

CLACKAMAS COUNTY

The Enterprise Correspondents Sweep the Field.

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

Milwaukie.

MILWAUKIE, Nov. 17.—Work on the hog's back has been resumed. Road Supervisor R. Scott means to complete it as soon as possible. The bridge across the waste way, another much needed improvement, is progressing as fast as the weather will permit. The contractors expect to have the job complete in about three weeks.

Mr. J. C. Hungerford has received his commission as postmaster at Milwaukie. Arthur Bloch is his assistant. The office will be at the same place as formerly.

Professor Rork, the farmers' alliance orator and organizer, was here one evening last week for the purpose of forming an alliance. After three hours talking and figuring the professor invited all present to join their forces, save your humble scribe who was not "in it."

The various churches are preparing for Christmas.

Oswego.

OSWEGO, Nov. 16.—It is rumored that a linen factory to cost \$150,000 is to be built here, utilizing a part of the water power now going to waste.

Miss Norma Fox spent three days in Hillsboro last week attending teachers' institute.

A porcupine weighing over fifty pounds was killed by some hunters near the river two miles from town. This is the first porcupine ever killed in this vicinity.

The entertainment given in Prosser's hall last Friday night by the lady friends of the Oswego band was the greatest success that has been in town. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity. As the crowd was leaving a large lamp fell, causing great commotion. The oil blazed immensely, and not until Mr. Prosser had burned up his coat, a piano cover, a literary society's curtain and a lamp shade was the fire subdued.

Oswego needs a lumber yard, a larger railroad station, a few men of wealth to invest money here, and a bakery.

J. K. Worthington has built an addition to his residence.

Many new homes are being built and things look prosperous. *DEW DRAO.*

Molalla.

MOLALLA, Nov. 20.—E. H. Lee, Esq., who resides in the southwestern part of the county, has struck on a novel way to keep carrots from sprouting. He turns the carrots on to eat off the tops and they take off the germ scalp also. The carrots are then plowed out and housed, and they keep crisp without undergoing any chemical change as carrots do when the caps are left on.

Mr. J. P. Shuck, of Meador mills, cut a tendon of his right hand on a planerhead by a wrench slipping, and now one of his fingers wants to close without his will, so he carries the member lashed on a stick.

Samuel L. Dart of Rock Creek had the misfortune to lose his dry house by fire recently, together with a lot of fruit. The fire stands to indicate the building that was.

W. Pinkney Herman has sold his smaller farm and contemplates entering the mercantile business, probably at Canby.

J. A. Cox, thresherman, was recently making a tour in the foothills on a sort of collecting roundup.

One of the stringers has dropped at the north end of the Rock creek bridge at the Dart crossing. Who is the roadmaster in that vicinity?

Dr. Knight of Marquam has been appointed superintendent of the Molalla saw mill.

The Barlow railroad extension company have gone into winter quarters, praying the Lord to help those who help themselves.

Stafford.

STAFFORD, Nov. 15.—Three cheers for the change of weather even though it is cold.

Plows have begun to roll the soil once more, but in some places the water runs in the furrows.

It is reported that some potatoes on low ground have begun to rot.

Rough lumber has taken a drop from \$9 to \$5, caused by the new mill.

Tualatin Secular union met last Sunday at the hall. There were forty-four persons present. Several recitations and readings were listened to. Then the paper, which was comic, humorous and sentimental, was read by its editor, John Tyler. The next meeting will occur in three weeks.

STAFFORD, Nov. 23.—Mr. Moses has purchased a new organ.

There will be a grand dance at the Frog Pond grange hall Thanksgiving night.

A charavari party followed the wedding of Mrs. Wagley last Saturday.

Phelps Case, the butcher, starts for Bunchgrass Saturday to purchase some beef cattle. The mail carrier's horse ran away while the mail was being changed at Wilsonville the other day. The cart was turned over and dragged about half a mile before the horse was stopped. Everything had a beautiful coat of real estate, and one shaft was broken.

Simon Peter who is laid up with a broken arm is doing as well as could be expected.

Mink.

MINK, Nov. 18.—C. Hornshub had one of his horses badly hurt by falling back on the plow.

