

COUNTY NEWS ITEMS.

Interesting Tid-bits Gathered By an Active Corps of Regular Contributors.

Russellville Items.

The farmers will soon be done sowing their spring grain. Mr. E. P. Carter lost a fine colt this week with what he thought was congestion of the lungs. Mr. E. Carter has been very sick, but is improving slowly. The Russellville Sunday school class No. 2 presented their teacher, Mrs. M. E. Davidson, a beautiful Bible, March 22, as a birthday present which she appreciates more than any thing they could have given her. She will ever remember the givers. They were Dudley Boyles, Henry Boyles, Isaac Sharp, Nellie Dungan, Demas Boyles and Maggie Boyles. Mrs. Davidson has been their teacher for two years, and is very much attached to them and they to her. Mr. John Vilhoit is making cider this week. W. H. D.

Molalla Bubbles.

The Willott, Molalla, and Oregon City railroad is the latest enterprise out. A scheme is on foot to build a railroad from the celebrated Soda Springs down Rock Creek; thence through Molalla prairie to Oregon City. The length of road will be about twenty-five miles; will cost about one-fourth of the iron railroad, and for all practical purposes will fill the present need of a first-class railroad. Fifty miles of a like road is giving splendid satisfaction in California. The plan of the track is 4 inch plank 12 inches wide, placed 6 inches apart on ties every 5 feet, the flange of the locomotive driving wheel being in the center of wheel with a friction bearing of 15 inches on each side of flange on the wooden rail, against 2 1/2 inches bearing on iron rail rods. Therefore the wooden road can be more successfully operated on steeper grades and sharper curves than is possible with the iron rail. Oregon City has been selected as the most favorable terminus of this new railroad, which will give this county more direct communication with Portland and the world at large. Yet Oregon City is a difficult place to get into with railroad from the south, but what a benefit it would be to the old town of Oregon to have the daily visitation of these mammoth wheel rolling in with the products gathered up along those 25 miles through the heart and backbone of old Clackamas county. This new enterprise that concerns every person along the line, whether they wish to sell their land or market their raised farm products. We have long talked railroad—have long looked for some company to build a road, and now behold, the season is here. Lay hold, and build. "The Lord will help those that help themselves" is an old saying that would work in rail road building. With a mutual determined effort the railroad from Soda Springs to Oregon City can be completed this summer, 1891. Let us hear from all along the line without delay.

Railroad surveys will soon be in the field again between Willott and Oregon City, locating the new wooden railroad line. Should the people show the necessary encouragement along the proposed route, this will be the "get there" road—the people's road. "Frog Pond" must have plenty of native music now, since the recent rains must have increased the frog's gurgling territory. What has become of the Clackamas county fair that was to be this year? Who has charge of it? Whom shall we depend on to drive the first stake? Ye scribbles have been on the "verge of breathing" for two weeks with bronchitis. Mr. Alex. Smith has had a severe spell of the gripple. Dr. Leavitt was called to the seat of war to dress the abdominal incision made at the recent outbreak at Missouri Ridge. March is holding its own characteristics to the very last. Farmers are getting anxious about their seedling, but men recently from Kansas say, "this wet is something nice."

RAILROAD TEAM.

Damascus.

A. W. Cook had the misfortune to cut his foot last week, which will lay him up from work for a few days. Miss Myrtle Breithaupt has engaged to teach the Union school for a term of three months, which will commence the first Monday in April. J. R. Morton will soon have his new barn completed. The Free Methodists have purchased lumber with which they intend to erect a church in Damascus. Farmers are waiting patiently for good weather so they can commence their spring work. J. A. Forbes and family, Mrs. Sharp and family, and a great many others in the neighborhood, are all sick with la grippe. I understand that some of the Damascus boys were out sacking snipes last Saturday night and caught one. CRANK.

From Carus.

