NEWS OF THE COUNTY

MILWAUKIE.

Milwaukie people are building a house for a needy elderly couple, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz. T. R. A. Sellwood, a property-owner, has given the use of a lot, and a suitable house is being built under the direction of Casper Kerr, by citizens who have donated work. Ths is the second house built in this way by the citizens of Milwaukie.

The Milwaukie school expects to give a course in practical agriculture. The directors have applied to the Council for the use of the vacant lots belonging to the city, and on the west side of the Milwaukie City Hall for the use of pupils in experimenting when raising vegetables.

The following officers of the Flower Club, of Milwaukie, have been elected: President, Mrs. M. L. Roberts; vice-president, Bertha Knickerbocker; secretary, Miss Maggie Johnson; treasurer, Hazel Knickerbocker; conductor, Clara Phillips. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. M. L. Roberts, who was instrumental in starting the club, which has been organized over a year. It sends delegations with flowers almost every Saturday to the Portland hospitals and many invalids in private homes have also been gladdened by their visits.

EAGLE CREEK.

We are grateful for the fair weather we are enjoying.

Eagle Creek Grange held its regular meeting Saturday, February 15. There was a very good attendance. Four candidates were initiated in the first and second degrees, and three in the third and fourth.

Ray Woodle is cutting wood for Dick Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Douglass and J. W. Douglass went to Estacada Saturday on business.

On Friday evening H. S. Gibson gave a party at his bachelor quarters. There were a few of his friends present, and they spent a most enjoyable evening, for he was an ideal host.

The W. H. & F. M. Society met with Mr. and Mrs. Brower Friday evening. Those present spent a quiet, pleasant evening.

James Gibson went to Estacada Saturday and purchased a phonograph. He means to while away his lonely hours with some music.

CANBY.

St. Valentine's Day passed off very quietly.

The ice cream social given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was a pronounced sucess. There was a large crowd present. The young folks spent a merry evening in games, after which ice cream and cake were served. The proceeds amounted to $21.

Several Canby people attended the Redmen dance given in Oregon City Saturday night.

Roy Burdett spent Sunday with his parents here.

Prof. Mitts and wife were Oregon City visitors last Saturday.

Hurrah for Canby band! The music given at the Artisan social Thursday evening, the 13th, was well rendered and enjoyed. Let the good work go on.

Prof. Howard Eccles, who is a member of the County Board of Examiners for teachers' certificates, was in attendance at the semi-annual examination last week. Mr. Eccles closed his school while away.

The Canby Development League met in the city hall Monday night for the purpose of electing officers and to discuss plans for the future welfare of the city. The County Fair question was discussed at length and several interesting talks were made during the evening. The new officers elected were: President, R. S. Coe; secretary, Howard Eccles; treasurer, E. E. Bradtl. With the appointing of a few committees the league was prepared to go to work in earnest. In the many short talks made it was brought out that the Molalla Power Plant, to be located on the Molalla River near Canby, is a sure thing, which means much for us. Owing to our excellent location, we believe there would be many business concerns come here if only power to run machinery could be had.

We are also in the field for the location of a County High School. Not a better place in the county can be found than Canby. With a "dry" town and its excellent location, we believe this is the proper place for such. Come, Canby people, put your shoulder to the wheel.

Watch Canby grow.

CLACKAMAS.

The masquerade ball given on St. Valentine's eve at the Odd Fellows' hall, was largely attended. It was a very pleasant, well-conducted affair for those who participated. A few, who were inclined to offend by ill-mannered rowdyism, were quickly removed to safe quarters.

Mrs. R. M. Kelly entertained a company of C. E. young people at her home on the evening of St. Valentine's day.

The Clackamas Mothers' Club will hold its annual meeting on Friday, February 21, at 2:30 p. m. in the school house. The pupils will give a short program. Refreshments will be served and a social time enjoyed. All mothers in the district are cordially invited to be present.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational Church are preparing to hold a "dollar social" in the near future.

Clackamas Grange, No. 298, P. of H., held its regular meeting Saturday evening, February 15. One new application for membership was received. Two candidates were instructed in the first and second degrees. The literary hour was filled by a temperance program.

