CLACKAMAS COUNTY

THE ENTERPRISE CORRESPONDENTS SWEEP THE FIELD.

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers of the Butte Creek Fair Association—Something Political.

MARQUAM, Jan. 9.—The stockholders of the Butte Creek Agricultural Association held their annual meeting at this place last Saturday, the 6th inst. Owing to the disagreeable weather a small attendance was present. The following board of directors and officers were elected for the ensuing year: Directors—J. T. Drake, A. V. Davis, J. E. Marquam, P. J. Ridings and A. F. Jack. Officers—P. J. Ridings, president; J. T. Drake, vice president; A. F. Jack, secretary; A. V. Davis, treasurer.

The new board of directors are all enterprising young men who have the entire confidence of the stockholders. Valuable improvements will be made during the summer for the fair of 1894. A new premium list will be issued in time and every one should prepare an exhibit for the Butte Creek fair.

A christmas tree about three feet high, finely decorated and laden with presents arrived through the mail at the Marquam postoffice this week. The package was direct from Chicago and was received by Major John N. King of this place.

The political pot has already began to "bile" in this part of the county. The general desire is to see a radical change in the way offinancial matters and an economical set of officers.

Garfield Improvements.

GARFIELD, Jan. 2.—Improvements for the year have been made in this locality as follows:

George Lockerby, a new frame house, one and one-half stories.

Wm. Wilcox, a new barn.

Jehue Davis, a new frame barn.

John B. Irvan, Sr., a new frame house one and one-half stories.

Silas Abbot, a new box house and blacksmith shop.

James Surface, a new frame house one and one-half stories.

Henry Anders a new post barn and well.

John Palmateer a new fruit dry house.

Joe Miller, new house.

Dan Faggalde, a new sawmill and chopper.

Mr. Cuelick a new frame house one and one-half stories, also a barn.

R. Herring an additionto his barn.

C. S. Porter, an addition to his house.

Mr. Hover a shed barn.

Milt. Stingley, woodshed addition to his buildings.

Wiley Boyer, a shed for his farming tools.

All such improvements help the looks of our neighborhood.

Fred Covey is spending the winter in this vicinity.

Canard Krigbaum is at home with his family.

Mrs. Oatfield, Sr., is the guest of her son Wm. Oatfield.

Mr. and Mrs. John Road, of Springwater, were the guests of her sister, Mrs Palmateer the past few days.

John Palmateer celebrated his 62d birthday the 30th by a dinner to which were invited his sister and husband J. H. and Mrs. Horner, of Eagle Creek.

Lee Wells and family are visiting relatives at Willsburg, their former home.

Walter Souffins and Ed Berger are the guests of their uncle, John Palmateer.

Wiley Boyers' little babe is afflicted with a gathering on the throat which is very serious and painful.

Santa Claus must have scratched most of us off his list these hard times judging by the way we did not get presents.

Last week as the youngest son of J. P. Irvan went into the yard about 5 o'clock in the morning he saw a man with a sack of their flour which he had procured from Mr. Irvans store room over the granary. The lad called out to "drop that flour" and the man dropped it and ran. They could easily track him. They looked at their pile of flour to find at least seven sacks gone.

Orville Omelet.

ORVILLE, Jan. 8.—The holidays are over and everybody has settled down to business.

Some of our people attended the public installation of officers of the Grand Army of the Republic at Needy last Saturday. They report having had a good time.

Mrs. Sacry, who has been visiting in this neighborhood for the last week, has returned to her home in Silverton accompanied by Mrs. L. C. Perdue.

Miss Mattie Noe has just closed a very successful term of school in district No. 22. Miss Noe is a good teacher and we would recommend her to any district in need of a teacher.

Those who are making nightly visits to the chicken roosts in this vicinity would better break off the habit at once or it may cause them trouble in the future.

The public dinner given at the church was not very well attended on account of the bad weather.

The young people are talking of giving an entertainment in the near future. We sincerely hope such will be the case, as it would have a tendency to bring back the days of old when this neighborhood was noted for its entertainments.

