

COUNTY NEWS ITEMS

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

Beaver Creek. Farmers are planting potatoes with an increased acreage. Ferrill Osborne and family have moved into the Alfred Dundas house. Critzer & Co. have placed their saw mill on the newly built frame work, and have commenced sawing. They intend to purchase a planer soon. J. W. Cahill has built for himself a house on the Thos. Thomas place. Charley Chavanneau and S. J. Critzer have each built a house at the latter's mill, and moved into them. Mrs. Henry Storms is slowly improving in health. Jim Charles had the misfortune to cut his foot quite badly last week while stepping work. Frank and Fred Rider and sisters Lena and Cora, of Independence, are visiting relatives in this vicinity. It looks suspicious for our worthy J. P. to be about here on Sunday. P. T. Barlow of your city was out to the creek lately and pronounced it a fine stream for catfish. A band of sheep on Mount Pleasant is affected with the scab, and should be attended to by the proper authorities. NATIVA. May 10, 1891.

Damascus

This fine weather is a blessing to the county. We wish to thank "Pinto," alias "Splash," of Fairview, for his timely change of name; but hope he will closely watch the crops and resume his old name at the proper time. A great many of our people attended the quarterly meeting at Sunnyside. There was a wedding in our community last Saturday evening. It was quiet affair, and but few knew that Mr. Teagarden was quietly taking unto himself a bride, Maggie Griggs. We wish them a long and happy voyage on the matrimonial sea. The church organ question is now agitating the church going people here. We thought, with all the advancement of civilization, that the devil had left the musical instruments, especially the organ. But it seems that he still, occasionally, claims it as his own. PACATA. May 20, 1891.

Smockville.

Last Sunday the new church at Tualatin was dedicated. It was crowded as full as it could hold. It was expected that Rev. Mr. Shorey, of Portland, would preach the dedicatory sermon, but unfortunately he was ill and could not attend, and the sermon was preached by Rev. C. E. Clapp, of Portland. After the sermon it was announced that there was a debt of seven hundred dollars that they would like to pay. Subscriptions were called for, and they got eight hundred and fifty-five dollars. Married, at the residence of the grandfather, Miss Tilda Wilson and Mr. Henry Voss, all of Clackamas county. The wedding was a quiet affair, only the relatives and near friends of the parties being present. I understand that Mr. Voss intends to build a house and live in this neighborhood. Lee Smock has recently had his house painted, which makes it look more home-like. Thos. Hennessy, of Portland, was seen in Smockville, one day last week. Mrs. Somers and her daughter, formerly of this place, but now of Portland, were out visiting friends last week. Angus Atterburg, of East Portland, has bought twenty acres of land of Clay Myers, and intends to build a house and move out here right away. Mr. W. B. Irwin made a short visit to Smockville last week. Mr. Arthur Riggs was seen in town last week. Harry Lang has bought out the butcher shop, and will run it this summer. CHIRPA. May 18, 1891.

Maple Lane.

T. C. Andrus, of Barlows, made a flying visit to Maple Lane last week. Miss Amanda Brown left Wednesday for her home in Dayton, Washington. Mrs. R. M. Sears, of Sellwood, visited relatives in Maple Lane last week. Rev. Barclay preached at the school house Wednesday evening. Mr. Finn left Monday of last week for his ranch near the Cascades. Shall Maple Lane celebrate the Fourth? is the question that is agitating the minds of our citizens at the present time. WHAT OUR YOUNG FOLKS SAY. I'll join the Alliance if all the girls will. C. H. What makes the cranks all call me "school marm?" W. H. Don't I look nice in my new suit? J. B. I'm getting too old to go to church. H. H. I guess I'll live and die an old maid. M. D. I think I'll feel better if I change climate. M. H. Guess I'll go to Sunday school hereafter. T. D.

Cherryville.

