

NEWS OF THE COUNTY

BEAVER CREEK.

rs. Cooper and her sister, of Port- spent several days with their her and family.

just Blum has finished his new house which is quite an improvement in his place.

Mrs. Lizzie Bohlander, who is working in Portland, is visiting with her brother for a few days.

The Shannon Brothers have closed their sawmill and have started out with their threshing machine.

The Schuebel base ball team played Carus last Sunday, but our captain was to deeply interested in other affairs that it was impossible for him to attend, the victory going to Carus.

Mrs. J. B. Scoggins and daughter, of Portland, are spending several weeks with relatives and friends.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. S. Newcomer, of Seattle, a pair of twin boys. Mrs. Newcomer was formerly Miss Tillie Henrieli, of this place.

Mrs. Mat. Smith and children, of Bandon, Oregon, are visiting with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bohlander.

Paul Roethe, of Milwaukie, was a pleasant caller in Beaver Creek last Sunday.

Miss Holzheimer, of Beaverton, and Miss Hoakely, of Portland, spent a week with their cousin, Mrs. J. Wolf.

Misses Kate and Lizzie Sawyer, of Portland, are visiting with Louisa and Annie Steiner.

Henry Henrieli and family attended the picnic at Canby last Sunday.

Margie Herman went to Ilwaco, Wash., last week to spend a week with her sister, Barbara.

Maple Lane.

The hum of the thresher will soon be a thing of the past in our burg.

Gibbs & Co. started out with their hay week before last, and report the hay crop very light generally.

Wm. Casaday and wife left recently for Southern Oregon, where he expects to go into the wood business. While here he did considerable work with a steam wood saw.

A. Moxley is improving from the bruises he received in a fall from the roof of his son's barn, on which he was working.

Mrs. Gladden is in Portland this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ketchum entertained a number of their friends from town last week, Saturday.

Mrs. Gilbert Noe and baby, of Needy, were the guests of Mrs. Gibbs and Gaffney several days this week.

Mr. Hendricks has been on the sick list.

Misses Jessie and Letha Jackson are working in the tassel yard at Carus.

Meadowbrook.

Owing to sickness in the neighborhood Mr. Wingfield called in his appointment to preach here Sunday.

Mr. Russell in company with Mr. Hunt, succeeded in killing a large brown bear a few days ago. It will be remembered that they are the same parties who captured the crazy man.

The people of Meadowbrook can now sleep under their own vine and fig tree where none dare molest nor make afraid. Selah.

Miss Anna Noyer returned home Saturday from visiting her sister, Mrs. Sager, of Oregon City.

We hear that Meadowbrook will soon be supplied with R. F. D. mail.

Miss Larson of Portland, daughter of Ole Larson, is visiting her father this week.

Troy Kay, of Ostrander, Wis., was called to see his sister, Mrs. Standinger, who is very sick.

Mr. Wait and wife, from Eastern Oregon, are visiting with Mrs. Standinger, sister of Mr. Wait. They return home today.

And now in the fourth year of the reign of Teddy the First, and in the eighth month (which by interpretation meaneth, in our language, August) on the third of the month, there went forth a decree from James the second, who ruleth over the Province of Jamestown and a part of the country that lieth toward the rising sun where the almond-eyed Jap baiteth the Russian Bear that the inhabitants thereof should connect themselves by telephone with the country that lieth off in the direction toward which the star of Empire travelth, which is partly inhabited by the half tribe of the Coopers and other aliens—and the work goeth on apace.

Tears in Bad Taste. "That young vixen told me she wept over my column."

"You ought to feel flattered."

"Idiot! It's a funny column!"—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Force without intelligence is like a locomotive without a truck or an engine.—Schoolmaster.

NEW MEN.

Mrs. Criswell, of Troy, Montana, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of this place.

Mr. Levens and family recently from Astoria, moved onto his new possessions known as the Harris place.

Miss Anna Oldacre, of Portland, is spending her vacation with Miss Hazel Slyter.

Mike Bowman is building a fine house for Mr. Dundas.

Geo., Hyatt, of Goldendale, Washington, is visiting his mother, of this place.

Robert Montgomery is building an addition to his house. Newt Criteser is doing the work.

