

**KERNVILLE AND VICINITY**

Kernville, Ore., Sept. 11.—Hello, folks! we're here because, well,—there has been a lot of things happening down here in the last couple of months, but we've been so busy building that "little nest in the west" and we had to "let the rest of the world go by."

The Sunday after we left there was a ball game at Tark between the River team and Otis. Maybe you heard about it. But did you know that Otis had a lead of 8 to 9 in the eighth, and that, at the end of the ninth the score stood 9 to 8? It seems that our boys encouraged them just one score too far. Even at that we scared the visitors out, for they never came thru with that return match we asked for.

The baseball spirit died after that; and most of us have settled down to our favorite sports of "stealing fish" and talking about our neighbors. In spite of the thoro cultivation that the River received last November, the fish crop doesn't seem very promising. But there is no limit to the number of inventions that our imaginations can conjure up about our neighbors. In this way we are distinguished from every other community? Ain't we got fun?

But now, after a decent period of mourning for the demise of our boys sporting spirit, the girls are openly threatening to organize a basketball team. Miss Lucia Wheeler seems to be the central figure in the movement; and she is strongly seconded by Miss Beulah Ballard, formerly a varsity forward somewhere in Mississippi. Other supporters of the game are Mrs. Glaser, former forward of the Siletz high school team, Miss Laila Ojala, guard, Miss Frances Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Alvah Strom, Mrs. Prickett, Mrs. Ward Nichols, and a decidedly prom-

ising array of untired players. It is intimated that the girls will welcome opposition in this sport from the male contingent, which ought to be interesting.

Another sport that Mrs. Glaser hopes to inaugurate here is tennis. During her stay in Portland she proposed to teach the game to friends and neighbors. Accordingly paraphernalia was acquired, and instructions begun. Inasmuch as Red was tennis champion of two colleges not many years ago, the instructions were not difficult to master. Red, on his part, proposed handball as a game better suited to conditions here on the River. The Misses, being good natured and willing to learn, took him on for a game, and proceeded to trounce him to the tune of 22 to 16. Which was conclusive evidence to Red that, while handball would be fitted to local conditions here, the only proper game for his family to indulge in would be tennis.

Efforts are now being made to bring the several elements and interests of this community into closer harmony. Four neighboring teachers have begun to put their heads together, and they hope to effect the cooperation of all the other teachers, and of the lay population as well. The present plan is to organize the teachers into a society or club, which will meet regularly to discuss school systems and affairs, and to cooperate in building up the social, educational and recreational life of the community. It is hoped that later developments may bring out some such organization as the Parent-Teachers' association, and that this body will extend its work, especially in the direction of young people's recreational activities. There may still be a few people here who think that a teacher should have no interest outside of the classroom;

but the teachers we have with us this year are not inclined to keep their lights under any sack of onion skins, and the people trust them. We had planned an intensive campaign in favor of the county unit plan, to be voted on in November. But we have met so many people who ask us about it, and when we open our mouths to orate they tell us, "I thought so; it looked good to me."—we have met so many of this conviction that an intensive campaign here seems unnecessary. A few of our friends were deluded by the recent defeat of our consolidation, into a belief that it was all over, and that we would have to quit. The men who beat our Consolidation condemned themselves and insured our success. Their action will swing votes against themselves, and in favor of the county unit plan which will divest them of their authority, and which will give us the school that we need. Consolidation is cinched, rivited, accomplished.

"Baldy" Worley, teacher of the Drift Creek school, arrived some time ago with his young son, "Baldy" Jr., alias Bobbie. Baldy has a wonderful record of successful school and organizing work as county superintendent in Colorado, and he landed on both feet here. Bobbie has also captured the public heart. Miss Laila Ojala opened her school on Schooner Creek last Monday. The misadventure standing about Mrs. Glaser's school has been scotched without bloodshed; she enjoyed the company of her pupils at school today.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Ballard breezed into town sometime during the past six weeks, and are making Mrs. Prickett. It is reported that Russel and Ray Prickett intend to purchase the place on which they are now living, and join the "back to the land" movement. The way we saw them yesterday with their "backs to the land" they wouldn't get much farming done. We forget to mention baby June Ballard; but she's there.

There was a cow-bell serenade around our camp last week; must have been some kind of celebration. The serenaders pulled taffy for a while, and we talked about our neighbors, and had a good time generally.

A secondary logging camp was started last month near Combest's place. The mill continues to run occasionally.

Mr. Snuffer, an old buddy of Bill Scott's, has been vacationing with Bill the last few weeks. He has done Grass Mountain and Pea Ridge, not to mention the length of the River how many times? He claims to have gotten two hundred dollars' worth of pleasure out of his Pea Ridge trip; and, if half of his story is true, we believe we will raise the ante.

**Siletz**

**SILETZ**

The Siletz Community club, Mrs. Morris Anderson president, tendered the teachers a reception at the gymnasium Friday evening when the following program was rendered:

Address of welcome by Dr. Carter, response by Prof. Carney, principal of the school. This address was full of wit, humor and good cheer.

Reading of minutes of last meeting by Mary Alice Benson, secretary. Duet by Mrs. Colvin and Mrs. Brown.

Address by the chairman of the school board, A. C. Crawford. Solo by Otto Tanglemann, accompanied by Mrs. Colvin, at the piano.

Speech by W. S. Hall member of the school board. Mr. Hall always speaks encouraging words to the pupils. He believes in the nobility of labor and don't think anyone will succeed very well without great industry, especially in trying to get an education. He spoke of the busy bee in gathering honey from a hundred flowers that he might have something to live on in the winter. Duet, Lovell King and Gretchen Huey.

Speech by Mr. James Franks, another member of the board. Mr. Franks did not feel well and wished to be excused but the audience would not excuse him. Then Mr. Franks said he and Mr. A. C. Crawford had just returned from a trip to Portland and while he, Franks, had to drive the car A. C. sat in the back seat and slept most of the way and when he was not sleeping was studying his speech, "so you see I am not prepared to make a speech at this time." He made a few statements and it was very interesting on school matters. Song, Jess Daniels, Arthur Benson and W. Mack. After this song ice cream and cake was served, this closed the evening's entertainment. A large audience was comfortably seated in the banquet room of the new gym. The school is starting in under the most favorable conditions with an able corps of teachers.

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The Moody school opened Monday with an enrollment of eight, with Miss Flossie Overman teacher.

Mrs. Clara Stevens and Virginia spent Friday in Toledo visiting with her friend, Mrs. Paine.

Mr. Carl Tangen has been painting and repairing his mother's house in Toledo last week.

Mrs. Branti and Torhild visited at Andrews Sunday.

Mrs. Branti and Mrs. Torhild visited with Mrs. Nora Blower Wednesday.

Mr. Carl Tangen took a load of vegetables to Toledo Tuesday, among them were 80 dozen ears of corn.

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