

NEWS OF MILTON

BARBED WIRE PHONE TO HUDSON BAY COUNTRY

Survey Made of the Walla Walla River—A. B. Noblett Recovers From Smallpox and Scarlet Fever—Several Sick With Measles and Smallpox—City Marshal Resigns.

Milton, Or., Feb. 16.—Everybody was made happy on Saturday on Sunday with a Valentine.

Rev. D. C. Sanderson expects to hold a series of revival meetings in the Vincent church in the near future.

Tot Rogers and family are visiting with Mrs. Rogers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, down on the state line this week.

Dr. M. Dittmar was quite seriously indisposed a few days last week, but is all right now.

The Hudson Bay country is passing through a scarlet fever scare. The smallpox has been eradicated.

Grace Oliver, of Pendleton, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Berry over Sunday.

John Wallace, of Wallace, Idaho, was here a few days last week looking for a wheat ranch. He went over to Albena Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Adkins buried their infant son last Monday.

A gauge survey of the Walla Walla River was made last Friday and Saturday by T. A. Noble, a government engineer of Walla Walla.

S. F. Harrington and two sons, who went up to their ranch, near Waitburg about four weeks ago, are confined to their cots with the measles.

I. N. Dunlop, mother and brother, who recently came from Indiana, were in Milton looking for a location but returned to College Place, where they are temporarily located.

Harvey Demaris, who has been quite low with typhoid pneumonia for the past three weeks, is slowly recovering, and will soon be able to go up.

Amos Demaris drove about 100 head of cattle down into the Hudson Bay country to feed until grass comes.

Mr. Clements, the mail carrier on the R. F. D. route No. 1, which starts from Freewater postoffice, is sick with the smallpox.

Mrs. Fanny Betts, of Helix, visited with her friends, Mrs. Mat Mosgrove and Mrs. W. S. Mayberry a few days last week.

G. A. Nichols, of Union, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Nichols, was in Milton on a business trip connected with pleasure.

Among those who attended, the teachers' examination at Pendleton were Harry Huber and Nellie and Charlie Sanderson, from here.

C. H. Busler, of Grand Rapids, a brother of the late Martin, is here visiting relatives and friends. He expects to locate in this vicinity.

The measuring social, held in the Columbia chapel hall last Friday evening, was a grand success both socially and financially.

The bachelors' banquet, given by the Epworth League in North Milton, and to which about 200 guests were present on Saturday evening, was its equal, both societies netting a nice little sum.

To Have New Marshal. Robert Vincent has purchased the lumber yard in North Milton, and taken charge of the same Monday. He tendered his resignation as city marshal, which was accepted by the council.

A petition has been circulated and will be presented to the council at its next meeting, asking them to appoint James Romane city marshal.

Barn Destroyed. The barn of Mrs. D. E. George with its contents, about a mile east of Albena, was destroyed by fire last Tuesday evening. It was set on fire by two small boys who thought it would be fun to see it burn.

DeHaven School. There will be a Washington entertainment at the DeHaven school house next Saturday evening, February 21. Quite an elaborate program has been prepared, consisting of songs, drills, recitations and dialogues appropriate for the occasion. Mr. Mayberry, the teacher in charge, says that no admission fee will be charged, but, Methodist fashion, a collection will be taken before supper is served, to meet current expenses.

Teachers Meet. Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Wells, of the Fernald school; Mr. Kyle McDonald and Miss Nellie Sanderson, of the Vincent school; George W. Mayberry of the Mad Creek school; W. S. Mayberry, of the DeHaven school, and Harry Huber, of the Robinson school, were noticed holding counsel at D. J. Phelps' store Saturday. No one except themselves know the subjects discussed, but it is safe to say that they were plotting against the natives.

Was Much Afflicted. A. B. Noblett, who has been confined to his home ever since last September with a crushed breast, scarlet fever and smallpox, has recovered and left last Saturday for Union, where he has been employed to teach a term of school near that place.

Barbed Wire Phone. The Hudson Bay country is soon to be connected with the outside world with a barbed wire telephone. F. B. Steen, who owns a farm on Pine Creek, in that section, and one on Basket Mountain, and lives in Milton, is the promoter of the scheme. This makes five private telephone lines now centering in Milton.

FINE WEATHER FOR GOLF

The pastime that so invigorates the system, brings the bloom of health to the cheeks and adds to the pleasure of living.

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WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

DeHaven School, Three Miles East of Milton, to Celebrate With Appropriate Exercises.

The DeHaven school, taught by W. S. Mayberry, three miles east of Milton, will observe Washington's birthday next Saturday evening with an entertainment and supper. The following is a program of the exercises:

Flag Salute—By the school.

