

Oregon Historical Society
207 2d St

Lincoln County Leader.

VOLUME 21

TOLEDO, LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON, FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1914

NUMBER 48

COUNTY NEWS

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

Newport

We have had a month of unprecedented rain and wind storm. The range is good and cattle are fat enough for beef. The flowers are blooming and the birds are singing in the forest as though it was Spring. The Winter travel to Newport is better than it ever has been and more cottages are occupied by tourists this Winter than was ever known in the history of the city.

On last Saturday the wind blew a gale of 20 miles an hour. The bay was full of white caps and the bar and ocean were so rough that the spray would rise 20 or 30 feet high. It was a real sight to see and hundreds of persons were out on the bluffs looking at it. Some damage was done by the wind and rain. A part of the awning on the Oddfellows Hall was blown away and some washouts occurred at Nye creek, entailing an expense of \$1500 to repair them. A large section of the walk and bulkhead in front of the Ocean House were taken away. This bulkhead has stood for 30 years and it has never been damaged by the high tides before. Capt. Stewart of the life saving crew said the glass went down to 28.97 the lowest he had known it for twenty years. This, he said, indicated a great storm somewhere off the coast. No vessels have crossed the bar for more than a week. The Ahwaneda and Mirene are still at the wharf. The Coquille, Frederick and the Roscoe are laying at the wharf at Yaquina unable to get out.

Lee Doty, who carries the mail from Newport to Waldport, deserves much credit for going through under such dangerous and adverse conditions. He endangered his own life as well as that of the teams he drives by going on the beach in such storms.

L. E. Davis, the well-known pioneer, is lying dangerously ill at his home on South Beach, with but little hopes of recovery.

Joseph Briggs, an old resident of Newport and a member of the life saving crew, was taken dangerously ill at his home Monday with what appeared to be appendicitis or an obstruction of the bowels. He grew rapidly worse and was taken Wednesday morning to Albany to be operated upon. The operation was performed at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day. The surgeons said he had one chance in five to live.

Hon. W. P. Keady of Portland is spending a few days at Newport for health and recreation. He is the guest of Hon. R. A. Bensell. He is pleased to note the great improvements Newport has made within the last few years, and thinks this is the best resort on the coast.

The city council at its regular Monday evening session took up the matter of granting a franchise to the Portland West Coast Railroad and Navigation company. The ordinance or franchise was carefully scrutinized by the members of the council and the citizens present and each section was discussed before it was voted on by the council and passed. J. H. Fitzgerald, representing the company, was present and took great interest in the discussion. It seems to be in good faith. The franchise will not be passed under the emergency act but will be voted on at three separate meetings. When the franchise has passed the council it will be up to the railroad company to adopt it. Work on the road is to be commenced within 18 months after the adoption of the franchise and to be completed within four years from the date of the adoption of the franchise, and if the company fails to make good their part of the contract and the bond of \$8000 is to be forfeited to the city of Newport. It looks as though the company meant business.

Ona

Mrs. L. M. Commons returned home Saturday after a two weeks' visit with relatives in Portland and Hillsboro.

Earl Denny was absent from school Monday and Tuesday on account of severe trouble with his teeth.

Dr. Barber of Waldport was called to see J. A. Coovert Saturday. Mr. Coovert is very sick with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Lissy visited at the Weber ranch Sunday and Monday.

Miss Leta Denny was absent from school Thursday and Friday on account of sickness.

Clyde Coovert went to Bay View Saturday.

Lloyd Commons took dinner at the Phelps ranch Sunday.

Bayview

John Hansen was down from his farm on Drift creek Sunday.

Fred Creighton and George Gienger were Bay View visitors Monday.

Mrs. George Prescott and daughter, Bernice, left for Eugene Monday to visit relatives in that city.

Miss Ronda Hendrickson is visiting friends on Beaver creek this week.

Clyde Coovert was over from Ona Monday. Mr. Coovert says his father is still quite seriously ill.

The dance at Mr. Stephens Tuesday night was a decided success.

CARD OF THANKS.

To the kind friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us through the sickness and death of our sister and aunt, we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks

Mrs. E. C. Rowin,
George Rowin,
Mrs. Burt Twombly.

Randi Hendrickson spent a few days with friends on Beaver creek this week.

Mrs. E. C. Rowin and son, Geo. of Waldport are visiting at Burt Twombly's this week.

Burt Twombly went back to work for P. X. Johnson on Drift creek this week.

