

# NEWS OF COUNTY TOWNS.

## AIRLIE.

J. C. Nendel was doing business in Dallas last Wednesday.

The baseball boys are beginning to warm up for practice.

Several farmers began plowing the first of the week.

Quite a number from here attended the sale at Lewisville last Thursday.

J. M. Staats is in Kings Valley putting up another telephone line.

The Sebring boys are cleaning up their hopyard, and will soon have it ready for the plow.

Charley Nendel is out of hay and has been hauling some in from different places.

Several of the young people from here attended a dance at Peedee, Saturday evening.

E. E. Staats took a four-horse load of provisions to the logging camp beyond Peedee last Sunday.

Roy Chapman came near severing his great toe with an axe one day last week. He is now confined to the house.

Robert and Henry Tarter are cutting wood, and Frank Lindeman is working at Simpson's logging camp.

All who are interested in the education of their children should attend the patrons' and teachers' meeting to be held at Lewisville, Saturday, February 16.

Clyde McKinney came out from Portland recently and is now running one of the saws at the axe-handle factory. His father, who owns one of the best teams in this vicinity, has been hauling material from the mill to the station all winter.

Mr. Plunkett was in from Kings Valley, Sunday, and took out the material for a phone line that will extend from Logan's to Wren Station. It will accommodate 18 families and thus give Airlie free connection with a big scope of country.

Percy Hadley and wife, C. E. Staats and wife, George Conn and wife, and E. E. Hiltbrand and wife met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Simpson last Friday evening, and had a very pleasant time in social games, music etc. A nice lunch was served. The week before they met at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. George Conn and Mrs. C. E. Staats.

## BALLSTON.

Much wood is being cut on the Will Key place, preparatory to clearing the land for hops.

Frank Gould's graphophone keeps up a perpetual grind; you can hear anything from concert hall ballads to one of Gladstone's speeches or Rooseveltian thunders.

Several thousand cords of oak wood will be hauled on the right-of-way here this summer. Locations for piles handiest to the switch have been already pre-empted. George Clark has thousands over in Yamhill county to deliver here if the bridge is put in condition.

## BLACK ROCK.

Ed Biddle, of Dallas, was a caller Tuesday. Come again.

H. L. Tilton, of Eugene, was a Tuesday caller.

Black Rock is undoubtedly the best little lumbering town on the coast.

C. A. Kurre, of Independence, called on Black Rock friends Tuesday.

Mrs. A. Graham is visiting in Falls City.

Mr. Emmett, one of Falls City's prosperous contractors, made a business trip to this burg this week.

G. W. Cone went to Dallas, Tuesday, to attend to business matters. Mr. Cone is one of our hustling mill-men.

Miss Maude Ferguson, our obliging hotel waitress, went to Falls City and Dallas, Tuesday.

Al Layton returned Wednesday from a week's vacation. Mr. Layton has been ill for a few days but is now greatly improved.

The new electric light plant recently installed at the Cone mill is nearly completed and will be in operation the latter part of this week.

The work on Jacobson's new store building is being pushed ahead vigorously. The building will be a sky scraper when completed.

You may talk about your Angeline, Or talk about your Valentine, But I say come to Black Rock, Beneath the shadow of the pine.

Every day brings more people to Black Rock. There are now no less than eight dwellings being erected. If you want a nice summer home, come to Black Rock to live.

Arthur Moore, a member of the Independence dramatic club, paid us a pleasant visit, Tuesday. Mr. Moore with his troupe, will play at Wagner's hall in Falls City on Saturday evening.

Black Rock is the proper place for

## BRIDGEPORT.

Some are talking of shearing their goats.

Everybody plowing and working in their hop yards.

Miss Bertha Foster visited her parents here last week.

George McCollum is up from Vancouver, Wash., visiting his daughter.

Frank Laws and family will remain with L. C. Hill the coming year.

Jack Bennett, of Lane county, is visiting his brother and sister at this place.

With a prospect for good roads, our mail carrier wears a broad smile these days.

Old Mr. Bressler is seriously ill at his home in Cooper Hollow. He is about 80 years of age.

