A HORSE PLAGUE.

Animal husbandmen in Nebraska, Kansas and adjoining states have been greatly concerned within the past few weeks as the result of an unusually fatal epidemic of horse plague, which has been diagnosed as the same malady or similar to the spinal meningitis or infantile paralysis that afflicts the human species. Farmers in the central and western portions of the two states mentioned have lost every horse they had, have plowing ahead of them with no horses with which to do it and not daring to buy other horses for fear they will also fall victims of the plague. At the time of writing this the same malady seems to have appeared in three counties in Iowa, and the state veterinary authorities are bending every effort to prevent it from spreading. The disease is thought by some veterinarians to be caused by germs which are breathed into the nasal cavities and which pass thence to the brain. Others of equal standing state that they do not consider the disease contagious at all, but due primarily to improper conditions of food and water, one contention based on this view being that if horses in the affected area were kept closely stabled and given only pure well water to drink they would not contract the disease. From one section where the disease has made its appearance cures are claimed to have followed inoculation of the affected animals with spinal meningitis serum. The truth about the matter seems to be that veterinary experts are a good deal up a tree on the matter and that some of them are doing some guessing.

ONE GOOD RESULT.

The rapid advance in land values in practically all of the north central states will inevitably mean that farm rental values are bound to advance proportionately. This will work hardship perhaps in some instances, but it is nevertheless going to have one definite and very desirable result—put out of the farming business a class of renters all too large that for years past has been satisfied with a grain selling and hence land skinning type of agriculture. In the face of advanced land values such renters will have to reform their methods of farming or quit the business, while the class of landlords who have been satisfied with such tenants in the past will have to lend a hand in the adoption of better and more sensible methods on their farms or go into bankruptcy. Thirty cent methods on fifty dollar land have about petered out, and a whole lot of farmers and renters are only just beginning to wake up to the fact.

TURKEYS IN ALFALFA.

At the suggestion of the Kansas experiment station farmers in those portions of the state whose alfalfa fields have been badly riddled in past seasons with the grasshopper pest this year raised turkeys to hold them in check, and the plan has been accompanied with most gratifying results. Not only have the turkeys—about 100 to each quarter section of land—gobbled up the grasshoppers effectively, so that they have done little if any damage to the alfalfa fields, but the turkeys seem to have thrived well on a balanced ration of grasshoppers, alfalfa and small grain and when marketed at holiday time will net their owners a tidy sum. One large farmer who tried this turkey method reports that the "turks" not only were the salvation of his alfalfa, but will bring him in the neighborhood of $600 when they are marketed at Thanksgiving time. This plan looks practicable and decidedly worth trying.

THE NEW PARCELS POST.

At the session of congress which adjourned recently there was passed as a part of the postal appropriation bill a measure providing for the establishment of a modified or limited parcels post system. While the rates authorized are not as low as are those of postal regulations which are in force between this and foreign countries, they are nevertheless a material reduction from rates which have been in force within the limits of the United States during the past thirty years. Under the new system, which is to be put into operation the first of the coming January, the country is divided into eight zones, each receiving postoffice being the center of the zone arrangement, these areas being determined by radii of varying length measured from each office. No parcel can be posted that weighs more than eleven pounds or is of a character calculated to damage postal equipment or be injurious to employees.

A NEW GRAFT.

Within the past few weeks the officials having charge of the weights and measures in a certain northern state have discovered as the result of an investigation carried on quietly that thrashing machine owners in one locality have so fixed the measuring apparatus of their thrashing machines as to register considerably more grain than was actually shelled out, the fraud in some cases running as high as 15 per cent. The chief motive in this stunt was to get additional pay for the excess grain which the false system of measuring indicated. In addition to this, so long as the farmer for whom the thrashing was being done did not discover the deception it made him feel good to believe that his field was giving an extra good yield.

F. C. Trigg

Correspondence

UPPER VALLEY

The Parkdale branch of the county library was opened Wednesday under the supervision of Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. McIsaac and Miss Shanan, who have been instrumental in securing the branch. Mr. McIsaac has kindly donated a section of his store until a library building can be erected. Those who desire to borrow books will apply to John Cooper the acting librarian.

