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## SILETZ

Recently several changes have taken place at Siletz. A. L. Crawford has sold his hotel and barn to Jesse Daniels who will become the new land lord. Mr. Crawford will move to Corvallis and may go into the garage business. His son-in-laws Guy Keller and "Corny" James Roberts are also going to move to Corvallis to engage in business.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Robinson will move in a few days to Tillamook. They go to take care of Mrs. Robinson's father and mother who are quite advanced in years, the father being 87 and the mother 77 years old.

The most agreeable change is from bad to good weather. Several of our citizens had planned to go to the state fair but owing to the bad condition of the roads for auto travel they may not go.

The Reverend Walter Ross, pastor of the M. E. Church has gone to McMinnville to attend the Oregon Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church which convenes in that city Tuesday the 25th. Bishop Sheppard is president of the convention. Rev. Ross may be returned to this place for another year but I think he really desires a change, to a more important charge where he would have to do so much outside work. His salary instead of being \$800.00 as it is here should be \$1500.00 if you consider the amount of good he accomplishes for the community and the church.

W. S. Hall and Jesse Daniels brought in from Portland over the muddy roads a fine G. M. C. truck, manufactured by the General Motor Truck Company, one of the finest of its kind made. Capacity one ton and a half but on good roads this may be increased to four or five tons. Coming in over the roads they found places where the wheels sank to the axels and where the bed dragged in the mud but the car rattled right along and when all the power is put on it will go through most any place. This car will be used for freighting by Mr. Daniels when the roads are put in better condition between Toledo and Siletz.

Edison Bennett is writing up the rivers of Lincoln County for the Oregonian but I don't think he did our beautiful Siletz river justice. He speaks of the river taking its rise in the Coast Range of mountains near where the Luckamute rises and from there takes a tortuous and crooked course till it mingles its waters with the Pacific ocean. But he fails to mention many of the numerous streams that flow into the Siletz in the long course it takes before it reaches the ocean. The distance is 135 miles and it has the longest watershed of any river in the county and is therefore the best river for the salmon and other fish. It also has the largest area of spawning grounds in this county. Its waters are as pure and cold as the waters of Bull Run and it flows all the way from its source over gravelly beds till it reaches tide water. The distance from its source to the ocean on an air line is twelve miles while the whole distance the river flows is about 135 miles. When the river leaves the summit of the Coast Range it passes through deep steep canyons and wild gorges. Sometimes the walls of rock on either side of the river are perpendicular with great boulders lying in the bed of the river forming a natural symphony of music and as the wind whistles around and thru the crevices of the rocks it makes the soft melodious sounds like the caelest harps along the rock bound shores of Switzerland. The river along its whole course is bordered with the green witchery of forest and the dark border is fringed with the willow, vine maple, the white bloom of the dog wood and box elder and the fragrance of the wild flowers and the air laden with the rich balsam of the spruce, hemlock and fir. It is indeed the elixir of life. The Siletz is the most beautiful river in Oregon. Its very name implies beauty being named after the beautiful Indian maiden in her tribe Ce-lestia-lah which means beautiful or heavenly. A word of the Siletz tribe.

Lee Wade has just commenced work on his new house with George McCaulou as foreman and we expect something nice.

James Franks has just finished his wood house and garage. This is preparatory to building a nice house next summer.

Robert Baker has built a new garage and put a new roof on his blacksmith shop. Few communities are blessed with as good a blacksmith as Robert Baker.

## TAFT

Trip to Salmon River

We tested the quality and depth of the soil on the table land and found it to be of the best sandy loam, rich in vegetable matter and in some places four or five feet deep. But like most of the land in Oregon it needs lime. However there was 200 or 300 acres of oats raised this year which yielded abundantly. Much of this land yet undeveloped. We believe this land will raise the best potatoes that Oregon can produce, far better than the Columbia River bottoms. Thousand acres of the Salmon River bottoms are practically idle. The soil is very fertile. The people thru there are very hospitable and friendly. The Salmon River is a beautiful stream, the tidewater backing up for several miles and at the mouth flows into a perfect estuary. The finest harbor on the Pacific ocean we have any record of. No bar, no hiding rocks, no shoals. If some work was done indeed so that

ships could turn around, large ocean steamers could land there and take out millions of feet of lumber for all parts of the world. The water power the river would produce if harnessed up at all different places would furnish electricity to electrify all the railroads in the state. Salmon river has a wonderful future with its abundant resources. Hundreds of millions of feet of timber along its hill sides that will find its way by rail and ship to all parts of the world, besides the abundance of farm products. The wagon road is at present a serious question, although by far the best mountain pass on the coast. The mouth of the river only 80 miles from Portland by wagon road. Twenty-three miles to a hard surface road at Grand Round and today nearly impassable. Could it not be put in good shape? **A Reader.**

## BAY VIEW

Merril Sheppard and Laurence Hendrickson left for West Lake Friday morning.

Blanchard Tullock has been visiting his father a few days.

Mrs. Sheppard and children were visiting at the Oakland home Sunday.

Henry Hendrickson came down from Elk City to get his team.

Clarence Doty of Drift Creek passed through here enroute to Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Hendrickson have sold their place to F. F. McWilliams.

