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NEWPORT

Newport Circle, No. 782, Women of Woodcraft, will be instituted Thursday evening, February 17th. The officers and guards of Toledo Circle, No. 21, will accompany Giana Manager Annie Hawkins, who will conduct the installation ceremonies. The meeting will be held in the Elk Hall on Front street. Newport Circle has a charter of 33 members. The following officers will be installed: Guardian Neighbor, Laura Schumaker, Advisor, Aileen Hartley; Magician, Myrtle Somers; Clerk, Warren Hartley; Banker, Erna Wing; Attendant, Ruby M. Royse; Captain of the Guards, Eddie Stocker; Inner Sentinel, Lora Carter; Outer Sentinel, Franklin M. Carter; Musician, Edna Divilbiss; Managers, Harry Hyde, Russe Somers and Harold Greenbrook. A lunch will be served and a general good time is anticipated. A grand ball will be given by the Circle on the 22d. Elaborate preparations are being made to have one of the most enjoyable entertainments of the season. Good music will be furnished, a commodious hall, good lights and a splendid floor are some of the inducements to attend this dance, which will be in the Elk Hall. A special invitation is extended to the Yaquina people to come and have a good time. It is Washington's birthday and that is another reason why the people will attend, to celebrate the day.

The Circuit Court has been in session for nearly two weeks and a large amount of business has been transacted. Two detectives or stool pigeons have been in the county or at Newport for about six months trying to catch some one for bootlegging. They drink whiskey and give it to others to make them drunk. In Toledo they gave whiskey to minors, it is alleged, and for this violation of law a warrant was sworn out for their arrest, and they were arraigned in Justice Berry's Court. The man's name is C. T. Hanners. His case is set for a hearing in the Justice Court at 10 o'clock, A. M., Saturday. He was placed under bonds in the sum of \$500. A man by the name of A. J. Kasser, from Junction City, went on the bond as one of the sureties, and W. G. Emery as the other. The Court held that a stool pigeon had no more right to break the law than anyone else. The complaining witness is Frank Wade, son of Lee Wade. The warrant of arrest was served by constable Coffield of Newport. Stool pigeons in this county are very much in dis-repute, and but few persons will believe them under oath. We understand, for this kind of work, sneaking around trying to catch some one, the county under the direction of the district attorney, is paying them \$7 per day. The tax payers are tired of this and I don't think a single conviction will be had. The old plan of the stoolpigeon's work was to pretend to be sick, or if not sick himself some member of his family was, and in this way he would get the sympathy of the doctor or druggist, get the whiskey, and then he would have them pulled. What is meaner or more despicable than such actions? You could not see such a man's soul with a spy glass it would be so little. This kind of work will cost the county not less than \$1200 or \$1500. I don't see why the county officers could not handle this kind of business, and save the people that much money. The lawyer would be bad, and the District Attorney should be reasonably certain of getting a conviction before bringing the case. The open season for stool pigeons begins next Saturday and some of the pigeons may get into trouble if they continue this kind of work.

The Sacred Opera of Queen Esther, a biblical play, was put on the stage at the Casino Tuesday night. It was a splendid play and all parts were well su-

stained. The queen herself was a jewel, and with her royal court she was every inch a queen. Her entreaties to the kingdom were dramatic. The singing, in expression and harmony was superb. The costumes and styles of the people in those ancient days. The queen's maids and the king's maidens all wore short dresses and black hose. They were beautiful. The women of the opera were attired in beautiful gowns and the regal costume of the day. Martin E. Robinson, director, is a master in the training for such a play as this. Newport may well be proud of her talented performers, and should congratulate Mr. Robinson in his splendid success in training them. The play was put on the stage two evenings, and the hall was filled to its capacity both evenings. Pianist, Miss Bertha Booth; organist, Mrs. Arthur Miller.

The attorneys while attending Court at Toledo spent the nights at Newport, the guests of The Abbey.

The unprecedented long rain, wind and snow storm which lasted more than three months, is now over and we may expect a long spell of good weather.

POOLE SLOUGH

Leland Wright brought a load of apples up from Yaquina Friday.

Miss Julia Brown spent Thursday visiting Mrs. Thos. Barker. Edgar Hall took dinner at the Brown ranch Sunday.

The Misses Wright lost another yearling last week. Thos. Barker also lost a couple of head lately.

Johanny Emerson and another gentleman spent Sunday visiting Gordon Emerson and Tracy Huntsucker.

