

# NEWS OF COUNTY TOWNS.

## AIRLIE.

Boy Byerley is plowing his hop yard.

A. C. Staats sheared his goats a few days ago.

Bob Tarter is building a hundred rods of wire fence.

J. Bagley brought in a nice lot of tame geese, Wednesday.

Percy Hadley and Dorsa Turner sprayed their orchards this week.

R. Tarter bought the Critchlow mare from Roy Chapman last week.

Mrs. John Ritter returned from a visit among relatives in Dallas a few days ago.

Frank Gilliam, of Pedee, was in town recently with several coops of fine chickens.

George Conn was in town, Monday, and hauled home a new double disc Monitor grain drill.

Enough of the boys got together Sunday for two nines and had a practice game of ball.

Joe Brown sold the John Taylor team of brown horses a few days ago for \$380, and Art Miller got \$425 for a span of greys.

This is not a very large "town" but our postmaster, C. V. Johnson, paid out last month over \$800 for money orders on this office.

Sheriff Grant was among us last Monday morning. We were very glad to see him, but for goodness sake John, leave that bull dog at home next time.

Lloyd Flickinger, of near Suver, met with a serious accident Monday morning while running a grubbing machine. He was walking behind the sweep to which the horses were attached, when a chain parted and the sweep flying back struck him on the leg and broke it just below the knee.

Clyde Turner, our accommodating rural carrier, is getting in on time now that the roads are better. We believe Mr. Turner has one of the worst routes in the county, and surely carries a large amount of mail matter. One trip recently he took out over 400 pieces, besides the sealed bag for the King's Valley office.

## BLACK ROCK.

Miss Maude Ferguson spent Sunday in Dallas.

O. W. Cone spent several days in Portland and Dallas last week.

T. B. Masters spent Sunday with his family in Falls City.

Carl Jacobson made a flying trip to Falls City, Monday.

Mrs. A. Graham returned Monday after spending a week with friends in Dallas and Falls City.

Miss Hattie Masters, of Falls City, came up Sunday to spend a few days with friends in Black Rock.

Fred Oberer had business in Dallas and Falls City the latter part of the week.

It will be a close shave if our new barber shop will be open for business by the latter part of this week.

The erection of Jacobson's new store building and hall is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible. It will be a credit to our little city when completed.

Judging from the number of people coming to Black Rock every day, people are beginning to realize that Black Rock is the coming lumbering town of the coast.

Charles McCready, one of our hustling mill men took in the show at Falls City, Saturday evening. He is one of the boys who is always looking for a pleasant time.

A Portland party visited our burg last Friday with a view to putting up a skating rink. Let the good work go on. We will be second to none, soon, if Black Rock keeps up the onward pace.

If you see a dark cloud in a westerly direction, do not imagine it a cyclone coming. Dot it down as a cloud of chips from the logger's axe or a cloud of sawdust from our buzzing sawmills.

Ball & Fisher, contractors for the Polk County Lumber Company, will soon have a new donkey engine in operation. They are unable to keep the mill supplied with logs with their present facilities.

The lumber is now on the ground for our new school house, which will be erected as soon as a carpenter can be secured. This is important and should be tended to at once as we have about sixty children in the village waiting to get to school.

We send out three train loads of logs every day from this point, ranging from 6 to 13 cars each train, as well as several cars of lumber, and ties cut by our local mills. Logs are shipped to Dallas and Newberg. Something doing every minute in Black Rock.

## BRIDGEPORT.

Everybody busy and happy these fine days.

Will Mack has finished spraying his orchard.

Clay Miller is working at the oak sawmill.

Otho Bell is cleaning up the Gardner hop yard for Justin Hunter.

H. L. Fenton was out this way, Tuesday, looking after his place.

Miss Dollie Guthrie has been very sick, but is some better at present.

Fred Kau will move from the Fenton place to the one he bought of B. F. Smith.

Ike Yoakum has been out from Dallas this week, plowing and seeding his place.

Miss Nellie Corrigan will teach the remainder of the school year at Guthrie.

