CLACKAMAS COUNTY

THE ENTERPRISE CORRESPONDENTS SWEEP THE FIELD.

Carus Notes.

CARUS, Feb. 21.—This little nook in the valley has its full share of Oregon weather. March winds, April showers, with now and then a bit of sunshine, give rise to many hopes and longings for spring.

The writer would like to give a dissertation on good roads and the urgent need for a continuation of the improvement made last year on the Molalla road; but the subject has been practically under foot and hoof for five months, and requires only a "long pull and strong pull all together" to take it out of the mud.

Messrs. Lindsley and Gardner write from Dawson City under date of January 19, the good news that both are in fine health with plenty of provisions and excellent prospects. For the present they prefer to withhold particulars except that they have sufficient inducement to make plans for a stay of two years. The weather was pretty cold, being 40 degress below zero; but they could bear it very well.

A dance was recently given by Mr. and Mrs. L. Baker; also one last Saturday evening at the home of John Stidam now occupied by Mr. Richardson and family.

Ed K. Jones and D. Thomas left Carus last Thursday for Eastern Oregon. Will Miller and Preston C. Cosper are expected to leave next Thursday for the same place.

Chester Inskeep, of the ship, Adams, U. S. N., is at home on a two-month's furlough.

We understand that Miss Mattie Jones has given up her position in Portland, and is at home, busy with preparation for an interesting event soon to take place.

Wm. Jones, a well-known Carus youth, has given up work at Chinook Point and will start for Alaska about March 1. He writes two other parties will be grub-staked and outfitted by Messrs. Kelly and Holden of Chinook. They go to the Copper River district.

Eugene Hayward, who left for Dyea on the first trip of the Oregon, in letters home gives an interesting account of his experiences, under date of February 4, he, in company with A. P. Fairclough and party, had the tent up and were doing their own cooking. Were comfortable and happy although "up to their necks in snow" they expected to start over the trail in a few days or as soon as they could get their goods off the scow.

Hazelia News.

HAZELIA, Feb. 19.—Bad colds are decidedly in fashion in this locality.

James Hayes, who has been staying in Sherwood this winter, is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hayes.

Lewis Locey, who has been working in the Oregon City paper mill, had the misfortune to have one of his fingers badly cut, and is now visiting at the home of G. H. Locey.

Mr. Woodruff is quite sick with rheumatism, and Mrs. Woodruff is home from Portland taking care of him.

Mrs. A. Shipley, who has been ill for some time, is somewhat worse.

The party at Mr. Locey's last Saturday night, given in honor of John Dennis, of Portland, was well attended. Dancing was indulged in until 1 o'clock when the happy guests departed for their homes.

The party at C. Borland's, on the 18th, was a very pleasant affair. Refreshments were served at a late hour and dancing continued until 3 o'clock.

Randolph Shipley will leave this week for Eastern Oregon. Eugene Worthington is also talking of going.

The little son of J. R. Hayes is quite sick, but we hope for his speedy recovery.

Our new road boss is doing good work in having stumps removed and bridges repaired on the road near Mr. Nagle's.

The literary society organized by the school is doing nicely. Quite a number of visitors have been present at different times to hear the debates, which are ably handled by the pupils.

Borings Breezes.

BORINGS, Feb. 19.—Farmers have just about completed their fall and winter plowing and are now waiting for favorable weather for sowing.

Most of the farmers have been hauling potatoes to Portland, realizing the top price for them. There are no better potatoes grown anywhere than on our fertile hill land. The only drawback is the present bad condition of the road, and it is hoped that by the time another year has rolled around they will be much improved.

W. H. Boring has been suffering very much the past week from ruptures received many years ago. At last reports he was improving slowly and the doctors pronounced him out of danger.

Mr. Richey bought a wide tire wagon last week. If all the teamsters used such wagons our roads would not be cut up so.

Ida Utiger came home last Tuesday from Fire Island where she has been staying the past three months.

J. Osborne is the biggest man in the precinct. It is an eight-pound girl, and mother and child are doing well.

Redland Rumblings.

REDLAND, Feb. 22.—It is rather cool after the summer weather of a few weeks ago.

Mrs. M. Behymer spent the past week visiting her daughters, Mrs. M. Henry and Miss Rettie Behymer, in Portland.