This burg is quiet since the storm (at school meeting) Mr. E. E. Howard was elected director to succeed James Graham, and Frank Jagers was elected clerk to succeed himself. A tax of \$200 was voted by a majority of one for the purpose of procuring new seats and other repairs about school house and grounds. Mrs. Eaton is in poor health, likewise Mrs. Casady. Ed. Howard had a sick spell, but is all right now. The warm weather for the last few days made quite a change for the better in the winter wheat. Never was a better prospect for a heavy harvest. Mr. Davis is fencing in forty acres of land with cedar rails for a sheep pasture. Mr. Emmett has put in a quantity of winter oats which are up and growing. Mr. Hornsloe has his main crop of potatoes planted. Mr. Sherwood has fenced a large lot of land during the winter, and is now having a lot of slashing done. Mr. Hunter has commenced building his new house, and when it is completed will give Mr. Wiley May possession of the old homestead, which he bought of Mr. May some years since. By the way, that was a pretty good sale for Carus—\$50 per acre; but then this real land is known to be the best

for all purposes of any in the country. Mr. Cooper has received notice of his appointment as postmaster of Carus. The better class of farmers are ready to join the farmers' alliance when the organizer comes, which will soon happen. The young Messrs. Cooper are cutting brush on the Alpine farm. Mr. Alfred Smith is reclaiming some very good land this spring. Miss Kate Casto will commence a term of school at Molino the first Monday of April. Born, to the wife of Elijah Hutchinson, March 24, a son. Mother and child doing well, and Lige is the happiest man in this neighborhood. Now, Mr. Editor, a word in reference to our roads. Hundreds of dead trees are standing in the road between the county seat and Molino, with their large tops and dry rotten limbs falling every day, and are liable to cause a visit from the coroner. Now it is bad enough to have to travel through mud, over rocks, rotten crossways, up hill and down, without being constantly exposed to the danger of these falling limbs. Whose business is it to remove these deadfalls—the supervisor of the district, or the person who owns the land adjacent to the road? It is decidedly dangerous to travel several roads I am acquainted with in this county. I think it is the duty of all your correspondents to speak of this matter, and so call the attention of the proper authorities to it until something is done before some valuable life is lost by these falling limbs. MOKK ANON.

