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SILETZ

The High School, having met the requirements necessary for standardization, was this week made a Standard High School by the official order of State Superintendent Churchill. This means a great deal to the community as this High School ranks second in the county. High Schools in the State enrollment have doubled and as each High School pupil who attends each day brings forty dollars to the district the added attendance this year will bring considerable money.

Two interesting Basketball games were played in the public school building Saturday in the afternoon. The lineup was as follows: Town Toughs against the High School boys. Calvert, center; Slocum, forward; Denny, guard; Robliski, forward; Thompson, guard. Town Toughs, Bellinger, center; Goodell, forward; Tronson, guard; Ben Ben, forward; Kentia, guard. Flemming substituted. Score, 37 to 11 against the Town Toughs. Girls mixed team from High School and grades: Mutts; Elkins, center; Niemi, forward; Slocum, forward; King, forward Miller, guard; Jeffs; Gibson, center; A. Ojala, forward; Gwynn, forward; H. Ojala, forward; L. Ojala, guard. Score, 12 to 6 in favor of Mutts. Emile Lakins, referee. The game was played with skill and spirit, always coming up with a smile.

The school is doing good work under the efficient management of Miss Frances Farnham and her assistances, Mrs. Barzee and Miss Elkins. I believe it would encourage the teachers and help the pupils if the trustees and parents would visit the school oftener. No complaint should be made of the teachers or pupils unless the trustees and patrons go and see for themselves how the school is conducted. The basis of any community rest upon good schools, churches and good roads. Any other kind of community is hardly worth living in. I believe all protestant churches should be reduced to a single denomination. Then we could have splendid preachers and fine churches and not be half starved in trying to keep up so many denominations. It don't pay to keep up those nice hair-splitting discussions of doctrinal points as some like to do.

The young people's Epworth League gave a social party at the Government school building Saturday evening. It was well attended. The entertainment consisted of plays, charades, spelling matches and story telling by the older people. A light lunch was served and a most enjoyable time was had by all present. Mrs. Walter Ross and Miss Mary Gibson were sponsors for the party and its fine success. At the close of the meeting all joined in and sang that beautiful hymn, "When shall we all meet again." In these parties we have no "499" but everyone that is decent is welcome. We don't judge people by the clothes they wear, or the color of their hair, but by the character of the person.

Bert Downs of the Coast Artillery, 46th Regiment, 37th Division, has come home. He was in training with the big guns. He was in the service eight months and over in France four months. He speaks in high terms of the efficiency of the American Artillerymen and the accuracy of their firing. He believes in the last great battle in the Argonne Forest it would have been better, while the American soldiers' mettle was up to have let them go on and captured the German Army and compelled an unconditional surrender. This would have stopped much of the parlying that is going on now and made it much easier for democracy to rule.

A dance was given at the Grange Hall Saturday night as a greeting and welcome to the soldier boys coming home. Good music was furnished by the Brown String Band. A midnight oyster supper was given at the Crawford. Soldiers present, Harley Taylor, Bert Down, Ernest Bryant and Mr. Roberts. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all present. 25 plates were set.

A large delegation came up from Lower Siletz Friday to interview the commission in regard to their land. Among the number were Abe Logan, Jaky Johnson and wife, Henry Carl, Roy Butterfield, William Samuels and Stevens John.

F. W. Pinnens and wife, sister and brother Clarence, stayed over Sunday at Siletz, guests of the Crawfords. Mr. Pinnens has bought the Simpson farm on the Siletz River and expects to make that his home. The family came from the Columbia River above The Dalles.

The Commission is boarding at the Kings. They are kept busy every day except Sunday, fixing up the land matter with the Indians.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Casen entertained a few friends at dinner at their home last Monday evening, in honor of their nephew, Albert Downs, who has just returned from France. The evening was spent in short talks and general conversation. Mr. Downs brought some souvenirs with him and the friends especially enjoyed looking at them and in hearing of his travels. Among the things he brought with him were the regulation gas mask and the helmet he wore in battle.

Mrs. Andy Goodell, while splitting wood Monday, cut the back of her hand very badly, severing some of the tendons of the fingers. It will be some time before she can use the hand.

