

CLACKAMAS COUNTY NEWS

Furnished by Numerous Correspondents in the County.

LIBERAL.

Miss Almira Kemmerer, of Oregon City is visiting her parents here. Will Husband and family, of Mosier, Or., arrived at Mrs. Klise's last Sunday. Mr. Husband is a son-in-law of Mrs. Klise, and will manage her farm this season.

CLACKAMAS.

February 25, at the home of James Roots, in Portland, his daughter Myrtle Isabel Roots was married to Tony O. Foster. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Gray, of Portland. All wish them a happy journey through life.

SANDY.

Vela Nelson, from Dover, was down and reports that Walter Farboin, of Clackamas, accidentally killed himself while out hunting with a friend of his. He was going over a log and in some way the gun was discharged, the shot entering under his jaw, almost taking one side of head away. Death was instantaneous. Justice Gibson held an inquest over the remains, which were interred in the Eagle Creek cemetery.

DAMASCUS.

The climate is immense, the weather is greater than that the disciples of the Free Methodist church thought last Sunday night. Rev. Sumner and Parson Bowerman held forth here Sunday evening and in returning home, little, large, great and small, even the saved and unsaved were greatly immersed. One fellow lost his hat and did not find it until the next day.

HARMONY.

The exhibition given at the church last Thursday evening, by Miss Maud Brice, elocutionist, was well attended. The Sunday school has appointed a committee consisting of Misses Martha

Storchler, Elizabeth Blakney and Rebecca Wise, to prepare a suitable programme for Easter. Fall-sown grain was considerably injured by the late freeze, and in places will have to be re-sown. Fruit trees and shrubbery in some localities were injured. Our school, which has been so ably taught by Prof. N. W. Bowland and wife, closed its six-months' term last Friday, and without vacation began its spring term today. There will, however, be vacation next week on account of the interruption occasioned by the annual school meeting. Professor Bowland and wife will be continued. Walton Hagenburger and Levi Rusk have gone to Eastern Oregon. There has been a great deal of sickness in the community, but most all are better at present. Mrs. Sampson has returned from California, and expects to make Harmony her future home. Messrs Edwin Spooner and William Karr, who attended the Teachers' Association at Willamette Falls, last Saturday, report a pleasant time, even if they did miss the train, and have to walk a great deal to get home. There is considerable wood-chopping going on here this winter, thereby adding quite a number to our population. E. T. Hall, and Krebbe Bros, who own the timber on the railroad land, have each a force of men at work. S. B. Millard has also purchased a tract of timber, and is having it cut into cordwood. February 27. EX.

GRAEME.

Mrs. Ella Burton who has been quite sick with lung trouble, was moved to the Good Samaritan hospital at Portland last week. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Seehy, born February 16, died February 23, at 2 P. M., and was buried the following day. The protracted meetings at the Congregational church closed Sunday evening. Alfred Baker, a son of A. Baker, has been seriously ill for the past few days. Mrs. A. Baker and Mrs. E. L. Baker were visiting their aged father, Wm. Harris, near Aurora, who has been seriously ill with la grippe. The school in district No. 82 will close March 6. JOEANN.

GLADTIDINGS.

