

CLACKAMAS COUNTY

THE ENTERPRISE CORRESPONDENTS SWEEP THE FIELD.

Broken Leg, the Result of an Accident at New Era—Large Shipment of Potatoes to San Francisco.

New Era, Jan. 17.—Miss Emma Bremer is home from Portland on a visit. Wm. Gutperlet will start for the East in a few days with the intention of remaining there.

Henry Waldron has made an application for a situation on the new motor line. Henry is trustworthy in every way and we wish to see him get a position.

J. L. Mattocks is getting out 20,000 line barrel hoops for a San Francisco firm.

The eldest boy of Chas. Huiras met with a very severe accident a few days ago which resulted in a broken leg between the ankle and knee. Dr. White of Canby reduced the fracture and the little fellow is getting along splendidly.

William Payle, a former resident of this place, will return in a short time from Iowa. Once a Webfoot always a Webfoot.

Alex. Beauman is home on a visit from Eastern Oregon, and will spend the winter here with friends and relatives.

Large shipments of potatoes were made last week to San Francisco. Top quotations at present are \$1.40 per hundred pounds. About the same number of sacks will be shipped from here this winter as was shipped last winter, with a good deal better price.

Wm. McCauslin was employed last week to do the sawing in H. H. Wheeler's mill. Wheeler and Sager are getting out a fine lot of logs this winter.

John Reif is having all the stumps pulled out of his cultivated fields. Joe Reif is doing the job with his screw stump-puller which does splendid work.

Geo. Brown has just planted out 800 pear, 200 cherry, 200 peach, and 200 quince trees. The pears are Bartlett and winter Nellis varieties. George is also doing a good deal of other improvements on his farm.

Henry Richter is clearing about ten acres of land and has it nearly ready for the plow. He is also preparing to burn a kiln of charcoal.

S. C. Phelps is also doing considerable work on his farm in the way of clearing more land. His son Halsey is clearing more acres.

Ranch has been granted a pension under the present dependent act at \$12 per month.

A grand dance was given at the residence of Wm. Beauman on last Saturday night. About seventy-five were present, all of whom had a most enjoyable time.

The people of the Phelps neighborhood have organized a literary and debating society which meets every Thursday evening. Esley Mack is president, Ered Pembroke secretary. A mock trial will be held at their next meeting.

Several home-seekers are in our neighborhood. And any one who desires to buy a 100 acre farm with 20 acres under cultivation, good house and outbuildings, and orchard all level, can find the same here, cheap. Come and see it.

CARUS CULLINGS.

Farmers Busy Improving their Property—Prosperous Neighborhood—Notes.

CANBY, Jan. 16.—The whooping cough epidemic has passed and in its place we have the chicken pox. Jennie and Bertina May and Wallie Graham are quite ill with it.

We learn that by the will of a late relative David Hunter and some of his children have become the recipients of a bequest amounting to \$500 apiece.

It is reported that A. Muncie, who bought the Will May place, has traded with a party in Salem for lots in that city. This gentleman, it is said, is the father-in-law of Charlie Baker, and will bring his family to stay with relatives until he can put up a house on his new purchase.

Mr. Corfasch, now renting the Malloy farm, with a son from Kansas, has been looking about for a suitable home, intending to settle in Oregon.

J. K. Graham insists that he has the lumber all ready for new steps to his porch. We cannot doubt his word, but seeing is believing. As it is, we don't wish to offer risk our limbs and neck by a visit to his domicile. Put up those steps, J. K., and we'll come over some fine evening.

Mr. Raubler, it was your turn last week. If Calla "steals your thunder" you must blame yourself.

Mr. Griffith has bought two forties adjoining his ranch. Since his return from Roslyn he has broken up six acres of new land. Lately he has been helping to clear out the new road running between the Cooper and Spangler farms, as an outlet to the main road.

About three years ago this spring John Lewis started a new ranch. Now he has a good-sized house, a new granary, milk cellar with store room above, and a snug barn made from the old log house which stood on his former place. He estimates his improvements at six hundred dollars, cash. He has also made a good showing at slaughtering and clearing.

M. E. Landon has invested about two hundred dollars in lumber for improvements around his place in the shape of a neat board fence around the front and side; barn, cow shed, hen house, and other out buildings. He intends to build a new house when the McCord mill starts up.

Five new houses have been put up in this immediate vicinity the past year, all of which have been previously mentioned, except the very pretty one belonging to John Ericson.

