

DON'T RAISE A SMOKE.

Quit grumbling. Stop turning up your nose at promised prosperity. That is bad for the nose and does not worry prosperity.

Some people would rather have their own prophecies of evil fulfilled than have other men's predictions of good come true.

Prosperity is here. It is no an idle fancy, but an actual condition. It will not make spend-thrifts rich nor make good business men out of poor managers.

Stop blaming the "monied powers" for your poverty. Take your Cleveland badges off the vinegar keg at the grocery.

If Mr. Uren is correct, and he ought to know, the Oregon populists who hold office are peculiar in their corruption practices.

A locally-published leaflet, entitled "The New Dispensation," has been distributed. It is to appear monthly. It's purpose can not be learned by perusing it and the writer, indeed, disavows any desire to lead or instruct.

THE tariff bill has been reported by the senate committee, Senator Jones voting with the republican members. The vote to report stood 5 to 4.

Mr. Hanna is evidently an unusually liberal man, as well as a prodigiously wealthy one. He has now, according to the democratic papers of the state, bought the populist party in Oregon and induced it to declare against future fusion.

THE earlier that Secretary of State Kincaid discovers that he is not the attorney general, the legislature, nor the supreme court, the better it will be for himself and the people of the state.

HENRY Corbett, in his attempt to be senator from W. P. Lord, presents the world with an undignified spectacle. His cause is as hopeless as it is unrighteous and costly.

COUNTY warrants taken en par for merchandise at Nolan & Callahan's.

Correspondence.

IN BLACK AND WHITE.

Doings of Bentonites--Wild Strawberries Ripe--Big egg Shipment from Monroe.

PHILOMATH NEWS LETTER.

Mrs. Perry Bressler is dangerously sick.

Mrs. W. H. Bryan returned from Jefferson Friday.

Wild strawberries are ripe on the hills west of town.

Henry Ambler has moved to his farm on Beaver creek.

Uncle Abe Underhill is at Summit, engaged in fishing for trout.

Mrs. Orlena Bartges, of Yaquina City, was in town over Sunday.

George Cooper, of Marion county, has moved into the McCullough property.

President Emerick delivered an interesting address to the children on Sabbath, the theme being "The Beautiful Story of Queen Esther."

C. H. Newth, physician and surgeon, late of Verona, Columbia county, has located in Philomath and will practice his profession.

PHILOMATH PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The Philomath public school closed last Saturday with a very appropriate and entertaining literary program, which was highly appreciated by the large and intelligent audience which was present.

After the literary program had been completed, a number of prizes were distributed to the winners, as follows: For highest average in examinations, Bessie Meats; for excellence in orthography, Alta Schneider; for excellence in rhetorical, Vera Zimmerman; for memory gems, Ella Ellsworth and Lottie Crabtree; for excellence in daily recitations, Florence Clark; for abstinence in whispering, Arthur Boles, Edna Meats, Charlie Loggan and Glenn Gibbons; for superior progress, Pearl Fisk; for superior note-book work, Ina Dixon, for writing, Ada Henkle and Guy Bethers; for superior studiousness and deportment, Lee Sawyer.

Several prizes were also given in the primary grade. The school had about one hundred enrolled during the eight months' term. The daily average was between sixty and seventy. The year has been exceptionally quiet and satisfactory to the patrons of the school. The advancement is all that could be desired, all the pupils having done exceptionally well.

MONROE ITEMS.

Decoration day will be properly observed here on the 30th.

Mrs. Susan A. Starr returned to her home in Salem last week.

A white dog was lost in our burg last Sunday. It found its owner "by proxy."

Some of our wheelmen are laid up for repairs. The roads are a little hard yet to fall on.

\*J. N. Boyd is now in our city with his photographic car. He will remain until the 14th.

The band boys are now under the instruction of a Harrisburg tutor. They are preparing for the Fourth of July.

Song service every Sunday evening at the M. E. church. Rev. C. E. Graff preaches at this place next Sunday at 12 a. m.

Several Monroe people spent Sunday in the vicinity of Harmany schoolhouse and attended services there at 3 p. m.

Monroe will be treated to a "grand show" (so read the posters) Friday evening, May 7th. Uncle Tom's cabin is to be the leading feature of the evening.

The Ruth was up Sunday and took out over 8,000 dozen eggs and 50 tons of flour. The eggs were consigned to a Portland firm and the flour goes to Trisco.

A union meeting of Simpson's chapel people and those of Monroe is talked of. If such a plan becomes fully matured, the exercises will be held in some grove between the two places.

The steamboat landing is becoming a favorite Sunday resort of late. Recently one of the Ruth's deckhands asked how many more people lived in Monroe, when he saw the crowd on the bank. He was told that two families were left there to guard the place and keep the town from wandering away.

DUSTY ITEMS.

Wm. Minton is again in our burg.

Miss Myrtle Alford is at home on a visit.

S. C. Starr and family went to Corvallis Sunday.

Fred Ingle was up to see his best girl last Sunday.

Chas. Bowen is painting for Mr. Horton this week.

Powell Landingham and his whisks have separated.

