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Newport

This is court week and a number of attorneys come to Newport to get a sniff of ocean breezes and to get a feed of the splendid sea food that is obtained here. Lawyers are good gastronomers and good feeders. Among the number that registered at the Abbey we noticed Judge Skipworth, W. S. McFadden, E. B. Tongue, prosecuting attorney at Hillsboro, W. F. Woods of Portland, Mr. Clark and John Stevens, superintendent of the C. & E. railroad. George King, mayor of Oyster City, also visited Newport. This term of Court had a large docket. Newport citizens being well represented in the proceedings. Mrs. C. G. Copeland had a number of cases against the Siletz Indians, trying to collect past due accounts. She obtained judgments against most of them and will collect the money later. Ott Holgate was fined \$250 and costs for trying to steal the signal flag on South Beach. This case was of much importance and attracted wide attention. Zene Copeland was fined \$50 for inflicting a severe injury upon the person of James Gaten, the fish and game warden. Mr. Copeland was also fined \$50 for calling the district attorney, J. F. Stewart, a liar in open court. This is pretty costly.

The parent-teachers meeting held Monday evening at the High School building was well attended and very interesting. These meetings do much good because it brings parents and teachers closer together in studying the best methods of securing home and school government and the best system of educating and improving the minds of the children. Parents and teachers are at liberty to take part in the discussion of any question that comes before the meeting. This gives the whole school as well as the community valuable information.

Some mischievous boys took a billie goat into the auditorium of the High School building and tied him up to a post. This was done as a joke on the professors and to furnish a living example as to which was the real butt end of a goat. The billie had been tantalized until he was right on the scrap. The boys said the goat must have got in his work as some of the professors did not sit down with as much ease as common.

J. H. Fitzgerald, secretary and promoter of the Portland, West Coast railroad and Navigation company, met with the city council at its regular session Monday evening and asked for an extension of time to commence building the road, on account of the scarcity of money because of the European war. He asked for twelve months after the war closed to commence the work of construction. This being a very indefinite period of time I don't think the council thought very seriously of the proposition. The war might last for ten years. However, the council promised to investigate the matter and report later what they would do. The company had six months in the first place to commence building the road but as yet no work has been done.

County Surveyor Derrick has just returned from the Yachats where he has been surveying a road across the Yachats mountains. This road when open will let the travel in from the Willmette valley by the way of the Upper Alsea valley down the Yachats river to Ocean View, Waldport and Newport. The distance across the mountain is five miles. A six per cent grade can be had and it will cost about \$5,000 to build the road. Mr. Derrick says the government will help on this road and he thinks the county will also assist in the work. The people along the road have taxed themselves to the limit. The tax running all the way from 5 to 10 mills. When people do so much for themselves they ought to be helped if it is possible to do so.

This road will open up a very fine section of the country for stock raising, dairying and horticulture.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Backus at Yaquina are getting along as well as could be expected with such severe burns. To be properly cared for they ought to be taken to a hospital. An effort is now being made to do that and it would not cost the county any more and maybe not as much.

Oysterville

M. G. Shermer attended court three days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Dowling were Newport visitors Thursday.

Fred Gee's visited the M. G. Shermer home Saturday to make the acquaintance of the new baby girl that arrived on Wednesday, the 27th.

Art Hope, conduction of the work train, took Sunday dinner at the Dowling home.

J. Vicars returned from Portland Saturday evening. He is planning to leave in about six weeks for Alaska.

Wm. Fey left Tuesday morning for the East.

J. Vigars attended a surprise party given for Ed Meeker, for calling the district attorney, Yaquina Tuesday evening.

Mrs. George Lewis has been quite sick for several days.

C. E. Webster left for the Valley Wednesday morning.

Fiegles Creek

Beautiful moon-lit evenings, fancy full.

Well, my dear colleagues, if we are to correspond for such a formidable, business paper as the Leader we had best stall-feed our Pegasus and run him around some just for exercise, you know.

Zeb Kessi is keeping up with the procession as far as enterprise goes. Rankin & Walker succeeded in delivering the goods, viz, a fine Durham bull.

Mrs. Fred Scheddler was an outward bound passenger on Tuesday's stage.

