

Correspondence

MELROSE.

Miss Lenora Williams and friend, of Portland, have been spending the holidays at Sweet Brier Farm.

Dr. Rowland, of Portland, will preach next Thursday evening in the school house.

The Endeavor watch social which was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Parsons was well attended. Games and music were the amusements and dainty

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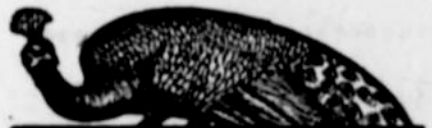


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Additional Montavilla Items

Mrs. A. E. Herman made a business visit to Portland Wednesday.

D. McMillan reports a large increase in Christmas trade over one year ago.

Stock taking and balancing accounts is the present order of things with Montavilla merchants, look out for some special ads from them soon.

J. E. McCaslin has some special bargains in the dishes.

Miss Agnes Wolfer from Macksburg is assisting in the culinary department of the Montavilla hotel.

The annual business meeting of Grace Baptist church was held on Thursday evening of this week.

The week of prayer will be observed next week at Grace Baptist church. The general subject to be "Our riches in Christ." Monday night Reconciliation, Tuesday night, Regeneration, Wednesday Riches in Glory, Thursday Completeness and Perfection, Friday Redemption and Forgiveness.

W. G. Smith and wife entertained about twenty of their friends on New Year's day in good old English style. The guests were Rev. and Mrs. Gilman Parker, Mrs. O. S. Ohlson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Royal, Mr. and Mrs. Sialek and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ryder and son Teddy, Henry Ryder, Miss Elsie Just, and Mrs. S. C. Matlock.

The subject Sunday morning at Grace Baptist church will be "The open door" evening, "1907."

Mr. and Mrs. Winston from Seattle have rented the furnished cottage of Mrs. J. R. Sievers on Base line.

Call on McCaslin for something fine in dinner plates.

There were two weddings in the Villa on Christmas day, Reverend H. Obe officiating at each. Mr. H. Patterson and Miss Elizabeth Berhendt, at the residence of D. H. Perkins, and Mr. C. L. Rideout and Miss Anna C. Peterson, at the Villa hotel parlors.

Watch night services were held at several of the Villa churches on New Year's eve.

refreshments were served. Promptly at twelve o'clock everybody shook hands and wished one another a happy New Year. A business meeting was held in connection with the Endeavor social and the following officers were elected for the coming year: president, Mrs. D. M. McKay; vice president, J. H. Wood; treasurer, John Williams; secretary, Fred Foth; organist, Mrs. W. B. Parsons.

Mrs. J. P. Jones is seriously ill, having had a stroke of apoplexy.

Mrs. Douthitt, who has been residing in Portland for sometime, is moving back on the farm. Mrs. Douthitt expects to spend the winter in California visiting relatives.

Professor F. G. Buchanan, principal of the Canyonville high school and former principal of Troutdale school, spent the holidays among friends in this vicinity.

Ralph and Clarence Bramhall, of Battle Ground Wash., and Eva and Mabel Gotham, of Troutdale, have visited at the home of Mr. J. Bramhall this week.

Miss Lyda Bramhall spent several days in Portland last week.

TEMPEST IN A TEAPOT.

Visions of Flock of Cormorants Disturb Board of Education

A woman, with either a vivid imagination or a turn for practical joking, gave the members of the board of education quite a thrill of excitement last Friday by telephoning to chairman J. V. Beach of that body, that the citizens of Montavilla intended to attend en masse the meeting to be held that evening for the purpose of fixing the school levy for the coming year and vote for a higher rate than that recommended by the board. Under the present law the board can only recommend the amount of the levy, but the same is fixed by a vote of the taxpayers present at the annual meeting held for this purpose. As there are usually only about forty or fifty at these meetings it would be comparatively an easy matter for a dissatisfied community to get out in sufficient numbers to carry things to their own liking. The fear that such a demonstration was about to be made, caused chairman Beach, through the evening papers, to urge the citizens to be present and thwart the machination of the Montavillians. The meeting was held, about thirty persons being present, and the levy recommended by the board was unanimously adopted, the threatened invasion not materializing. Dr. Wm DeVeny was present and disclaimed any idea or intention on the part of the citizens of Montavilla, the fairest of Portland's suburbs, of packing the meeting.

An investigation of the matter shows that the only basis for the story lies in the fact that an assembly room is very much needed at the Montavilla school building, and at the last meeting of the Women's Home Training Association it was suggested that if the members attend the board meeting in a body and present their claim it might help the cause along, and influence the board in their favor. That they were not there is due to the reason that further deliberation convinced them that the best time to take up the assembly room question will be when the board is asked for a new school building in Montavilla.

DAMASCUS

The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Cook spent New Years at the old home.