Mel Evans and family were in our burg on the Sabbath.

Miss Ruby Bradley went to Milt Barnett's to work this week.

Peter Whitaker and Bert Hall made a business trip to Alesia Saturday.

Miss Eva Rees has gone to Monmouth to visit her brother and niece.

B. M. Jolly and wife and Hugh Kay and wife spent Sunday on Oliver creek.

The Christian denomination expects to hold a campmeeting near Ingram's ferry soon.

The Bellfountain brass band met at the camp ground for practice last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. McClain, of Roseburg, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gragg, of this place, and expects to remain until July.

The long looked-for campmeeting, to be held by the M. E. church, will commence about the middle of June. Be ready to come and bring your best girl.

PLEASANT VALLEY.

We have had a light rain, which did much good.

We now have daily mail from Philomath to Alesia.

Ora May, of Yaquina, is recuperating in the valley.

J. E. Henkle and Dell paid a visit to this locality Sunday.

Harry Saunders is plowing for Peter Gellatly, near Plymouth.

Late Henkle and family drove over to Mr. Skipton's on Sunday.

Mrs. Mary King, of Corvallis, is visiting her brother, Ichabod Henkle.

J. L. Henkle has run his saw logs into the reservoir and will start the saws again.

The heavy frosts of the past week have thinned out the fruit prospects in this locality.

Mr. Wm. Fink and sister, Miss Gerlie, and Sidney Fink and wife made a trip to Corvallis last week.

Mr. Rose has returned from his farm, near Portland. He drove his sheep and goats up to the Mason ranch, where he now resides.

WILLAMETTE NOTES.

Mr. Grover Hedrick was in this vicinity on Sunday.

There have been several cattle buyers through these parts lately.

There was a magic lantern show at Auxiliary on last Friday evening.

Mr. Alexander was in these parts last week, making assessments.

The farmers in these parts are progressing nicely with their work and some are through.

WELLS ITEMS.

Everybody is busy seeding.

Miss Ida Hubbard visited friends here this week.

The roads are getting good and bicycles are common now.

C. E. McClure visited friends in the vicinity of Monmouth last week.

Bishop Dubbs preached at Valley View schoolhouse on last Sabbath evening.

Any one wishing to learn all about chickens will do well to ask Fred or Josie.

The entertainment at Parker on May 1st was a success. Everyone present enjoyed themselves.

Our blacksmith must have turned painter, from the looks of the buggies around the shop.

WELLS.

George Fisher has moved out of the hills and gone to Independence.

C. A. Frantz is up the river building him a shack on his timber claim.

Billy Troxel has gone to Brookfield to cook for John Bokers fishing crew.

Farmers are through seeding and are looking for a shower which is needed very much.

James Watson is down at Rancho Mill this week piling out his lumber for his new house.

Marthy King has returned from Portland and brought a good dose of measles home with her.

A. D. Hale and wife have gone to Portland to attend the Unitarian conference which will be held there this week.

Allen and Adkins hops look fine; they are putting up their twine and the hops are ready to be trained on it.

Doc. N. R. Luther is going to build a drugstore at Kings valley and run a telephone wire from it to his home at Pee Dee where he also has a store.

One of our young boys got tired of home a few days ago and started out to see the world with a 22 pistol in one pocket and 15c. in the other, if any one sees him please tell him he has got a hard road to travel.

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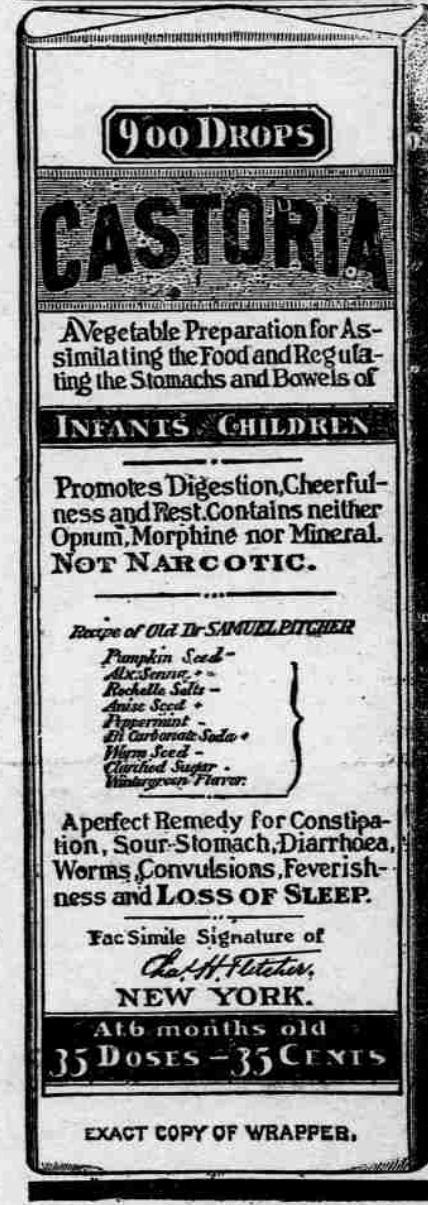
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