Geo. McCormick mashed one of his toes Tuesday while working in the sawmill.

CLACKAMAS.

Many people are preparing to go to the hopfields to earn bags of money and on neglect the fun.

An ice cream social was given Mr. and Mrs. Garrets on Tuesday evening of last week. The large number present seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

East Clackamas is being greatly improved by the building of several new houses. Mr. Erickson is building a large house and a neat one is being built, by Mr. Inghouse.

The young people welcome to their circle the Misses McChesney and Lundby, who have lately come to our burg.

Our young people turned last Saturday into a grand picnic day. Five full wagons, two buggies, also plenty of ice cream and eatables found their way to the old hatchery. The day was spent in playing baseball, tennis, hunting ferns, bathing, eating, etc. Late in the evening with songs on their lips, the picnickers returned to their homes after having a very enjoyable time.

Our people are talking motor line again, very strongly this time. Meetings are to be held in the surrounding burgs for that purpose.

A Lawn Tennis Club has been gotten up by our young people. All are invited to join the club.

OMNIVOROUS MAN.

Reptiles Are Eaten With Eagerness All Over the World.

Reptiles are eaten with eagerness all over the world. Neither want of beauty nor abundance of venom protects them from omnivorous man. Although they suggest to us by form and motion all that is false and unfair, hideous and horrid, even God's curse of the serpent does not shield it, and from the humble frog of the pond to the colossal crocodile of Egypt they are all only so much food for men. Old Mexicans loved the speckled salamander and ate it with Spanish pepper. The Spaniards learned the odd fashion, and the habit has not entirely died out. Vipers are a favorite dish with Italians. The lizards of this continent are a most delicate dish, and the iguanas of the Antilles were carried to South Carolina in great numbers, the rice fields of that state being well suited to them.

Snakes find a ready market in many eastern countries. The giant of Java, which infests the pepper plantations and whose venom is fatal, is a favorite. The huge boa constrictor furnishes an exceedingly fat meat, and the negroes of its native country prefer it to the daintiest food of the white man. The anaconda of Brazil supplies the table of the poor, though the Portuguese use only the rich fat it produces. South American natives eat almost every kind of snake, and the far west has taught many a fastidious palate from over the sea to relish the fatal rattlesnake of our own country. Snake eating is more common in the United States than one would imagine.

A NERVOUS WAIT.

Weird Sensation When the Church Became Totally Dark.

"I went to a Fifth avenue church last Sunday night," said a man who is good once a week, "and quite unexpectedly got a new-sensation. The church was brilliantly lighted, but something went wrong with the electrical apparatus, and all of a sudden most of the lights went out. Midway in the building two or three bunches of bulbs continued to shed a sepulchral twilight, but the pulpit was shrouded in darkness, and nervous members of the congregation began to fidget.

"This condition of affairs lasted for some minutes until the choir had finished an anthem. Then the preacher arose and requested the people to remain quietly seated for half a minute in total darkness, when the church would be fully illuminated again. With the words the few remaining lights went out, and for a space darkness like that of a coal hole prevailed.

"It was the weirdest, most uncanny wait I ever had. Every man and woman of the 800 or 1,000 in that church was as still as death almost. I suppose the darkness did not last a minute, but it seemed to me to be an hour. When the lights again leaped out there was a sigh of relief from every person in the church. I guess they all felt as queer about it as I did."—New York Press.

SOLAR MOTION.

The Little We Know About Where the Sun is Going.

Can we find out anything about the motions of our solar system? The old astronomer, before the invention of spectroscopic methods, could attack the problem only by a consideration of certain stellar motions. It has been found that these motions are not altogether casual in character, as we should expect, but there is a tendency to a grouping of the motions—an arrangement other than fortuitous. It appears that the individual stars forming the so called constellations on the sky are slowly closing up near a certain point of the heavens and as slowly opening out near a point diametrically opposite. This is just what we should expect if the solar system is approaching the point where the stars are opening out. The phenomenon has been compared to what we see when a regiment of soldiers marches toward us. At first there is visible a confused mass of men only, but as distance diminishes the ranks open out until each individual becomes at last plainly visible.

