

## CLACKAMAS COUNTY

The Enterprise Correspondents Sweep the Field.

Happenings in Localities Outside of Oregon City—Industrial Items—Neighborhood Notes.

### Mink

MINK, Or., Nov. 11.—Mrs. Margaret Weidner, wife of Jacob Weidner, died at her home in Mink November 9, aged forty-three years and three months, after a long illness. The deceased leaves a husband and three children to mourn their loss, who were all at home at the time of her death.

K. W.

### Stafford

STAFFORD, Or., Nov. 10.—Mrs. Swook, of Thialin, has been visiting friends in Stafford.

C. M. and J. Q. Gage, have taken a contract to cut fifty cords of wood, for the saw mill.

A dance was given at F. P. Larson's last Saturday evening, where a very enjoyable time was had.

F. Reichle is building a fine hen house, which looks very neat.

There is a large demand for lumber here. The saw mill owned by Schlarve, Mayer & Co. is kept busy keeping the ragged edges boarded up.

### Maple Lane

MAPLE LANE, Nov. 11.—Mr. and Mrs. Dixon, from Dayton, Washington, are visiting their son, John Dixon. Jack Brown, Mrs. John Dixon's brother, also from Dayton, was here a few days, but has gone to Kansas, his old home.

Mrs. Johnson, daughter of J. P. Watkins, and her husband, late of LaCamas, are visiting friends here.

A. Moutz has his fruit dried and has sold his dryer to Mr. Hoy on the L. W. Swafford place, where he has it in operation.

The young people have organized a literary society here. They had a successful meeting last Saturday evening. Miss Eaton is at the head of it which assures success. Another meeting Saturday week. Come everybody.

Q. I. Sear

### Highland

HIGHLAND, Or., Nov. 11.—Farmers in this community are very late plowing and sowing fall wheat. Notwithstanding the rain a few acres have been sown.

Mrs. Wm. Davis has been very sick with lung fever, but under the skillful treatment of Dr. Ferrin is recovering. Also Mrs. E. Herrington is recovering from several weeks of illness.

Orlando Fellow wears a smile on his face because a new boy has arrived at his home. The Highlanders and Harmonites are making preparations for a Christmas tree at the Highland hall. A grand time is anticipated.

Amos Herrington and A. Parish have returned home from a two week's hunt. They killed twenty deer and brought home six.

Rev. Wm. Short preached his regular sermon at the Highland Baptist church.

### Pleasant Hill

PLEASANT HILL, Or., Nov. 10.—Mrs. J. S. Vaughan is quite sick, but last week's quota of sick ones are slowly improving, we are very happy to note.

Geo. Young has taken a trip to Spokane. Miss Annie Holly returned to her home at Walla Walla Tuesday.

There was quite a pleasant evening spent at Mr. Mink's Saturday last and dancing was kept up until the clock struck twelve.

The farmers' alliance meets every Saturday evening at Pleasant Hill and Graham's Ferry school houses.

Miss Nettie Wood is in Portland this week.

There are scarcely any potatoes dug as yet, and from the looks they will remain in the ground this winter if they wait for good weather.

Chas. Watkins is to give a party one week from this coming Saturday evening at his house. All are invited.

BEATRICE.

### Viola

VIOLA, Or., Nov. 10.—Our quiet village was pleasantly surprised on Monday by Mr. Elmer Walker returning from Portland with a bride. He has rented Mrs. Maple's farm. The community unite in wishing the young couple a happy and prosperous voyage on life's sea.

Mr. Arthur Mattoon returned home last Monday from eastern Oregon after an absence of about two and one-half years, bringing with him a pair of fine bunch grass horses.

Mrs. B. C. Lewis has had her store treated to a porch and a fresh coat of paint, which add greatly to its good appearance.

Frank Mattoon and Chas. and Howard Hayden are assisting Mr. Smith, of Springfield, in slashing forty acres of land on the Sandy.

Mrs. Hayden has returned from a few weeks visit to her daughter Minnie in Washington.

An interesting Sunday school is held in the church every Sunday at 10 o'clock. Preaching every fourth Sunday at three o'clock by Rev. Chas. Eaton.

