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All our entire stock of Shoes and Oxfords, all new styles, go at Sale Price.

We have too many shoes and must reduce our stock.

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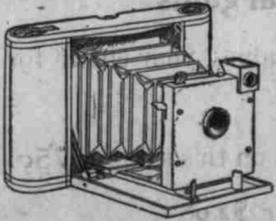
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We carry the famous DIAMOND "W" brand of Extracts, Spices, Coffee, Tea and Canned goods. Fresh bread daily. The very best of fruits and vegetables. Staples can always be found at our store.

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## NEWS OF POLK COUNTY

ITEMS CONTRIBUTED BY RUSTLING LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Happenings of Interest in Various Neighborhoods Told in Interesting Manner.

### POPCORN

G. W. Porter is preparing for a trip to the coast.

A. H. Gibson attended the Pioneer meeting in Portland.

Strawberry and gooseberry picking is almost a thing of the past in the hills.

Mrs. Eli Best has returned home from an all-Winter visit in Pennsylvania.

Miss Nellie Sykes is home from the Oregon Agricultural College for the Summer.

The annual school meeting was held Monday night, June 20. L. D. Gibson was elected director.

William Knower has returned from Washington, where he has been working for the past few months.

### MOUNTAIN VIEW

S. L. Bohon has returned to Arizona. Jay Porter spent Sunday with Ammon Grice.

J. R. Chapman is picking his crop of red raspberries.

William Patrick was elected director and W. T. Brunk clerk at the school meeting.

Mrs. Harley Adams spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Adams last week.

A crowd of young people from here attended Sunday School at Brush College last Sunday.

### Zena--Spring Valley

Hugh Mills has returned from Lake County and is working for Ralph Shepard.

Master Leo Spitzbart, of West, Salem, visited last week with Master Carl Bales.

Mrs. P. L. Crawford, of Portland, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Crawford.

Miss Lavina Holland, of Salem, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents at Zena.

Mrs. Samuel Phillips, of Salem, is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips, of this place.

At the annual school meeting, Will Davis was elected director and W. H. Crawford was elected clerk.

The French family, of Falls City, spent Friday night at their Spring Valley farm, enroute to the coast.

Henry Neiger has just completed an addition to his dairy barn and it will now accommodate about 75 cattle.

Miss Alice Shepard, who has been attending school at Corvallis, spent several days with her brother, R. C. Shepard, of Spring Valley.

The Polk County Telephone Company is busy stringing out two new lines from Salem to accommodate the many patrons wishing phones.

The cherries in this vicinity are about all gathered. The crop was rather light, but of extra good quality, and brought from 4 to 8 cents a pound.

Some sheep men were through this part of the country last week buying mutton sheep. They purchased several hundred head from Ben Windsor and D. G. Henry.

Charley Chapman and Will Thompson left Sunday for Eastern Oregon after another drive of about 30 head of horses. This will be the third bunch brought down by them this Spring, making about 80 in all.

It is reported that the L. Abrams Mercantile Company, of Lincoln, has sold its store to Portland people, who will take possession about July 1. The many patrons will be sorry to see the Abrams Company leave the store.

### MONMOUTH

Cherries are plentiful in town this year and the canning is not running.

Mrs. F. Bournemann and daughter, of Bay City, are visiting in Monmouth.

W. R. Hall, of Buena Vista, was the guest of his brother, L. M. Hall, Saturday.

Finding the old way of handling hay too slow, Mr. Lee has had a large hay fork placed in his barn.

Rev. J. Bowersox, of Portland, visited at the home of his son, Dr. Bowersox, Monday. He returned to Portland, Tuesday.

Mrs. E. A. Smith and son, of Philomath, spent Sunday in Monmouth, visiting their many friends. They were on their way to Dallas to visit another son.

Mrs. Theodore Albert and sister, of Hector, Minnesota, are visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stengel, after an absence of eleven years. The reunion was a joyful one.

The men nominated by the Republican assembly in Dallas last Saturday are good citizens and men to be trusted in all line of business. The voters will roll them up a good majority in November.

Mrs. Clara Stover and family of boys, of Weiser, Idaho, are visiting her parents, Mrs. Slaver in a Normal graduate and has taught school up there for a good many years. She is well liked as a teacher, as all Normalites are, so let us resurrect the old Monmouth Normal in November.

### BUEL

It is reported that M. A. Conlee has sold his place here.

Everybody is making great preparations for the Fourth.

Miss Nora Jones has been visiting Mrs. Albert Teal, of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Conlee made a business trip to Salem last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Fletcher made a business trip to Sheridan, Monday.

Mr. Bray's sister, Mrs. Parker, has been visiting his family here the past week.

