

Drain Nonpareil News.

Mr. Geo. Peterson and family have moved to Drain from the Umpqua Life Saving Station and will reside here permanently.

Mr. and Mrs. Stiller, friends of the Mack and Chadbourne families, are here from Minneapolis, Minn., and will make this their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sawyers are enjoying an outing at South Beach this week.

Miss Hattie Moon accompanied her father home from Salem, Saturday. She is much improved in health.

Mrs. Henry and family are enjoying the invigorating ocean breeze at South Beach this week.

Mrs. J. M. Stark was in town Monday after a load of shingles for the new house he is building on his Elkton farm.

It has been thought best to have the training schools open two days after the Normal and Prof. Dempster has so instructed the teachers.

W. J. Kelleher is pursuing the work on his large sawmill on Billy Creek. When this mill with its flume for conducting lumber to Drain together with the planer that will be placed in operation here, is all completed it will add greatly to the prosperity of our thriving little city.

Prof. and Mrs. Lough entertained our people Thursday evening last in their usual instructive manner in behalf of the temperance cause.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McUmber left for home Sunday after spending several weeks with Mrs. McUmber's sister, Mrs. Wm. M. Moore.

Dr. Payton, of Redlands Calif., has been visiting Drain friends, for several days during the past week. The Doctor was formerly a resident of Drain having lived here 14 years.

Mrs. A. M. Jahrens and father were Drain visitors yesterday. Mrs. Jahrens is getting up her affairs preparatory to returning with her father to Hayfields, Minn., where she will probably make her future home.

Oakland Owl Hoots.

Dr. E. J. Page made a professional trip to Elkton during the week.

Mrs. S. M. Kelley received a very fine parrot from friends at Salem, this week.

Mrs. A. B. Mott, formerly of this city, died at her home in Brockway, the first of the week and was buried in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at this place Monday afternoon. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Conner, of Wilbur.

J. M. Leeper and J. B. Goff, two Oregon pioneers and two of Oaklands most prosperous farmers, left for an extended trip in the East, Tuesday morning. Mr. Leeper goes to attend the reunion of the 34th infantry of Iowa after an absence of 38 years. He will be absent about six weeks. Mr. Goff goes to Illinois to visit relatives, and expects to remain three months. A pleasant trip and safe return is the wish of their many friends.

Terry Dunham and wife, of French Settlement, were in the city during the week.

Zopher Agee came over from Wilbur Monday, and was calling on Oakland friends.

Roy Lamb, Misses Bertha, Myrtle and Una Lamb, of Wilbur, were in the city Tuesday.

Master Lyle Marsters, of Roseburg, is visiting at the home of Mrs. S. M. Kelley in this city.

George Stearns, Roy Miller, Misses May Stearns and Vinnie Young went over to the North Umpqua this week to look after their timber claims.

Mrs. Katie T. Hughes a delegate from Chambersburg, Pa., to the G. A. R. Convention at San Francisco, is visiting her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Taylor.

Miss Lizzie Bailey arrived in Grass Valley on Thursday evening to make a visit with her sisters, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Heath. Miss Bailey will teach the fall term of school in the Fred Jones district.

Glendale News Notes.

Mrs. B. S. Radcliff is visiting relatives at her former home in Ashland this week.

Mrs. Chas. Tynall visited several days this week at the Johns home on Cow Creek.

Born—In Glendale on August 24th to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wilcox, a fine little 8-pound daughter.

Work has begun on Charley Nail's new cottage, which he is having built near the school house for his parents.

Mrs. S. P. Shutt and little son Percy returned home yesterday from several days' visit in Portland and Forest Grove.

Miss Mary Parker, an employe of the Grants Pass Journal, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Montgomery this week.

The fall term of our public school will begin a week from next Monday—on

Sept. 7th. There should be a full attendance from the first.

O. G. Gilbertson has returned to Bohemia, where he is interested in some valuable mining property. He expects to remain there for several months.

M. T. Chase, the merchant, made a business trip this week to Grants Pass, Greenback and Medford.

While at work, this week at the Gold Bug mine, W. F. Warren had the misfortune to fall and break his right arm at the wrist. It will incapacitate him for work for several weeks.

Miss Eva and Edith Jones, the bright young daughters of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Jones, expect to leave soon for San Francisco, where they will spend the winter in an art school.

Our new brass band, under the able instruction of Ed. Throne, is learning very rapidly. The members of the band feel very grateful to the city council and enterprising citizens who subscribed funds sufficient to secure good instruments.

Advantages of Dairying.

H. W. Potts, principal of the Hawkesburg Agricultural College, in Australia, has tabulated the advantages of dairying which apply here equally well as follows:

1. That it takes less fertility out of the soil than any other form of agriculture and hence it is useful in following a well regulated system of rotation.

