

Continued Dryness Hinders Work of Housewife and Farmer

Dry Well Is Cry of Many

Water Witch Gets Calls as Rain Fails; Pasture Outlook Poor

MONMOUTH, Oct. 30.—The water situation among farmers surrounding Monmouth, and toward the Peedee, Airline country, is acute. So many wells have gone dry that many a housewife is unable to "do the dishes" until the man of the house returns from a daily trip to the Luckiamute river hauling the precious elixir.

Columbus Tetherow, a famed "water witch" of this section, finds his services in demand. He witched a well for Charles Bowman, Monmouth, last week and Tuesday went to the Merle Holman farm, route 6, Salem, to perform the same service.

MARION, Oct. 30.—Farmers are clamoring over the continued dryness as plowing and seeding cannot be done only on summer fallow and then at the risk of losing their seed. Winter pastures will doubtless be short as grass has not made the usual early fall growth.

Warren Gray lost a valuable work horse Monday. It was badly cut on a barbed wire fence and died from the loss of blood.

The first frost of the season for this section put in its appearance Wednesday night. Up to that time flowers were blooming as though it were summer.

Traveling Trowel Is Coming to Scio

Delegation From Star Goes to Turner Session; Stoddart Home

SCIO, Oct. 30.—All members of the Masonic order in this part of the county will be interested to learn that the "traveling trowel" is to be presented at a special communication of the Scio lodge to be held Thursday night, November 5. This historic implement is reputed a representative of one used by George Washington in lodge rooms more than a century ago, and is making one of its periodical itineraries of the lodges of the United States.

Mrs. Mylo Bartu, worthy matron, and Mr. Bartu, worthy patron of Euclid Chapter No. 79, Order of the Eastern Star at Jefferson, headed a delegation that attended a recent session of the Turner unit of the order. Others in attendance from the Jefferson chapter included Mr. and Mrs. Guy Aupperle of Greens bridge and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lytle of Scio.

D. A. Stoddart, father of George Stoddart of the Scio State Bank, is home from Oregon City and other points north where he spent several months with relatives and friends. His physical condition is not encouraging, it is stated.

Crow Cuts Distance "Ten miles to Albany" is the sign placed on top of the Bartu garage in Scio by an airplane company. By car the distance is considered 18 miles. Few people who had not carefully considered "the course the crow flies" had any idea there was such a marked difference in the two routes.

Mrs. J. H. Tumbleton, wife of the principal of Scio high school, underwent a major operation at an Albany hospital this week, and is reported in a satisfactory condition.

Jungwirth Nearly Loses Left Hand

ROBERTS, Oct. 29.—Henry Jungwirth had his left hand cut off, just leaving the thumb, while working on the wood saw. A stick slipped, causing the accident. He is in the Deaconess hospital.

J. W. Isely received a telegram from Wichita, Kansas, of the passing of his mother, who was 93 years old.

When L. D. Johnston was caring for his chickens the other day, he found some one had helped themselves to 30 of his pullets.

The Roberts school was closed for a few days when Robert Howland was reported with scarlet fever. One case so far has been reported.

Two Marriage Licenses Issued in Polk County

DALLAS, Oct. 30.—Marriage licenses issued by County Clerk Graves this week are to Fred E. Holtz, 28, logger, Vahets, and Esther Day, 31, housekeeper, independence; and to Alvin Richard Herron, 20, Monmouth, and Reva Bush, 19, at home, Monmouth.

Days When \$1.50 Bought Man's Suit And Horseback Marriages Were Many Recalled by Mrs. Rebecca Hampton

MONMOUTH, Oct. 30.—An interesting event of Wednesday night was a birthday dinner arranged to honor the 81st natal day of Mrs. Rebecca J. Hampton at her home on East street.

Born in Polk county, Mo., October 22, 1855, Rebecca Jane Cheney is the daughter of a Civil war veteran, and the granddaughter of a Civil war captain. The latter served also in the war of 1812. She recalls that her grandmother Stockton spun and wove cotton and wool and tailored men's suits ready-to-wear, selling them at \$1.50 per suit.

Rebecca Cheney was married to David M. Hampton, July 30, 1871, near Springfield, Mo. The ceremony was performed while she, the bridegroom and the minister were all mounted on horseback. Novel, though this sounds, she says it was quite a common Missouri custom at that time.

