

NEWPORT NOTES.

S. G. Irvin returned from a trip to Salem and Portland last Friday evening.

Rev. Booth was called to Corvallis last Saturday to officiate at the funeral of the wife of Rev. Plummer, of that city.

The people of Newport generally observed Decoration day on Saturday. There were no regular ceremonies, but all those who had friends interred in the Newport cemetery decorated their graves on that day. Many of the graves were very handsomely decorated, the beautiful blossoms of the rhododendrons predominating.

The hills around Newport are brilliant with the blossoms of the rhododendrons, Oregon's most beautiful flowers. Great loads of these flowers are carried away by people from the Valley who are fortunate enough to visit us at the time they are in bloom.

Newport is getting on its summer attire in anticipation of its regular crowd of summer visitors.

Our honored townsman, Mr. S. Case, lies very low at his home in this city. His friends and relatives are doing all in their power to lend comfort and peace to his last days.

S. G. Irvin is erecting two neat cottages on Nye creek for outside parties who will occupy them during the fashionable season.

Messrs. Lollis and Jahn have leased the ferry boat, and will run her between Newport and South Beach. They will begin making regular trips on the 15th of June.

OCCASIONAL.

Newport, June 2, 1897.

Chitwood Phones.

"Hello!"
"Hello! Is that you Tom Tinker?"
"Yes."
"Well, how are things up about Chitwood?"
"Oh, all O. K."
"Anything going on up there?"
"Well, yes. We are all busy as can be."

"Well, why don't you write oftener to the LEADER? We want some more 'Chitwood Chips' as it is the items from the several different neighborhoods in the county that goes to make a lively paper."
"Well, I tell you when a fellow gets up in the morning at 5 o'clock; rustles around and does his chores before breakfast, then as soon as he can swallow his breakfast get out to work and works until dark, he don't feel like throwing chips at the LEADER or any other man. But when he goes to write he goes to sleep, gets the 'night boss,' and dreams he sees those two Fall Creek men the LEADER told of last week (who are throwing mud at each other) get in and eat each other up. Yes when neighbors get to snarling and snapping at each other there is generally something wrong with both parties, and it is enough to give one the nightmare to read their complaints in our paper, which we are doing our best to keep clean and high-toned."

"I suppose you don't have that kind of people at Chitwood?"
"Well, no I don't hear of any trouble here between neighbors. We have enough to do to keep us busy and that keeps us out of trouble."

"What kind of a time did you have last Monday?"

"Oh, fine. As Decoration Day was on Sunday we celebrated Monday. The school children had some fine recitations at the school house, then after school they all went up to the little Chitwood grave yard and strewed the graves with flowers. Well, 'the train is coming and I must go,' as the Toledo people say, so good bye."

"Good-bye. Write to us as soon as you can."

TOM TINKER.

J. S. Gaither made a business trip to Corvallis last Friday.

Mr. W. A. Fash expects his wife to arrive from Woodburn this week. They will live in the parsonage at the Episcopal church, having rented that property.

A large force of men and teams are at work putting in the bulkhead at the foot of First street. At the rapid rate which the work is going on it will be completed within a week.

The wife of Rev. Geo. F. Plummer, the Episcopal clergyman of Corvallis, died of cancer on Friday, May 29th. The funeral was from the church of the Good Samaritan, Corvallis, and the remains were interred in Crystal Lake cemetery. The funeral ceremonies were conducted by Rev. Chas. Booth, of Newport.

The postoffice department has established the following schedule between Newport and Kernville: From June 1, to November 30.—Leave Newport Tuesdays and Saturdays at 7 a. m.; arrive at Kernville by 6 p. m. Leave Kernville Mondays and Fridays, 6 a. m.; arrive at Newport by 5 p. m. From December 1, to May 31.—Leave Newport Tuesdays at a. m.; arrive at Kernville by 6 p. m. Leave Kernville Mondays at 6 a. m.; arrive at Newport by 5 p. m.

Mr. A. S. Austin, of Kernville, dropped in to see us yesterday. Mr. Austin is an attorney-at-law, and informed us that he was on his way to San Francisco to prevent the hanging of Durrant. What evidence he proposed to produce to stop the execution he would not say, further than that he was in San Francisco on the fatal April 3, 1894. He expresses himself as perfectly competent to stop the execution, and stated that he had held back so long, hoping to avoid notoriety. The man very deeply impressed us, either as being very much in earnest, or trying to guy us into giving him an item. He walked to Newport last night, from which point he expected to catch the steamer for California—so he said.