Moses Dressler died at his home in Cooper Hollow, February 13, aged 80 years. He came from Pennsylvania over 20 years ago, and had resided on the old Cooper place ever since. He was an upright, hardworking and inoffensive citizen.

Last year after the School Fair we heard many people say they could have won many prizes had they tried. This is the time of the year to encourage your children to produce something for the next fair. If you don't do anything this time, don't be a croaker.

## BUENA VISTA.

Milo Elkins has begun work for J. M. Prather.

Edward Harmon recently sold a young team for \$350.

E. S. Longene, of Marion county, was a visitor here, Sunday.

W. R. Hall was a visitor in Corvallis, Sunday.

Chester McClain made a business trip to Oregon City this week.

Jim Bounds, an old-time resident of this place, visited here last week.

Elmer Nash was in Corvallis last week, taking teacher's examination.

Arthur Porter was here Sunday and took his brother, Earnest, home to live with him.

The large amount of clay at Buena Vista demands a pottery, and the outlook is very favorable for an investor.

Will Bevens passed the eighth grade "exams." The other members failed only in two subjects. They will complete the work in May.

The local school officers' institute for this section of Polk county will be held in the Buena Vista schoolhouse, Saturday, March 2. All are invited.

Nelson Anderson and Harley Prather are having marked success in breaking cattle to work. They use them in plowing and riding, and often drive them to a buggy.

## BUTLER.

George Hinshaw was at Butler, Monday.

Sam Pettyjohn is shearing his goats.

Mrs. Lee Rowell is visiting her parents in Sheridan.

Paul Fundman was up from Williams on business last week.

Jim Paul passed through here last week on his way to his home on Salmon river.

Lloyd Newbill cut his foot while slashing brush, but the injuries are not serious.

Mrs. D. T. Hodges and son, Ed, visited her daughter, Mrs. Fred Auer, at Gopher last Thursday and Friday.

## FALLS CITY.

Robert Grant is severely ill.

Frank Butler was a Dallas visitor, Saturday.

Everybody busy making gardens and cleaning up their premises.

J. Cabe came out from the Siletz Basin last Friday.

Thomas Sumpter cut his foot nearly off while working in the woods, Monday.

A. N. Robinson & Sons have their meat market building nearly ready for roofing.

G. G. Johnson and cruising party came out from the Siletz Basin last Friday.

T. D. Hollowell finished cultivating his strawberry farm last week. He is an expert gardener.

Wm. Fredricksen drove over to the Siletz last Friday and returned Saturday with the Johnson cruising party.

Several parties are digging their potatoes and they are of a better quality than those which were kept in cellars.

Frank Butler left for Portland Tuesday, accompanied by his son, Randolph, who is to have his injured arm operated on.

C. J. Pugh has commenced building a new jewelry and confectionery store on North Main street. J. R. Moyer is doing the carpenter work.

The Falls City hotel is being remodeled and fitted up for a first-class house. W. D. Bancroft and William Hinshaw are doing the carpenter work, and Alfred Boorse is doing the papering and painting.

The bridge that was being built across the Little Lucklamute on Dayton street collapsed Tuesday morning, severely injuring Willis Frink, Samuel Lackey, Ira Mehrling and Jonah Lowe. Little hope is entertained of Mr. Frink's recovery.

## INDEPENDENCE.

The saw mill has again started up.

Mrs. M. W. Wallace is spending the week in Portland.

I. Patterson, of Portland, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Patterson, during the week.

Miss Lola Stark, of Baker City, who has been visiting here, is spending the week with friends in Falls City.

Mrs. Sarah Young, of Portland, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Claggett, returning home Tuesday.

Mrs. G. A. Wilcox has returned from Pendleton and The Dalles, where she visited for several weeks.

"Too Much Johnson" was presented by home talent at the opera house, Friday evening, to a crowded house.

The Social Whist Club was most pleasantly entertained by Dr. and Mrs. O. D. Butler at their home Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wagoner returned to their home in Portland, Wednesday, after visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. W. R. Allin.

