

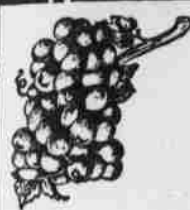
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were formerly residents of this county having lived on the Cass Riggs place.

Property owners in this neighborhood are making preparations to commence the work of the season's spraying in their orchards. It is hoped that the county fruit inspector will be able to cover his whole territory and make sure that the work is done in a thorough manner.

B. I. Ferguson is meeting with such a demand for eggs from his thoroughbred Rhode Island Reds that he will have all that he can do to keep the orders filled that are coming in. He already has several orders booked for incubator lots and single settings and he has already furnished a number of incubator lots.

FALLS CITY.

(Falls City News)

J. O. French was a Dallas visitor Saturday.

Mrs. J. C. Talbot is visiting friends and relatives in Portland this week.

Mrs. Singleton has returned from Portland after a week's visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. J. M. Card and daughter visited with her sister, Mrs. C. F. French, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook and daughter who have been visiting friends in Sheridan returned home Thursday.

Mrs. W. W. Chappell and family have moved to Portland where Messrs. Chappell and Matthews are in business.

Miss Mabel Packard, of Portland, returned home the first of the week after visiting her sister, Mrs. W. T. Grier.

The mills in this city resumed operations Monday. The camps and mills in this vicinity had been closed almost continuously since Christmas.

Wm. Fredrickson had his household goods taken to his ranch in the Tillamook country the last of the week. He is moving onto the ranch that he recently bought of Chappell & Matthews.

While out hunting last Saturday Frank Inman accidentally shot himself through the wrist with a shotgun. He came to town at once and the wound was dressed. It is not thought that he will lose his hand though the wound is a serious one.

BRIDGEPORT.

Leslie Locke visited his sister, Ethel, at Buena Vista last week.

Walter Bird has moved his home to the Teats farm near here.

Miss Lulu Locke, of Dallas, visited last Sunday with her parents at this place.

Miss Laverne Burns returned last week from a visit with relatives in Portland.

I. F. Yoakum and Frank Laws were out from Dallas Wednesday on a business visit.

Clarence Bursell returned last week from a few days' visit with his parents near Silverton.

Mrs. Frank Knoll is home once more after a visit of several weeks with her parents near Oregon City.

The macadam roads in this district have stood the heavy traffic during the winter season excellently so far.

Fox hunting has been a popular and successful form of sport among the young men and boys of this neighborhood lately.

The Rev. M. B. Young, of Dallas, preached at Bridgeport, Sunday. A Sunday school was organized and officers elected for the ensuing year.

INDEPENDENCE.

F. S. Nelson was a Portland visitor this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Whitney visited in Dallas, Sunday.

W. C. Butler spent several days in Portland last week.

H. E. Wagoner returned to his home in Portland, Friday.

Mrs. Clarence Ireland, of Portland, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Opal McDevitt returned from a visit in Portland the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ruef visited relatives in Salem, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bohannon have returned from a week's visit in Portland and Astoria.

Mrs. Charles McDevitt, of Dallas, visited at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Conkey, last week.

Mrs. P. M. Kirkland entertained the ladies' golf club at her home Wednesday afternoon. Prizes were awarded and dainty refreshments served after the game.

A number of the members of the local Knights of Pythias lodge paid the Salem lodge a visit Tuesday evening, the launch "Independence" being chartered for the occasion.

BUENA VISTA.

R. L. Hall was a business visitor in Salem, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hall visited in Corvallis last week.

David Black has moved into Buena

Vista from his farm on the bottom land near here.

Forty-five cents a bushel is being offered for oats in this vicinity.

Revival services were commenced in the Evangelical church here Sunday.

William Murphy shipped four tons of prunes to Portland, Friday, by boat, for which he received 4 cents a pound.

A new bridge is being built across the ditch going to the ferry, the fill having been washed out by the recent high water.

Mrs. Polly has purchased the old hotel site from the Whitman heirs. She will have the old structure torn down and a new residence erected on the lot.

Miss Belche, who has been quite ill here, was moved to her home in Monmouth, Saturday. Reports from that place say that she stood the hard trip very well, considering her weak condition.

AIRLIE.

An excellent musical recital was given at the Airlie Hall, Saturday, by the local students of the American School of Music. A large audience was present and the work of the musicians was highly appreciated.

The program was as follows: Piano solo, Miss Blanche McKinney; violin solo, A. G. Winterstein; organ solo, Miss Hattie Atwater; violin solo, Frank McCurdy; piano solo, Mrs. Flora McCurdy; organ solos, Miss Alice Muhleman, Miss Leta Lewis and Miss Bessie Holsington; violin solo, Frank McCurdy; piano duet, Misses Lewis and McKinney; violin solo, Robert Story; piano solos, Miss Hazel Cosgrove and Mrs. Flora McCurdy. After the program a pleasant dance was given, music being furnished by Mr. and Mrs. McCurdy, field manager and secretary of the school.

BALLSTON.

Mrs. F. W. Roy is quite ill.

Wesley Greene was a Portland visitor over Sunday.

Mr. Briedwell, of McMinnville, was in Ballston, Monday, on business.

Mrs. N. M. Conner visited relatives in Portland, Friday and Saturday.

