

# COUNTRY NEWS and PERSONALS

## Mulino Has Fine New Schoolhouse

MULINO, Dec. 16.—(Special)—The new schoolhouse just completed at a cost of \$2,000 is a splendid building with all modern improvements, except heating, which will be installed later. The contractors were Clinefelter & Waldorf of Oswego.

The Willamette Valley Southern has completed the work on the new electric line by building a switch down from the main track to the mills.

There has been considerable improvement in the way of clearing land, building new fences and painting farm buildings. Quite a good deal of grain has been sown and plowing done for spring planting, the present prices for grain encouraging the farmers to raise more grain.

Efforts are being made to have the mail carried on the Willamette Valley Southern so that we can get our mail—our daily paper inside of two days after it is published. As it is now, the paper is two days old before we get it.

Mollala grange, No. 16, has just finished a literary contest, the losing side to furnish the dinner on Dec. 11th, which they did to the great pleasure of the winners, who certainly appreciated the splendid repast set before them.

The contest began last February and ended in October, and some fine programs were rendered. Mrs. Mabel Wallace and Miss Lois Ashby were the winners, the former being the winner.

Mulino has a water system supplied from a spring with about two miles of pipe, furnishing plenty of good water to the residents of the town at a cost of \$1 per month.

Improvements in Mulino in 1915.

City hall built by a stock company at a cost of \$3,000. It is 50x80 feet, two stories high; a new livery barn by Mr. Olson; a new store by Dix Bros. has been occupied the past fall by A. C. Erickson, who has just sold out to a Mr. Scott, of Grays Valley, who intends to put in a stock of general merchandise and will buy all kinds of farm produce.

There is another store in Mulino conducted by Jens Jepsen, who is doing a fairly good business. Mulino has a blacksmith shop, a butcher shop and real estate office—all new buildings during 1914 and 1915.

A telephone association was formed here last January and a central office installed with Miss Vesta Churchill as operator.

School district 84 has just finished its new school house and is now carrying on school in it, the teacher, Mrs. Flora Grice, is contemplating having a Christmas tree for the children and an appropriate program on Dec. 23rd, as she wishes to go to her home in Polk county for the holidays and will have it a little early on that account. There will be no exercises at the church on Christmas.

The drama entitled "A Case for Sherlock Holmes," given under the auspices of the Ladies' Social club, of Mulino was a success, both socially and financially and reflects great credit on the ladies taking part in it. The play was given at the city hall last night.

## Meadowbrook People Are Active

MEADOWBROOK, Dec. 16.—(Special)—Mrs. Menerva Larkins returned to Clarks Friday after spending several weeks at A. L. Larkins.

We are very sorry to hear Miss Mabel Chindgreen is very low at present.

Mr. Matteson is logging for Hult Bros.

Mr. Bonney of Cedarvale, held a meeting at the school house Sunday and expects to again soon. Date will be announced later.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Holman returned Saturday after spending the last month in Portland.

Hult Bros. and Del. Trullinger took advantage of the late rains and high water and got most of their logs down to Mr. Trullinger's mill pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Holman visited at O. P. Chindgreen's Wednesday afternoon.

John Saari, of Portland, was out and spent Sunday with his father, Mr. Saari and his nephew, Mr. Matteson and family on the Chase's place.

Quite a crowd was out to the Literary society Friday evening, but on account of sickness and bad weather, a number that was on the program was unable to attend, after a short program it was decided to have a "Mock Trial" which was enjoyed by all.

Julius Schieve and Miss Hudson spent Sunday afternoon at Cedarvale.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Orem is spending a few days at Multnomah and Portland.

A. L. Larkins has a new stump puller now and expects to make the stumps fly this winter.

Delbert Husband, of Union Mills, spent Sunday with Allen Larkins.

Few from here attended the dance at James hall Saturday night.

Chas. Kerns returned home from Portland Friday.

The school and literary society went together and expect to have a program and Xmas tree Wednesday, Dec. 22.

Myrtle and Nettie Larkins visited at O. F. Johnson's of Union Mills, Sunday.

Lloyd hotel at Marshfield will be entirely remodeled.

Talbot, on the Oregon Electric, has dedicated a new school house.

## Crops Around Eagle Creek Were Good

EAGLE CREEK, Dec. 16.—(Special)—Emil L. Hollander has obtained a position as cook in a Portland restaurant where he will work for some time.

Mrs. H. S. Jones, of Portland, was visiting with her mother, Mrs. Viola Douglass, recently.

A. D. McMillan was a Portland visitor Saturday.

Will Douglass and wife spent Thursday evening at the home of R. B. Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Gibson of Barton, Henry Udell and family of Dover, Mrs. Nora Reid and sons Theodore and Chester, of Estacada, were the guests of James Gibson, Sunday.

