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THE COUNTY NEWS.

Our Correspondents are Punctual.

News From All Quarters.

Cold Weather Prevails Over The County. Plenty of Hay For Stock.

Road Items.

R. H. Caldwell, of Lava, went to Prineville last Monday.

February 14th, B. J. Pengra will have seen his 80th birthday anniversary.

Miss Daisy Sly has been sick the past few days but we are glad to say is much better.

J. J. Vandervert, of Lava, who some time ago fell upon the ice and hurt his leg, is very much improved.

Last Sunday night, snow fell to a depth of six inches, and since then it has increased to fifteen inches making very good sleighing.

Geo. Bogus started out the other day for a sleigh ride, and had the misfortune to break his sleigh tongue, but it was soon mended and he journeyed on.

On February 14th heretofore, we have looked forward to a social function of some kind in our neighborhood but this year it looks like a failure.

The people living between Bend and Rosland would like very much to know why the stage company carries mail for one half of them and does not for the other half.

The stage is coming through from Silver Lake and Prineville on schedule time, but forgets to take the individual mail sacks from the boxes along the road; causing very much inconvenience to the people living along the route.

Hank Slover while hunting on Big River the other day near the Twin Swamps had the good luck to get a couple of shots at a large cougar and the bad luck to miss him. He said he was headed over our way when he left him but we hope he will change his course before he reaches here.

Mr. Wise, of Upper Deschutes, selected a very blustery time to go to town as he went last Wednesday.
MAC.
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McKay Creek Notes.

Della Cantrill has dropped out of school.

Edith McCord was absent from school Friday afternoon.

Toboggen riding is the sport for most of the young people this week.

Miss Jennie Templeton was the guest of Miss Edith McCord last Wednesday evening.

Miss Ora Andrews closed a very successful term of school at Lower Rye Grass last Tuesday.

There are only four weeks of school left and the pupils will soon begin to get ready for examination.

Cell McCord, wife and baby and Bertha Gann were the guests of Marion Templeton and family last Sunday.

There will be preaching at the Lower McKay school house Sunday February 1, 1903, by Rev. Alt.

Miss Ora Andrews, Mrs. Price Coshow and Mrs. R. M. Templeton visited our school Wednesday afternoon.

There is to be a dance at French's new hall on McKay Creek tonight given by S. McCallister and Pearl Johnson. We hope it will be a success.

SNOWFLAKE.

Paulina Painters.

The Prineville-Burns stage makes its regular trips.

C. G. Cornett is spending a few days at Paulina visiting friends.

The ground is covered with snow, and there is fine skating on ponds and rivers.

Stock are wintering fine in this section, all having an abundance of hay.

Archie Macman was in our neighborhood a few days ago on business.

The old bachelors in our vicinity are having quite a time now adays. They say they draw straws to see who shall get breakfast and who shall milk their solitary cow.

Messrs. Cornett and Faulkner met with quite a surprise recently, while feeding their cattle in the shape of a rattler with five rattles. They say it had wintered well up to the time of its being discovered and killed.

ROSELEAF.

Lower Desert Humblings.

We have about six inches of new snow with us again which has put every one to feeding.

We are still occasionally visited by men from the East who are looking after timber.

Editor Journal, thinking a few items from this locality would be of interest to your readers, we beg space in the columns of your valuable paper.

Hay is getting to be a scarce article, and some think if the winter stays with us twenty-five or thirty days longer hay will be \$10 per ton and hard to get at that.

A few of our sports went hunting a few days ago and after a long days tramp they returned, very fatigued with only one jack rabbit.

On last Friday and Saturday the 23 and 24, we were visited by a rain which caused the Matoes river raise some five feet, thus doing much damage to some of the settlers along its banks. D. M. Riggs says it started to take a wheel away for him with which he raises water to irrigate his orchard but fortunately uncle Dave was watching and got a log chain and chained his wheel up. L. E. Allingham was probably the heaviest looser, the river having overflowed its banks at his place and almost totally destroying about four acres of fine land that he anticipated putting out in orchard in the spring also a building which was used in summer as a place to keep milk as it was nice and cool having been built over the water. It contained at the time of the fresh his winters meat which consisted of four hogs. But what makes the whole community feel sad is the loss of the bridge which Mr. Allingham built last spring. It makes one rather tremble in their boots when they realize that they must commence using the old reliable ferry boat to cross with, a horse known as Kitty. We earnestly hope that Mr. Allingham will hasten to build another bridge and one that will stand for time to come.

THE KID.

FENCES MUST GO.

30,000 to 40,000 Acres Will Be Opened.

May Cause Controversy

Fences Have Been Ordered Taken Off of Government Land.