A. O. Hayward has put up a barn and cowshed, value \$200, and Frank Jaggar a large building for chopping mill and engine house.

The ranch of Milo Cooper shows great improvement since he took possession, and attests and things about the premises promise well for future development.

It is impossible to estimate in dollars and cents the value of the enterprise and industry of our citizens. The thrift and vigor displayed is in striking contrast to that of certain other portions of the country; but

dwellers in prairie states have accidents of climate that reduce their vigor and discourage thrift. So we need to be charitable and thank our stars that we were so fortunate as to reach this evergreen shore.

Henry Hunter is among us again from Eastern Oregon. We hope that his health will permit him to remain all summer.

Miss Jennie Bowen visited her friends in Canby last Sunday.

We hear rumors of a wedding soon to take place, and that Bro. W. is going to build a new house which will prove a nest for his bird, we suppose. CALLA.

DEFAUDING SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

An Apparatus Agent Resorts to Forgery to Secure Orders.

WILSONVILLE, Jan. 16.—Beware of frauds and impostors traveling through the country and selling school charts for R. S. Peale & Co., of Chicago, Illinois.

An agent, whose name I can't find out, has been canvassing through this county for an Evans arithmetical chart, to be used in the public schools of this state. This agent came to school district No. 10 and wanted to sell the school board one for \$47.50, payable in two years, and to do this he forged the name of John Kruse, chairman of the board, to the order, and then went to T. L. Turner, another director, who would not sign the order. The agent then went to Fred Ellingsen, the other director, and he, seeing John Kruse's name to the order, signed it in good faith. So by forging one name the agent had a majority of the board on the order. This order he sent to Peale & Co., and they shipped the goods to Oswego. But the board refuses to receive and will stand a suit before they will take them.

This same agent in the adjoining district (No. 1 believe it is) forged the name of one director, Mr. Baker, and went to the other two, Mr. Saum and Zac Ellingsen, and they both signed the order. The agent then erased Mr. Baker's name from the order, having a majority (all he wanted) without it. I suppose this same agent has fooled more than these two boards in the county, and he ought to be caught and put where the dogs won't bite him, for he is a swindler of the first water. Yours, FRANK M. KRUSE, Clerk Dist. No. 10.

CANBY CHATTER.

Road Improvements—Revival Meetings and Baptisms—School Term Lengthened.

CANBY, Jan. 16.—Wm. Knight, our road supervisor, has been busy the past few days with men and teams hauling gravel and grading the wagon road leading into town.

George White and wife of Aurora were visiting friends and relatives Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Meda Gardner, daughter of Rev. Gardner, returned to Eugene Tuesday, where she is engaged as school mistress.

The Methodist and Christian societies will continue their protracted meeting during the coming week.

The school directors met at the school house Friday afternoon and decided to continue the school five more weeks, with C. Y. Draper as principal.

Clarence Wilson and Alice Rogers were baptized in the Molalla Sunday afternoon by Rev. E. H. Bateman of the Christian church. A large crowd witnessed the ceremony.

Warren Kendall returned home from Eastern Oregon Monday where he has been engaged on a stock ranch.

Harry Gillmore has just received a new pool table in addition to his candy and cigar store.

Millard Lee has just received a new type writer from the East and is now busy learning to operate it.

Miss Ella Stowe of Mount Tabor is visiting her mother, Mrs. James Adkins.

APPRECIATE THE SITUATION.

One of the Solid Men is not Attracted by Multnomah Glitter.

DAMASCUS, Jan. 17.—[TO THE EDITOR:—I am one that is against the division of Clackamas county. I think your Sandy correspondent has given us some plain facts which our north side Clackamas county taxpayers ought to consider well. Some people complain that Oregon City wants to run everything. But I think that if we get into Multnomah they will find that Portland will not only want to, but will, run the affairs of the county, and we taxpayers can help to bear the city's burdens.

As it is here now in this county we farmers have a little to say in the county's affairs. Oh, some say, we will have good roads if we get into Multnomah county. If we get good roads somebody will have to pay for them, and we will have to pay for all we get.

Multnomah does not want to take us on for charity's sake. Because there was a petition sent to Salem from this part it is not positive proof that all are in favor of a division of the county. For there are some people always ready to sign a petition because some one asks them to. And with some it don't make any difference which county they are in as they pay no tax anyway. J. C. McMurky.

FROG POND.

Worth Several Dead Men Yet—Grange Officers Elected—Date of Installation.

