

COUNTY NEWS ITEMS.

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

Curtinville. News very scarce in Curtinville. Mr. E. H. Sarver will move to Oregon City this week. The quarterly meeting of the M. E. church was held here last Sabbath. Rev. M. C. Wire has been quite sick for a few days at the residence of Mr. Waile. Mr. Ole Johnson has moved to Mt. Tahor to reside. Mr. Goodman will run his ranch for awhile. We are looking for some news matrimonial, as Jim the blacksmith goes up on the hills almost every Sunday. Mat. Patterson went to Salem last week to pay his sister a visit before her removal to the hospital at Portland. Our supervisor has been doing some road work the past week. A new bridge is needed badly across the Clackamas river near El Williams's. The old bridge has been built eighteen years, and is unsafe; so say all who have examined it. Y.P.E. April 29, 1891.

Frog Pond. The rain has ceased and the farmers have gone to work finishing putting in crops which will be of short duration. Fall wheat is growing fine and looks well. Oats also are doing nicely. Sharp Brothers raised a fine large barn last Monday which will add to the beauty of Point Lookout. T. L. Turner had a fine mare die last Sunday, and his fine stallion is sick. He had a veterinary from Portland out to look at him yesterday. I am glad to notice in your paper that Pleasant Hill has a correspondent at last, and hope he or she will keep it up. Like to see the whole country represented. What is the matter with the Plattburg correspondent, Mr. Hornette? Has he down to his nest for the summer, or has he gone to parts unknown where supervisors and assessors are not? Hope to hear him buzz some time again. What is the matter of the Eagle Creekers? Don't see any correspondence from them any more. Wake up, ye backwoodsman, and come to the front, salt or no salt. Prof. Anson Wilson from the Needy school is visiting old friends in Frog Pond. The school marm has gone, but he can't help coming around to see. Come again, Mr. Wilson; you're welcome. Tualatin Secular Union met last Sunday with a large attendance, and had a splendid program. Miss Boda Sharpe did well as editor of the paper. The election of officers took place as follows: Frank Kruse, president; O. P. Sharp, secretary and treasurer; Miss Boda Sharpe and Charles Wagner, vice presidents. The following committee were appointed by the president for the year: On program—Miss Ella Turner, Miss Annette Sharp, John Tyler. On question box—John Gage, Albert Turner. On music—Miss Boda Sharpe, Miss Anna Booth. Chas. Wagner is the next editor of the paper. We met on the 17th of May at 2 o'clock P. M. Everybody invited. Mrs. O. A. Brown and Miss Dora Lasure, of Portland, are visiting at John Kruse's over Sunday. A very pleasant party was had at Mr. John May's last evening, where everybody seemed to enjoy themselves while in the hall; but when the boys went to get their teams to go home they found that some one unknown had changed the wheels on the hacks and buggies, and also changed the cushions on the seats. Those who came on horseback had their saddles hidden in fence corners and under the straw. The persons who did it had better look out, as the boys swear vengeance against them. Calvin Ball, from Canby, made Frog Pond a call last evening in company with Bud Smith. Frog Pond was Cal's stamping ground in years gone by. He looks as natural as ever, and still follows that nose of his. Joint school district No. 10 has built a new board fence around the school house, which adds greatly to the beauty of the school grounds. H. M. B. May 3, 1891.

Springwater. Every one is through with seeding, and planting potatoes has become the order of the day. Fall wheat is looking well, but the acreage is far below the average. Present indications are that the fruit crop will be immense. Miss Annie Hicker is teaching our school. The attendance is about forty. Prof. M. V. Rork delivered a very interesting lecture here on the 20th, after which he organized an Alliance with twenty-five members. William Tucker, one of the first settlers of this place, and brother of D. W. and B. Tucker, now residing here, died at his home in Linn county one day last week. He was about 80 years old. Chinese pheasants are becoming quite numerous in this vicinity. They can be heard on all sides. There will be a farmers' picnic near Viola on the 23d of this month. Try and come out, Mr. Editor, and mix with the horny handed tillers. A day off will do you good. Prof. M. V. Rork will address the people on the farmers' situation. Good music and literary exercises will also be in order.

Fairview. Nearly every one has got his grain sown for this season. Mr. H. O. Higley has some oats sowed that he cannot harrow in on account of the wet weather. We are having a wet spring, but expect a good crop of hay and grain. Gardens are growing finely now; corn is coming up and will be a good crop if the sun shines a little with this rain. If that fellow don't quit writing to the paper from Carus I'll hang him. The people in that neighborhood don't want it represented. They would rather hear from Fairview. The places are situated pretty close together. Carus is where the post office is, and Fairview takes in the country

all around there. Rev. John Alderson will hold quarterly meeting at the Graham school house on Saturday and Sunday, May 16th and 17th. It ought to have been last Saturday and Sunday, but was put off on account of sickness.

La grippe has had a siege here, but is now leaving. Can anybody tell what is the matter when one has the headache for about twenty-four hours, and then breaks out all over like the measles, and has continual itching for two or three days? Then that ceases, and the hands, wrists, ankles and feet swell up, and continue swollen and stiff for three or four days. There have been two cases of the kind in this neighborhood. Will change my name from "Splash" to Pluto, and maybe it will quit raining. Pluto. May 4, 1891.