A stranger arriving among our hills will stand upon a promontory and look up and down Sandy river. The "clearings" are so small and the interval of firwoods so great, he concludes there must be plenty of vacant land. Coming from a more open country he has yet to learn that something besides a plowshare is needed to conquer Western Oregon. The honest immigrant who so long has wished for a "chance to work" will find it here. To the lazy land grabber, seated in his saddle, the sight of a tree seven feet thick excites only disgust. He prefers to see others clearing land than to do it himself. But braver siewers are slowly developing the wealth that here reposes under the rude mask of nature. Thus we pondered

while riding past the ranch of our neighbor, S. O. Mitchell, just beyond the Salmon. Hard ticks and plenty of them are still leaving their impression on his premises.

We lately had the pleasure of staying over night at the house of John McIntire and his kind lady who was recently given the office of postmistress. They are sure to make a guest feel at home. Salmon post office though established was yet waiting for the mail.

It is pleasant to fall asleep within hearing of the roaring waters. Right here the Salmon and Sandy unite on their way to the Columbia. Both are clear enough now, but in July, as our campers well remember, the foul soap suds direct from the scoria and ashes of Hood mingle with the crystal waters of the Salmon. The Portland Water Company may boast of their immaculate Bull Run, but Salmon creek beats it—clearer and colder.

Elder Trullinger leaves the billing of his monthly appointment to the ever ready Elder Rich. The junior preacher, having retired to his ranch, is straining every sinew to get his dwelling in order for her who is to be his permanent guest. Madame Rumor authorizes this statement. LAWYERS.

Higland.

The people in this vicinity are becoming very anxious to bid king in grippie farewell. The Association which met with the Baptist church at this place was a grand success. All who attended were bettered for having been here.

We learn that Mr. Francis Welsh has employed Mr. Frost to erect a cottage on his lots in Mountain View.

Grandma Harrington has returned to Oregon City after an extended visit among us. The news, most all, has la grippie at present, so please excuse us for not furnishing more. GRIPIA.

Meadow Brook.

Yesterday your correspondent called on Mr. D. Robeson at his farm four miles east of Meadow Brook post office, for the purpose of gleanings some information on prune culture for the columns of your journal. Upon introducing our business we found that veteran horticulturist quite willing to conduct us through his promising young orchard which has just dropped its blossoms, which are replaced by thousands of plums, prunes, apples, etc. His trees are neatly white washed and pruned. Occasionally we would see a tree bearing on its branches as many different varieties of its kind. In answer to a question, Mr. Robeson said he considered that in no way could land owners reap larger returns than in planting to prunes, the Italian variety being in all respects preferable. He said, there are two methods of starting a prune orchard. In the first place, if your land is cleared and in cultivation, by all means buy young trees, two years old growth, from a reliable nursery. They will cost \$15 per hundred. In two years your orchard will begin bearing.

We asked what would be the most economical yet surest method of establishing a prune orchard on a lucrative basis by an energetic man with but little ready cash? The reply was, if some of those fellows that are daily arriving here from the East, and looking for desirable locations wherewith to build up a prosperous home and earn a good living, and best of all be their own masters, and were "heeled" with four or five hundred dollars, they could do no better than turn hither their footsteps. They would not find a land flowing with milk and honey, or fine farms stocked and seeded to take up as homesteads, as many expect to find, and not finding return forthwith to the land of grasshoppers and cyclones, disgusted with the flint-hearted West. But they would find splendid land easily cleared, that may be purchased from seven to ten dollars per acre on easy installments; and my advice would be if they intended engaging in horticulture to limit their purchases to forty acres, for the less land one owns the better cultivation will it have. The first half acre the purchaser plows let him plant in peach pits, which may be obtained in almost any quantity at canneries. If by the end of two years he has twenty acres cleared and plowed he would be ready to transplant early in the spring about four thousand five hundred young peach trees from his amateur nursery. In August or September, or as soon as the bark will slip, bud each peach just above the earth with the Italian prune. The following February cut off the entire peach tree just above the bud, and in two years you have a hardy bearing prune orchard that in two more years will yield a larger net revenue annually than several hundred acres of grain.

