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AN INTERESTING RECORD.

Bellefontain Reader Furnishes
Weather Report—Only Ten
Days of Snow for Year.

W. H. Clemmens, of Bellefontain seems to have kept a pretty close watch on the weather during the year 1907, and has sent to the GAZETTE a table showing the number of rainy days, cloudy days, clear days and the number of days on which snow fell, during the entire twelve months. If perchance this item should fall under the eye of residents of the far East we would say by way of explanation that the "snow" referred to in this table does not mean a blizzard, with fences buried under snow drifts and the thermometer 40 degrees below zero, but simply a few feathery flakes that sometimes cover the ground completely but oftener do not, which are melted within a few hours by the warm rays of sunshine that always appear.

According to the table of Mr. Clemmens the record is as follows:

January—Number days rainy, 12; cloudy, 8; clear, 4; snow, 7.
February—Rainy, 10; cloudy, 13; clear, 4; snow, 1.
March—Rainy, 21; cloudy, 7; clear, 1; snow, 2.
April—Rainy, 7; cloudy, 12; clear, 11.
May—Rainy, 7; cloudy, 14; clear, 10.
June—Rainy, 12; cloudy, 11; clear, 7.
July—Rainy, 4; cloudy, 12; clear, 15.
August—Rainy, 7; cloudy, 11; clear, 13.
September—Rainy, 6; cloudy, 15; clear, 9.
October—Rainy, 6; cloudy, 15; clear, 10.
November—Rainy, 12; cloudy, 12; clear, 6.
December—Rainy, 20; cloudy, 10; clear, 1.
Total for year—Rainy, 124; cloudy, 140; clear, 91; snow, 10;

ENDORSED THE METHODS

And Pledged Support—Action
Taken by State Board of Horti-
culture and Others.

At a meeting Wednesday afternoon of the State Board of Horticulture, the county fruit inspectors, members of the college faculty and interested orchardists, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, Representative fruit-

growers of the Willamette Valley have assembled at Corvallis under the leadership and auspices of the State Board of Horticulture and with the earnest help and co-operation of the faculty of the Oregon Agricultural College and of the Experiment Station, and

"Whereas, These representative bodies believing that the time for educational work in the matter of renovating the old apple orchards of the Willamette Valley has passed and that it would be the policy of officials and everyone interested in the economic welfare of the Valley to encourage the establishment of a staple output for the apple-growers of the whole Valley, and

"Whereas, It has been suggested that a general plan of cutting down these old orchards to the ground, allowing them to grow a year and to top-graft the following spring with Yellow-Newtowns would furnish in three to five years a commercial output that could be controlled by associations under the direction of a central association and would be a commendable solution of this problem; be it

"Resolved, That we, the fruit-growers and commissioners of the State Board of Horticulture and county inspectors of the various counties assembled, heartily endorse this aforesaid method of procedure and pledge ourselves to work earnestly for its consummation. And it is further Resolved, That the press of the state be earnestly requested to work with us in the furtherance of the plan adopted by this convention."

"The Village Schoolmaster" To-Night.

One of the prettiest stories ever written of rural life in the New England States, "The Village Schoolmaster," a comedy-drama in four acts, will be seen at the Opera House to-night. Those who appreciate the good the theatre can do will like "The Schoolmaster." It is clean and wholesome, its atmosphere is refreshing, its humor is crisp, quaint and occasionally cracks like a whip. Its rugged epigrams are delightful and its bit of philosophy is remembered and laughed at over and over again. Tomorrow night, "A Man's Broken Promise," a new play by Lillian Mortimer, will be the second and last night of the "Ideals" engagement. Seats now selling. Prices 25, 35 and 50 cents.

CALLED TO HER REST.

Mrs. George E. McDonald Passes
Away at Dayton, Ohio.

Sorrow has touched the homes of many relatives and friends and many hearts are aching, for God has called a loved one home. But their sorrow is tinged with joy and Heaven seems nearer to those who are left to mourn.

Iva Dell Mankin was born at Turner, Oregon, February 22, 1879, and was aged at the time of her death 28 years, 10 months and 8 days. When about three years of age she, with two older brothers, was left an orphan, her father having died previous to her birth. Shortly after she was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Durkee, then of Salem, and grew to young womanhood without knowing that she was an orphan, when she was again left motherless. She was a graduate of Philomath College and later taught three years in Philomath Public School.

On June 17, 1903, Iva Durkee was married to Rev. George E. McDonald in Philomath chapel, and went with him to make her home in Eugene, where he was pastor of the United Brethren church, and where she was ever a faithful and earnest worker. Last June Rev. McDonald resigned his pastorate in that city, and with her husband and little daughter, Mrs. McDonald left in August for Dayton, Ohio, that Mr. McDonald might attend the United Brethren Seminary at that place.

On Christmas morning another little daughter came to bless their home, and for a few days the future seemed exceedingly bright, but at the close of the sixth day death came as the result of blood-poisoning. Those who witnessed her last hours say that her death was most beautiful, leaving no regrets, but pointing loved ones to a bright and happy future, in perfect confidence and trust knowing that "The Father's Overhead."

The funeral occurred in Philomath College chapel, Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock and interment was made in Newton cemetery, a large number of relatives and friends being present.