Quite a number of farmers have not yet got their potatoes dug as the ground is too wet and still getting wetter.

I am glad to see the road question is again being discussed. I think the writer signing himself "Rex" in the ENTERPRISE of the 13th instant has got the plan that would build the cheapest and best road in this county, as timber could be had for little or nothing. If the county court will trade or sell their rock crusher and buy a portable saw mill and saw the lumber the work of laying plank could be done by the supervi-

ors of the districts on the route that the road would be built. The route laid out by Rex would benefit a large scope of country. We would gladly travel two or three miles out of the way when we know we will have a good road the other ten or fifteen miles. I hope something will be done in this matter and think there will if you will continue to keep it before the people. The newspapers are a power in the land which sets men to thinking and finally to acting in the cause for which the paper has been working.

The next question for debate at our lyceum is, Resolved, That the world's fair should be closed on Sunday.

Mr. Charles Horn leaves this week for his home in Pennsylvania. Possibly he will return in the spring with his family.

Moss.

Carus.

CARUS, Nov. 20.—A very pleasant entertainment was held on Tuesday evening of last week at the house of Mr. John Jones. A huge bonfire was built in the yard and the young people gathered around it for an hour or two of merry games. Refreshments consisting of oysters, cake and coffee were served. Proceeds to go towards the purchase of an organ for the Clackamas First Presbyterian church.

Mr. Will Porter has built a house near the residence of his brother, Charley Porter, and moved his family thither. He will find employment at McCord's mill.

It is reported that Miss Agnes Thompson, a lady well known and respected in this vicinity, is to be married as soon as her present term of school expires. The fortunate gentleman, we understand, is a resident of Portland.

Other parties are under the fire of question and surmise, and it will not be surprising if Christmas and New Year bells prove wedding bells as well.

The genial countenance of Lee Andrews beamed upon us for a brief time last week. He departed on Wednesday morning for Nebraska whither he has gone to look after some business interests. He expects to return in June.

A letter from Mrs. Cromley and friends announces their safe arrival in Longmont, Colorado. They are not at all pleased with their new environment, and all express a desire to return to the "evergreen shore" of Oregon.

Farmers belated with their seedling do not enjoy the present state of the weather.

Calla.

Needy.

NEEDY, Nov. 23.—A church society was organized in the new church building on the 14th instant. The church is to be known hereafter as the Stuyraa Congregational Church. There are about thirty members. The officers elect are, F. W. Parker, pastor; Asa J. Yoder, clerk; Louis Yoder, treasurer; Lee Yoder and two others, trustees. The congregation has a fine chapel organ which is usually presided over by Professor Thomas Yoder, accompanied by as good a choir as is in the county. The pastor preaches on the first and third Sundays of each month, and Rev. Tunison on the fourth Sunday. A Sunday school is also in progress with an average attendance of sixty members.

Pearl, the thirteen-year-old child of Geo. F. Horton, died of consumption at his home in Needy, at 9 o'clock on Sunday evening, November 22. "It must be sweet in childhood to give back the spirit to its Maker ere the heart has become familiar with the ways of sin." Pearl was a good and lovely child; her loss is deeply felt by the community, and her bereaved parents gave the heartfelt sympathy of every father and mother who know them.

Rev. R. Logan, of the United Brethren church, assisted by Rev. T. Gwin of the same church, has just closed a revival meeting of a week's duration at the Rock Creek church. Much interest was manifested, there being five new members added to the church.

Miss Katie Thompson has been elected junior teacher of the Needy public school. School will probably continue to the first of March.

J. B. Thompson, Esq., of Tacoma, is here looking after his landed interests.

The "oldest inhabitant" deposes and says, with a blank blank, that never in his memory have the roads around Needy been in so bad a condition, with broken and dilapidated bridges and deep mire holes. He thinks some one else besides Providence is to blame, in which opinion the writer fully concurs. *REVUS.*

Central Point.

CENTRAL POINT, Nov. 23.—The M. E. church will give a pink tea social next Tuesday evening. The proceeds go to help buy an organ for the church. Miss Maggie McArthur will have the management of it. Chas. Knott is building a new residence.