The people of Viola are preparing for a literary and musical entertainment at the hall in Viola on the evening of November 24. The Currinsville brass band has kindly offered its assistance. The entertainment will be a rare treat. All are invited. The proceeds will go toward completing the new church. After the entertainment coffee and cake will be served to all who desire.

Cor.

### Meadow Brook

MEADOW BROOK, Or., Nov. 7.—Albert Lawson, a young Swede who has been working at the occupation of shoe-making in this vicinity for over a year, mysteriously disappeared about September 19th, since which date no tidings of his fate or whereabouts have reached his anxious friends. About the time mentioned he left here for Portland to lay in a stock of leather for his

winter trade. Mr. Lawson has a brother living somewhere in Washington.

We learn that Rial Garrett and Charles Holman who have been partners in the old Cutting farm—now Meadow Brook—have dissolved partnership. Verily we have many deputy P. M.'s. Mr. Garrett is moving on the Aplary ranch, Upper Canyon creek, to winter.

John H. Wright now wears a hat of extra size in consequence of the arrival of an eight pound daughter at his home November 3th.

Joseph Rees took a band of beef steers to the Falls City on the 6th instant.

The farmers' alliance held forth at the lower Canyon Creek school house on the evening of the 7th. Hon. Charles Moran and Mr. Kandle of Highland addressed the audience on behalf of the alliance. Messrs. A. Coles and D. Wright spoke briefly on the topic under discussion. There is a prospect of organizing a good active alliance here.

A Cole, teacher in district No. 33, hands your reporter the following report for the school month ending November 4th: Seventeen pupils were enrolled, four of whom entered during the last week, thus reducing the average attendance to 12 1/2. The names of those being neither absent nor tardy are Willie Edgcomb, Bennie Hall, Clark Comer, Robert Wright, Laura Wright, and Minnie Comer.

FRANKIX.

### Hazella

HAZELLA, Or., Nov. 10.—The city of New York might call on her western friends for aid just now to an advantage, as we have a surplus of moisture and could spare her some to prevent a water famine. The farmers are thinking of getting "dip nets" and fishing for their potatoes, if this dampness continues much longer.

Since writing you last, we of the west side precincts have put on airs, and have got a paper of our own. Oregon City and the Enterprise will have to look to the "lantern" now. The Iron Worker has promised its readers a description of the "Hazella settlement" in its next issue. If it gives a correct description of the "settlement" as it terms us, you will find where the finest peach orchards, vineyards, hop yards and vegetable gardens of the county are; also where malarial fevers are unknown. All are pleased to think that the Oregon Iron & Steel company's lands are to be placed on the market by so energetic a business firm as Borthwick, Batty & Co.

A. L. Walling, our live nurseryman, is anxiously waiting and hoping for fair weather as the time for digging trees and planting seeds is here.

Mrs. Frank Ford has been quite sick but her physician reports her convalescent. There has been quite a number of cases of scarlet fever among the little ones but so far no fatal cases. Arthur Borland came home from the logging camp sick with pneumonia and is still quite sick. Prof. Watts says the scarlet fever and bad weather have interfered with his school greatly, as the attendance has been quite small for the last two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Butler of Eugene were visiting their niece, Mrs. J. R. Hays, last week. Mrs. Hays' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, of Sherwood, made her a visit at the same time.

Mrs. Estames Eaton and Shipley, who have been in Portland under the care of Mrs. Dr. Ford, have improved so that they could come home today.

H.

### THE MOLALLA ROAD.

Some Practical Suggestions Regarding Its Improvement.

WILBOIT, Or., Nov. 9.

TO THE EDITOR: Noticing in the last Enterprise that you are still agitating the road question, and, what is better, that you are suggesting something practical in the way of solving the question, I venture to add a few suggestions of my own.

For the last ten years I have been traveling the road more or less frequently at all times of year, and have studied much about the possibility of ever having good roads in Oregon. I have seen the road from Molalla to Wright's bridge steadily growing better under an intelligent system of road work. That part of the road from Molalla corners to the foot of the Howard hill, owing to the character of the soil, which is a white clay most of the way, can easily be made a good winter road by being well turpiked, due care being used to secure thorough drainage. The rest of the way, owing to the steep hills, character of soil, and greater amount of travel, is a more difficult problem, to the solving of which I could suggest nothing better than you have already suggested, to wit: first establish the best possible grade, and then either plank or macadamize all the way to Oregon City, the character of the soil rendering it impossible to secure a good road in any other way.