Highland News. Highland is booming. The grippe has attacked this part of the community. E. Harrington and Amy Taylor are among the victims. Miss Nettie Walsh has been quite sick with the mumps. R. Miller met with quite a serious accident while riding a horse. It fell down on his leg and bruised it quite badly. We hope for a speedy recovery. Miss Annie Davis is visiting her parents after an absence of seven months. Born to the wife of Richard Miller a daughter. School is progressing nicely with thirty-seven pupils enrolled. Grandma Harrington, of Mountain View, is out on a short visit. Glad to see you again, grandma. The Columbia River Baptist Association convenes with the Highland Baptist church, beginning May 7. A grand time is anticipated. Mr. C. Frost's father recently came from Kansas on a visit. Sunday school is progressing nicely with E. Harrington as superintendent and Chas. Rutherford assistant. Gysey.

Mink. J. A. Thayer has been here buying oats. He bought about eight thousand bushels in three days. Mrs. Edwards lost a valuable horse last week. W. F. Kirk is able to be out again after having a touch of la grippe. Quite a number went to Clarks last Tuesday to hear Prof. Rork lecture. He explains the workings of the republican and democratic parties like a book. Read and learn. Miss Taylor had to close school last Wednesday, as she was taken sick with the grippe. There are quite a number of children sick with the same disease. William Beeson and Son had a breakdown their saw mill last week. There is some kind of disease among the chickens here. A great many are dying without having their heads cut off. E. W. Hornshuh is intending to raise about one hundred geese for next Thanksgiving. We hope one will fly over to our house about then. We are informed that a little boy of J. T. Grace at Clarks had two of his fingers cut off with an ax in the hands of another boy. Mosk.

Aims Items. We had fine rains last week. It has cleared off fine and everything is looking up in good shape. The prospects for a good crop were never better. The fruit trees are one mass of flowers. Everything indicates plentiful. Two more new residences are being built. We are to have a store soon. Mr. D. M. Baldwin will be the proprietor. Oran Black, who came out from Kansas last fall and returned to that state in February, has again got back to Oregon and will probably remain. Clarks. Rev. Malloy preached an able sermon to a large congregation last Sunday and left an appointment for the 4th of May. The German Sunday school meets every Sunday and is in a flourishing condition. The room over Mr. Grace's store will be fitted up and put in shape and our village will then have a nice city hall. Mr. Kleinsmith, son of our worthy director moved on the Stout place Tuesday. M. Tinneret started his new saw mill last week and is now running night and day and turning out first-class lumber. Miss Grace Moran arrived home Sunday from Palouse, Washington, where she has been visiting for some time. Her brother accompanied her from Portland. During the day a large number of her young friends called upon her. Come out Mr. Editor and visit our section and we will show you fine farms, good improvements and hospitable people, but be careful and don't smile, especially if you are a single man. Mr. F. North made Oregon City a visit Friday and received a sample knitting machine with which he will canvass the county. Fred is a worthy young man and we wish him success in his new enterprise. G. W. Grace, our popular merchant, returned Saturday from Portland, where he has been laying in a supply of goods for the summer trade. G. W. Lee had charge of the store and postoffice during his absence. We understand there is a scheme on foot to run the water of a certain saw mill race back into the mill pond to keep up the supply of water during the summer dry weather. When that is accomplished the problem of perpetual motion will be solved. Prof. Rork gave us a very interesting lecture on the farmers' alliance movement, but the coloring of his statements and the rough shod manner in which he handled the republicans compared with his gingerly treatment of the democrats showed which way he wished the winds to blow. After the lecture an alliance was organized with twenty members, with the following officers: Charles Moran, president; Martin Hill, vice president; T. L. Clark, secretary; G. W. Lee,

Treasurer; Wm. Miller, Chaplain; John Juard, Jr., steward; Chas. Moran, T. L. Clark, G. W. Lee and Martin Hill delegates. In the evening a committee escorted the lecturer to Highland, where another organization was formed. Let us have the educational department in your paper by all means, Mr. Editor. The teachers have the ability to sustain a department, which would be among the most interesting features of your paper and a credit to Clackamas county, and one from which the teachers could derive great benefits through an interchange of ideas on educational topics. Let us thank the editor for his kindly offer of space and let every teacher in the county take hold with a free good will and let all the world know what we are doing. Let all be heard from and may all contribute their best thoughts toward making it a success. Hornette.