Mrs. Thos. Brown has just received word that an eight-pound daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Van Schoick of 738 E. Oak street, Stockton, Calif., on February 6th, 1916. She was named Sylvia Edna. Friends will remember Mrs. Van Schoick as Miss Bessie Brown before her marriage last April. Everyone was reported doing fine but Poor Jay.

Callers at the A. and E. Wright ranch Friday were Mrs. F. R. Weaver, Miss Julia Brown and sisters, Ida and Isabel. We were sorry to learn that Mrs. Weaver's little boy had cut his toe quite badly.

Archie Zeek made a trip to Upper Beaver Friday, returning Saturday.

Chester Willis went to Yaquina Saturday evening.

We were glad to see that the Upper Beaver writer awakened. Maybe the owls are bad there also. We hope he, or she, don't take such a long nap again.

Tracy Huntsucker and Gordon Emerson made a trip to town last Friday.

Old Man La Grippe has just about left our neighborhood. He still has his headquarters with several yet.

It is reported that Archie Zeek is going to leave our neighborhood shortly for Eastern Oregon, where his brother, Panner, is working.

W. D. Robert's father from Coos bay, is visiting his son and daughter in law. He arrived Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Barker visited at the Roberts ranch Saturday afternoon.

Edgar Hall, Chas. Brown and Thos. Barker were Newport visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Thos. Barker and daughters visited with Mrs. Edgar Hall Tuesday afternoon.

We never had much rain this week so everyone was taking advantage of the good days.

ELK CITY

R. A. Abbey returned from Newport Thursday of last week. He was attending the funeral of Peter M. Abbey.

Jack Van Allen was a Transit passenger Saturday morning.

Sunday morning one of the railroad gasoline hand-cars was stalled here. Quite a while was spent before it was ready to travel again.

Harry Matteson and Dick Carter left for Portland Monday morning. They went to look for work.

Are "Carter's Pills" as strong as that, Salado, or are you just dealing in the marvelous?

J. H. Matteson was doing some carpenter work for our postmaster, A. B. Clark, last Monday and Tuesday.

H. A. Norton is getting busy with his annual Spring job, that of painting up his boat.

Mrs. J. E. Winskill is still on the sick list.

Ye writer asked the primary teacher of this place for a monthly Roll of Honor the other day. Said teacher hung her head and said—never mind what she said; 'taint the scholars' fault, anyway. Question, Resolved, That we must have it for the next month or I'll call on Germany.

Just a little sunshine; just a little rain, lightens up the work and makes a fellow long for Springtime.

Paris Parks came up from Toledo, where he had been on the jury, last Saturday morning, but he goes back the first of the week.

The courthouse seems to have turned out to be quite a drawing card. Quite a number of people from here have been attending.

Mr. Graves and son, Scott, were looking after broken fences the past week.

Clyde Van Orden left Wednesday morning for Valley points.

M. W. Simpson was a Valley passenger Wednesday morning.

Mrs. N. E. Davidson returned home Wednesday morning.

BEAR CREEK

Sun shining once again.

Lee Lang was in Elk City last week.

The party given at Mr. and Mrs. Mort Hodges last Friday night was well attended. Those present from down this way were as follows: Urtilla Young, Marie and Harry Slocum, Henry Stadelman, Anstruther Scarth, and Frank Ramsdell. All wishing another one would come soon.

Mabel Burch, Roy and John Kullander were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Slocum and family Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. A. C. Young and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Burch last Sunday.

ROSE LODGE

The party which was given by the grangers last Saturday night was well attended and all reported a good time. It being leap year the girls escorted the boys to supper, and a jolly, good time was had, during the supper hour, by all.

Jack Fendall was a passenger on the mail hack last Saturday morning enroute for the Valley.

Mr. Lewis of Willamina and Mr. Ralph Harding passed thru Rose Lodge last Friday with a bunch of cattle, which they will ship to Portland for Mr. Seeley.

C. H. Pierce was a Rose Lodge visitor last Friday.

Miss Lillie Paabo visited Miss Mildred Harding last Saturday.

Mrs. W. L. Bloom is on the sick list this week.

A crew of men have been working on the road in district No. 17.

There will be a Grange meeting Saturday night, February 19th, and the luncheon will be prepared and served by the brothers of the Grange.

