

# NEWS OF COUNTY TOWNS.

## AIRLIE.

Ira Hooker is improving. John Ritter, of Peedee, was quite sick last week. Another one of H. Tarter's children was very sick the first of the week. The past week or two has been quite severe on young lambs. I. M. Simpson has six or seven hundred bushels of potatoes ready for the market. The League boys were agreeably surprised by their lady friends Saturday night. Mr. Bradley has his blacksmith shop all fitted up and is now ready for work. J. D. Boyens has had a very sore finger for several days, caused by the scratch of a cat. Marlon Waters passed through here last week with a load of pigs and a nice little flock of sheep. Lee Story has opened up a barber shop in the confectionery store of D. Evans. Tracy Staats and wife, of Dallas, were visiting at his brother's near here for a few days. There is strong talk among the farmers around here of buying a combined thrasher and clover huller. Willie Robertson and W. L. Phillips are over on Big Elk fishing. We presume they will find plenty of water. Mrs. I. M. Simpson sent to Idaho for a trio of fine white Leghorn chickens and Mr. Newbill is having a high-bred Wyandotte cock shipped up from J. M. Garrison's. Dr. Ketchum came up on the motor last Friday morning and was met by Mr. Womer, who took him up beyond Peedee to set a broken leg for the 17 year old son of Mrs. Vale. He was out soon hunting and in descending a tree jumped when near the ground, badly shattering his leg. He was taken to Dallas the next day.

## BALLSTON.

Some piles have been hauled and dumped down near the Yamhill bridge, and this comprises all the permanent repairs to date. N. F. Gregg will give his apple orchard a thorough going-over with pruner and sprayer, in accordance with the statutes in such cases made and provided. Harry Blough is endeavoring to get a release from his contract as principal of the Ballston school, having a more promising prospect in a Portland school. Flinty Isaacson says the way the Ballston weather prophet got his reputation was by watching Beale's forecasts and then predicting exactly the opposite. He says it will work every time.

## BUENA VISTA.

Edward Harmon is quite ill. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Becker, a girl. A. B. Lacey, of Parker, has been visiting Harley Prather. Guy McReynolds has returned and is working in his hop yard. A. J. Hall recently sold a large shipment of oats to a government dealer. The large barge that was sent up after clay has not been loaded yet on account of the high water. The barge is floating above the clay pit. G. A. Wells stored one hundred tons of hay in a warehouse on the river for shipment to Portland. The boats failed to take the hay and it is feared that the high water will damage it. The funeral of the late Fred Hall who died in Stockton, California, was held in Buena Vista, Friday, February 1. Interment took place in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. Many relatives and friends from a distance attended the funeral services. The river is at high water mark for this winter and the highest that it has been for several years. Looking East from Buena Vista, which is on a bluff, the scene presented is a broad expanse of rushing water stretching through the open wood to the foot hills. Men are busy bringing people and stock from the bottom lands. A house floated down the river Monday morning. Much damage is expected. The river goes down, one day And then comes up the next; So the people in the bottom Sure get it in the neck. Some are in the life boats And some are up a tree, While the river murmurs "Now skiddoo and 23."

## BLACK ROCK.

Everybody is happy in Black Rock. Black Rock first, the rest of the world afterward. A. B. Hubbard made a flying trip to Falls City, Thursday. If you are looking for a summer

resort, come to Black Rock.

Several of our boys attended lodge at Falls City, Thursday night.

"Electric lights" is all the talk in Black Rock now. Street cars next.

A severe wind and rain storm visited this neck of the woods, Wednesday night and Thursday.

There is a \$20 gold piece in the till at the store to buy the first board for a new hall. Get in line.

We are waiting every day for the fixtures for the new postoffice. E. Jacobson will be our postmaster.

All work in the woods was suspended Thursday on account of the falling trees and limbs, caused by the high wind.

A meeting will be called for Saturday night to discuss the building of a hall. A move in the right direction; push it along.

When you come to Black Rock, call at the Black Rock store and get a nice cool smoke. Cigars are pointed your way these days.

E. Jacobson made a business trip to Falls City, Wednesday morning. Street car men on a strike, so Jake says walking is good.

G. W. Cone has his new sawmill completed and running in full blast. The mill is strictly modern and up-to-date in every respect.

We have three sawmills in operation now, and five different logging concerns are slashing the timber every day. Who says Black Rock is not on the map?