Grandma Sprague, who has been sick for some time, gets no better.

T. McGrath, who has been sick for two years, does not seem to be improving any.

Rev. W. D. Morehouse preached at the Redland M. E. church Sunday. He has been holding revival meetings at Dover and reports twenty conversions. All but two that attended.

Miss Hattie Wilcox entertained quite a number of young friends at her home last Friday evening. The time was pleasantly spent in games and social amusement until 12 o'clock when the guests departed for their homes.

Miss Olive Mosher leaves today for Oregon City where she has employment.

Chas. Rutherford, of Viola, spent Friday night with D. H. Mosher.

Wheat looks pretty well after the warm spell.

W. Courtright intends starting for Grand Ronde valley in a few days to work on a farm. Good luck to you, Walter.

Send the Enterprise to your friends in the East. It may induce them to locate here.

Highland Notes.

HIGHLAND, Feb. 21.—The farmers have most of their plowing done and are waiting anxiously for a few good days so they can commence their spring sowing.

Cattle buyers are quite numerous.

Albert Harrington lost a valuable cow a few days ago.

J. Jones is building a saw mill on the O. Fellows land. It will be running in a few days.

Mrs. Charles Welch had a quilting at her home last Thursday. The busy fingers took the quilt from the frames complete, and all went home reporting a good time.

Mrs. Fowler is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Van Donge during her husband's absence in Skaguay.

The political wheel has begun to roll. The middle-of-the-road populists have organized a club with M. E. Kandle at the helm. They meet every two weeks at the Highland hall. Their brother fusionists seem rather indignant and as a result there are some lively discussions.

Shubel Happenings

SHUBEL, Feb. 20—Fred Steiner is going to Eastern Oregon some time next week, and the members of the Y. P. S. C. E. will meet at his home next Friday evening to bid him farewell.

A meeting of the republicans of this precinct, was held at the Beaver Creek school house last Wednesday night for the purpose of organization. We were not present so we are unable to state whether they organized or not.

The Chinamen are busy gathering and burning the old vines in Mr. Bluhm's hop yard.

Herman and Hugo Hanson have been busily engaged for a few days, in making and delivering several cords of wood for the the Rev. Mr. Wittrock.

The Central grange met at their regular meeting place Saturday last and the members report a pleasant time.

Robert Ginther went to Portland last Saturday to spend a few hours among its genial population.

Miss Calla Hornschuh paid her respects to Miss Elnora Ginther on last Sunday.

We are sorry to note that our once prosperous sawmill men, Martin & Sons, have been forced to the wall. But such is life in these times. About nine years ago they erected a sawmill here and as a result they converted the supposed worthless timber (except for clearing purposes) of this neighborhood into valuable property, and hence the many beautiful residences that adorn this neighborhood. By their fair and square methods of business, generous to a fault, they established a large and thriving business, and won the commendation and esteeem of their customers. But unfortunately, business merits and a generous heart, are not a defense, when the silent, yet steadfast monster of greed and avarice, has gained the mastery in its conflict with humanity; and all persons, of all sexes, regardless of abilities and general worth are sacrificed upon its alter.

Unfortunately for the best interests of society, and improvement of mankind, and the tendency to a moral and religious state, there is always at work some underlying and hidden principle, that, like a cancer, is always seeking to undermine it, and that principle finds its home in the heart of a portion of mankind. It's hiding place is the cloak of religion and under that mask it stalks abroad in the land "seeking whom it may devour." Ever ready to attack and plunder with the rapacity of a pirate any person, be he man or woman, boy or girl, who makes an effort to improve their personal condition, and tries to lead an upright life. Thousands of young men and women have fallen victims to their savage attacks. Thousands more are "holding their heads above water" but always under suspicion. Is it any wonder that the condition of society is retrograding? Mr. Editor, to what class would you delegate the man who as a neighbor and citizen of a community, is ever waiting for an opportunity, like a hungry spider, to accuse his neighbor of thievery, etc. For example—when your cows enter the fenced pasture of your neighbor, by breaking down the fence or forcing open the gate so that your cattle can easily pass in and out without difficulty. Or if your chickens get into his yard he is ready to accuse you of leaving cracks and holes on purpose so that they can pass into his yard and feed. Or if any of his stock happens to go astray, he is ready to accuse you of having stolen or killed it, and so on down the line. A person of such a disposition, I ask, is he a blessing to society, or is he a curse? Should he be allowed the freedom of a good citizen or should he be put within limited space? Can you trust such a man? Is it not good policy to keep your eye on your personal property when such men infest a neighborhood? I may be in error, but in my humble opinion the man or woman, who is ever ready to maliciously accuse his fellow-man, or cast insinuations and ill reflections upon the character and actions of his neighbor and fellow-man, deserves the contempt of every respectable citizen.

