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NEWS OF COUNTY TOWNS

BRIDGEPORT.

Harvey Gage has remodeled and repainted his residence.
Mrs. William Skerries, of St. Helens, is visiting relatives at Bridgeport.
Henry Fern will have charge of the Daly farm during the coming winter.
L. N. Billie and Gabriel Locke are running their hay baler in this vicinity.
Mrs. S. C. Bennett has been quite ill with heart trouble, but is improving slowly.
Irvine Schneider was out from Dallas last week, sawing wood in this vicinity.
Henry Fern and S. H. Petre have

both purchased fine new McCormick binders.
W. L. Gilson has completed his fine large barn and is now at work on his residence.
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Guthrie have moved to their new residence on his father's property.
James Murphy is suffering from a severe attack of blood poisoning in his hand, caused from a splinter.
George Bennett's little boy and the infant child of R. R. Higgs are both recovering nicely after serious illness with the measles.
Mrs. Frank Laws, who has been suffering for a long time with a car-

buncle, is greatly improved, but still unable to leave her bed.
The hay crop in this neighborhood is exceptionally good. It has been nearly all cut but there will be considerable hauling to be done for some time.
Frank Laws' little son was painfully injured by falling from a hay mow Saturday. He was unconscious for a long time, but fortunately sustained no permanent injuries.

MONMOUTH.

T. J. Pettit is now acting as foreman of the creamery.
Matthew Graham is working for A. N. Poole this week.
C. W. Leonard left Friday for a two months' visit in the East.
Allen Johnson has completed his new house and is now living in it.
C. P. Corvwall was a business visitor in Marion county a few days last week.
Mr. and Mrs. John Hale and son, of Baker City, are guests of Mrs. Henry Butler this week.

A large number of the citizens of Monmouth are spending a short vacation at Newport.

The workmen have already begun the construction of Mrs. Henry Butler's new bungalow.

Mrs. Caroline Phillips and daughter, of Eastern Oregon, are visiting relatives and friends in Monmouth.

Mrs. Tillie Zurcher and children, of Washington, are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Best.

A valuable horse belonging to J. M. Hall, of Independence, was killed last week in attempting to jump a fence.

Miss Lottie Bohea has returned to her home in this city after a year's teaching at Monument, Eastern Oregon.

W. A. Wood, of Hood River, is visiting in Monmouth. He will move to this city to make his home in the near future.

Many of the people of Monmouth have gone to Portland and will attend the campmeeting that is being held at Jennings Lodge.

The cannery and the creamery have been running for some time and the prune evaporator will commence operations in a few weeks.

There will be no preaching services at the Evangelical church next Sunday, owing to the absence of the minister who is attending conference.

The grain crop in the vicinity of Monmouth is quite heavy, and the haying season has been more successful than it has been for several years.

INDEPENDENCE.

Mrs. T. J. Newbill, of Portland, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. George Huff and children were Salem visitors Saturday.

Ed Simon returned from Clear Lake and Cascadia the first of the week.

Mrs. J. R. Cooper and daughter, Lavilla, have gone to Black Rock to spend the summer.

Mrs. G. W. Conkey visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McDevitt in Dallas, Sunday.

Dr. O. D. Butler, J. B. V. Butler and Luther Grounds are out on their annual fishing and hunting trip.

Mrs. D. A. Hodge and daughters and Mrs. O. A. Cramer and daughter have gone to Newport to spend the summer.

Attorney George Stapleton came up from Portland in his big touring car, and visited relatives in Independence over Sunday.

Mrs. J. M. Stark and children, Johnnie and Allene have returned to their home in Eugene, after a week's visit with friends here.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Thomas Pomeroy, who died from the effects of an accidental gun shot, will be held from the family home Friday afternoon.

PEDEE.

Frank Wrightson is visiting at the home of Thomas Kinchin.

Miss Bessie Burbank is visiting at the home of O. R. Burbank.

Miss Inez Burbank has returned from a short visit in Marion county.

It is reported that a creamery will soon be established in Kings Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Burbank were in Dallas last week on a short business visit.

Misses Grace and Bessie Pickens visited at the home of C. S. Craton last week.

O. L. Craton will return in a few days to his home in Portland, after a short visit in this vicinity.

Mrs. Robert and Mrs. W. L. Phillips visited at the home of Mrs. Nellie Burbank for a short time recently.

P. O. Burbank has sold his property in this neighborhood and will move away from Pedee next fall.

Mrs. Eschucht, who has been spending the summer on her ranch in the hills, has gone to Portland on a business visit.

FALLS CITY.

The Hebecks held their installa-

tion of officers in their lodge hall Thursday night.

C. L. Hopkins and family have moved to Dallas.

Willard Gilbert has purchased Frank Hubbard's dairy.

Charles Gregory, of Dallas, was in town on business Saturday.

Mrs. Ira Mehrling and daughter Ella, returned Tuesday from a visit in Idaho and Washington.

Charles Ferguson was badly hurt by the falling of a tree at one of the Black Rock camps Thursday.

Frank Robinson lost three of the toes on his right foot Tuesday by having them caught in some of the machinery at Mill 1.

Ira Mehrling has contracted to build a mile of grade for the railroad between Salem and Dallas, and is to begin work this week.

Wagner Hall is being remodeled and built larger. Additions are being built along one side and both ends which will add much floor space.

ANTIOCH VALLEY.

Jack rabbits are becoming quite plentiful in this neighborhood.