Mrs. T. E. Masters, of Falls City, was a caller in the burg, Wednesday. Mr. Masters is the superintendent of the Willamette Valley Lumber Company at this point.

The store formerly owned by the Willamette Valley Lumber Company has changed hands. E. Jacobson, the new proprietor, will move the building up the line about a quarter of a mile to a more convenient place for all concerned. The building will be remodeled and enlarged, and a general stock, including hardware, tinware, crockery and dry goods, will be put in as soon as the new management can get the goods on the ground.

Just a little sunshine,  
Just a little rain,  
Just a little hardship,  
Just a little pain;  
But Black Rock will get there just the same.

## HIS ROYAL NIBS.

## BRIDGEPORT.

Frank Splawn, of Dallas, visited here a few days last week. The Riddell boys have a new Edison phonograph. Mr. Wheelock, of Monmouth, is teaching the Antloch school. Mr. Eggleston's children are reported better. "Doc" Miller visited his daughter last week. Our mail carrier was unable to cross the Luckiamute Tuesday, on account of the high water. Wallace Brown and Homer Link will soon begin putting in their sawmill on the Link place. Quite a number of young folks attended the party at Schneider's in honor of Miss Corrigan last Friday night. Otis Smith is in Chicago taking treatment for his eyes, which have been giving him trouble for many years. L. N. Belleu and Irvin Schneider have lost some goats and sheep by coyotes which the boys have been hunting but failed to get.

## BUTLER.

Mrs. Lee Rowell is quite sick with lagrippe. Mr. Shepard has bought a new separator. Dell Ellis, of Salmon River, has been quite sick with lagrippe. Mrs. Hardy Holman, Jr., of Dallas, is with her sister, Mrs. A. Thorp. Miss Beesie Hussey, of Sheridan, is visiting her brother, Irve Hussey. Church was held in the schoolhouse last Sunday. There was a large attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Thorp's infant son died Saturday night. It was born January 31, 1907. Dick Daniel, of Dallas, was here last Thursday, buying Indian baskets. He reports the roads in good condition.

## EOLA.

Will Antrican was in the train wreck near McCoy. George Brunk is visiting relatives in Dallas this week. John Schaefer is building an up-to-date carpet loom for his wife. The high water has done considerable damage here in the way of wash-

ing away hop stakes and cordwood.

Mr. Gosser has sold nearly all his apples, realizing over a dollar a bushel. They were of the Baldwin and Ben Davis variety.

Mrs. T. W. Bruuk leads in this community for early chickens, having hatched 85 strong, healthy chicks in a "Sure Hatch" incubator.

It is reported that A. Heise, who lives at the west approach of the steel bridge has been compelled to move out on account of the high water.

West Salem has a well developed case of small pox, the victim being the son-in-law of John Holmes. The school there has been closed till all danger of spreading is past.

Clyde Boyce, Wesley Antrican and Bryan Ferguson were the only pupils in our school who were not compelled to be absent during the month of January on account of the epidemic of grippe which visited us.

W. B. Daggett writes from Washougal that himself and family are well and prospering. He is book-keeper for a milling company at \$85 a month. Mrs. Daggett runs the boarding house and makes from \$40 to \$50 a month.

Our mail carrier, Mr. Squires found it impossible to deliver mail during the high water, the road being impassable this side of West Salem. People venturing to Salem had to be transferred by boat from the Murphy place to a place of safety on the steel bridge.

## FALLS CITY.

Mrs. J. M. Inman and son, Artie, are on the sick list. Charles Moyer is on the sick list. Dr. L. Pfandhofer is attending him. P. H. Bogart has been confined to the house for a week suffering with poison oak. The Little Luckiamute is on a rampage, being over its banks in many places. Three daily trains from Dallas to Falls City are highly appreciated by Falls City people. Farmers are plowing and getting ready for the Spring crop at Falls City and vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Flower, A. N. Robinson and Frank Butler were Dallas visitors last Saturday. The ground hog failed to see his shadow in his vicinity on February 2nd, which means early Spring. A. N. Robinson & Son have commenced work on their new meat market east of Barnhart & Grants. W. D. Bancroft and J. M. Inman are improving their property in North Falls City by taking out the stumps. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Moyer arrived home from a ten week's visit with their daughter at Fort Canby, Saturday. A. N. Robinson, H. W. Bancroft and F. M. Robinson are pruning and spraying their orchards. Others should get busy. The Falls City school had a basket social Friday night at the school house for the benefit of the Gymnasium, the proceeds amounting to nearly \$60. All report a jolly time. The Falls City Lumber Company are blasting rock to enlarge their mill pond at Mill No. 1, and are also clearing a right of way to build a flume to carry lumber to Planing Mill No. 2. G. G. Johnson and cruising party of seven went over in the Siletz country, last Saturday. E. Inman took the outfit as far as Warren Wright's. Inman came home Tuesday.

