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NEWS OF COUNTY TOWNS

FALLS CITY.

(Falls City News.)

J. C. Talbot went to Portland, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Till Bell were Dallas visitors last Saturday.

Mrs. Hart has returned from a pleasant visit in Southern Oregon.

L. M. Grames, J. E. Jasper and Mrs. Waller were in from the Siletz, Monday.

Z. Hinchaw and son, William, went out to the Siletz on a hunting trip Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Lucas, of Portland, were in Falls City for a short visit last week.

The Rev. LaDow has been re-elected to serve as pastor of the Christian Church in this city.

O. Bolstad, of Powell's camp, is recovering from an attack of blood poisoning, resulting from an injury from a wire cable.

A pleasant entertainment was held in Wagner's Hall, Tuesday night for the benefit of the reading room, a program consisting of music and readings being given. About \$25 was taken in at the door and will be used for the improvement of the city's reading room.

The water supply at the electric plant is running low, and arrangements have been made with the logging company to have the flooding done late enough in the day that the light plant may have the benefit of the increased flow of water to drive its machinery.

MONMOUTH.

Eugene Bogart has opened up his furniture store in its new building.



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Allen Clarke returned last week from a business visit in Eastern Oregon.

N. A. Emmitt, of Falls City, was a business visitor in Monmouth, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Armstrong, of Airle, were Monmouth visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Butler, of Condon, are visiting friends and relatives in Monmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Poole and son, Cecil, visited friends in Buena Vista over Sunday.

Principal A. N. Fulkerson, of the Corvallis High School, visited in Monmouth, Tuesday.

W. J. Mulkey has had a fine cement sidewalk built about his residence property in this city.

Mrs. A. G. Smith and son, Roy, of Philomath, visited friends and relatives in Monmouth last week.

Mrs. Ida Goodright and family, of Vancouver, are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Smith.

NEWPORT NOTES.

Mrs. Ed F. Coad and daughter, Ava, returned to Dallas, Monday, after a week's visit at Newport.

Mrs. J. C. Morrison and son, Ralph, of Independence, arrived at Newport last week for a short outing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Campbell and J. T. Johnson and family left for their homes in Dallas, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Lynch, Mrs. N. L. Butler and County Clerk and Mrs. E. M. Smith returned to Dallas during the latter part of last week.

The grain crops have been light in this vicinity, but are of good quality, not having been damaged in any way by the recent showers.

Mrs. F. J. Coak returned from a short stay at her home in Dallas, Thursday. She was accompanied on her return by Mrs. Clara Benjamin and Chester Benjamin, of Chicago.

J. H. Hart and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Crider, Mrs. John T. Ford, Miss Nola Coad, H. L. Fenton, Walter Ford, and Clifford Johnson were among the Dallas arrivals at this place last week.

INDEPENDENCE.

Miss Bessie Butler is spending the week at Newport.

Mrs. M. Merwin has returned from a visit in Portland.

Mrs. J. C. Morrison and son, Ralph, have returned from Newport.

Mrs. M. W. Wallace is in Portland attending the millinery openings.

Mrs. Lillian Eaton and children have returned from an outing at Black Rock.

Mrs. P. C. Patterson, of Spokane, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Patterson last week.

Mrs. E. T. Henkle and daughter, Emma, have returned from a three weeks' outing at Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wagoner have returned to their home in Portland, after a visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. W. B. Allie.

POLK.

Threshing is nearly finished in this locality.

G. E. Kilweaver will leave for American Falls soon.

Mr. Dell, of Manitoba, is visiting at the home of Isaac Dyck.

H. Lehman will leave in a short time for Busby, Montana.

The Rev. Durksen, of Portland, preached at the Mennonite church last Sunday.

Several families from the East are enroute for Oregan and will settle in this vicinity.

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JOLLY HAYRACK PARTY

Young People Enjoy Evening Drive and Supper on the Banks of the LaCreole.

Wednesday night a party of the young people of Dallas, taking advantage of the pleasant weather, chartered a hayrack, laid in a supply of refreshments and went for an evening drive.

About three miles east of Dallas they pitched a temporary camp on the banks of the LaCreole, where, thanks to a well supplied commissary department, they were able to prepare a delicious supper over the camp fire.

They broke camp late at night and it was well on toward one o'clock when the jolly party, hoarse with singing, reached Dallas.

In the party were Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Lane, Mrs. Eugene Hayter, Misses Frankie Hayter, Ella Roy, Minnie Roy, Alice Grant, Sadie Myer, Maud Gage, Flo Derby; Messrs. J. N. Stowe, Verne Launer, Ray Ramsey and Alphonso Lyon.