Song—"America."

Welcome Address—W. S. Mayberry.

Dialogue—"Washington's Hatchet."

Recitation—"Washington Our Model."

Recitation—"Like George Washington."

Recitation—"The 22d of February."

Blake Dorothy.

Little Martha Washington—A drill by six girls.

Recitation—"As Good as Washing."

Recitation—"Tis Splendid to Live so Grandly."

Recitation—"Washington." Lester

Song—"A Brave Soldier." Blake Dorothy.

Recitation—"Washington's Kiss."

Recitation—"Independence Bell." Dora Hayton.

Recitation—"Washington's Hatchet."

Recitation—"To be Another Washington."

Recitation—"Washington." Jessie Harrington.

Song—"Washington," six girls.

Dialogue—"Martha Washington Tea Party."

Song—"The Star Spangled Banner."

A pantomime by seven young ladies.

Dialogue—"The Wonderful Egg," by two boys.

Dialogue—"Geology," by two boys.

Dialogue—"The Jiners," by a boy and girl.

Dialogue—"Story Telling," by six girls.

Tableau—"The Floret and Flower of the Family."

RIDGE AND VICINITY

SNOW DISAPPEARING IN THE MOUNTAINS.

Chas. Cunningham Begins to Shear Sheep—Roads Getting in Good Shape—Stock Doing Fine—Hay Getting Scarce.

Ridge, Feb. 13.—P. E. Fletcher made a business trip to Pendleton this week.

James L. Hall, of Gurdane, passed up this week with his cattle, which he has been wintering at Joe Hanscom's in South Cold Springs.

R. B. Chaney, of Warren, was in Athena on business last week.

Miss Margaret Turner, who has been in the vicinity of Ukliah for the most of the winter, returned home Monday.

Charles DeGrafte, of Butter Creek, was in this vicinity last week, transacting business. He reports stock in that locality as doing fine, but hay is getting scarce with some.

Miss Alpha Cate, of Gurdane, passed down to Pendleton on the stage this week.

N. E. Sturdevant, who drives the stage between Nye and Pendleton, was a visitor in Ukliah from Saturday evening to Monday morning.

Miss Mary Smith is reported as ill with the measles, yet getting along nicely.

M. E. Sturdevant gave out the news at Ridge that any drugs sent upon his stage by Brock & McComas, of Pendleton, came free of charge.

Chas. Cunningham, of Matilla, county's sheep king, is shearing his bucks at present.

C. L. Howard, of Alba, was out in this part on business this week.

S. C. Kilgore, of Athens, spent this week on business in this part. He reports good roads from Pendleton to J. E. Smith's on Bear Creek.

Fine Beef Cattle.

Albert E. Rust, who is working for his brothers J. H. and J. A. Rust, in the Hudson Bay vicinity, reports five days in this vicinity and started the first of the week with his brothers' beef cattle for the Hudson Bay locality.

There was reported to have been something over 150 head and all were looking fine. There is yet between 40 and 50 beef cattle being raised in this locality of which H. W. Whitaker has about 40 and A. Cameron the remainder.

Snow Disappearing.

We are having about the same weather as usual, our chinook took a lay-off and the thermometer has ranged from 19 to 34 above zero. It has been quite chilly and cold, with different cool winds. There was two feet of snow on the mountains before the chinook, and I suppose there must be at least a foot now. It is knowing some this evening, but does not seem to amount to much.

PIONEER DEAD.

W. H. Huffman, of Union County, Passes Away Sunday—Came to Oregon in the Early Sixties.

W. H. Huffman, one of the pioneers of Union county, died at his home in Pyle's Canyon, near Union, Sunday, February 15, aged 65 years.

Mr. Huffman came to Union county about the close of the civil war, from Illinois, and his continuous residence has been in Union county ever since. He was married in 1852, in Union county, to Catherine Stanley, whom he survived six years. The funeral and interment will take place at Union this afternoon.

Among those attending are Bert Huffman, his son, and editor of the East Oregonian. Mr. Huffman was called to the bedside of his father Saturday last and was with him at his death. Five children, four sons and one daughter, survive him.

Pendleton people who have been acquainted with Mr. Huffman for many years, say of him that he was a man of a very equitable temper, generous, just and in every respect a practical, honest American. Also that he was and had always been a decidedly well-informed and progressive man.

Is Shearing Sheep.