Mink Mutterings.

MINK, Jan. 2.—Last Saturday as Charles Moehnke and his son August were coming from Molalla to Mink their horses and wagon got stuck in the mud on the Molalla road, and it took them three hours to pry the wagon out, and perhaps if Mr. Cooper had not come to help them out they would have had the place for a camp that night. The Oregon people need to be pitied if they can't afford better roads than that.

August Moehnke has returned to Oregon City where he is attending school.

The Mink choir was invited to have New Year's supper at Chris Moehnke's. A delicious feast was spread for them. After they had partaken of the same they gave several songs. Then games were played till two a. m. when refreshments were served, after which the games continued till morning.

SANDY SMILES.

Eight Inches of Snow—Literary Society Election—New Settlers Locating.

SANDY, Jan. 8.—Sandy got its first touch of real winter weather the second day of January. About an inch of snow fell on that day, but it melted nearly as fast as it fell. About eight inches of snow lies on the ground at present. It is thought here that we will have quite a spell of winter as a good many of our people are building sleds for winter use.

Regardless of the rough winter weather which we have been having both of our literary and debating clubs are well attended at every meeting. Last Wednesday evening the Sandy Ridge school house was filled to its fullest capacity, and everybody took a deep interest in the discussion of the question, which was, Resolved, That art is more pleasing to the eye than nature. After a lively discussion it was decided in favor of the negative. The following officers have been elected: John Doyan, president; J. E. Siefer, vice president; Mrs. Siefer, secretary; Miss Ella Meyer, treasurer.

Quite a number of men came down from the Bull Run head works who have stopped work. They say that a few are still working, but it is probable that work will be stopped altogether if the bad weather continues.

Mr. Strauser, who lately came from New York, has purchased the Derby farm, consisting of 73 acres, for $1200, upon which he has already made extensive improvements.

Mr. Maroney, who has bought the Pickens farm, has settled on it for good.

The mail contract between Sandy and Portland has been let to a gentleman from San Francisco, and a man from Chicago has the Marmot and Sandy mail route.

The men who have the route between Sandy and Alms and Sandy and Dover are strangers. READER.

New Era Newslets.

NEW ERA, Jan. 10.—Dr. J. Casto is spending this week in Portland with friends and relatives.

Last Saturday's snow was the first seen in this locality this winter and by Sunday morning there was none left.

Abe Kessler of Wilsonville spent a few days last week visiting friends here.

Miss Aletha Phelps commenced her second term of school last Monday in the old Canby school district.

E. Covey, of Portland has recently purchased a 100 acre farm near here from Mr. and Mrs. Angus Campbell, of the Union Iron Works in Portland. Mr. Covey will take posession at once.

Miss Teresa Woolpert and Mr. Fred Hahn were married yesterday morning at half past nine at the Catholic church in New Era, Father Leing officiating. After the ceremony was performed the young couple started for Portland, but will return today (Wednesday) and this evening give a supper at the residence of the bride. The entire community has been invited, and a splendid social time with a bountiful supper is anticipated.

John Bond, a former resident of this place, returned here last week, from Castle Rock, Wash. He intends to remain here this summer.

C. A. Foster has sold fifteen acres of land to two young gentlemen from Wisconsin.

August Bremer has just finished enclosing the remainder of his farm with a new rail fence which adds greatly to the appearance of his posessions.

Miss Ollie Norton and George Casady were married last Sunday at the residence of the bride near Macksburg, Judge Briggs of this place officiating.

Stafford Siftings.

STAFFORD, Jan. 8.—The weather has been cold and stormy the greater part of the past week. Snow fell to the depth of two and a half inches Saturday forenoon, but at present the ground is becoming once more bare.

Jake Schatz cut his thumb and first finger seriously Friday while repairing the handle to a butcher knife, slitting the thumb to the first joint and almost severing the finger from his hand.

An estray horse about sixteen hands high, weighing about 1200 pounds, and of a bay color, entered Mr. Neibauer's enclosure the past week, and Mr. Neibauer is anxious that the owner should come and take him away.

