

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.

Correspondents are particularly requested to mail their letters so that they will reach this office not later than Wednesday noon.

FALLS CITY.

L. B. Barnhart is unable to be at his meat shop on account of rheumatism. Clay Oxford, of Dallas, is doing his work. Mrs. John Walker was in Dallas Tuesday. Mrs. S. Halsey was in Salem Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Trask have traded property here for Corvallis property.

Mrs. C. A. Snyder was shopping in Dallas Tuesday.

M. L. Thompson and family are spending their summer vacation at Tillamook.

The Polk County Fire Patrol Association has just completed five miles of telephone line from Black Rock to a look-out station located on the divide between the Luckiamute and La Creole rivers, thence to a fire warden's station on the LaCreole river.

A. J. Vick was in Dallas Tuesday.

Thomas Fater, a Siletta homestead, er, went to Portland Monday to prove up.

Z. Hinchaw and son, Charles, have traded property here for a 140-acre dairy ranch in Tillamook county. Mr. Hinchaw will leave soon for their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ellis, Miss Gladys Webb and Charley Hinchaw are enjoying themselves at the coast.

Charles Lane, of Dallas, has charge of the confectionery store during Mr. and Mrs. Ellis' absence.

Jack Wagner is putting a new roof on his opera house.

Wyrrie Bancroft went to Dallas Tuesday.

The Boy Scouts are singling their building on Bridge street.

Frank Hayden went to Portland Sunday.

Mrs. I. G. Singleton was a Dallas visitor Tuesday.

ENDORSED AT HOME.
Such Proof as This Should Convince Any Dallas Citizen.

The public endorsement of a local citizen is the best proof that can be produced. None better, none stronger can be had. When a man comes forward and testifies to his fellow-citizens, addresses his friends and neighbors, you may be sure he is thoroughly convinced, or he would not do so. Telling one's experience when it is for the public good is an act of kindness that should be appreciated. The following statement given by a resident of Dallas adds one more to the many cases of home endorsement, which are being published about Doan's Kidney Pills. Read it.

Mrs. Mary E. Gibson, 614 Church St., Dallas, Ore., says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills and they have been taken by others in our family. We think they are the best kidney remedy to be had. Doan's Kidney Pills act quickly on the system, ridding one of pain in a short time. They also strengthen and regulated the action of the kidneys."

Price, 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills. They are the best. Mrs. Gibson had. Foster-Milburn Co., Causes of Stomach Trouble.

Sedentary habits, lack of out door exercise, insufficient mastication of food, constipation, a torpid liver, worry and anxiety, overeating, partaking of food and drink not suited to your age or occupation. Correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Tablets and you will soon be well again. For sale by all dealers.

MONMOUTH NO. 2.
Mrs. Ruth Emery, of Hood River, is visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Wood, who are raising the children, "Laurence" and "Riddle Bros." these children started in this vicinity this week.

Mrs. Edith Brown, of Shanks, Ore., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. H. E. Gutrie.

George Minton, a dentist from Pennsylvania, a brother of Mrs. Bell of this city, is here visiting relatives and old Pennsylvania friends, who emigrated to this place several years ago.

Miss Tula Bloyd, who has been attending summer school here, returned to her home at Hillsboro a few days ago.

The household goods of Mrs. Smith Fuller deceased, were sold at auction Saturday afternoon.

Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian at Salem, and regent of the O. N. S., spoke to the summer school students at chapel Friday morning, on the uses of the state library.

Miss Ethel Jackson has returned from Portland, where she has been spending a few days.

Prof. Axon, lecturer at U. of O. summer school, spoke at the O. N. S. chapel Friday evening on "Poetry and Life."

The attendance at the O. N. S. to the present time is 493.

Col. Hofer, of Salem, regent of the O. N. S., spoke Tuesday evening at the normal chapel on "Literature and Life."

Miss Hazel Watts from Scappoose, gave a musicale at the Christian church Thursday evening.

The Elkins rural school, three miles south of town, under the supervision of the educational department of the O. N. S., has within the last year made improvements amounting to \$450.