Some farmers have pruned their orchards, but there has been little spraying done on account of bad weather.

The Doernbecker mill is being set up in the hills near the Bogynska place, and will soon be ready for operation.

Stock of all kinds has gone through the winter with but little loss, and we have not heard much complaint of a scarcity of feed.

## BUENA VISTA.

T. D. McClain is in Albany on business.

Cluid South recently returned from Albany.

George Grund is visiting friends in Buena Vista.

William Bevans was in Monmouth Saturday and Sunday.

Ralph Hall is re-setting his hop yard with trellis poles.

Spring farming and gardening are beginning in this vicinity.

The clay barge will be loaded and ready for transportation today.

J. M. Prather sold three 3-year-old colts to I. W. Dickinson, the liveryman of Independence.

W. R. Hall has returned from King's Valley, where he canvassed for fruit trees and the Lewis gate.

Chester McClain, a foreman of the Crown Pulp Company, of Oregon City, is getting out boom sticks; they are being cut on W. J. Steele's place.

Clark Groves came nearly having a serious accident while driving north of Buena Vista, Sunday. One horse kicked over the tongue and broke it, but Mr. Groves managed to stop the team before any great damage was done. The tongue was repaired so as to enable him to reach town.

The river is now down to the normal stage. It was the largest flood in several years, and the damage was considerable. Several head of stock were drowned, fences were carried away, and many hop yards lost their trellis poles, the replacing of which will cause considerable expense to the hop growers.

## BUTLER.

Mrs. P. C. Lady is sick with lagrippe. John Lady is quite sick with the grip.

Chris Hussey came up from Sheridan, Monday.

J. C. Cockerham was a Sheridan visitor last week.

Lee Rowell attended Masonic lodge in Sheridan, Saturday evening.

W. E. Thomas, of Bear Camp, came out for a load of provisions, Monday.

Miss Jessie Shepard visited her sister, Mrs. Chester Ellis, in Sheridan last week.

Mrs. Sam Pettyjohn and son, Louis, went to Sheridan, Monday, for a few days' visit.

Mrs. Leonard Thorp and Miss Iva Hartman left Monday for a week's visit in Portland.

George and Harry Elgin came out from their timber claims at Bear Camp, Monday, and went to their home in Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis, of Eastern Oregon, left for their home last week, after a several weeks' visit with Mrs. Davis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hall.

## EOLA.

Preaching Sunday evening at 7:30, by Rev. Mason, of Salem.

H. B. Brophy is shearing his goats. He has about 60 young kids.

The farmers around here have started their plows.

B. I. Ferguson is spraying his orchard.

Miss Etta Shuett is dressmaking in Salem.

## MISSOURI.

Miss Ruby Sanders, of Moscow, Idaho, is visiting at the home of her uncle, Mr. McReynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Olson returned from Newport, Friday. His health is much improved.

Miss Bell Ebberts was a visitor at the home of her parents during the commencement exercises.

Jess Chamberlain and Mrs. Shuett each have a new incubator.

Hon. I. L. Patterson and A. N. Gilbert, of the Eola Hop & Livestock Co., were visitors in Eola, Monday.

Earl Brunk passed the eighth grade examination, and is now a student of the Salem High School.

During the nice weather LeRoy Ferguson has been walking to Salem, where he is attending the High School.

Ed Mitty was our accommodating mail carrier one day during the high water. He brought Eola's mail from Salem and distributed it.

T. W. Brunk recently sold two Poland China brood sows at \$80 apiece—one to W. O. Minor, of Heppner, and one to H. O. Fishback, of Adna, Washington.

## FALLS CITY.

Our new Bank is flourishing.

William Harmon is on the sick list.

Zimri Hinshaw and family are sick with lagrippe.

Charles Meyer is on the streets again after several days of sickness.

Joseph Floria is improving his lots by setting out fruit trees.

Mrs. John Hughes is slowly recovering from typhoid fever.