Mrs. Jessie Majeskie from Dallas was a passenger on the mail hack last Thursday night. She will visit her people, Mr. and Mrs. Kangler, for a few days.

Art Baker has returned home from Toledo.

Mr. and Mrs. Pleasant Deaken expect to move to their new home at Canby in the near future, and we all regret it exceedingly. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt will take possession of the

DIED
February 22, 1916
The Toledo Dance Orchestra
All friends and mourners asked to be present at the Dance Hall at 9 P. M., of Tuesday next to participate in the funeral ceremony. Bring no flowers but wear a mask so we can't see your tears.

We might bring the departed to life after you arrive and might possibly serve something to eat.

To show your sincere heart broken sorrow for the dear departed be sure and bring a dollar with you—and a little more if you care to eat.

WINANT

A farewell dance was given at the Yaquina restaurant Saturday night by Mr. and Mrs. Whitney, their Victrola furnishing the music. It was given in honor of Charles Snaudy who departed for Portland Monday morning. Everybody reports a splendid time. We all hated to see Mr. Snaudy leave for it not easy to find such a jolly fellow as he.

Miss Alma Boone who is working for Mrs. George Walker at Toledo spent Sunday with her folks here, returning to Toledo Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Shermer called on Mrs. Dick Huntsucker Friday.

Dick Huntsucker made a trip to Yaquina Friday.

Mrs. Dora Huntsucker returned to her home in Oyster City Saturday, after staying with her daughter, Mrs. George Lewis, for a few days.

Gordon Emerson and Tracy Huntsucker visited in Oyster City Saturday.

Chas. Gildersleeve visited at home Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Barker and daughters visited at the King home Saturday.

Clarence Boone writes that it is pretty cold in Alaska. No doubt it is. Why shouldn't it be?

LITTLE ELK

Farmers in this vicinity are getting ready "to begin to commence" to do their Spring work.

We all wonder if the Winter has broken for some of our hay piles are getting low. There has been no loss of stock as yet except a few goats.

C. H. Wakefield is hauling timber to build a woodshed. Better late than never.

S. T. Loudon went to Aumsville last Thursday to visit old friends and see if he can find a cook. Sam says he is getting tired of batching. There is a lot of bachelors on Little Elk these days. They are, Marion Hunt, S. T. Loudon, C. H. Wakefield, Frank Willoughby, George Crocker, George Moss. After war is over they are thinking of going to Germany.

There has been quite a lot of slashing and clearing and other improvements done in this part of the county this Winter. We all like to see such improvements for they add greatly to the looks as well as value to the country.

ORTON

Thank goodness, snow is all gone.

Dr. Albert Carey of Nortons was a visitor at the home of J. W. McQuire last Saturday.

John Isaacson has suffered the loss of both his horses this Winter from the prevalent disease that has been ravaging this country.

Ned Evans also has a sick

mare but she seems to be improving.

Last Sunday Leonard Evans and John Kurtichanov had a thrilling experience while crossing the Siletz river. They had been visiting at the latter's home and when returning they had to cross the river at Spencer Scott's. In the meantime the river had so risen that crossing it was dangerous in a good boat. They had only an old, water soaked, dugout canoe which wasn't safe even in smooth water. Joe Gay started to take them across and as the canoe struck the current it was carried down stream over some dangerous rapids, but they succeeded in catching hold of some brush and pulling the canoe safely to shore.

There were quite a number of Upper Farm people at Siletz last Saturday, among them were: E. T. Raddant, J. C. Kurtichanov, John Poncee, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Baker, Homer Evans, and Hon. John Williams and son.

WIEGLES CREEK

Sunshine! Who'd a "thunk" it?

Lots of stock giving up the ghost.

The Earl brothers, who have been staying at Walkers, are expecting to go outside to begin work for another grub stake. They liked it here. Will return next Fall.

T. J. Buford, Jay Buford and Geo. Tubbs were visitors on Big Elk last week.

Frank Mulvany and Clarence Davis were coqueting with Mr. Cougar last week. Said agile animal evaded their blandishments successfully, however. They brought down several wild cats. It is thought that the panther followed the deer that was driven in by deep snows. The heavy storm will linger long in our memory and compel us to make better preparations for another Winter.

The school board met the 11th to hire a teacher. Several able ones having applied but little bird wont tell until next issue.

MILL FOUR

Isn't this like Spring? But we had better not mention it—for it may snow.