Charles Cunningham, the veteran sheep breeder, was in town today buying wool sacks. In answer to the inquiry of a representative of the East Oregonian he said: "Yes, I am shearing already. I have been shearing for the past three days. I have sheared about 1500 bucks so far. While I have tried machine shearing, I am still shearing by hand, though, to tell you the truth, I like the machine wool much better. I have merely neglected getting the sheep shorn by machine." It is not generally known what a large volume of business is conducted in the sale of pure bred stock by the Eastern Oregon sheep breeders.

Froome-Lark.

A pretty and quiet wedding took place last evening at the home of Mrs. Chas. Finch, at 621 Maple street.

The contracting parties were C. M. Froome and Mrs. Olive Lark, both of Pendleton. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. W. Rigby, in the presence of a small party of relatives and neighbors and a few other invited guests. Afterward all sat down to a wedding supper. Mr. and Mrs. Froome have been acquaintances and friends during the 20 years or so that they have resided either in or near Pendleton. Their mutual confidence and respect are shared by a very wide circle of people. Mr. and Mrs. Froome are at home at 503 Garden street.

Demand for Fruit.

Byron Murch, the nurseryman from The Dalles, says that the orders for nursery stock all the way from the Cascades to the Bitter Root country are heavier this year than ever before. The increase is most noticeable in the line of apples and cherries, though in the towns there is much more ornamental stock of different kinds being purchased. A peculiarity of the sales is the inclination to buy high-priced goods. Rare and choice stock that frequently comes in a tree is frequently ordered. The primary reason for this is that the people are getting in better shape and can gratify their tastes.

Firm Dissolved.

The firm composed of J. E. Bennett and R. E. Tarbett, proprietors of the Fair, has been dissolved. Mr. Bennett selling his interests to Mr. Tarbett. The dissolution is by mutual consent. Mr. Bennett desiring to retire from active business. He will be connected with the business hereafter in the capacity of salesman. He is contemplating a trip to his old home in Crestline, O. Mr. Tarbett will make improvements in the equipment of the Fair, made necessary by the increasing business.

A presidential boom in behalf of William R. Hearst and a bitter attack on democratic deers by William J. Bryan were the chief events at the democratic barbecue in Columbus, O., Thursday.

RULES FOR LENT.

Archbishop Christie Issues Regulations for the Diocese of Oregon.

Archbishop Christie has issued the following Lenten regulations for the archdiocese of Oregon. Lent begins February 25:

"1. The use of flesh meat is allowed at every meal on Sundays, as well as the principal meal on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, Saturdays of the Ember days and Holy Week excepted.

"2. The use of fish, milk, butter and eggs is permitted on all days of Lent at the evening collation, and the principal meals on those days on which the use of flesh meat is forbidden.

"3. In the morning a small piece of bread is allowed with a cup of coffee, tea, chocolate or some similar drink.

"4. When the principal meal cannot be taken before noon, the order may be inverted and the collation taken in the morning and the dinner in the evening.

"5. Hard and grease may be used in preparing the lawful victuals.

"6. Those of the faith who are exempt from the obligations of fasting demand the use of flesh meat.

"7. The following persons are exempt from the use of fish: The use of both flesh meat and fish together at the same meal is strictly forbidden during the whole of Lent.

"8. Those who are exempt from fasting: All those who have not attained their 21st year or who have passed their 60th year; those whose weak health or condition otherwise exempt them from full amount of nourishment; and all those whose occupations are of a laborious and exhausting nature.

"9. Those who are exempt from fasting on account of age or hard labor may use flesh meat more than once on the days on which it is allowed.

"10. By an indulgence of Our Holy Father, Pius IX, the soldiers and seamen in the United States service have only six days of abstinence during the year, namely: Ash Wednesday, the last three days of the month of August, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the vigil of Christmas. This dispensation does not exempt from the law of fasting.

"11. By another indulgence of the 15th of March, 1855, the Holy See has given for 10 years to the bishops of the United States the faculty of dispensing in this country of the law of abstinence on certain days.

"12. By virtue of this indulgence people are permitted to use flesh meat once a day on all fast and abstinence days of the year, except Fridays, Ash Wednesday, the last three days of the month of August and the vigil of Christmas.

"13. The above dispensation is granted not only to workmen and women, but also to their entire families."—A. Christie, Archbishop for Oregon.

MONSTER LOG-ROLLING.

One of the Greatest Gatherings of Woodmen in Washington, to Take Place at Walla Walla May 1.

Walla Walla, Feb. 16.—The local camp of Woodmen of the World is arranging for a monster log-rolling in this city May 1, when it is promised that a record will be established in the order in one of the greatest gatherings ever witnessed in the state.

General Organizer W. C. Woodman, of Hoquiam, is in the city making arrangements for the event.

