

RURAL PAGE

Pleasant Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Richey visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Blair, in Portland last Saturday.

Mrs. J. W. Frost, was a Portland visitor Monday.

Mrs. E. L. Long of Portland spent Friday with W. N. Moor.

P. J. Burke's family visited Hillsdale Sunday accompanied by Joe Emerson of Wisconsin who is visiting at their home.

Miss Laura Moor of Colton, Oregon, visited at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Moor over Sunday.

Born, March 18, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Blymer a son.

John E. Owens and J. Shepard, of Portland addressed the Red Cross meeting at the Grange Hall Monday evening. There was a large attendance and interesting program.

A. G. Sager and daughter Miss Ernie of Lentz, visited at the home of Mrs. G. N. Sager last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Cox of Arleta, Oregon was a visitor at the home of Mrs. W. F. Garrison, one day recently.

Watson Station

Mr. and Mrs. Amberson of Newburg, Oregon visited Mr. Sidney C. Hays and wife on 71st Ave. S. E. one day last week, they combined business with pleasure, as they have acreage on this Ave. Mrs. Amberson is Mrs. Hays mother.

Mrs. Grace Van Oston of Sandy, a sister of Mr. Hays, Mrs. Josie Cone and Mrs. Ada Schnevelly, now of Level, Idaho and Jesse Hays of California, visited for several days with Mr. Hays and family also with her mother Mrs. Amberson of Newburg and Mr. Van Oston's parents in Lents.

Little Mary Margaret Headrick of 8808 71st Ave. S. E. will celebrate her first birthday by having her picture taken and receiving the donors of the "Stork Shower" given previous to her arrival, the first reception given in her honor.

Mrs. Anna Belle Fletcher is making many improvements in her new home, by papering, painting and setting out fruit trees and shrubbery.

S. C. Hays, had a narrow escape from being crushed to death by an iron plate striking him on the back of his head, he was knocked senseless, and had it struck square on its edge instead of on a slant, he certainly would have been killed.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fisk Gibbins of 50 E. 29th St. spent a pleasant evening with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fletcher on Clinton St. between E. 22nd and 23rd St. Mr. Fletcher is an expert in the automobile line, and is a manufacturer of them. Mr. Gibbins left an order with him to select one of the best makes of the higher priced for him, feeling confident that Mr. Fletcher would make no mistake in the selection.

Royal F. Love is still delivering for Mr. Wing on Foster Road, as his place is hard to fill, he has the business down "pat", and has the routes all over town perfectly memorized, and no mistakes are scheduled.

Mr. Going of 83rd street S. E. is placing gas in his cozy home, he has selected large, beautiful globes and up-to-date fixtures.

Joseph Headrick has quite a garden planted already and counts on planting more than last year.

Cherryville

We have passed the equinoctial line.

The real official Spring arrived on the 21st when the Sun passed the line and the days and nights are of equal length.

Rockefeller will have to rub along with an income of \$20,000,000 a year now as the Government has taken \$40,000,000 of his income for the income tax "pity the sorrows of a poor old man".

Lige Coleman "the mountain man" who spends the dry season on the top of Mt. Hood as a lookout man, has a ranch near Sandy. He sold 5 pigs lately a little over 5 months old that weighed 1100 lbs. for which he received 17 1/2 cents a pound. They grew, lived and got fat on an artichoke patch, finished them off on barley shorts. He raised a patch of black hulls barley last year which did fine and will sow a field this year. He says it is excellent feed for man and beast. Too bad that so much of it is converted into beer when a barley loaf makes the most nourishing of bread. It does well here and it is a wonder more of it is not raised.

Teddy Roosevelt has four sons in the service somewhere in France. His son Archie recently wounded and decorated for bravery in action is almost the same age to a day as Archie Averill of Cherryville also "over there."

A meeting was held at the school house on Monday night of this week for the purpose of canvassing the neighborhood for old garments for the Belgians.

Miss Elizabeth Roach our teacher went to McMinnville last Saturday to look over the situation as a teacher there. Miss Roach has been offered a raise in her salary here as she has given excellent satisfaction.

S. C. Runyan celebrated his 61st birthday at his home one mile south of the P. O. last Sunday. He is a brother to Rev. Wm. Runyan the old war veteran who is on a R. R. claim.

Happy Valley.

With the weather "fairer middlin' farmers are hustling into Spring work. Let us hope that old "Sol" will stay on the job.

Louie Spady had a little excitement last night when his team tried to run away. He had been yarding out wood and was returning home when a single tree came loose. A little excitement ensued, till the tongue of the wagon stuck in the ground bringing the horses to a stop; but not until the harness was pretty badly riddled.

C. A. Bette has purchased a new drag saw, so we are told, and is cutting his own timber.

The Woman's Missionary Society met last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Betts and was well attended.

Leon Bischoff quit the ship yards Saturday evening and is working at home.

Belrose-Gilbert.

People of this district are so busy getting ready for spring they really haven't time to get sick.