H. H. Higley of Carus has rented the Doughty farm for one year and has moved there.

Miss Jess Waldron has finished her third term of school at Meadow Brook and is spending a while at home and elsewhere. The directors at Meadow Brook want her to take the school next term at an advance of five dollars per month in salary, making \$19 per quarter.

David Penman, jr., has taken a contract to clear some ground, and is pushing work rapidly.

Thomas Blanchard, sr., is building a new woodhouse.

Frank Doughty of Hillsboro was over last week straightening up his rented farm, as the previous renter had gone and left everything in bad shape.

Horse trading has taken place of late at Central Point. Geo. McArthur and Dave Penman made a trade lately which was a bargain for both parties. George Randall bought a three-year old colt of George Graham also.

Central Point would like to have that Molalla road pass along here. We will all give the right of way and work ten days on the road beside. I would suggest the names of the following gentlemen to assist your committee in viewing out the above route: E. C. Maddock, C. T. Howard and Charles Smith. These gentlemen are of good, sound judgment on the road question and they are interested in getting a good highway to Oregon City.

Our literary society elected the following officers last Saturday evening: President, Dave Penman; vice president, Miss Agnes McArthur; secretary, Gilbert Randall; editors, Lester Leland and R. Waldron; critic, Iva Leland; treasurer, Lottie Eastman; marshal, Andrew Roth; janitor, Burt McArthur.

SHOULD BE MACADAMIZED.

A Route Suggested to Relieve New Era and the Molalla Country.

TO THE EDITOR: Since the road question has become the subject of much talk it will behoove every man in this county to give some good, common sense idea as to the best possible route to penetrate the interior of our fast growing county. No one should allow himself to be moved in a purely personal and selfish way, but give the question due thought before making any definite action or coming to any definite conclusion. It occurs just now to the writer that a location could possibly be got running due south from Oregon City to the Molalla river that could be used to answer the people of the Upper and Lower Molalla and the Marquam country. Especially would it do so by building a branch road that would leave the main line somewhere near George Randall's place and running thence in a southwest direction to where the Good bridge crosses the Molalla, and from there into the Needy country. This would make the route from Needy to Oregon City no farther than it is by way of New Era and down the river, and would dispense with the dangerous part of the road between New Era and Oregon City. And it would not interfere in any way with the travel from Molalla corners and that country. But in case it would not be a desirable route for the Upper Molalla country then it would be wisdom to go farther east with that road and build a separate road for Lower Molalla and Needy.

In confining this letter to two roads out through this country we do not wish to be understood that they are the only roads which need improving or will be improved. But we speak of these roads because of a better practical knowledge of them, and leave the rest for some one else who is better acquainted with the lay of the country and the most practicable routes.

To make good roads in this county will cost no trifling sum of money. When there is a project on hand which requires the expenditure of thousands of dollars due care should be exercised as to the most profitable and durable way of expending it. But notwithstanding the large amount that would be required we should make one united, grand effort to overcome the horrible condition of our county roads. It would certainly appear that these roads have been wallowed through long enough. And we never can be taken into the front ranks of progress so long as we tolerate their present deplorable condition. As to the best and most permanent way of making roads there is but one opinion—that is to macadamize them. For a good deal of our roads the gravel can be had in endless quantities and reasonably handy. *E. C. MADDOCK.*
New Era, Nov. 23.

A NEW ROAD.

Suggestions as to the Manner of Building a New Road Cheaply.

