

Stories from Out of Town

STAFFORD.

The gentle rain still descends at intervals upon the just and unjust, and grain fields, gardens, fruits and flowers are deriving great good from the needed moisture.

Hamilton came after Martha, his wife, with a lively rig last week and took her away.

Adolph Delkar had a limb fly back and hit him across the eyes. It was thought at first he might lose one of them, but at latest accounts they were doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Holton and daughters, accompanied by a young friend and Mr. Carter, spent Sunday at the Gage's.

Mrs. Derna's three daughters spent the day at the family home on Sunday. Manuel Fry, Miss Annie's fiancé was with them. They are to be married the first of June, we hear. The young man was a little boy lived with his father's family on the place now owned by Mr. Weddie.

Mrs. Ida Delkar and two children spent the afternoon with Mrs. Gage. Some men were through here taking pictures for post cards, and it was said that some of them were to be used in a moving picture show.

Mr. Sige accidentally broke his government thermometer, which necessitates a trip to Portland. He has kept the records at this place for the past fifteen years or more.

There are invitations out for a surprise party some evening this week and the scribe will tell the particulars next week. At present the word is "Mum."

They are having the plaster which had begun to crack taken off the walls in the second story at Mrs. Nurbam's and will have the rooms replastered and painted.

OAK GROVE.

Fred Green, of Portland, will build a large store on the north side of its present building to be used by Warren & Edmonds as a warehouse, and as a store building by another firm.

Mrs. Hilton returned from Ridgefield Wednesday.

Miss Kilgore was a Portland visitor Wednesday.

The Modern Woodmen of America held their regular meeting Tuesday evening in Green's hall.

The Girls Band will play Friday evening for the girls social.

The street work is moving slowly on account of the bad weather.

Charles Mason, of Portland, brother of Mrs. J. R. Graham, was injured on Tuesday and is in the hospital with a fractured shoulder and other bruises.

A fire started Monday morning at 9:30 on the roof of Thomas Kelly's large residence on the river road at Milwaukee Heights. Owing to the wind the flames spread rapidly and in a few minutes the house was a roaring furnace. The family lost all of their wearing apparel, jewelry, and most of their furniture. The building was a total loss, partly covered by insurance.

The out buildings were saved. The family will erect a temporary house and will rebuild this fall. The fire was a severe shock to Miss Beattie Kelly, owing to her nervous condition. Mr. Kelly owns a hardware store in Milwaukee and has the sympathy of all the people and neighbors.

J. S. Smith and wife and Henry Suter and wife left Wednesday morning for a few days trip to Newport.

Mrs. Ellis returned home from Nevada Tuesday, where she spent the winter with her husband, who is working in the mines.

The Oak Grove Push Club held a very interesting meeting Thursday evening in the church basement. County roads were discussed also other subjects of interest.

Mrs. D. Toney was an Oregon City visitor Friday.

Dr. and Mrs. McFarland were Portland visitors Friday.

Mrs. Virgil Clark spent Friday in Portland with her mother, Mrs. Sharp.

The young ladies of the Sunday school will hold a social in Green's hall Friday evening. Music and refreshments will fill the evening.

Mrs. E. Payne, mother of Mrs. L. E. Armstrong, returned home from the Digoli ranch near Cherryville Thursday evening. Mrs. Payne has been in the mountains since last October, and is glad to be home again.

The Oak Grove ball team will play the Sellwood team at Sellwood Sunday.

W. A. Hanson is tending the drug store for a few days during the absence of Arthur Graham, who will take charge Monday.

S. C. Alexander and P. Hefty were in Portland Friday on business.

Mrs. W. H. Moore spent Friday in Portland with relatives.

The Oak Grove Junior baseball team defeated the Portland Colts Sunday. Score 13 to 11.

The Oak Grove athletic club team defeated the Sellwood team Sunday at Sellwood. Score 14 to 8.

Miss Nellie Weinsoneed and Grace Knickerbocker, of Milwaukee, spent Sunday with Mrs. Charles Worthington and attended the ball game.

Ex-Road Supervisor Harris and several of the discharged men went to Oregon City Monday morning on business.

Mrs. J. B. Evans was a Portland visitor Monday.

Mrs. Lillian Riley went to the Lone Fir cemetery Monday morning.

