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Our Big Sale

Still Continues

Prices are down to bed rock, our store is crowded every day with customers. Why? Because people appreciate the saving on their purchases during this sale. A square deal and no fake sale; goods marked in plain figures and sold as advertised. Only a few more days to buy goods at present low prices.

Sale positively closes Saturday

Night, January 22d, 1910

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I can cure Quarter Cracks and Contracted Feet, also stop Interfering and Forging. I guarantee all work first class. All I ask the public is to give me a fair trial.

Horse Shoeing a Specialty

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DIET G. REMPEL
Dallas, Oregon

NEWS OF POLK COUNTY

ITEMS CONTRIBUTED BY RUSTLING LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Happenings of Interest in Various Neighborhoods Told in Interesting Manner.

BALLSTON.

G. W. Haynes' children have been sick with tonsillitis.

O. E. Focht was a Portland visitor the latter part of the week.

George Shew, of Monmouth, was a Ballston visitor one day last week.

Row Wilson, of McMinnville, visited friends here the latter part of the week.

Uncle Ed Chapman delivered a lecture on the Swedenborg religion in the Swedenborg church Sunday night.

The Epworth League gave a supper at the church Friday night. The proceeds were \$15.90. Enough was donated afterward to make the amount \$18. This will be applied on the pastor's salary.

EOLA.

EOLA, Or., Jan. 6.—George Brunk made a business trip to Dallas last week.

E. T. Hamer has been shipping most of his apples to Portland.

G. W. Chapman is having a large amount of cordwood cut this winter.

Mrs. Rhoda A. Byers made a business trip to Independence last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Bell are visiting Mrs. Bell's sister in Springfield, Oregon.

Frank Knozer made a several days' visit at the Gold Creek mines last week.

Miss Emily Cromley, who has been staying near Portland, returned home last Saturday.

Mrs. E. T. Hamer spent last Sunday with her father and mother, who live in Salem.

Mrs. Lot Pearce and daughter, of Salem, visited G. W. Chapman and family last week.

Miss Eva Norcross returned and school work was resumed on January 3, after a little more than a week's vacation.

Mrs. William Antrean and family visited during the holidays at the home of her father in Lafayette. She returned home last Monday.

Earl Brunk attended the entertainment given by the convicts in the State Penitentiary on Wednesday evening, December 29. About 750 outsiders were present.

EOLA, Or., Jan. 12.—Rev. A. Byers went to Independence, Sunday, to remain several days and attend the union meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bell have returned from a visit at Springfield, Oregon.

Thomas Fennell, who lives near Independence, visited at the home of T. W. Brunk last Monday.

Miss Emily Cromley, while whittling kindling, made a mis-stroke and the knife came down on her left hand, almost severing the first finger and thumb.

Some one had an accident just beyond the water tank Monday night. The buggy was turned over into a big ditch at water at the side of the road, and things were smashed up quite a bit. It has not been learned whose buggy it was.

The dwelling house of Harry Thacker caught fire one day last week and a large hole was burned in the floor before the blaze was discovered. The fire was caused by a coal dropping on the floor. All of the members of the family were away from home at the time.

RICKREALL.

RICKREALL, Or., Jan. 5.—W. E. Goodell was a Dallas visitor Friday.

Otis Wait's little daughter is reported ill.

Miss Mira Lucas was a Dallas visitor Wednesday.

It was a jolly crowd of young people that welcomed in the New Year.

The new year finds a nice increase in attendance at the public school.

Mrs. Cooper accompanied her sister, who has lung fever, to her home in Salem.

Mrs. Lucas and daughter, Mrs. J. R. Bidgood, Wednesday.

Jack Morton has equipped himself with a mail wagon and is starting in earnest to do Uncle Sam's bidding.

The members of the Artisan lodge gave a banquet Wednesday night, the object being to revive the Artisan spirit.

Where is the farmer who was complaining of potatoes being of no value? Jack Frost does not agree with him. The potatoes which are not dug are badly bitten by the frost.

RICKREALL, Or., Jan. 12.—Mrs. T. S. Burch and Miss Alice Burch were Dallas visitors today.

Mrs. J. B. Nesmith and daughter, Pauline, went to Portland, Friday.

Mrs. D. O. Bronson, of Astoria, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. E. Goodell.

Mrs. Whaley and sister, Miss Lanora Smith, called on Mrs. J. R. Bidgood, Sunday.

Miss Beulah Bramberg, of Independence, spent Friday with her sister, Miss Allie.

Miss May Price went to Albany, Monday, where she will visit her aunt, Mrs. J. W. Felsar.

Forest Craven has returned from Ballston and is helping Peter Cook take an inventory of his store.

