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NEWPORT

Died in East Portland, Jan. 25th, 1916, of cerebral hemorrhage, Mrs. James Russell, aged 73 years. Mrs. Russell was born in England in 1843, came to New York when a girl, was married to James A. Russell in 1861 and came to Oregon in 1870, located in Alsea valley and lived there for twenty years, and from there, with her husband, moved to Yaquina where they lived for fourteen years. Mrs. Russell was postmistress for four years. Mr. Russell died at Yaquina in 1896 and was buried beside his father, Thomas Russell, in Eureka Cemetery. Mrs. Russell was a member of the Rebekah Degree many years and for a long time belonged to the Do Good Rebekah Rebekah lodge at Toledo. She moved to Portland in 1902 and lived there up to the time of her death. She was a member of the Episcopal Church at Portland. For a long time she kept a rooming house on the East Side, near Morrison street bridge. The remains were brought to Newport Friday evening and taken to the Copeland undertaking parlors where a short service was held Saturday morning by Rev. E. T. Simpson, rector of the Church. The last rites of the Church were conducted at the grove by Rev. F. O. Jones, retired minister. The Masons of Newport had charge of the funeral services. Mr. Russell was a Mason. It was a cold, bleak day and but few people attended the funeral and there were no flowers, but the beautiful snow was falling and the grave was soon covered with that emblem of the purity of the soul when disenthralled from the troubles and sorrows that afflict us in this world. The only ones from Portland was an adopted daughter, Miss Lena Russell, and a friend, Mrs. William Weaver. And thus one by one the Oregon pioneers are passing away and soon the last name on the roll will be called. Where the cities and the railroads are now built the pioneers opened the way. In his log cabin with his faithful wife by his side and the little children huddled in the trundle bed the bark of the wolf could be heard and the roar of the mountain lion sounded through the forest and the dreadful war whoop could be heard echoing through the hills and the little children huddled in the bed not knowing whether they would be massacred before morning or not. These are the experiences of some of the Oregon pioneers. May the snow fall lightly on their graves and may the memory of what they did remain fresh and green in the minds of those who came after them. It has been a hard winter on old people and persons weakened from disease. Since the state went dry it is hard to get good whiskey or brandy—the very best of stimulants—and I have no doubt many persons in their weakened condition have died for the lack of proper stimulation at the proper time.

ELK CITY

Mr. Holem made a trip to Toledo Thursday last week. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Graves returned from Sheridan Friday last. Herman Schmitt was helping his neighbor, Mr. Graves, do some ditching the last of the previous week. Mrs. S. J. Whitford was visiting with Miss Silva Whitford of Storrs the latter part of last week. She reports that Miss Whitford has been losing her ducks until all had gone but one, and that one found its way to the frying pan. Now, see here, Doctor, the owls did not scare me out last week, nor did I forget to send in my items, so you have to ask the editors what became of them. (Very sorry to lose a batch of good Elk City items, but for some reason they did not reach us.—Ed.) Henry Matteson made a Sunday call on ye writer. "And then it would snow, snow, snow, way up among the hills and vales. It would snow, snow, snow—the sun would shine a bit and then not a bit. And then it would rain, rain, rain." Vance Daniels and Vernon Folsbee were in town Saturday morning. Victor Jacobson came up from Toledo Saturday morning. The past week and Sunday has been filled with sorrow for the wildcats. Paris Parks having bagged two and Victor Jacobson two. Paris now has accounted for seven of the varmints. Victor also has accounted for several, having bagged one last Sunday which measured four feet, eight inches. Some cat! Go to it boys, clean them all up. Ed Gillespie and Herman Schmitt were passengers for lower bay points last Tuesday morning on the Transit. Goodbye snow. Hello rain! Water is raisin' fellers. Miss Sophia Holem is now taking the place of her sister,

band, led by Mr. Keady, was at the wharf to greet them with splendid strains of martial music. They were conducted to the Wakefield, where a splendid supper awaited them. They felt at home. At night a dance was given at the Kent hall in honor of the visiting teams. Mrs. F. H. Macdonald was chaperon for the girls and Prof. Glenn of Newport was umpire and had charge of the boys. Edward Starr of Waldport was referee. The next game will be played at Newport.

Prof. "Brick" Miller, who is teaching in the Wakefield neighborhood, brought down his basketball team of grammar school students to play a game with the grammar school pupils of Newport. It was a spirited game, but being amateurs and not having any floor to practice on at home, lost out to the tune of 27 to 3 in favor of Newport.

James Doty, father of Lee Doty, died at Creswell, Oregon, Sunday evening, January 30th, of pneumonia. His remains were brought to Newport Tuesday evening, accompanied by his son, Lee, and wife. The funeral will occur Friday and the interment will be in the Eureka Cemetery. Obituary next week.