Rev. W. B. Moore, of the M. E. Church, is holding a protracted meeting. Services in the church every evening at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, of Oberlin, Ohio; Mrs. Mary Burrell, Mrs. G. H. Helms and Lula Hayward, of Portland, visited A. O. Hayward and family last Sunday. It was something of a reunion, as, in former years, the elderly ones of the party had been schoolmates and friends in Oberlin.

STAFFORD.

Unavoidable hindrances have conspired these few days past so that, I fear, these items will fail to reach the office on time this week, as it takes two or three days to get a letter to Oregon City, unless one hires a messenger to take it to Willamette. Sometimes we get the county papers on Saturday, but more times we don't, and no fault of the Sherwood office, either, but, seemingly, just the dilatory ways of some other office in not bestirring themselves to give us more direct service. Some of us do not have any delivery unless we travel a mile or two through the wods to a distant and unprotected mail box.

Most of the sick are getting along all right, but Mrs. Keckel had another relapse, and her little girl, who had the diphtheria, is very ill, having lost her voice and is again in a critical condition and cannot swallow. It is reported that the upper part of her lungs are paralyzed and she suffers intense pain. The doctor is doing all he can for her, but the case seems almost hopeless. They are an afflicted family, and have the sympathy of all.

Mrs. Neusbaum has a baby girl, born Thursday, the 13th.

Mr. Brink, Mrs. Neusbaum's father, who is an old soldier of the Civil War, where he gave a leg for his country, fell Tuesday and hurt himself so he was confined to his bed at last accounts.

Mrs. Arden Gage started for Sheridan Tuesday afternoon, but did not know she had to walk up the track to board the car, but waited on the platform, and when the baggage was loaded they raced off and left her, much to her surprise; so she went to a nearby lodging house and secured a room for the night.

MOLALLA.

Molalla has an up-to-date switchboard installed in its central office, costing about $300 to make the change. With the new outfit and our experienced operator we may expect a decided improvement in the telephone service in the future. And now, what we most need is line improvement to keep step with our central connections.

H. F. Kayler, a pioneer of 1852, died February 12, in the 84th year of his age, leaving a wife and thirteen children. He was married twice, to sisters, Katharine and Mary Herman, leaving seven children by his first wife and six by his second. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Quinn at the M. E. Church South, and the remains were buried in the C. C. cemetery Saturday.

Norman P. Kayler arrived from Colorado Sunday, but on account of a blockaded railroad, did not arrive in time to attend his father's funeral. Elmer Kayler, of Crook County, could not come. The balance of the Kayler family were present. This is one of the largest families of Clackamas County, thirteen children, all living.

NEW ERA.

Mrs. Anna Enger, of Roseberg, was the guest of Mrs. H. P. Wink several days last week.

Mrs. Mary Casedy died at the home and was buried at the Zion cemetery last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Bremer, Jr., and two hired men, of Mount Pleasant, came down with la grippe one day last week. Last report all were improving.

Fred Burgoyne is in Roseburg this week, visiting friends. Mr. Burgoyne will leave next week for Montana, to take up his trade, making saddles.

Mr. and Mrs. Bock, of Auburn, Wash., are visiting at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stauber.

John Reineman has improved the appearance of his property by replacing his old picket fence with a new, up-to-date wire fence.

Joseph Solle is the new yardmaster at the lumber yard on Railroad avenue.

A ton or two of good hay for sale. Inquire of Elmer Veteto.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bradtl, of Canby, spent Sunday with the former's parents of this place.

Geo. H. Brown left Saturday night for San Francisco on business.

Arthur Wink spent several days last week in Portland.

Miss Edna Mattock returned Monday from a week's visit with friends in Oregon City.

Ora Slyter is still reporting at Dr. Sommer's office once or twice a week.

The dance given by the Catholic people here last Tuesday night was well attended and every one present reported having a jolly time.

Political smoke is beginning to create a shadow over our beautiful land.

NEEDY.

The lovely weather continues and the farmers rejoice.