Rev. Farnham, of Dallas, will hold services at this place next Sunday at 11 o'clock. All are cordially invited.

A Hill went to Albany, Monday, where he will look up the business outlook. He intends to locate in Albany if he can find good work at his trade.

MONMOUTH.

Since the rain, everyone is getting rid of his cold.

John Mason, of Wyoming is visiting his sister, Mrs. M. Arthur. He likes this part of the country well.

Our flour mill is now grinding out the flour and we are able to get good flour without calling on our neighbors.

Charley Hieffe, formerly of Monmouth, but now of Corvallis, has been shaking hands with old friends here this week.

Charles Herren has bought 30 acres of the Joseph Craven place, including the hop yard and hop house. The price paid was \$3000.

Dean Butler, a son of Orville Butler, is recovering nicely from an attack of pneumonia and will be able to resume his school work in a few days.

Selden Gwin takes the lead in the amount received from the sale of cream for the month of December. He has six cows, and fed nothing but kale and hay. He realized \$66.75, besides the cream used by the family. How is that?

The Pilot Knob Gold Mining and Mining Company met Tuesday in annual meeting and elected the following officers: J. H. Hawley, president; O. E. Wolverson, secretary; D. Dove, M. Merwin, W. T. Hoffman and E. W. Strong, directors. The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the directors.

Mr. and Mrs. Murdock and daughter returned Tuesday from a visit in the Eastern States. They are glad to get back to the good old Willamette Valley. Mr. Murdock said the weather was so cold in the East that he nearly froze. The thermometer was down to zero all the time they were there, and at one time it reached 13 below, so they did not enjoy their visit as much as they had wished.

Mrs. W. T. Sellers and four sons, of Hermiston, Oregon, celebrated her 44th anniversary at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. N. Poole, Tuesday, January 11, at noon. A bountiful dinner was served and all did it ample justice, especially your humble servant.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Poole and son, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Halleck, Mrs. M. Colman, Mrs. Sellers and sons, Amos, Bernard, Dean and Charley. All had a good time and wished Mrs. Sellers many more anniversaries.

FALLS CITY.

H. E. Fouch was a Dallas visitor Saturday.

D. N. Rogers returned to his claim in the Silets, Monday.

Ed Wellwood left Monday for a short business trip to Portland.

Mrs. Bag Dennis came up from Portland, Tuesday, for a short visit with relatives here.

Miss Ethel Toozie left Tuesday for an extended visit with relatives and friends in California.

C. L. Starr, Secretary of the State Tax Commission, visited friends in Falls City over Sunday.

J. V. Dennis came in from his Siletz homestead Monday for a visit with relatives and friends.

Our city council is making progress on the proposed waterworks, having completed the preliminary survey and estimates.

W. Wassam and O. E. Skelton, of the Charles K. Spaulding Logging Company, passed through Falls City, Sunday, en route to Black Rock.

Dr. Bull has opened a dental office over the C. J. Pugh jewelry store. Falls City welcomes the Doctor as one of the needed professional men in our community.

W. H. Dalrymple, of Salem, has purchased the grocery and hardware business of the Muscott estate. He will retain the present manager, E. S. Rich. Mr. Dalrymple took possession Tuesday.

D. R. Chamberlain sustained a double fracture of the right arm just above the wrist Friday morning while attempting to remove the feed belt from one of the large planers in the plant of the Falls City Lumber Company. He was taken to the Dallas Hospital on the afternoon train and stood the setting operation nicely. At last reports he was resting easily and will probably return home in a few days.

BUELL.

Pearl Acee visited Nora Jones, Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Harold has been sick with appendicitis.

Claude Conlee is working at Martin's mill.

Carl Harold has returned from Walla Walla.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hinshaw visited relatives in Sheridan, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McDonald visited with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bralley and family Sunday.

Several persons from here intend to attend the School Rally at Harmony Saturday, the weather permitting.

The mill has been closed the past week on account of the bad weather, but will commence work again next Monday.

A pleasant dance was given at Mr. Jones' home Saturday evening. A large crowd attended and all enjoyed the music and dancing.

A pleasant party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kellor, Friday evening. The evening was spent by playing games and music. A large crowd was present and all report a good time.

BUENA VISTA.

W. R. Hall went to Salem, Monday.

Mrs. R. M. Kington returned from Portland, Saturday.

So far we hear no report of the grain being frozen out.

Mrs. N. E. Tyler is visiting in Portland and Oregon City this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Conger have returned from Winlock, Washington.

Mrs. McCain, of Salem, accompanied the Rev. McCain here over Sunday.

M. N. Prather left for Portland, Sunday, where he was called as a juror for this term of court.

ZENA AND SPRING VALLEY.