A splendid social time was enjoyed by the members of the Rebekah lodge at their regular meeting Tuesday evening and a chicken supper was served.

The second basket ball team of Dallas and the local second team, played here Friday evening, the score being 21 to 10 in favor of the Independence boys.

W. O. Cook, of Eugene, is spending a few days here. Mr. Cook was formerly a resident of this place, having conducted a furniture store here for several years.

The reappointment of M. Merwin as Postmaster has been confirmed and gives general satisfaction to the public. Mr. Merwin has served in that capacity the past four years.

## LEWISVILLE.

Mary Lewis has lagrippe.

Grandma McKinney is spending the winter with her son Charley.

Pern Lewis has come back from Portland to help on the ranch.

Jap Bagley is building himself a large shed.

No farmer is in style now unless he gets his plow sharpened and gets to work.

Hank Mattison, of Independence, was up to see his mother-in-law, Mrs. Flora Lewis, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Womer spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. McTurner.

Miss Freeman is back at her school duties here, the directors having hired her to continue.

Miss Vivian Myers, of Port Townsend, Wash., has come to spend some time with her aunt, Mrs. Mabel Staats.

Rev. Reagan went to Oregon City Wednesday, but will be at this place the first and fourth Sundays after this.

Tracy Staats will stay with his father at this place until the weather settles so he can go to his claim in Eastern Oregon.

Jane Hodgpeith visited for nearly a week with relatives and friends in this community, returning to Independence via motor Sunday.

Joe Brown has purchased some fine clover hay from Mrs. Emma Haggard and is hauling it to his ranch. Joe has been very sick but is able to be out now.

The quarterly meeting of the Evangelical church will be held at this place next Sunday, Rev. Ballantyne officiating. Rev. Orrie Arnold will also be here.

The Smith cemetery association met Monday at the grange hall and elected the annual officers. F. M. Smith is president and W. W. Smith secretary.

Otis Smith, son of J. D. Smith, of Dallas, who went to Chicago and New York to consult specialists in regard to his eyesight, is back home with no hope of any relief. He has our sympathy.

As Wm. Lewis started to load a sprayer into his buggy at the home of A. A. Lindeman last Friday, the horse took fright and ran for over half a mile, when the lines became entangled and stopped the horse, with only a shattered wheel.

## McCOY.

Boyd Shields, of Salem, is visiting his parents here.

School opened again Monday after

being closed two weeks on account of the mumps.

James Duffield, formerly of McCoy, but now a street car conductor in Portland, is spending his vacation here.

Hon. J. H. Hawley, of Monmouth, and L. M. Hawley, of The Dalles, visited at the old home place at Bethel this week.

The state examinations called the teacher at Bethel away for a week, and Miss Carmen Sears, of Monmouth, was teacher.

Mr. Jake Sears and Miss Stella McKee were married in McMinnville last week and took a trip to Portland for their honeymoon.

## MONMOUTH.

A number of people are planting early garden.

Joseph Radek has his new place of business fitted up in attractive style.

Mrs. Eldridge, of Independence, visited Mrs. U. G. Heffley, Sunday.

John Grant, Sheriff of Polk county, was in town the first of the week.

Lemuel Martin, of Salem, visited his old friends here the first of the week.

Mrs. A. G. Smith, of Philomath, visited friends in Monmouth, Sunday and Monday.

Miss Ruth Fugate returned home Tuesday from a visit with friends in Philomath.

The farmers around Monmouth are improving these fine days by plowing and sowing grain.

Wilbur Mulkey, a son of Monroe Mulkey, is down from Idaho visiting his father and friends.

The Misses Early, of Vernonia, were in town the first of the week. One of them entered the Normal; the other returned home.

A large number of students have entered the Normal for the last half-year. The school is doing fine work this year.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hiatt, of Beaver, Tillamook county, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. L. Mason, who is slowly recovering from a long sickness.

The revival meetings at the Evangelical church are still running. Rev. Goode, the pastor, expects a special evangelist to help him with the services after this week.