How are we to get such a road? Is the question. The farmers ought not to expect the town to do it all, and yet if the business men of Oregon City consult their own interest they will certainly be willing to do their share. We have here a large section of country already rich in agricultural products and certain to grow much more so, large lumber interests waiting to be developed, and a good prospect of some rich mineral developments whenever the mines can be made accessible by good roads: all of which ought to and will be tributary to Oregon City whenever we have roads over which it will be possible to haul loads at any season of the year. As it is now, owing to the impassable condition of the roads, you are not getting half the trade from this section, the rest going to Gervais, Woodburn and other accessible points on the railroad.

And now in conclusion, if you can succeed in stirring up public sentiment enough to give us good roads you will deserve the gratitude, and, what is better, the support of every citizen of Clackamas county. ANON.

### BEAVER CREEK.

A New Route for the Molalla Road to Avoid Heavy Grades

BEAVER CREEK, Or., Nov. 10.—This seems to be one of our wet falls. Generally at this time of year all potatoes are dug and most of the wheat sown, but now many bushels

of spuds are undug and only about one farmer in ten has his wheat sown. Potatoes are yielding from one hundred to three hundred bushels per acre, Henry Sturm obtaining the latter amount from one field.

Jacob Thompson, tiring of a bachelor's life, took unto himself a better half last Thursday. A lady of Chicago, lately from Sweden, is the bride.

Rev. A. Miller, of the United Brethren church of Oregon City, will preach at the Leland school house Friday evening, November 20.

Frank Ray is visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Orrin Rider, of Independence, made his brother William and family a brief visit last week.

Grant Criteser and T. Osborne have each moved his family to within about two miles of Oregon City on the railroad, where they will cut railroad wood.

Our school commenced yesterday with twenty-two scholars enrolled. As Miss Thompson has taught here before we know the school will keep step with any other country school.

Through the efforts of Enos Cahill, our road supervisor, 300 feet of plank road have been laid by the creamery, which is in contrast with the adjoining mud. Now, as the country has considerably improved the west side road, the Molalla, and the roads below town, why can't a plank road be made from the Mount Pleasant school house to the city limits? The old corduroy has outlived its usefulness and a dirt road will not answer for such a large amount of travel. The company that owns such an amount of land on this road could afford to subscribe liberally for the improvement, for persons buying suburban lots want a passable road to the city. As the land is not situated on a suitable road the homeseeker's money goes elsewhere.

In trying to secure a better thoroughfare from the county seat to Molalla an entirely new route may be established; in fact there should be, as the distance can be shortened and heavy grades can be avoided. Such a route can be secured by leaving the McCord road at J. McCord's and following down the canyon known as White's and crossing Beaver creek at the point nearest to Oregon City, being the middle of sections 18 and 19, and following the line between school districts numbered 63 and 69 to the county road running east and west; then by easy grades the vicinity of the Alpine farm west of Carus can be reached, and from there the difficulty of fixing the route will be small. This route, if chosen, will avoid the Eaton, Howard and Paine hills, and an easy grade will take the place of the Wolf or Beaver creek hill. Subscriptions can be taken along this route to defray all expense of surveying. This is the route proposed about ten years ago with Mr. E. L. Eastham as one of its warmest advocates.

NATIVE.

### NEW ERA.

Another Voice Urging Improvement of the Country Roads.

NEW ERA, Nov. 9.—The recent rains have made the ground so wet that farmers can do no plowing, and there is but little wheat sown. Scarcely any one has plowed or sown a single acre.

Grandpa and Grandma Rauch are both rather on the sick list, caused by contracting a severe cold. But we hope soon to see them recovered.

Glad to notice in your last issue the return of Frank Kruse from his trip east of the mountains, and Frog Pond represented once more.

Elmore Remington and family of Silverton were in our midst last week visiting relatives here and at Mountain View. He returned home Saturday.

J. L. Mattocks went to Salem last Wednesday on business.

Thomas Blanchard, Jr., purchased a valuable team of horses at Billy Wade's sale.

Mrs. Eastman and Fred Wolpert have each built an excellent root house.