Mrs. George W. Allen, accompanied by her grandaughter Barbara, left Wednesday for an extended visit in the East. The train was held and the afternoon school session was delayed several minutes to allow the many young friends to say goodbye to the popular Miss Barbara.

David R. Cooper, who has charge of the publicity department in Woodrow Wilson's campaign, is sending broadcast tons of beautiful lithographs of the candidate. Those who desire a copy (suitable for framing) will please address him inclosing postage and he will send the work of art free of all expense to you.

The first number in the entertainment course will be held in McIsaac's Hall on Friday evening, October 18, at 8 o'clock, and will be an evening of music after which refreshments will be served. The musical part of the program will be under the direction of Ray Babson, who has selected the cream of the local talent, which includes such vocalists as Miss Mai Allen and Mrs. Chas. Isham Moody and also several soloists from the lower valley.

The regular meeting of the Progressive Association was held in McIsaac's Hall last Monday evening and was attended by members from all sections of the valley. John R. Putnam, chairman of the committee on drafting new by-laws, made his report and after some discussion the report was adopted. The new by-laws contain some wise sections and with everyone's shoulder to the wheel the organization will prove a useful institution.

BARRETT

Mrs. J. A. Bennett suffered severely with la grippe the first of the week.

Edna Thornberry has gone to Portland to spend the week.

A church wedding will be solemnized at the Valley Ohristian church Friday, Oct. 25, at 8 o'clock. Tom Thumb and Miss Lilli Putian are to be the contracting parties and about thirty little folks will take part. Admission 25 cents.

Miss Mary Frazier entertained the Ladies' Aid Saturday afternoon. The ladies worked on their special bazaar articles. They expect to hold a bazaar about Dec. 6.

Mrs. Dr. Mills returned from Portland Thursday. She reports that her grandchildren are much improved.

ODELL

Miss Bell visited with her sister Sunday.

C. L. Rogers has bought O. S. Rhoades' apple crop.

R. R. Lewis is hauling apples for the Willow Flat people.

Nels Hagen reports an extra large crop.

Sumner Cameron is packing apples on the Flat.

Tucker Bridge was reopened for traffic Monday evening and with the fine work Mr. Lacey has done on the Tucker and Crockett hills the problem of getting apples to town is now solved.

Jake and Will Lenz went bear hunting recently and bagged a big one. Will has returned to work building Mrs. Arens' bungalow. Hunter's fever is now becoming an epidemic here.

Cameron & Sheppard's box factory closed last week. They had filled their regular orders and could not get lumber to fill any extras. Many extra boxes will be required as the late rains increased the size of the apples so that they will exceed the estimates.

Mrs. Lenz is having L. J. Gates wire her house for electric lights.

Harry Connoway has built a capacious chicken house and will keep 100 chickens.

Mr. Barnett is harvesting his large crop. Odell people may be interested to know that Mrs. Barnett was formerly Miss Golden of the family for whom Goldendale was named.

Ruth Young's hand was badly cut across the palm Sunday while she was playing with another child. Following the accident her parents took her to Dr. Dutro who took six stitches in the wound.

Mr. and Mrs. Dane Kemp and daughter left for California Saturday. They will visit relatives in San Francisco and Los Angeles, after which they will probably spend the winter in Santa Barbara. Mrs. Claire Crockett accompanied them to Portland and will remain there for a few days. Mr. Kemp was feeling much better and his friends hope that he will reap much benefit from the trip.

Miss Hope Shelley may be found by friends visiting Portland at the secretary's desk of the Young Women's Christian Association at Seventh and Yamhill streets.

Miss Reed spent Sunday with Mrs. Gould.

Rev. J. A. Bennett of the Valley Christian church preaches at the Union church at 11:30 Sunday morning.

Mrs. James Eggert gave an enjoyable party to the boys' and girls' classes of the Union and Methodist churches Saturday evening.