Misses Olive and May McWilliams spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Young.

Johnnie Walker was sick Monday and could not attend school.

Ole Hansen went up to Toledo to attend the Lincoln County Fair last week.

## HARLAN

The Harlan Fair was quite good this year in spite of the late season. Some of the exhibits were taken to the County Fair.

The schools in the vicinity of Harlan are all supplied with teachers. Miss Dorothy Lench of Portland is teaching in the Spout Creek District; Miss Dorothy Owensby of Bandon, in the Grand District; and Mrs. Dorothy Allison in the Black District.

Johnnie met with a very painful accident while riding on the running gear of his wagon. He caught his foot on a stump and twisted his leg. His doctor ordered him to lie in bed for some time, which is hard for a farmer to do.

Chas. Lillard and family have returned to the Big Elk country. Mr. Lillard has taken a homestead near J. Pooles.

Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Payne and daughter, Evelyn, went to Philomath Sunday where they are placing Miss Evelyn in school.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mulvaney and family have gone to Newport where Mrs. Mulvaney will remain and place the children, Blanche and Percy, in school. Mr. Mulvaney will return and log for P. H. Martin.

Max Towne is in from Summit visiting his family. Mr. Towne has taken a large logging contract at Summit.

A basket social for the benefit of the Grange was given at the R. L. Hathaway residence Friday evening.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford McDonald, September 20th, a daughter, Mrs. McDonald is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Brown.

Messrs. Davis and Orilly and Beryl Harvey visited at the B. F. Grant residence recently.

W. W. January has sold his ranch to his son, Otto, and has bought near Corvallis.

Smith Allison and Mr. Ball of Turner have been visiting the hunting grounds of Big Elk but they report poor success.

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## WE WONDER?

Some time ago we happened in on Miss Lily Adams of Upper Big Elk. She was writing a letter something like this: Dear Papa, Send me some of that back-pay you received as I want to get some new dresses before November.

At that time we did not pay much

attention to it.

But now we are wondering if it is only a coincidence; that Lily is making new dresses and cutting fabric; while Leslie Crawford is commencing to build a nice little nest, just big enough for two.

When the Great War broke out, Leslie and Ivona Crawford and Ollie Adams, all volunteered and enlisted in the navy; Ollie Adams making five round trips between the United States and Europe.

Since their discharge from the navy both Leslie and Ivona have made their home with the Adams family on Upper Big Elk.

Previous to the war, they lived with their mother, Mrs. Shaw, who during the war, sold out and moved to the Valley where Mr. Shaw went into the transfer business.

So the Shaw and Adams families have been neighbors for about nine years.

We also hear that G. O. Adams, who is in the Albina main office of the O. W. R. & N. R. R. at Portland, has applied for a leave of absence and passes to visit his family in November.

Now it all may be coincidence, but we of Upper Big Elk are inclined to doubt it. **"Curious One."**

## NASHVILLE

E. S. Lister is back on the job after having been gone more or less for the past two months.

W. H. Martin and Riley Stevens departed for Portland Friday of last week. Mr. Martin returning Tuesday while Riley stayed in the City for a few days.

George Prary who has been working at Willamette has returned.

Darwin Nash arrived from Toledo Saturday bringing his pure bred Holsteins purchased at the Fair.

Mrs. J. B. Lister returned to her home in Hood River Monday.

Mrs. Billy Cochell returned from Portland Sunday.

W. R. Cummins, the merchant, received quite a large shipment of wheat from Max Winkler of Corvallis last week.

Mrs. W. H. Martin left Thursday for a month's stay in Portland.

Otte Hamar has purchased the Reber place. Mr. and Mrs. Reber will leave Friday for Canada, where they will make their home.

Mrs. L. D. Nash left Thursday for Portland and Corvallis. She will be absent about a week.

Mr. Damon of Eddyville was in Nashville, Thursday.

A net gain in membership in Toledo of 12.

Class of 26 organized at Eddyville.

Class of 11 organized at Elk City, Rev. Ellsworth, pastor.

The pastor will preach morning and evening at Eddyville the second Sunday in each month the incoming year.

Church Reporter.

County Agent Cooter, accompanied by County Clerk R. H. Howell, Assessor A. G. Schwartz and Sheriff W. E. Simpson, departed yesterday morning for Rose Lodge where they will take in the Fair. They also expect to visit the State Fair enroute.

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## GUY W. ALTREE STATIONED AT GUAM

Service in Guam, our most strategic outpost in the Pacific, is the lot of Guy W. Altree, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Altree of this city. Before sailing on a naval transport for far-off Guam, young Altree served at Mare Island, California, a large Marine post. Guam is known to the sea soldiers as the "land without a worry."

A squad of Marines accompanying a prize crew under the command of Commander W. A. Hall, U. S. Navy, fired at a motor launch of the German ship Cormoran, interned at Guam, on the morning of April 6, 1917. The shot was fired a short time after the United States had declared a state of war, and Corporal Cordery will go down in history as having fired the first shot.

Young Altree showed unusual skill, since joining the Marines, by winning his marksmen badge shortly after entering that branch of the service.

The Marines have always paid great attention to rifle practice and this Toledo boy now wears the coveted badge.

Young Altree showed