Carpenters are repairing the Wisnager house.

Mrs. Bert Williams and sister were visitors in Milwaukee Sunday.

Mrs. Bertha White and son, Homer, spent Monday with Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. Howell and family.

Mrs. Ed Austin and sister, of Portland, were visitors in Oak Grove Friday.

Mrs. Feibig visited in Portland Monday.

Miss Blackerby, of Woodburn, is

here visiting her sister, Mrs. L. E. Bently and family.

Mrs. Maggie Johnson, the correspondent, wishes it understood that the item criticizing the city officials about the condition of Main Street, was not sent in by her and is no reflection of her opinion of the work.

The Evangelical church conference opened Wednesday morning with Elders from all parts of the United States. Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Bishop Bowman D. D. will preach at the evening. At 2 P. M. Ordination service.

The Boys Club entertainment given May 3 was well attended, and \$21.50 was realized and turned over to the treasurer to be used as the club sees fit.

The Milwaukee Grange held their regular meeting Friday evening at Grange hall, also a social meeting. W. S. U'ren, of Oregon City, gave a talk on single tax. H. G. Starkweather answered many of Mr. U'ren's arguments, and while not expecting to talk on that subject, made a strong argument against single tax.

E. C. Dye, of Oregon City, Mrs. J. A. L. Casto and T. R. A. Sellwood also made short addresses.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Milwaukee Commercial Club will be held in the Council Chambers of the City hall Thursday evening, May 11, at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is expected as questions of great importance will come up for consideration. A report will be called for from the committee on better fire protection.

The Commercial Club will take up the matter of a thirty minute car service until 12 o'clock and consult the Oak Grove push club on this matter. Several other subjects may come up for discussion.

Miss Hazel Wyman, of Oregon City, is staying with Mrs. Ella Maple.

Murrel Lakin and sister, Rose, returned home from Klamath Falls Tuesday.

Miss Rose has been visiting her sister and family the past six months. She will resume her position in the telephone office the first of June.

Mrs. J. H. Reed and family will move back to Milwaukee soon from Scappoose.

W. H. Prunk was an Oak Grove visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. Homer Mullen spent Tuesday with Mrs. Olliver at Sellwood.

The Milwaukee Junior Athletic track team will run a relay race with the Sellwood Y. M. C. A. team Saturday May 20. The race will start at the City Hall around Willburg and to the Y. M. C. A. at Sellwood. Those composing the Milwaukee team are Tom Lakin, Marcus Maple, Ross Swagert, Dan Bergmire, Edson Edwards and Laurence Hartwig. The club held its regular meeting Monday evening and elected a new captain, Arthur Kelley. Edson Edwards is captain of the team.

The City Council met Tuesday evening. Bids were opened for the improvement of Washington street. The Coast Construction Company was the lowest bidder.

The City Recorder was ordered to post ordinances for the improvement of Oak and Fourth streets and advertise for bids for the improvement of Harrison street.

The Guards of Linden Circle went to Portland to drill Monday evening. Friday the Women of Woodcraft will initiate seven new members, and will also have a banquet, the lodge chose sides and called themselves the Fats and the Leans. The Fats won and they will endeavor to fatten the Leans.

The Ladies auxiliary of the Catholic church will meet at the home of Mrs. Maggie Johnson Wednesday afternoon.

The mothers and teachers club will meet May 18 at the schoolhouse. Routine business will be transacted and a short talk on the eyes by Dr. Dexter will be given.

Thomas Kelley and family wish to thank the people who helped them during the fire and the loss of their home, especially the Oak Grove people, who worked to help save their furniture and home.

WILLAMETTE.

I. W. Rivers has sold his interest in the well driller to J. W. McGregor. Mr. Rivers will operate a large machine and will drill for oil hereafter.

Mr. Rivers is backed by men with money, who are residents of Portland. Mr. McGregor, who returned from Molalla on Saturday evening, where they have been employed drilling a well for McBride & McBride, of Portland, who are owners of a 55-acre ranch. They were successful in getting water, but had to go through 35 feet of sandstone. While drilling they discovered three streams of water and this water raised up within 25 feet of the surface. Oil was also discovered while drilling on this land.

McBride & McBride are jubilant over getting the water on their place, as this has been needed for some time. One house, which was recently renovated will be moved up on the hill where the well is located and is a most desirable location for a residence.

