

## COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE

### Roberts Items

One of the old pioneers has passed from our midst. David Hamer for thirty years a resident of this section died in the Willamette valley December 17, 1912. Mr. Hamer moved from his home on Bear creek about six months ago to go to the valley. Since going there his health has been steadily failing. His death was due to a shock. Mr. Hamer was twice married. His first wife was Mrs. Kizer who died some years ago. He is survived by a widow and four children. The sympathy of our community is extended to them in their bereavement.

Austin Kizer is in Prineville this week on a business trip.

G. H. Nye is making quite extensive alterations in the interior of his house. When finished the improvements will add much to the comfort of his home.

Mat Trenne and A. W. Hoch have been using our recent snow to good advantage. They have hauled three tons of hay from the Bert Nye ranch on a sled. Good work, boys.

Sheep Rock school opened Thursday morning, January 2. Miss Wilda Nye, who has charge of the school the entire year, resumed her duties then.

Ed Parker and Mrs. Elam Faught of Big Bear creek and Mrs. Bunn and daughter of Little Bear creek have been on the sick list the past two weeks. It seems to be the same old trouble, a bad cold and la grippe. They are somewhat improved at the present writing.

Ed Gould and son, James, made a trip to their desert claim this week. They intend remaining there a few days.

There is strong talk of erecting a social and dance hall in our community. Several of our town people have offered to subscribe money and others the necessary work. G. H. Nye has offered his place as a central point for its erection. What fun we could have if this project is only carried out. It would mean that during our long winter when now we have no place to go there would be some sort of an entertainment or dance at least once a month. It would bring us in contact with our neighbors and enable us to get acquainted with the new comers. They are just as good people as we and get lonesome at times too. While the project is strong in our minds and while some of us still retain the memory of the good time at Ed Parker's let some of the older residents start the project off right with a subscription paper. In this way some can sign for financial aid and others for work.

### Lamonta Notes

The dance at Lamonta was a success. The ladies deserve much credit as floor managers. The supper, prepared by Mrs. Cowan, was enough to satisfy any one. All report a fine time generally.

Miss Myrtle Cowan has gone to the valley for a short visit.

Nat Mewbill and wife of Grizzly were down to visit their daughter, Mrs. Len Morford, for a few days.

Miss Neva Weigand was given a pleasant birthday party last Friday night in Grange hall. A fine supper was served by the hostess, Mrs. Weigand.

There was a telephone meeting at the Lamonta schoolhouse last Saturday. We did not learn the particulars.

Miss Lota Horgan, who has been spending the holidays with her friend, Jennie Windom, has returned to Prineville.

### Keys Lost

Home Security Savings Bank, Bellingham, Wash., key ring. Finder return to office and receive reward. 1-2

Crook County Journal, \$1.50 per yr.

### Paulina Notes

Orrin Mills and John Swatzer passed through Paulina this week with several head of thoroughbred cattle belonging to Wm. Treichel, Mrs. Steward, H. J. Lister and I. M. Mills. They are from the bunch of cattle shipped in from the East by Henry Gray and Seth Dixon.

George Koba Jr., took his departure Thursday for Portland. After a few days' stay in the metropolis he will go to Lebanon where his sister, Mrs. Wm. Faulkner, lives.

Helen Biddle returned to her school after an absence of two weeks enjoying the holidays.

E. E. Laughlin, accompanied by J. Kennedy, was in town Friday in his car. The roads were a glare of ice and snow but Ed who is a master hand with the gas wagon, made the trip from his place, about 15 miles, in 45 minutes.

E. J. Clark, secretary and treasurer of the Snow Mountain Telephone Co., was transacting business in Paulina this week.

Howard Morris and family who have been quite sick with la grippe are improving.

The Bell brothers who came over from Buck creek for the holidays returned home Saturday.

Chas. Henry and Thomas Gardner left Friday for Prineville.

Ray Nicley, Chas. Morris and George Roba are among the number that are enjoying grippe.

Chas. Luelling and family who have been living in the T. H. Brennan house moved this week to their homestead a few miles above town.

### Pine Hurst Items

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Swisher is very ill.

George Campbell, who has been visiting his relatives in southern Oregon, returned this week.

A number of Pine Hurst people attended the meeting of the water-users in Laidlaw Saturday.

The rabbit hunt Tuesday was a decided success—for the rabbits. Owing to bad weather the hunters did not turn out in sufficient numbers to accomplish the capture of a very large number.

A. McAllister, who has a fine ranch near here, disappeared suddenly from his home a few days ago and has not been heard of since. The cause of his leaving is unknown and his wife is prostrated from the shock.

The following officers were elected at the Pine Hurst Sunday School last Sunday: Superintendent, Mrs. Della Nichols; Assistant superintendent, Mrs. Chas. Johnson; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Gene Wimer. The average attendance for the past quarter has been twenty-five.

A heavy rain fell here Sunday which enabled the farmers to refill their reservoirs.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Root, Monday, Dec. 30, a daughter. Mother and child doing well.