## LEWISVILLE.

Winter wheat is nearly all frozen out. Emmett Turner is working for Percy Hadley. Grandma Loughary has been suffering with lagrippe. Bernice Bruce has been sick for a week, but is improving. Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Staats are visiting his father and brother at this place. The Independent Phone Company met and elected directors last Thursday. C. E. Staats is president. W. I. Bronson will occupy the Evangelical parsonage, soon to be vacated by Rev. Arnold. Several of the young people went to the home of Rev. Arnold, Tuesday evening, and gave the Arnold boys a rousing goodbye. Rev. Arnold will sell the remainder of his property at auction, Thursday, preparatory to starting for Yamhill county to visit Mrs. Arnold's brother. Mono Grange had a very interesting session, Saturday, and initiated Mr. LeMasters into the mysteries of two degrees. Mrs. I. M. Simpson has about 100 brown and white Leghorns hens that brought her in \$20 for eggs last

month.

Morris Fowle, who owns about 700 acres of land in this vicinity, is in Portland studying banking. Frank Kemp is running Mr. Fowle's hop yard.

About twenty young people met at the home of W. W. Smith last Friday night for a social evening. They report a fine time. Those present were: Leota and Percy Lewis, Alta and Claude Hoisington, Earl and Orval White, Bertha Fuqua, Ethel, Noia and Leda Lewis, Lloyd Guyer, Frank, John and Carl Arnold, Stella Bagley, Lucy Freeman, Andy Turner, Ira Baldwin, Zora Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Leveck.

## MCCOY.

Mumps are all the go and the McCoy school is closed for the present. The train wreck made a lively place of this town for a few days but everything is as usual again. Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Shields celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on February 4th. Some forty guests were present and report a very enjoyable time. The joint meeting of parents, school officers and teachers held in McCoy Saturday, was well attended by many from each of the four districts in this section. Superintendent C. L. Starr was on hand in his usual happy mood and gave a very interesting talk suggesting the following topics: School Children's Industrial Fair, a text book on elementary agriculture for the public schools, and public school gymnasiums. H. Stine and Miss Eva Wash, of Perrydale, P. Boche and Miss Effie Shore, of Bethel, and Louis Maeken of McCoy entered very heartily into the discussions and were followed by J. K. Sears, H. A. Bly, F. E. Miller, S. L. Stewart, C. L. Hawley, C. Hall, Mrs. Priokett and W. H. McKee. Many phases of the school problem were presented and the discussions were very profitable, especial interest being taken in the industrial fair which is almost unanimously supported in this section. These meetings are doing a great deal of good and we hope they will continue from year to year. W. H. McKee, of Perrydale, presided over the meeting.

## MONMOUTH.

Miss Belle Hiatt is slowly improving. Uncle Tommy Lucas is able to be out again. Tom Boothby's family are all sick with lagrippe. J. C. Miller, Mrs. Griffa's brother, who came here quite sick, is rapidly convalescing. J. R. Gordon moved to Montavilla last week, where he expects to make his future home. Jabe Ferguson has rented the old Mason place and moved in there last week. F. Clodfelter and family moved to Dallas last week, having purchased property there. Miss Ellen Johnson is in a critical condition and it is thought cannot recover. Rev. J. Goode, pastor of the Evangelical church, is assisting at a protracted meeting in Salem this week. Fred Huber, rural mail carrier, was unable to make his full trip Tuesday, owing to the high water. T. S. Cornwell attended the poultry convention at Dallas, Saturday, and reported a very enthusiastic and well-attended meeting. Mr. Pettit has bought an incubator and is building a brooder, intending to engage in the poultry business. In our mild climate this can certainly be made to be a paying business. U. G. Hepley invited his neighbors to his home a few evenings ago and an enjoyable time was spent in recounting adventures and eating candy the services of H. W. Edlerman, a professional candy maker, having been secured to furnish the sweets. Mrs. George Tucker died at her home in Portland last week, aged about 37 years. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Fuller of our town. Deceased was interred at Portland. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community. Rain and more rain. The rain seems to be in possession at present around here. But we are highly favored considering the cold, snow and sleet they are having elsewhere, and although it is raining steadily the grass and flowers are springing up, which tells us that spring is approaching.

