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COUNTY NEWS

News of each Community Gathered each week by Our Rustling Associate Editors

Nortons

Prof. R. E. Wood attended the teachers' institute at Nashville Saturday.

Dan Wigle of Rock creek was transacting business here Friday.

Ralph Peterson was in this neighborhood taking orders for fruit trees Saturday.

C. G. Damon of Eddyville has been baling hay here.

H. S. Porter returned to Newport Saturday.

E. L. Hughes departed for Albany Monday.

Ed Hamar has been hauling rock to put around his barn to see if it will smother the mud out.

Nortons has a regular Sherlock Holmes, and he would have done some great detective work here Sunday evening if his legs had not got scared and carried him from the scene where the desperadoes were, but we are afraid we will lose Sherlock for Burns or Scotland Yards will undoubtedly grab him. For particulars about "Sherlock" see Shults.

George Horsfall passed through here on his way to Rock creek Friday.

Nortons is booming these days. It now has a bakery under the management of Fred Wagner. He is some pie baker. If you doubt it visit our hospital.

J. R. Edwards killed a grey wolf which has been feeding on goats in this vicinity for some time.

Chas Hamar of Nashville visited with his son Ed of this place last week.

G. E. Wilson our local merchant returned from Albany Saturday.

The C. & E. freight train had the misfortune to jump the track one half mile west of Nortons Friday evening.

Bob Harris has commenced to work on the railroad here again.

The people here have bought the telephone and rebuilt the line from here to Eddyville and it is in first class working order again.

Taft

The Mirene and Nenamosha got out at last and now we are eagerly looking for them back again—but then!

Jimmie Derby went to Newport and Toledo on business this week.

Gus Catulla came in last week and brought with him a nice looking wife. Good for Gus!

Jesse Farrin is busily building a new fence around his house.

After December 15th the Kernville postoffice will be discontinued. Mail coming to this part of the county after the above date will come to Taft.

Walter McCiltock butchered seven hogs last week.

Walter Bones is building a new woodshed this week while the weather is good.

Miss Edith Ball will leave for Toledo Friday where she will take the coming teachers' examination and spend the holidays at home.

Harlan

The stork left twins at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Young on December 1st, both little girls. One died and was buried in the cemetery Tuesday morning. The mother and the other little one are getting along nicely.

Mr. Woodruff of Philomath visited over Sunday at the home of H. W. Jacobs, he having come in to look for a location.

Mrs. Robin Hathaway visited last week in Corvallis.

Mr. Parks went to Blodgett Saturday to meet Mr. and Mrs. Carlson and family. They are just

from Kansas and expect to locate in Oregon. The Parks and Carlsons were neighbors in Kansas.

Chas. Lillard has been under the doctor's care with a bad case of blood poisoning in his hand and arm.

Chas. Lillard, Jr., and his bride are visiting home folks. Charley surprised his friends when he and Miss McCormick were married last week in Corvallis.

Mrs. Thomas who has been working in Portland for some time arrived home Sunday to spend the holidays.

The homesteaders on Feagles creek have commenced work on their road, which Surveyor Derrick laid out for them last fall.

Mr. Mulkey is visiting his son, Charles, and family. While here Mr. Mulkey is helping Charley bring up the engine he purchased of George Hodges.

Sunday was such a beautiful day there was a large attendance at Sunday school. Miss Devenport and Miss Jacobs sang a duet which was greatly enjoyed.

Albert Saxon thinks he is the luckiest "batch" on Big Elk. He was moping around Thanksgiving day wondering what he had to be thankful for when Mr. and Mrs. Branderbery, Mrs. Shaw and her four sons and R. R. Black appeared on the scene, bringing a dinner ready cooked and he says he didn't have to cook for a week.

Nashville

The teachers' institute held at this place was well attended, the teachers from surrounding schools attending. Prof. Bethers, former county superintendent, but now principal of Summit high school, was in attendance, the guest of Guy Gillett. An entertaining and instructive program was well rendered. A "heap big cat" of all good things, such as only are to be found in Lincoln county, was served by the "Club." Prof. Brown of the O.A.C. of Corvallis, gave a very interesting talk on the growing of small fruits.

Our local merchant, Mr. Gillett, made a trip to Corvallis Monday, returning the following day.

The plumbers have finished their work on the Hiland home, having put in a complete bathroom outfit also a hot air heating plant.

