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Newport

The delegation selected by the Warren Brothers Construction company visited Portland last week for the purpose of studying and investigating the different styles of building hard surface roads, as demonstrated by that company. The delegation were the guests of the company at the Vincent, one of the finest hotels in Portland. The names of the parties who were honored with this invitation are, M. L. Seits, merchant, County Commissioner Wm. Wakefield and wife, County Commissioner Claus Ludemann and wife, Dr. Linton, physician, and wife, Z. M. Derrick, county surveyor, Road Master Bezley, County Judge Fogarty, Jim Ross, ex-sheriff, Wm. Matthews, editor News, C. V. Averill, editor Signal, Walter Hall, merchant, S. T. Plant, private citizen, and Edward Stocker, Sr., candidate for county commissioner. This selected delegation, on arriving in Portland, was taken in automobiles to the Vincent and every courtesy shown them. The next day the party was taken in autos and driven to every part of interest in the city and even into the state of Washington to study the roads of that section. After an elegantly served supper they were taken to the Buffalo Bill circus and the theatres. The most costly hard surface roads—the kind the company favors—is the bituminous and the least costly is the macadam or crushed rock road. The former will cost from \$12,000 to \$15,000 per mile and the latter from \$2,000 to \$4,000 per mile. Of course the bituminous style is too costly for Lincoln county, though it makes a nice, smooth surface, especially adapted for automobile travel, but too slick and slippery for horse and wagon travel in a hilly country. I don't believe the people, after looking the matter over carefully will vote to bond the county to build any kind of road at this stage of our development. The delegation had a most delightful time (all expenses were paid by the company) and came home well satisfied with the trip.

The commencement exercises of the Newport High School were held Friday evening in the Presbyterian church. The house was crowded. Supt. R. P. Goin presented the diplomas. The class contained two boys and four girls, Cecil Berry, John Miller, Major Gurney, Muric Robertson, Sophia Bentley and Rachel Angel. The valedictory address was delivered by John Miller in a very able, elegant and impressive manner. The subject was, "A Message to Gracia." The graduating address was delivered by Will E. Gwynn, in his usual able, eloquent and polished style. He portrayed in eloquent and glowing terms, the trials, struggles and triumphs of this young class just starting on life's tempestuous sea. His address made a fine impression.

Rev. H. W. Davis, pastor of the Baptist church in Eugene, who has been holding meetings at the Log Cabin on Nye Creek for more than a week, dedicated today, the 26th, a plot of ground one hundred feet square on May and Olive streets on which a \$2,000 church is to be erected this Summer. After a few appropriate songs by the congregation and an eloquent address by Mr. Davis, Rufus Wagner, the oldest member of the church, and Miss Martha Black, the youngest member, with their shovels stepped out and broke the ground. While this was being done a picture was taken of the group. About one hundred persons were present. The location is ideal and beautiful upon an eminence overlooking a broad expanse of the Pacific ocean as well as the lighthouses on Yaquina Head and Agate Beach. The church starts out with about fifty members. The excursion Sunday was small, about 100 persons. The day was damp and rainy and the people kept under shelter most of the day.

Linville

We are having quite a lot of rain here now, but the farmers all smile when they take a look at their crops.

Mrs. Donald Higgins went to Portland Monday where she will visit friends and take in the Rose Carnival for a week or ten days, then she will return to her home at Linville.

Our school here at Linville is progressing nicely with Miss Kate Shelley as teacher.

Henry Luthold is quite busy this week putting in his crops and repairing fences.

Dexter Twombly went to Bay View Monday with the cream. He is working for Mr. Hagen this spring.

There will be a big dance at Bay View Tuesday night held at E. E. Dyers. There will be a number from here go.

Albert Oakland and Joe Roselena made a flying trip to Bay View Thursday.

Mrs. Frank Huntsucker and Mrs. Henry Luthold went to Bay View Thursday and did some trading with J. C. Barnes Co.

Bud Miller just arrived from Denver, Colorado, and is an old school mate of Frank Huntsucker. He came in with Frank Saturday and stayed until Monday. They had a big time talking over old boyhood days.

Ole Olsen and Herbert Twombly and son, Roy, went to Bay View Saturday.

West Yaquina

Miss Daisy Ferr is visiting friends at Ona this week.

John Covert and Gust Weber came over from Ona Wednesday evening.

The steamer Bandon caused quite an excitement around this part of the country.

Misses Myrtle Willis, Stella Willis and R. V. Hanlon took the Eighth Grade examination in physiology and all passed high.

Miss Leola Hewitt is working at Smith's restaurant.

John Covert went to Toledo Thursday on business.

