

Gooseberry Pi.

August Anderson commenced plowing last Friday.

C. E. and A. W. Lundell visited at R. R.'s last Sunday.

Several of the Gooseberryites took in the sale at Rhea's last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Bergstrom and Frank Lundell took dinner at A. Carlson's last Sunday.

C. E. Carlson is installing a water system at his home which will add much to his comfort and convenience.

G. M. Akers took down his last load of wheat last week. He says he is going to begin to commence work next.

A dance and basket social were given at the Ward place on Dry Fork last Saturday night. A good time was reported.

Easter Sunday passed in a quiet manner in our section, excepting the egg racket which was quite some noisy about 7:30 a. m.

Chas. Barlow has quit plowing for a few days and will double-disc a portion of the ground he is to plow. Charlie knows what's hard on weeds and good for the ground.

Much obliged to you, brother 8-Mile correspondent, for the mention you gave us last week. Yes, our Local is 'boken' right along. Four or five new candidates to initiate, making sixteen in all.

We are glad to see Will Brannon back in our neighborhood again. Mr. Brannon went back to Arkansas last fall, hopped over the broomstick, and bro't back with him a wife. Bill knows a good country when he sees it.

The Gooseberry baseball team gathered on the diamond last Sunday and the game they played was certainly a hum-dinger. After the score card was filled, a nearby board fence was brought into use. Stay with it, boys, next time we'll bring a barn door along.

A company is being formed by the Farmers' Union to purchase a warehouse in Ione, and capital stock is rapidly being disposed of among the farmers. Take hold of this, fellows, and help yourselves. "God helps those who help themselves," you know, and you are certainly helping yourselves in this instance.

Strange about this water proposition in Morrow county. Generally, and as a rule, an abundance of water can be secured at a reasonable depth anywhere, with the proper machinery. However, Mr. Cotter who has been engaged in drilling a well for Aaron Peterson for some time, seems to have struck a hard luck streak. Notwithstanding the fact that the well is being sunk in a deep canyon, it is over 300 feet deep with no water of any quantity as yet. Mr. Cotter is surely making the effort to secure the precious fluid and we hope his efforts shall soon be rewarded.

HEAP SAVVY.

Eight Mile Squibs.

Miss Viva Jones of the Heppner High School spent Sunday with her parents on Eightmile.

Miss Esther Johnson, of Heppner spent Sunday with Miss Addie Anderson on Eightmile.

Jessie Coats finished his spring seedling last Saturday and has started summerfalling.

Miss Bertha Houston spent Sunday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hadley, of Hardman.

We are informed that Emmett Jones has rented a farm near Heppner and intends moving there soon.

H. Leathers stopped at C. E. Jones' Friday night on his way to Hardman with a bunch of cattle for Chas. Ward.

C. E. Jones, County Road Viewer, started for Parkers Mill Monday to view a road from the county line down Rock Creek, to connect with the County road running to Spray.

As grand a sight as one would care to see was that at the home of W. W. Brannon on Eightmile, Wednesday of last week. Owing to severe illness in his family for some time, Bro. Brannon was prevented from putting in his spring grain, and was not able to hire it done. This, with his sickness and other hard luck generally, was putting him in a position that later on he would have nothing to speak of in the way of revenue, and it appealed to his neighbors and brethren of the Farmer's Union as a case where the "Good Samaritan" part could be played with credit, and a worthy brother and neighbor be given a lift worth while. So the matter was brought up at a meeting of the Eight Mile Local of the Farmer's Union and volunteers were called for to join the "relief corps," and such a glad and unanimous response as was made is seldom witnessed. It was stated that Bro. Brannon had about 35 acres of plowing yet to do, and about 75 acres to drill, harrow and clodmash, to get his crop in as it should be. The proposition of his neighbors was to put this in, and do it right, too. So it was agreed that on Wednesday they would gather at the Brannon place in sufficient numbers, with proper stock and do the work up in ship shape. There were 18 men and 93 head of horses, all at work at one time and the plowing, harrowing, drilling and clodmashing moved right along like one grand piece of machinery, and at the end of the day the work was done and the crop all in. It was estimated that the stock alone used in this work represented a value of \$16,000. The entire outfit was photographed by Eli Carpenter, of Heppner.

This piece of work illustrates one of the many phases of co-operation promoted by the Farmer's Union. It may be that Bro. Brannon's neighbors would have taken up this work and carried it through for him regardless of this organization, but there is a long chance that they would not have done so, not so much because of a lack of interest on the part of one neighbor in the welfare of another, but rather because of someone to take the proper initiative. The Union meets regularly, is organized, and these needs of neighbors and brothers in the union can be brought to the attention of the whole neighborhood and such cases as this one receive prompt and necessary attention. Farmer friend, if you are not a member of the union, why not?

E. M. C.

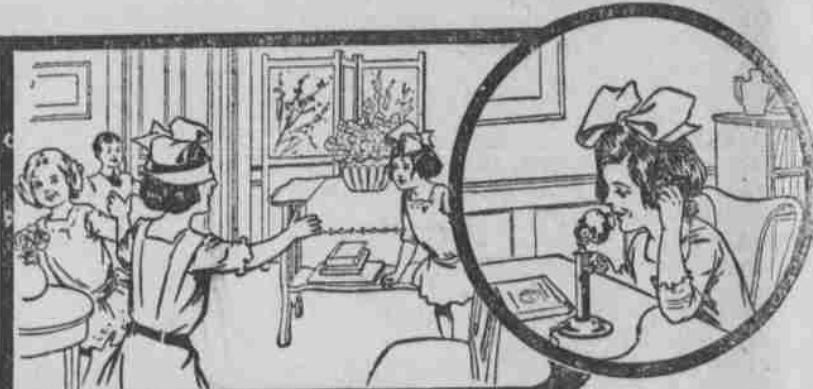
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