Gladtidings came to the front this week in the way of a basket social, gotten up by the young ladies of our vicinity for the purpose of buying a teachers' chair for the schoolhouse. The exercises were conducted by A. B. Hibbard, and consisted of dialogues, recitations, etc. The Gladtidings string band furnished the music for the occasion. Then came the selling and distribution of the baskets, which caused no little excitement among the ambitious young men, who were each and every one anxious to secure the largest and nicest basket and at the same time get a pretty partner to help him eat its contents. Our genial and amiable auctioneer, W. R. Garrett, soon disposed of the 13 baskets, realizing \$8.65, or an average of 66 2/3¢ per basket. All appeared to enjoy themselves and went away well satisfied with the evening's entertainment. That is right, girls, give us another one. Several spuds got done up something like Squib's nose during the recent cold snap. John W. Black, who has been visiting with his father and family the past two weeks, returned to Cowitz last Monday. P. J. Ridings, our enterprising merchant, of Marquam is doing some valuable improving in the way of clearing on his farm at this place. C. P. Black has stopped work on his quartz ledge. Two high water to contend with is the reason. His assay certificates show \$3.10 to \$8.41 per ton. He has an interest in the Rock Creek mine, which, by the way, is a good prospect also. Wonder what has become of Gee Whiz? Reckon he has got the mumps. Come, Gee Whiz, wake up and give us another grist. Whose don't Squib go for our Oregon City? Come down, ye gods, come down. That is right, Squib, bang them on the back, and kick that don't have the desired effect, kick them in the short ribs. They need it. Hark! Listen to the speaker. We mean Jasper. More of those big words again, but supposedly, Jap, if you think we are going to tackle them you are mistaken, for we broke three teeth, and fractured our jaw-bone, trying to masochist your other grist. Truly, Jasper, you are a wonderful man. We cannot comprehend, or understand you. Just notice the words, "By the bones of our ancestors," but I'll stop, for fear I break this rusty old steel pen. I say, Jap, you must have a gold pen, or you never could have written such ministers. Sometimes you are here with us on this terrestrial, at other times you are away in the ethereal; yes, far away, among the superlatives, especially if his skunkship is around. But you blunder, yes you do, Jap. You assume because I sign myself Socrates, that I am I the same old fellow who was born at Athens 469 B. C. In this you make a preposterous blunder. I have never intimated that I was even related in any way to this venerable antiquarian philosopher. Pat did better, though he had to assume that I was a descendant of this wise old sage. But, Pat, if you think Socrates did worship the false gods and corrupt the youth of his time, you will have to look again. Pat, I may be compelled to drink the health of you and your friends, but I will not drink the health of the world's misdoers. Jasper, and Pat, honestly, candidly,

sincerely and emphatically, do you think it right for two great Athenian philosophers to pounce on one little Socrates, who is not even a relation to him who was the greatest of all moral philosophers (Christ excepted). We hope the readers will excuse us for taking up so much space in our defense. We thought as there was scarcely any news worth reporting, we would attend to this matter and be done with it. February 27. SOCRATES.

CARUS.

The school boys of Carus made a bonfire yesterday to burn up the old rubbish that was scattered around the school grounds. It burned well in spite of the rain. There has been a protracted religious meeting at Carus for the last three weeks, under the leadership of J. C. Burns, a traveling evangelist. Ralph Howard left school yesterday for the purpose of doing spring work. A. O. Hayward is able to be about, after a spell of sickness. Messrs. Jones and Lewis, who left last fall for California for the purpose of working a gold mine are expected home soon. Miss Katie Jones has returned to school after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Evans, at St. John. The pupils that passed the examination here received their diplomas last Friday afternoon. Many patrons and friends of the school were present. Speeches were made by Messrs. Jagger and Spence. March 1.

MARQUAM.

This has been a week in Marquam in which one event of great moment has followed another in rapid succession. The assembly of philosophers in both stores has been unusually large and the themes under discussion have been exciting in the extreme. On Thursday that which always excites happened—a wedding. Not being able to give the names of the high contracting parties, we can only say that at high noon Professor Oscar Eby, who aside from being our worthy schoolteacher, is our justice of the peace, and as such he put the silken hames on this happy couple, making them promise to pull together at all seasons, up hill and down hill. The next event was the arrival of the posters announcing the coming of Senator George C. Brownell on Saturday, February 25; that this honorable gentleman would speak to the citizens of Marquam. Quickly the word went among the philosophers that "Another Daniel was coming to convert;" all was expectancy; the philosophers discoursed on his great eloquence. One told how the Hon. Mr. Brownell had made a judge (not Ryan) believe that Mr. Dreanly's cow was in the habit of climbing up into the steeple of the Marquam M. E. church and ringing the bell, thus calling the good people of Marquam together. Other philosophers added variations to the above story, according to their own fancy to meet the exigencies of the lore such as in their wisdom thought necessary. There can be no question but Mr. D. has got a very roguish cow, but the Hon. Mr. B. exceeded all bounds, for the Marquam M. E. church has neither bell nor steeple. However, in the excitement of debate great license must be allowed. At the appointed time on Saturday the honorable senator arrived. Earnest Hartman met him at Mt. Angel with his fine mule team, and to escort him home Mr. Noblet of Oregon City, had his best two-in-hand team out. The pavilion was heated and lighted. I have not space to give his speech. The point of it was that at the late session at Salem he (the senator of Clackamas) had done great things for us for which we should be glad. It was so good in the senator to thus come to us. Nothing has so moved us in this long time.