Glen

This rainy weather is making the gardens jump.

Mr. and Mrs. Bond Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Calkins, Mr. and Mrs. Merriell Davenport and Mrs. Davenport's sister and brother and Gerald Calkins of Riverside passed through here last week for an outing on Drift creek.

Miss Clare Moore gave a party Saturday night which was well attended and all reported a fine time.

Leonard Grant of Harlan passed through here Sunday on his way to Toledo.

Road work has been delayed this week on account of rain.

Mrs. Will Randall is ill this week.

Rupert Stewart went to Eddyville Monday.

Asa Brown went to Elk City Monday.

J. E. Crooks went to Toledo Tuesday.

Bayview

Percy Twombly went up the river to work for Jim Kent.

Robert Gienger, who has been working for John Olson of Linville, returned home Saturday.

Roy Twombly, who has been employed at the Hagan ranch on Drift creek, returned home Saturday. His brother, Dexter, went up to take his place.

John Gienger was in Bay View several days last week, waiting for favorable weather to kill a beef.

We are glad to hear that Miss Lily Simonson, Miss Leona Prescott and Edwin Oakland, who took the Eighth Grade examination, passed with flying colors.

Miss Alva Rossi completed a very successful term of school Tuesday. A picnic was held at the school house for the amusement of the children. Miss Rossi will soon depart for her home at Beaverton.

A farewell dance was given for Miss Rossi and the Misses Edna and Sophia Gienger at Dyers' Tuesday night. They danced till daylight and everyone had a lovely time.

Harlan

Mr. Branderberry was in from Portland recently. He came after some of their goods which they

could not take when they moved.

Mrs. Lester January and children are visiting at the W. W. January home.

Chas. Callahan went out on Friday's stage on his way to Joseph, Eastern Oregon.

On the 25th a meeting of the taxpayers of this precinct was held at the postoffice for the purpose of talking over the bonding proposition.

B. F. Grant, P. H. Martin and Smith Allison were sent as a committee to Toledo to be present on the 28th.

Mr. Howe of Waldport and Mr. Ozleshy are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fitzcharles.

Joe Frady is on the sick list this week.

P. H. Martin and W. S. Koontz went to Corvallis to act as witnesses for Mr. Thomas the 27th. Mr. Thomas is commuting on his Spout creek homestead.

Quite a lot of donation work was done this week on the road from Harlan to Drift creek, under the direction of Road Master Grant.

The May showers have put a broad smile on the farmers faces as they watch the crops grow.

Chitwood

Mrs. Anna Hart of Toledo is spending this week visiting friends and relatives near here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jacobson left for Forest Grove Wednesday to attend the Adventist campmeeting at that place.

Mrs. E. L. Gear and son, Leon, left Monday for a place in California where they expect to make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rowe have gone back to Wren to spend a few days.

Mrs. Ruth Critser left for her home at Oregon City one day last week.

Mrs. Maud Smith is quite sick. Dr. Newth came in from Philomath to see her Monday.

Sondre Romtvedt came up from Toledo Saturday on a business trip.

Died—At his home near Chitwood, May 26, 1914, Mr. Thomas Reed, after an illness lasting several weeks, passed away. Funeral services were held at the Chitwood cemetery, where he was laid to rest Wednesday afternoon. He leaves a wife, two children and several grandchildren to mourn his loss.

Salado

Well, we will wake up again.

Salado is rather dull now as the mill has shut down for the Summer and the hands gone elsewhere.

Mort Hodges and wife have gone to Huskins for the Summer.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Thomas and Wm. Martin departed for Oregon City Wednesday.

B. F. Grant was a visitor at Salado over night Wednesday. Mr. Grant is circulating a petition to the County Court to show the sentiments of the people in the Big Elk country towards the bonding of the county. This is a proposition that the people of the county should take great interest in as this is a debt that will be hard for the overburdened taxpayers to raise in too short a time and we need some good dirt roads before we think of hard surface roads in this county. Let the districts that want the hard surface roads bond their own districts.

Oysterville

Strawberry picking began at Peter Shermer's last Monday. Quite a number of crates were picked, although the weather has been too cold and rainy to ripen much.

Mrs. Bessie Shermer entertained a number of young folks a her home Sunday. All went to Toledo in afternoon to see the steamer Bandon.

Mr. Woods and family have moved into Mr. Margson's house known as the Old Lewis Place. Welcome into our midst.

Miss Gussie Greil spent Monday in Toledo.

Henry Christensen arrived from

Portland Friday evening for a visit at his home near here. He is planning a trip to Honolulu in the near future.

