Granville Vaughan, Ozark, Mo. 2.50
 - Frank Vaughan, Bridgeport, Wn. 75
 - Orene Cutting, Molalla 1.50
 - J. R. Cole, Molalla 1.50
 - S. Shamel, Molalla 3.00
 - George Ogle, Molalla 1.00
 - C. Engle, Molalla 3.00
 - John Henderschoot, Molalla 1.00
 - J. M. Groshong, Marquam 1.50
 - G. A. Ridings, Marquam 1.50
 - B. Jacks, Marquam 1.50
 - F. C. Jackson, Marquam 1.50
 - T. O. Ridings, Marquam 1.50
 - L. N. Jones, Marquam 1.50
 - Mrs. Elmira Davis, Molalla 1.00
 - B. J. Ridings, Marquam 1.50
 - H. Longery, Clackamas, Or. 1.50
 - P. Duffey, Oregon City 1.50
 - Samuel Heiple, Carrinville 75
 - S. E. Heiple, Carrinville 1.50
 - Julius Wendland, Carrinville 1.50
 - *Guss Johnson, Oregon City 1.50
 - O. W. Johnson, Molalla 1.50
 - J. E. Peterson, New Era 1.50
 - W. L. Holcomb, Oregon City 1.50
 - B. Fallert, Stone 1.50
 - *R. D. Wilson, Oregon City 1.50
 - *A. J. Lewis, Oregon City 1.50
 - *Green Miller, New Era 1.50
 - *T. L. Turner, Stafford 1.50
 - R. Seiler, Oregon City 1.50
 - A. Beuman, Oregon City 1.50
 - Jacob Oswaldt, Molalla 4.00
 - J. W. Cole, Oregon City 3.00
 - Ely Brothers, Ely 1.50
 - F. A. Miles, Oregon City 3.00
 - T. H. Cross, Oregon City 1.50
 - S. M. Ramsby, Oregon City 1.50
 - *J. C. Weismandel, New Era 1.00
 - B. F. Bullard, Kelso 1.50
 - A. C. Sharp, Stafford 1.50
 - Mark Baker, Stafford 75
 - S. P. Larson, Stafford 1.50
 - L. P. Williams, Clarks 1.50
 - J. O. Morris, Liberal 1.50
 - T. L. Turner, Stafford 1.50
 - C. H. Oldenburg, Park Place 1.50

The following is the list of the prizes the Courier will distribute among its friends and patrons on New Years day:

- For the first best guess \$50.00
- For the second best guess 25.00
- For the third best guess 15.00
- For the fourth best guess 10.00
- For the fifth best guess 10.00
- For the sixth best guess 5.00
- For the seventh best guess 5.00
- For the eighth best guess 5.00
- For the ninth best guess 5.00
- For the tenth best guess 5.00
- For the eleventh best guess 5.00
- For the twelfth best guess 2.50
- For the thirteenth best guess 2.50
- For the fourteenth best guess 2.50
- For the fifteenth best guess 2.50

Every person who pays his or her subscription for one year, \$1.50, is entitled to make one guess. For every additional dollar and a half paid an additional guess may be made. That is, if you are two or three years behind with your subscription, you can pay up the arrearage and get a guess for each dollar and a half paid.

A Young Editor.

Master Willie Westover, the eight-year-old son of the editor, contributes his first item to the press in form and substance as follows:

Willie and Harry Westover was very much oblige to mr. tufts for a sack of peanuts and hope that he will live long and prosper and make many bags of peanuts, and the oregon people treat the Kentucky people pretty nice.

JASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of
Wm. D. Mitchell

ANNUAL Slaughter Sale!

The Racket Store

Offers its customers unprecedented bargains.
Read and be satisfied.

- Blankets, 70c to \$2 per pair
- Table Linen, 40c to 60c per yd
- Napkins, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per doz
- Linen Towels, large size, 30c pair
- Turkish Bath Towels, 25c pair
- Shaker Flannel, 8c, 9c, 10c yd
- Flannelette, 10c, Gingham, 6c, Calico, 5c
- Dressing Sacks, \$1 to \$1.15
- Flannel Waists, 89c to \$2.25 each
- Dress Skirts below cost
- Black Sateen Skirts, \$1.50 to \$4
- Knit Skirts, 60c
- Outing Flannel Nightgowns, \$1, \$1.25
- Ladies' Muslin Underwear at cost
- Bustles 15c, Headrests 15c
- Velvet Skirt Binding, 4c
- Fancy Shoe Laces, 2 pairs 5c
- Hosiery, all prices
- Ribbon below cost
- Thread, 3c spool
- Fascinators and Hoods, 20 to 50c
- San silk, 3 spools 10c
- Button Hole Twist, 3 spools 5c
- Machine Silk, 50-yd spools, 3 for 10c
- Machine Silk, 100-yd spool, 7c
- Embroidery Silk, 1 cent spool; now 18 spools for 12c
- Fleishner's Knitting Yarn' best and long skeins, was 30c, now 23c.
- Fleishner's Zephyr, was 13c, now 9c
- Imported Saxony, was 10c, now 8c
- Domestic Saxony, was 7c, now 5c
- Columbia Yarns.
- All of the above yarns are of the very best quality, full length skeins
- Umbrellas, 40c up to \$1.50
- Men's Undervests, 19c each
- Ladies' and Children's Undervests at cost
- Fine Bureau Scarfs, 35c to 70c
- Lace Curtains, 90c to \$1.50 pair
- Ladies' and Gents' Linen Handkerchiefs at cost
- Ladies' and Gents' Fine Silk Handkerchiefs