Miss Joyce Crawford was in Salem, Sunday.

Ralph Shepard was a business visitor in Salem, Saturday.

Mrs. John Phillips returned from her Portland visit Wednesday.

Donnel Crawford has recovered from a light attack of typhoid fever.

Mrs. Cornelia Claggett, of Portland, arrived Wednesday to visit her sister, Mrs. Samuel Barker.

Rev. Scott has returned from his visit to his mother in California and reports a most pleasant trip.

G. H. Crawford attended the session of County Court, Wednesday, and presented his yearly report as Road Supervisor.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crawford attended the funeral of Miss Lizzie Schwartz in Salem. Miss Schwartz's health has been failing for some time, but her sudden death from diabetes in Portland, Monday, was a great shock to all her friends.

POPCORN.

Miss Grace Wilson is very ill.

I. Bennett, of Salem, is cutting wood for L. D. Gibson.

Dwain Gibson is very sick with what is feared to be typhoid fever.

Mrs. L. D. Gibson was obliged to give up her trip to California on account of her son's illness.

Breeze Gibson, the popular inventor, is working on a new kind of cherry pitter, which he thinks will be his greatest success.

HARMONY.

Mr. Conlee, of Buell, was at Harmony last week on business.

The farmers all wear a happy smile now. Why? Because it rains.

Clay Brown and Mrs. Claude Brown visited on Mill Creek, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Talbot visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William McLean, Friday.

Married, in Sheridan, Sunday, January 9, 1910, Miss Nellie Townsend to Mr. Charles Cook, of McMinnville.

Jim and Willard Hayes made a visit to the school last Friday. The latter gave a short talk to the pupils.

Jim Hayes put the window boards in the school house, Saturday, making it much more pleasant in the room.

There is talk of having electric lights out here soon. If we keep on, we will have as many conveniences as they have in cities.

The yearly institute will be held at Harmony, Saturday, January 15. A teachers' meeting will be held in the afternoon and there will be a short program in the morning. There will also be a few talks by teachers. At noon, dinner will be served by the patrons of the school, which we hope will be enjoyed by all.

INDEPENDENCE.

J. S. Bohannon was a Dallas visitor Friday.

C. L. Hawley, of McCoy, was an Independence visitor Monday and Tuesday.

C. W. Irvine attended a Masonic meeting in Ashland the last of the week, but is improving.

Mrs. Lois Osborn has returned from Portland, where she has spent several weeks.

Sherman Hays was a Portland visitor over Sunday, returning home Monday evening.

Mrs. E. V. Dalton, of Dallas, visited Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Hodge and family over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hill, of Buena Vista, visited relatives and friends here this week.

Maurice Butler, son of Dr. O. D. Butler, has been seriously ill with pneumonia, but is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Patterson, of Spokane, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Patterson, this week.

Independence has a new furniture store, and a fish and poultry market will be opened on C Street this week.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Independence National Bank was held Tuesday afternoon. All the officers were re-elected.

Mrs. T. J. Newbill and little daughter, of Portland, have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Padlock for the past two weeks.

Miss Ivy Cooper has returned to Portland, where she will resume her work in the Good Samaritan Hospital, after a vacation of six weeks.

A reception was given Monday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Percival, in honor of his son, Carl, and his bride, who have returned here.

Rev. H. C. Dunsmore and daughter, Miss Katie, were in Corvallis over Sunday.

Rev. Dunsmore occupied the Presbyterian pulpit at that place Sunday.

The new city council has passed an ordinance providing for a special city election to be held on March 22 for the purpose of bonding the city for a sewer system.

Hon. B. F. Jones and family departed Saturday for Roseburg, where they will make their home. Mr. Jones having been appointed Register of the Land Office at that place.

Miss Emory McDevitt has returned from San Francisco, where she has been visiting relatives for the past eight months, and is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. G. W. Conkey.

The revival meetings at the Auditorium draw large crowds and there has been a number of conversions. The meetings are being conducted by Evangelist Taylor and wife and Professor Leonard.

SUNNY SLOPE.

Jessie Johnson is cutting brush for John Stump.

R. M. Bosley butchered a 250-pound hog Tuesday.

Linn Shipley is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Farley, at Monro.

The road between Antioch and Monmouth are simply indescribable.

Dave Olin's family has moved to Independence. Dave remains on the farm.

George Swearingen has been clearing out the road near his place during the cold weather.

HELP FOR SETTLERS

Hundreds Sign Petitions Asking Relief for Silets People.

A. J. Shipley and sons, Charlie and Robert, returned Sunday from a two weeks' visit with relatives in Benton County.

School opened at Antioch, Monday, after a two weeks' vacation. A new stove and pump have been put in at the school house.