The Woodmen have ordered a number of electric signs and advertising matter is being prepared which will be scattered all over Eastern Washington. Prizes of \$75 have been hung up for the member presenting the most names of applicants acceptable to the camp.

The initiative has been taken in the city to introduce. The initiation has been scheduled for May 1, and will continue three days. Bands from all the principal cities will enter a competition for prizes, and other attractions will be offered the public.

To perform the initiatory work a special degree team is being organized in this city, consisting of 45 men, and a branch of the uniform rank of the order is being perfected among the same men. As an inducement for enthusiasm to possess these quickly, a special gathering of the lodge has been called for this week, when an oyster supper will be served to all members.

MOUNTS FOR TROOPS.

Contract Let for 300 Horses to Be Used by the Ninth Cavalry.

Walla Walla, Feb. 16.—The Ninth cavalry, located at Fort Walla Walla, is to be furnished with 300 horses within 60 days with which to mount the four troops of the well-known colored regiment.

The contract for the purchase of the stock has been awarded to Herman Metzger, of Portland, and the price is fixed at \$117 per head. The entire contract is to be closed within 60 days, and it is expected that most of the horses will arrive here within a month.

In the competition a number of horsemen made bids, most of them interested in Eastern Oregon and Washington, making figures considerable higher than those of the successful bidder. The entire contract is to be closed within 60 days, and it is expected that regular cavalry drills will begin within a few months.

PLEA OF INSANITY.

Dentist of Walthburg Being Tried for Attempting to Kill His Wife Friday.

Walla Walla, Feb. 16.—Dr. J. W. McLean, a dentist of Walthburg, is being tried in the superior court today for insanity, the matter being brought on by an attempt on the part of the doctor to kill his wife Friday night. Mr. McLean was tried a few weeks ago and released, the temporary spell seeming to have passed.

A few days later he was returned and resulted in the attempt upon his wife's life. The demented man was brought to this city, and a number of witnesses were getting ready to go to his actions for five or six years past. It seems that nervous trouble has effected the mind of the doctor, the facts being noticeable by neighbors for several years.

Warm Weather Welcome.

Oscar Hittenger, of Middle Cold Springs, reports a warm and healthy, and a good stand generally. The stock is all in good condition, and no diseases prevalent among them at all. The protracted cold weather and snow were responsible for the forage being fed out pretty close and the open, warm weather is very welcome to the stockmen.

Bryan, in an interview Saturday said: "I am a plain worker in the democratic ranks and an content to remain as such." He declared that he would not again be a candidate for president.

Old Fort Grant, in Arizona, is to be abandoned because it has not a proper water supply.

SIBERIAN TRAVEL

INTERESTING DESCRIPTION OF LONGEST ROAD IN THE WORLD.

Costs \$185 to Go by Rail From London to Shanghai, China—Twenty-Five Days on Siberian Steppes—Scanty Conveniences of Present System in Asia.

An English correspondent thus describes the railway trip from London to Shanghai in the Kobe Herald, of Japan:

"Rail connection is now complete to Port Arthur, except for the steamboat trip of five hours across Lake Baikal, and the trains run close to the wharves on both sides of the lake. From Irkutsk eastward, the old line is followed to a point somewhat east of China.

"The new line, branching to the east, enters Manchuria territory and brings up at a station called Manchuria. Here the Russian railway proper ends and the Chinese Eastern Railway begins. The Chinese Eastern Railway strikes eastward, directly across Manchuria, to reach Vladivostok. At Harbin, however, the South Manchurian line diverges to the south through the river valley of the Sungari and so to Port Arthur.

"Coming eastward it requires, by the rail train, nine days from Irkutsk to Port Arthur. This period is divided into three fairly equal sections by the division points, Manchuria and Harbin, where a change of cars must be made and new tickets bought.

"There is a train of restaurant which runs at present once a week, making better connections; but, as yet, it is only scheduled to run between Irkutsk and Moscow. Between Irkutsk and Moscow, the through trains run only twice a week. It is therefore necessary to plan the connection or to allow for delay. My schedule of time was as follows: Irkutsk to Moscow, two days; Moscow to Irkutsk, eight days; Irkutsk to Port Arthur, nine days; add for connection, one day, for through trip, London to Berlin, two days; and Port Arthur to Shanghai, three days; total, London to Shanghai, 25 days.

"The service is an all-year service, and the ice-breaking steamer on Lake Baikal are supposed to keep up constant communication; but, of course, delays would be more serious in winter travel.

"Between Irkutsk and Manchuria stations, one can travel first-class although this means here about the same as second-class in European railroads.

"Crossing the desert between Manchuria and Harbin one finds the worst accommodation of the line. A third-class coach is labeled second-class and reserved for first-class passengers.