The farmers hereabouts are repairing their warehouse on the Willamette, putting in some foundation and sills.

One of Wm. Schatz's horses was taken with the blind staggers last week but is some better now. No other cases have been reported.

The dance at Larson's hall last Monday night was a grand success, there being about sixty numbers sold at $1.50 each. WE UNS.

Oak Grove News.

OAK GROVE, Jan 8.—The first snow of this winter sufficient to cover the ground fell last Thurday, but it soon disappeared, leaving us in "Old Webfoot" once more.

The masquerade ball given at Macksburg on New Year night was well attended.

P. M. Graves is nursing a hand injured by a barb wire fence.

A grand time was enjoyed by all who attended the candy pulling last Tuesday evening at Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oates's, as also did those who attended the one last Saturday evening at the residence of Wm. White.

A dancing school will be organized on Wednesday night by Prof. Crouse in the hop house owned by Reuben Wright.

Fred Schaffer killed a large bear in the foot hills one day last week.

Deep Creek Doings.

DEEP CREEK, Jan. 9.—The Deep Creek Sunday school closed with the old year.

Work is brisk at the mill.

Mr. Wm. Hinkle is on the sick list.

Mrs. Foreman is recovering from a severe spell of sickness.

Mr. Thos. Odell's children have the chicken pox.

"The big four" gave a party at Mr. Griffin's New Year's night.

Geo. Judd carried off the honors at the spelling school. After the spelling the boys rendered an impromptu musical program. There will be another spelling Wednesday, January 17, at the Deep Creek school house.

Salmon Spray.

SALMON, Jan. 6.—The party, consisting of Messrs. Kotzman, Bayn, Winters, Curry and New, who had been sojourning for some days at the Toll Gate, have gone home having succeeded in gaining a good deal of mountain air.

C. S. Chase has the contract for carrying the mail between Sandy and Salmon at $240 per year for four years beginning next July.

S. O. Hedges has returned from Sherwood, leaving Mrs. Hedges at that place for a longer visit. His sons, Silas and Pearl, returned with him.

Snow was about four inches deep here this morning but it is now raining. PROGRESS.

FARM · FIELD AND GARDEN

BREAKING GROUND FOR WHEAT.

Early and Careful Preparation of the Soil Essential to a Good Crop.

The careful farmer breaks the ground for wheat several weeks previous to sowing. This early preparation of the soil is one of the essentials of a good wheat crop, and unless we have good crops of wheat from every acre planted it is useless to attempt to make a living from growing this cereal. Soils vary so much that no definite rule can be laid down as to the depth necessary to break the soil in order to put the land in proper condition. A stiff clay soil does not require breaking deeper than three or four inches, but a sandy soil or a deep, loose, black loam should be broken not less than six to eight inches deep. The wheat plant is one that feeds largely upon the surface.

In the preparation of the seed bed the more thoroughly pulverized the particles of the soil are the better it will be for the seed and the young growing plants. Good, thorough tillage is one of the great things about good wheat growing that must be attended to early in the season. It is a great mistake, current among farmers, that it is better to leave small clods of earth in the wheatfield, which in winter crumble out when wet and thus protect the seed from cold weather. On nearly every field where these clods are left the crop of wheat will appear small and stunted, showing that there is something lacking to make the plants thrive well. When we consider the matter closely, we will find that each clod of earth holds so much of the fertility of the soil locked up and which the plants cannot get hold of. There is just so much waste, and this will be in proportion to the number and size of the clods.

There is another feature about the cloddy soil that is worthy of careful thought, writes the author of the foregoing to American Cultivator. He explains that each clod will hold so much moisture in it and keep it away from the plants, so that in very dry seasons these clods will absorb the moisture and dry up the wheat. Owing to these two facts, a thorough pulverization of soil is essential. Every part of the soil must contribute something toward the growing crop, and this can only be done by thorough cultivation beforehand.

