

COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

Correspondents' Contest.

Beginning April 1st the Itemizer began a four months' correspondents' contest on the same lines as heretofore, except the prizes will be in cash, instead of other articles, that method seeming to suit best all concerned. The most regular and most newsy correspondent during that time will receive \$10, the second \$5, and the third \$2.50, and the next two \$1 each. The contest will close July 31st and be immediately followed by another of four months' duration, commencing on that date.

MONMOUTH NO. 1.

Miss Neta Waller and Emma Parker attended the S. S. convention at Albany, returning Monday. Mrs. Gilbert is one of Marion County's prosperous dairymen, having formerly conducted a dairy at Zena.

Quite a number of sheep have been sheared here during the past week. Mrs. Holland has returned from Gaston, where she has been attending school. Mrs. Taylor and mother returned Sunday from a week's trip to the coast. There will be a basket social at the Zena school home Saturday night.

Mrs. A. A. Roy has moved to Salem. The Lincoln school closed last Friday with a picnic dinner and ice cream.

Mr. C. T. Gilbert of Shaw, Oregon, spent several days last week visiting old friends here. Mr. Gilbert is one of Marion County's prosperous dairymen, having formerly conducted a dairy at Zena.

Found a Cure for Rheumatism. "I suffered with rheumatism for two years and could get my right hand to my mouth for that length of time," writes Lee L. Chapman, Mapleton, Iowa. "I tried all sorts of medicine, but could not sleep or lie still at night. Five years ago I began using Chamberlain's Liniment and in two months I was well and have not suffered with rheumatism since." For sale by all dealers.

PERRYDALE

Mr. Ayres and family, recently from Texas, have rented the Ballston property.

Miss Phina Anderson, of Ballston, and Helen and Ida Anderson, of McMinville, visited at the Ross home the week end.

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Children Cry for Fletcher's CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of Dr. J. C. Fletcher, and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

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Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic, all Teething Troubles and Diarrhoea. It regulates the Stomach and Bowels, assuages the Pain, gives healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

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Cecil and Alice Riggs attended Sunday school at Oak Grove Sunday.

Charley Mangis was a caller in the neighborhood one evening last week.

Miss Mattie Carter, who has been visiting relatives in this vicinity, returned to her home in Wells the first of the week.

Less Bowel Trouble in Dallas. Dallas people have found out that a single dose of simple buckthorn, glycerine, etc., as compounded in Adler's, the German bowel and stomach remedy, relieves constipation, sour stomach or gas on the stomach.

Mr. and Mrs. Mackin, of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, of Dallas, visited relatives here the last of the week.

Mr. Conrad Staffin and daughters and Misses Abbie Walker and Vera Wagner, and Mr. Roach, of Dallas, visited with relatives and attended the concert here Saturday evening.

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INDEPENDENCE

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hubbard, of Portland, visited at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hubbard, this week.

Marvin Richardson has returned from a visit with relatives in Corvallis.

Miss Ora Houlie has returned to her home in Philomath, after several weeks' visit at the home of Mrs. W. Walker.

J. L. Linn left for Graybull, Wyo., last week. He will be absent several months.

The Crab Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Conkey Friday.

Mrs. Wm. Carlton, of Vancouver, Wash., has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Dickinson.

Miss Edith West visited in Corvallis last week.

Corporal Earl Wolfe, of the Hawaiian Islands, is visiting at the home of his brother, Bert Wolfe.

Miss Nola Owen left Monday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Dole Pomroy, in Grays River, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cooper have returned from a visit in Portland.

Ross Wicks was a Salem visitor last Friday.

O. Murphy visited in Lebanon over Sunday.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Every Day
Is children's day when you have to make all their dresses.

Of course you want to see the little ones well dressed but it does take time and money.

But We Can Help You
We have Dainty Dresses for the girls, made of Percale, Galatea, Gingham and Crepes, nicely trimmed and the prices are right. Dresses, sizes from 6 to 14 years—

50c, 75c and \$1.00
BOY'S SUITS
Norfolks, new Spring Styles, \$3.75 to \$5.00
Norfolks and regular single and double breasted models in Browns, Greys, Tans and Blues
\$2 to \$6

Famous Buster Brown Shoes
"The Shoe that Wears"

DALLAS MERCANTILE COMPANY

THE HOME OF HART, SCHAFFNER & MARX CLOTHING
DALLAS, OREGON

Mr. Suver and Asa Robinson were in this vicinity Tuesday.

INDEPENDENCE WORKS.

Celebrate Good Roads Day to Induce Patronage to Town.

About 200 merchants and citizens of Independence celebrated Good Roads day here by working on the roads surrounding this city. About 25 miles of roads were covered.

Chuck holes were filled, gravel hauled and all large rocks were removed from the main part of the roads.

On the return to the city in the evening the women of the Civic Improvement Club prepared a large dinner, which was served to the workers in the basement of the Methodist church.

While the men were in the country some of the women filled some of the worst places in some of the city streets. A day has been set aside next week when all the streets of the city will be improved and it is expected that one day a month will be set aside for working on the city streets. This will be kept up all summer.

Mr. Suver and Asa Robinson were in this vicinity Tuesday.

Look to Your Plumbing.

