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## COUNTY NEWS

News of each Community Gathered each week by Our Rustling Associate Editors

### Newport

The minstrel program given by the Newport High School Athletic Association at the Midway Theatre on the evening of May 6th, was a success in every way. The stage was beautifully decorated with flags, bunting and pennants. The house was crowded to the doors, a good many standing. Some 25 persons took part in the exercises. All exemplifying the colors and costumes of the darkies of the South. Mrs. Thompson presided at the piano. The program was beautifully rendered, each actor or actress trying to excel the other in performing their parts. The negro action and dialect were perfect. A person looking at them on the stage would think they were from the Sunny South. One old mammy looked so natural and good. Some of the old plantation melodies were sung with such feeling and pathos by the Business Men's Quartet that one would think he was in the South among the real negroes. Such songs as "Massa in the Cold, Cold Ground," "Swanee River," "Swing Sweet Chariot" and "The Little Log Cabin in the Lane." These old songs made the colored folks on the stage swing and sway as they do when under great emotion in the Southland. A vocal solo by Miss Springer and a dramatic recitation by Will E. Gwynn were greatly appreciated. Special mention should be made of a cornet solo, "Old Blind Joe," by Prof. Dawkins. A solo by Mr. Van Cleve was very fine. The quartet, "Kentucky Babe," by four Southern belles, was well received. Finale entire chorus splendidly rendered by the whole troupe. Personnel—Entertainer, W. M. Gwynn; end men, Mark Jarnin, George Gurnee, Lynn Van Cleve, Lyl Colver. Ladies' Quartet, Madeline Ryan, Barbara Buckley, Ella Dixon, Alda Berry. Manager, M. S. Taylor. The door receipts were \$77.70, which amount will be used for the benefit of the Association.

The graduating exercises will be held at the High School Monday, the 17th. W. E. Gwynn will deliver the address. Four graduates, Fred Boughton, Walter Belt, Madeline Ryan and Lorain Bentley. The Eighth Grade pupils will hold their graduating exercises at the Midway Theatre Friday the 21st. Twenty-one pupils will be in the graduating class. Prof. Dawkins will present the diplomas and deliver the address. The baccalaureate address will be delivered next Sunday at 11 a. m. at the Presbyterian Church by Dr. G. E. Pratt, pastor.

R. D. Morse and John Lloyd were appointed to fill the vacancies on the Fair Board, caused by the resignations of A. M. Wheelock and S. T. Loudon. The County Court, some time ago asked for bids to permanently locate the fair grounds. Several bids were submitted. Newport offered five acres, located one mile from the L.O.O.F. Hall on Cape street. This plot of land is level, cleared and accessible with good roads from every point of the compass. As the city grows this location will be more central. The city will deed this land, if selected, free of charge with only one string on it. If it ever ceases to be used for Fair purposes the land will revert back to the city. If this plot is finally chosen it will be a good place to hold the Fair and will no doubt be patronized by more people than any other location in the county. Newport is destined to be the largest city in the county. Mr. Ackerson offered a very beautiful location for the Fair on the South side of the Bay in the new town of Harborton. This offer is made free to the county, provided it is chosen as a Fair grounds. It is high, level and composes ten acres. Harborton has 140 acres and comprises the old L. E. Davis homestead. This ground is 800 feet from deep

water on the bay and near the ocean, like the plot on the Newport side of the bay. Toledo made no free proposals. Several places were spoken of but all had to be paid for. Gust Olson Olson offered a three-acre tract located on the tideland and includes the old ball grounds for \$2200. One thousand dollars to be paid down and the twelve hundred to be paid in three years at 8 per cent. interest. In this case the county would get no deed to the land for three years and the people of Toledo would have to put up the \$2,200 with the interest, besides the ground is on tideland overflowed every winter when high water and big tides come in. I don't believe the people of Lincoln county will want to put permanent buildings on land that is submerged every Winter by the high tides. A. T. Peterson offered to continue the lease on his land for another year for \$60 if the people wished to continue to hold the fair there. Other offers were made by the people of Toledo, but the land was back on the hills and did not seem to be favorably considered. The people of Toledo seemed to have got tired of the Fair. It did not pay and as some of them said it had really got to be considerable of a white elephant.