Mr. Orke purchased a fine milch cow from O. D. McMillan recently.

Ed Naylor spent the past few days in Portland, a Stock Show visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Douglass and children of Portland, spent Sunday with Mrs. Viola Douglass.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Custer made a business trip to Estacada one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Douglass made a trip to Estacada last Friday. Mr. Douglass is having some dental work done.

Miss Edna Kennedy went to Portland Saturday, returning to Eagle Creek Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Woodie, of Troutdale, were visiting with relatives in this vicinity last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Douglass and children visited with the parents of Mrs. Douglass, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Druis, of Garfield, Sunday.

The Woodmen dance at Eagle Creek Saturday evening was very well attended, though there was only one carload of people out from Portland, when two or three were expected. About 70 numbers were sold. All had an enjoyable time. During the evening the Woodmen degree team did some funny stunts to the delight of the on-lookers.

Grandma Judd was visiting with Mrs. Fred Hoffmeister on Sunday.

Mrs. Katie Douglass was the guest of Mrs. Kate Courter Sunday.

Mrs. J. P. Strahl, who underwent an operation some time ago at one of the Portland hospitals, is getting along nicely at the last report.

A tramp passed through here Saturday, slightly terrifying a few of the ladies. He went on toward Sandy.

The crops this year were fairly good yielding from 25 to 60 bushels an acre, the average being about 40 bushels to the acre. The potato crop was fair and sold at 70c a hundred. Hogs are rather cheap, selling for 7 to 8c lb; wheat selling for 90c to \$1.00 per bushel; butter sells for 30c lb., and eggs for about 40c dozen. There is a scarcity of eggs at the present time as nearly everyone's hens have gone on a strike. Veals sell for 9c lb.

Owing to the unusual dry fall, and the continual rains after November 1st there is not so much fall sown grain as usual, but what there is looks good. So there is not such a bright outlook for a bountiful crop next year, though no doubt, there will be plenty.

## Business Good Around Alspaugh

ALSPAUGH, Dec. 16.—(Special)—There will be a program and Christmas tree at the Currinsville school house Christmas eve.

A Woodmen lodge was organized at Eagle Creek sometime ago. A dance was given by the Prospect drill company, Portland, Saturday night in honor of the Eagle Creek camp.

Business has been very flourishing during the past year in this locality. Among the things raised by the farmers that brought in a great amount of profit were hogs, cattle, poultry and grain. Many of the farmers have purchased automobiles during this year which shows prosperity.

A saw has begun work on the Clackamas river by Harold Gordon and the Winks brothers for cutting maple lumber.

Edgar Heiple has made many improvements on his farm. He has cleared several acres of land.

The main stock and crop that are being planned for next year are hogs and corn. The people have adopted the plan of those of Olio for getting rich since they have found that corn is a possibility in Oregon. A number of farmers have purchased the Chester White hogs.

A number of people of Estacada would be very glad to hold a county office if there happens to be a vacancy.

## BASKET SOCIAL DECIDED SUCCESS

DAMASCUS, Dec. 16.—(Special)—Messrs. J. W. Reed, Edd Bates and John Steinman, of Estacada, spent Sunday with A. W. Cooke.

Mr. Parovin lost his horse from lockjaw, the animal having stepped on a nail.

Mrs. J. A. Royer, of Firland, is visiting her son, Charles Royer.

The German society will give a masquerade ball Saturday night, December 18th.

J. H. Bowerman loaned a gentleman the "weary Willie" type" some bedding to sleep in. The next morning bedding and man had moved on.

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## Searchlight Club Is Reorganized

ARDENWALD, Dec. 16.—(Special)—Last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orley Plimpton quite a delightful surprise party was given. The occasion was the eleventh birthday of their daughter, Frances. Among those present were: Mary Appleby, Zelma, Vera and Blane Derry, Helena and Elsie Floss, Arville Seibold, William Haylett, David Wills, Daria Barbagelata, Hazel and Ruth Cross, Gladys Smith and Halls Turber.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clark of Sellwood Gardens are happy parents of a new baby boy.

The P. R. L. & P. have a crew of men at work near Errol station putting in a new bridge over Pleasant creek.

Rev. J. W. Price, of Pleasant Valley, Wash., will spend Christmas with his family here.

Chas. Seibold and family will spend the holidays with his mother at Cosmopolis, Wash.

Misses Clara Landon and Lena Ulen, teachers here, spent Saturday at the meeting of the Clackamas County Teachers' association, which was held at Oak Grove. Miss Landon gave a very helpful talk on "Primary Reading Methods."