Rudy Zimmerman is repairing the fences on his place out here.

Mrs. Molson and daughter, Lillian, spent Sunday afternoon at G. D. Ritter's.

Mr. Ogle is back with his class in music. They were sick several weeks, thus being unable to attend regularly.

Mrs. Sampson and son, Paul, and Miss Nora Criswell spent several days of the past week in Oregon City and Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy visited relatives at Butteville over Sunday.

Miss Mable Ackerson is slowly getting better.

George Ackerson left for his place in Washington Monday morning.

Miss Wilda Elliott spent Monday at Alvon Thompson's.

The dance was largely attended and all were having a fine time when two of the young men began a fight. It is too bad Needy can not have a social dance without a fight to liven things up.

HARMONY.

The Ladies' Public Improvement Society gave a basket social last Friday night. An excellent program was rendered, which everybody enjoyed.

Messrs. Milo and Everett Pollock, of Highland, spent last Thursday night at the home of A. C. Kanne.

Mr. W. H. Karr and wife are home from Eastern Oregon. Will is busy building his house.

Mr. Millard is still busy clearing.

Death entered the home of Mr. Hankens and took away his beloved wife. Our sympathy goes out to the ones left behind.

Mumps and grip have been prevalent in this burg.

Mrs. John Wise led the Young People's Alliance last Sunday evening. A large crowd attended and everyone is made welcome.

Mr. Charley Otty, who had one of his eyes operated upon is doing well.

CLARKES.

W. H. Wettlaufer butchered eight hogs last Wednesday and sold them in Oregon City.

John Putz and family were in town last week on business.

Rev. Rinehart has been at Clarkes for the past week. He has protracted meetings in the M. E. Church.

Mr. Berglund was in town last Monday on business.

A. Durst has taken a job of slashing 1½ acres for Pete Kern.

Mr. Force was in Portland last week on business.

Alex Scherruble took a few sacks of dried prunes to town last Monday.

Samuel Elmer was sowing oats last Saturday.

J. Pollock died last week in the St. Vincent's Hospital and was buried in Portland. His home was in Highland.

DOVER.

Frank Ahnert and wife visited the school one day last week.

The victims of the grip are all on the mend in this neigaborhood.

Jim Wolf left for Barton Monday. He was home, laid up with a sore foot for several days.

George Kitzmiller has gone to Bull Run for the summer.

Harvey E. Kneris' school closes this week. The spring term will open March 9, with Miss Linda Womer, of Estacada, as teacher.

Mr. Bews has been doing some fencing.

R. J. Morrison has began work on the land he had cleared last year.

Rev. J. W. Exon was in Portland several days this week.

Hugh Fitzgerald is clearing up some land this winter.

C. A. Keith is spraying his orchard.

School Report.

Following is the report of School District No. 38, Marks Prairie, Ore., for the month ending February 14:

Number days taught, 20; number pupils belonging, 32; average daily attendance, 29; number times tardy, 7. Those neither absent nor tardy were Roy Zimmerman, Linna and Dewey Wolfer, Charlie Johnson, James Gribble, Cora and Nora Larson and Pressie Brewer. Visitors present were: Superintendent T. J. Gary, Misses Amy Gribble, Ollie Miller, Maggie Brewer, Rebecca Johnson, Katie and Grace Ritter and Messrs. Jesse Johnson, Ed Ericson, Ainsley and Allen Gribble and Avon Jesse. Visitors are always welcome.

ALICE E. RITTER, Teacher.

Grange Notice.

The Annual Grange County Convention will be held at Oregon City, in the County Court Room, on Tuesday, March 10th, at 1 o'clock p. m. Said Convention is called for the purpose of electing five representatives and their alternates to attend the Thirty-Fifth Annual Session of the Oregon State Grange to be held at Eugene, May 12 to 15, 1908.

MARY S. HOWARD, Deputy.

Sturges Bros. Sue Weismandel.

Sturges Bros., of Canby, have filed a suit in the County Court against William Weismandel, through Attorneys U'Ren & Schuebel, to recover a balance alleged to be due for lumber and hauling. It is alleged that Weismandel purchased lumber at the agreed price of $229.30 and of this amount he has paid only $104.66.