## OAK DALE.

A good many people are down with bad colds. Mr. Dierling, who went to San Francisco last fall to work, has returned. Mr. Butler will cut 100 cords of wood for John Robinson, on Mr. Butler's place. J. S. Macomber has put in two brick flues in his house, adding much to the looks of his place. Mrs. Card has resigned as teacher of our school. Miss Dodd, of Falls

City, will fill the vacancy.

John Robinson and son, George, are building nearly a mile of new fence for Mrs. Hallock on the Chitwood place.

All of us heartily endorse Cephas Nelson's article on good roads, printed in a recent number of the Observer, and this writer may have something to say along that line later on.

Sweet strains of music can now be heard as we pass A. J. Peterson's home, he having bought an instrument for his son, Oscar, who is getting to be quite proficient in its use.

Very little wood is being cut here this winter, as men can not be had at any price. Mr. Erickson will cut 100 cords for A. J. Peterson. The latter and John Robinson are the only ones so far to draw the lucky number.

Coming out from Dallas, we note the following improvements: Mr. Ramsey, a large barn; John Holman, a large poultry house and extensive yards; Melvin Green, an addition to his poultry house. He has also replaced a lot of unsightly rail fence with neat wire fence.

## PERRYDALE.

Miss Alma Fletcher is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ada Keyt. John Crook has returned from an extended visit to his old home in Tennessee. Our school attendance is greatly reduced, owing to the prevalence of lagrippe among the students. Dr. Matthis was called to attend a severe cut in A. J. Baxter's hand, sustained in the wreck near McCoy. Mrs. Baxter received many bruises and a slight burn. She was standing near the stove and her clothing was badly burned. Grace Kau has diphtheria at the Deaf Mute school in Salem. While Mr. Kau was not permitted to see her Friday, his anxiety was lessened to find his daughter provided with a trained nurse and the best medical aid. At last reports she was better.

## POLK.

More Oregon mist. The Windover family are ail down with lagrippe. Art Windover has dehorned several head of cattle for his neighbors. The roads have been beaten down by the heavy rains, and travel is better now. R. T. Pierce has improved his place by putting a wire fence around his house. Several people from here attended the poultry meeting in Dallas last Saturday. Johann Quiring will put up about a mile of line fence on his places as soon as the weather will permit. Our school yard fence has been repaired. The teacher and children deserve praise for the interest they take in the school. F. F. Kliever reports from Sunny Slope, Alberta, that the temperature is 52 degrees below zero. That's rather different from Old Oregon, even at its worst. The roads need some attention these days. In places, the water runs in the middle of the road. A little ditching now will save a good many dollars' worth of work in the spring. G. G. Rempel and family, of Perrydale, visited at the home of D. D. Peters one day last week. Both gentlemen have been pruning their orchards, making quite an improvement. They will spray the trees as soon as possible.

## Teachers' Examination.

Notice is hereby given that the County School Superintendent of Polk County will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county papers at Dallas as follows: FOR STATE PAPERS, Commencing Wednesday, February 13, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, February 16, at 4 o'clock p. m. Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, physical geography, reading, psychology. Thursday—Written arithmetic, civil government, theory of teaching, book-keeping, grammar, physics. Friday—Physiology, geography, mental arithmetic, composition, algebra. Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, English literature, school law. FOR COUNTY PAPERS, Commencing Wednesday, February 13, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, February 15, at 4 o'clock p. m. FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD GRADE CERTIFICATES, Wednesday—Penmanship, reading, history, orthography. Thursday—Theory of teaching, written arithmetic, grammar, physiology. Friday—Geography, mental arithmetic, school law, civil government. PRIMARY CERTIFICATES, Wednesday—Penmanship, reading, orthography, arithmetic. Thursday—Theory of teaching, art of questioning, physiology. C. L. STARR, County School Superintendent of Polk County, Oregon.