Recently the Searchlight club was re-organized in the school. The program given two weeks ago by the Purples was certainly entertaining. Five midlets gave the whole program. Last Friday, the Goids gave a very good program, consisting of recitations, games and a drill by the dwarfs. The two divisions are merging into one and will dramatize a part of Birds' Christmas Carol as a Christmas program. The primary room will give the play "The Magic Snowball."

The Sunday school here will give an entertainment and program Christmas tree at the Congregational church. Mr.

At the close of the program A. W. Cooke auctioned off the baskets. The little girls' baskets were sold first and there was some very lively bidding by the little gentlemen. Then came the baskets by the older girls.

There were several very unique baskets. A lock by Miss Ericson of Clackamas, which took the prize as the prettiest basket. A Christmas tree by Miss Roach, a cheese cloth stocking filled with Christmas parcels by Miss Shirley Warner and a ship by Miss Vivian Miller. After the sale of the baskets lunches were sold at the lunch counter and coffee was served free to all who bought lunches or baskets. The German society kindly gave them the use of their new hall and also furnished

the orchestra. They cleared \$39.70 which will be used to erect a playshed for the school children.

The German society gave a dance after the basket social Saturday night to help defray the expenses of the evening.

People Have Prospered.

As the year is drawing to a close we will take a retrospective view of the past year. While times have been very close the people of this community have all prospered. Several of our larger farms have changed hands. At the present time a fine new bungalow is being erected in Damascus. Some have bought automobiles. Our roads are among the best in this part of the county, our district has voted for the ten-mile road tax each year for the last five years, the money being spent for crushed road. We have a good school, employing two teachers. The German society has built a large hall where it has its social gatherings. We believe the outlook for next year is good.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 16.—Edward H. Martin, who was convicted of the murder of Nathan Wolf in Portland, May 1, 1908, and who has been serving a 15 years' sentence in the state penitentiary, will be released today under a parole signed by Governor Withycombe.

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Marquam Christmas Program.

The following Christmas exercises will be held in the Marquam schools, Friday, Dec. 24:

Opening song, by the Misses Iva Ryan, Gurine Dokken, Doris Skinvin, Sadie Young, Olive Young and Dolores Starr; prayer, by Rev. Atchinson; solo, by Alma Yoder; play, "Mechanical Toys," by Carl Johnson, Manella Swartout, Veronica Hilga, Anna Oster, Frank Hilga, Pearl Williams, Rexal Ross, Avery McNulty, Norman Olsen, Arthur Skinvin; Xmas Lullaby, by the kindergarten class; duet, by the Misses Sadie and Olive Young; play, "In Santa Claus Land," by Robert Seaman, Olive Young, Flora Johnson, Lester Miller, Edith Johnson, Doris Skinvin, Rex Skinvin, Alvert Larsen and Rex Albright; song, by the Misses Iva Ryan, Gurine Dokken, Doris Skinvin, Sadie Young, Olive Young and Dolores Starr.

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## Telephone Meeting To Be Held Soon

MARQUAM, Dec. 16.—(Special)—From the appearance of our stores Santa Claus must have been around and unloaded a fine lot of toys, as well as useful articles.

Miss Blanch Harzorn returned to her school, near Mt. Angel Sunday, where she is teaching.

Guy C. Larsen, principal of the Marquam school, is slowly recovering from the attack of rheumatism with which he has been ailing for the last month.

A series of meetings is to commence at the M. E. church December 19. Rev. T. Atcherson will be in charge.

The annual telephone meeting of the Marquam association will be held Monday, January 2, 1916. The first Saturday in January is the usual time, but being a holiday it was changed to the following Monday.

Mrs. Minnie Avery, of Portland, who has been visiting with her uncle, I. D. Larkins for the last two weeks, has returned home.

The Christmas exercises are being prepared by the teachers and scholars and will doubtless be up to their usual standard.

The Bentley Bros. have a grubbing contract from I. D. Larkins, which will keep them busy most of the winter.

T. E. Johnson is clearing quite a piece of land this winter for himself.

Adapted to Dairying.

The town of Marquam has a fine location. It is not situated on the railroad, being four and one-half miles to the nearest station of the Willamette Valley Southern railway, six miles to Mt. Angel and seven miles to Silverton. Our country is adapted to dairying for it can't be beat for clover, corn and potatoes. Several farmers have already built themselves silos.

Ben Larson is milking at this time 21 cows and in the spring he will milk

## Feel Elated Over Completion of R. R.

ARDENWALD, Dec. 16.—(Special)—The residents of the northwestern part of Clackamas county and especially in Ardenwald and Sellwood Gardens feel elated over the completion of the Portland & Oregon City railroad.