The differential in the price of tickets does not soften the seats, but it improves the society. The coaches are of medium size and have only one pair of wheels at each end; this fact, with the paucity of the spring, aggravates the roughness of the road.

"In all train-continental trains, run cross-wise of the coach leaving a passage way at one side running the length of the coach. The seats facing each other are in one compartment, together with the two upper bunks which can be put in place, are amply broad and long for comfort, and the traveler must provide his own bedding.

"From Harbin to Port Arthur there are, although no first-class, genuine second-class coaches of the omnibus type, that is, the compartments are not closed in, but the partitions extend above the upper bunks; and a party holding four tickets (usually two men and two women) will suffice to secure privacy by tacking up a steam rug, or something lighter, across the open end.

"From Harbin south, for a day's journey, the track is the newest and the roughest of the whole line, so some jolting must be expected. The entire Chinese Eastern Railway is so rocky and full of holes, that it is formally open to traffic—that the ordinary traveler must be prepared to 'rough it.'

"Long stops and plenty to eat, of fair quality but poor variety, may be predicted of the whole route east of Irkutsk. Excepting one or two stretches of desert, however, everybody will find comfort in carrying a basket, with an auxiliary supply. Fruit and butter are almost unknown terms in Siberia and Western Manchuria. The one characteristic and indispensable requisite of the trip remains to be mentioned—a teakettle. Everybody has need of it, whether he go himself to draw boiling water from the tap which is found at every station or whether he send his servant to do it for him.

"A small lamp or candle will be found serviceable; the trains in the eastern parts are illuminated only with candles, and these are distant and dim. Wash basins will be found useful, besides the usual toilet outfit.

"These observations do not apply for the most part, to the road west of Irkutsk, especially if one travels first-class. The through train there are provided with dining cars. Even there, however, it is quite possible to make out of a lunch basket at intervals. Going west, it would be safer to provide the staples at Shanghai; but if there be time at Port Arthur, a first-class stock of European and American supplies can be found there.

"West of Irkutsk, and in Northern Europe generally, second-class is good enough for the East. In the rougher regions of the East one will naturally choose the best accommodations to be had. In the following summary, the figures for rates west of Irkutsk include the extra charges for sitting or sleeper; east of Irkutsk there are none such:

Berlin (via St. Petersburg) to Moscow (second-class) \$28 84 Moscow to Irkutsk (second-class) 41 72 Irkutsk to Manchuria (first-class) 13 39 Manchuria to Harbin (second-class) 10 30 Harbin to Port Arthur (second-class) 11 33 Total, Berlin to Port Arthur \$105 58 Food, 20 days, say 30 00 Hotel rooms en route 5 15 Total necessary expense \$141 63 Add for through trip: London to Berlin (first-class) 25 75 Port Arthur to Shanghai, say 18 02 Total, London to Shanghai \$185 40

Volunteer Barley.

John Hazen, who lives six miles north of the city, has in this season the same acreage of wheat and barley he had last year, 400 acres of barley and 1,300 acres of wheat. Last year the same acreage of wheat averaged 25 bushels per acre, and he sold it at an average price of 52 cents barley is volunteer and is said to be barley via volunteer, and is said to be an excellent stand.

CO-OPERATIVE DAIRYING.

Progressive Farmers Are Beginning to Realize the Benefits of Working Together.

The progressive and business-like farmer has reached the time when he has come to know that handling milk co-operatively can be done at less cost than handling it individually on the farm, and he also realizes that if he is a part owner in the creamery or cheese factory that handles his milk, he becomes to that extent, a profit sharer in the earnings of the factory thereby placing himself in the position to realize a better income from his dairy than he otherwise could, by selling the raw material, because he who buys raw material of any kind and prepares it for market, faces the profit he intends to make by so doing, and this is true in regard to milk as any other article; hence, co-operative creameries and cheese factories have been established and succeeded where proprietary creameries failed.

I am led to believe from my own observation and the best information I can gather that the time is not far distant when the milk will all be manufactured into butter and cheese, and thereby saving to themselves the manufacturing profit, making each farmer more interested in improving his herd and producing a larger quantity of better grade milk and concentrating the milk products of any locality, producing therefore large quantities of high grade, uniform goods; such goods as what the consumers of the world want today.

There are instances where the farm dairy brings as high a price as the creamery, but that is true in only a small number of cases, for obvious reasons; namely, lack of knowledge in the proper handling of milk to produce the goods, lack of proper dairy product out of it in the best possible condition, and last, but not least, a lack, in very many instances, of sufficient help to perform the necessary labor.—L. C. Caslow, in Practical Farmer.

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