NEWPORT

Miss Ellen Bentley, a popular Newport girl, died at Marshfield Friday from the effects of an attack of influenza. The remains were brought here Sunday evening and the funeral held Wednesday. She had many friends here who deeply sympathize with the surviving relatives in their sad loss.

The Newport Commercial Club is rapidly coming to the fore. A big meeting was held Wednesday night and many good things for Newport and Lincoln County are planned. The Club is boosting the Roosevelt Coast Highway to a man.

Those who have garden spots are beginning to wonder when the rains will cease. It is getting time to plant the early celluloid squashes, open faced spuds, automatic beans and other garden sass.

The editor of the News (?) having no argument to offer in defense of the abominable condition of Front Street resorts to personal abuse of your correspondent by classing him among the Bolsheviks. Such tactics are unworthy of a self respecting citizen and only tend to prove that Willyum is fast attaining the age of puerility.

And in the meantime Front street is getting worse every day.

BAYVIEW

Frank Huntsucker and Willford Stephens of this place, took in the big dance Saturday night at Ona. Both report a good time.

School started last Monday with Miss Julia Hamar of Toledo, as teacher.

Postmaster E. E. Dyer has been doing some work for E. S. Oakland this week.

Bert Twombly left Sunday morning for Albany where he intends to take medical treatment.

P. Shepard left Sunday morning for Canada where he intends to work this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. McWilliam spent Sunday at the home of G. W. Stephens. Andrew Simonson and wife were doing some trading in Waldport Monday.

C. A. Thompson, of South Beaver, spent Wednesday at the F. Huntsucker place while Frank done some horse-shoeing for him.

Fred Yocum and daughter, and sister, Miss Yada, took in the dance at Ona Saturday night.

Mrs. E. S. Oakland spent Saturday night with Mrs. F. Huntsucker, while Frank went to the dance at Ona.

EDDYVILLE

Anna and Roy Mauch departed Monday for Valley points. Miss Anna has been at home for some months convalescing from a serious illness.

Mrs. G. Girdler and daughter, Eleanor, of Portland, spent a week visiting with old friends.

Mrs. C. C. McBride recently received a message from her son, Clare, telling of his safe arrival in New York. Corporal McBride has been in the service nearly two years, and was in France for fourteen months.

Owing to carelessness or oversight on the part of someone, probably the county chairman, no arrangements were made for conducting the Armenian drive in this district. Please do not think us unsympathetic if Eddyville does not appear in the list of contributors.

Earl Welton and John McBride were dinner guests at the L. L. McBride home on the occasion of Mr. McBride's birthday.

Mr. Lloyd Peterson came in from Portland a few days ago.

Mrs. Peterson made a trip to Toledo one day last week.

Mrs. Claude Lemon has returned from a visit to the Valley.

Brown Wakefield, of the U. S. S. Beaver, spent a ten day furlough visiting home folks. Mrs. Wakefield accompanied her son as far as Albany,

on his return, and remained to visit with her daughter, Mrs. Jenkins.

A small party of young people surprised Miss Elizabeth Hunt Saturday evening, and spent a pleasant evening at games.

Mr. Peterson reports that his team is suffering from the "flu."

ROSE LODGE

(To Late For Last Week)

Dr. Bar of Sheridan was called to Rose Lodge last week to see Mr. Pleasant, who has been very sick lately, but is somewhat better now.

There is going to be a dance given at the Grange Hall on March 15th, 1919. There will be good music and we hope every one will come.

A Grange meeting, of the Salmon River Grange, No. 516, was held Saturday, March 1st, at which the delegates to the Pomona Grange and the State Grange were elected. They were: To Pomona, Miss Luzelle Kearney and Mrs. E. L. Bloom. Those to the State Grange, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Bloom. Alternate to the State Grange are Mr. and Mrs. Warren.

A meeting will be held at the Grange Hall on the 15th of March for the purpose of organizing a Girls' and Boys' Industrial Club. We are going to try and organize a standard club this year.

GLEN

We're hoping that lamb arrives soon. Mr. Geo. Hinshaw, one of the Glen old-timers, passed through with the Watkin's products Monday.

Clara and Alva Moore were Harlan visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Aplet, of Salado, is at the Moore home.