Frank Mulvany visited Fiegles Creek Sunday. He is daily receiving ads for machinery calculated for road building. All the men are eagerly awaiting the prospective work.

Houston Grant and Clifford McDonald with their famous pack of dogs are patrolling the hills trying to locate the marauders disturbing turkeys, chickens and ducks. Some of Frank Grant's goats on this side of the hill have come up missing.

Wild cats are becoming bold and plentiful, an awful menace to stock industry. It is easy to read between the lines where the country is broken and fit only for foraging animals. Such wild and ferocious creatures as cats and cougars can easily knock the profits off and discourage the owner of flocks.

Will Randall and family are enjoying a siege of mumps contracted at Harlan. After this they will be immune from that small coccus at least. A good many of us act like the goblins will get us. This one does and don't you forget it. These dandy little contagious diseases are not the joke they are cracked up to be. I know whereof I speak. The mumps are like love and a cough—they can't be hid. This reads kind of mumpy, but just now we all have mumps on the brain.

Glen

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Davenport the night of the 19th and left a girl. Mother and child doing nicely.

Mr. Davis, the school supervisor, visited our school last week. He gave us a nice talk on the meaning of education and the practical things to be taught. He also talked to us about the Home Credit System. This is something just recently started in the schools. It is to get the pupils to do more work

at home. We have tried it in our school and it has proven successful.

Jesse Davenport went to Elk City last Thursday.

Miss Edith Davenport spent Tuesday night with Miss Jessie Brown.

Alva Moore went to Harlan last Thursday.

Ray Brown went to Toledo last Thursday.

J. E. Crooks went to Toledo last Thursday.

C. W. Brown went to Harlan Tuesday.

Everett Brown went to Elk City last Saturday.

Miss Gertrude Johnson spent Saturday with Miss Helen Gardner at Salado.

Miss Jessie Brown spent Sunday with Mrs. George Davenport.

Ona

George Selby went to Toledo Thursday to serve on the jury. He returned home Sunday afternoon.

Lloyd Commons met with a serious accident Thursday afternoon while at work on the new road that is being opened by the Ona Good Roads Club. Lloyd and Chauncey Ohmart had sawed down a large alder tree, which split in two and did not fall as the boys had anticipated. They did not realize their danger until warned by cries from their fellow workers and then it was too late to escape. The tree struck Lloyd breaking his leg and bruising his body very badly. The boys made a stretcher of their coats and shirts and carried him to the home of Road Supervisor Weber where he was made as comfortable as possible until Dr. Tharp of Toledo came and set the break. At this writing he is doing as well as could be expected. Lloyd Commons is a progressive young man and is much interested in the work of the Club. The accident coming as it did at the commencement of their work, caused every member much grief. They have done everything for the injured young man that is possible, and, like true Spartans, they are pushing the work they have undertaken. The Commons family has the sympathy of everyone.

Mrs. L. M. Commons, who has been visiting relatives at Portland and Hillsboro the last four weeks, was called to her home Saturday to take care of her son, Lloyd.

A. W. Weber is attending court at Toledo this week.

Andrew Gallagher and George Edwards went up to the H. H. Cook Co. sawmill one day last week.

Eddyville

Social events at Eddyville are booming.

Miss Anna Mauch was surprised by about forty friends from Eddyville, Little Elk and Bear Creek on the evening of Friday, January 22. The evening was spent enjoying games and music. Dainty refreshments were served at midnight. All expressed great pleasure in the Mauchs' hospitality and expressed the hope that they might come again soon.

Miss Leah Rutledge entertained about thirty guests from Eddyville and Big Elk at the Leah home last Friday evening. The evening was passed playing the usual games. Dainty refreshments were served and the guests departed unanimously declaring an unusually good time. The beautiful moonlight evening added not a little to the pleasure of those who walked from Eddyville and the old saying "the longest way home" was proved beyond a doubt.

A pleasant and agreeable surprise party was given to Miss Amber Spaulding on January 19th in honor of her 30th (?) birthday. Her school pupils presented her with a large birthday cake. The evening was

spent making candy and playing games. All report a jolly, good time.

January 26th being Miss Leah Rutledge's birthday anniversary a few of her friends journeyed quietly up the mountain and gave her a little surprise. After dipping Miss Rutledge into the cool waters of the spring the guests retired to the house and spent the evening playing "Rook," "Plaza" and similar games.