2. That it can be combined readily with other forms of agriculture or horticulture.

3. The dairy provides in winter a quantity of stable manure in which the straw from the farm is profitably utilized.

4. The by-products from the cow, skim milk, whey and buttermilk are a source of income in raising pigs and calves.

5. Dairying gives constant and regular employment of a light character to every member of the farmer's family.

6. Dairying inculcates habits of punctuality, industry, cleanliness and thrift on the farm.

7. Cheese and butter are condensed products, and the cost of carriage, in comparison with their value, is less than that of any other farm product.

8. That the demand for good butter and cheese on the world's markets is unlimited an all-round, even and profitable price can always be secured.

9. The monthly check from the factory provides the mainstay in the household as against the precarious returns from yearly crops.

10. In mixed farming the income from the dairy is the most reliable.

11. The farmer's household, as a result of dairy work, is always supplied with fresh milk and cream, butter, cheese, pork, bacon and veal.

12. Storekeepers, traders, bankers, financial men and politicians all fully realize, after years of experience, that wherever dairy farming is conducted farmers are most prosperous, mortgages are rarely found, and the value of landed property becomes considerably enhanced.

Sugar Beets in Idaho.

Farmers should wake up and take hold of the sugar beet question, as though they meant to make it go. If there was ever a straight-forward business proposition, this is one of them. It means more to the farmer than getting \$4.50 per ton for beets, or any other price. It means better farming, more stock food, more good money and a general advance in farm values; it means more employed people in the country and consequently a better market for the farmer's produce; it means other industries and stimulating of investments in many ways. For these reasons and others that might be named farmers should not hang back and have to be repeatedly importuned. It's all right to investigate, but it must be done promptly and in a business like way. There is plenty of room for the alfalfa, clover, grains, and other crops and now let us make room for the sugar beet, and do it soon, too.—Gen. State Rural, Idaho.

Armory Hall Inspected.

For his own satisfaction, and that there might be no doubt in the minds of the public as to the safety of the Armory Hall. Capt. Hamlin has had the building inspected by two competent builders. Their report is as follows:

Capt. F. B. HAMLIN,
Co. "D" 1st Separate Battalion

We hereby certify that at your request we have examined the Slocum Hall Building known as the Armory Hall, and find the same to be sound and perfectly safe for the drilling of a Company and for use of dancing.

Signed,
A. FIELDS,
J. F. CLEMENTS.

LADIES TAKE A LOOK

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About the Pioneers.

MR. EDITOR:

I see in your issue of the 24th of the present month, an article taken from the Drain Nonpareil, written by James A. Sterling. The article is headed "An interesting history of early road building." I do not see that he describes any road building in the article. Now it is not my wish or desire to detract anything from the merits of the old pioneers, as they deserve all they will ever get, but I desire that they shall be considered as reasonable men. Mr. Sterling speaks of Levi Kent, Asa and Fred Wells. Now the fact is, Levi Kent and Asa Wells did not go down on to the Umpqua River in the early settlement of that portion of the country. Ira and Daniel Wells, two brothers, moved their families down there in the late summer or early fall of 1850. They held claims on the coast fork of the Willamette previous to that time, and the cause of their moving down on to the Umpqua was that the schooner, Mary Roberts, came into the river in August, 1850, establishing the fact, that the Umpqua River was navigable for ocean vessels, and they desired to get as near navigation as possible.

Now as to Mrs. Wells wading Elk Creek and carrying her children, as there was no other place to go, there being no road or trail. In going from the Yoncalla Valley to Fort Umpqua, you had to cross Elk Creek four times, and if you went lower down you had to cross it again near the mouth of the creek. As there being no road or trail, there was a well established trail from Yoncalla to Fort Umpqua, as Fort Umpqua was the trading point for the Indians of the upper valley. As to Mrs. Wells carrying a child in her arms that is quite probable. As to the men and other children carrying pigs and chickens that is not at all probable, as Daniel Wells family consisted of himself and wife, no children. I am not certain whether Ira Wells had more than one child or not, but I am positive of this, that if they had more than one child, the eldest was only between two and three years old, a pretty forward child to be carrying pigs and chickens down Elk Creek. I can not say at what time Levi Kent and Asa Wells located down there, but not for some years afterwards.

Again Mr. Sterling states that the Rev. Hines, in writing of a trip in 1864 said from the mouth of Pass Creek to Elk Creek was a harder trip than across the Rocky mountains. As Pass Creek is a branch of Elk Creek, it must have been a hard trip if he had said: from the mouth of Pass Creek to the mouth of Elk Creek it was a pretty rough trip but hundreds had passed over it years before that.

When Ira Wells crossed the plains in 1847 his family consisted of himself, wife and one small child which was unfortunate enough to be run over by their own wagon on the north bank of the North Umpqua River about three and a half miles below Winchester on the 21st of October 1847.

All honor to the pioneer who built better than they knew.

THOS. SMITH.
Roseburg, Ore., Aug., 28, 1903.

When a rich man buys a racing stable there is usually much talk about what he is doing for the turf. Not so much is said, however, about what the turf is doing to the public.

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