A. Thomas is foreman of the ranch and the two men were treated well while boarding with them, speaking in the highest terms of Mr. Thomas and his good wife.

J. W. Loder, who is the owner of 12 acres in West Willamette, is laying the land off into acre tracts, and it is now on the market.

Charles Kenney is building an addition to his house. A cement basement will be built and other improvements made.

Mrs. E. Mayes, who arrived from Stafford about five months ago, is building a house here.

Carl Moldenhauer is improving his place by having a new fence constructed around the premises.

Altogether seven new houses are being built at Willamette.

The water question here has been settled. Mr. Downey, owner of the water works, is laying pipe and will furnish all with water who wish it.

CANBY.

The City Council met Monday evening in special session and appointed C. L. Bates, Charles Roth and W. H. Locke a committee to inspect the three streets which were ordered opened recently by action of the Council. It was also decided at this meeting that an opportunity be given the people of Canby to vote a special tax of two mills to buy property for a public park and to meet the needs of other public improvements. It is proposed that the city buy the four acres on the south side of town which has a pretty grove upon it. Mrs. Ogle offers the property in such a way that it makes it easy for the city to buy it. Four hundred dollars down and \$300 a year for twelve years, with no interest charges, will meet the demands and the city will have a deed to this property. A special election will be held on May 27 to determine whether the property is to be purchased.

Rev. C. L. Creeley is still attending school at Salem, having left again Wednesday morning. Mr. Creeley's brother is visiting in Canby.

J. R. Newton and little daughter have left for a visit to relatives at Twin Falls, Ida.

Mrs. M. J. Lee and little daughter Lorraine left for Seaside on the Coast Wednesday morning, where they expect to remain indefinitely. This move was necessitated on account of her daughter's health. It is hoped that the ocean breezes will be beneficial to the little girl who is in delicate health.

The Canby Canal Base Ball Club will hold a meeting at the office of the company by that name Thursday night for the purpose of electing a manager and captain and also to make arrangements for the season's work. This is a new ball team. This year the team has gained considerable strength by securing a new pitcher and catcher.

Joe Larsen and B. Roy Lee of this city were in Portland on business the first part of the week.

M. J. Lee visited the county seat Thursday.

Engineer Roth and his corps are surveying Mr. Hill's tract of land he recently purchased from Mrs. Saltmarsh, through B. R. Lee.

L. B. Gorman, president of the Canby Chamber of Commerce, is in Seattle on business.

Daniel Danielson has purchased lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 21, from Mrs. Saltmarsh, consideration \$500. This sale was made by B. R. Lee, of the Canby Canal Company.

The traveling auditor of the Southern Pacific Company checked up the company's office here Wednesday and found everything as usual in splendid shape. He was quite surprised at the increasing business of this station.

Sixty Canbyites motored to Aurora Saturday to tip the light fantastic. All had a very enjoyable time.

OAK GROVE.

Alice Berlin and Herman Conway of the Concord school went to Oregon City Thursday morning to take the State examinations. These two pupils were the only ones in the eighth grade.

Mrs. Rowley, of Washougal, spent Thursday with her daughter, Mrs. Bert Williams and family.

Miss Elizabeth Cook went to Portland on business Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore and daughter were Portland visitors Thursday.

The postoffice has been moved to the new building in the Warren block. The Oak Grove school will close on June 9. A large class of eighth grade pupils have passed and are preparing for the closing exercises.

Orval Oles is seriously ill with typhoid fever at his home. Dr. Stricklin of Oregon City is attending.

C. N. White is able to be up and around again after several months of illness.

The lumber for William Cederson's new house is being unloaded from a car here. Mr. Cederson is building a fine residence south of his mother's house, in the same yard.

Mrs. Chambers and daughter spent Thursday in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Asher Kennedy of Portland were visiting Mr. Kennedy's parents Thursday.

Mrs. Krum was a Portland visitor Thursday.

Real Estate Transactions.

Oregon Realty Company to Seaton N. Gilbert, tracts 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, Fruitville Acres, \$10.

John A. Kautzman to Bender to Nils M. Wainne and Hilda Peterson, part of the Hector Campbell D. L. O. section 29, township 1 south, range east, \$4800.