March 24, 1891. Meadow Brook. Mr. Entero: "La Grippe" has laid its bony, relentless hand upon several of our citizens. Mr. S. H. Dix has been confined to his bed for a few days. Several members of Charley Hubbard's family are quite ill. Dr. Goncler has been called up there on a professional visit. We hear that they are slowly convalescing. Phoenix has also been a close prisoner with la grippe as jallier; hence the absence of his communication in last week's Enterprise. We had with enthusiastic honors the New Enterprise, because we wish to have the best county paper in the great commonwealth of Oregon, one that will be an honor to our county. The editorial of the Enterprise do not make a display of the bloody shirt or harp on blinded partisan prejudice. Mr. J. H. Wright was at the metropolis on the 18th instant on business. Mr. John Robeson went to the Falls City on the 25th instant, where he met his brother. Mrs. Robeson has been stopping near Castle Rock, Washington, for several months. Welcome back to the best country in the western hemisphere. One of the Howland boys living on the Larkins place, last week lifted the scalp lock of a very frisky coyote. Mr. James Comer is on a visit to "the old folks at home." Jim wears a knowing look, and we expect it's about time for the boys to be looking up the pans, old shot guns, cow bells, etc. Eh, Jim? We are sorry, very sorry to learn that our friend Mr. Stronggreen has lost three cows during the winter. Mr. Stronggreen has an abundance of feed, and we failed to learn the cause of their death. We report the following loss of stock: G. W. Kistner, one cow; D. L. McLain, one cow; Jos. Rees, one cow; John Dolan, four cows. Tom and John are partners in a shingle camp on Pea Ridge. A few days since, as we understand, Tom had placed his vest on the outside of a large quantity of "stomach bitters," John ditto. At length the medicine reached the goal of its mission, and the partners engaged in a little fistical recreation. No effort flowed or bones cracked, and no doubt the affair will soon be forgotten. Willie Baker now strolls past his best friends without furling his head for a salutation. Cause: two large boils that loomed up conspicuously on his neck. You are excusable, old fellow, for your haughty, bearing. We learn with sincere regret of the departure of Carl Stronggreen today for Washington, and perhaps British Columbia. Carl expects to be away several months. As he is the life and jolly spirit of every social gathering, and as true to his friends as the magnetic needle to the north pole, we will sadly miss him. Carl, may God be with you till we meet again. Miss Sadie Dix, who has been home recruiting her health, after a severe attack of the measles, intends going back to Oregon City today, where she is in the employ of Mrs. Charles Caulfield. We will all miss the society of Miss Sadie, and there will be a void in every gathering, and the eyes of her many friends will wander over assembled groups in vain for her bright smile and cheerful face, and listen vainly for that familiar voice. We must record one more prospective loss to our social life. Miss Lizzie Jennings, of Butte Creek, who has been keeping house all winter for her grandfather, Mr. D. Robeson, and has been a bright star in our social circles, will return to her home this week. But we trust she will in the future favor our rural neighborhood with frequent visits as a recompense for our present loss. So many members are leaving us that we fear our lyceum must adjourn to the second Tuesday in October. Owing to some misunderstanding the divorce case did not come off on the 29th, and was postponed to an indefinite date. Miss Tennie Mayfield closed a successful term of school here on the 27th instant. She has gained many friends during her sojourn here whose best wishes for her success in her professional career are unanimously expressed. The school closed with an exhibition at night, where considerable talent and genius were displayed by our amateur actors. The pieces deserving of special credit were the dialogue, "Personating Elders," by Laura Wright and Clara Edgecomb, (aged 8 and 9 years); the play, "The Bungtown Lyceum," the play, "A Pain in the Side," by J. H. Wright, Miss Tennie Mayfield and Miss Lizzie Jennings; a recitation, "The Gambler's Wife," by Laura Wright; a recitation, "The Gambler's Child," by Miss Lizzie Jennings; a recitation, "That New Church Organ" by Mrs. Bonney. In the course of the entertainment two dry chestnuts were worked off on the poor people. Mr. Robert Ringo, who had been failing in health for some time, went to Bunch