George Muscott has raised a fine crop of peaches this year and a heavy yield of grapes is expected from the Holman ranch.

The wild blackberries, for which this vicinity is famous, are yielding a larger crop than they have produced for years.

Cooper Hollow, famous in the early history of this locality, has ceased to exist under its old name, and with the installation of a new rural telephone line and a mail route, is now officially designated as Antioch Valley.

The harvest season in this vicinity is in full swing, and the crop bids fair to be a record breaker. The corn is fully up to the standard of the real "old Missouri" product, and as a result the dairymen are expecting an increase in the yield of cream from their cows this winter.

BALLSTON.

George Newbill was a Portland visitor Monday.

George Berry suffered a partial stroke of paralysis Friday.

Clarence Butler is quite sick at the home of his brother, J. H. Butler.

Leelle Beatty has gone to Eastern Oregon to work in the harvest fields.

Alfred Ball has been up from Portland for a short visit with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wester, of Jefferson, visited relatives here Friday and Saturday.

F. B. Gould and family returned Saturday night from an extended visit to his old Indiana home. Like most of others they are glad to get back to old Oregon as they say it was too hot there for much enjoyment.

Program For Band Concert.

U. S. Grant, director of the Dallas Band, announces the following program for the concert to be held in the city park next Sunday afternoon:

March—selected
Serenade, "Love Response"—Miller
Valse Mexicana, "I See Thee Again"—Estrada

Overture, "Radium"—Southwell
"Napanee," dedicated to Col. E. Hooper—Williams. (by request)

Intermission, 10 minutes.
Overture, "Living Pictures"—Dalby
Intermezzo, "Sonoma"—Friedman. (by request)

Valse Lento, "Adelaide"—Carlton
Chillan Dance, "Manana"—Missud
Intermezzo, "Indianola"—Hartz
Mr. Grant says that he will be pleased to play any of the pieces that the patrons of the concert desire to have repeated, provided they will notify him beforehand. He sent in an order recently for a fine collection of sacred music which he intends to use largely in his concert programs in future.

August Examination Texts

The following is a list of the subjects from which questions will be taken for State and County teachers' examination in August: Bookkeeping, office methods and practical bookkeeping, part one; physiology, Hutchinson; U. S. history, Deub; civil government, Strong and Shaefer; theory and practice, White's Art of Teaching; arithmetic, Smith; grammar, Buehler; geography, Rodway & Hinman, National School Geography; psychology, Buell; English literature, Newcomer, and the following classics: "Sketch-book," "Rip Van Winkle," "Legend of Sleepy Hollow," "Merchant of Venice," "Ivanhoe," "Westminster Abbey," "Stratford-on-Avon," "Christmas," "The Spectre Bridegroom." Remaining subjects will be taken from the state text books.

The Dallas Free Library will be closed on Sundays during the months of August and September, owing to the hot weather and the consequent absence of many of its patrons at the various summer resorts in the mountains and at the seashore.

County Clerk E. M. Smith issued license to wed to Claud S. Cox and Lillie Muhleman, Tuesday.

AUTO THIEF CAPTURED.

Man Who Escaped From Independence Authorities Taken Into Custody at Chehalis.

The automobile comedy enacted in Independence a short time ago has culminated in the arrest of its leading character, Ernest Dibler, of Chicago, who is now lying in the jail in Chehalis, Washington, while the officials await instructions from the police of Chicago, where the machine was first stolen. The story of Dibler's daring and clever career after first securing the auto in Chicago last May, is highly interesting.

He had previously been in Portland, and during his stay had formed acquaintance with many of the business men. Before leaving Chicago with his stolen auto, he wrote to Claud A. Dunn requesting him to secure a garage for him, as he was bringing his machine with him and desired to have a suitable place to store it immediately upon his arrival. Mr. Dunn, who had been slightly acquainted with Dibler during his former visit, had no suspicion as to his real character and secured him the garage at once without making further inquiry.

In due time the man and the machine arrived. He stored the auto in the garage, and leaving it there, went for a short trip to Seattle. After returning to Portland he went to Mr. Dunn and, representing to him that a draft had arrived for him from Chicago during his absence but had been returned, he not being present to claim and convert it into cash, secured a small loan with which to start himself in the automobile business.

For more than a month he played his bold game unsuspected, until finally he was arrested in Independence a short time ago for driving his machine without a license. He gave bail, but entered the garage where the machine was stored, stole it, and made good his escape on the same night. Inquiry brought to light the fact that the machine had already been stolen by him in Chicago more than a month before, and disclosed to the officials that they had been dealing with a far more serious criminal than they had suspected.

For a week after his escape from Independence, nothing was heard concerning him and it began to appear as though he would get away scot free with his booty. Mr. Dunn however trailed him as far as Tacoma and induced him to start back to Portland with him. Dibler came with apparent willingness until they had gotten to Chehalis, where he stopped and stubbornly refused to come any further.

An altercation over this question ensued which finally resulted in Mr. Dunn having the stubborn chaffeur placed in jail, where he is held in close confinement, awaiting the further development of the interesting plot.

The prisoner has proven himself throughout the whole exciting incident to be a consummate actor, and before his first arrest, he travelled freely between Portland, Dallas, Independence and other valley towns, making many friends in all places by his pleasing ways, and absolutely disarming all suspicion by the perfect frankness and openness of his actions.

Miss Rose Bronken left for her claim in Lincoln county yesterday morning after a few days' visit with friends in Dallas.

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