About 25 ladies gathered to hear the program rendered at the Parents and Teachers' Circle. Mrs. Hoyt read the constitution of the Mothers' Congress. Miss Dorothy Black gave a recitation. Mrs. Dutro read a paper on what this club can accomplish. A recitation by Marguerite Walter was followed by a talk on report cards by Miss Love. Mrs. Dutro sang a solo, after which Miss Northey, the librarian from Hood River, gave an interesting talk on libraries. Every number was greatly enjoyed. The society is accomplishing a helpful service in bringing together the ladies of this section for mutual interest.

Mrs. Wallace Young and Mrs. Horne of Weiser, Idaho, sang a beautiful duet at Christian Endeavor. Mrs. Connaway leads the next meeting and Mrs. Dutro will sing. Meeting at 7:30.

Mrs. Lockman returned from California just in time to say good-bye to her daughter, Mrs. Kemp, before the latter's departure. Mrs. Lockman attended her mother during the latter's illness and death.

The Folts box factory is running night and day to fill orders. The lumber was sawed in the Spring in anticipation of this demand.

Rev. C. M. Carson preaches at 11 o'clock next Sunday at the M. E. church. Epworth League at 7:30, with special music.

George Cooper is at the Cooper and Walter ranch helping with the apple harvest. The capacious new apple house on this place is proving very convenient in handling the bumper crop.

Hon. S. B. Huston of Portland addressed an audience here Monday evening in behalf of Taft and Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Boyed and Mrs. O. L. Walter were among those from here who attended the Wednesday evening session of the state conference of Congregational ministers at Hood River. Dr. Boyd's address on church federation was greatly appreciated. He declared that experience has shown the folly of supporting a number of churches when one could serve the purpose better. He said denominationalism is becoming a spent force and that federation is the watchword of the day. He gave instances where federation had been successfully accomplished. Dr. Luther Dyott of Portland spoke along the same line.

On account of the political meeting Monday evening the regular meeting of the Odell Development Leagne was postponed until Friday evening, when a good attendance is hoped for.

Time: Thursday, Oct. 31; the Place: Central Vale schoolhouse; and the Girl: the one whose cap you buy. Act One; 8 to 9, time to get acquainted and participate in sacred rites of Hallowe'en. Act Two: 9 o'clock; a program. Act Four; sale of caps and supper, followed by general jollification. Ladies please come provided with supper for two also caps of any size, shape or description.

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For County Judge.

At the earnest request of a great number of citizens and tax payers of this county I have consented to become a candidate for County Judge in the coming election, November 5, and if elected I will, so far as within my power to do so, eliminate the unnecessary expenditure of the county's money, and I firmly believe that a conservative and economical business administration will pay off the county's indebtedness and cut down the taxes.

I respectfully submit that all of the roads in the county, so far as possible, should be kept in good repair and not spend heavy sums of money in attempting to put a glass top on a particular piece of road that has been in good condition for years.

If elected, and within my power to do so, I will cause to be published an itemized statement of all money received and expended by the county court that the taxpayers may have full knowledge of the manner in which their money is being expended. While it is true that a report purporting to contain a statement of the expenditures of county funds is now published, I submit the same is not itemized in this: That such items as, "R. J. McIsaacs, road supplies, $300 00," does not mean anything. Taxpayers are entitled to know what the supplies were, whether powder, plank or nails, for what purpose they were purchased and where used.

I expect to fully advise the taxpayers of this county of the manner in which the county's business has been conducted in the past, and its present financial condition and some of the reasons why a conservative and economical business administration is demanded of the county court in the coming four years.

Respectfully,
S. W. STARK.

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30tfc REED & HENDERSON.

J. O. Garret of Grass Valley, Ore., secured the lucky number and won the electric piano given away by Jack Morrison. The numbers were given in connection with the shooting gallery.

Mrs. J. H. Sutthoff made a trip to Portland Saturday. Mrs. Sutthoff and Miss Constance Henderson returned a few days ago from a ten-days horseback trip to Central Oregon.