Will Bookman has returned from Eastern Oregon.

John Hoffmeister, of Sandy Ridge, has moved to the Bookman farm.

Miss Emma Chitwood has been very ill with rheumatism for the past week.

The Damascus Grange will hold an open meeting Saturday January 5th. The installation of officers and a picnic dinner are the main features of the day.

Miss Mary Wilson, of Gresham, will teach the Damascus primary grades this week for her sister Victorine who is ill with a cold.

John Wedin and wife, of Swanson Wash., have been visiting his brother, August Wedin, and was looking for a farm.

Ed Seifer's youngest son has been very sick.

Albert Wolfhagen and Gusta Seifer received the first prize for the most unique costumes at the Sandy New Year's ball.

Ima and Grace Lingle spent the holidays with their parents.

Roller skating is the latest diversion in Damascus.

Carrie Heacock is on the sick list.

CARE OF CREAM.

Thorough Cleanliness Necessary to Secure a Good Quality.

The cream gathering creamery has many features to recommend it and is alike popular with patrons and factory proprietors, but at the same time we would say this, and say it most emphatically—that unless we are up and doing the advantages of this system will prove wholly or largely illusory, for the gain made at the manufacturing end will more than be swallowed up at the selling end through the manufacturing of butter of an inferior quality that must be sold at a reduced price.

The herculean task before us in connection with our cream gathering creameries is the education of the patrons to properly care for their cream. When the cream leaves the farm, it should be both clean in flavor and sweet. This means care and cleanliness throughout and the providing of facilities for cooling the cream. The utensils used should be of the best quality and properly cleaned, so that there will be no danger of contamination from this source.

Milk in a Clean Place.

Special care should be taken to milk in a clean place and in as cleanly a manner as possible, for particles of dirt which fall into the milk at milking time are laden with organisms which produce the worst flavors with which we have to contend and, while harmful at any time, are doubly so under the cream gathering creamery system, where the cream is held for

Russellville Doings

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howitt entertained their children and grandchildren at their home on Christmas day there was fourteen in all.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Pitts entertained his brother and sisters with their families on Christmas day making twenty-two in all.

Mr. and Mrs. Jager entertained Mrs. Blumenthal and son Art to help eat their Christmas goose.

We hear that the Mt. Hood car line decided to run just below the hill south of Russellville store.

Mrs. T. R. Howitt, who is under the physician's care, is improving. Mrs. Howitt is staying with her mother Mrs. E. A. Kelly.

Fred Howitt has rented his farm to T. H. Pitts.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Howitt entertained their children and grandchildren on Sunday evening there was sixteen present. It was the first time that they could all be present at the same time during the holidays.

A happy New Year to every reader of The Herald.

Japanese of Russellville had a big celebration on New Years.

Miss Pearl Shaffer, of Taylorville, was married on New Year's day to Mr. Wilson an engineer on the O. R. & N.

Wm Thomas is laid up with lagrippe.

Professor Dindwille, of Russellville school, spent the holidays at his home in Forest Grove.

W. E. Marshall attended the Willamette Club hop at Oregon City Thursday night December 27th.

Mr. Z. Lewis has moved to Woodlawn where he will work in a nursery for Mr. Pihkam.

Mrs. B. E. Faust, of Carus Clackamas county, and Mrs. F. Wilcox, of Woodlawn, spent New Years with Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Marshall.

some time before it is sent to the factory.

The milk should be creamed as soon as possible after milking, and for this purpose we strongly favor the use of a hand separator over any method of setting the milk, as it provides the most efficient and thorough method of creaming the milk and enables us to make a cream of any desired richness. We recommend making a cream testing about 30 per cent. The quantity to be cooled is greatly reduced, and the cream, if properly cooled, will be one of superior quality. Care should be taken to set the separator in a clean place and to stand it on a floor that can be kept clean, and not on an earth or ground floor, which is sure to get into bad condition sooner or later through milk being spilled upon and soaking into it and thus causing bad odors. We would again admonish those who have hand separators to keep them thoroughly clean. We have met more separators than one in such a condition that they themselves would contaminate milk put through them.

The separator bowl and its parts should not only look clean, but should have a clean smell as well. If giving off any bad odors, examine all tubes and crevices about the bowl, for this is evidence in itself that there is dirt being harbored somewhere.

Delivery of Cream.

Frequently cream is seriously injured in delivering it to the creamery. We have even seen collectors using ordinary milk cans in summer for this purpose. Cream received from the patron in the best condition would not under such circumstances reach the creamery in a condition fit for making good butter. The tanks or cans should be well insulated, and where the latter in particular are used they should be protected from the sun by means of a good canvas cover on the wagon.