Miss Rose Davenport gave a dinner party in honor of her thirteenth birthday on Sunday. Those who helped enjoy those clams and the taffy were; Mame Briggs, Fred Brown, Omar Sharp, L. L. Sharp, Letty Brown and Miss Marjorie Drawbaugh.

Elmer Watkins, Alva Moore, Richard Davenport, and Louis, Fred and Miss Jessie Brown attended the dance at Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Grant's, at Harlan. They report a small attendance owing to the extremely stormy weather, but a splendid sociable time nevertheless.

Relatives of Rupert Stewart announce that he is recovering from an attack of pneumonia, at Camp Lewis, Washington.

Mrs. W. R. Moore has suffered a serious relapse in her illness and her son Roy was called home Tuesday. Later reports are the Mr. Moore and Roy departed for the Peak logging camp Sunday.

M. S. Durbin, the forest ranger, passed through enroute to the Harlan neighborhood to view some of the settlers homesteads there. He interviewed the goat raisers here at Glen in regard to goat grazing in the reserve.

John Davenport was up from Toledo the last of the week and took formal possession of his new homestead at the forks of Gopher Creek. He expects to move his family here in a couple of weeks.

James Hodges, the Big Elk Telephone man, passed by on the 9th.

Mrs. Lloyd Drawbaugh and Miss Jessie Brown visited Mrs. W. R. Moore on Sunday last.

NORTH BEAVER

Surely the ground hog saw his shadow from the amount of stormy weather we are getting these days.

C. S. Ohmart, Herman Weber and H. G. Rhoades went to Toledo one day last week.

G. E. Lewis and K. D. Martin went to Toledo Friday and did not return home until Saturday on account of the storm.

Floyd Rhoades, who is working for J. Peterson at Elk City, came home Wednesday for a few days visit with his folks.

Those attending the dance at the Ona Grange Hall Saturday night from North Beaver were; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Peterson and sister, Hester. They reported a good time.

H. Wood and Cliff Phelps, of Ona, and Pete Peterson and H. G. Rhoades, of North Beaver, were trading in Newport and Yaquina Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Peterson and son, Pete, made a trip to Newport Friday on business.

Mrs. Hester Covert, our school teacher, had to stay a few nights with the prations of her school last week as the water was to high for her to go home.

Mr. Gordon Emerson and Miss Mae Huntsucker were guests at the J. M. Bowers' home Sunday morning.

Mrs. C. W. Lewis and Mrs. J. M. Bowers took advantage of the beautiful sunshine Sunday afternoon and called on Mrs. H. G. Rhoades.

G. E. Lewis sawed wood for Cliff Phelps and Herman Weber Monday and Tuesday.

Pete Peterson went to the Valley on business Tuesday.

Henry Rhoades took Cliff Phelps and Lloyd Bonniwell over to Winant Wednesday, to take the train for North Dakota, where they will spend the summer.

Floyd, Virgie, Aletha and Alpha Rhoades spent Tuesday evening at the Peterson home.

ORTON

Mr. Swicher of Siletz made a business trip to Wm. Portor's last Sunday. Willie Kentia spent a few days this week at his uncle's home, Mr. Isaacson.

Homer Evans made a trip to Siletz last Friday after a load. He returned home Saturday evening.

E. T. Raddant made a business trip to Siletz Saturday returning the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. McGuire and son, James, spent Tuesday night at the Porter home.

Father Henry of Newport arrived at Orton Sunday evening, holding services on Monday morning.

Rev. Ramstad of Toledo held services at the Orton school house Sunday, March 9th.

Joe Kekua was an Orton visitor on Tuesday.

Henry Zbinden made a flying trip to the Raddant ranch the first part of the week.

Billy Umata of Siletz was on Upper Farm Tuesday.

Mr. Cook of Chitwood made a flying trip to the Evans' home this week.

Wolverton Orton and Son, Daniel, spent Saturday at Siletz.

COST OF LIVING TO BE REDUCED

After July 1st the postal rates on first class matter will be put back to the old schedule—two cents for a letter and one cent for a postal.

TIE VOTE CAST LAST SATURDAY

At the Special Election held last Saturday to vote on the question of extending the city limits, the vote in the outlying territory was a tie, standing 11 to 11. The vote inside the city was 98 to 6 in favor of annexing.