Will Highway has returned from

### Scott's Mills, where he has been teaching school.

Miss Bessie Wegner, who has been visiting relatives on the creek the past week, returned to her home in Lebanon, Monday.

A large crowd attended the charivari given Herman Lenhard and bride at the home of Mr. Hills last Tuesday evening. All report a fine time.

The dance given at the home of Russell Jones in honor of the newly-married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lenhard, was largely attended. Andrew Flynn furnished the music and all report a fine time. Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Diekey and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Kellogg returned from the coast last Monday.

### HARMONY

Loganberries are now on the market.

Floyd Hayes purchased a new wheel last week.

Veina Blair is at home again after several weeks stay in Sheridan.

Allen MacLean made a trip to Willamina Monday evening, on business.

Mrs. A. Wood, of Willamina, attended the sale of her uncle, Dave James, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Blanchard and little daughter were visitors on Mill Creek, Sunday.

Mrs. B. P. Hood and daughter, Ella, returned home from a few days' visit with her niece, Mrs. John Talbot, of Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman and son, Elmer, came up from Portland in their auto Wednesday and stayed over night at the home of her sister, Mrs. Cyrus Blair, and left the next morning for the coast.

Olive Burton, of Salmon River, is visiting at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hinshaw, who are living on Elmer Blanchard's place. Mr. Blanchard has rented the Dave James place for three years and is living there now.

### PERRYDALE

Mrs. J. Brown was a visitor in McMinnville, Tuesday.

Mr. Reitz's new house west of town will soon be finished.

Mrs. Charles Bratcher visited in McMinnville, Wednesday.

Mrs. Loop, of Bridgwell, visited her daughter, Mrs. A. Jones, Tuesday.

Quite a number of teams are hauling gravel to Kurt's hill this week.

H. J. Elliott is wearing a broad smile since the primaries. Wonder why?

Mrs. McKee and daughter, Mrs. Dickson, of Kansas, are visiting at the home of W. H. McKee.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin, of Amity, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morrison, Tuesday.

Mrs. A. Key and granddaughter, Miss Elsie Key, left Monday for an extended visit in Idaho and Wyoming.

Perrydale business men have just put in a 5-ton Fairbanks scale, something which has been needed for a long time.

A number of Perrydale people attended the ice cream social at McCoy Saturday night. All who went report a good time.

### MCCOY AND BETHEL

James Butterick was a visitor in Salem, Friday.

Edd Merritt, of Corvallis, is visiting friends here.

A new schoolhouse will be built at Bethel in the near future.

The ice cream social given by the Ladies Aid was well attended.

Miss May Humphrey, of Portland, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Garnet McCrow.

Miss Bernice Sears, of McMinnville, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Will Goraline.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Purvine spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McCrow.

Miss Nellie Mulkey is visiting at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Key.

Frank Richardson, who has been visiting his brother Charles in Washington, is at home again.

Miss Ella Carpenter, of Dallas, spent a few days here last week with her friend, Miss Myrtle Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smuck, who have been visiting here, have returned to their home in Washington.

Mrs. J. W. Finn, of Newport, is visiting her son, Waldo. Accompanied by her daughter, Myrtle, she will leave this week for an extended visit in the East.

A dance will be given in the I. O. O. F. Hall at this place Saturday night, July 2. Olson Brothers will furnish music. Dancing numbers, 50 cents; ice cream cones, 10 cents. Come and make this the best dance of the season.

### INDEPENDENCE

J. A. Mills, of Salem, visited here Sunday.

J. E. Kirkland, of Albany, visited here Friday.

Miss Opal McDevitt visited relatives in Dallas last week.

Professor Mackintosh visited here the last of the week.

Miss Cordis Gooch, of Dallas, visited friends here the last of the week.

Mrs. Claude Hubbard left Sunday for a three weeks' visit with relatives at Seaside.

J. H. Collins and sons, James and Will, have returned from a trip to Eastern Oregon.

Miss Bertie Bentley went to McMinnville, Thursday, where she will make her home.

Mrs. Dewar, of California, is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. E. Taylor, having arrived Sunday.

Miss Inez Davidson has returned to her home in Salem, after a few days' visit with friends here.

Mrs. O. Webster, of Dallas, is visiting at the home of Wallace Huntley and other Independence friends.

Miss Ella Robinson, who has been working in a store in McMinnville for

### several years, has returned home to remain.

Miss Bertha Krotzschmar, who has been the guest of Miss Emma Honkle and Miss Hazel Seeley, has returned to her home in Condon, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Goodman and son, Dean, of Portland, visited friends here last week. Dean was a graduate of the University of Oregon this year.

Miss Cecil Wilcox has returned from Eugene, where she attended the University. Miss Geneva Wilcox has returned from a year's work at St. Helena Hall in Portland.