## THE "TAMPING" SYSTEM.

New Process in Road Building in Southern California.

Two California companies have a new system in road construction, and the successful results of their new method are greatly appreciated by all motorists who journey to the beach. A piece of oiled road has recently been completed from the Soldiers' home toward the Pacific ocean, north of Santa Monica, that has, in the judgment of experienced road builders, an important bearing on road development in California, says Will S. Little in Good Roads Magazine. It differs from ordinary street or road oiling in that it is a veritable construction of a street out of natural soil with the use of oil. The resultant product is in fact very like an asphalt, lies as smooth and, it is believed, will last nearly as long. It is so inexpensive as to be practical for use in cities and upon the main country thoroughfares.

This new road is a 130 foot boulevard, with a width from curb to curb of sixty feet. The road is a sandy loam, with some admixture of blue and red clay, slate and gravel; is graded and plowed six inches deep and is pulverized with harrows. If it is very dry a small amount of water is sprinkled on and mixed in so as to make it workable. Oil is then applied at the rate of one gallon to the square yard, and cultivators mix it in to the depth of four inches. A second gallon of oil to the square yard is then applied and cultivated down to six inches. The oiled surface is then turned under four inches deep with a turning plow. Up to this point the process does not materially differ from that in general use where careful work is done in mixing the oil with the soil. But the next step is a radical departure and marks the beginning of a new era in road construction.

The process next succeeding this in the common practice of road oiling is the rolling of the road, which crushes down a thin acum on the surface that later scales off and leaves the road full of chock holes. But with this new system the next process is one of tamping. A cylinder about ten feet long and six feet in diameter, weighing about 5,000 pounds and furnished with rows of flat headed teeth, is hauled back and forth slowly, tamping the oiled earth up from the bottom to within two inches of the top. When the tamper first goes over the road it sinks the teeth, which are six inches long, their whole length in the soft, oily earth, but by each rolling or tamping a new layer of solid asphalt is plastered on the bottom, and the cylinder rises a little out of the mass until, when the tamping is completed, the mixture is so solid that the teeth no longer sink in. There is a vast difference between merely crushing the surface of an oiled road with a roller and tamping six inches of oil from the bottom up. That difference means greater endurance for the tamped road.

When the tamping is brought to within two inches of the top the road is re-graded, and the last two inches of loose surface soil are cultivated and given another gallon of oil to the square yard. This makes three gallons to the square yard, all applied warm, so as to sprinkle freely; again the cultivator and then the tamper, this time worked until it reaches the surface. When the tamping is done the surface is a little uneven from the marks of the teeth, but that is taken out by a roller weighing two tons per twelve inches of tire. A more perfect surface can be obtained by a slight sprinkling of gravel before the roller is used.

This work costs about 16 cents per square yard. The cost on the ordinary street where no grading is needed would amount to about 30 cents a running foot of frontage.

Several streets in Santa Monica, Cal., have been constructed by the tamping system, and they have shown almost perfect endurance. One in particular has borne heavy traffic for over two years and is now practically as it was when originally laid.

## Marking Country Roads.

The talk of a general naming and marking of country roads ought not to be permitted to end in talk, says Motor News. It is too important that highways in the country should be carefully designated and suitable guideboards erected and maintained by the proper authorities. Such aids to travelers are most needed, of course, where the roads are most used, especially in the vicinity of cities. It is there that the highways are most frequented by strangers to the localities where the roads are often permitted to go unmarked. In these days of many automobiles and much use of interurban and suburban trolley cars an ever increasing number of city dwellers are apt to take outings within fifty or sixty miles of home. They find unknown and unmarked roads a drawback to the natural and proper enjoyment of the country. Road improvement is a big subject in America. It includes such comparatively small points as road names and road guideboards—cheap and easy improvements neglected for no good reason.

To Improve Roads by Liquor Tax. It is announced that Governor Folk of Missouri will ask the next general assembly to pass a law to tax the retail liquor interests for the purpose of improving the highways of the state. His plan contemplates making each saloon pay a state license of \$200 a year, the amount thus collected to be used in building good roads, beginning with two principal highways across the state—one from Kansas City to St. Louis and the other from Iowa to the Arkansas line.

China in Line. The good roads movement is reported to have reached China. Some forty miles of macadamized roads have been completed around the city of Nankin.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Cures Colds, Croup and Whooping Cough.