The Methodists of this place are making heroic efforts to complete their new church building in this place. Ever since their class here has been organized they have been worshipping in the old school house, and they are naturally very anxious to secure a home of their own to worship in. Their new church building was started last fall, but unforeseen circumstances prevented its completion at that time. Rev. Myers has taken up the matter with vigor and the work is now being pushed forward, and if no unforeseen difficulty arises the church will be ready for dedication within six weeks. The hardest thing to contend with, of course, is the difficulty in raising the necessary funds in these hard times, but the people are responding as liberally as can be expected of them. The people of Toledo are liberal and progressive, and there is not a particle of doubt but that they will see that their church building will be completed.

Sealed Bids Wanted.

Sealed bids will be received by the city recorder of Toledo, Oregon, up till 6 o'clock p. m., of Monday, June 7, 1897, for furnishing driving and 18 piles at the foot of First street, Toledo. The piling shall be as follows: 9 piles 20 feet long, 9 piles 25 feet long and 9 piles 30 feet long. All piles shall be of good sound fir timber, with bark peeled off, and shall be not less than 14 inches in diameter at the small end. They shall be driven in proper manner for the construction of a wharf, the work to be done under the direction of the city council, or some person duly authorized by them. The common council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Toledo, Oregon, June 3, 1897.

J. F. STEWART,

City Recorder.

The gardens and the hay fields are beginning to need rain.

Jas. Chitwood and T. F. Lewis were down from Chitwood on business today.

Charley Nichols, editor of the Jacksonville Times, passed down to Yaquina this evening.

There has been no talk yet of a celebration at Toledo on the 4th. It is hardly likely that Toledo will celebrate this year.

Rev. John Tonkins is one of the men who believe in putting work with faith. He is doing the mason work on the chimney of the new church this week, and is demonstrating that he knows how to build chimneys as well as preach sermons.

The Columbia Opera company played the popular opera "Said Pasha" at Newport last night. Excursion rates were given on the O. C. & E. and the Richardson and a large crowd from here went down. The opera was high-class, and was thoroughly appreciated by the audience.

A Portland paper says that a test case has been brought by a combination of Umatilla and Lincoln county liquor dealers to test the constitutionality of the law recently enacted by congress prohibiting the sale of liquor to Indians. It is a fact that such a case has been brought, but we do not think that any of the Lincoln county dealers are connected with it.

County court meets again next week and there is a good deal of mild curiosity extant as to whether the strike inaugurated last term of court between the clerk and the county court will be called off and the clerk with the court as its recording officer, or whether the strike will continue and the court again act as its own clerk. Those who have business of importance before the court very naturally wish that the court and the clerk would "get together," as there exists a doubt as to the legality of the court's actions when such proceedings are not duly recorded by the clerk.

Last Tuesday E. M. Croisan took charge of the state reform school as superintendent. R. J. Hendricks retiring. Mrs. Croisan also succeeded Mrs. Hendricks as matron. G. M. Irwin took the place of J. I. Stahl as family manager, and Mrs. Stahl's place as landress and in charge of the dining-room was filled by Mrs. Irwin. An inventory of the property, the first ever taken, was made, and a receipt therefor given by Mr. Croisan. There were 127 boys turned over. There are some escapes that have not been returned.

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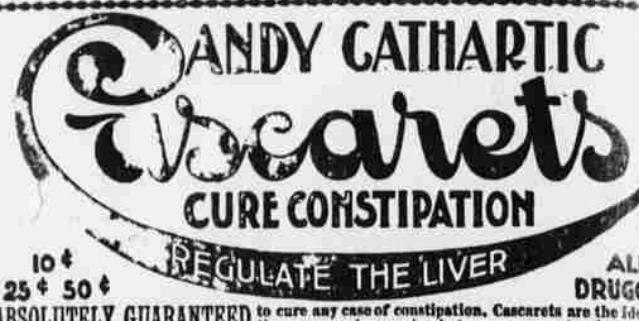
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