CHITWOOD

(Contributed by pupils of the school, and printed without correction by anyone.) Walter Trapp of this city is working in the bridge gang. J. M. Boren is having some slashing done on his ranch. Messrs. Rowe and Peterson of Portland, are doing the work. A number of pupils are absent from school on account of weather and sickness. Levi Smith, of Chitwood school, has been absent several days on account of La Grippe.

WEST YAQUINA

Miss Margaret Ferr went to Newport the last of the week to visit her sister, Mrs. John Backus. John Hanlon of Beaver creek spent the week-end with his wife at Oysterville. John Coovert made a business trip to Toledo Thursday. He returned to Beaver creek Saturday.

NORTONS

Still it snows. We have more snow here this time than we had the first snow storm. We had begun to think we were going to have some good weather, but it turned out like the Dutchman catching a cat. "Sometimes we got 'em and sometimes we ain't got 'em." C. S. Peck spent Sunday hauling hay. It is better hauling now than in the summer time as a person can use a sled and it is not so blamed warm.

ROSE LODGE

We had about four inches of snow in Rose Lodge. Mr. Seeley has returned to his home in Portland. Dr. Lewis of Willamina passed through Rose Lodge on his way to Otis. A number of the people of Rose Lodge left for Toledo last Monday. Among them were, Arthur Baker, Mrs. Jokenin and Lillie Paabo.

POOLE SLOUGH

Heavy winds and rain again, but the rain is better than snow on the stock. Leland Wright was visiting on Wright creek Thursday. Messrs. Willis and Colver made a trip to town Saturday, returning Sunday. Mrs. T. Barker and daughters, Hazel and Lola, visited the Brown ranch Thursday. Louie Cox had the misfortune to hurt his foot this week, making it impossible to use it. The Misses Wright lost a yearling the first of the week, and Brown's lost a calf.

ROCK CREEK

The weather is said to be a

topic of conversation that never grows old, and it has certainly been a most interesting subject to the people of this locality for the past month. The first snow covered the ground on the last day of December and with the exception of two days has been with us ever since. At the present time (Monday) there are nine inches of snow on the bottom land and from twelve to eighteen inches on the hills. The greatest degree of cold shown by the thermometer during the month was 12 degrees above zero. As soon as the snow disappears we shall expect to read in the Portland papers something about the delightful winter climate of Oregon, where the fruit ripens and flower bloom out of doors all winter. This is about the most protracted spell of cold and snowy weather that the oldest inhabitant has ever experienced and he is at a loss whether to attribute it to the European war or the Democratic administration.

WINANT

Some storm we have been having, but we should worry! "Let 'er buck." Clay Sugg, who has been very ill for the past week, is now improving rapidly. His aunt, Miss Sugg, of Portland returned to her home Monday morning. Miss Gladys King is at Newport this week. Mrs. George King's sister, Mrs. S. Case, has been laid up with the grippe.

TOLEDO MISSION

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Warnock departed last week for New York City, where they will remain for a couple of months. Harry Porter went to Eddyville Sunday, returning Monday. Newport sure has a list of candidates for county offices. If the winter gets any worse up here we will be able to scare up a dozen or so. Homer Hershey of McCormick's bridge crew was here last week looking after the water tank. We have to take good care of the water tanks since the state went dry as that is all we have left.

TOLEDO MISSION

Amos Chapman, manager of the Chapman & Johnson sawmill on Steer creek, was transacting business here Monday. John Kopp came down from his homestead Friday evening. J. H. Lewis of Nashville will be in Nortons Saturday, February 5th to register the voters in this precinct for the coming election.

TOLEDO MISSION

Mr. and Mrs. Con Kangiser made a trip to Willamina last week. Cleve Starr is visiting his father, H. C. Starr, of Slick Rock. School will start up at Slick Rock next Monday. Miss Olson of Toledo will be the teacher this term. Cecil Messinger made a flying trip to Otis last week. How about it, Cecil? Richard Randio and Howard McMillin have been hauling lumber for the Grange hall. Oscar Sider has returned to the Valley, after a several months' stay with his brother, Alex Sider.

TOLEDO MISSION

Milo Lee passed through Rose Lodge last Wednesday on his way to Canby, Oregon, where Mr. Lee and family will make their future home. Miss Bernice Welch and Lillie Liswig of Taft were guests at the basket social, which was given last Saturday night at the Grange hall. The social was a grand success and a good time was reported by all. A number of the young folks of Otis attended. They were, Howard, Charley and Max Mewhister, Jesse Burton, Earl and Carl King, Ben Blacketer, Mamie McDonald and brother, C. H. Pierce of Otis was in this vicinity last Saturday on business affairs. Frank Mann was an Otis visitor last Sunday. Ralph Harding was a Taft visitor last Sunday and Monday. Mrs. Combest and sister were guests at Rose Lodge last Saturday and Sunday.

