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COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

BUENA VISTA

Mrs. A. J. Richardson is laid up with a cold.

Mrs. G. W. McLaughlin returned home on Sunday from a two week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Tan spent Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Chown.

Services at the M. E. church will start at 7:45 p. m. There ought to be a big turnout.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Richardson were in Dallas Wednesday on business, returning the same evening.

Thos. McCarty returned home from a Portland hospital Thursday evening. He is much improved in health.

There was a party Saturday night at the gym with a good crowd present. A good time was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Moe, formerly of McMinnville, has received the sad news of the death of her uncle, John T. Gowdy, a pioneer of Yamhill county.

M. J. Cryderman went to Seaside the first of the week on a business trip. He returned on Saturday and expects to move there soon.

Miss Ruby Elkin returned to her home in Dallas last Wednesday. She has been staying with her sister, Mrs. W. R. Bevin, who has been sick but is out again.

The patriotic services at the M. E. church on Sunday evening were well attended in spite of the rainy weather and the program prepared for the occasion was fine.

A pleasant afternoon was spent at the home of Mrs. M. N. Prather by the ladies of the Rural Club in honor of Mrs. Myrtle B. Wall who was visiting friends here. She was the first president of the club.

There were quite a few of the members of the Ladies' Rural Club attended the Pioneer Day entertainment given by the club of Independence at Mrs. J. S. Cooper's and all report a very nice time. It is a great enjoyment to see the old pioneers enjoy themselves.

Dr. J. B. Grider, dentist, successor to Dr. Allen, Cooper Building, Phone Main 1021.

OVER THE COUNTY

AIRLIE—Farmers of this section have organized a farm loan association and will apply for a charter.

DALLAS—C. R. Canfield will act as county surveyor while Homer A. Robb is gone with the Guard.

AIRLIE—Miss V. M. Turner of Airlie will have charge of Red Cross recruiting in Polk county.

BALLSTON—C. E. Moffet of Saver has been here buying hay for a Corvallis firm.

SUNNY SLOPE—The cream average of George Heck's cows was \$14 per head the past month.

OAKDALE—This is probably the latest spring since 1867.

RICKREALL—A meeting was held here last week for the purpose of completing the organization of a cheese factory company.

EOLA—The stormy weather of the last few days has stopped all kinds of farm work and is putting the farmers behind in their spring work.

DALLAS—The first request for a loan under the state's rural credit amendment came from Polk county, Mrs. Florence M. Dunlop of Airlie making the request thru Walter L. Tooez, the land board attorney in Polk county.

EOLA—The severe wind storm of last Friday didn't seem to bother the old bridge a bit. There are lots of people who would take as much chance to travel over it as ten years ago.

MONMOUTH—Monmouth will celebrate the Fourth of July this year.

AIRLIE—The flume is now finished to the end of the railroad track.

MONMOUTH—Jess Johnson will build a new barn on his farm south of town.

DALLAS—A man named Dick was discharged by the street commissioner because he called the soldier boys "cowards."

WEST SALEM—150 men took the law in their own hands Wednesday morning. They tore a railing which prevented the public from using a plank road which leads to the free ferry. A guard, stationed to protect the railing, did not interfere.

DALLAS—At the city election Monday, Claude B. Stone was chosen mayor, John T. Ford, auditor, and P. S. Greenwood, J. M. Card and W. S. Muir, councilmen.

FALLS CITY—Former Judge Teal is very much improved in health.

CAN BUT WILL NOT

Attorney General Brown has rendered an opinion that it is legal to ship liquor out of the state, but does not presume to pass upon the mental condition of any one who would do it.—Aurora Observer.

INTERESTED IN DAILY

Rumors thicken and confirm the assertion that Independence is to have a daily and we shall look forward to its advent with interest.—Monmouth Herald.

A Practical Joker

He Got Too Strenuous

EVERY village in the world almost has its practical joker. Most of them have a town fool as well. Very often the town fool is the practical joker and vice versa.

In the village of Mendon Sam Stedman was the practical joker and the town fool. He was not without brains, but he played the fool when he played his practical jokes. He was an old bachelor and kept house by himself and had little to do but think up schemes and know that the town considered him more of a fool than a born idiot.

Sam's practical jokes consisted in cutting off cows' tails, removing planks from the sidewalk, stretching ropes across the road and other things equally smart. Sam was a resident of the village for five years, and during those years he received more hits and cuffs than there were fingers and toes in the town. Old Mr. Hoyt was the village cooper, and he was eccentric in some things. While neither deaf nor dumb, it was seldom that he held any conversation with any one beyond answering yes or no. He was never known to ask a direct question of anybody but his wife. Old Mr. Hoyt was never known to get excited. He never stopped work to see the circus come in and never cast a ballot.

One day Sam took a walk to a village six miles away, and there bought half a dozen giant firecrackers. He neither showed them nor said a word about them upon his return. For the next three days he passed several hours of his time in the cooper shop. Mr. Hoyt gave him a nod whenever he entered, but, aside from that, gave him no attention whatever. Sam saw that at a certain point in his work the cooper stood for ten minutes on a certain spot with his back to the door.

When all was ready Sam appeared with one of the big firecrackers in his pocket, together with a match to light the fuse. At the critical moment the fuse was lit and the cracker placed between the feet of the busy old man, while the joker softly stepped outside to wait the catastrophe. It came in a few seconds. It fairly lifted old Mr. Hoyt a foot high.

"By gosh!" he yelled in his alarm, but a few seconds later there was need of other exclamations. There was a grand lot of shavings heaped up in the shop, and these caught fire from the explosion, and the whole place was ablaze in less than a minute.