TRANSIT QUILTS RUN

The launch Transit was pulled off the Elk City-Toledo-Newport run last Saturday after having been continuously on the run for about eight years. Mr. Norton expects to engage in deep sea fishing. That the boat will be missed by its many patrons goes without saying.

CHESLEY MILL INSTALLING NEW MACHINERY

The Chesley mill has been shut down this week while a slab conveyor is being built. Arrangements are being made to burn the slabs and other refuse. A nigger for turning the logs is also being installed and other improvements made.

A. C. CRAWFORD BUYS FORDSON TRACTOR

A. C. Crawford this week received a new Fordson tractor for use on his ranch on the Lower Siletz. He drove the machine to the Agency Wednesday and experienced no trouble whatever. Mr. Crawford has incidentally taken the agency for the machine and will be pleased to demonstrate.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER HERE

State Highway Commissioner R. A. Booth of Eugene passed through to Newport last evening. He was joined here by County Judge Miller and Commissioner Dunn who accompanied him to the Lower Bay. Mr. Booth will meet with the people of the County and discuss road matters.

SECOND ANTI-VARMINT DAY, MARCH 23.

Two wild cats, bagged by W. F. Wakefield and party, at Eddyville, and a coyote, killed by I. J. Peplin, of Chitwood, represents the results of the first Anti-Varmint Day hunt held on March 9th. Through error the hunt was announced for the 9th instead of the 16th as had been intended.

ST. PATRICK'S DANCE

The students of the Toledo High School have arranged for a big St. Patrick's masquerade dance to be held in the Soldiers Club House Monday evening. Prizes will be given, and a good time is assured to all.

—Buy W. S. S.—

LOCAL MEAT CO. WANTS YOUR VEALS

The Toledo Meat Co. is in the market for veals, beef, pork, etc., and pays the highest market price. They simply ask that you give them a trial, which is certainly fair enough. This will help build up a new industry and keep the money at home.

HON. B. F. JONES CAME UP FROM NEWPORT THIS NOON.

Banker C. E. Hawkins had business at Elk City yesterday.

Mrs. Fred Horning was a passenger for the Valley yesterday.

W. R. Backus of Yaquina was in the city on business Tuesday.

Mrs. John Peterson visited at Newport several days this week.

Sheriff Billy Simpson was a passenger on the line Tuesday.

Guy Roberts, the millman, returned Sunday from a trip to the Valley.

Miss Virginia Altree was a passenger for Newport Tuesday evening.

Mr. Cummings of Nortons was a county seat visitor Wednesday evening.

Chris Larson was over from the Agency Wednesday after a load of feed.

C. B. Arthur of Harlan was a Toledo visitor Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Wm. Matthews, editor of the Yaquina Bay News, passed thru to Corvallis Saturday, returning Tuesday.

Lieut. Schaff returned Tuesday evening from Portland where he had just received his discharge from the army.

Lieut. Patterson returned last evening from Portland. He received his discharge from the army while in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Duncan departed this noon for California where they will make their home in the Sacramento Valley.

It is rumored that the big government spruce mill was sold yesterday to private parties, who expect to operate same at once.

Mrs. Jane Coniber and son, Norman, and daughter, Mrs. Jesse Gwynn, returned last evening from Silverton where they spent the winter.

Merchant J. H. Sugg returned the first of the week from Ashland where he has been the past several weeks in the interests of his health.

A. W. Morgan and Walter Evans of Portland have been in this section the past week doing some timber cruising. They returned to the city this noon.

Peter Seymour of Salem was in the city Wednesday. Mr. Seymour has just recently bought the Ferr place at West Yaquina, and will make his home here.

R. S. Van Cleve received word last evening to the effect that his brother, Dr. Archie Van Cleve, who is with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, had just received the promotion to Lieutenant-Colonel. Archie's many friends here will be pleased to hear of his advancement.

Leader subscriptions received this week are: K. D. Martin, Toledo, Or.; Cliff Burbank, Airle, Or.; G. E. Lewis, Toledo, Or.; W. G. Emery, Newport, Or.; Bennett Olson, Paris, Or.; C. M. Vermaas, Toledo, Or.; Chris Larson, Siletz, Or.; Mrs. M. Eppy, Toledo, Or.; Earl Jones, Estacada, Or.