Canby. Mr. Henry Knight has purchased a house and four lots here, for which he paid \$800. We have been watching Henry of late, and had concluded that the cage would be the next thing in order. Mr. James Evans is having one of his houses here fitted up in first class style, the same to be used as a milliner and dress-making establishment. The Good Templars of this place gave a public installation and entertainment at Knight's hall on last Saturday evening. The attendance was very large, the house being crowded to overflowing. Choice selections of music were rendered by Misses Ella and Bertha Knight, and others. Miss Minnie Cauffman entertained us with a song entitled "The Drunkard's Lone Child." We wish to say, without intending to flatter, that Miss Cauffman sings in a style most beautiful. There was quite a program, in all of which the participants acquitted themselves to the full satisfaction of all present. Quite a large delegation of Canbyites attended the labor celebration at New Era on last Sunday. We were there and indulged in a hearty shake with the correspondent from Frog Pond, and also our friend "Shorty" who confronted us with his manly form for our consideration. There is to be a gathering of the citizens of Canby and vicinity at Knight's hall on May 8th, for the purpose of organizing a board of trade, and to attend to some other matters of importance that will be brought before the meeting. Some of our young men started last week on a pleasure trip to the shores of Puget Sound, expecting to be absent several months. Mrs. Martha Parents, of Lone Rock, is here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Carothers. The following are matters of wonderment here: Who is it that stuffs our church bell full of paper? When Doctor Porter of this place intends taking to himself a wife? If it is possible that our boys can swing upon passing trains the year round without giving cause for a coroner's inquest? Who will get the contract for building our new school house? What ails Eagle Creek that The Enterprise gets no correspondence from there? when it will stop raining; and finally, if we ought not to stop. W. E. S. May 4, 1891.

New Era. Every body will go to see President Harrison. The smile that faces wore last week on the return of good weather has been changed to-day to a frown on account of more rain. Farmers in the East take a fair horse team when they go to town after a dollar's worth of McKinley sugar. Present prospects are good for an abundant fruit crop in this locality. H. S. C. Phelps is preparing to erect a new residence on his neat little farm, and we predict something nobby about the new new house, as you can't outdo a Yankee. George Brown has eight men engaged in clearing the little place which he recently purchased, which will add greatly to the good appearance of New Era suburb. Some of our boys went to the basket so-called at grange hall last Saturday night, and report having had a splendid time. Molalla for fun. We are glad to note the appearance of a communication from Pleasant Hill. We infer that Beatrice still has that private secretary; hence we can expect a communication quite often. What is the matter with Eagle creek that we don't hear from there? We fail to see just how Canby and Barlow expect to boom to any considerable extent when they are so close to New Era. Prof. W. H. Dobyns, of Albina, stayed with us last Friday night. The professor is alive all over, and don't you forget it. Miss Tillie Rauch of Mountain View, spent last week visiting relatives and friends in our midst. James Hougham and Mr. Klohe are making preparations to drain their lake property, which they own in conjunction. A traction engine has been stalled on the hill in New Era for one week past on account of the hill being slippery. We are told the engine is en route for Hubbard for the purpose of boring oil wells. The picnic at New Era last Sunday was liberally attended, there being several liberal speakers present, and the event was well enjoyed by all in attendance. Through the kindness of Frank Kruse, of Wilsonville, we are prepared to say that the Spiritualists will commence their camp-meeting June 10th and continue until July 6th. Wishing you, Mr. Editor, and your host of correspondents success, we will adjourn for this time. SHORTT. May 4, 1891.

Without. When we accepted the invitation to act as correspondent from this locality we had grave doubts as to our ability as a news gatherer. After a few efforts in that capacity we are still more doubtful; but we believe that a few months' trial will make us much more appreciative of the efforts of the poor editor who is expected to fill his paper with news whether there is any news or not. We notice, however, that the list of correspondents is increasing with every paper. New localities are being represented

of which we had never heard before, and we begin to realize how little we are acquainted with our own county. But if The Enterprise continues to flourish there will be no excuse for any one to remain in ignorance in regard to the different localities and many advantages of Clackamas county. Nearly every one in this section has had, or is now having la grippe. Mrs. T. C. Simpson is very low with it, and grave doubts are entertained as to her recovery. Several railroad meetings have been held at Willott and Molalla, but they are making very little progress towards making a railroad. By the way, Mr. Editor, can't you stir up the people of the county a little in regard to their working, or rather not working the wagon roads? Under the present system of patchwork, the labor is nearly all thrown away—every winter washing out and destroying the work of the preceding summer, making it necessary to do the same work over again year after year. Would it not be better to do work of a more permanent character, laying the foundation for a good road with some definite plan in view, and then stick to it until the road is finished according to the plan? Under the present system some supervisors will go to work and undo all the work of their predecessors, and so on from year to year; the result being bad roads with no prospect of better ones. I have noticed many places where the dirt has been scraped out of the middle of the road, leaving a water course washing a great ditch which sometime will have to be filled up at the expense of ten times the labor it would have required to have done the work right in the first place. I know of one district—the first road district on the Molalla road this side of town—needing work more than any district in the county, and where one would suppose the people would be interested in good roads, and yet have been told that for several years not half the tax has ever been worked out; the supervisors simply neglecting to do their duty. I have supposed the law provided a penalty for such neglect of duty, but never heard of such penalty being enforced? Whose fault is it? Perhaps that one of our business, and we have no right to expect anything better than to wallow through mud-belly deep to a horse when we want to go to Oregon City on business. But we have a right to growl, or what is more to the purpose, go somewhere else to do business. Oregon City is losing far more trade on account of bad roads than the business men are aware of. ANON.

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