M. S. Durbin, head ranger of the forest service, came to Newport from Tillamook with 11 pack burros. He was on his way to Waldport, where he will load the little doukies with wire and equipment to extend the telephone line from Waldport to Florence and from Waldport to Table Mountain, where a look-out station will be established. Mr. Durbin says the forest service force is well organized and is doing efficient work in preventing forest fires and other destruction of the timber. Mr. Durbin had been in Tillamook with a force of men planting trees in the burned districts. He says it is much better to set the trees out when two years old instead of sowing the seed. Nine per cent of the trees grow when set out while forty-five per cent grow when the seed is sown. Table Mountain is a noted place. It rises 2000 feet above the level of the sea and contains about two sections of land. To the Indians it was a sacred mountain. Here it was that the Indian prophet and medicine man went to commune with the Great Spirit and to make medicine. Here he would sit and listen to the roaring of the waterfalls, the sighing of the wind as it passes through the forest, the scream of the night hawk and the howl of the wolf. Here he would go thru his mysterious incantations and then he would return to his tribe and tell them he had been talking with the Great Spirit and whatever he told them was the same as though the Great Spirit was talking to them. He represented God and they must do just as he told them. He took up his medicine by absorption and gave it out by incantations and beating of the tom toms. The prophet or medicine man had great influence with his tribe and they would do about as he told them. He was generally blessed with eight or ten of the prettiest women of the tribe as his wives. He did no work, not even to hunt in the forest or to fight in battle.

### Elk City

Mrs. Winskill stirred up her bees one day last week in order to make it interesting for Mr. Daniels who was plowing near by. The bees also gave the school children a warm time and Mr. McDonald's ear was very red that afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Slocum and Mr. Updike drove to Siletz last Saturday.

Mrs. Silver had a very enjoyable birthday party on Saturday.

Several members of the community spent a fine musical

evening at Mr. Slocum's last Thursday.

Sadie and Jack Calkins are visiting on Big Elk this week.

Mrs. Bond Daniels returned from Portland last Saturday.

Merrill Davenport, who has been visiting on Big Elk, drove out to his place near Corvallis on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Silver went to Eugene on Monday to inspect their newly acquired property.

Miss Clara Slocum has been neither absent nor late to school for the past eight months.

Mr. Slocum assisted in holding the Eighth Grade examination at Bear Creek School last Friday.

Frank Lang has finished slashing for Mr. Brown.

Niel Milner and Harry Slocum are slashing for Jim Parks.

The school in Elk City is now completing its most successful term. Mr. McDonald now has the school in very good shape, the children maintain good interest in their work, and all the Eighth Graders are confident that they will be commencing High School work next year.

Anstruther Scarth and Dell Hodges were in Elk City Sunday.

Glynn Aldrich, Elmer Lehn and Bill Bridwell were over on Bear creek Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Slocum and M. S. Updike went to Siletz Saturday.

Henry Stadelman and Bessie Gillett were in Elk City the last of the week.

Murell Milliner, Harry and Marie Slocum made a flying trip to Elk City Sunday.

Mrs. F. H. Lang spent Sunday at Riverside.

Miss Katie Bristlen came in from Corvallis to visit her parents near Elk City.

Jim Parks is helping Mr. Abbie drive cattle to Corvallis.

### Taft

The Gerald C. and Awaneda passed out over the bar at high tide Sunday, May 2d.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Johnson went to Willamina Monday on business.

Clarence Elston of Bridwell left for his home Saturday after spending a week at Taft visiting his sister, Mrs. Johnnie Bones.

Mr. Liswig lost a fine two-year-old colt last week.

Charley Hyde is busy with his scow and boat, bringing lumber from Mr. Labour's mill on Siletz river to Pike's Camp for the Drift creek road.

The road work is going on very nicely since they have a new road boss. Mr. Stone being the lucky man.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. McClintock visited at Mrs. Jesse Farrin's Thursday.

Chester Horner cut his foot with an axe while working on the road last week.