MARKETS

WHOLESALE QUOTATIONS.

Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.

Onions—Oregon onions, $2.50 sack; potatoes, 50@75c per hundred; Oregon cabbage, 1½c pound; rutabagas, 1c lb.; fresh onions, 40c per dozen bunches; horseradish, 7½c lb.; cauliflower, 75c@$1.00 dozen.

CELERY—50c dozen; hot house lettuce, $1 box of 4 doz. heads.

KRAUT—20c to 25c gallon.

HUBBARD SQUASH—45c to 90c doz.

POPCORN—Shelled, 4½@5c.

Butter and Eggs.

BUTTER—Ranch, 50@60c; creamery, 60@70c roll.

EGGS—21@23c doz.

HONEY—12@14c frame.

HONEY—Strained, 7@9c lb.

Fresh Fruits.

APPLES—$1.00@$1.25; cranberries, $11 per bbl.

Dried Fruits.

DRIED APPLES—Quartered, sundried, 7@8c; evaporated, 8@9c, and evaporated and bleached, 8@9c; prunes, 4@4½c; silver prunes, 6@6½c; pears, 11@12½c.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

WHEAT—85c.

OATS—No. 1, white, $26@$27.

FLOUR—Hard wheat, $4.80; valley, $4.50; graham flour, $3.75@$4.25; whole wheat flour, $3.75@$4.25.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $21.50; middlings, $32; shorts, $25.00; dairy chop, $21@$22.

HAY—Valley timothy, No. 1, $16@$18 per ton; clover, $12; cheat, $15; grain, $14@$16.

Live Stock.

STEERS—4.00@$4.50.

HEIFERS—$3.50@$4.00.

COWS—$3.00@$3.50.

MUTTON—$4@$4.50.

LAMBS—$5.00.

HOGS—$5.00@$5.50.

Poultry.

OLD HENS—10c per pound; young roosters, 11c; old roosters, 9c; mixed chickens, 11c; spring chickens (frys), 11@ 12c per pound.

Dressed Meats.

FRESH MEATS—Hogs, 6½@7c lb.; veal, 9c; mutton, 9@10c; lamb (spring), 10@12c.

HAMS, BACON—16@17c lb.

WESTGATE IN NO HURRY.

Will Not Call Republican State Convention Until Next Month.

The Republican National convention has been set for June 16 in Chicago. The instructions of the National Committee require election of delegates not less than 30 days before that time, and if the delegates are chosen by State or Congressional conventions, there must be at least 30 days' notice of such conventions. It appears, therefore, that the State and Congressional Committees of Oregon must meet before the middle of April at the latest. This will require the meetings of the State and Congressional Committees to take place before the primaries, on April 17. The committees have two months remaining, if they wish to take that much time, for consideration of party matters, before meeting to arrange for their respective conventions.

Not until well along in March may the Republican State Central Committee hold its promised meeting for setting the day for the State convention that is to choose four delegates to the National convention and nominate four candidates for Presidential electors. State Chairman G. A. Westgate said that he believes it best for Republican interests to allow further consideration of important questions before the State committee meets, in order that Republicans may make up their minds what policies they wish to adopt.

Each of the two congressional districts has a central committee, which will call a convention for its district, to choose two delegates to the National convention. Oregon, therefore, will have eight delegates in the National convention, four representing the State at large, two representing the First Congressional district and two representing the Second district.

NEW SPITTING ORDINANCE.

Council and Mayor Decide to Prosecute Offenders of Health Laws.

"If you expect to rate as a gentleman, do not expectorate on the floor."

This brief extract tells the story of an ordinance that pased its first reading at Wednesday night's meeting of the city council. By the next meeting the measure will be in force and it will then be a misdemeanor for a person to spit on streets, halls, stairways, public buildings, cars, etc. The ordinance is modeled closely after the Portland ordinance, and Mayor Carll is deeply interested in its passage and enforcement. It may be stated that there will be no laxity in the enforcement of the ordinance and that the police will have instructions to exercise due vigilance in seeing that its provisions are carried out to the letter.