Hampton was a civil war veteran and became very active in later life in republican party politics. They came to Oregon in

School Census at 'Green Drops 14'

Japanese Young People to Hold Halloween Fete Tonight

HAZEL GREEN, Oct. 30.—The school census shows a loss of 14, having 149 last year, 135 this year. There are 69 boys and 66 girls. Mrs. Herman Wacken, jr., the clerk, reports.

Thursday afternoon the school gave a program featuring Halloween. Special numbers were: music by harmonica band; play, "The Witch That Lost Her Broom," primary room; song by Donald Zielinski, Raymond Duda, Stanley Fukal, Rodney Miles; play by pupils of upper room and games.

Party Is Tonight The Japanese young people will hold a Halloween party in the basement of the school house Saturday night. Kim Yada and Tome Oye are the committee in charge. Rev. Mr. Tanaka was speaker for the special meetings Tuesday and Wednesday at the Japanese church. Rev. Mr. Tanaka, recently from Japan, a graduate of Yale seminary, is pastor of the Methodist church at Wapato, Wash. Rev. H. Hashimoto will be guest speaker at the senior Epworth League Leslie M. E. Sunday night. Mr. Hashimoto will talk about the Lakeside conference, Cleveland, Ohio.

Farm Auctions to Commence Today

MONMOUTH, Oct. 30.—The first of a series of farm auctions will be held Saturday at the old lumber yard between Warren and Monmouth avenues. Similar sales will be held each succeeding Saturday. All sorts of farm items including horses, sows, sheep, hogs, chickens, turkeys, farm machinery and implements and some furniture are listed.

J. W. Harger is to serve as auctioneer; and H. T. Sapp will be in charge. The chamber of commerce, sponsoring the movement, has employed workmen this week to remodel the old buildings on the site to more conveniently house the sales products and arrange more conveniences for conducting an auction market.

The plan is to provide potential purchasers with convenient means of contacting goods for sale; and giving farmers a good opportunity of an available market. The sale starts at 1 p. m.

Women Paint Nature's Beauties While Men Get Thrills From Hunting

MARION, Oct. 30.—Thomas Winn, Russell Richards and George Bell returned Sunday from a hunting trip to Lost lake. They brought home two large deer. Mrs. Winn and Mrs. Richards accompanied their husbands and painted several pictures of the mountain scenery.

Work on the Charles Smith warehouse, which is being built on the north side of his merchandise store building is progressing rapidly.

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50th Wedding Is Observed

J. J. Blumis of Mehama Are Honored by Friends in Occasion

MEHAMA, Oct. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Blum celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home here Wednesday, October 28. Many friends and relatives called to extend congratulations. In the afternoon a short program was held in honor of the bride and groom of 50 years ago, as follows: Duet, "Silver Threads Among the Gold," by Wilma Apple and Fern Sletto; recitation by Joyce Baldwin; group singing; duet, "In the Garden," by Gladys Blum and Wilma Apple.

Those present in the afternoon were Mrs. Ellwyn Erickson, Zola Flux, Mrs. S. Goldenburg, Leona Goldenburg, Esther and Jake Pfund of Portland, Mrs. A. P. Kirsch, Agnes Kirsch, Paschpake, Rosetta Loose, Anne Blum, Mattie Stout, Ada Wiley, Gertrude Callow Ella Ware, Ethel Harrington, Nora Poole, Gladys Kimsey, Gladys Blum, Wilma Apple, Bobby Baldwin, Joyce Baldwin, Carl Willey, Lois Blum and Mary Jean Flux.

Those congratulating the couple in the evening were Mrs. Jim Stockwell, Mrs. Floyd Boyington, Mrs. Mattie Stout, Melvin Stock-

well, Aileen Boyington, Mr. and Mrs. James Blum and family, Eula Montgomery, Harry Monroe, Mrs. LEROY Ledgerwood, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Monroe, Harold Stout, Mr. Wm. P. Mulkey, Luth Stout, Mrs. Chester Blum and Lois, Zelpha Horner and Mr. Horner.

Married in New York Mr. Blum was born in Kanton Bern, Switzerland in October, 1861, and came to New York in April, 1881. Mrs. Blum, who was Susan Lehnner before her marriage, was also born in Kanton Bern, in December, 1861, and came to New York in November, 1881. The two, who had been friends in Switzerland before coming to this country, met again in New York and were married on October 28, 1886. They moved to Portland in 1889 and in 1914 moved to Mehama where they have made their home since. There are two children, Chester and James, both of Mehama. In the evening, Melvin Stockwell gave several yodling numbers which took the couple back to their childhood days.

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