A. L. Chute has finished spraying his own fruit trees and is now spraying for his neighbors. A good many trees still need attention, and it would be well for the County Inspector to call and see that all are sprayed.

## PERRYDALE.

Dr. Wood, of Amity, is confined to his bed with pneumonia.

Miss Hattie Penett is staying with Mrs. A. C. Taylor at McCoy.

G. N. Townsend has rented his farming land to George Werner.

The damage to winter oats from the cold weather may require re-sowing.

Mrs. Nancy Wise is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. W. Plankinton, near Bridgeport.

Mrs. S. J. Richmond, of Dallas, and daughter, Mrs. Charles Saelling, of Pioneer, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Allie Lynn.

The beautiful home of Henry McKee has been improved by new fencing, pruning of lawn shrubs, and a general cleaning up.

## POLK.

Lagrippe is still prevalent here.

Spraying and orchard work is the order of the day.

Dunn Bros. and Dr. M. Hayter are having their orchards pruned.

Mr. Konneman is busy moving to his place that he bought from Mr. Bergen.

The Quirings and Reupels built a large culvert across one of the ditches on the new road via the Robbins place.

Rev. I. Dyck is visiting in Washington. He was on his way home and found he could not get over the Cascades on account of a landslide.

Henry Goosen and family, from Minnesota, moved into the Dyck place last week. Mr. Goosen says there was nearly three feet of snow when they left home.

## RICKREALL.

Miss Pauline Nesmith was a Salem visitor Monday.

Sam Burch sold his hops last week for 11½ cents per pound.

Blaine Southwick was over from Salem, Sunday, greeting friends.

Miss Jessie Stoner has gone to visit an uncle at Riverside, California.

Every one is busy plowing and spraying fruit trees.

Mrs. Wright Clark, of Tacoma, was visiting relatives here last week.

Several people around here have been laid up with lagrippe.

Miss Caroline Burch intends to go to Portland in a few days.

Mrs. Southwick expects to move to our little village in the spring.

Miss Mira Lucas has won first prize

at the last two card parties, and Mr. Fritz was lucky enough to get the booby prize twice.

## ZENA AND SPRING VALLEY.

Mrs. Coyle has gone to Newberg for a few weeks' visit.

G. H. Crawford has purchased a new driving horse.

The Zena literary society has adjourned for the winter.

Mrs. Wyatt has gone to Portland to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McGowan.

Mr. Morrow has rented the Peaselee farm and has begun sowing his Spring grain.

W. D. Henry and Frank Dye are hauling oak wood to town while the roads are good.

Miss Rachel Dove, of Salem, spent a few days at the home of Samuel Phillips the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shepard and baby, Dorothy, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Shepard.

Cranston Higgins sold his heavy team last week. Quite a number of horse buyers have been scouring this vicinity.

Albert Wright, who has been attending the Normal school in Salem, is at Zena for a few days. He is cleaning up his place by pruning the orchard.

The Sunday school of the Spring Valley Presbyterian church will observe Easter by holding their usual annual service. The program is in the hands of Mrs. W. D. Henry and Miss Lina Phillips.

## MARO'S GREAT QUARTET

Every Member of His Saxophone Band a Soloist of Ability.

Without music, Maro's program would be incomplete. All who know about Maro know of his versatility. How he delights his audiences year in and year out with his wonderful magic—his large pictures quickly drawn in nature's colors—his shadow pictures which are bound to make you laugh, while you wonder how those hands can do it all—how as a virtuoso on innumerable musical instruments he has played his way into the hearts of all who love the magical influence of harmony.

And now he has added to the musical part of his entertainment a quartette of wonder Saxophones. Three



good musicians besides himself as soprano saxophonist produce such entrancing strains from these beautiful instruments that the music seems a part of Maro's magic. Such widely divergent effects from the one source imparts to the music the spirit of occultism which is naturally associated with Maro's name and proves that the versatile Maro is a thorough student of music as well as of magic and art.