Grass for his health last fall. We learn that he has fully recovered his health and tips the scales at 185 lbs. PHOENIX. March 30, 1891. West Oregon City. Every body will hail with delight the new side walk. Mr. Parker is still engaged in the wood business. Mr. Godball has been making some improvements about his premises. District Clerk Theo. Gibb has completed the assessment of the district. Mr. Gibb makes an efficient clerk. Mr. J. Humphrey has been making garden. There will be a special school meeting held in this district on Saturday, April 4th, at 1 p. m. to consider the matter of building a new school house of four rooms, and bonding the district to pay for same. Such a building would be a pride and ornament as well as a lasting monument to the intelligence of the people of the district. The school is now in a prosperous condition with S. A. D. Gurley as principal and Grace Baird as assistant. Appropriate exercises will be held on Arbor day, April 10th, p. m. It is the wish of Mr. Gurley that patrons of the school and all friends of education attend the exercises on that occasion. MILWAUKIE. Hon. J. K. and Miss Pessie and Lucy Lambert were here last Saturday. Doc Hickman, of Clackamas, has been a frequent visitor in Milwaukie during the last week. The Evangelical Association held its quarterly meeting here last Saturday. We are sorry to report the illness of Miss Edna Ross. During her absence Mr. Frank Mullen takes charge of her class at Harney school. A serious accident occurred last Thursday afternoon to J. Broegje, who resides one mile from here. While felling a tree he was struck on the side and was seriously injured. It is feared that he was internally injured. Dr. Ray, of Sulphur is attending the patient. Mr. Broegje is a son of J. P. Broegje, the Mt. Tabor florist. While alighting from a buggy in front of her residence last Thursday, Miss Ollie Lulling, daughter of Mr. Alfred Lulling, slipped and sprained her ankle, which will confine her to the house for some time. A number of friends assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ripley last Friday evening to attend a party given in honor of Mrs. Ripley. The evening was devoted to games, dancing and social amusement. Refreshments were served at midnight and departed with a relish. Dancing was resumed and at an early hour the guests dispersed to their several homes, well satisfied with their evening's pleasure. A number of our citizens, feeling the necessity of a building that can be used on any occasion, have decided to build a public hall on the lots belonging to the good templars. The building will be two stories and cover a space of 40 x 30 feet. The ground floor will be occupied by J. C. Haugland, as a real estate office, and F. Cahn as a general store and postoffice. The building will be of modern structure and will cost about \$3000. This will be an important addition to Milwaukie. The next thing in order will be the formation of an improvement society for the purpose of inducing manufacturers to locate here, keep our sidewalks in repair and our street lamps lit. UNION MILLS. Owing to the wet weather farming operations are at a standstill, but fall sown grain looks well and promises a good yield. School will begin in district 84 on Monday, April 6, with Miss Kate Casto as teacher. Miss Casto is a teacher of experience and is well spoken of where she last taught. As the census taken by School Clerk J. Knapp shows 61 pupils in the district, it is probable that there will be a large attendance. Mr. John Hubrany has returned from the Nestucca county, where he spent the winter. Mr. J. C. Gordon has ordered the lumber from D. L. Trullinger for a fine residence, which he will erect on his farm this summer. The stock of wheat in the country must be getting small, as the local miller has been paying 75 cents per bushel during the past week. Hop raisers in the vicinity are somewhat alarmed at the louse, which seems to breed and winter on plum and willow sprouts and in the spring migrate to the hop fields, where they do an immense amount of injury. As yet no remedy has been found to exterminate them, although experiments are now being made at the state farm. As hops are rapidly becoming a staple and paying crop in parts of the Willamette valley, it is to be hoped that some means can be found by which they can be successfully fought. WHYRE. March 30. Frog Pond. The weather the past week has been bad on farmers that wanted to put in their crops. There has been some plowing done but not any seeding to speak of. Fall wheat is growing rapidly and there are fine prospects for a big crop this fall. Mr. Saldern, from Cathlamet, is up on a few days visit to his farm in Frog Pond. He is engaged in the logging business in Washington and is making a success of it. Tuultin Grange met yesterday. There was not a large attendance out but they had a splendid and lively time just the same. Tuultin Secular Union meets next Sunday and a good, lively time is expected. Everyone is invited to attend. Today is Easter Sunday and the usual program was disposed of—eating eggs and going to church. The Germans had a big time at their church as it is confirmation day with them. The United Brethren church sprinkled eight and baptized two in the river at Willsonville today. It was a pretty cold day, colder water, but they seemed to like it. There were about 200 people present to witness the performance and they all seemed of the same opinion—that they had lots of grit with their religion. Mrs. J. L. Kruse is off on a visit to Freepoint, Washington, where A. O. Kruse and family reside for a few days. L. Lecher, of Yamhill county, spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Booth in Frog Pond. Come again Lecher. Mrs. Sophia Phillips, of Oregon City,