### EOLA

M. I. Capps is hauling in his hay. B. I. Ferguson finished picking his cherry crop Wednesday.

C. A. Knower is assisting E. T. Hamer with his orchard work.

Thomas W. Brunk was appointed sole referee to sell the Knower place.

G. W. Chapman and R. W. Hoger are busy picking their loganberries.

A. Parker, of R. F. D. 1, delivered the mail on a bicycle one day last week.

The grading on the Brunk hill is done. The workmen are now building the new bridge.

Miss Sophia Cromley returned home June 24, after a six months' visit with friends in Vancouver, B. C.

Mrs. Will Amtricia took sick suddenly last Monday evening. She was taken to a hospital in Salem.

Professor David M. Metzger, of Dallas College, was in this vicinity last Friday, giving out the college catalogues for next year.

### POLK

The hay crop will be about medium. T. R. Crook lost a valuable horse this week.

Miss Lena Rose, of Rickreall, visited Miss Lizzie Friesen over Sunday.

The song of the mower and the click of the hay rake is heard on all sides.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Crook gave a pleasant party in celebration of the second birthday of their little daughter, Florence, last Wednesday. The little folks spent the afternoon in playing games and otherwise enjoying themselves. Late in the afternoon refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served. Those present were: Misses Mary McNulty, Modesta Byerly, Mattie, Roxie and Verda Crook, Ruth McCollum, Margaret Dunn, Agnes Windover, Masters Emil Minickil, Raymond Crook and Gerhard Rempel. The ladies present were Mrs. Dee Dunn, Mrs. Taylor Dunn, Mrs. McNulty and Mrs. D. G. Rempel.

### A FEW "LAST DAYS"

Dates to be Remembered in Connection With Oregon's Elections.

July 4—Latest date on which arguments for initiative or referendum petitions can be filed with Secretary of State.

July 7—Latest date on which initiative measures can be filed with the Secretary of State.

July 25—Latest date on which arguments for initiative or referendum measures can be filed with the Secretary of State.

August 3—Latest date pamphlets containing initiative and referendum measures and arguments can be printed.

Sept. 14—Latest date pamphlets containing initiative and referendum measures and arguments can be sent out by Secretary of State.

Sept. 23—Latest date on which certificates of nominations of candidates by political party (other than one which cast 25 per cent of the entire vote for representative in congress at the preceding election) or as assembly of electors can be filed with the Secretary of State.

Oct. 8—Latest date certificates of nominations of candidates by petition of individual electors can be filed with the Secretary of State.

Oct. 22—Latest date committees or officers or independent candidates can file cuts and arguments for and against nominated candidates, etc., with Secretary of State.

Oct. 8 to 16—Dates between which Secretary of State must arrange names and ballot titles for General Election, filing one, posting one and registering one to each county clerk.

Oct. 11—Latest date Secretary of State must deliver cuts, etc., for General Election campaign pamphlets to State Printer.

Oct. 23—Latest date State Printer must deliver all General Election campaign pamphlets to Secretary of State.

Oct. 29—Latest date Secretary of State can send out General Election campaign pamphlets.

Nov. 8—Date of General Election.

Nov. 15—Date every treasurer or any person not a candidate expending more than \$50 must file statement of receipts and expenditures with the Secretary of State—on or before.

Nov. 23—Date candidates must file statements of all moneys contributed, expended or promised by them with Secretary of State—on or before.

Dec. 3—Date State Board must proceed to canvass votes for State and District officers—on or before.

Dec. 3—Date State Board must proceed to canvass vote on initiative and referendum measures—on or before.

Lectures Youthful Offender.

A dramatic incident marked the opening of the present term of the circuit court in Albany when Claud Raines, a mere youth, pleaded guilty to giving liquor to a minor and female and was sentenced to 15 days in jail by Judge George H. Burnett. After hearing the plea of the boy the judge, before a crowded courtroom, lectured the young offender, giving him fatherly advice as to his future conduct and received the young man's promise to live up to the law in the future. Upon this promise the judge and prosecutor shook hands and the young man went to jail for his 15 days' sentence the happiest prisoner ever taken out of the local courtroom, and those present complimented the court for his course in disposing of the case.

### CROSS RIVER TO POLK

ESCAPED CONVICTS SEEN NEAR BUENA VISTA.

Beats Man Nearly to Death and Steals His Young Son—Use Boy as Shield.

After clubbing into unconsciousness Henry Starr, a farmhand, and kidnapping his son late Wednesday afternoon, two convicts, Harry Brennan and John Wormsdorf, who escaped from the Oregon penitentiary last Saturday, are rapidly making their escape in a buggy and are believed now to be near Suver, says yesterday's Oregonian.