L. T. Thompson is doing some painting and paper hanging for H. J. Siminon.

Mr. Hinds went to Beaver creek to look at the Thompson place Tuesday.

Nyebeach

The washout on Coast St. opposite the Nyebeach Transfer Co and Osburn Hotel property is being temporarily bridged over by the city and Smith & Sanders, the owners of the hotel property, and it is hoped that substantial concrete bulkheads will be built in the near future, thus ending the constant expense caused by wooden bulkheads and dirt fills. The heavy storms of the past few weeks have washed the agate beds bare at Nyebeach and all the way to Otter Rock, and crowds of people can be seen on the beach daily, rain or shine, gathering valuable stones.

The Nyebeach Association obtained a written proposition from Dr. Minhorn in which he agrees to turn over a lot 50x65, facing on the beach directly south of the Natatorium, for which the Doctor is to receive \$250 of stock and put a deed in escrow until \$1000 is spent toward a Rest Room on the lot. It is planned to organize a stock company to build the rest room building and make it self supporting by renting booths to novelty merchants, and a large number of plans have been received from local architects for a building with these requirements.

E. W. McKinney of Salem has

opened a barber shop in the Osburn Hotel building for all the year round.

The new plank road from the Hill to Nyebeach by way of the Promised Land, is completed and it is hoped that the connection by Coast street and across the city park will be ordered in a short time, giving a continuous water grade road from Front street to Nyebeach, something badly needed for forty years.

Six cottages have been added to Cherry City by contractor O'Connor.

Nashville Club Notes

The Nashville Citizens Club met in regular session last Saturday evening, Jan. 17, and a short but interesting program was rendered. The question, "Resolved, That a lawyer should not defend a man he knows to be guilty," was ably discussed by Guy Gillette and J. L. Brown, affirmative, and D. F. Lister and J. R. Edwards, on the negative. A committee has been appointed to arrange for an evening of special entertainment in the near future. The Club adjourned to meet in two weeks.

It is true that the Club members usually sell their friers and old stock, too, at the proper time of the year. This time, however, it seems that someone has overlooked an "old-timer" that persists in doing a lot of clucking. The owner should "have a care" for if the nest is allowed to become overheated, chickens, "dead in the shell" will be the result.

Nortons

Royal Plank passed through here on his way to Toledo Monday.

Section Foreman Fred Hill and family spent Sunday at Summit.

Ed Hamar and Merchant Wilson have been buying horses this week.

Arthur Wigle was out from Rock creek Monday after a load of supplies.

Mrs. Ed Hamar went to Albany to visit with her mother, Mrs. A. L. Porter, of that place.

Porter & Wagner shipped another car of hay the first of the week.

W. E. Rutter of Steer Creek is working on the section here.

Rudolph Ruprecht is back on his farm for the Winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brock, who have been visiting near here since Christmas, departed Saturday for their home at Shedd's.

A. J. Warnock and Fred Wagner attended the telephone meeting at Toledo Friday evening.

Lloyd Porter went to Newport Tuesday, returning Saturday.

Louis Young has purchased the J. M. Marks ranch about three miles north of here.

Mrs. Mayes passed through here on her way to Portland last Friday.

Louis Chantel came out from Rocca Sunday.

Glen

We are having some pretty rainy weather, but, as yet, we have had no snow.

Misses Ethel Purseful and Clare Moore gave a surprise party on W. R. Moore Saturday night. The evening was pleasantly spent in dancing, singing and card playing. Lunch was served at midnight.

Miss Edith and Richard Davenport were absent from school Monday on account of illness.

Mrs. W. R. Moore was suddenly taken ill last Sunday night, but at present she is fast recovering.

Miss Ethel Purseful and Clifford McDonald spent Sunday evening at Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore's.

Jesse Davenport went to Toledo

Monday.

Roy Moore is almost an invalid this week, the result of being kicked by a horse Sunday. One of his hands was badly cut and one ankle bruised.

Geo. Davenport was around looking at his place Monday. He expects to move back on it about March.

Miss Clare Moore went to Elk City Tuesday.

Asa Brown went to Elk City last Saturday.

Elmer Watkins went to Toledo last Saturday.

Winant

Many of the people of this vicinity have the measles. School is postponed this week on account of sickness of our teacher.

Earling Brauti and sister, Signe, were Toledo visitors Saturday.

George Lewis was in Toledo Saturday.