Molalla News.

MOLALLA, Feb. 21.—The weather has turned much cooler, probably getting ready for the March fall of snow.

The basket entertainment held at Molalla hall last Saturday evening was a grand success and reflects much credit on those who gave their energy to make it a success. The stage scenery is now the property of school district No. 35, and is second to none in the county outside of the county seat. A good school building, well equipped, is the best investment any community can make. The secret of contentment in a neighborhood, as well as individually, is to learn to entertain itself along with others.

Sherwood News.

On Tuesday, the 15th of Feb. little Roy, the son of Arthur and Rosa Bell, was called from his earthly home and loved ones, by death. He had been sick for some time, but his sickness was not considered dangerous, until a day or two before he died. The services were held at the Congregational church, Sherwood, and his little form was laid to rest in the Pleasant Hill cemetery. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. M. Barber, from Mark 10-14, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of God." The husband and wife have the sympathy of all in their sorrow and bereavement.

Damascus Notes.

DAMASCUS, Feb. 22.—The reading circle just organized held a very successful meeting at Mr. Smith's. They will meet at the residences of the participants. "Ben Hur," by Gen. Lew Wallace, is the first volume taken up, and others will be introduced later.

The dance at the Grange hall, given by J. W. Hilleary, was a most enjoyable affair. Good dances are generally given here, but, unless the young men stop bringing whiskey, which seems to get the better of some of them, there will be but few good dances given.

Last Sunday was a very rainy day which kept many from attending Sunday school, and Rev. Rich did not appear.

Damascus grange seems to be getting along nicely, having held two meetings this month; where there is union there is strength.

Mr. Moak and family will move near Kelso, this county, where he has rented some land.

A. C. Newell took a stroll to Sunnyside Sunday.

S. E. Tong is clearing land for S. C. Young.

Mrs. J. Tong is much better at present, to the delight of her many friends.

Mrs. George Deardorff's father, Mr Collins, who is very old, is quite sick.

Hood View Notes.

HOOD VIEW, Feb. 21.—J. W. Graham is in Portland under the doctor's care.

Mr. Chas. Baker is improving slowly.

Mrs. Jane Baker is no better.

Mrs. Henry Baker is spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. Ohlers.

Miss Minnie Boekman, of Frog Pond, was visiting in Wilsonville a few days last week.

The small children of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Loy, (China) of Graham's Ferry have the measles.

Died—The youngest son (aged about 8 years) of Mr. and Mrs. John Vinson, of "Wild Horse" Mts. fell down a short flight of stairs receiving internal injuries from which he died a few days later. The interment took place at the Pleasant Hill cemetery.

Died—Of heart trouble, only child of Mr and Mrs. Arthur Bell, of Sherwood, Feb 15. Funeral at Pleasant Hill Thursday.

Died—At her home in Wilsonville, February 15, 1898, of a complication of old age and diseases, Mrs. Christena Swarts aged 77 years. Deceased was born in Germany June 24, 1821, was married to Mr. Frederick Swarts and moved to Illinois in an early day where they only remained a few years, moving then to Oregon where they have since resided in a few miles of this place in Clackamas county. Mrs Swarts leaves quite a family, three daughters residing in Portland and Astoria and two sons in Wilsonville, all married but one son, besides an aged husband and numerous friends. The funeral was conducted by the Rev Leisman at the house and the interment took place at 3 o'clock in the Frog Pond cemetery, February 17.

Smyrna News.

SMYRNA, Feb.21.—Fred Mautz, who has been working in a match factory in Portland for several months, is at home again.

J. J. Yoder went to Corvallis Saturday morning for a few days visit with his brothers, Aaron and Perry, who are attending the O. A. C.

Miss Mammie Crocker has gone to Salem to work.

B. F. Halladay who has been visiting old friends and neighbors here for several days, left last Tuesday for his home near Newberg.