It is thought that the escaped criminals hope to use their captive, who lives near Buena, as a shield to ward off bullets when they are overtaken and an attempt is made to capture them.

Though the two convicts escaped last week the chase has not yet been taken up by the state officials looking toward the recapture of the men, though Warden Curtis declared late Wednesday night that he would form a posse early Thursday morning and start on their trail.

Both Men "Trusties."

The two men were "trusties" at the prison and were sent to a hayfield, when they took the easy chance to escape, and with pitchforks as weapons the duo are "beating it" for liberty.

When Starr was laid out, the two men jumped into the buggy after grabbing young Starr and made a desperate drive toward the South, leaving Starr lying as if dead in the road.

Man Refuses Rig to Convicts.

He was accosted by two men, who told him they wanted the horse and buggy; that they had no money, and didn't intend to buy the outfit, anyhow, but that they needed it at once. Fearful of losing time, which was precious, and seeing that parleying with the farmhand was needless, the convicts agreed to make a desperate drive toward the South, leaving Starr lying as if dead in the road.

Both Men Trusties.

Brennan, who is the most daring criminal of the two, was serving two years from Unatilla County for larceny, and had but three months more to serve. Wormsdorf was serving one and one-half years from Multnomah County, and had nine months more to serve.

The deed of the convicts is one of the most daring in the history of the penal institution of the state and recalls the escape of the famous desperado, Harry Tracey, who kept the Washington authorities guessing for so long a time in 1905.

Search on the quiet had been made by the prison authorities about Salem and in the immediate vicinity of the prison where the convicts escaped, but no trace of the convicts had been secured. Now that the officials are aware which way the men are traveling and their style of travel they will be pursued. It is believed they are headed for Albany.

Farmers May Form Posse.

From Buena Vista it was learned that several farmers had declared themselves anxious to aid in the pursuit of the fugitives, and to this end would organize a posse of their own, whether the state officials formed such or not.

### RUSH WORK ON CANAL

Great Ditch Will Surely Be Completed Before 1915.

"Work on the Panama Canal in its magnitude would surprise any man who saw it for the first time," remarked W. M. Hood, of Virginia, representative of a Cincinnati house.

"I spent two months there this year, and my first view of the big ditch almost took my breath away. The efforts of the French to dig the canal were pitifully compared to what our people are doing. This is illustrated in the difference in size of the cars and engines used to haul away the dirt. It would be possible almost to place one of the French locomotives in the cab of an American locomotive now in use."

"We have 25,000 men at work, and the payroll is \$1,500,000 a month, or 42 cents per man. No paper money is used to pay the men, because of the fear that it might carry germs of disease. The dirt is flying so fast that it is marvelous. There are 250 engines and 200 cars at work, and the time required to unload 40 cars is less than 15 minutes."

"The great work, of course, is in the Culebra cut which will take longer to complete than any other part of the ditch. It requires digging down through 12 feet of solid rock, to a base of 400 feet. They are using a ton of dynamite every day on this work alone."

"I have not the slightest doubt that the canal will be completed by 1915. Colonel Goethals is the best man that could be found to superintend the work. He is on the job every minute, and can be seen any day at 6:30 in the morning at some part of the canal."

"One of the most surprising things to me was the perfect climate and sanitary conditions. I was there for nearly eight weeks, and in all that time did not see a mosquito. They have grasscutters who go around every day, and grass is not permitted to grow within 100 feet of a house. The entire Canal Zone is as clean as any army camp, made so by Colonel Goethals who cleaned up Cuba and Manila."

Have you played "Prairie Queen" two step? Stockwell has it. 7-1-10. Legal blanks for sale at this office.

### GOOD ATTENDANCE

Polk County Schools Average 94.8 Per Cent for Month of June.

Report of the schools of Polk County for the school month ending June 17, 1910:

Number of schools reporting correctly and on time, 22; number of pupils on register during month, 1295; registered new during month, 4; registered secondary, 2; readmitted, 73; dropped, 133; numbers remaining at time of this report, 1176.

The number of days taught was 104; whole number days' attendance, 14,642; days absence, 770; times late, 190; number neither absent nor late, 477; per cent of attendance, 94.8; visits by parents, 57; visits by members of school boards, 7.

The following schools are placed on the roll of honor for having made a per cent of attendance of 95 or more: Dallas, Monmouth, District No. 15, Airle, Bethel (100), Oak Point (100), Independence, Buena Vista, Harmony, McClmonds Valley (98); Falls City; Black Rock, Rock Creek, Mistletoe (100).

The following schools are placed on the roll of honor for not having any tardies during the month: Southfield, Eola, Bethel, Oak Point, Elkins, Popcorn, McClmonds Valley, Rock Creek, Mistletoe.

H. C. SEYMOUR, County Superintendent.