An oysterman's meeting was held at Barnes' cannery last Friday afternoon to organize an oysterman's association. Jos. Shermer was elected president. The next meeting will be held June 22d.

Supt. Goin was visiting our school last Thursday. The school is preparing a program for Memorial Day, to be given Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Horner, Mr. and Mrs. Gilgriest and Mr. and Mrs. Ridgeway of Yaquina called on T. Dowling's last Sunday evening.

Thos. Barker's mother, who came here a short time ago for her health, is not so well the last few days.

Mrs. M. G. Shermer was called to Corvallis last week by the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Del Fajett.

Little Elk

Nice Summer showers and gardens are growing.

H. O. Bovnton is building a large barn on his ranch. He will but in a small dairy next Summer.

W. J. Cline is getting ready to move onto the old Hyde place, as Mr. Weiner is going to live on his place which Mr. Cline has had rented for the last three years.

S. T. Loudon went over to Harlan last Monday on business, returning home Tuesday.

W. F. Wakefield went to Toledo Tuesday to attend County Court, which convenes Wednesday.

G. W. Crocker is repairing and building some new fence this week.

Miss Nina Gleason of Woodburn, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. S. T. Loudon for the past week, returned home Wednesday. Mrs. Loudon and son, Kenneth, accompanied her.

The Grange picnic held at Eddyville May 23 was a great success in every way. Owing to the rain in the morning, the crowd was not so large as it would have been. The program committee is very thankful to the band boys for their assistance and also to Miss Snyder of Toledo for the numbers she gave. The following program was given:

Music, by Toledo Band. Recitation, "The Vegetable Chorus" Ansil Seits. Song, "Four Seasons" Eddyville Grange. Recitation, "The Little Seamstress" Mariory Cline. Recitation, "When Pa Was a Little Boy" Richard Girdler. Recitation, "Sister's Best Feller" Kenneth Loudon. Recitation, "The 1914 Fair" Irene Magee. The Little Army, Primary Class. Music, Toledo Band. Solo, Miss Nettie Snyder. Recitation, Mr. Eagy. Recitation, "The Family Cow" Lawrence McBride. Song, "Stay on the Farm" Grange. Then the speaking by Mr. and Mrs. French. Their talks were enjoyed by all, and after the speaking the dinner! Well, anyone would have to partake of it to get any idea of what it was like. Then came the ball game between the Toledo High School and the Eddyville boys. The game was interesting from start to finish and at the end of the sixth inning the score stood 5 to 11 in favor of the Eddyville boys. The contests consisted of foot races, jumping, three legged races, old men's race, fat women's race and other contests which were enjoyed by all, and all went home rejoicing.

Ona

Miss Daisy Ferr of West Yaquina is visiting Miss Heter Hill this week.

Lloyd Commons visited a the Arnold ranch Sunday.

W. C. Weber helped Joe Lissy move his house Friday.

H. H. Cook and son, Fred, were at Waldport Monday.

John Covert was a Yaquina visitor Monday.

Mrs. S. C. Denny visited at the Selby ranch Wednesday.

Siletz

The citizens of the Siletz country turned out to attend the road meeting held here Saturday, in the interests of bonding the county and

appointed a committee to attend Court Thursday at Toledo.

Road Supervisor Hamar has been at work near John Adams' place making a grade.

Mrs. Iva Holacher and little daughter, Eva, visited her uncle and family at the Siletz Hotel for a few days the first of the week, returning to Toledo Wednesday.

James T. Belcher, a newspaper correspondent, visited Siletz Wednesday and gathered up news about the Indian for publication. He returned to Los Angeles Thursday morning.

'Tis rumored that M. S. Collins has leased his sawmill and it will start up in a few days, after lying idle for over two years. This will surely be a good thing as the people are forced to haul lumber from Toledo at present or do without.

W. S. Hall and wife were expected home in their new auto, but have not put in their appearance as yet. The rains must have made it impossible to get over Pioneer Mountain.

Lester Waugh was over from Toledo a couple of days on business.

C. S. Davis returned from Portland Monday evening.

Grant King sold a load of hogs to Lester Waugh Saturday and delivered them to Toledo.

A number of Salmon River Indians came up to visit friends at Siletz for a few days this week.

P. H. Elting was in Siletz on business Tuesday from Upper Farm.

Riverside V

What is a garden without rain?

Mrs. W. W. Grant and Mrs. R. L. Calkins were visiting at Bear Creek the first of the week.

Miss Devenport, Miss Gillett and Master Gillett of Corvallis are visiting their brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Davenport.

Poor old Glen was surprised and broken hearted to see about two thirds of Riverside afloat in their midst last Thursday. The crowd reported a good time.