Clifford Wetzler had the misfortune to cut his foot last Wednesday while engaged in cutting piling for a new float and walk on his mother's place.

Mr. Sugg had the misfortune to lose one of his best cows last Wednesday by a tree falling on her and breaking her back. The cow was a new milch cow and was quite a loss. He also lost another younger fresh cow and two calves last week.

Earling Brauti and brother spent Saturday evening at Davis home.

Mrs. Weaver has been in town this week so as to keep her little boy, who cut his foot, near the doctor. At present writing the little fellow is doing nicely, although he lost his toe.

Ray Colver was a Newport visitor last week.

J. J. Redfield is quite sick. Dr. Burgess is attending him.

NORTONS

We are enjoying a change of weather now.

J. T. Dalley of Stevens' bridge crew spent the first part of the week at his ranch near here.

Adrian Tinner departed for Tillamook Thursday morning for a few days' business visit.

Amos Chapman was over from Steer Creek Thursday.

Fred Wagner, one of our prosperous farmers, shipped a car load of hay to Toledo Thursday.

Godfrey Lindquist began working on the railroad here Friday morning.

Fred Brock and wife, who have been spending the Winter on their place near Rocca, departed Friday morning for the Valley.

Jease Merchant spent Sunday

at Summit.

Dan Chamberlain passed through here Saturday evening on his way to Rocca for a few days' visit with his parents at that place.

Elk City has nothing on Nortons for we have just received one of those famous Wells Fargo trucks, and it goes well with our box car depot.

Darl Peck returned from Toledo Tuesday morning.

Lewis Chantile of Rocca was transacting business here Friday.

The government has notified Lloyd Porter, the contractor on the Nortons-Orton mail route of a change beginning February 16th, of three trips with the mail each week instead of two as at present. This will make it lots better for the Upper Farm people as before they never got their Sunday papers until they were a week old.

John Brown was down from Nashville Sunday.

UPPER BEAVER

Isn't this beautiful, sunshiny weather, looks like Spring, 'vot?' W. C. Weber and King Vanvose of Ona, H. G. Rhoades, J. C. Huntsucker, I. N. Huyett, P. Vancill and Peter Peterson were trading at Yaquina Bay points Friday. They made the trip in Mr. Rhoades' launch.

Archie Zeek of Pool Slough visited at the Martin home the week-end.

Peter Peterson made a business trip to Peter Shirmers on Pool Slough Wednesday.

Thomas Butler, a prosperous farmer from near Toledo, was in this vicinity Wednesday on business. He visited at the Peterson home Wednesday night.

H. G. Rhoades and Mrs. G. E. Lewis were Oysterville callers Monday.

"The Helping Hand Club" met at Mrs. J. M. Bowers Saturday.

Mrs. H. G. Rhoades and daughter, Hilda, Miss Celeste Martin, Mrs. G. E. Lewis and mother were the guests of Mrs. P. Vancill Wednesday.

H. G. Rhoades was helping P. Vancill do some work Wednesday.

Mrs. J. M. Bowers visited with Mrs. J. C. Huntsucker Wednesday.

H. G. Weaver made a trip to Yaquina Friday.

SILETZ

The first indication of Spring is here. 'Tis really warm and the sun is shining.

A. L. Davies and Lester Enos came to Siletz Friday and are employed by Hall Bros. this week, overhauling their autos and putting them in running order.

Willie Clausius returned to Siletz Monday, to be at the bedside of his father, Dr. F. M. Clausius our faithful doctor and friend, who is very ill.

Mrs. Wilbur Martin is very sick this week.

The county sawmill and logging camp is running full blast this week and they have started to lay plank on the Lower Farm road.

C. E. Sheffield of Newport is over to Siletz having his timber claim cruised.

Mr. Anderson of Newport who is seeking to be the Republican nominee for sheriff, is a Siletz caller and is getting acquainted with the citizens of our Siletz country this week.

Walter Hall the Siletz merchant went to Toledo on business Wednesday.

Rev. Scudder went to Toledo last Sunday and held services in the M. E. Church at that place.

Mr. Scudder, brother of Rev. G. C., while working for A. C. Crawford, was attacked by the latter's Holstein bull and was pretty badly jarred up. Had it not been for Geo. Miller's timely assistance he would have been badly injured, but as it is he got off with a number of minor injuries.

Rumor has it that C. S. Brassfield is coming out to run for the nomination for sheriff on the Republican ticket. He ought to make a good run.