Work Starts for Paper Mill.

The first steps in the building of the plant of the Hawley Pulp & Paper Company began Monday, when a force of men under the direction of Harry Jones began constructing a walk connecting Station "A" with the mainland. After this walk is finished, the work of fitting Station "A" up as a pulp mill will be pushed rapidly. It is the hope of the management to have the new enterprise in operation on or near April 1.

Sent to Insane Asylum.

County Judge Dimick, Tuesday, made an order committing Huland Farmer, of West Oregon City, to the State Insane Asylum. Farmer is a young man, under 30 years of age, and was arrested upon the complaint of his brother. Farmer talks incoherently and acts in a strange manner.

Vote on Willamette Incorporation.

The people of Willamette will vote on the incorporation of the town at a special election to be held Monday, March 2. This date has been set by the County Court for the election.

HOP CROP OF STATE SHOWS A REDUCTION

GROWERS OF OREGON PRODUCED ABOUT 140,000 BALES LAST SEASON.

Falling short 20,000 bales of the crop of 1906, the Oregon hop crop for last year was 140,000 bales.

These statistics are as complete as they can be compiled at this time, and should any later revision be necessary, it will only add to the total, as a few small lots remaining in the State may have been overlooked.

As usual, the crop of the State was underestimated early in the season, most of the dealers' guesses ranging from 125,000 bales down to 100,000 bales, and some less. The closest estimate was that of Klaber, Wolf & Netter, who placed the yield at 130,000 bales.

The work of locating the unsold lots was a difficult one. The Portland and Salem trade co-operated in the matter, and when they finished their labors recently, found that 38,348 bales are left in growers' hands. They are distributed in the several counties as follows:

Counties—	Bales.
Benton	1,036
Clackamas	820
Douglas	160
Josephine	1,548
Lane	4,719
Linn	652
Marion	15,984
Multnomah	66
Polk	4,977
Washington	2,894
Yamhill	5,492
Total	38,348

It is estimated that about 10,000 bales of the crop remain in the State in the hands of dealers, either owned by them or stored for acount of Eastern dealers and awaiting shipment. On the basis of the above statistics the final crop estimate is arrived at as follows:

	Bales.
In growers' hands	38,348
In dealers' hands	10,000
Shipments	92,267
Total Oregon crop	140,615

The total hop crop of the United States in 1907 amounted to about 305,000 bales. Washington produced 32,000 bales, California 90,000 bales and New York 43,000 bales. Of the yield 83,348 bales are unconsumed, while 16,000 bales of the previous year's growth also remains in the hands of the farmers, as shown by the following table:

	1907s.	1906s.
Oregon	48,348	8,000
Washington	5,000	3,000
California	20,000	5,000
New York	10,000	.....
Total	83,348	16,000

In addition to the 99,348 bales of hops of all kind in this country that the brewers have not yet taken there is a considerable quantity held by speculative buyers. The purchasing movement on American acount has practically ended for the season and the bulk of the foreign demand has also been filled, so it is evident that a considerable quantity of "olds" will be carried over into the new crop.

The unhealthy statistical position of the market is apparent to all. Hops are selling now at half what is costs to raise them, and unless a remedy is applied, the story will be repeated next season.

HE BELIEVES IN SIGNS.

Canby Hotel-Keeper Has a Memory That Is Troublesome.

A Canby hotelman says he does believe in signs, although he is not at all superstitious, and if any one will show him another place on the wall he will put up another placard to guide and direct the question-asking public.

"Why," he says, "if I didn't have up these notices it would keep one man busy giving directions. Do you know that one day I forgot to ring the dinner-bell at noon and there hadn't a soul showed up at 12:30; then I rang the bell and people came flocking in from all directions. I tell you, I believe in signs."

Brief Married Bliss.

William E. Brown has filed a suit for divorce against Sadie Brown, alleging that her character is bad, although he says he was not aware of this when he married. Mrs. Brown was Miss Sadie Simmons, and she was married to Brown only last month in this city. Attorney George C. Brownell appears for Brown in this unusual suit.