A GOOD ARGUMENT.

One of the philosophers says that there is a man living hard-by Marquam (about two miles away) who can outdo even Sinbad the Sailor. That he does not give common Sinbads a chance. According to this philosopher he has a fine smeller and can on short notice sniff a rot, or in other words can find "Something rotten in Denmark." He has been spinning a yarn as to how some of the Marquam girls danced at a funeral. He has sniffed out where a can of baking powder had been stolen. According to the reports of the philosophers, this man is a whole smelling community of himself, and as such is a great help to us, for not a lamb can get its foot out of the fold but he sets up such a barking that the poor thing gets back as quick as possible. February 28. JASPER.

a thousand dollars' worth of wheat, as measured in silver, our farmers only get \$430 in gold. Quite right, says the gold man, it is worth that much more and the farmer should be content with less of it. "Well, sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. If it is too good for the farmer and worker that he only gets 43 cents on the dollar let the farmer turn around and pay his one thousand dollar mortgage or other indebtedness with \$430 of it. Would it be accepted? No, it is no longer extra good money. And Wall street financiering has made a 43-cent dollar for the worker and a 100-cent dollar for themselves."

McKinley, at the manufacturers' banquet nearly a year ago told us that it was the duty of the government to coin our money and regulate the value of it, and they were going to regulate the value according to the highest standard of commercial honesty, by paying everything in the dearest money. You might as well tell the clock man to regulate his clock by running the pendulum disc to its highest notch, and "letting her go Gallagehr;" or the engineer to regulate his speed by tying down the governor balls, as to regulate money by paying in the highest or best. There is no highest and no lowest when money is regulated—it is all alike, and as the pendulum must swing equally both ways on its balance for the clock work, so our money must be equally balanced on the two metallic currencies, silver and gold, before money can be regulated.

This is McKinley's own doctrine. Single gold standard instead of being commercially honest is the most colossal swindle ever conceived in Machievellian brain. It is the old usurer's swindle condemned in the old book. "Divers weights and divers measures are an abomination to the Lord," but on a gigantic scale commensurate with these latter day times, and embracing all the field of labor in its thrall. How long will the people sell a thousand dollars' worth of wheat for \$430, and tumble over each other in scrambling for a road boss job, or a job on the roads under the boss, to eke out a struggle for existence, while their wives are slaving themselves to death trying to keep up respectability by sewing McKinley badges of prosperity on their children's pants. "Down with the price of gold and up with the price of labor" should be our motto, and we shall have to strike for it at the poles. ARGUS.

Damage Was Slight.

A dispatch from Monroe, Or., says: The recent frosts did not do as much damage to fruit in that section as was generally supposed. Prunes do not seem to be hurt to any extent, and in the worst cases the operators of the orchards claim that not more than 10 per cent of the trees are injured, and these only to a slight degree. Peach trees fared worse than others, while Petite prunes came second on the list. Apples are not injured at all in this immediate locality.

Brutality at Sea.

The sailors of the American ship Erskine M. Phelps, which arrived at San Francisco a few days ago from Baltimore, have brought charges of inhuman conduct against Captain Graham and First and Second Officers Bailey and Moye. The men told a pitiful story of starvation and cruelty, and many of the sailors show the marks of beatings, the mates being the principal aggressors in the beatings.

Want a Factory Moved.

The Coquille city council has forwarded a proposition to G. W. Peek, proprietor of the broomhandle factory, that if he will move the mill north 30 feet from its present location, they would give him a five years' lease on the land. The main reason for the council asking him to do so is to give more room for getting to and from the new wharf, which will be badly hampered if the mill is not moved.

Building Into Oregon.

The construction crews on the Nevada California and Oregon railroad have reached a point 12 miles north of Amador, Lassen county, and are rapidly extending the roadbed across the mountains, plans toward Alturas and Southwestern Oregon. George M. Ruhl, of Independence, Ore., has quite a display of Manila cuttings. These are pictures, silk handkerchiefs, shawls, summer carriages, proclamations by Aguinaldo.

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