...Short Sidehead Stories...

TERSELY-TOLD TALES OF THE WEEK'S DOINGS.

Cars for Japan.—One day recently a trainload, consisting entirely of 65 flat cars, passed through Oregon City. The unusual sight attracted considerable attention, and it was learned that the entire train was destined for Japan.

At Oregon City Next Year.—At the recent re-union of the G. A. R. of the state of Oregon held at Hood River, Oregon City was selected as the place for holding the re-union in 1905. A great many of the old veterans of Oregon City and vicinity attended the Hood River reunion and report a very enjoyable time.

May Lose the Fingers.—James Hankins, while assisting to operate a steam wood saw in this city Monday morning, suffered a painful injury that may result in the loss of one or more of his fingers. His hand became caught in the revolving saw with the result that the ends of three of the digits were severely lacerated.

Brought Good Price.—The movement of real estate, both farm property and city property, is brisk and the considerations are invariably good. J. J. Cooke, a local real estate dealer, reports the sale recently by R. E. Hodke to Lawler Bros. of the property at the corner of Third and Center streets. The consideration was $1300.

Fractured Collar Bone.—While riding a bicycle at a rapid rate near New Era Sunday afternoon, Garrett Zuiderduin, a New Era lad, met with a very painful accident. The wheel struck a rut in the roadway with the result that the rider was thrown violently to the ground and his left collar bone was seriously fractured. Dr. C. S. Seamann, of this city, was called and attended the injured lad.

Another Home Industry.—Frank Busch, Oregon City's enterprising furniture dealer, has begun installing a plant for the manufacture of furniture of all kinds. The new industry will be located in the vacant building at the rear of his present place of business. The plant, which will soon be in operation, is being thoroughly equipped and will be capable of manufacturing all kinds of furniture.

Telephone Service Extended. — Residents of the Maple Lane district are being served by a ten-party line telephone, an extension of the Pacific States Telephone company and connected with the local switch board. The residents of Mount Pleasant who are thus put in closer touch with Oregon City are: F. R. Andrews, Frank Hendricks, Miss Mollie Holmes, Mrs. May Smith, James Partlow, R. H. Tabor, J. H. Thompson, W. D. Lawton, Arthur Warner and W. Warnock.

Looking After Their Property.—John Green, superintendent of the mining property of the Crown Boys' company, spent this week at the mines in Lane county, as did also Surveyor E. P. Rands, who has been making a survey of the nine claims which will be consolidated as one property. The owners of this property now have five men at work and are rapidly proceeding with the development of their property.

Alumni Entertained.—The Park Place High School Alumni association was entertained Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Salisbury at Gladstone, says the Telegram correspondent. A pleasant evening was spent in playing Flinch and other games, music and conversation. Ice cream and cake were served. Miss Dorothy Cross was elected president of the association for the next year. The Park Place school has the highest grade of any high school in the county.

Independence Day Celebrations. — The people of Clarke's and vicinity have planned a big celebration of Independence Day this year. Senator Brownell, of this city, will be the orator of the day and the Maccabee quartet, also of this city, will assisit in the musical program. Other Clackamas county towns that are arranging for a proper observance of this anniversary are Canby, Wilsonville, Oswego and Milwaukie.

Will Demonstrate Road Building.—Upon recommendation of Congressman Hermann, the secretary of the interior has directed Jas. W. Abbott to proceed to Eugene, Oregon, and make preliminary arrangements for an object lesson road extending from that city. This is to be one of the practical demonstrations of good road building under a law passed by the last congress appropriating $24,000,000 for experimenting on the improvement of the public highways throughout the United States. The implements to be used are furnished by the government, which co-operates with the local authorities wherever an object lesson road is constructed.

Will Burn the Mortgage.—An important meeting of Warner Grange No. 117, Patrons of Husbandry, will be held at New Era tomorrow. At that time there will be burned the mortgage that was only recently redeemed by Warner Grange, the instrument representing every cent of outstanding indebtedness against this orgainzation. The members of Warner Grange are proud of the accomplishment which has been had after a hard struggle. In connection with the meeting tomorrow there will be initiation of members and an extremely interesting program prepared by Flora, and in which the children will take a leading part in honor of the occasion—"Children's Day."

There Was Nothing To It.—The way those Oregon City Colts put to rout the Wickham Bros. nine of Portland at Canemah park last Sunday afternoon was enough to remind one of the manner in which the Japs are going after the Russians. When the the home team had tired of making the circuit of the bases at the close of the ninth inning, it was found that the score stood 23 to 1 in favor of the Colts. Next Sunday a return game will be played on the same grounds between the Hubbard Giants and the Colts. Among the other games played last Sunday in this vicinity were the following: At Willamette—Ely 7, West Side 2; at Canby—Oswego 7, Canby 4.

Another Chance to Register.—By a provision in the direct primary law enacted last Monday at the polls, registration of voters will be resumed this autumn for the November elections. Heretofore the registration law has been deficient in that respect, for it has required electors to register prior to May 15 in order to vote in November for president, or else to vote on the affidavit of six freeholders. County clerks throughout the state are now required to reopen the registration books "between September 20, 1904, and October 20, 1904, and between the same dates in each and every year thereafter in which there shall be an election of presidential electors." In November the first elections for prohibition will be held under the local option law on the same day as the election for president, namely, November 8.

Located in California. — R. L. Westover, who has been hibernating in the Imperial valley and at Yuma, Arizona, a brother of the editor of the Dispatch, arrived in Santa Ana yesterday morning, and beginning with today, he will take a position on the staff of the Dispatch as local and telegraph editor. "Bob" is a very capable young newspaper man and brings to this work several years of valuable experience. He is a ready and pleasing writer, and we know he will add much to the efficiency of our editorial staff.—Santa Ana, Cal., Morning Dispatch. Col. Westover, formerly publisher of the Courier in this city, has assumed the ownership of the Santa Ana Dispatch, and as the above clipping indicates will be assisted in the business and editorial management by his brother, Robert. The many friends of the Westover brothers in this city wish them abundant success in their new undertaking.