Jack Fendell of Willamina has rented the Abe Logan place on Salmon River for five years and brought in a bunch of young cattle.

Jesse Farrin is now foreman of a six chair barber shop at Joseph, in Eastern Oregon.

J. W. Bones lost a fine cow one day last week by falling and breaking her neck.

Miss Ella Bones is laid up with a badly sprained ankle.

Arthur French gave a dance Saturday evening, May 1st. There was a large crowd in attendance and all had a good time.

Mrs. William Scott and Mrs. Stone were shopping at Taft Tuesday.

See Dr. Berry about that easy payment plan.

### Upper Beaver

T. Huntsucker, I. N. Huyett and K. D. Martin made a trip to Yaquina Tuesday.

Mrs. Fannie McKinney and children, who have been visiting in this vicinity, returned to their home in Waldport Saturday.

Jesse Clifford and Peter Peterson are the possessors of a gasoline launch.

Archie Zeek, who has been working at the K. D. Martin ranch returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rhoades and children and George Emerson visited at the Peterson ranch Saturday evening.

Pete Peterson and Jesse Clifford went to Toledo Saturday.

### Yaquina

There was no Sunday school Sunday afternoon on account of so much sickness.

Miss Edith Casteel returned Monday evening from Corvallis where she has been visiting friends.

Gus Hassman was a Sunday visitor at home.

Tom Barker and Archie Zeek were Yaquina visitors yesterday.

The school children are taking examinations this week as this is the last week of our school.

### Fiegles Creek

Dream days!

Z. A. Kessi is planting an acre of papais. How is that for high? He is also experimenting with artichokes obtained from Alfred Brooks, of Sweet Home, who has made a signal success of the crop.

Ralph Darting made a trip to Toledo last Monday, returning Tuesday.

John Rankin has been working on Frank Grant's new residence, which eclipses the old Lome, it is said.

Geo. Tubbs visited on Upper Big Elk Saturday.

Chas. Lindley returned from Fell Creek, where he and Geo. Tubbs interviewed a black bear.

Frank Mulvany went to Toledo the first of last week bringing back powder, etc., for the road work in District 25.

Road work began below Suro Thing May 10th.

Gale Shane is busy at work on his place.

Jay Buford and his father are busy opening roads to their cedar timber.

George Darting is at Waitsburg, Washington, his former home, enjoying old associations.

Ralph Darting is kept busy looking after school affairs in District 72, getting advice from headquarters. We are very young as yet in District 72.

Frank Mulvany and family spent Saturday on Fiegles Creek getting the old cabin home ready for occupancy again. Frank will keep bachelor hall and hold down his homestead until school closes at the Black school, Harlan.

Everything looks nice and summery here now. The everlasting hills are being draped with fronds of fern, but we, who remain the year round become more or less dead to our Oregon scenery.

### Chitwood

Our April showers are rather late, but how they do make things grow!

Jim Brown's bridge crew has been here for the past week driving piling at bridges No. 24 and 25.

Mr. Woodson of Lodi, California, was here Saturday and Sunday looking over the E. L. Gear place, which he has purchased.

Mr. Boren will look after the crops this Summer. Mr. Woodson will probably move in next Fall.

Albert and Ed Goodrich were called to Lebanon Saturday by the death of their father.

A. B. Clark was up from Elk City Friday.

Lester Gilbert went to Toledo and back the first of the week.

Supervisor Boren has completed the new road through the Steinmetz place, but it will not be opened for travel until drier weather comes.

Mrs. H. M. Henry is down from Nortons visiting friends at Chitwood.

Mrs. W. N. Cook is on the sick list.

W. F. Cooper came in from Monmouth Monday.

### Rose Lodge

Deputy County Assessor Cecil Cosper gave us a call last week and if he saw any new improvements he was sure to raise the valuation a notch or so.

The surprise party given on Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Flister last Saturday night was a grand success, there being something like 54 present. The evening was spent in games of various kinds.

W. L. Bloom and Frank Mann made a trip to Slab Creek Sunday to get a pack load of calves.

Chas. Harding returned from Toledo last Sunday. We understand he has the contract to furnish the lumber for the trestle and bridge across Salmon river and tideland near Otis.