We have been watching, with not a little interest, the great changes being made at the Robert Moore ranch. A new house, new furniture, rugs, carpets, etc. The whole community is in daily expectation of an invitation to the coming event, but as yet, not a word. Everything spick, span clean as if the tidiest wife in the land was in charge, and down deep in the bottom of our hearts we know that our old friend is going to turn benedict, but even the wise ones shake their heads and say "gooseberries" tell no tales, but it is sure to come.

Our old neighbor, L. Norton, seeing the results of the great changes at Mr. Hiland's and at Mr. Moore's, has taken renewed courage and is now working 18 hours per day grubbing stumps.

We remember some time ago J. A. Bewley lost several calves and later found them at Summit, but we see that he and his friend, Jasper, makes very regular trips to Summit. We wonder why—the calves are at home.

It is reported that the slashers at Mr. Hiland's have made such rapid progress that they will have the county surveyor out here in a few days. The boys are hustlers and we are glad to see them getting along so nicely.

"The Club" has sent away for plans for the new clubhouse and we expect the club carpenters will soon be busy with their "clubs."

The section men are complaining of the great wear on the ties between this place and the Hughes residence. We would suggest that they ask Mr. E. Davis.

The real estate buyers are still coming and our real estate agent is still going.

Our local hunters are bagging the coons now.

Harlan

We are glad to see these good days for some of us hadn't our Winter's wood in yet, but since the sun came out it has driven Willis Grant and his wood saw from under cover and he is making the wood fly.

Ray Calkins was a Harlan visitor the first of the week, giving out invitations for a basket social and dance at Dad Daniel's on Friday night.

W. B. Mulkey is visiting with his son, Charles, at Harlan. Will likes to get back to his old stamping ground once in a while and shake hands with old friends.

Lester Grant killed two ten months' old pigs that weighed two hundred and sixty pounds each. So much for dairying.

Marion Walker was working for Mr. Martin, but has gone home now. Never mind Marion, you are all right.

Elijah Grant went to to work Thursday morning and his dogs happened to follow him. In a little while he heard them barking and on going to them found they had treed a large wild cat. Having no gun and the dogs being young and never having treed a cat before, Lige, was puzzled to know what to do, so decided to hang up his coat and hat and left the dogs to guard them. The dogs stayed all right until he got back almost to the tree when they came to meet him and the cat jumped out, but they treed it again and Lige killed it. Judging from the size of it and the fat it has been having a fine time killing lambs and kids. Oh, ye law makers, how can the stock raiser get along without his dogs.

Mrs. B. F. Grant had a pair of turkeys that she was saving for breeding purposes. Some skunk in human form that I suppose never had money enough to buy tobacco, let alone turkey, had to steal one. Hope he got a big bone crosswise in his neck.

Charles Lillard, Jr., came home to his father's with a bran new bride. Wish you long life and a happy one. Charley.

The teams went after Charley Mulkey's other boiler and engine Friday.

Tom Kelly, Fred Montgomery and Leonard Grant with the dogs went wild cat hunting in the goat range. They came back in the evening with two more hides. So much for good dogs.

H. Grant and Clifford McDonald attended the dance at Daniel's Friday night. They report a very enjoyable time as usual.

Our good spell of weather has been broken and we are getting some more juice.

Newport

Mrs. Noah Baker, while on a visit at a neighbor's Sunday, was stricken with apoplexy and up to Monday evening had not recovered consciousness. Her condition is considered very critical indeed.

J. H. Fitzgerald of Portland was at Newport last week and met with the city council and asked that body to consider a proposition of granting a franchise on Front street and 600 feet of water front for the purpose of building a railroad to Newport in the near future. The proposed road comes from Portland and will pass through through Willamina, Grand Ronde, down the

Salmon river to Taft and thence to Newport. A proposition of that kind will be considered by the council no doubt if it has any body to it, otherwise it will not.

The Ollie S. and the Gerald C. came to Newport on the 4th inst. They had been bar bound at Astoria for three weeks. They brought freight for Newport. When the Ollie S passed out over the Columbia river bar she passed through breakers running fifteen feet high. The breakers would spread out under the vessel and she would fall ten or fifteen feet. It was a hazardous undertaking. Mrs. Carner came on the vessel as rough as it was and did not feel much the worse for the trip. The Yaquina bar was not so bad, neither vessel had any trouble coming in. Captain Carner has been awarded the contract as tender to the dredge Oregon at Toledo. The dredge is said to be doing splendid work in deepening the channel and opening up the river for navigation.

The Ahwaneda came in Saturday with 80 tons of freight for Newport. She was also bar bound at Astoria. Captain Morse is putting in a large grocery store of his own in the building owned by Jack Cahill on Front street. Captain Morse is selling flour, bacon and groceries twenty-five per cent lower than any other store in town. We hear a good deal about high living and it is true, but Capt. Morse is a true philanthropist by bringing the prices down. The first day that he opened up the sales were over \$300. He sells for cash only.