Polk County's Fine Sheep.

During the last few days there has been sold in the Independence country in the neighborhood of \$10,000 worth of sheep. The sales have been for mutton and for the range, some of the animals going to Eastern Oregon. The Cunningham Sheep & Land Company, of Umatilla county, bought a hundred head of fine buck lambs from W. W. Percival. Other buyers of fine bucks and breeding ewes were of the Willamette Valley. Some of these bucks were sold, it is said, at as high as \$25 apiece. Eight carloads of mutton sheep were shipped from here to Portland market during the last few days by W. W. Percival, T. J. Fryer and Boothby & Lewis.—Telegram.

Spaulding Buys Block in Salem.

A report in the Salem Statesman says that the Charles K. Spaulding Logging Company has purchased of S. T. Northcutt a quarter block of real estate in Salem on Front and State streets, paying for it the sum of \$10,000. It is believed that the fact that the Salem, Falls City & Western railroad is to be extended from Dallas to Salem and that Mr. Spaulding and his company have large interests in the road, may have something to do with the recent transaction in real estate.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Deekwa died Tuesday night after an illness of several days. His twin brother died a little over a week ago, his death being indirectly due to the long severe spell of hot, dry weather. Both of the babies were only a little more than a month old. The parents are almost heart broken over their double loss, and their friends will sympathize deeply with them in their distress.

Mrs. E. C. Richmond and Mrs. Ordo Williams were in Falls City, Wednesday, visiting the latter's son, Carl, who is employed in the Dallas and Falls City Railroad office at that place.

LATE CROP AND LIGHT YIELD

Oregon's Hop Production Will Be 80,000 Bales Less This Year Than Last.

A dispatch from Salem in Wednesday's Journal predicts a late harvest of the hop crops in Oregon and a great reduction in the yield of hops as compared with that of last year, owing to the reduction of the acreage throughout the state.

It is estimated by dealers and growers in Marion county that Oregon this year will yield from 80,000 to 90,000 bales as against 140,000 in 1907. The acreage has been reduced from 30,000 last year to the 22,000 or 23,000 acres that are under cultivation in 1908. While the quality of the hops is good the yield is very uneven.

Picking will be late this season though the larger growers will begin about September 7 in order to get finished before the fall rains spoil the crop or delay picking. Krebs Brothers will probably start picking on that date if not sooner. Very few other growers will start as early.

The price for picking this year generally will be 80 cents per 100 pounds, as was decided at a meeting of the growers' association held in Salem a few weeks ago. Some other growers that are compelled by circumstances will pay a bigger price.

The growers have also decided that they will pick by the pound instead of by the box, the method that has been established in the Willamette valley for a number of years. It is thought that not many growers will go back to the box method, as picking by weight is regarded the fairest both by growers and pickers.

CHILD LOSES THREE FINGERS

Hand Entangled in Halter Rope, Horse Suddenly Pulls Back Crushing Bones.

Little Jacob Buhler, the 10-year-old son of A. Buhler, of Salt Creek, was painfully injured at his home Wednesday evening, three of his fingers being broken and mangled so badly that it was found necessary to amputate them.

The boy was preparing to untie one of the horses and had wrapped the halter rope around his left hand while he loosened the knot with his right. Before he had succeeded in getting it untied, the horse suddenly pulled back, drawing the hitch so tightly about the child's hand that the rope tore through the flesh of his fingers, crushed the bones, and left the mangled members hanging by the shreds of skin.

The injured boy was brought to Dallas as soon as possible and Dr. B. H. McCallon amputated the fingers which were so badly crushed that it was evident that nothing could be done to save them. The index finger was removed at the third joint next the hand; the second finger at the second joint and the third finger between the first and second joint. The thumb and little finger were uninjured.

Although he will be sadly hampered by the loss of the fingers it is thought that with the thumb and little finger sound, and the stumps of the second and third fingers remaining, the child will have comparatively good use of his hand when it has healed.

Declare "Alaska Wheat" a Fake.

The famous "Alaska" wheat which has been heralded throughout the Northwest as the "coming wheat," with fabulous tales of production of from one to two hundred bushels to the acre, seems to be getting "rapped" on all sides just at present by authorities on agriculture. First, the farmers of the Northwest were warned by the heads of the experimental station of the Oregon Agricultural College, that the boasted wheat was an inferior product and would not fulfill the promises of record breaking yields that were held forth by those advertising it, and now Professor E. E. Elliott, of the Washington State College, adds the weight of his authority to the mass of unfavorable testimony. Mr. Elliott says: "Fields of Alaska wheat examined will not run over 35 bushels to the acre and the highest recorded yield for wheat is 100 bushels to the acre. Twenty-five per cent of the wheat is not entirely Alaska wheat, but is badly mixed with other varieties. The head droops heavily and will lodge badly. The heads are not of uniform size. Wheat is never found growing wild. Not even in Alaska. It will be but a few years before 'Alaska' wheat will be but a memory."