Seventy-eight of the class of graduates of the normal for the year 1914 have signed contracts for positions for next year.

Fourteen rural school supervisors met here last week in connection with the summer school and passed resolutions upholding the present supervisory law, and recommending better preparation for supervisors for positions.

Supt. J. A. Churchill, of Salem, spoke to the summer school students at the chapel of the normal Wednesday morning.

The faculty entertained the student body of the normal Wednesday evening with a party in the grove on the campus.

The summer session of the O. N. S., closed Thursday noon.

The Evangelical church here is interested in the second annual convention of the church to be held at a Jennings Lodge Ore., from July 28th to August 4th.

Mr. Moore, who received a hurt while working on the Meeker farm, is reported doing nicely at the Dallas hospital.

Miss Edna Levingood, of Portland, has arrived here to assist with the cooking at Middle Bros.' threshing.

The Best Medicine in the World.
"My little girl had dysentery very bad. I thought she would die. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured her, and I can truthfully say that I think it is the best medicine in the world," writes Mrs. Willard Orvis, of Clare, Mich. For sale by all dealers.

MONMOUTH.
V. O. Boots made a business trip to Portland Saturday.

The normal faculty went to the Rick-reall picnic grounds Saturday, the 25th of July and enjoyed an all-day picnic.

Miss Leone Leech, of Columbia City, Indiana, proceeded on her way via Portland to her home, after a week's pleasant visit in Monmouth.

Miss Hoham left Thursday to visit for the summer with her mother in Indiana.

Mrs. J. S. Smith, of Clatskanie, visited old friends here during the week. Rufus Dodge was down from the Luckiamute the first of the week.

Rev. H. F. Jones gave a rousing good temperance lecture Sunday evening.

David Campbell and sister, Miss Agnes Campbell, arrived home Saturday from Berlin, Germany, where they have spent the past year studying music.

A Good Investment.
W. D. Magli, a well known merchant of Whittemouth, Wis., bought a stock of Chamberlain's medicine so as to be able to supply them to his customers. After receiving them he was himself taken sick and says that one bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was worth more to him than the cost of his entire stock of these medicines. For sale by all dealers.

WEST SALEM.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thomas and children started for the coast last week with a horse and rig.

Mrs. Crawford and daughters, Beatrice and Opal, left for Newport Saturday.

John Brophy and family returned from Newport after having had a fine outing.

Mrs. Durant, of Portland, is the guest of her friend, Mrs. Cade.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Williamson visited with his mother, Grandma Williamson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rex were week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Holloway, in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Lawbauch picked up their son, William, with Mr. and Mrs. G. Carlson.

Walter Girth is nicely domiciled in his new store.

Mrs. M. Leuch traded her house and lots to Mr. Cherry, who has moved here with his wife.

Frank Walters, who came here from Dakota, moved into W. C. Heise's house.

Mrs. W. C. Heise and children visited with her sister, Mrs. C. Moore, last week.

Mr. Wint bought a house on Third street and moved here some weeks ago.

Ed. Beckon put up a wood and carriage shed last week.

Mrs. A. Heise and son W. C., visited Sunday with friends here.

Prof. Sherwood, of Willamette University, took M. L. Bullock's place on the West Salem charge and preached here Sunday evening.

Charley Wurm has gone to Timber, Oregon, to work.

Richard Moe and family have moved some of their things to camp above eola to work until after hog picking.

Miss White, who taught the intermediate room in the school here last year, is going to have a picnic with her pupils and any of the others who wish to go on Thursday, the 29th.

The school board met last week and hired Miss Bell for again for the primary room with perfect satisfaction.

Miss White, who raised her wages. They also hired a Miss Corn to take Miss White's place as she did not want to teach next year. Miss Stewart who taught Mountain View school last year has the principal room here for next year.

Mrs. Crawford and daughter, Opal, returned from Newport Monday evening and are the guests of her daughter, Mrs. Carl Wood.