A. Hornback of Portland, harnessmaker and repair man, has opened up a shop on Case and Front streets. This is a business that has long been needed at Newport.

Fred Keats of Portland has opened a restaurant in the Seidler building on Front street. Newport is well supplied with restaurants and hotels.

The Siletz and Newport football teams played a very interesting game on the Baker grounds Sunday. The day was fine and a good crowd was present. Newport led the game from the start. The Siletz team did some good playing but they were too slow. The score stood 19 to 6 in favor of Newport. The next game played will be between Waldport and Newport. The game will be played at Newport maybe next Sunday. The Newport team is still champion of the county.

In ward No. 1 some thirty marked ballots were found for the purpose no doubt of trying to catch some "wets" voting illegally. The judges serving on the board were G. R. Quinn, E. W. Durkee, R. H. McDonald, Mrs. Stella B. Smith and Mrs. Helen Anderson. Mr. McDonald who was one of the clerks and marked the ballots as requested by the judges. This seems to be an open violation of the law.

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Reynolds Ohmart, Lloyd and Fred Commons went to the beach Sunday.

Misses Neta Phelps and Leta Denny called on Mrs. Lissy Friday afternoon.

S. C. Denny dressed a fine beef Thursday.

Mrs. Phelps and daughters, Misses Neta and Helen, visited Mrs. Commons Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lissy visited Mrs. Williams Sunday.

George Selby went to Yaquina Tuesday.

Clifford Phelps and Earl Denny went down to the mouth of Beaver creek Sunday.

Herman and Walter Weber were Waldport visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Weber gave a party for Mr. A. W. Weber Saturday night, at his residence. The

guests were pleasantly entertained with dancing, music and cards. Later in the evening a delicious luncheon was served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Commons, Mr. and Mrs. Phelps, Mr. and Mrs. Lissy, Mr. and Mrs. Ohmart, Misses Neta and Helen Phelps, Hester Hill and Leola Hewett, Messrs. Lloyd Commons, Fred Commons, Herman Weber, Fay Selby, Clifford Phelps, John Coovert, Reynolds Ohmart and Mr. Wright.

Ray Twombly and Leta Denny were visitors at the Hill ranch Sunday.

Herb Twombly went to Toledo Sunday, returning home Monday.

Miss Helen Phelps visited Mrs. Lissy Sunday.

Elk City and Big Elk

A good Christmas entertainment is being prepared at the Bear Creek School.

J. R. Coopey was a visitor in Elk City last Saturday.

Frank Updike is building a bridge, on his place, across Bear Creek.

Mr. Slocum has commenced a bridge across Bear creek.

Supervisor Gosman and Mrs. Stadleman visited Bear Creek school this week.

Mrs. Jim Parks gave birth to a fine baby boy last week.

Willie Bristlin and his wife have moved into Charlie Young's house.

Mr. Dixon has commenced work on a new hotel in Elk City.

What you think?

Merchant Chas. H. Gardner was a passenger for Portland yesterday morning.

The port dredge Lincoln was again put to work this week after being idle a few weeks.

County Surveyor Derrick left yesterday morning for the Big Elk country where he will do some surveying.

The Lincoln County Telephone company this week completed a branch line tapping the Mill Four valley. The line will, when all connections are made, accommodate seven families in that neighborhood.

The track laying crew have the new rails laid to within three miles of town and it is thought the bunk and mess cars will be moved from Storrs to this place this afternoon. There are fifteen cars in the outfit and a spur is being built to accommodate them, in the south part of town, by the section house.

Dr. White, of the State Health Board, has sent in a prescription, which is a sure cure for the itch, reported to be prevalent in some of the schools of the county. All suffering for this malady should send in their orders to the Toledo Drug Co. for the remedy. We will publish Dr. White's letter next week.

There is nothing better for an Xmas Gift than a nice piece of Furniture. Look for the window displays. Every article in the store reduced. FREE—A beautiful hand oil painting with every purchase of \$10 or over.

O. R. Hollingsworth, the Furniture Man.

POTATOES FOR SALE.

\$1.00 per hundred, f. o. b. Chitwood. How many do you want?

I have two Al milch cows, 4 and 6 years old, giving good flow of milk now, will be fresh in March, and my price is \$75 each, either cash or good bankable paper.

Frank West, Chitwood, Or

Petaluma chicken incubators at Gardner & Peterson's.