A party was given at the home of A. B. Slocum, at Siletz, Wednesday evening, in honor of Albert Down, Ernest Bryant, James Roberts and Lester Enos, who have been engaged in the service for our Country. There were seventy-eight present. The evening was spent in playing party games. At eleven o'clock light refreshments were served. All report a good time, and hope for more such pleasant occasions.

Dr. Curtis, the Eye Specialist, will be in Toledo on March 25th, after the evening train arrives and will be prepared to fit glasses until the departure of the noon train on the 27th, at the office of Dr. Burgess. He is prepared to fit glasses and guarantee them.

LINCOLN COUNTY GRANGES

Editor Leader:
I think your readers would like to know how the Granges of Lincoln County are getting along. As we have just finished another year's work, it will be interesting to know that the Granges in general throughout the county have more than held their own in membership and have done better in regard to real Grange work. We have gotten together in most all ways of cooperative buying and have saved ourselves hundreds of dollars and this is more than we have done in any previous year.

There is no Grange in the county that has lost materially in membership, while others have more than doubled in membership. There has been one new Grange organized with a good membership list, with still more to follow. So, considering the abnormal condition of the county, we have done exceedingly well.

Elk City Grange was reorganized with as large a member list as when they went down, and they have taken a new lease on life and are starting in on the new year with bright prospects ahead. Elmer Londergan, Master; Mrs. Ryerson, Secretary; Clyde Knapp, Lecturer.

Toledo Grange has nearly doubled in membership in the past year, and is considered one of the best Granges in the State. They do all their business in a cooperative way. Claus Christensen, Master; A. L. Thomas, Secretary; J. E. Cooter, Lecturer.

Lincoln Grange is considered the biggest little Grange in the State. They have had a hard row to hoe, but they have hoed the row well and are growing both in members and many other ways. Mrs. Hester Covert, Master; S. A. Holmgreen, Secretary; Mrs. Wood, Lecturer.

Waldport Grange is still on the map and is doing business at the same old stand. Have held their own in every way. On account of sickness have not been able to meet and install their officers this year.

Siletz Valley Grange was reorganized with a larger membership than when they went down. They have taken a new lease on life with a greater determination than ever before. We will hear from them and their work as the year advances. A. B. Slocum, Master; Walter Ross, Secretary; Mrs. Slocum, Lecturer. Siletz Valley Grange is situated in one of the most fertile valleys in Oregon, or in the world.

Salmon River Grange is located in the extreme northern part of the county. While this is one of the chosen spots of Oregon in regard to fertile soil, it is also one of the hardest places in the county to get to. But after one has climbed the mountain and descended the other side you will meet a bunch of the best people in the whole world, and you will always feel repaid for the struggle of getting over the mountain.

This Grange has more than held their own in every way and have their hall all paid for and money in the treasury to pay for the paint to paint the hall. This is another one of the best Granges in the State. C. M. Warren, Master; W. L. Bloom, Secretary; Miss Louzelle Kerney, Lecturer.

Big Elk Grange is another wide-awake Grange. On account of sickness have not been able to meet with them this year but will hear a good report from them later on. Plans are being laid for building a new hall. The ground has been given and lumber is being sawed for the new hall so look for big things from Big Elk Grange this year.

Eddyville Grange is one of the old stand bys. While they have not been making much noise the past year, look out for an explosion this coming year. They expect to commence to doing business the first of April. They have not lost any members. All have kept paid up. C. H. Wakefield, Master; S. T. Loudon, Secretary; Mrs. Mabel Girdler, Lecturer.

Taft Grange is the baby of the flock, but is growing fine and fat. The membership of this Grange covers more territory than any other Grange in Oregon or any other State the writer knows, for we have traveled over most of it and know. Have traveled by beach and by mud. Within the next year this will be one of the best Granges in the county. G. A. Aronson, Master; Paul Chatterton, Secretary; Bert Morrison, Lecturer.

Wishing all members of all Granges a prosperous year.
I am, Fraternally,
S. T. Loudon,
Deputy for Lincoln County.

Roy Butterfield was up from the Lower Siletz this week.