The Grange program under the direction of Mrs. Robbins was very enjoyable. It was the first of a series which will make up the contest between the two divisions. The program rendered was as follows: Music by Mrs. Ralph Pepin; story by Mr. Boynton; reading by Mrs. Vergil Loudon; reading by Mrs. Pepin; dialect reading by Mr. McBride; recitation, Miss Luce; reading, Mrs. Robbins; reading, Mrs. Sparks. The concluding number was a bachelor's button-sewing contest, in which Mr. Boynton, Mr. McBride, Mr. Wiedmer, Mr. Roger Loudon took part. First prize was won by Mr. McBride and consolation by Mr. Wiedmer.

Two double desks and a new window shade have been added to the school equipment.

Mr. Davis, supervisor, visited the school recently.

Those neither absent nor tardy during the fourth month were: Roy Mauch, Loren Mauch, Hazel Mauch, Jean Sparks, Muriel Franklin, Richard Girdler, Fred Michel.

Mrs. Downey is suffering from a severe attack of la grippe.

Clare McBride has been spending several days visiting his brother, Lawrence McBride.

Miss Ruth Luce left Monday for Portland where she will be employed.

M. D. Weltin celebrated his birthday anniversary Sunday, January 31. A number of dinner guests enjoyed the day with him.

Earl Weltin proved his pedagogical abilities Friday afternoon when he very successfully filled Miss Spaulding's place, the latter being absent on account of illness.

Eddyville grangers are delighted with the progress being made on the new hall. It is hoped that it will be ready for occupancy by the next meeting.

Elk City

The party given at Mr. Lehn's last Friday was well attended. Thirty-six were present and all enjoyed themselves.

Miss Bessie Gillett was the guest of Mr. Slocum and family Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Scarth lost one of his horses Monday evening.

Mrs. Will Parks and Miss Winnie Boydston went to Toledo Saturday to have some dental work done.

Mrs. Jim Park's children have been on the sick list but are improving.

It has been too rainy for plowing.

Mr. Millner returned to Canada last week.

Upper Beaver

W. H. Weaver made a trip to Yaquina Saturday.

Peter Peterson and Herman Henke made a trip to Yaquina Saturday.

Jesse Clifford returned home Sunday from an extended visit in Portland, accompanied by his uncle and aunt.

George Emerson and Thomas Barker of Poole slough and Peter and William Peterson spent Saturday night visiting Herman Henke.

Henry Emerson of Oyster City and Wm. Fey of Oysterville were in this vicinity Sunday.

Mr. Brooks and sons of Waldport visited at the G. E. Lewis ranch Saturday night.

Mrs. J. M. Bowers visited at the T. Huntsucker ranch Sunday.

Mrs. T. Huntsucker and child-

ren, Alice and Kenneth, called on Mrs. I. N. Hewett one day last week.

Mrs. J. M. Bowers visited Mrs. I. N. Hewett Wednesday.

Mrs. W. C. Martin is on the sick list this week.

Donna, Mona and Jimmie Martin were guests at the T. Huntsucker home Sunday.

Misses Evalina and Christina Peterson called at the Hewett home Monday afternoon.

William Peterson of the C. & E. bridge crew spent the weekend visiting home folks at this place.

Mrs. Guy Lewis called at the Peterson ranch Monday afternoon.

EXPENSES OF SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Having prepared a bill to be presented to the legislature allowing one deputy for the Sheriff's office and having explained the cost of maintaining the office by the Sheriff out of his salary to more than a hundred residents and taxpayers of Lincoln county and having received their endorsement by petition to allow one deputy to the Sheriff at \$60 per month, it is no more than right, and I have promised, to submit to each of the county papers a statement of the cost of maintaining the Sheriff's office which he must pay. It is not generally understood, but a fact, that the Sheriff receives no fees, no mileage and no traveling expenses from the county and must hire all deputies. Here is a fair statement of what the Sheriff has to pay out of his salary:

One office deputy to keep the record of delinquent taxes and remain in the office while the Sheriff is out serving papers or on criminal business, \$50 per month	\$500.00
Outside deputies, their traveling expenses, sheriff's traveling expenses, \$30 per month for ten months out of the year	\$300.00
Same expenses for the two months out of the year when circuit court meets, \$75 per month	150.00
Expense of hiring jailor to feed and care for prisoners when sheriff is called away from county seat, estimated sixty days out of year, \$1 per day	60.00
Total	\$1110.00
Salary	1800.00
Balance	690.00
Bert Geer, Sheriff.	