The order for the removal of fences from the Government lands causing considerable indignation in the Eastern part of the county. The majority of the stockmen blame W. W. Brown for it. As near as can be learned Brown could have saved himself and many other stockmen a large amount of money as well as pasturage by complying with the first order from the Interior Department, but he was not satisfied to let well enough alone, and so informed the Government agent that he had a lot more land fenced, and in consequence he was ordered to take it all down. This order raised Brown's ire, and he began complaining on his neighbors, and the result will be the opening of perhaps 30,000 to 40,000 acres of Government land that has been fenced up. The greatest loss will fall on Mr. Brown, who will be required to remove 100 to 200 miles of fence.

As a great deal of this fencing has been done by cattlemen, it will be seen that they will be the losers, and it will leave a lot of range open to the public that will be fought by the sheep that come in from outside points every summer. Should this be the case, there is a strong probability that a large number of Brown's sheep will go the way of others that have come in the way of the cattle men of that section and, as Brown has large bands of sheep that will be ranged in close proximity to a great deal of the land that has been thrown open, and is looked upon by the cattle-owners as the cause of the opening of the fences, he will naturally be the object of their vengeance.

Much of the land that has been under fence is but poor pasturage at best, but, it being easier fenced than left outside, many of the stockmen have inclosed it with their own premises. One reason that so much of the land in this county has been inclosed is that a large area of "road land" has been leased by the stockmen, and, it being in alternate sections, there has been a tendency to inclose all the land within the boundaries of the road land so as to form a square or other solid body of land, thus taking a much less amount of fencing that would otherwise be required. While those who have done so are fully aware that they were inclosing Government land to which they had no right, they have never in any way opposed any one in settling within their inclosures who desired to take a homestead or other claim. In this they have differed widely from the cattle barons of Northern California and Nevada, where it was as much as a man's life was worth to attempt to take a homestead inside of one of the great inclosures without first promising to sell to the cattleman who had the land under fence.—Oregonian.

A Prineville Girl Wins Laurels.

In one of the hardest fought basket ball games ever played in the Willamette University gymnasium last night, the plucky Willamette girls went down to an honorable defeat before the Corvallis belles. The score was 5 to 1, but even

this score, although close, does not give a correct idea of the game between the two teams which were so evenly matched, both being trained to a high state of perfection.

The first half, which was fifteen minutes in length, was fiercely contested from start to finish, and resulted in the score of 2 to 0, in favor of the O. A. C., Miss Edith Linville having succeeded in tossing one basket. The second half of twenty minutes, was played even harder than the first, Ethel Linville and Una Stewart for Corvallis and Nellie Parsons and Minnie Koschmeider for Willamette, each playing like demons. During this half Miss Lottie Randall received a sprained ankle, and time was called while she was removed and her place filled by Gussie Randall. Una Stewart threw one basket for Corvallis, and each team scored one point of foul, making the final score 5 to 1 in favor of Corvallis.

The individual work of each player was strenuous, but Corvallis showed superior team work, and it was this slight superiority which won the game for Corvallis. The playing was entirely clean on both sides nothing occurring to mar the sportsmanlike qualities of the game. The line up of the two teams was as follows:

W. U.—Minnie Koschmeider, center. Jennie Coyle, Nellie Parsons, forwards. Lotta Randall, Lila Swafford, guards. O. A. C.—Edna Smith, center. Myra Yeager, Rea Smith, forwards. Ethel Linville, Una Stewart, guards. —Salem Statesman.

Crooked River Happenings.

The teams that are hauling wood pass up or down every day.

Earl and Mark Forest are back to their duties in school.

Singing school began Sunday afternoon with Prof. West and 18 pupils present.

The school children are preparing a program for the last day of school.

The youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill has been quite sick but is some better now.

The pupils were free to roam last Wednesday as the Professor was called to the city on that day.

Snow still covers the ground and the weather is pretty cold along the valley.

Messrs. Merrill, Yocum and Smead started for Bend Sunday to deliver the machinery for the sawmill.

Miss Grace Merrill, who was absent from school most of last week, nursing her sore throat, is at school again.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wilhoit and wife went to Prineville Wednesday in the interest of their timber claims, returning Friday.

Prof. B. F. Wilhoit and wife went to the county seat Saturday to look after timber claims returning Sunday.

More interest should be taken in the Library Society for the welfare of the children and others in this locality. Friday, February 13th, is the night to elect officers, and all members should be present. XAX.

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NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There

Some Stolen, Others Not

Cullings From Our Exchanges—News Notes of the Week—Timely Topics.

A dispatch comes from Salem to the effect that Deputy Warden Dilly has been too intimate with one of the women convicts confined in the penitentiary. The Times-Mountaineer suggests that a surgeon with a sharp knife is needed.