W. D. Bancroft is doing carpenter work for E. Jacobson at Black Rock.

J. H. Flower and Frank Butler have installed a phone in their office.

Ole Aurland has been confined to the house several days with lagrippe.

Wesley Achison, of Dallas, was a Falls City visitor, Tuesday.

City Marshal Chamberlain is kept busy these days shoveling the mud off the crosswalks.

B. F. Beezley and party left Falls City, Monday, on a railroad survey west of Falls City.

William Chaddock has sold his interest in the hotel and will go to Michigan on a visit.

Voget & Co.'s donkey engine has arrived, and will be ready to draw timber to their mill south of Falls City this week.

Mr. McMann, of Cadillac, Michigan accompanied by W. V. Fuller and Frank Hubbard, left for the mountains Saturday morning to cruise timber.

## LEWISVILLE.

B. F. Smith is on the sick list.

The family of W. W. Smith are suffering with lagrippe.

Rev. Reagan is carrying on a week of prayer at the church. All are invited.

Emmett Staats bought a fine Berkshire boar of E. E. Hewitt, of Monmouth.

Will Bronson is moving into the Evangelical parsonage. He is looking for a good farm.

Miss Minnie Lewis has gone back to Corvallis to resume her duties in the Hotel Corvallis.

Our teacher, Miss Lucy Freeman is attending the teachers' examination at Dallas this week.

H. S. Smith took his spraying apparatus to James Atwater's, Tuesday, and sprayed the orchard.

Dorsa Turner has purchased a fine Minorea rooster of Bonnie Smith. He reports this breed fine layers.

Mrs. Flora Lewis is improving from her heart trouble, under the treatment of Dr. Crowley, of Monmouth.

Mrs. Baldwin and son, Ira, have gone to St. Johns to live. There is prospect of a store being opened in the house vacated by them.

A horse buyer passed through here recently with a view to purchasing, but our men know a good thing when they see it and would set no price on property.

A teachers' and patrons' meeting will be held in the church next Saturday at 10 o'clock. Come and bring your dinners. Superintendent Starr is to be with us.

A delightful social gathering was held at the home of John White last Tuesday evening. A delicious lunch was served, and the wee, small hours found them on their way home.

We are delighted to hear of the progress of the automatic telephone line from Portland to Corvallis. The workmen are now between Salem and Albany, and are completing the line at the rate of one mile a day.

Rev. W. L. Arnold sold his remaining property at public sale last Thursday and started for Ohio on Tuesday, where the family will live with Mrs. Arnold's father and take care of him.

We regret to part with them, as they were a nice family. Orrie Arnold will fill the pulpit here once a month.

## MONMOUTH.

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Miss May Goode went to Salem, Tuesday, to take the state teacher's examination.

A large number of our citizens went to Salem, Tuesday, to attend the Legislature.

Rev. J. A. Good, pastor of the Evangelical church, will begin a protracted meeting Sunday night. Everybody invited.

A. L. Chute killed 12 head of hogs, Monday, receiving 84 cents a pound for them. Surely, there is money in raising hogs.

D. F. Wilcox, of Gaston, was in town Sunday. He says hundreds of bushels of potatoes were frozen in that vicinity during the cold snap.

Rev. Mowre, of Portland, delivered the graduating sermon, Sunday, to a well-filled house. He is a good speaker, and held the audience spellbound for 30 minutes.

Joseph Radek has bought the small house next to Cornwall's shop and moved it to his bakery, where it will be fitted up for an ice cream and confectionery parlor.

The Normal commencement exercises were of a high order of excellence and the attendance was large. The chapel was filled to its utmost, showing that the people are interested in the Normal here.

## PERRYDALE.

Miss Elsie Key is ill with lagrippe.

Grandma Bell is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jolly.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Key were Dallas visitors, Tuesday.

Henry Jones is having his eyes treated by Dr. Gillis in Salem.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry McKee is seriously ill.

Miss Mattie Koser, of Rickreall, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry McKee.

A literary society was organized last week to meet every Thursday night in the school house.

Rice Cook has gone to Portland, where he expects to secure employment from the street car company.

## POLK.

Farmers are busy.