TO THE EDITOR: Within the last month it does seem as if the road question has been brought up before the people in a manner as never before. While theories are being discussed by men who have traveled the elevated canal of mortar from Howard's mill to Oregon City, in season and out of season, for the quarter century past, running against rocks as old as the hills, and getting tire-scraps from every conceivable angle, they ought to know what they are saying when they affirm that it would be useless to try to build a dirt road over those red hills. We will advance a theory in order to keep the column moving: The vicinity through which the proposed road is to be constructed, will, most likely, be plentifully supplied with three kinds of material, viz: wood, earth and stone. Now in order to build a good road, of any material whatever, it must be properly drained, and experience has proved that it is always better to place the water ways on either side than in the center of the road. Then, ours is the charcoal theory. Rick up the timber in the middle of the forty feet or sixty feet roadway, enough to make it one foot thick and twelve feet wide of coal. Scrape the dirt from the sides of the roadway forming the ditches and covering the extensive coal pit. In the timber belts there would be quite enough surplus material to supply the gaps. Then there would be an ample supply of stone for the culvert arches and bridge piers and the grade cutments. The new "blasting gun" could be utilized in cracking the large logs for the extensive coal pit. I do not think there could be any question about the durability of a road properly constructed of burnt earth, charcoal and stone, and such a road could probably be built for less money, all things considered, than any other kind of road over like ground. Oh! the money you say, is of more importance than your coal bank. Well, as that belongs to pay-day, it will be the subject of another very practical theory. *CORRESPONDENT.*
Molalla, Nov. 20.

Of Interest to Teachers.

Mr. Charles Spencer, who is teaching the Beaver creek school, will give an entertainment at the close of his present term.

The teachers of Portland have organized a school-master's club, with Professor Burnham as president. Its object is the advancement of the cause of education through the mutual exchange of ideas.

Next Saturday the teachers association will meet at Clackamas. Much good can be done with such an organization, and it is hoped that those not belonging will realize this, and help to make it a success by becoming members and attending its meetings.

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THE STATE FAIR—The state board of agriculture was in session at Salem most of last week and President Apperson of this city was in attendance. He was re-elected president for the coming year without opposition. The affairs of the board were found to be in a prosperous condition and a portion of the indebtedness of the board was ordered paid. The second Monday in September is the time set for the opening of the next state fair, many of the details of which were determined at this meeting. The executive committee is composed of Captain Apperson, J. G. Wright, William Galloway and R. E. Bybee. Everything promises a more successful fair next year than has yet been held at Salem.

FOR THE WHOLE COUNTY—The Oregon City ENTERPRISE will issue an edition on New Year's, illustrating the county seat and Clackamas county. Experience has taught us that this will be a losing idea, and should be all the more patronized in a liberal manner by the citizens of that town and the county in general. Representing the whole county the ENTERPRISE will of course touch upon the only blast furnace and cast iron pipe works in the Northwest, located at Oswego—Oswego Iron Worker.

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| Boiton, Mr. E. | Krechter, Aug. |
| Chase, J. D. | Jory, H. S. |
| Clark, Mrs. G. T. | Kelly, Mrs. Anna |
| Curran, Mrs. Diona, | McClun, Mrs. H. M. |
| Dunermuth, John | Clark, Solomon T. |
| Fulton, J. H. | Lawrence, B. J. |
| Griffiths, R. W. | Rickson, August |
| Hubbard, W. F. | Richardson, H. D. |
| Hume, Jas. | Robinson, Wm. |
| Herman, W. H. | Rush, Eugene |
| Hadley, E. L. | Smith, Millie |
| Gibs, A. S. | |

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| Anderson, John | Lahey, Richard |
| Appleton, John | Marshall, Mrs. G. W. |
| Brannen, Olive | Miller, Jess |
| Clin, Mrs. E. S. | Stiffen, Emil |
| Horton, C. E. | Sears, L. P. |
| Quong, Sing | Schmale, Mr. |
| Woods, Miss Becca | |

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| Brown, Charles | Perry, E. H. |
| Brown, L. C. | Paddock, Elizabeth |
| Brown, Miss Della | Taylor, Wm. M. |
| Gore, John | Wilson, Mrs. Jane |
| Curtis, C. H. | Werner, Peary |
| Hume, James | Rees, Miss M. M. |
| Lessure, Mr. Robert | Smith, Thomas |
| Lindsey, C. E. | |

If called for, please say when advertised. *E. M. RANDS, P. M.*

"Aren't you ever going to grow old, like the rest of us?" asked a man of an acquaintance he hadn't seen for some time. "Well, not so long as I can purify my blood with Ayer's Sarsaparilla," was the apt reply. This man knew what he was talking about.

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