The floral offerings were profuse and beautiful, among them being pieces from the M. E. church at Germantown, Iowa, of which Rev. McDonald has been serving as pastor, from the Ladies' Aid Society of the United

Brethren church at Eugene, of which Mrs. McDonald was formerly president, and from the Ladies' Missionary Society at Philomath.

Besides her sorrowing husband and two little girls, Georgene and Phyllis, deceased leaves one brother, Guy Mankin of Turner, Oregon, two sisters-in-law, Teressa McDonald, who was with her in Dayton, and Mrs. John A. Gellatly of Wenatchee, Wash; her brother-in-law, Percy McDonald of Eugene, who with their mother, Mrs. Hannah McDonald of Philomath, have loved her as their own; also her adopted father E. W. Durkee, of Newport, Or., and two sisters, Mrs. D. L. Peck of North Yakima, Wash., and Mrs. E. R. Hollister of this city, and two brothers, Frank and Wendell Durkee and little sister, Saidee, of Chico, California.

Mrs. McDonald was widely known and was held in the warmest esteem by all who called her friend, and her early passing has brought deep sorrow to all. The husband and little ones, together with other relatives, have the deepest sympathy of the entire community.

Building a Town in Alsea.

That a town has been laid out and that lots are now selling there, is the story that comes from Alsea, in the fertile little valley of that name, where people live to a ripe old age, enjoying a peace and quietness not often found in this day of hustle and bustle. The story is vouched for by the driver of the Alsea freight wagon who was in Corvallis Wednesday.

According to the report, Wade Malone, the wide-awake merchant at Alsea, has platted the town and has already disposed of some of the lots, although of course negotiations cannot be completed until the deal is recorded and the court has taken the usual steps to legalize the proceedings.

This town, if it become such, will be located in a section rich in natural advantages and productiveness, with fine timber on all sides, a progressive and peaceful class of citizens and many other features to recommend it, and with the completion of the Corvallis & Alsea River Railroad, as proposed, the little town will indeed be a favored spot and should enjoy a healthy growth.

OREGON NEWS NOTES.

Great Interest in Cash Prizes—
Schedule of Conventions.

Never in the history of Oregon was the state receiving such an enormous amount of advertising as at the present time. The writers who are contesting for the 80 prizes (\$5000) offered by the Portland Commercial Club, have seemingly been busy in every state in the Union. Some of the contestants have written a series of articles covering several editions of the same newspaper, thoroughly discussing the attractions and resources of the state. Governor Chamberlain will be requested to name his three judges and they will begin their work February 1.

On the last day of the old year the Portland Commercial Club wired its greetings, on behalf of the city and state, to President Roosevelt, and within a few hours received a most cordial reply in which the Chief Executive wished the people of Oregon a happy and prosperous New Year.

Oregonians will be busy attending convention to be held in Portland during the month of January. The list includes:

The Northwest Retail Harness and Saddlery Manufacturers' Association, January 13 and 14.

Oregon Horticultural Society, January 14, 15 and 16.

Oregon State Press Association, January 17 and 18.

Retail Grocers' Association, January 21 and 22.

Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' Association, January 21 and 22.

Pacific Federation of Implement and Hardware Dealers, January 23, 24 and 25.

The colonists rates, which resulted in bringing such a vast immigration to Oregon during September and October, 1907, will be in effect for March and April, 1908. The rate applies to all railroads and to all rail points in Oregon on same basis as before.

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School Officers' Convention.

A school officers' convention, including all of Benton county, is scheduled to occur in Corvallis the first Saturday in February. This is the first convention to be held under the new law, and the second to be held in the county, the first having occurred about three years ago.

The new law provides for the payment of \$2 per day for the attendance of chairmen of boards of directors, or the chairman's proxy or substitute. Among those on the program for the February meeting are Supt. Ackerman, Dr. W. J. Kerr, and directors from all parts of the county.

This is a new educational movement in Oregon, the object of the convention being to create a greater interest and a greater harmony in business methods, a more intimate knowledge and greater familiarity with the laws and to stimulate an interest among school officers in school work. While the provision is made for the chairmen to receive compensation for attendance, all directors and school officers should esteem it a duty and a privilege to attend this meeting and by their interest and activity aid in the movement for greater and better things. Programs will be distributed later, giving more complete information.

"Eckhardt's Ideals" Tonight.

Eckhardt's Ideals one of the strongest popular priced organizations on the road, will open a two nights' engagement at the Opera House to-night, producing the beautiful comedy, "The Village Schoolmaster." Saturday night the sensational comedy-drama, "A Man's Broken Promise." In addition to the strong acting company of fourteen people, Mr. Eckhardt carries the latest subjects in moving pictures and specialties which are introduced between acts.

Farmers.

Read the "Weekly Oregonian" of Portland and the "Corvallis Gazette" for the general news of the world, also for information about how to obtain the best results in cultivating the soil, stock raising, fruit raising, etc. You can secure both of these excellent papers for one year by paying to the "Corvallis Gazette" the sum of two dollars and fifty cents, in advance. Remit the money by postoffice order or bank draft and these most valuable papers will be promptly mailed to you. 831f