Nella Shipley, who has been in a hospital in Portland for some time, has so far recovered as to be able to return to her home at Monro.

PEDEE.

Mrs. W. L. Phillips, of Monmouth, is visiting in this vicinity.

Mr. Irwin's cousin from Halsey, Oregon, has been in this valley buying goats.

Mrs. Low Townsend, of King's Valley, is quite ill and is not expected to recover.

Mrs. Frank Ray, of the Pedee mills, made a business trip to King's Valley, Monday.

Mrs. Sarah Rittner is visiting her son, Frank Rittner, and his mother in Washington.

Mooberry Brothers took a load of dressed lumber to Astoria and shipped them to Dallas.

Doctor Staats, of Astoria, was called last week to attend Lew Rittner, who is suffering from a carbuncle.

Lark Price is very low and there is not much hope of his recovery. He is at the home of Willard Price.

Joe Brown and family, of Suver, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Grant.

MANY WERE ABSENT

December Weather Interferes With Public School Attendance.

The following is the report of the public schools of Polk County for the school month ending December 31, 1909:

Number of schools reporting correctly and on time, 62; number of schools failing to report on time and correctly, District No. 29, (Cherry Grove), 1; number of pupils remaining at last report, 2448; number of pupils registering new during month, 20; number of pupils registered secondary during month, 32; number of pupils readmitted during month, 104; number of pupils on register during month, 2514; number of pupils dropped during month, 195; number of pupils remaining at time of this report, 2419.

Number of days taught during month, 11.5; whole number of days attendance, 26,634; whole number of days absence, 3238; whole number of times late, 421; number of pupils not present on time, 1303; average number of pupils belonging, 2532; average daily attendance, 2316; percent of attendance, 92; number of visits by parents, 132; number of visits by members of school boards, 43.

Roll of Honor.

The following schools were placed on the roll of honor for the month of having made a percent of attendance of 95 or more: Pedee, Red Prairie, Bethel, Cochran, Buell, Spring Valley, Popcorn, Harmony, Upper Salt Creek, Lincoln, McTimmonds Valley, Rock Creek, Grand Ronde and Middleton.

The following schools were placed on the roll of honor for having no tardies during the month: Smithfield, Red Prairie, Valley View, Polk Station, Gooseneck, Popcorn, Harmony, Upper Salt Creek, Lincoln, Enterprise, Etna, McTimmonds Valley, Greenwood, Sunnylope, Oakdale, Rock Creek and Middleton.

Weather Bad For Attendance.

While the attendance this month is not as good as the months in the past, it was very good when we consider the kind of weather the children have had to contend with. If all will try to attend all of the time from now on until the close of school, I feel sure that we will have no difficulty in reaching the 95 per cent we are after.

I am very much pleased with the increase in the number of parents visiting the schools. This shows interest in the school work and will get results.

I find that nearly all districts in the county have secured the window-boards and the individual drinking cups. These are meeting with the best satisfaction in all cases with parents, teachers and pupils. We hope that the few districts which have not secured cups and boards will do so at once and thus put Polk County in the lead.

H. C. SEYMOUR, County School Superintendent.

Salem Wants McNary.

According to a pretty good understanding that has been reached among those who know, Charles L. McNary, attorney, recent president of the Board of Trade, and president of the Salem Fruit Union and holder of numerous other honors, will be the next mayor of Salem to succeed George F. Rodgers, who will resign next Monday evening.

Mr. McNary stated yesterday that he did not desire to be mayor and that his private business required so much of his time it would be difficult for him to see his way clear to accept such a position should it be offered him.

The retirement of Mayor Rodgers is greatly regretted. He is known as "the man who changed Salem from a village to a city."

Old Schoolmates Meet.

Eugene Eckerlin and Morris Klingor were happy as canaries yesterday.

Harry Marshall, whom Eckerlin and Klingor had not seen since they attended school in Alsace-Lorraine, Germany, 48 years ago, landed in town and joy was unconfined. Marshall has just opened a harness shop in Dallas—Salem Statesman.

Rebekahs Will Meet.

January 17 is the date set for the Rebekahs convention of Southern Oregon, and Grants Pass is the place where it will be held. Mrs. Carrie Hubbard, of Independence, president of the state assembly, will be present, and a number of other state officers will be in attendance.

SILETZ BILL MAY PASS

OSWALD WEST BRINGS CHEERFUL NEWS FROM CAPITOL.

Oregon Delegation Confers With Interior Department Heads on Case of Original Homesteaders.

Firmly convinced that the Siletz settlers, eventually, will secure relief through Congress