In this way it has been possible to determine approximately the position on the sky of the "apex" of solar motion, or that point toward which our solar system is at present traveling. It is in the constellation Hercules. We are obliged to assume that our path is for the moment a straight line. But we mean that "moment" which began when James Bradley commenced the first star catalogue of modern precision, about 1750, and which will end long after present generations of men have passed away. So mighty is the orbit in question that many centuries must come and go as moments before we can hope to detect the orbit's curvature.

We are like travelers in the famous "corkscrew" tunnel of the St. Gothard railway. Trains enter on a low level and after going around a huge curve cut in the mountain emerge from the tunnel again on a higher level and at a point almost directly above the entrance. Passengers while in the dark tunnel often amuse themselves by watching the needle of a pocket compass, which makes a complete revolution during the passage. But without the compass they could not know whether the train was moving on a straight or curved track, and so we passengers of the solar system, too, cannot know by observation whether our great cosmic track is straight or curved until, like the compass, the astronomer's instruments shall tell us the truth.—Harold Jacoby, Ph. D., in Harper's Weekly.

The Soldier's Idle Time.

Military life is necessarily made up largely of loafing. You cannot keep a man continuously at drilling, marching or any other branch of military training for eight hours a day and five or six days a week. You have to invent a great many other jobs for him, even to make a pretense of keeping him occupied. But these jobs are nearly all "loafing" jobs, and when it is all done the soldier has a great many more idle hours on his hands per diem than any other man in the same rank of life. I do not know whether it is possible to arrive at any remedy for this, but if it is, the direction in which I should look for the remedy would be to make every soldier work at some other trade for a certain number of hours each day. The number of hours might be shorter in the summer, when there is more opportunity for training and military exercise, and longer in the winter. If this were practicable, no doubt it would make an enormous difference to the value of the soldier as a citizen when he leaves the ranks.—London Truth.

Catbirds and Black Snake.

A writer in the Scientific American says: "I witnessed a pair of catbirds making a bold defense against a black snake bent on devouring the contents of their nests. At first the snake was inclined to disregard the distressed birds as they fought to drive it away, but the blows of their wings and bills became so annoying that the thief had to seek refuge in flight. On reaching the roots of the tree, from which the river had washed the dirt, the snake started to climb, only to be driven beneath them and then out to an old stump, under which the baffled and beaten reptile took refuge."

The Useful Banana.

Immense fortunes have been made out of the banana business. Revenues do not accrue alone from the sale of the fruit, for the leaves are used for packing, the wax found on the underside of the leaves is a valuable article of commerce. Manila hemp is made from the stems, and of this hemp are made mats, plaited work and lace handkerchiefs of the finest texture. Moreover, the banana is ground into banana flour. The island of Jamaica and the West Indies generally yield great crops of this useful fruit.

Never Weary of the Hearing.

"I overheard him telling her a story last night which I know she has heard fifty times before, but she didn't stop him."

"She is long suffering, surely."

"Oh, I don't know. He told her she was the prettiest girl he had ever seen."—Cincinnati Times-Star.

Making Chills Useful.

Mrs. Newwed—My husband has the chills and fever, but they come in handy.