Big Surprise to Many in Dallas.
Local people are surprised at the quick results received from simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler's-ka, the German remedy, which became famous by curing appendicitis. C. St. Afrin states that this simple remedy draws off such a surprising amount of old foul matter from the body that a single dose relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation instantly.

EOLA.
Mrs. Doherty was out from Salem visiting her relatives Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Martha Sheridan visited her relatives at Eola, for a few hours Saturday. Miss Sheridan is a nurse and caretaker of Miss Virginia Bush.

Mr. Hickerson preached at Leslie M. E. church, Salem, last Sunday. Eola had no services, except Sunday school.

Wesley Antrean went to Dallas to visit a week with relatives. Earl Ferguson has gone to work in the harvest field for his uncle, Will Sheridan, over in Marion county.

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. H. H. Fletcher*. 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.

What is CASTORIA
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, assimilates the Food, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS
Bears the Signature of *Dr. H. H. Fletcher*

The Kind You Have Always Bought

In Use For Over 30 Years

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY

not very well. Mrs. Holman served cake and ice cream.

Mrs. Clement fell and hurt her arm quite badly. Dr. Morse was called, but found that no bones had been broken but her hand and arm were swollen and bruised very much as she fell on some rocks.

Mr. Carlson went to Hubbard Sunday to see the Berry family. Will Antrean and Rufus Rucker went with him. The roads were very rough in Marion county.

Hay is much cheaper this year than it has been for several years.

B. I. Ferguson has two teams hauling wood. There is good sale for oak; but not much for fir, as sawblod is much used instead of fir.

Surprising Cure of Stomach Trouble
When you have trouble with your stomach or chronic constipation, don't imagine that your case is beyond help just because your doctor fails to give you relief. Mrs. G. Stengle, Plainfield, N. J., writes, "For over a month past I have been troubled with my stomach. Everything I ate upset me terribly. One of Chamberlain's advertising booklets came to me. After reading a few of the letters from people who had been cured by Chamberlain's Tablets, I decided to try them. I have taken nearly three-fourths of a package and now my stomach is all right, everything that I want." For sale by all dealers.

PERRYDALE.
Burns Hoffman and wife of Carlton, called on relatives here Wednesday morning on their way to Netarts.

Mrs. Jones, of Rickreall, is visiting her son, Charles Bratcher, and family.

Mrs. R. L. Dugman and little sons left Tuesday for their home in La Grande, after a two months' stay here with relatives.

Mrs. John Dugman, of Bridgeport, and Mrs. John Durant and daughter, of Amity, visited at the Jennings home Monday.

Miss Anna Ayres visited her brother and family in McMinnville over Sunday.

Mrs. Jake Fudge, who has been camping here while her husband was carpentering at the mill, returned to her home in Sheridan Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Derrick returned from Salem Sunday.

Mrs. Herbert Lee was a caller in Dallas Friday.

Mrs. H. McKee and son, Nolan, Mrs. Adams and children and Miss Anna Kurtz were visitors in Dallas Saturday.

Wm. Mayfield, of the Sheridan vicinity, was calling here in this neighborhood the first of the week.

Mrs. Chas. Snelting is visiting her son and family at Sheridan.

Harvest is in full blast here. Considerable binding has been done and by the last of the week most of the threshing in this end of the county will be running.

H. J. Elliott has his mill and warehouse re-painted on the outside and whitewashed on the inside. The repairing and carpenter work that has been going on for the past month is nearing completion and everything will be in readiness for the harvest season.

GILLIAM.
Mrs. T. Coffey and children went to McMinnville last week to visit her brother.

Miss Miranda Vandoren of Forest Grove is here visiting her sister, Mrs. G. B. Ortman.

Fred Bradley was a business caller in Black Rock last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Ortman, of Forest Grove, were here last week.

Harry Steele and wife are visiting in Alsea valley.

Marion and Miss Rachel Smith motored over from Dallas and with Wright Smith, went to Seaside Sunday.

Mr. Ward and family, from Independence, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Strawn over Sunday.

A party of people left Saturday for a short stay at the beach.

Mr. Rathburn, of Portland, is with his sister, Mrs. Donaldson.