You know what happens in a house in which the plumbing is in poor condition—everybody in the house is liable to contract typhoid or some other fever. The digestive organs perform the same functions in the human body as plumbing does in the house, and they should be kept in first class condition all the time. If you have any trouble with your digestion take Chamberlain's Tablets and you are certain to get quick relief. For sale by all dealers.

AIRLIE

Miss Lula Peterson visited with Mr. and Mrs. Philip Schweitzer, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Ewing, the intermediate teacher has been in Portland on business.

Lina Dennis, of Dallas, was visiting a few days here last week.

The Royal Neighbors' dance at Suver Friday evening was well attended.

Our music teacher, Miss Reed, from Monmouth, will give a recital at the Artisan hall Friday evening, May 1st.

Sunday the eighth grade team played at Independence, winning with a score of eight to zero.

A number of our young people attended the entertainment given at Montgomery school house Friday evening, marking the closing of that school. The program consisted much credit on the teacher, Miss Grice.

The ball game between Falls City and Airlie, played on the Airlie ground Friday, was a fine game. The score was 3 to 4 in favor of Airlie.

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Cough Medicine for Children.

Too much care cannot be used in selecting a cough medicine for children. It should be pleasant to take, contain no harmful substances and be most effective.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy meets these requirements and is a favorite with the mothers of young children everywhere. For sale by all dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. White motored to Dallas last Friday.

Ed Hodges bought a nice young mare of Mr. Hayes last week.

Mr. Warren was a business caller in the neighborhood the middle of last week.

Fred Auer and R. J. Williamson traded horses last week expecting to match up their teams in better shape.

Mr. and Mrs. F. White drove to Salem Wednesday of last week. She was accompanied by Mrs. Chas. White.

Carrie Warren was in the neighborhood the first of last week shopping for M. F. White and Geo. Smith.

Waldo Finn of McCoy, the county road supervisor, was in this vicinity several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Crabtree and little daughter, of Independence, visited Mrs. M. F. White and family.

RICKREALL

Linn Nesmith, of Salem, was over Sunday, inquiring about the health of his many friends.

Glenn Orr has returned from Portland.

Miss Edith and Mary Burch were shopping in Salem Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Edwards and babe, of Salem, are visiting at the home of her father, Mr. Hickerson.

Carl Pollan, of Monmouth was a Sunday visitor.

Mrs. Snelling, of Albany, is the guest of Mrs. B. F. Lucas.

G. H. Bieler went to Dallas Saturday on business.

George Ball, of Ballston, was shaking hands with friends Wednesday.

OAK GROVE.

Carrie Warren went to Salem Sunday.

Mrs. Roy Gilbert visited her father, A. O. Roberts, one day last week.

A. V. Gilliam, seen sorting potatoes for Seth Pawk.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Edgar visited their daughter, Mrs. R. J. Williamson, at Salem.

Frank Farmer was a caller in the Oak Grove neighborhood Sunday.

Carl Bates, of Salem, was seen on our streets last week.

Mrs. Mary Bevens and Mrs. Will Bevens were passengers by boat to Salem Monday.

E. B. Gobas and family and M. I. Canger and family, of Suver, were visitors here Sunday.

POULTRY NOTES

BY C. M. BARNITZ, RIVERSIDE, PA.
CORRESPONDENCE SOLICITED

There is a dispute as to which cock crew thrice when Peter donned his Lord, the Game or the Dorking, we rather think the evidence would say the Dorking, for though the Game is of great antiquity, the Dorking was in particular a Roman favorite, borne by them side by side with the Roman eagle and made the fowl of the land added to the empire by conquest. A peculiarity of the Dorking is the fifth toe, and this peculiarity is one reason for their mention in ancient history by Pliny and Columella.

The fowl's antiquity was attested by the excavations at Pompeii, where a cock was seen with a D. D. There a large mosaic was unearthed containing the perfect picture in stone of the market fowl, and well bred and well fed, it is hard to beat.

It is large, with a long, broad, low set body, full wide breast, deep keel and is short legged, solid, compact. It has white shanks and the white skin and pink flesh so popular with the English. It seems specially constructed for meat development and the production of big eggs.

The Silver Gray is most popular, and the Colored Dorking is largest.

Don't be weary of the way. Remember the hosts who have passed on who thought not of themselves alone, but tried to make the path smoother and brighter for those to follow them. We pass this way but once, so let it be with good cheer and noble deeds.

Don't forget that there is a golden mean in feeding. It's not the amount a hen eats, but what she digests and assimilates, that brings the profit.

WOMAN COULD NOT SIT UP

Now Does Her Own Work. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Helped Her.

Tronton, Ohio.—"I am enjoying better health now than I have for twelve years. When I began to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I could not sit up. I had female troubles and was very nervous. I used the remedies a year and I can do my work and for the last eight months I have worked for other women, too. I cannot praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound enough for I know I never would have been as well if I had not taken it and I recommend it to suffering women."

Daughter Helped Also. "I gave it to my daughter when she was thirteen years old. She was in school and was a nervous wreck, and could not sleep nights. Now she looks so healthy that even the doctor speaks of it. You can publish this letter if you like."—Mrs. Rena Bowman, 161 S. 10th Street, Tronton, Ohio.

Why will women continue to suffer day in and day out and drag out a sickly, half-hearted existence, missing three-fourths of the joy of living, when they can find health in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound?

If you have the slightest doubt that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will help you, write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass., for advice. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.

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