LADIES AID SOCIETY TO HOLD BAKERY SALES

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church, beginning tomorrow, Saturday, the 6th, will hold monthly bakery sales, selling all kinds of bakery goods, such as pies, cakes, cookies, etc. Tomorrow the sale will be in Lester Waugh's meat market window. The committee for this sale is composed of Mrs. P. Frederick, Mrs. E. J. Avery and Mrs. U. G. Hart. The public is invited to call and purchase and thereby help a good cause.

\$10 REWARD

To the one who will return my large black and tan hound dog. Short ears, weight about 57 lbs., name, "Prince." He was last seen by me Friday, January 22. He was trailing and it is thought probable he is on the Upper Siletz or Rock creek. Owner would be very glad of any information concerning him.

John Jacobson, Chitwood, Or.

State Manager Bliss of the Columbia Life Insurance Co., of Salem, was in the city several days this week in the interests of the company. While here he appointed S. B. Ports local agent.

R. W. Pepin, the bridge builder, went to Ocean View Wednesday evening to build a county bridge over the Yachats. Burt Junken also went to assist with the carpenter work. They figure that it will take about three weeks to do the job.

ONA GOOD ROADS CLUB

Road Supervisor Walter C. Weber, President of the Ona Good Roads Club, had a force of men at work Monday on the new county road up Beaver creek. This survey was made (at quite an expense to the county) some years ago and is considered a decided improvement, so far as the grade is concerned, over the old road. This road was not opened sooner owing to lack of funds. Now our Road Club intends opening it up with volunteer work. Up to the present date forty days' work have been volunteered, each member reserves the privilege of either giving his own labor or employing someone in his place. We have one progressive member who is not in our road district, having paid his membership fee and contributed five days' labor. He contends any new road in the county is a lasting benefit to all the county.

The Club charges an initiation fee and a small amount each month. This money will be used to buy tools necessary for the road work being done by the Club.

The amount of work done this far is a surprise to the most enthusiastic and not all of the Club members have turned out yet, and we hope to push this road to completion before a great while.

The object of this Club is to open new roads where there are no available funds for the work. The county has gone to the expense of making these surveys for us and we feel that it is now "up to us" to help ourselves a little and not act like helpless infants.

We hear strangers talk of "The Oregon Spirit." They tell us that one portion of our beautiful state is afraid another portion of it will secure some needed improvement and thus detract from itself. They tell us this spirit exists between the different sections of the counties and runs from there to the cities, town and localities. Fancy anyone not believing in a good road just because it does not pass their door. We believe this spirit exists only in the minds of the few. The majority of the people are for progress. We never need hope for fortune to reach us if we sit by and idle away our "days of grace" in vain complainings. "Let us then be up and doing" and help Bud Weber boost for good roads.

MAY RECONSIDER ALSEA BAY CASE IN CONGRESS

Representative Hawley has asked a reconsideration of the proposal for the survey of Alsea bay on which Major Morrow has submitted an adverse report, based upon the contention that local interests would furnish 15 per cent of the required funds for the proposed improvements. Local business men have advised Mr. Hawley that they will furnish 50 per cent of the funds.—Washington correspondent Portland Telegram.

The boys at the electric light plant believe in having light on the subject. This week they installed a 1000 candle power light in the plant and a 250 candle power light on the front of the building. This lights the whole vicinity.

Among the prominent attorneys from other cities attending court here this week we note: W. S. McFadden, Arthur Clarke and O. Middlekauff of Corvallis, E. B. Tongue of Hillsboro, Mark Weatherford of Albany, A. O. Condit of Salem and W. L. Cooper of Portland.

FOR SALE—Or exchange a Pool Table in good repair. Will sell or exchange for billiard table Address L. C. Smith, Secy., Newport, Oregon.

Wanted—To buy or rent place suitable for small dairy, with plenty of grass. Must be good terms. A. P. Ayers, Newberg, Oregon.

See W. P. McGee before buying that raincoat.