At Dallas Woodman Hall, Tuesday evening, February 26, Sale of seats will open at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

## Mrs. Anna Vercler Dead.

The funeral of Mrs. Anna Vercler, who died in Campbell, California, February 12, 1907, was held in Salem, by the pastor of her church, Rev. H. T. Babcock. Mrs. Vercler was a long resident of South Salem, and had many friends in that city. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. S. L. Hayes, of Campbell, California, and one son, Andrew Vercler, who lives in Polk county, near Salem.

## Big Dynamo Arrives.

The new generator for the Willamette Valley Company's light and power station in Dallas arrived this week and was placed in position Wednesday afternoon. The new machine is one of the largest and best of its class, and will furnish an abundance of light and power for Dallas, Monmouth and Independence. The smaller generator will be retained, and the company will hereafter be prepared for any emergency.

Hayne Holmes is suffering from a severe attack of appendicitis at his home near Whiteson, and will go to Portland and submit to an operation as soon as his physicians deem it advisable for him to travel.

## SHOULD GIVE PRICE

Dallas Angora Breeder Thinks Figures Received for Mohair Should Be Published.

W. A. Ayres, a prominent and successful goat breeder of Dallas, writes the Rural Northwest as follows:

Why do some breeders state that they shipped their mohair to so and so and received a satisfactory price, but do not state the amount in plain figures? Are they ashamed of the price, or are they afraid that some other breeder will profit by their experience, and ship, also, and thus cause a decline in the market? I want to state here, that neither the Sanford Mills nor the Massachusetts Mohair Flush Company will start a run, as it is called, on less than 10,000 pounds of mohair, so you can readily see that no one grower or ten of them, for that matter, in this state, could furnish material to set the wheels of these factories going for one day, let alone the other 364 days in the year. If you are growing coarse mohair don't be ashamed to admit it, and if you are growing what the factory wants, the price will tell the story.

Now, growers, after this when you tell about having disposed of your clip, please state the price in plain figures. In 1895 I sold my first clip for 15 cents to William Brown & Company, of Salem. In 1896, '97, '98, '99, and 1900 I sold with the pools at this place. Below are the figures I have obtained since 1900. These prices were for the mohair delivered at the factory. From these deduct two cents per pound for baling, cartage, and freight. The 1903 price is net, as I sold at home:

1901.....	34 cents.
1902.....	31 cents.
1903.....	40 cents.
1904.....	40 cents.
1905.....	47 cents.
1906.....	43 cents.

Quality, first, has always been my aim. Quantity will follow by careful breeding. Not how much, but how good, should be the slogan of the mohair producer. W. A. AYRES.

## TEN GET PAPERS

List of Successful Applicants for Teachers' Certificates at Recent Examination.

Superintendent C. L. Starr and his assistants have completed the grading of the papers of the applicants for teachers' certificates. Following are the successful ones by grades:

- FIRST GRADE  
A. J. Shipley, Monmouth,  
C. J. Graham, Falls City.  
D. B. Swartz, Buell.  
S. C. Davenport, Ballston.
- SECOND GRADE  
Helena Braun, Buell.  
Lucy Freeman, Lewisville.  
May Kessler, Independence.  
Eloisa Clement, McMinnville.  
Mabel Beaver, Saleop.
- THIRD GRADE  
Irma Northup, Suver.

Miss Ruth VanOrsdel, who has been teaching school in the Pedee district, returned home Saturday.

## Jewelry Cut Glassware Silverware

Your friends are getting married; give them a handsome, high-grade present.

Also a full line of  
**OPTICAL GOODS**  
—  
**C. H. MORRIS**  
Jeweler  
One door west of Staffin  
Drug Co.

## It is not Economy

To do the family washing at home. When you figure up the cost of water, soap, starch, extra fire and time, and most of all the mess and trouble that it makes, and compare it with our price of 6 cents a pound, washed, starched and dried and 25 cents a dozen for flat pieces, you will see that you can't afford to wash at home.

Send your washing to the  
**Dallas Steam Laundry**

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