General Crop Summary.—The drouthy conditions prevailing throughout the state were partially relieved by scattering showers during the latter part of the week, but as a rule, the amount of precipitation was not sufficient to do much good, and more rain is badly needed for all crops. The extremely dry spell has had a damaging effect on spring grain, and in some sections it will be light in yield. Fall wheat and barley have headed nicely and a good yield of both these cereals is promised. Haying is progressing rapidly under the favorable weather conditions; the crop will be light, especially west of the Cascades. The first cutting of alfalfa has nearly all been secured in good condition; the yield was above the average and the quality generally good. Pasturage continues in fine condition, but is beginning to dry up some. Stock is fat and the supply of milk in the dairy districts continues abundant. Gardens and root crops are making slow growth, owing to the dryness of the soil. Early potatoes are doing well and will soon be ready for marketing. Corn has not made much advancement owing to a lack of warm weather. The strawberry season is drawing to a close. Raspberries and Kentish cherries are ripening nicely and promise fairly good yields. Apples are doing well, but pears, prunes and peaches continue uneven.

Weismandel-Rider Wedding. — At the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. E. M. Waldron, of 308 Fourth street, the marriage of Miss Martha L. Rider, of Oregon City, and Mr. J. E. Weismandel, of Macksburg, was solemnized Wednesday afternoon, June 15, at 1 o'clock. The parlor was most artistically decorated with Oregon grape, potted plants, roses, sweet peas and maidenhair ferns. After the wedding march, played by Mrs. Osborn, the bride and groom stood beneath a beautiful arch of evergreen, twined with pink and white roses and tied with a large bow of cream satin ribbon, where the wedding ceremony was most impressively performed by Rev. A. J. Montgomery, of Portland, in the presence of about forty guests. The bride was becomingly attired in a gown of cream albatross and carried a bouquet of white carnations. After congratulations the guests repaired to the dining room, where a dainty luncheon was served. The dining room was prettily decorated with festoons of evergreens looped up with bunches of roses, while bouquets of roses, ferns, sweet peas and marguerites completed the decorations. Many useful and beautiful presents were received. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rider, of Oregon City, and the groom a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Weismandel, of Macksburg. The young couple have the best wishes of a host of friends who wish them much happiness. They will make their home at Macksburg.

Pay of Oregon City Teachers. — By adopting a graduated scale of wages, which is adhered to in compensating all grade instructors in the schools, the Oregon City school board has obviated all occasion for argument and controversy as to the salaries that are being paid and the teachers are all satisfied. The result has been a very satisfactory management of the city's schools. As a matter of fact, the teachers employed in the Oregon City schools are receiving as good salaries as are the instructors in any other school of the state for similar service. Under the graduated scale of wages that is observed, a newly appointed teacher receives $40 per month for the first year. If her work proves satisfactory and she desires to retain her place in the schools, she is re-elected for the second year at a monthly salary of $42.50. If the teacher continues to prove satisfactory, she receives $45 for the third year. If she is retained for a fourth year her pay is increased to $47.50. There are two teachers in the city schools who are now receiving $47.50 per month. Miss Clark, the city superintendent, is paid $85 per month, while the salaries of the principalships of the Barclay and Eastham schools, both of which are now held by women, has been fixed at $65. These places are held by Mrs. J. P. Shaw and Mrs. Godfrey. It has been the experience of the board of directors that this plan conduces to the very best results in the management of the schools.

Will Contest Case Argued.—Final argument in the celebrated Lars Anderson will contest case was had Monday by the opposing counsel before Probate Judge Ryan, who announced that he would take the case under advisement until Tuesday, July 5. The contestant to the property of this estate, which is valued at $1500, is Peter Rasmussen, a nephew of the decedent, and who resides in Denmark. A will, bearing date of August 4, 1903, was admitted to probate, by which the decedent bequeathed all of his property to his two nephews, Fred and Peter Madison, of this county. Fred Madison was appointed administrator of the estate. The decedent in the will that was probated made provision that it should take precedence over any other like instrument he had executed. Rasmussen, the contestant, produced a will that was written on June 30, 1903, in the presence of G. B. Dimick and Gotfried Wallace, who were named therein as the executors. In the instrument first written, the Madisons were given one dollar each and the balance of the estate is bequeathed to Rasmussen. In his attempt to break the will last written, Rasmussen alleges that his uncle was mentally incapacitated from executing a will at the date of writing the last instrument by reason of the drugs and the opiates with which he was being treated, and averred further that the decedent signed the second will on the representation made to him by the Madisons that the same was a contract. The estate consists of personal property to the value of $500 and real estate valued at $1000.

Will Build Grand Stand.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua association recently it was decided to erect this summer at the Chautauqua grounds a grand stand. The improvement will have a seating capacity of 500 and will be stationed at the athletic grounds, being calculated largely for the comfort and convenience of those who attend the base ball games which have become the most popular diversion of the Chautauqua meeting.

Will be Worth Seeing. — At Canemah park next Sunday afternoon there will be played a return game of base ball between the Hubbard Giants and the Oregon City Colts that will be well worth seeing. Of all the games that have been played on the home grounds this season, this promises to be far the most interesting. In a recent game at Hubbard the Colts were vanquished by a score of 9 to 6. Hubbard has a strong team, one of the best amateur aggregations in the state, but the Oregon City boys are bound to win out Sunday. Lovers of this sport and friends of the team should be sure to attend and shout the boys on to victory. The admission is 25 cents and no additional charge for the grand stand.