Lambert-Whitney Company to John O. Bender, part of the Hector Campbell D. L. O. section 29, township 1 south, range east, \$10.

N. P. and Ida Hult to August Anderson, 7.12 acres of section 3, township 4 south, range 2 east, \$350.

Vera Gasech to Mount Hood Land Company, undivided one-half interest in the south-half of lot 18, Hood View Acres, \$10.

Howard and Ten Broeck Whipple to Clackamas County, land in sections 1, 2, township 2 south, range 4 east, \$1.

G. D. Boardman and Elizabeth Boardman to Frances Adella Holt, east half of blocks 67 and 52, First Addition to Jennings Lodge, \$875.

The following are the real estate transfers that have been filed in the office of the county recorder:

Joseph Kauffman and Malinda E. Kauffman to Albert Eymann, 20 acres of section 3, township 5 south, range 1 east, \$1750.

L. L. and Ora S. Porter to E. Parker, lots 2 and 3, block 7, Windsor, \$10.

Koren H. Ramberg and H. A. Ramberg to Maurice Johnson, 16 acres of section 31, township 5 south, range 1 east, \$1500.

John W. Loder and Grace E. Loder to R. M. C. Brown, land in Darling's Addition to Oregon City, \$197.

John W. and Grace E. Loder to Lydia Winesett, western half of lot 33, Oregon City, \$1.

John K. Morris to Flora E. Morris, an undivided interest in lot 1, block 140, Oregon City, \$100.

N. J. A. Simons to L. G. Davidson, southwest quarter of southwest quarter of southeast quarter of section 7, township 5 south, range 3 east, \$100.

Kate Shannon to William and Mary Ann Harvey, lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, block "F," of First Addition to Canemah, \$350.

John and Clara Stewart to State of Oregon, 40 acres of section 25, township 2 south, range 8 east, \$1.

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THE FORCE OF HABIT

By C. ROBBINS ANDREWS

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There was revolution in Mexico. General Alvarez was suspected by the president and closely watched. One day a visitor called at the general's headquarters.

"General," said the visitor, taking a manuscript package from his pocket, "knowing your reputation as a man of literary taste, a critic of the highest order."

"Cut that out," interrupted Alvarez. "I was once chief reader for a publishing house."

"I see. I have here a book of poems."

"Poems of any kind are not available. We have a whole room full of—Excuse me; the force of habit is great. I was thinking I was back in the editorial sanctum."

"But these poems of mine," continued the visitor, "I consider to be in that lighter vein which is the only kind of poetry now popular."

"Have you tried the Mexican Popular Magazine?"

"General," replied the visitor impressively after a pause, "if you have been an editor I have been a contributor. I'm on to that honeyed fashion of getting rid of 'an author.'"

The general settled back in his chair as one bracing himself to hear an author's reason why his experience is more valuable than other experiences. Those in the room went about their various duties. The visitor met the general's eye and winked at him. The latter caught on.

"These poems," continued the man with the manuscript, "were composed during a period of deep feeling. The spring was coming on and nature was awakening."

"You can wake me when you get through," yawned the general.

"One word more. Tearful April, with its clouds and thin gilded flings, had passed into June, and the roses were unfolding their delicate petals."

The general closed his eyes.

"I seized my pen and yielding to the balm."

The general snored. The visitor looked about him and, seeing that the others in the room were becoming infected with the drowsiness that had fallen upon their chief, laid his manuscript on the table and silently withdrew.

As soon as the door had closed behind the author the general awoke.

"Has he gone?" he asked with a shudder.

"Yes, general."

Taking up the manuscript Alvarez remarked:

"He has put his address on it, but I don't see any stamps for its return. However, here's a man stating that he will call tomorrow."

That night Alvarez took the manuscript home with him. He was not interested in the literary form, or in the meter of the verse. Even the divine afflatus, if it was there, failed to move him. He puzzled for hours trying to find a key to a secret message.

At last, by skipping all but every tenth word, he succeeded. He was invited to join the revolutionists, carrying with him the force under his command. For so doing he was to be appointed minister of war.

Having read all of the message he could find to read, and being satisfied that there was no more of it, he wrote his acceptance of the proposition and laid down his plan of operations by making a dot over the words required to make up his message. This done at daylight, in the morning he went to bed. When the author came the next day for his manuscript the general said to him:

"I am very much obliged to you for your kind permission to read your beautiful poems. I have not been struck so forcibly with the poetic fervor of any manuscript in many years. In these verses is the very soul of poetry. But in—"

"Never mind that," said the author. "I have heard it a million times before. I know what you're coming to."