Miss Gladys Chandler, of Sheridan, visited friends in Ballston, Wednesday.

Mrs. Ada Forack, of Oklahoma, is visiting at the home of her brother-in-law, M. F. Hall.

Sam Dunn, of Portland, has been visiting at the home of his brother-in-law, Frank Kinney.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Davidson returned Sunday night from a visit of several days with relatives in Portland.

PEDEE.

Frank Ray went to Airlie last week on business.

Mr. Shaffer made a business visit to Airlie last week.

O. Oleman spent Sunday at the home of Clarence Irwin.

Mrs. Nan Braun is working at the home of Mrs. Lewis Ritzer.

D. N. Turner and S. Bash were up in this vicinity from the Airlie neighborhood last Sunday.

The remains of Mr. Long, who died in Corvallis recently from an attack of pneumonia, were buried in the Kings Valley cemetery, Wednesday.

Mr. Long was for a long time a resident in this neighborhood. He is survived by only one of his children, Mrs. Bevens, of Corvallis, with whom he was staying at the time of his death.

PLAN UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Four Districts Beside Monmouth And Independence Will Unite In The Movement.

The joint committee recently appointed to consider the proposal to establish a union high school for Independence and Monmouth has just recently filed its report and the matter is now assuming a definite form.

The territory which the school is supposed to draw its support from will comprise not only Monmouth and Independence, but also the four districts adjoining and the site selected by the committee is on the motor line and the county road about half way between the two cities, the most nearly central location that could be decided upon.

The vote on the proposed plan will be taken at annual school meetings of districts involved next June. The school, if established, will be the strongest union high school of Oregon and the popular sentiment in that vicinity is strongly in favor of it.

An option has been taken on two acres of land for the site and the intention is to erect a substantial and modern building with ample room to allow for a large growth of attendance, in case the people decide favorably on the question of establishing such a school at the June school meetings.

Recreation, entertainment and exercise—get on the rollers at the Colosseum rink Saturday night.

SHOULD BE PROTECTED

L. Gerlinger Believes Land Grant Suits Ought Not to Jeopardize Industrial Interests.

In a statement made recently to the Oregonian concerning the suit of the United States against the Oregon and California Railway in the matter of the railway land grants, L. Gerlinger, of Portland, president of the Salem, Falls City & Western Railway Company, who has purchased for himself and the companies he represents, large tracts of the railroad land, declares that these purchases were entirely innocent of intention or attempt of fraud. He says that the sales of timber land to lumber companies has developed a great industry, one which should by all means be protected and that the government has itself long recognized the validity of the railroad's title to the granted land, through its attorneys and land department. Mr. Gerlinger's statement in part is as follows:

"Without attempting the legal question involved in the suit of the government against purchases of land in the railroad grant, there are some features of a practical nature with which I am acquainted and to which I desire to call attention.

"About two years ago the railroad company began to refuse to sell any of the granted lands. This withdrawal led to complaint by the people of Oregon and a demand for the forfeiture of the lands.

"This complaint has served to call attention to other matters connected with the granted lands and has resulted in the creation of a situation calculated to do enormous injury and work a serious injustice to the individual units engaged in the lumber industry of the Western part of the state and indirectly to the state as a whole.

"For many years the title to all of these lands was without question. The purchases thereof were made in good faith by those interested in the timber lands and in the sawmill industry in all parts of the United States.

The people paid their money for the timber, built their mills, logging roads and other appurtenances and for many years have been building up their industry until today it furnishes employment for many men in the Willamette valley than any other.

"Whatever the legal presumption may be regarding innocence or the contrary, as a matter of fact present holders are innocent. The reason for that statement is this: When a certain title or class of titles has been transferred again and again, passed upon by lawyers, confirmed in every way possible, and particularly when the Government as the original patentee has apparently recognized it, no individual hesitates to accept such title.

"These lands in question have been on the market for nearly 30 years and patents have been issued from time to time. Furthermore, the government itself has accepted these patents; thus confirming their validity in the minds of the people.

"The Oregonian has published a partial list of purchasers of railroad lands. This list, however, includes only the larger purchasers. There are thousands of farmers and small sawmill people who purchased over 100 acres who no doubt are all included in the suit the government is bringing against purchasers in good faith.

"This will unquestionably result in great loss to the present holders of these lands and will tend to retard development in Western Oregon as no one in a milling business, based upon these lands, will feel justified in spending more money or continuing the development of them.

"The purchasers of these timber lands did not profit at all by the purchases per se. They paid full value for them at the time of purchase and they bought them at the market price and paid the railroad company the money.

"As everyone must be aware, the greater portion of this grant would not support human life. The only way it could be kept to use would be to sell it to the men who would put sawmills upon it, put in railroads and perfect a lumber manufacturing enterprise.

"The people of this country constitute the government and the purchasers of these lands in question are a part of the people. They, therefore, should be protected by the government instead of harassing them in their enterprises which gives employment to thousands."

Semester Begins Auspiciously.

The registration for the second semester in the Monmouth Normal School began Monday, many new names being added to the list of students. The authorities of the institution profess themselves highly gratified during the past semester and predict that the second semester will show a marked increase in attendance as many who will enter have been teaching during the Fall months.

Be with the crowd of amusement seekers. Where? At the Colosseum skating rink Saturday night.

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