Some few claim a slight cold for oddity, eh?

J. L. Johnson has sold his 9 weeks old Jersey calf to E. J. Mahoney.

W. Gilbert came over and plowed up Johnson's ground and filled it to the top of seeds that it's loaded for spring.

Cortes Valentine, the Soldier Boy formerly of Gilbert Station writes from Parker hospital, New York City where he is still confined, to use his own words, "I have had all kinds of stomach trouble, the mumps and scarlet fever all mixed up together and it sure made a dirty mixture but I am so glad to get rid of my pain that I can't complain". Should we not be proud of a man from this district so true-blue to our country that he will suffer, what is more trying than the excitement of battle life without a croak or word of complaint? He concludes by saying that he has not heard from Jimmie Reed since he left across the water. Every resident of this locality, we believe, joins in loyal tribute of love and most kindly regard to the two boys from this district.

Oh, we have to pay a six-cent fare, But we trade at home so what do we care?

We don't waste money on movies down town, But buy W. S. S. at home and don't even frown;

Live for the best and the best comes to you,

Let's see Lents grow under the Red, White and Blue.

The four families, residents of this Gilbert-Belrose district, who formerly lived in Western Canada will be surprised to learn from articles published in the "Aylmer Express" that this past winter has been the coldest they have had there in 80 years.

Why The Gardens Failed.

County Agent S. B. Hall whose duty it is to give information and advice valuable to the home war gardener has the following to say regarding the failure of the gardens last year:

There were many reasons for the failure of so many gardens in Portland last year. Gardens which failed to materialize as war gardens and proved to be non-productive kaisers' gardens.

The garden work on the most part was begun very late in the season, land that had not been plowed for years was broken up, heavy mats of sod were turned under which formed a perfect prevention to the rise of the moisture from the lower soil and caused the surface to dry out early in the season. This same heavy sod also prevented the roots of the vegetables from penetrating to where they could get moisture so they had to die of thirst.

Then again there were many lots plowed for garden purposes where the soil was entirely unfit, in some cases the surface soil had been scraped off and in others they had been filled in with subsoil from some excavation, on the most part these proved to be kaiser's gardens.

There were also those places which made a very nice start and were very promising until the time to irrigate came. They were carefully irrigated about four times too often and not long enough each time. Just enough water being sprinkled on the surface each time to pack it down so that the sun the following day evaporated not only all the water which had been applied but the water from the lower soil and soon the patient misdirected efforts were fruitless.

Likewise there were the gardens that failed through the improper planting of the seed, and those that made a nice start and then as the warm weather came on died from neglect.

These are a few of the chief reasons observed by the writer, the most of

which can be overcome this season by those wishing to help the boys "over the top."

A large percentage of the lots which were plowed last spring will be in good condition this year as the sod has rotted, applying a greater fertility and leaving the ground in good condition to work. To assist in the prevention of some of the minor mistakes the extension service of the Oregon Agricultural college has established a garden school which meets in the Meier & Frank auditorium each Friday afternoon. Bulletins on gardening are for free distribution at the headquarters of the extension service at room 704 Oregon building. Personal information can be secured at this office on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4:30 p. m. each week.

Ashes As Fertilizer.

Ashes have a fertilizing value. The best ashes are from hard wood. They add lime, potash and phosphoric acid. From 30 to 50 pounds per square rod for gardens are recommended. They are not good for potato ground. Soft wood ashes, leached ashes of any kind and incinerator ashes contain less value.

Use More Substitutes

The federal food administration has issued orders placing the entire country on a 50-50 basis in the use of substitutes for wheat. Heretofore certain sections of the country have been required to use equal amounts of wheat and wheat substitutes, while other sections were permitted to use a less percentage of substitutes. The new order covers the entire country, placing all on a uniform basis. As a result of the ruling it will be necessary for purchasers of wheat flour to purchase an equal amount of corn, rice or other substitute.

Contrary Evidence.

"The greater cannot go into the less." "So they say. But how is it on these blowy days that half the dust in the world gets into my eyes?"

If efforts were made to dispose of all hens when their best laying days were over, a large quantity of poultry meat would be placed on the market. All poorly developed chickens should be culled out and sold for meat, also. This would allow the poultry keeper to make the best use of his grain by feeding it to younger and more productive fowls.

—As a means of stimulating the movement of farm products to the consumer, the Post Office Department has increased allowable weight of parcel post packages. The limit of packages mailed in the first and second zones for delivery in first, second or third zones, after March 15, has been raised from 50 to 70 pounds. The limit for other zones has been raised from 20 to 50 pounds.

From June 5 to December 1, 1917, only 5,870 arrests were made or reported to the Department of Justice for failure to register under the selective-service act. Of these, 2,663 were released after having registered and prosecutions were begun against 2,059, of which about 1,500 cases are still pending.

The simplest way to prevent the accumulation of dirt is to make it easier to be clean than to be dirty.

War Apple Cobbler.