A surprise party was given at Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Daniels last Tuesday in honor of Mrs. Daniel's birthday. Several wagon loads of people arrived in time for dinner and some did not arrive till after dinner, but all had a jolly good time. After the excellent dinner the women returned to their faithful duty—of talking—and the men played ball and did athletic stunts till evening, when the guests returned home very happy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Calkins are visiting at Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Darnley's of Toledo this week.

Mrs. C. C. Lane made a flying trip to Elk City Wednesday.

Injuries Fatal to Mr. Sparks

Eddyville, May 25, 1914.—To the Leader: J. C. Sparks, living one mile west of Eddyville who was sored by a bull on the 16th inst., died on the 25th of May, after suffering nine days.

Mr. Sparks was born in Mansfield, Ohio, in 1855, and had lived near Eddyville three years.

He is survived by a wife and seven children, as follows: Arthur, Mary Howard, Chester, Helen, Jean and Mrs. Flora Young of Los Angeles, California.

The family were all present at the time of his death.

Mr. Sparks was a kind neighbor, always having a pleasant word for everyone.

He moved from the state of Ohio with his parents to Missouri when he was a small boy and there grew to manhood where he met and married Helen B. Arnold, who remains with the seven children to mourn his loss. In his early youth he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and died at the age of 59 years, 2 months and 7 days, fully trusting in his Master.

The funeral services were held at the home Wednesday, Rev. Devenport officiating. The floral displays were grand. Many friends and neighbors from the different sections were present to pay their last respect to a noble man.

Improvement Club Entertains

The Toledo Improvement Club last Monday evening entertained the members of the crews of the Dredge Oregon, the Steamer Bandon, the Port Commission and the business men of the city at Odd-fellow Hall.

After a short business meeting of the Club, the evening was spent in speech making, songs and social intercourse. It was simply a get-together, get-acquainted meeting. Speeches were made by the following: Chas. H. Gardner subject "The Possible Effect of the Harbor Improvement on business interests." George H. Horsfall spoke on "A Business View of the Interior of the County." C. E. Hawkins spoke on "What the Shipping Industry May mean to Us Financially." Chief Engineer of the Oregon, "Is Our Channel Comparatively Permanent." J. F. Stewart, Compare Our Possibilities for Shipping Facilities with other Coast Waterways." Capt. Schillinsky, Master of the Bandon, "Tell Us How to Help You." Others responded and made short talks. The speeches were all very interesting and instructive. Messrs. Geer and Ross sang several selections and then President Ball announced a recess while a lunch was served. Right here is where a surprise was given the bunch. The ladies of the Civic Club had prepared an excellent lunch and had taken charge of the kitchen and banquet hall while the men were listening to the program in the hall. Instead of sandwiches and coffee, they served an elegant lunch of cake, salads and many other good things. From this on the meeting was a joint meeting. Mrs. G. R. Schenck, president of the Civic Club, made a short, masterly speech welcoming the crews of the dredge and steamer to our city and pledging the support of the the Civic Club in everything to assist the development of the city. The ladies presented Capt. Schillinsky of the steamer and Capt. Shook of the dredge each with a beautiful bouquet of roses. Then followed some more songs by Messrs. Ross and Geer and Mr. Ross recited "A Cat." From this on the meeting was one for visiting and getting better acquainted. The band rendered several fine selections in the hall below.

Taken as a whole this was one of the best meetings of the kind ever held in Toledo and we hope it is but one of many of its kind to follow.

When the meeting was first called to order the following business was transacted: A delegate was appointed the chairman to attend the road meeting at Yaquina to talk over the matter of changing the Mill Four road to cross the Depot slough at the north end of town. The chair appointed Ira Wade as such delegate.

A committee of five was appointed to meet with the County Court on the 28th to confer with that body in designating the roads to be improved by the proposed bond issue. The following is the committee appointed: C. E. Hawkins, A. T. Peterson, John Rattey, Lee Wade and Wm. Mackey.

The secretary was instructed to take up the matter of extending the wagon road from the rock crusher along the right of way to Second street with the railroad company.

Wallace Miller was down from Pioneer last Sunday.

Miss Luree Schlecht was a passenger for Portland this morning.

Fred Wagner and James Hiland of Nortons were in the city yesterday.

Prof. S. B. Ports entertained the grammar school graduates Tuesday evening with a banquet.

Mrs. J. F. Stewart returned from McMinnville Sunday, where she had been as a delegate to the Rebekeh convention.

Vincent Wantock was sentenced to two years in the Federal prison, for the murder of Robert Wiley, at Upper Farm last December.

The city was full of prominent men from various parts of the county yesterday, who were here to attend the road meeting held by the County Court.