The company is now engaged in leveling the track and putting it in first class condition. Trains will commence to run January 19th, 1916. This new service will give this vicinity excellent transportation to Portland and Oregon City. The construction crew will soon install a side track and station between Sellwood Gardens and Ardenwald, which will be more convenient than the O. W. P. line.

It has been shown that this new line is going to do a large business, that a competing line has been surveyed and part of the right-of-way has been secured and work is soon to be in progress. It is claimed that a large portion of the steel has been purchased and is ready for delivery. When this new line is completed it will furnish transportation to residents that are without railroad facilities at this time.

It has been rumored that there will be other improvements in this part of the county.

The residents feel that street improvements are greatly needed, as under present conditions, none feel able to assume the burden of expense. This was clearly demonstrated at a recent road meeting in the Wichita school house. Better roads might be secured if road district No. 1 were divided, as Judge Anderson stated that this district was the largest in the county. From this statement we infer that it also pays a large portion of road tax, and from the conditions of our highways, get the least amount of improvements of any district in the county. Many of the residents in the western part of the district feel that they are discriminated against. It is claimed that the large amount of taxes paid from this territory and greatly needed here are used in other parts.

The "Booster club" of school district No. 123 is expected to get busy and when they do, they usually mean business.

Notices of a special meeting may be mailed soon as business of importance to every resident will be considered. We suggest that every one be on hand. These meetings mean much to every resident, as through co-operation and team work results are obtained.

The Literary society at the Beaver Creek school elected the following new officers: President Arnold Flacher; vice president, Gertrude Rohlander; secretary, Ora Martin; treasurer, Ladora Beattie. This society takes an active interest in their work and are preparing a tree and cantata called "Santa Claus Junior" which will be given Thursday before Christmas.

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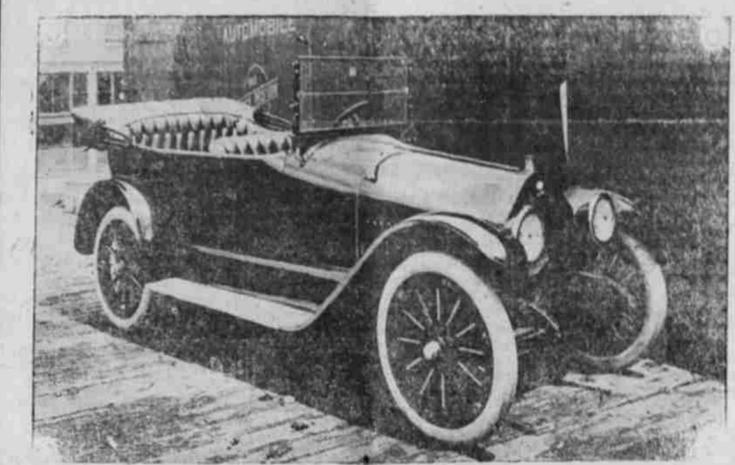
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## Petitioners Ask For Beaver Creek Walk

BEAVER CREEK, Dec. 16.—(Special)—A very interesting entertainment was held last Saturday evening at the Beaver Creek hall for the benefit of the Juvenile band, which was organized a short time ago by Mr. Paul Praeger. The band is progressing nicely under his able leadership and with the active interest taken in their welfare by the parents of these bright young chaps is sure to be a success.

Ben Ollit, the station agent, a promoter of good roads, is circulating a subscription list to build a sidewalk from Hoff Bros. store to the W. V. S. depot. The citizens have subscribed about forty-five dollars and hope to secure enough from the railroad company to build a substantial three-board walk.

The Mount Zion church and Union Sunday school are preparing program and Christmas trees. Their programs will be given near Christmas for the benefit of the community.

The Henriel school will give a bazaar at the Beaver Creek hall on Saturday evening, Dec. 18th.

The young ladies of that community have been busy for some time preparing handwork that will be well worth purchasing for Christmas present. Cake and coffee will be sold during the evening. The funds received from the above will be put to a good advantage in improving school conditions.

A good program is being prepared under the direction of their teacher, Miss Spence, and a general good time is assured. Your presence will be greatly appreciated Saturday evening in helping out a good cause.

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The entertainment and basket social given by the school here recently, was a success. Over twenty dollars were taken in, which will be used toward standardizing the school. The teachers, Misses Chambers and Burkholder, are expecting to put on a play sometime after the new year.

Mrs. Burns, of Washington state, spent a few days the past week visiting her daughter, Mrs. Melville Byers.

Several of the Stone people attended and Teach-ghu tx olunchesOec the basket social at Damascus last Saturday night.