We further learned, that for the first two years crops of corn, potatoes, or other produce may be raised between rows; but it is not prudent to tax the ground with other crops after the second year. The opinion of many horticulturists after years of experience is, that the best results are obtained by planted prune trees ten feet apart each way, and pruning the lower branches off, thus growing fine tall trees, and shading the ground beneath. The ground should be well cultivated annually. Mr. Robeson gave us a practical illustration of the various methods of grafting and budding, both ancient and modern, but which we will not enter into in this paper. After thanking the gentleman for his courtesy we continued on our way to the Mountaineer school house, and listened with interest to a discourse by Rev. J. H. Hargreaves, on "One Lord, one Faith, and one Baptism;" thence down to Bethel, where, at 4 P. M. he preached a forcible sermon from the 18th chapter of 1st Kings.

We learn that a son of Mr. Howard is lying very low with what is supposed to be la grippie, and that one of Mr. Holman's children is also quite ill.

We understand that on Saturday, while John Scott was engaged in breaking a horse the animal backed into an open well which was large and over forty feet deep, with only about three or four feet of water. By means of pulleys, and an abundance of skill and trouble, the horse was finally rescued. PHOXIX.

May 20, 1891.

At Meadow Brook school house last Saturday evening there was a short literary program, consisting of recitations, dialogues and singing. Baskets were auctioneered off—proceeds \$10.45 Lunch was eaten. Numbers were sold to dance—proceeds \$5.50.

Aggregating \$16.18. Will buy a dictionary and other articles needed in the school room.

Currinville

Our supervisor is doing good road work this week.

Mr. Wade has the carpenter's at work on his new house.

Mr. Surface has purchased one half of Mr. Huffman's farm and will erect a house on it at once.

Mr. John Porter will leave next week for Puget Sound.

Salmon are very scarce in the upper Clackamas river this spring.

The school directors will soon let the contract for building a new school house in school district No. 12.

Miss Mary, Curtis and Male drove a large band of cattle to the mountains last week.

The fishermen are lying along our streams, and lying everywhere else.

The basket meeting at Eagle Creek Hall last Sabbath was well attended, and for once there was no collection taken up. VIDA. May 19, 1891.

New Era.

Pearteen days without rain. The past week has been a very busy one for farmers in this locality.

The putting in of spring crops is about all finished except a few potatoes.

Crops in general look from fair to good. Clover looks fine, there being some very heavy pieces which will soon be ready to make into hay. The acreage of potatoes is far in excess of any previous year in this locality.

Thanks to the editor for facts pertaining to the future of New Era. We expect all the item gives us credit for.

Say, boys, what has become of the Central Point band? We do not hear the music in the atmosphere up that way any more. Revive up!

We say, Monk, come out with your coin. We will back Dave Penman against anything in Oregon, and will whistle him against Jake Myers or any body else, either by note or off hand.

W. S. Rider and Critzer Bros. have just got the permanent mill frame up and machinery in position so they can saw some. We say without hesitancy that they were one of the best small saw mills in this county, and we hope and expect success for them.

He! over there, you man in the amphibious country! What few clothes we've got would fit any body. If Prof. Berk has had you or any of your friends out of a \$5 you had better not mention it. The Prof. is building an ark in this county to save the farmers, and you had better fish out what few frogs you have left and engage a berth in a back room. William is going to be the Noah this time, and for farther particulars you can enquire of him. Get right in and be saved. The flood will commence on the 20th day of April, 1892. Better take your dove in, too.

Glad to see the Eagle Creek correspondent come to the front with his valuable items.

Tinkertown is a new place—a suburb of New Era. Jace Mattocks is Mayor, and Peter Engle and Tom Blanchard first ward councilmen. The place is lit up by gas from Canby and Barlows. We haven't any lots for sale; don't deal out such small parcels. But any one looking for a small home can find one here that will suit.

Warner Grange met at New Era last Saturday with the usual attendance. Our grange is in a flourishing condition. Four new members were taken in at the last meeting. SMURTY.

May 25, 1891.

Oswego.

There is but little news to send.