We used to hear the phrase, "As rich as Croesus." Old Croesus was hitherto supposed to be wealthy, but this classic myth has been exploded. Even old Li Hung Chang left an estate much larger than that of Croesus, whose wealth has been figured up at only \$7,000,000.

Last week the Oregon Supreme Court handed down its decision in the case of the State of Oregon vs. the Ex-School Land Clerk, Geo. W. Davis et al. Davis when state land clerk embezzled some thing over \$31,000 of the state school fund. That was over six years before his shortage was discovered. The Court holds that the state's claim against him was outlawed before action was brought.

The editor sat in his easy chair, lighting his pipe on his Auburn hair. A halo shown over his face so fair, but his knees were out and his feet were bare. And he sang a song both sad and sweet, while the flies died all around his feet, for he had no grub in his shop, to eat, and the ground was covered with sleet. Now what in the world was the cuss to do? He had eaten the paste and swallowed the glue; he hadn't a drink, he hadn't a chew and while he stared his whiskers grew. And the band played on.—Swiped.

An Egyptian mummy of 2,000 years ago, recently exhumed, showed evidence of having died of appendicitis. This is published as a wonder, but no one has supposed the disease to be absolutely new. Doubtless thousands of cases charged up to peritonitis, inflammation of the bowels, etc., took place every year. Forty or fifty years ago those diseases were considered hopeless, and carried off multitudes of people. Whatever effect it has on appendicitis, if the people can be induced to stop eating fine flour, and take whole wheat flour instead, it will improve their health greatly.

Emmett Kimberling, the Grant county prisoner who escaped from jail, after being convicted a year ago, and who was found in Portland a few weeks ago and returned, made his escape again last week. In company with Tommy Hill, who was awaiting trial, he made a circuit of the John Day country, and during his temporary freedom, became repentant and returned. He crept through the hole in the jail wall through which he escaped and went to bed. He told Sheriff Laurance the next morning that he had come back to receive his sentence and be through with it, that he might the sooner be able to be with his wife and child.

Governor Chamberlain says he will not issue the call for the special election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Congressman Tongue, until after the senatorial question has been settled. He said that he did not desire to complicate matters at present.

His decision will meet with favor by all factions, as it would be very difficult to conduct a campaign and hold a special election during the session. The call will be issued sometime in February and the election will perhaps take place on the first Monday in April. It is generally understood that Chairman Harris, of the congressional committee, will call a special convention of delegates for the nomination, although some have talked of the nomination being made by the committee. This latter is objectionable, however, as it savors of the "machine."

A bill for a prosecuting attorney in each county is in the judiciary committee of the house. The measure provides for the election of such officers in 1904 and every four years thereafter. Each of these officers may appoint one or more deputies. The salaries of the prosecuting attorneys are to be:—Baker \$1,000, Benton \$800, Clackamas \$1,000, Coos \$800, Columbia \$500, Clatsop \$2,000, Curry \$500, Crook \$800, Douglas \$1,000, Grant \$800, Gilliam \$600, Harney \$800, Jackson \$1,000, Josephine \$1,000, Klamath \$800, Lake \$800, Lincoln \$500, Linn \$1,000, Malheur \$800, Marion \$1,500, Morrow \$800, Multnomah \$3,000, and two deputies at \$1,000 each; Polk \$800, Sherman \$600, Tillamook \$500, Umatilla \$1,000, Union \$1,000, Wasco \$800, Wallowa \$600, Wheeler \$800, Yamhill \$800.

Victory For Sheepmen.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 26.—Judge Marshall of the United States District court, today sustained the demurrer of the defendant in the case of the United States against Frank Martinus, who was charged with running a band of 2,000 sheep on the Fish Lake forest reserve, in violation of the rules formulated for the protection of forest reserves by the secretary of the interior. Judge Marshall states that congress has exceeded its legislative power in empowering the secretary of the interior to make rules the violation of which would be a criminal act, and held that the law was unconstitutional. The decision is regarded as one of the greatest importance to Utah sheepmen. A number of pending similar cases will be thrown out of court.

The effect of Judge Marshall's decision will throw open to sheep and cattle interests more than 1,000,000 acres of the choicest grazing land in the state, which for the past few years has been carefully protected by the government. As soon as the situation becomes known, it is believed hundreds of thousands of sheep will be brought across the line from adjoining states, and the forest reserves will be covered with sheep.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that have sold the Crook County Journal to S. M. Bailey and W. C. Black, and that they will collect all bills and pay all indebtedness pertaining to said paper and plant and will perfect all advertising contracts, save and except such accounts as were contracted by Fogle & Parker in the matter of advertising timber land final proofs prior to the first day of October 1902.

Dated at Prineville, Oregon this 15th day of January, 1903.

W. T. FOGLE.

Approved by Bailey & Black.

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