More sickness in the neighborhood.

Some of the wild brush is putting out leaves.

M. McNulty is cultivating his strawberry patch.

Pruning and spraying fruit trees is the order of the day.

H. G. Robbins is getting out oak posts and preparing to build a wire fence around his place.

The wild geese are doing a good deal of damage in the wheat fields by tearing the grain up by the roots.

Frank Johnson, wife and brother have sold out and gone to Odessa, Wash., where his wife's folks reside.

H. J. Rose and family, from Oakhurst farm, east of Derry, have been greeting friends and acquaintances in this vicinity.

## RICKREALL.

Farmers are all busy with their work.

Mark Burch has been to the metropol.

Miss Alice Burch spent Sunday in Ballston.

John Vaughn and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kirkland at Independence, Sunday.

Mrs. W. O. Morrow is visiting relatives at Tacoma.

Miss Edna Holmes, of Dallas, was the guest of Mira Lucas last week.

Mrs. Southwick, of Salem, was here the first of the week, looking after business interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Middleton have both been quite sick.

There will be preaching here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Fred Crowley, of Falls City, was greeting friends here Sunday.

Frank Gibson is in Salem, attending the legislature.

ZENA AND SPRING VALLEY.

Miss Peebles spent Sunday with her parents in Salem.

Worth Henry has returned to Salem and is working in The Spa.

Mrs. Coyle expects to go to Newberg as soon as the boats begin running.

The cold weather has been very hard on young lambs. Several farmers have lost a good many.

Mrs. W. H. Darby has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Duncan for several days.

Miss Alice Shepard and brother, Robert, came out to their home for an over-Sunday visit this week.

The Telephone Company postponed its annual meeting until March 4, on account of the stormy weather.

It is noticeable that the hop yards are nearly all cleaned up. The hop men are getting ready for their spring plowing.

Messrs. Lawrence Marsh and Zac Barker came out from Salem and attended the basket social, Friday evening.

Mrs. J. L. Purvine has been in Salem for a week, taking care of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Frank Purvine, who is quite sick.

Miss Inez Bollier has been visiting her parents for a few days before beginning work in her new position as stenographer for A. O. Condit, of Salem.

A large crowd attended the basket social at the home of Mrs. C. C. Walker, last Friday evening. Social conversation and games were indulged in until the hour of ten, when the baskets were put up at auction, Mr. Morrow acting as auctioneer. Considerable merriment was had over the selling of the baskets, and the neat sum of \$35.75 was realized. At a reasonable hour, the jolly party dispersed, declaring the occasion one of the best socials of the season.

Miss Lina Phillips has returned home after a three weeks' visit with friends and relatives in Salem.

Rev. Knotts filled Rev. W. W. Edmonson's appointment at Zena, Sunday, the latter being sick with lagrippe.

W. B. Duncan shipped a number of dressed veal and hogs to Portland this week. His goods commanded the highest market price.

W. J. Crawford and J. R. Shepard are cleaning up their orchards, preparatory to spraying. Mr. Shepard has his old orchard entirely grubbed out, and Mr. Crawford has been severely pruning his young apple orchard.

Last week we were without mail for four days, the Willamette river being so high that the carriers could not cross the bridge. The telephone poles were down, and at times we were unable to get Central. Altogether, it seemed as if Fate was against us and that we had been removed far back into the ages.

The school meeting held at Lincoln last Saturday was a decided success. The largest crowd that has yet attended one of these annual meetings was present. In the forenoon, a program was given by the three schools in charge—Zena, Lincoln and Spring Valley. It was a very creditable affair, and spoke well for the respective teachers. Then came the dinner, to which everyone did ample justice. In the afternoon, impromptu speeches were made by W. J. Crawford, C. L. Hawley, J. Ruble, Professor Roy and others, in response to a discussion presented by Superintendent Starr. The three subjects of discussion, all of which met with favor, were: The annual school children's industrial fair, elementary agriculture in rural schools, a play-room for pupils of rural schools in stormy weather.

Professor Condon Dead.