Carriage at Sawmill Lengthened.

A special order for some extra long timbers has made it necessary for the carriage at the Willamette Valley sawmill to be lengthened considerably. Formerly they were unable to handle logs more than about 50 feet in length, but this new addition makes it possible for them to handle almost any log that can be gotten into the sawmill, and they will be able to cut timbers over 70 feet in length with ease.

J. M. Murney, manager of the Pacific Telephone Company in Polk county, has resumed his work after a short outing spent at Newport.

WILL ESTABLISH CHURCH

Rev. H. J. McDevitt to Open Catholic Mission at Woodman Hall in Dallas.

The Most Reverend A. Christie, Catholic Archbishop of Oregon, has sent the Rev. H. J. McDevitt to Dallas for the purpose of arranging for a Catholic Mission, which will be opened next Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock in the Woodman Hall.

At that hour mass will be celebrated and the opening sermon of the mission will be delivered. The evening devotions will begin at 7:30 o'clock during the entire week, and mass on week days will be at 8:30 o'clock a. m. followed by instruction. The Mission will close on Sunday evening, September 6.

The sermons and instructions of the mission are to be delivered by the Rev. Fathers Chlappa and O'Reilly, members of the Jesuit Order from California. Both are scholarly and eloquent priests, who have fitted themselves especially for the giving of missions for the benefit of Catholics and non-Catholics alike. They have extended a cordial invitation to the latter to attend the sermons and instructions at the mission, so that they may know exactly what they do and what they do not believe.

Archbishop Christie has decided that a Catholic Church shall be built in Dallas in the near future and he has delegated the Rev. H. J. McDevitt to accomplish the work. The Rev. McDevitt says: "It cannot be denied that the Catholic Church has been and is one of the most wonderful institutions in the world, and no one can justly claim to be well educated who does not know her true history and what she really teaches. Every truly public-spirited citizen of Dallas can readily understand what a benefit this move to establish a church in your city will be. We want more people in Dallas and in the surrounding country, and a Catholic Church will serve as one of our many magnets to draw them here. This may seem a worldly consideration, but I believe it is a worthy one."

HOSTESS AT DUTCH PARTY

Miss Ida Thompson Entertains Several Friends in Real Holland Style.

Miss Ida Thompson entertained a number of her friends with a "Dutch party" at her home Wednesday evening.

The party was given on the lawn under the trees. Benches had been placed for the accommodation of the visitors and light was furnished from chains of Japanese lanterns swung from tree to tree and a big bonfire that had been kindled nearby.

All of the guests came in Dutch costume. The evening was spent in playing jolly games from the old country and a luncheon of cheese, wieners and other dishes typical of the Hollanders was served.

Those present were: Prof. and Mrs. H. H. Dunkelberger, Mrs. F. R. Smith, Mrs. David Seth, Mrs. S. Kelley; Misses Bessie Young, Edna Hayes, Edna Hall, Winnie Kelley, Edna Scott, Josie Faulk, Etta Phillips; Messrs. G. E. Thompson, Edgar Craven, Herbert and John Thompson, Clarence Reynolds, Victor and Roscoe Ballantyne and Dale Kelly.

Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given, that sealed bids will be received by the County Clerk up to and including the 2nd day of September 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m. for hauling and spreading gravel upon the following named fills. At Independence bridge, Flannery bridge and Ash Swale bridge. Bids will also be received at same time for furnishing Oak or Cedar posts and railing and for setting same and putting on railing and hub board all complete. Bids will be opened at 10 o'clock a. m. of said 2nd day of September 1908, reserving the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the County Court. August 28th 1908. Specifications are on file with the County Clerk.
(Seal) E. M. SMITH
County Clerk.

Concrete Arch Nearly Completed.

The work on the concrete arch over the mill race will be completed this week and excavation will be begun next week in preparation for laying macadam. The sidewalks of concrete are already finished, running across the street and following the race for a distance of about 30 feet more in front of Caldwell's pool room. The portion in front of the pool room is also floored with concrete, the water having been shut off at the head gate near the mill dam so that the work can be carried on without any trouble. The arch itself is built over a semi-cylindrical wooden form. A layer of soft concrete 10 inches in thickness is spread over it and allowed to harden, after which the form is taken out and moved forward for the next section.

G. B. Morrison, returned Tuesday night from a week's visit in Portland. Legal blanks for sale at this office.

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