J. A. Messenger is hauling milk to the Otis Cheese Factory this Spring. After a few days he will have an established milk route from his place to Otis and will haul for anyone wishing to send milk.

C. A. Baker went to the Valley Saturday.

### Ona

John Coovert and Clarence Edwards made a trip to Bay View Thursday.

Geo. Selby and daughter, Charlotte, went to Newport Sunday.

Deputy Assessor Parrish of Toledo was assessing in this vicinity Tuesday.

W. C. Weber went to Toledo Wednesday to attend Court.

Mrs. L. M. Commons and son, Fred, made a trip to Waldport Saturday.

Monday of this week Mrs. A. H. Phelps entertained the ladies of this vicinity. Those present were Mesdames H. H. Edwards and sons, Kenneth and Clarence, L. M. Commons, J. Lissy and son, Walter, W. C. Weber, A. W. Weber, L. L. Parks and son, Alton, and C. S. Ohmart. All enjoyed a very pleasant time.

George Ryan of South Beaver was in this vicinity Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Coovert were visitors at the Bowers home on Upper Beaver Wednesday night.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ona Good Roads Club was held Monday. The forenoon was spent blasting and clearing the stumps from the right of way on the new road up Beaver creek. A short business session was held at noon, when it was decided to spend the afternoon helping our supervisor with some clearing. We all felt that we owed him a lift as he is behind with his work on account of the amount of donation work he has done.

### Money

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### MILDRED SEVERSON MAKES A RECORD

On the fifth of this month Miss Eliza Bruseth closed an eight months' term of school in District No. 19, known as the Storrs School.

Miss Bruseth had one pupil, Mildred Severson, to graduate from the Eighth Grade, exempt from all the examinations, as her average has never been below 97.

This little Miss has lived in Lincoln county four years and has attended Storrs school these four years without having to be absent nor tardy once.

We wonder how many there are in the county who can show that record.

Please let us hear, especially from the rural districts.

### NINETEEN NEW MEMBERS

The social meeting given by the Civic Improvement Club last Wednesday afternoon was a complete success in every way. About seventy-five ladies were present and enjoyed the program and jitney lunch. Nineteen new members were enrolled and will now put their shoulders to the wheel for the betterment of Toledo. The sum of \$14 was added to the Club's treasury during the afternoon, \$6.50 of which was from the lunch which was served at five cents a person. The Club is expecting to give more of these social meetings, also has several schemes for the improvement of our city.

### WOOD WANTED

Bids will be received up to 7 o'clock P. M. of Thursday, May 20th, for the furnishing of wood for the Toledo schools. The bids must be for the wood delivered at the school building. Ten cords of wood at Grammar School building; twenty-five to forty cords at High School building, owing to kind of wood furnished. The board will consider bids on old and second growth fir, hard wood and slab wood. F. N. Hayden, Clerk.

### B. F. BEEZLEY AT WORK

Portland, April 30, 1915. Editor Leader:—Please send the Leader to me at 1125 E. Taylor St., Portland, Oregon, as you probably know by this time I was recently appointed a U. S. surveyor under the civil service and have been detailed to do highway engineering in the National Forests. I am just now working on the Little White Salmon river in the Columbia Forest.

Very truly yours,  
B. F. Beezley.

George King of Oysterville was in the city Tuesday.

Prof. George Bethers came home from Summit Sunday on the excursion.

John Pickens of Newport drove up a bunch of Newports in his auto Saturday.

Rev. Dr. Gwynn will hold services at Siletz Sunday in the absence of Rev. Pearce. In the morning he will preach in English and in the evening in Chitwood.

The Newport High School will put on a minstrel show at the Dime theatre tomorrow evening. The show received a good house at Newport and from all reports it was fine. We predict that they will get a good house here in Toledo. Admission 25 and 15 cents.

The county road between Toledo and Newport has been widened out during the past Winter and is now in first class shape. In fact the road from Newport to the Valley is in better condition than it has been for years and an unusually heavy automobile travel to this section should result this Summer. Supervisor Lane is putting the finishing touches on the Newport road now, and will soon turn his attention to the Siletz road.