"Oh, I forgot," replied the general. "I am not now in the position of a publisher; you wish simply my honest individual literary opinion. Well, your poems are tommyrot. There is neither verification nor feeling nor thought in them. But I'll make a suggestion. They are so bad that if you can make them a little worse and start a few of them in some publication intended to be popular, with a curious story about the author, I'm not sure but you could get a big sum for them."

"Thank you, general, for your very practical advice."

The general threw the manuscript at the author, telling him to get out, and if he ever came again on such a matter he would have him arrested and his poetic ambition cut off by the garrote.

The young man caught the package and, departing, made his way to the commander of the insurgent army.

Laying the pages on a table, the message of General Alvarez was quickly deciphered. A few days later at dawn the rebels moved on the government works and were joined by the troops of General Alvarez. The revolution was accomplished, and Alvarez was made minister of war, according to the agreement.

Later the deposed president asked the new one how he had managed to communicate with Alvarez. He was informed of the plan. The young man who accomplished it was made a cabinet minister.

Young Folks Are Entertained.

More than a score of the young people of Bolton were entertained on Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McLarty, of that place. The evening was devoted to games. Refreshments were served. Among those present were Jean Martin, Emma Lindwist, Nelita Draper, Anna McLarty, Ruth Shaw, Lily Lindwist, Marie McLarty, Dale Draper, George Doty, Clarence Doty, Jimmy McLarty, Frank Doty, William Martin, Miss Eva Wash, Miss Lillie Miller, Mrs. Anna Johnson, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. H. D. McLarty.



Call it a man on the door—I am sorry to hear that Mrs. Lohson is not well. Is she very sick?

"Oh don't know, mum. She just said if ye called to say she was sick, but she didn't tell me to say how sick."

Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE

LEAVING THE FARM.

"Well," said an old farmer friend of mine, "I have sold the old place, and mother and I will enjoy ourselves the balance of our days."

"Good," I said. And yet—

I wondered if my friend might not be disappointed. As for mother, she will do fairly well. She will have her housekeeping and sewing and that sort. But—

What will the old man do?

For years the old couple have gone early to bed, to rise early and work hard almost every hour of the day, and it is not easy to change the habits of a lifetime.

I fancy at first the old people will have eaten their breakfast before most of the townfolk are out of bed. It will be a long time for pa from breakfast to dinner and longer from dinner to supper.

There are but few chores to do in town.

The town people will be too busy to stop and chat with the old gentleman. He may try to read some, but he has not formed the habit of continued reading, and he will soon tire.

The change is hard on him.

I know him so well I know that to break up the routine of the farm duties will give him both a mental and physical shock. I am afraid he will lose his impetus.

And then he may worry.

He will come to fret, I fear, because of lack of incentive, because of his empty hands.

There are few things more touching than to see a fine old fellow who has fairly earned his chance to rest and enjoy, who has long looked forward to his day of relaxation, going about restless and dissatisfied.

In his case it would have been better to stay on the farm.

If my friend had built a modern house on the old place and turned the farm over to a son or to a good tenant it might have been better for him.

Departure from old habits and surroundings at his time of life is perilous.

The change is too radical.

Of course there are many who retire from the farm and adapt themselves to the new conditions, but some will always pine, and I fear my fine old friend is one.

I hope not.

In the matter of the Estate of Ernest Marshall, a minor.

It appearing to the Court from the petition of Julia Calif:

That she is the duly appointed, qualified and acting guardian of the person and estate of Ernest Marshall, a minor.

That said Ernest Marshall is the owner of a one-ninth interest in and to the following described real estate situate in Clackamas County, Oregon, to wit: The East Half of the North East quarter of Section 15, T. 3. S. R. 4 E. of the Willamette Meridian, and that said Ernest Marshall has no other property and there is very little income from said property, that it is necessary for said support, education and nurture of said minor that said property be sold, and it will be for the best interest of said minor and the persons interested in said property that the same be sold, that the proceeds thereof can be used to educate said minor and such part thereof as will not be necessary for use for such purpose can be invested