John Crocker who has been laid up since the middle of last December, with a lame ankle is able to be about again.

Fred T. Smith is repairing the old Sconce residence and expects to move into it. We are glad to see the old landmark refitted.

A Valentine party at Wm. Sconces was well attended and a good time reported.

FOR GOOD ROADS.

CURRINSVILLE, Or., Feb. 20.—(To the Editor).—There has been a great deal said lately about the way to make good roads in Clackamas county, and I beg leave to express my opinion in regard to the same.

In the first place we know that we do need better roads, but to summerfallow rather than gravel or plank them only tends to make them impassable when winter comes. To increase the tax levy would not tend to better the matter for the reason that money is so hard to get, and the tax levy would have to be increased so much before we could realize any material difference, for several reasons:

First, that there are so many miles of road in proportion to the amount of tax;

Second, that gravel suitable for road work is not available in many localities in the county.

Now the people in the county are anxious to have roads and have never failed to contribute when they could accomplish anything more than a soft grade that would become impassable in the winter.

The people of Sandy have shown themselves willing to do their part toward making themselves a good road by contributing $1,100 or $1,200 for that purpose, but in order to be sure their efforts would not cease with their road only graded they invited the county court to attend their meeting, and I have been told that the court agreed to furnish the lumber to plank the road from Sandy to Pleasant Home, a distance of six miles, providing the people would grade the road.

It is not our desire to find fault with the county court, nor with any one, but we know the lumber for six miles of road will cost about $4,200 at the mill.

Now suppose the court would buy a portable saw mill and engine at about $1,200 each, instead of buying the lumber, then the mill could be moved to the most convenient point along the road under construction and the people could man it and saw their own lumber, instead of drawing on the county treasury or hauling the lumber so far.

Again, suppose the county owned a number of such mills, there is not a road district in the county where the people would not be willing to volunteer work to grade the roads in the summer, and then when the winter comes they would keep the saw mill humming till the road that had been graded was planked.

As for the timber, there is generally a great deal upon the right-of-way but if there should not be sufficient, enough could be bought very cheap and in many places timber would be donated.

There is no use, however, in donating work to grade the roads unless they can be graveled or planked. I would be glad to hear the opinion of others on the subject.

H. EPPERSON.

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Sunday Services.

GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN IMMANUAL CHURCH—Corner Eighth and J. Q. Adams streets; Rev. Ernest J. W. Mack, pastor. Sunday school at 10 A. M., weekly services every Thursday at 8 P. M. German school every Saturday from 9 to 12. Everybody invited.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—Rev. J. W. Bu l r, Pastor. Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School after morning service. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Prayer meeting of Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor every Sunday evening at 6:30 prompt.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.—REV. M. L. RUGG, Pastor. Morning Service at 10:30; Sunday School at 11:45; Evening Service 7:30; Regular prayer meeting Thursday evening. Monthly Covenant Meeting every Wednesday evening preceding the first Sunday in the month. A cordial invitation to all.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CATHOLIC.—REV. A. HILLEBRAND, Pastor. On Sunday mass at 8 and 10:30 A. M. Every second and fourth Sunday German sermon after the 8 o'clock mass. At all other masses English sermons. Sunday School at 2:30 P. M. Vespers, apologetical subjects and Benediction at 7:30 P. M.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Rev. T. L. Jones, Pastor. Morning service at 10:45; Sunday School at 10:00. Class meeting after morning service. Evening service at 7:30. Epworth League meeting Sunday evening at 6:30; Prayer Meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. Strangers cordially invited.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—REV. A. J. Montgomery, Pastor. Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath School at 10 A. M. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6:30. Thursday evening prayer meeting at 7:30. Seats free.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH—GERMAN—Rev. Erlen, Pastor; J. H. EBRET Assistant. Preaching services every Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath school every Sunday at 10 A. M., Mr. Zimmerman Supt. Prayer Meeting every Thursday evening

GERMAN LUTHERAN ZION'S CONgregational church.—Rev. F. Sack, pastor. Services every Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday school at 10 A. M.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH—Episcopal—W. D. Williams, D. D., minister in charge. Sunday School at 10 a. m., services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p.m. Fridays at 7:30 p.m., evening prayer service with an address. Seats free. A cordial invitation to all the services.