Mrs. H. C. Hall, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hall, returned to her home in Portland Monday.

Sam Irvine has six carpenters at work building a log house. The old house burned last fall.

The new steel bridge across the Luckiamute has just received a coat of paint.

Mrs. Jessie Hamilton and children, of Salem, are at the home of her mother, Mrs. Stump, near Suver.

Mrs. A. J. Hoffman and Mrs. John

Thomas were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Hewitt near Elkins, Friday.

Miss Geneva Cryderman left Tuesday for McMinnville to spend two weeks with Mrs. Ed. Leasty.

Will Bevans and lady motored over to Dallas Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Lew Ballentyne.

PEDEE.
Mr. Riley Burbank went to Airle one day last week on business.

Miss Marie Ostrander visited Miss Kathrine Powell Sunday.

Wilbur Bush went to Monmouth Saturday on a visit.

Will Ostrander returned Friday from Gearheart.

Mrs. Willie Bush and daughter, Elsie, visited Mrs. H. A. Ostrander Wednesday.

Miss Mayael McNeil from Halsey, visited Miss Verna Ostrander a few days last week.

Frank Ray was a Pedee caller Monday.

Several from here went to Newport Sunday.

Mrs. Alva Womer and daughter, Eva, visited Mrs. Willie Bush last Tuesday.

Mr. Martin went to Falls City Sunday on business.

Mr. Rich Grant is reported no better. Miss Elsie Bush was an Airle caller Monday.

Mr. Adam Yost, of Portland, is going to haul wood for the railroad company.

Fred West, of Portland, was a Pedee caller last week.

RICKREALL.
Mrs. Warren Guilleams and son spent Friday in Monmouth.

Miss Minnie Arthur, of Bellevue, was a week end visitor at A. J. Ramsay's.

Mrs. E. Lucas, of Salem, spent Sunday at R. F. Lucas'.

Mr. Ada Osfield, who is attending summer normal, was a guest at the W. R. Black home Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Molson and daughter, of Portland, spent the week end with relatives.

The Rickreall Meat Company have installed a fine gasoline engine in the warehouse here.

Mrs. J. J. Reeder and children, of Portland, spent the week end with W. R. Black's.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Lucas went to McMinnville the middle of the week.

Al. Cadde and Henry White took a bunch of our baseball fans to Sheridan Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Orr and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Ramsey and Prince Lucas started on a fishing trip to Siletz bay Sunday.

Russell Kellow has returned from Hebo.

Kenneth Lucas and Bill Palmer drove to Dallas the first of the week.

El. Hayes started his threshing machine Saturday at Alsip's, near Dallas.

Mrs. Harry Dempsey, is home from Falls City, where she has been convalescent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Price and baby daughter drove to Dallas Monday.

George Sherwood went to Crowley Sunday.

Martin Bros., of Greenwood, have been running their wood saw in town the past week.

CROWLEY.
Mrs. Cass Riggs and Miss Alice Riggs visited Mrs. W. L. Hunsaker one afternoon last week.

W. W. White came in from Eastern Oregon the first of the week to visit his brother M. F. White, and other relatives.

Tom Hayes, of Rickreall, was sawing wood last week for R. J. Williamson.

Mrs. C. H. Farmer and daughter, Anna, were Dallas visitors the middle of last week.

Grover Reeder, of Rickreall, was a caller in this neighborhood one day last week.

Miss Laverne Kantner, of Portland, visited her uncle, M. F. White, the first of last week.

C. H. Farmer went to Portland Tuesday last week.

Mrs. W. L. Hunsaker was a caller in McCoy on Wednesday last week.

Mr. Wilson had several tons of hay baled last week.

Miss Ruth Dennett was a Dallas visitor one day last week.

Will Palmer was a caller in the neighborhood Thursday.

Mr. Vandewater, of Salem, was a caller in the neighborhood the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Valliere and family motored to Dallas on Wednesday afternoon of last week.

Mrs. R. J. Williamson went to Dallas on Thursday last week to spend several days at the home of her brother.