V. D. Boone and son, Clarence, were storm-bound at Newport Saturday.

Misses Ada Lewis and Signe Brauti visited Mrs. J. H. Sugg Sunday.

Jay Van Schoick visited at the home of Thomas Brown Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hath were in Toledo Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson visited Mr. and Mrs. A. Brauti last Sunday.

Miss Cora Boone visited Mrs. Frank Shermer Sunday.

K. D. Martin visited George Lewis' Wednesday.

Constable R. R. Gwynn of Toledo was in this vicinity on official business Thursday.

Chicken Eater at Rose Lodge

Editor Leader:—Every week you have news from different parts of the county, but here is some that "takes the cake."

One man, and a young man at that, here is a champion chicken eater. He can eat thirteen Spring or full grown chickens at one meal, and still better than that, when once before he got three dozen hens in one night from a settler over here. He gets all his chickens at night when all good people are sound asleep. On January 15th during the night or early morning he helped himself to thirteen of our chickens on the David Herman place. I wish to give him fatherly advice: If he likes chickens so well it would be best that he raise a big lot on his own premises and he won't have to steal from other people who may be poorer than he. And another thing I wish to tell him is whatever you do "do it unto yourself, as what you soweth so will you reap." A. S.

Advice will not benefit such a degenerate as a chicken thief. Give him a term in jail—or the hospital and perhaps it will have more effect. Ed.

Chitwood

We do not believe in cursing the country or kicking about the weather, but, please, somebody, wake up the weather man and order a little sunshine.

Dr. Carey of Nortons preached at the schoolhouse Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Archie Wilson of Eugene has been visiting with his cousin, R. R. Wilson, for the past week. His eyes are very weak and he thinks the damp air of Lincoln county improves them. He will spend some time at Newport and Seal Rocks.

Jim Slyh returned home from

Montana Monday evening.

Oliver Johnson came in from Wren Monday night, where he had been holding down a job of section foreman for several years past. He will move his family into E. A. Wildman's house until he can get the road opened to his homestead and get his house fixed up a little.

Wm. C. Steinmetz left Wednesday for Portland.

Home Destroyed by Fire

At a little past five o'clock Sunday morning the fire bell called the people to the residence of Mrs. E. Ofstedahl in the north part of town. Fire had been discovered in the kitchen attic, and before the fire men could get there and in good working order the fire had gained much headway and had spread to the upper story of the main building. A strong wind blowing assisted the flames and in a very short time the entire upper floor was ablaze, but the firemen succeeded in getting control of the fire and put it out before it reached the lower floors.

The furniture of the lower floor was carried out and saved as was also much in the upper story.

Although the fire was confined principally to the attic and roof of the house, the upper beams and braces were burned and the weight of the building, to which was added a foot or more of water on the upper floor, has caused the building to rack and twist until it is thought it will be a total loss. Mrs. Ofstedahl, the owner of the house, is a big loser, and has not decided as to whether to rebuild immediately.

In the house at the time of the fire were, Mrs. Ofstedahl, her son, Clarence, and daughter, Mrs. Arthur Nye, and family, and several roomers. They are now living in the Dan Grady cottage near by.

This was one of the best residences in the city and was probably worth \$3000. The property was insured.

The fire was probably caused by a defective flue as there was no one up at that time of day, and it was first discovered by A. O. Krogstad, one of the roomers, who first detected smoke then discovered the fire.

Two of the fire-fighters were slightly hurt. Frank Nye was struck on the head and rendered unconscious for a time when a flue fell, and Alec McMillan received an injured hand.

Oregon State Parent-Teachers' Association

Prof. Sweetser of the W. of O. will lecture in Woodmen Hall on Friday evening, January 30th, at 8 o'clock. His subject is, "Our Microscopic Friends and Foes." This will be an illustrated lecture, interesting to all school children as well as to the community at large.

The following program will be rendered: Music by High School Orchestra. Reading of the minutes. Song, Miss Snyder, "Magnetic Waltz," by L. Ardita. Lecture, Prof. Sweetser. Admission free.

Wm. Matthews of Newport had business in the city Tuesday.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Ross McElwain near this city, Thursday, January 22, 1914, a 10 pound girl.

O. R. Hollingsworth, the undertaker, was called to Newport Friday evening to prepare the body of Mrs. C. M. Engle for shipment to Woodburn.

Capt. O. F. Jacobson, master of the steamer Newport, returned Monday evening from Portland where he purchased a 110 h. p. Western Standard gas engine which will be installed in the Newport before the Summer season opens.