The seed bed should in addition to this be thoroughly rolled and packed, as there is a mechanical condition about the soil accomplished in this work that will readily be seen to answer a good purpose. If the soil is left loose and porous, the plants grow poorly. The roots grow straight down and the plants straight up, and when the winter comes they cannot stand the cold. The freezing will raise the plants up and leave the roots exposed, but where the soil is well rolled and packed the roots grow out laterally near the surface. It is a fact often noticed that the tops grow as the roots, and in this way we get a good covering.

In the Vegetable Garden.

An application of some quickly available fertilizer will aid the asparagus roots in storing strength for next season's crop. Cultivate the melon vines and keep the potatoes free from bugs by spraying. Keep the ground around the squashes well stirred and use tobacco dust freely for bugs and beetles. Cover the joints with fresh soil and apply the kerosene emulsion for the vine borer. Spray the tomato vines with the bordeaux mixture or ammoniacal solution for the rot. Stake or trellis a few plants and remove some of the laterals and leaves so as to allow the surface to dry and take away a breeding place for fungi. A few plants trained to a six foot stake and kept to a single stalk will give early fruits.

Weeds must be fought constantly and not allowed to gain a foothold. Keep the cultivator running every week to stir the soil. Frequent shallow stirring is a great help in a dry time. Remove all crops as soon as harvested and plant something in their place. Intensive successive gardening is the kind that pays.

Many kinds of seed can be saved without danger of their being mixed. It is generally safe to save peas, beans, radishes, lettuce and many like seeds, but squashes, melons, pumpkins and cucumbers will mix readily with themselves when several varieties are planted near together. Seeds must be well ripened and saved from only superior plants if one wishes to maintain a high quality. These timely hints are from American Gardening.

Potash Salts For Garden Crops.

Professor Maercker, one of Germany's foremost agriculturists, says that the use of potash salts for all kinds of garden crops has proved of great value in moist, sandy soil. For asparagus especially most excellent results have been obtained. In this case, however, potash salts must be used in connection with a heavy dose of nitrogenous fertilizers, such as Chili saltpeter. Five hundred pounds of Chili saltpeter per acre, and even more, have been applied with advantage.

MARKET REPORT.

Below is given the Oregon City Market Report, corrected Jan. 11, from quotations furnished the ENTERPRISE by local merchants:

GRAIN.	
Wheat, valley, per bushel	53
Oats, per bushel	30@35
FLOUR.	
Oregon City Mills, Portland brand	2 90
FEED.	
Shorts, per ton	16 00
Bran	16 00
Clover hay, baled	
Timothy hay, baled	12 to 13 00
PRODUCE.	
Potatoes, per sack	60
Onions, per sack	1 20
Apples, green, per box	40 to 50
Apples, dried, per lb	5 to 7
Chickens	2 00 to 4 00
Turkeys, per lb	12
Butter, per lb	25
Eggs, per doz	20
Honey, per lb	
Prunes, dried	6 to 7
Plums, "	5
MEATS.	
Beef, live, per lb	2@2½
Beef, dressed	4@5
Mutton, live, per head	1 75@2 00
Pork, live per lb	4
Pork, dressed, per lb	6
Veal, live, per lb	3
Veal, dressed, per lb	6
Hams, per lb	14
Bacon	11
Lard	10 to 11

Extray Notice.

Taken up by the undersigned in Cascade precinct, county of Clackamas, state of Oregon, on November 3rd, 1893, one black horse about 5-years-old with a white spot on forehead and a white spot on its nose and an old wire cut on his right knee and both right feet white and an undistinguishable brand on left shoulder, also one black mare about 2-years-old, weight about seven or eight hundred pounds each. Said horses were duly appraised on November, the 13th, 1893.

C. S. CHASE.

Wheat, oats, hay, potatoes, butter and eggs wanted at the Park Place store at the highest market price. We give in return the best goods for the least money. Our prices cannot be duplicated in the county.

Justice blanks, real estate blanks, and all other blanks at the ENTERPRISE office. Portland prices.

Blank note, receipt and order books at the ENTERPRISE office.