One of the most disagreeable flavors imparted to cream is that due to the sun's rays striking directly upon and heating the walls of a can, and this flavor is invariably passed on to the butter. Where the cream is delivered by individual patrons the can should be covered with a blanket—Superintendent Mitchell at Meeting of Eastern Dairywomen's Association.

RESERVE EWE LAMBS.

Improve the Flock by Careful Selection of Females.

The grading up and general improvement of the breeding flock must have its ultimate source in the reservation of the ewe lambs now being reared to maturity, writes Leo C. Reynolds in National Stockman. Too much care cannot be exercised in selecting out the ewe lambs that possess the power to strengthen and permanently fix desirable qualities in the flock. Flock masters make a big mistake every season in not giving more attention to selecting their best ewe lambs.

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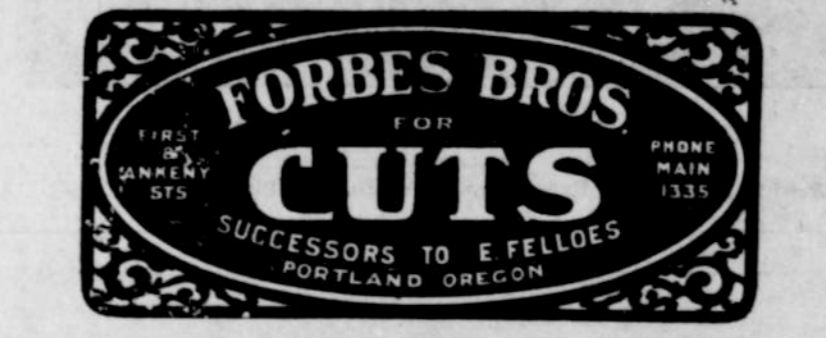
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ers will be a big inducement to let go some of the best ewe lambs, thinking that another year you will have some more just as good. It is right here that some shortsighted flock owner is going to fall down. The flock master who disposes of his best ewe lambs simply shuts himself out of the race of reaping a good harvest in the next few years.

Through the careful selection of ewe lambs some permanent and very desirable improvements can be effected in the flock that will in the course of a year or two return excellent profits. The demand today is for early maturing sheep—sheep that can be got to market at the earliest possible date. There are always a few ewes that show an inclination toward early maturity, and the progeny should be selected to promote this very desirable quality. Our great need today is sheep that can be fattened at any age and put upon the market when prices are the highest. This kind of animals can only be obtained by making selection from ewes that show an inclination to reproduce that particular quality.

Standard Breeds Versus Secura.

Wherever any one succeeds with barnyard fowls they would grow rich from standard bred poultry. Just try it, those of you who are doing well enough with the common kinds, and see what a difference there will be between 150 eggs per hen from each hen and seventy or eighty from the old kind, says the Feather.

PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTES.

At the close of the summer the traveling libraries at the deposit stations were recalled and fresh boxes of books have been sent out for the winter's reading. In making up these boxes suggestions from county members of books to be included were followed as closely as possible, but in most instances the selection was left to the librarian. In each box there are thirty books of fiction and twenty books of non-fiction. The latter includes books of travel and history, biography, and many books of practical value to farmers on fruit

culture, poultry-raising, vegetable gardening, dairying and kindred subjects. To the usual circulating collection have been added this year the publications of the United States Department of Agriculture that are adapted to the needs of this section. Lists of these farmers' bulletins may be had by applying to the library.

The plan of including in each box a group of books on some special subject affords an opportunity for more systematic reading. For the subject of these groups interesting epochs in American history have been chosen, or, for instance, also, the histories of foreign countries, early explorations and voyages of discovery, our new possessions in the Pacific or similar topics. A group usually includes books of travel, a good history, one or two interesting biographies, a good novel, showing the life and customs of the time or place, and, where possible, something on the art and literature of the period.

These traveling libraries are not fixed collections. Books may be sent in to the library from the deposit station for exchange as often as convenient to the local librarian. Ask for the books you wish to read, or ask for books on the subjects in which you are interested. Now that the winter is beginning, there will be time for reading. These long, rainy days are a season of comparative leisure in the country. How much good reading can be done, how many useful suggestions gathered from practical books written by people engaged in different kinds of farming, how many pleasant hours of entertainment spent in the enjoyment of a stirring book of adventure or a good novel! If the box at your station does not contain the book you want, speak to your librarian about it or write to the main library, and when you come to Portland, come to the library.

At the request of Mrs. Waldo, State Grange lecturer, a reference list bearing on the question of utilizing prison labor in the manufacture of grain sacks, etc., has been compiled for the use of Grange members, and can be consulted in the reference room. Grange members and lecturers will find the library very useful in preparing for the lecturer's hour. Ask for books on the topics given out for discussion or come to the library and let us help you look up the material.—Nelly Fox in The School and Home.

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