Thomas Condon, for many years occupying the Chair of Geology at the Oregon State University at Eugene, passed away Monday morning in extreme old age, and after very little suffering. He had been in retirement for some time but until recently led a very active life, hearing classes at the University and lecturing at Eugene and elsewhere. He had collected one of the most valuable geological museums on the Pacific Coast and written many books and pamphlets on his geological discoveries. He was for many years a Congregational minister at The Dalles. The town of Condon was named after him, as was the town of Fossil, where he made one of his greatest discoveries. He had made his home for many years with his daughter, Mrs. R. S. Bean, at Eugene.

Reception to Visitors.

Immediately after the basketball game, Friday night, a reception was given by a number of the college girls at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hall in honor of the Newberg and Dallas teams. A social hour was spent in games and amusements, after which delicious but harmless refreshments were served.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hall, Misses Edna and Marie Hall, Lillian McVicker, Winnie and Amy Kelly, Inez Allen, Edna Hayes, Vera Cosper, Alta Savage, Vera Burns, Regina Elsie, Eula Phillips, Nola Coad and Ella Roy; Messrs. D. and E. Kenworthy, Wilson, Hammer, Spaulding, Hoskins, Hayworth and Hodson, of Newberg; Messrs. Grannis and Forbes, of Salem; Messrs. Shaw, Launer, Craven, Fenton, Savory, Arnold, Morton and Crichlow, of Dallas.

Burglary by explosives is the name of a new crime that will be added to the Oregon criminal code if the bill introduced in the senate by President Haines becomes a law. The penalties provided for the commission of this crime are heavy, the smallest punishment being twenty years, and the heaviest forty years in the penitentiary. The crime of burglary by explosives is defined as the entry of any building at night with intent to commit a crime, and the use of nitro-glycerine, dynamite, gunpowder or any high explosive.

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## ROCK ROAD QUESTION

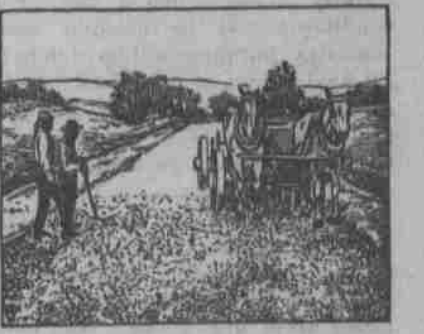
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CONSTRUCTING A MACADAM ROAD.

rock roads if they just thought so. I have in mind two towns here in Missouri, lying about six miles apart. What is land worth? Well, land between these two towns has sold recently for \$100 per acre. Probably not an acre can be bought for less than \$50. Therefore the land value is there. As for rock, if we start from one town to go to the other we find rock within 100 steps of the highway before we travel a mile. At two and a half miles rock is less than half a mile distant, at three and a half miles only three-fourths of a mile away, at four and a quarter miles from town but a quarter of a mile to rock, while at five and a half miles it is only half a mile from the road to the quarry that is kept open constantly. Here is rock, quantities of it. Here is land worth more, much more, than \$30. Why don't these people have a stone road? Is your answer ready? My answer has been given. The answer is found in the conviction of the people that rock roads are beyond their reach. The people have been educated to this belief by reading the walls that arise from our brethren in the rockless region of our neighboring states. And all that is needed to inaugurate an era of stone road construction right here in Missouri is the removal of this mistaken conviction.

"In conclusion, I pin my faith in the future betterment of our highways to these foundation truths:

"First.—Six or seven feet of stone is sufficient for the average rural traffic.

"Second.—Any community where rock is available is behind the times if it does not each year build a mile or more of stone road.

"Third.—Rock within two and a half miles is available where land is worth \$20.

"Fourth.—Where stone roads are absolutely out of the question and where, if they can be built, they are not yet an accomplished improvement, a dragged road is the best substitute.

"I hope to see the people settle down to steady improvement—a certain stated amount each year, not necessarily a great deal, but something. People get scared when they begin to figure on a large number of miles of expensive road to be finished in a year or two. Let promoters be content to make a beginning and add a little each year."

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