This has been a day of disappointment. The cash nine of Portland failed to show up with their cash, and our boys will have to pay 25 cents for a shave this week. The barber says their faces are too long for 15 cents.

The steamer O. L. and S. Co. made her first trip up the lake and back last week. Captain Haines thinks she will do the work, but not the quickest in the world.

Mr. Jackson Monk has fixed the dam O. K., and the O. L. & S. Co. feel good over his success.

The furnace and pipe works are running full blast. The furnace got away the other day. Peter Bumper struck one of those old snags in the main channel of the furnace business. The fog is hanging over her yet, and he is liable to hit another snag soon.

The hand boys are going down the Columbia river June 14. On the excursion they will give all who attend full satisfaction, for the boys are not lazy. We hope they will have a large crowd and a good time.

A Mr. Tufts from Michigan is talking of starting some kind of business here. We hope success will follow him. The more the merrier.

Our schools are progressing nicely. Mrs. Albert Walling has been sick for the past month, but is now out of danger, we are all glad to say.

Mr. Wilson is building two nice small houses in the new town.

There is life in Oswego yet, but we don't know when Gabriel will toot his horn.

We see by G. W. Prosser's notice that he has quit the hospital business. That's right, George.

The blacksmith did not get his fine buggy team. He took them down to the river and took the balance of the day to get back.

The fruit crop in this part of the county will be light. Other crops look good.

Mrs. O. C. Whitten has been very sick, and is not yet out of danger.

Judge Haines has started to work on the roads.

Hon. Peter Paquet has been seen in these parts. We think he is about to give the bridge over the lake a dry wipe with a dirty rag. 1853. May 24, 1891.

Clarks.

Miss Mamie Skirving, of Stewart, Nebraska, who is visiting her grandfather, Mr. Nicholson, was the guest of Miss Grace Moran several days this week.

Mr. Tinnerstet had quite large new potatoes for the table as early as May 12th. Who can beat that?

The interest of our boys is now centered in a match ball game to be played in the near future between the school boys of Clarks, and those of Beaver Creek.

The question of getting Uncle Sam to designate Clark's post office as a money order office is being agitated, and we hope with success, as it would be a great convenience to the people hereabouts.

Mr. Manning, our popular artist, has some very fine work which he is exhibiting in both crayon and oil. He makes the enlarging and framing of pictures a specialty, and his pictures are elegant.

Miss Minnie Glyck, our little flower girl, has a lovely flower garden, and we duly appreciate the numerous bouquets from her hand which have graced our school room.

The people here intend to duly honor our nation's dead. It is expected the school will hold appropriate memorial exercises Friday afternoon preparatory to Saturday's celebration.

We understand Prof. S. A. D. Gurley is faithfully working for an educational organization in Clackamas county. Prof. Gurley is recognized as one of the most successful educators of our county, and a leader in all means for educational advancement. He will undoubtedly receive the hearty co-operation of all interested in educational matters. May abundant success crown his efforts.

The regular minister, assisted by Rev. Mays, conducted services Sunday. They adjourned over June to attend camp meeting.

The lumber is on the ground for the new church, and work will be commenced as soon as the stone foundation can be completed. The building will be a credit to the community.

An unusually lively discussion occurred at the debate Saturday night on the question. Resolved, That foreign emigration should be restricted. Decided unanimously in the negative.

The question. Resolved, That the competitive system is right, will be debated June 8th. Every body invited.

It is reported that Prof. M. V. Rork, Oregon State Alliance organizer, will be a candidate for president in '92, and something he could be elected if our governor was out of the way. Pennoyer and Rork—how would that sound?

The grippie struck here with a vengeance when it did come, and no less than forty cases in the immediate vicinity are reported within the week—most of them light. The more serious are improving, and we are truly thankful that no cases have been fatal.

Agents of the Pacific Mutual Association are canvassing this vicinity, promising for seven dollars to have the Portland merchants sell goods to members at 10 to 33 per cent. discount. Our farmers are well posted, and do not believe the merchants will recognize certificates in any such association. They have been fooled before, therefore don't bite. HORNETTE. May 25, 1891.

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