Wm. Gutperlet purchased a fine span of mares down near Milwaukie one day last week.

Wm. Smith is at present quite low with typhoid fever. But we trust that under the careful treatment of Dr. Goucher he will soon be up and able for duty.

A Mr. Krouse, of Tacoma, is in our midst looking for a home. He expresses himself well pleased with our country, and we hope to have him locate with us.

R. D. Stone and wife have just arrived in our midst from Wasco county and will live on the Kate O'Neal farm.

Geo. Brown has purchased the old home place of Joseph Parrott for the sum of \$1000. Mr. Brown contemplates building a fine residence this winter on the same.

We are glad to see the county road question spring up, and while our good people are looking in that direction we would urge upon them to suggest some way that the money can be raised to pay for the improvement of the same. If there is any other way to procure the money except for the people to go down in their pockets let us hear it. We may cry out for better roads all we have a mind to, and the roads will remain in just the same horrible condition until the farmers make a united effort to better them. People in towns are no different from people in the country. The streets in Oregon City interest Oregon City people most, and it stands to reason that the people in the country are most interested in the country roads. And to the people of the country we should look for a united action.

Thomas Blanchard moved into his new home last week, and great was the move thereof, for all the near relatives and neighbors had been invited to a grand dinner on last Saturday, and the day was passed very pleasantly. When evening came about one hundred young and middle aged people gathered in and a huge dance was participated in until midnight when all were invited to a splendid supper and the dedication was complete. All went on their way rejoicing and hoping that Mr. Blanchard and family will have the pleasure to occupy and enjoy living in their new and fine residence for many years to come. ANONY.

The Home Talent Dramatic club advertises "Past Redemption" in another column.

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### FOR A PLANK ROAD.

A Correspondent Discusses the Project for Improvement.

TO THE EDITOR: As the road question is being discussed we will offer our mite. It seems to us that the county court should assist at least three leading roads from Oregon City, possibly more. There should be one on the west side. As it is at present persons living ten miles out can hardly direct a stranger to our town. They go to Portland. Then there should be one on the most direct line to the Eagle Creek country.

But the one most desired at present is the one leading to the Molalla country and beyond. After having talked with a number of the leading men located on the route I would suggest that the county court be asked by petition from the citizens to locate a road on the best route that would accommodate the greatest number; not to make more roads but locate roads so that instead of having two or three roads run nearly parallel for miles and only about a mile apart one good road will suffice for all. For instance, follow the Molalla road from Oregon City as now traveled to a point on the John Myers farm, then follow a bee line to the Charles Beattie farm at Beaver Creek. By so doing a very fine grade can be secured. Then I would say leave what is known as the Jentha May farm just to the left and on down the Howard hill to Molalla. This would be the main trunk line for all the southern portion of the county.

Let this road be opened and planked with good three inch plank. Then feeders for this line would be opened every few miles from the old Molalla road connecting with the plank road. The same would be done by the Beaver Creek and Highland roads. Then give each road district six or eight miles of the plank road with the feeders to keep up.

Thus it is seen at a glance that one good road would serve this whole southern portion of the county. And there is not a farmer but would be glad to travel a mile further to reach a plank road without a hill all the way to town. This road would pass through the best portion of the county, and bring thousands of dollars worth of produce to our market that now goes elsewhere on account of the fearful condition of the roads leading to Oregon City.

But how is all this to be done? Is asked. I would say, first let the matter be thoroughly canvassed with subscription papers all along the route, then to Highland, Beaver Creek and back to Molalla and beyond, and it is my opinion that the papers would return with not only hundreds but thousands of dollars subscribed. Then let the county court take up the matter after all this has been done, and let the contract to the lowest responsible bidder and put him under heavy bonds to have it all completed by September first, 1902. I would further suggest, by way of starting it, that the board of trade of Oregon City take up this matter and appoint a committee of three to act with a like number from along the route, say B. F. Linn, Frank Jagger and Elias Wright. Let the people take hold of the matter in earnest and the road will be built.

Oregon City, Nov. 10. REX.

Unsuspected disorders of the kidneys are responsible for many of the ordinary ailments of humanity which neglected, develop into a serious and perhaps fatal malady. Experience would suggest the use of Dr. J. H. McLean's Liver and Kidney Balm.

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