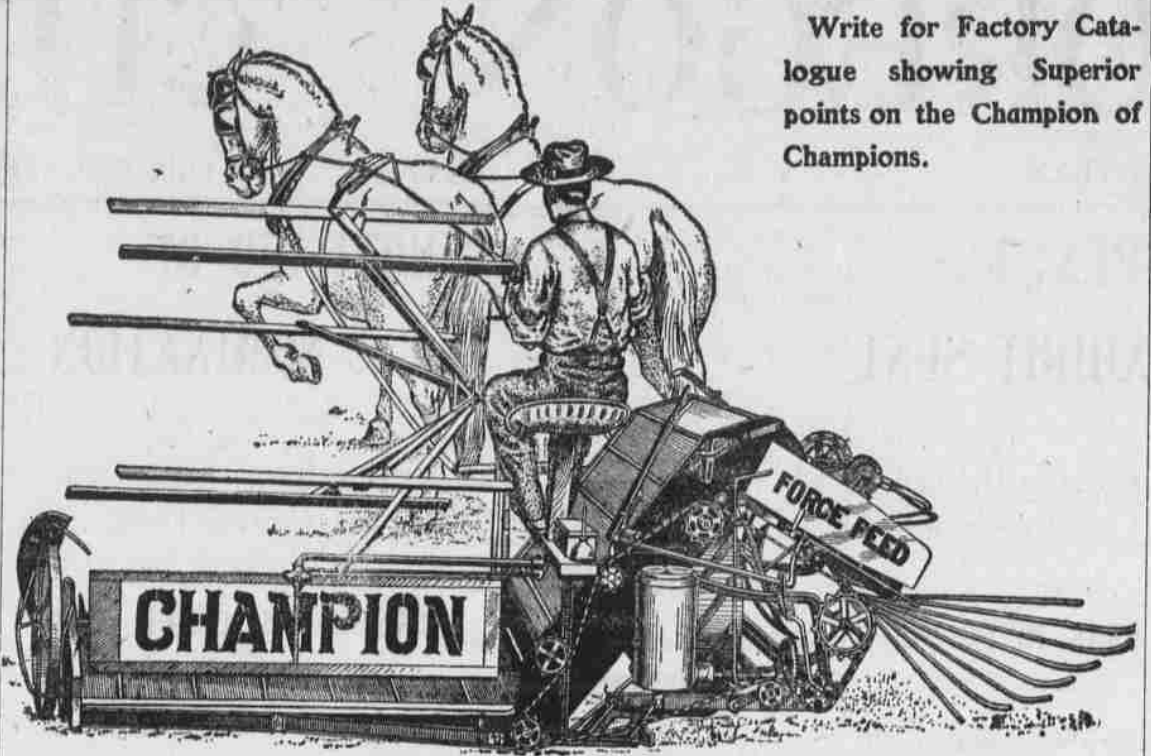
Mrs. Oldwed—How so?

Mrs. Newwed—Whenever he has a chill I put a rattle in his hand, and it amuses the baby.—Chicago Journal.

Idleness and poverty always dwell together, and misery and crime are their natural offspring.—Maxwell's Tallsman.

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DISARMING THE GODS.

How Chinese, Japanese and Hindoo Boys Prepare For School Life.

Among the eastern nations the beginning of school life is a critical time for the child. The priest or astrologer must be consulted to choose a lucky day. Every precaution must be taken to avert the jealousy of the gods, whose malice is especially directed against a fine boy.

The Chinese father who adores his son will take the utmost pains to convince the powers of the air that the boy is of no account. The child may be given a despicable name, like flea or chutze, a pig, or more insulting still, he may be given a girl's name. The boy may be started off to school wearing a girl's dress and one earring, and if the deception is complete this will be the most effectual of all, for even the gods do not care for girls in China.

The Japanese schoolboy wears hanging from his belt a little red bag containing a brass tag with his name and his parents' name and address upon it. He must have his paper umbrella and his fan, and in a gray bag upon his arm is a jar of rice for his luncheon. This quaint little fellow has probably made his offering at his own private shrine to Tenjinsen, the god of penmanship.

When the Hindoo boy has found an auspicious day to begin school he is taken to the god of learning, Sarasvati. Here the little supplicant presents his offerings of rice and betel nuts and repeats the letters of the alphabet after the priest. Thus he is entered into the ways of knowledge in the very presence of the god.—Everybody's Magazine.

Phil May's Habits.

The all night and next day habits of Phil May, the artist, have furnished material for many a story. Joe Tapley, the singer, said that he came across May one night and heard that the latter had not been to bed for four nights and days. He remonstrated, and May said: "Never mind, Joe; we'll make a bargain. Don't you lose any sleep on my account, and I promise that as soon as I feel tired I'll go to bed!"

The Boston Girl.

"Will you marry me?" he asked bluntly.

"No," replied the Boston maiden. But she added coyly: "I am not endowed with sacerdotal power. Put your question properly. Ask me if I will become your wife."—Philadelphia Press.

An Eloquent Objection.

Mrs. Newblessed—But you certainly don't object to such a wee little baby as that? Janitor—Oh, it ain't the size as counts, mum—it's the principle of the thing!—Exchange.

The Limit.

"He's a mighty mean man." "In what way?" "Why, he's stone deaf, and he never tells the barber until he is through shaving him."—Life.

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