FROG POND, Jan. 16.—The New Year has started in with fine weather and hope it will continue although the wheat does not grow much on account of the weather being too cool.

Potatoes are a good price and the people are beginning to ship to Portland and 'Frisco markets. The cold weather is holding them back so as it will them advance in price. Freight are \$1 less this year than last to 'Frisco on the ton.

August Schroeder who had his skull broken in by the bursting of an emery wheel some time ago and some Oregon City doctors said it was an impossibility for him ever to get well, is up and around and will soon be able to go to work. The wound is nearly healed and is doing fine. But he says he will gum no more saws for any one.

Miss Minnie Jaggar is preparing to have an exhibition the last day of her school which is about six weeks off, and it will be

a good one for when the F. P. starts in they never fail.

Tualatin Secular union of Frog Pond died a natural death a short time ago and even the president was not there to see it die. I hope it is not dead but only sleeping and may be awakened up sometime in the near future.

Tualatin grange No. 111 had its annual election of officers which will be installed the last Saturday in January as follows: John Kruse master, Ella Turner overseer, Beda Sharp lecturer, Oscar Larson steward, John Tyler assistant steward, Clyde Evans chaplain, F. P. Larsen treasurer, Frank Kruse secretary, A. L. Kesler, gate keeper Mrs. Louise Kruse, Pomona, Mrs. A. M. Barnes Flora, Mrs. K. E. Turner, Ceces, Miss Ota Barnes left assistant steward. Mr. Editor you are invited to attend and partake of the joys and feasts, which will be given on such occasions.—[Would come but haven't the pass word.—Ed.]

Abe L. Kesler has bought the county right for Clackamas of a patent gate which he will soon begin to canvass the county for. John Kruse has two on his farm and they are a great benefit as well as great convenience. Don't have to get out to open or shut the gate, and hardly have to stop to open or shut. Clarence Sinsoral of Macleay Oregon, has the patent and will do well with it for it is good.

Clyde Evans tried to have a dance in the grange hall last night and all they lacked was the people. They soon adjourned and went home wiser boys, and hope they may profit by their experience.

Frog Pond seems to be noted for the champion sack severs. One would infer so by reading the Courier, but I think they strike a little too high. Yours, etc. CHOKAKER.

DAMASCUS NOTES.

Snow Again Covers the Ground—Several School Items.

DAMASCUS, Jan. 17.—The ground is white with snow again, and the thermometer standing at six degrees below freezing.

Grandma Breckwith is lying very low and is not expected to live, having been quite sick all winter.

Mr. F. M. Day has been on the sick list for the past week but is better again.

Miss Myrtle Breithaupt began teaching her second term of school at Pleasant Valley on the 2d of January.

The directors of Damascus school have secured the services of H. H. Robb for the spring term of school, commencing February 6.

S. E. Young expects to move into his new house in a few days.

Born, on the 12th of January, to the wife of Mr. Thompson, a daughter.

Mr. J. C. McMurky is putting up a new board fence on the front line of his place, and J. R. Morton has the lumber and posts for a new fence.

The literary society met at Union instead of Damascus last Saturday night.

Wilsonville.

WILSONVILLE, Jan. 15.—In spite of the democratic howl about hard times the people of this section are evidently in a very prosperous condition. Improvements are of almost daily occurrence, and more land is being cleared in Wilsonville this year than there has been for several years past. C. Y. Toose is getting ten acres cleared for which he pays \$30 per acre. Henry Miley is having ten acres at \$35 per acre, S. B. Seely five acres at \$30 per acre, and Hon. John Kruse has just had twenty-five acres grubbed for which he paid \$25 per acre. In addition to these there are several more jobs for men seeking employment.

Although this does not tend to support the democratic theory of hard times it is a fact nevertheless, and I may also add that hard times is something unknown to the farmers of this section, the democratic and populist orators to the contrary notwithstanding.

John Rose is preparing to go into the hop business and contemplates putting out a field next month.

Ira Seely, with the aid of two hired hands, is busy clearing up a piece of ground. Ira is a hustler and is well deserving the good which naturally falls to the lot of the enterprising farmer.

The A. O. U. W. lodge met at Wilsonville last Saturday. There was a large attendance and a good time was reported.

Miss Ella Turner and Perry Sharp and Albert Turner of Frog Pond, were guests of S. B. Seely of this place on Sunday.

Our winter term of school commenced last Monday, Emma Griebel for teacher.

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