Two cups middlings, 1/2 cup flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, pinch of salt, 1 large baking spoon lard or fryings, milk enough to make batter. Grease pan well and cover with batter; slice thin, good cooking apples and cover batter real thick with apples, spice and sugar. Cover with batter and bake in slow oven. Serve with cream.

Little Miss Muffett,
She sat on a tuffet
Eating wheat bread and preserves;
There came Mr. Hoover,
Who began to reprove her
And now Miss Muffett conserves.

Little Jack Horner sat in a corner,
Eating his wheat and rye;
"No plums I eat, nor sugar nor wheat—
What a great boy am I."

Mary, Mary, quite contrary,
How does your garden grow?
Wheat conservers and fruit preservers
And Red Cross Knitters all in a row.

Mrs. Sprat eats all the fat,
And Jack eats all the lean;
For Mr. Hoover ordered them
To lick the platter clean.

Ladies' Home Journal.

His Way.

"A clockmaker conducts his business by reversing the usual rules."

"How so?"

"He starts it by winding it up."

In The Right Place.

"You seem at home here," remarked a man at the post office to the postmaster.

"Yes," replied the latter, "this is my stamping ground."

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Get Busy With that War Garden

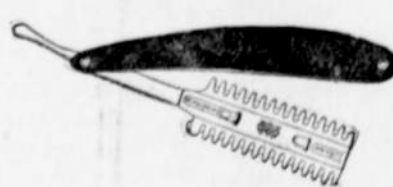


Now is the time to plant and this is a Good Place to get those little red "Early French Breakfast radishes" just think how delicious they are, but to insure nice crisp radishes they must grow fast. Use a little "Gromore" and they will grow over night.

Almost a Complete line of Garden plows, hoes, rakes, spades, shovels, hooks etc, etc. in stock. Purchased 5-6 and even 8 months ago in both Local Markets and at the Factories. We did not rely on any one source, for our supply of this stock and our good judgement is proven in us having the goods now, and as a sample of the advantage this gives you, we are selling a large wheel garden plow for \$5.00 that the Local Jobbers are asking and getting \$5.85 for wholesale. Now add a fair profit for the retailer and the difference is what we save you on this one thing only.

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SOMETHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN IN LENTS SOON. WATCH

Feathers wanted---We have the Tar

Lents Hardware Co.

Have You Got That Fishin' Feelin'?

I sat at my desk as I added a column,
But the numbers were never so hard to tame,
My ears caught the voice of the woods,
Sweet though solemn,
And I saw through the mist a green shady lane,
I heard the splash of the swift-flowing current,
As it sang its wild song on its own reckless way,
And the tip of the willows that bend to caress it
O'er the rock that was spoiling for fisherman's play.

I know of a rod that lies eased and neglected,
Of a reel that both polish and oil would improve,
Of a basket all dusty, that splits in the middle,
Of a line that needs wetting to make it run smooth.

There are lunks by the plenty in a window I know of
Where farmers are wont to assemble at night,
And the old white-haired store-man is rich in the lore of
The fish and the hook that the right fish will bite.

Oh! the sound of that voice as I sit here with pen raised,
Oh! the vision, how bright, that I see through the mist,
And I mentally 'phone to the woods that are calling,
Too add mine to the names on their visitor's list.

Don't stop me—I'm off! for my case needs a doctor,
And old Father Nature will help with his wife,
And the aid of my rod and my reel and my basket
To cure all my ills and lengthen my life.

OUR NAME

Our selection of a name for this space brings queer results.

Mr.—because every man is entitled to that much courtesy—B. Mulrine editor of the Optimist or Pessimist in the columns of his paper suggested we call it the "Hedge Hog" now we take exception, we do not see the point, and rather think Mr. Mulrine thinks I am a hog because I have attempted to collect a bill he owes me for 74 yards of House lining purchased June 25-1914 amounting to \$3.33 on which payments of from 10 cents to as much as \$1.50 have been made leaving at this time a balance still due us.

C. H. Kessler Wins

C. H. Kessler wins in our contest for a name. Having submitted the heading as you see it above our space. However our selection won the following comment from J. S. Fox.

"C. H. Kessler, one of the Marine Guards at the Federal Wireless Station, was the lucky winner of the \$10 prize offered by Marvin Hedge for a new name for his trade boosting publication. While we are glad to congratulate Kessler, we take severe exception to Marvin's judgment—its poor. Our wife turned in about a couple of dozen names and to our certain knowledge they were all of them in Class 1, A. But then, they say you can always tell a Hardware Man—but you can't tell him much; too bad."

Following is the above mentioned list considered as of A 1 class, read them and judge for yourself, Hardware Special, The Pep Page, Wear's Indeed, Hardware space, Hardware Herald, Hardware Column of Lents, Lents Booster, Hammer and Nails, Hardware, Hardware Youth, Gleams of Gumption. What's really what, Hardware, Facts and Fancy and Unclassed, now who is right? (We still think we are. Ed.)