Miss Anna Farmer went to Amity last Friday to visit her uncle, Joe Scott.

Mrs. Fawc was a caller in the neighborhood last Saturday.

Miss Mella White, Laverne Kantner and Ruth Starbuck called on Mrs. Henry White on Thursday evening of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Edgar spent Sunday with J. W. Edgar, of Oak Grove.

Frank Fawc, of Salt Creek, was a caller in the neighborhood the latter part of last week.

Several from this vicinity attended the ball game at Sheridan last Saturday.

Frank Farmer was an Oak Grove caller last Sunday.

Seth White shipped several car loads of baled hay from here last week.

Miss Ruth Starbuck visited several days with her uncle, M. F. White.

Miss Verda Williamson and Miss Hazel Edgar drove to Dallas last Tuesday.

Ed. Hodges was having his hay baled the first of the week.

INDEPENDENCE.
Mrs. W. W. Percival is spending this week with friends in Newport.

A party of people left Saturday, is a guest at the home of Mrs. J. S. Cooper.

Miss Dorothy Paddock has returned from a visit with Miss Frances Cochran in Oregon.

Elmer Davis is taking a vacation at Newport.

Miss Eva Robertson, of Seattle, is a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Will Craven.

Mrs. I. N. Sandifur and children left last week for an outing at Bar View.

Miss Lois Hewitt was a Portland visitor Friday.

Mrs. Dole Pomeroy and baby returned to their home in Gray's River, Wash., after a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Owen.

Mrs. L. Damon and Mrs. J. Hubbard spent one day last week, visiting friends in Salem.

Miss Queen Dickinson was the guest of friends in Albany Sunday.

Mrs. Thos. Newhall and children, of Portland, arrived Saturday to spend a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Paddock.

FALL!

It is hard to think of winter when the days are warm and sultry, but listen,
The New Fall Coats Are Here
They are Beauties

The new cape coat is attracting much attention, but there are many other models that are new and the latest Eastern Styles.

Buy Now!

You will have the pick of many styles and fabrics that will be gone later. We are going to make prices this fall that will sell our coats early. These beautiful coats are priced at from

\$15 to \$25
the same coats will cost you \$25 to \$40 in Portland.

Dallas Mercantile Company

YOUR HOME STORE

J. Hastings has returned from a month's visit in Seaside.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Williams have returned from an outing at Nimrod.

Miss Frances Cooper has returned from a visit with friends in Aurora.

Mrs. George Conkey and Mrs. J. H. Hibbs visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McDevitt, in Dallas, this week.

Mrs. L. L. Hewitt and children, Lois and Lavelle, left Saturday for a month's visit at Bar View.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bohannon and daughter, Mrs. J. King, are taking an outing at Newport.

"THE VALIANTS OF VIRGINIA"
BY HALLIE ERMINE RIVES.
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CHAPTER XXVII.
Beyond the Box Hedge

As he greeted her, his gaze plunged deep into hers. She had recoiled a step, startled, to recognize him almost instantly. He noted the shrinking and dot, he swine out of his smile. He's teaching it due to a stabbing memory of that forest-horror. His first words were prosaic enough:

"I'm an uncleanable trespasser," he said. "It must seem awfully prosy, but I didn't realize I was on private property till I passed the hedge there."

As her hand lay in his, a strange fancy stirred in him: in that wood-meeting she had seemed something wild-like, the wilful spirit of the passionate spring herself, mixed of all aerial essences and jungle wildnesses; in this seemed dimly close she was grave-eyed, subdued, a paler woman of under half-grown, sad eyes and haunting moods. With her answer, however, this gravity seemed to slip from her like a garment. She laughed lightly.

"I love to prove myself. I think sometimes I like the night better than the day. I believe in one of my incarnations I must have been a panther."

"Do you know," he said, "I followed the scent of those roses? I smelled it at Damory Court."

"It goes for miles when the air is heavy as it is tonight. How terrible it would be if roses were intoxicating like poppies! I get almost tipsy with the odor sometimes, like a cat with catnip."

They both laughed. "I'm growing superstitious about flowers," he said. "