TOLEDO MISSION

Chas. Hart visited Mr. and Mrs. C. Harding last Sunday. Inez Adams is working for Mel Burton of Otis. Miss Gertrude Adams from Schooner creek attended the dance. Heavy winds and rain again, but the rain is better than snow on the stock. Leland Wright was visiting on Wright creek Thursday. Messrs. Willis and Colver made a trip to town Saturday, returning Sunday. Mrs. T. Barker and daughters, Hazel and Lola, visited the Brown ranch Thursday. Louie Cox had the misfortune to hurt his foot this week, making it impossible to use it. The Misses Wright lost a yearling the first of the week, and Brown's lost a calf.

TOLEDO MISSION

Thos. Barker and Chester Willis visited Tracy Huntsucker and Gordon Emerson Tuesday. Not much news this week. Everybody is on the sick list. Wm. Scott and daughter, Wilda, returned from Toledo Thursday and on to their home on Lower Siletz Friday. Harry Fisk and a frined passed through Siletz Friday on their way home from Toledo, where they had gone on business. W. S. Hall and John Kentia went to Toledo Friday on business, returning the same day. A. L. Porter, county road master, came to Siletz Friday evening on business and returned Monday on the stage. A. C. Crawford, wife and daughter, Florence, came up to Siletz Saturday and was joined by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hall and went to Upper Farm and paid Mr. and Mrs. Phil Elting a visit over Sunday. They went in their sleigh. It commenced to rain here Sunday evening and has continued ever since and has taken all the snow off excepting in the mountains. The river raised about 14 feet by Wednesday noon.

TOLEDO MISSION

Dr. J. T. Abbett, district superintendent of the M. E. Church, came over to Siletz Tuesday and held services at the Church Tuesday evening. Mrs. H. Hatfield and children came to Siletz Wednesday evening from Salem for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Goodell. Brinton Bryant and Ord Castle went to Toledo Tuesday on business and returned in the evening on the stage. Miss Olson came over to Siletz Wednesday evening and went on down the river with the mailcarrier to teach school again in the Brown district. Will Graham came over with a rig to bring passengers Wednesday evening, and stayed over night.

TOLEDO MISSION

In the May and June eighth grade examinations a new plan will be tried in testing the pupils in the subjects of U. S. History and Civil Government, according to a statement issued by State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. A. Churchill. During the examination the pupils will be allowed to refer to their text books, but the questions will be so framed as to test the ability of the pupil in expressing what he has learned in clear, concise language. The advantage of such a plan are, that it permits the teacher to emphasize the historical events which she considers most important; it gives the trained teacher greater freedom so that she can do much higher quality of work than simply helping the pupils to "cram" for an examination; it frees the teacher and the pupils from so teaching and studying as to make the examination the end; it tends to give the pupils power of expression and eliminates the memorizing of unimportant dates and facts. "There is always danger," said Superintendent Churchill, "of the examination system developing a question and answer method unpedagogical, and the examination usually deteriorates into a memory test. With this new plan if the teacher will adopt it for the pupils' monthly tests they will learn by the close of the year how to use the text as merely a reference work in writing their final papers. The questions will be so worded that it will be impossible for the pupil to copy any amount from the text book, but he will find help by turning to it to refresh his memory on some point that has escaped him just for the moment. When writing an examination a pupil often finds he can not recall the answer to a question. He is then liable to become so nervous and frightened that he will fail in the entire examination. This is really the common sense way to prepare a pupil for his work in the every day world, for if a man has to write an article or prepare a paper on any subject, he does not attempt to depend upon his memory for the proof which he wishes to use from various sources to substantiate his statements; rather, he has on his table a number of reference works dealing with the subject upon which he is writing. The eighth grade examinations, to a very large extent, set the standard for teaching, and I am very confident that this new plan will strengthen the work in the eighth grade and give the pupil much more power and confidence than he gains from the memory tests. If his class standing has been high during the year and his English work what it should be, he will pass a good examination. If his class work has been below par, the open book will be of no help to him during the short hour of the examination."

TOLEDO MISSION

R. P. Goin, County School Supt. TOLEDO MISSION Meeting Sunday afternoon, 3 o'clock, and Sunday night, 7:30. All welcome. Constable R. R. Gwynn had official business at Nashville yesterday. Chas. Vanderpool, the Newport fish market man, was a Toledo visitor yesterday. FOR SALE Household furniture for sale cheap. Inquire of Mrs. C. C. Walker.