L. M. Wilson and wife left Saturday for Tumalo where they will visit their daughter, Mrs. F. W. Leverenz.

Birger Hasselberg and sister, Thora, have returned from Portland for a visit with their parents.

J. L. Couch, who has been employed at the Dayton sawmill near Sisters, has returned home for a short visit with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Couch, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wimer and J. B. Nichols and daughter were among the Pine Hurst people who attended the entertainment at Plainview Monday night.

The Christmas tree and exercises given at the schoolhouse Christmas Eve were enjoyed by an audience of over one hundred people. An interesting program, consisting of

songs, recitations and plays, was rendered in a way that did credit to the neighborhood. The schoolroom was artistically decorated and a generous treat was given to all present.

### Crook County Man Notes Many Changes

S. I. Belknap, after an absence of several months, returned to Canyon City Sunday. Among other towns he visited his former home, Prineville, and was amazed to find what he had known as desert lands transformed into a rich farming country. This land is not irrigated and was made fertile by consistent and intense farming. Much of it had to be farmed for five and six years before it became profitable and then it commenced to produce crops of grain yielding as high as 60 bushels to the acre.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

### T. M. Baldwin Member of Commission

Salem, Or.—Governor West has announced the members of the state textbook commission. For the last six or eight months these new members, whose duty will be to select the next year school textbooks of the state to be used during the next six years, have been working quietly studying the needs of the schools.

The members to be appointed are: Miss Margaret Cosper of Salem, principal of the Garfield school here and one of the leading primary teachers in the state; E. E. Bragg of La Grande, county school superintendent of Union county, and a man with years of experience in school work; W. L. Brewster of Portland, attorney and college man; T. M. Baldwin of Prineville, banker and one who is expected to keep an eye on the business end of handling the textbook for the commission, and John P. O'Hara of Portland, experienced in newspaper and educational work.

### Would Amend the Homestead Law

Representative Hawley has introduced a bill amending the three year homestead law so that settlers who were residing upon unsurveyed public lands at the time the three years' bill became a law may, when their land is surveyed, have the option of perfecting title under the new law or under the old five-years' law. He later will introduce a bill, further amending the three years' law, by reducing the amount of cultivation required. This latter amendment is drawn in the interest of homesteaders on land in a timbered country.

### Railroad Rumors.

Vale, Or.—Private, but authentic, advices from Salt Lake City indicate the transfer, Jan. 1, of all property and construction work vested in the Oregon Eastern Railroad company from the ownership of the Oregon Short Line to that of the O. W. R. & N. company. Local officials of the company thus far have been unable to confirm the report, but persons not directly connected with either railroad company in Vale say the big deal became effective with the coming of the new year. The Oregon Eastern began construction operations at Vale in May, 1912, when the local construction and material yards were laid, and which are now stocked with thousands of tons of steel rails, fir ties, bridge timber, structure steel, and other construction materials. The four sidings, each 3,300 feet long, were put in in June, and track laying from Vale westward started July 5, 1912. At this time, rails are laid and ballasted, with the best fir ties and 75-lb. steel, a distance of 37 miles westward far into the Malheur canyon, two great concrete and steel

bridges are finished across the Malheur river in the canyon, and two others nearly finished; more than two-thirds of the 2,000 foot tunnel at Mile 38.2 is excavated, and the Utah Construction company of Salt Lake City has most of the grading done on the right of way a distance of 80 miles to the westward. It will require three years to put the line through to its coast connections, wherever they are destined to be.

It is a matter of record, and common knowledge, that some thing more than one year ago the O. W. R. & N. company acquired all right and title to the stretch of railroad property between Huntington, Or., and Ontario, Or., comprising the stations of Weiser Idaho, and Payette, Idaho, between Huntington and Ontario; but this trackage has continued under the operation of the Oregon Short Line until this time, and will probably so continue until the new railroad building westward from Vale is ready for passenger and freight traffic. At the time the former deal was made with the Oregon Short Line, the O. W. R. & N. purchased 80 acres of land near the junction of the O. S. L. and the branch of that system running 14 miles west of Vale, which city is the initial terminus of the Oregon Eastern.

Speculation is rife here as to just what the O. W. R. & N. intends to do, the most generally accepted theory being that the road intends to start its trains in Portland, and end them in Portland; in other words, trains leaving the Union depot at Portland will ultimately proceed to Vale, Or., by either route, merely changing engines and crews at the division points en route.

Whether a new yards will be created at the Ontario junction, which is two miles south from the town of Ontario, or whether the existing yards at Vale will be used and amplified, is an open question, but one or the other will be used, is local opinion. All the long sidings at Vale are as heavily ballasted as the main line, which appears to favor Vale as the grand division point.

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Loans	\$125,753.24	Capital paid in full	\$30,000.00
Overdrafts	4,788.06	Surplus	14,000.00
Banking House	2,000.00	Undivided profits	7,072.08
Real Estate	96,421.76	Deposits	181,287.48
Total	\$230,970.55	Total	\$230,970.58

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