In two hours ruin was complete and the burned out inhabitants were camped on vacant lots. Owing to the excitement it was about three hours before any one found out how the fire started. Then old man Hoyt gave them the clue to the solution. He said that Sam Stedman had been loitering around his shop when there was an explosion. He couldn't say what caused it, but he smelled powder and believed that a big firecracker had been exploded.

"Sam did it!" Sam did it! It was one of his practical jokes," shouted half a dozen men when the story had been told. But Sam had disappeared.

Three days later as a boy was hunting for stray cows in a piece of woods three miles away he came across a man's body tangled to a limb of a tree. He screamed an alarm, and men came and identified the body as that of Sam Stedman. To this day it is an open question in the village of Mendon, which has been rebuilt, just how Sam came to his death. There are people who believe that he got panic stricken when he realized what he had done and found a rope and committed suicide. There are others who just as stoutly believe that he was overtaken by the avengers, who had a rope with them, and that they played a prominent part in the hanging. As this may be, however, the town has no practical joker and no fool. Once in awhile a commercial drummer sets out to play a practical joke on some one, but before he brings it to a successful issue he has received such loads of warning as to make him abandon his promising scheme. Mr. Hoyt still lives there, and though he was startled out of his reserve for a few moments he fell back into it and now talks less than ever before.

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The Fuse Was Lighted.



CHRISTIAN

F. Claude Stephens, Pastor

Important Services, Lord's Day, April 8.

Bible School at 10 a. m.

Divine service 11 a. m.

Theme: "A Great Demonstration."

Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.

Divine service 7:30 p. m.

May Easter Joys be many to our populace.

A welcome awaits the many who may attend.

"Our fathers' God! to Thee, Author of Liberty,

To Thee we sing.

Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light;

Protect us by thy might Great God our King."

BAPTIST

W. S. STEWART, Pastor.

All welcome.

Easter Sunday will be fittingly observed next Sunday.

Sunday school at 10.

Preaching at 11.

"The Glory of the Resurrection."

After the sermon the ordinance of believers' baptism will be administered.

Friendly Entertainers meeting at 2.

B. Y. P. U. at 6:30.

The 7:30 service will be an Easter program by the Sunday school.

"Easter Story" by Beatrice Bramberg.

Music by the choir.

"Easter Processional" by Girls' Chorus.

"Easter Flowers" by Verna Peterson.

Solo by Laura Baker.

Reading by Vera Brunk and Arietha South.

Recitation by Velma Alexander.

Song by Light Bearers.

Tableau, "The Resurrection."

Don't forget the Baptist Ladies' Easter Bazaar and Cooked Food Sale tomorrow.

METHODIST

Thos. D. Yarnes, Pastor.

10 A. M. Sunday School.

11 A. M. Divine worship.

3 P. M. Loyal Temperance Legion.

6:30 P. M. Epworth League.

7:30 P. M. Evening service.

PRESBYTERIAN

Dr. H. C. Dunsmore, Pastor

Next Sunday (Easter) at Calvary Presbyterian, the Sunday School will present an Easter program, beginning at 11 o'clock. This program will consist of songs, recitations, etc., by members of the Sunday School, and also several solos by some of our most popular singers. Dr. Dunsmore will give a short talk on his personal reminiscences at the tomb of our Savior. The public is cordially invited to this interesting service.

GOLD NUGGETS IN KANSAS.

Years Ago a Man Threw a Pouch of Them Away.

Oneda, Kan.—As a further episode in the proposed development of Oneda's "gold field," it is now recalled that many years ago George Williams found a leather pouch filled with the same kind of nuggets which have been found lately in the craws of ducks killed here.

Williams did not know that the pouch contained anything of value and threw it away.

The pouch is supposed to be one of those belonging to the Colorado miner who lost his life while crossing a creek near here.

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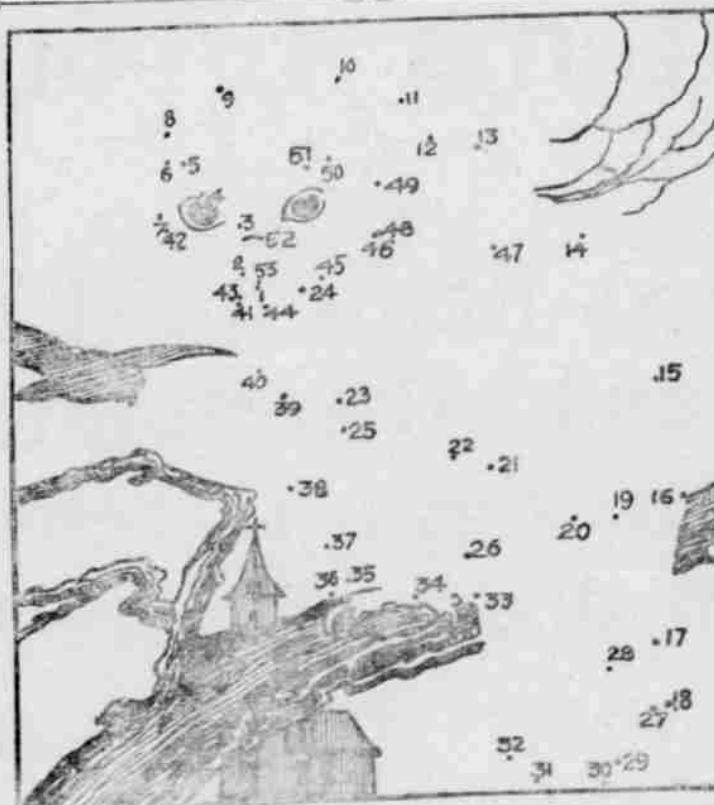
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