spent a few days with her father, Thos. Evans last week. Miss Alice Downing's school closed in the P. P. seminary last Tuesday and everyone was highly pleased with her as a teacher. Mr. Henry Robb, of Michigan, will begin the same school the 6th of April, and we hope he will give as good satisfaction. State Master H. E. Hayes and wife returned today from a two weeks lecturing tour through Marion, Linn, Polk and Benton counties. He reports the roads pretty bad. Geo. Saxon has his saw mill running at last and saved 9000 feet one day last week. He expects to do a rushing business before the winter leaves. Wilsonville school commenced last Monday with Mr. Hodges, of Beaverton, Washington county, as teacher. Miss Ella Turner is quite sick with la grippe but is improving now. Mr. John Kruse is quite sick with the grippe but is improving at the present time. Mrs. John Kruse is down with ague chills but will soon recover after losing a few pounds avoirdupois, which she is able to do. County Judge Meldrum gave P. P. a call last week on official business. This is where Mr. Meldrum taught his first term of school in years gone by, when he was but a mere boy. H. M. B. CURRISVILLE. Mr. Ed. Henry commences a three months school today in the Howland district. Mr. John Marshall leaves next week to begin work at Beers & Epperson's mill near Graham. Mr. George E. Opleshy has rented Mr. William Paloutzke's place for two years, and will move to it this week. The roads here are very bad, and should be repaired at once. Mr. Harrison Tracy leaves this week for Wilpa, Washington, where he will work this summer. Mr. S. P. Opleshy made a flying visit to his brother here this week. Under the protection of the game law the China pheasants are getting very numerous here. The grouse hoots and the criminal shooteth, and puteth the feathers thereof in a sack. We regret to say that little attention is paid in this vicinity to the law protecting game birds. Mrs. Sam Huffman is slowly recovering from a long sickness. Mr. Dan Fagan has lost three horses within a year. Try a little better care, Dan and see if it does not pay. Mr. Z. F. Mars' family have all been sick with the gripple, but are convalescing. The patrons of school district No. 7 are busy paying rate bills, owing to voting down a tax to pay for the school just closed there. Several parties are prospecting for mineral on the north fork of the Clackamas. There is trouble about the mail carrier on the Eagle Creek route, as no mail has gone to Springwater and Highland post offices for seven days past, and there is a large amount of mail waiting in the Currsville office for said offices. VINE. March 30, 1891. Smoekville. Quite a number of cases of la grippe are in this vicinity. Mr. David Young and Mr. Doug Bradley, formerly saloon keepers of Smoekville, have left for parts unknown. The grand jury seems to strike terror to such people. Mrs. Skeels has been doctoring for some time with Dr. Varner for cancer of the face, but at last accounts she was no better. Miss Maggie Baker, of this place, has been suffering for some time with a white swelling on one of her limbs. Some time ago the children were playing ball at school, and one of them let the ball club slip out of his hand and strike her, which caused the swelling. By advice she was taken to St. Vincent Hospital, Portland, where the doctors operated on her limb, and at last accounts she was convalescent, and is expected home in a week or so. Messrs Croissant & Wilson have opened a new butcher's shop in Smoekville. Mr. C. H. Delaney has bought the blacksmith shop of Mr. J. S. Ripley at Smoekville. Mr. Ripley is going to move to Tillamook. Messrs. Kibler & Pich will open their new hotel in Smoekville April 1st. A Sunday school was organized here last Sunday by the Congregational church, with the following officers: Superintendent, Mr. Clinton; assistant superintendent, Rev. J. W. Barber; secretary and treasurer, C. H. Poole. The school will meet every Sunday at 12 M. Rev. C. H. Curtis, of Portland, was here last Sunday, and baptized ten persons in the afternoon, and in the evening he delivered an excellent sermon and administered the Lord's supper. C. A. B. Mink Mites. SUCCESS TO THE ENTERPRISE in its new dress. Miss Amy Taylor is engaged to teach a three months school in District No. 80. Mr. Hill has been feeling better for a few days. He is able to attend to his duties as district school clerk, and is assessing the property in District No. 80. Mr. Fritz Bluhm is building a new two story house. Mrs. P. Duffy has returned to her home and peace and harmony prevail. May it always be thus. Mrs. H. Bronnet, from Sea Home, Washington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Emil Guenther. The prospects are good for a large fruit crop. Farmers are beginning to see the advantage of raising clover instead of summer following. There is more clover sown this spring than in any previous year. I think it would be a good thing if THE ENTERPRISE would have a question box, so that we would know where to go to seek information. People think the editor ought to know if any body does, at least he has a better chance to find out than we who live in the country. What say you? GAS. GARDEN SEEDS. YOU CAN FIND D. M. FERRY'S, E. J. BOWEN'S, STARRETT'S, L. L. MAY'S, UNION SETS, EARLY ROSE POTATOES. BY THE PAPER, POUND OR BUSHEL, AT E. E. WILLIAMS', THE GROCER. Opposite Post Office.

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