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COUNTY NEWS TOLD IN BRIEF

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SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS

BRUSH COLLEGE

A Surprise Party—A number of Brush College people assembled at the Wallace Fruit House last Tuesday evening as a surprise on Mr. A. R. Ewing, who has lately returned from California and Mr. Elmer Smith, whose birthday it was. The evening was pleasantly spent in playing games after which a light lunch was served. All expressed themselves as having had an enjoyable evening.

Will Organize Band—A movement is now on foot to organize a band at Brush College, having an instructor out from Salem. A number have signed and practice will begin soon. A band is a fine thing for a neighborhood and we wish the boys the best of success.

Miss Almada J. Fuller spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents in Dallas.

Religious services are being held every night at the school house, conducted by Miss Jamison and Miss Rankin, traveling Evangelists. The meeting have been well attended and will continue throughout the week except Friday night. Everyone is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Via and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Palmer.

Mr. Wood of West Salem will be at the school house, Saturday, March 14th to register the voters in this precinct.

Industrial Club Organized—A Boys and Girls' Industrial Club has been organized in the district and much good in an industrial way is expected to be the result. Officers were elected as follows:—President, Mildred Pelker; Vice-President, Harvey Smith; Secretary, Amelia Meyer; Treasurer, Richard Yates; Advisor, Fred Ewing. The meetings will be held Fridays at the school house.

Mr. Lehman went after a nurse last week for Vincent Nelson, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Winslow, who is quite sick. Mrs. Winslow has also been sick during the past few weeks, but is feeling better now.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Smith are going to build a new house at the forks of the Wallace and Zena roads. Lumber is now being hauled and work on the building will begin soon.

Mr. Archie Pelker of Arrow, Oregon, is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pelker.

BUENA VISTA

Ed. Harmon and wife and daughter Blanch were in Independence on business Saturday.

E. N. Hall of Woodburn visited his mother, Mrs. Mary A. Hall, Wednesday and Thursday.

A Surprise Party—A very enjoyable surprise party was given Johnny Nash at his home here, last Friday evening in honor of his sixteenth birthday. Those present were, Lena Snyder, Evadene Smith, Geneva Cryderman, Leland Prather, Andley Frost, Carl Cryderman and Gilbert Loy.

A missionary program will be rendered in the M. E. Church on Sunday evening, March 22nd.

Mrs. W. R. Bevens, who underwent an operation at the Salem hospital last Saturday is reported much improved.

Miss Edith Schunk of Salem visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schunk Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Carrie Nash attended the dance at Suver Friday night.

Mrs. Mary Bevens was a passenger on Monday morning's boat to Salem, where she will be at the bedside of her daughter-in-law.

Rev. S. M. Wood who is conducting revival meetings in Airrie, was in town on business Monday.

Elmer Nash and Gail Prather were Independence visitors Monday.

C. P. Wells and wife and Eston Bevens spent Wednesday in Salem.

R. G. Dykstra and Ray Ground were in Independence on business Saturday.

Alma Wells returned to school Monday after being absent two weeks because of having the measles.

Riverside Grange had an all-day meeting Saturday at the home of O.

putting the finishing touches on Mr. Miller's new house.

The citizens of Monmouth are all busy preparing their ground for garden seed.

NORMAL NOTES

Miss Zoe Bragg gave her chapel talk Tuesday, March 3rd. She spoke on the subject "Story Telling in the Life of a Child." Her talk was well developed and clearly given. Miss Bragg is the first representative of the senior class to speak in chapel this term.

We had the pleasure of having with us last Friday Mr. Hopkins Jenkins, principal in the Jefferson High School of Portland. He spoke to us during chapel period on the "Trained Teacher and Her Work." Mr. Jenkins is a firm believer in and an enthusiastic worker for the Normal School. He was with us during the day and was pleased with the school work.

The O. N. G. basketball team went to Philomath Friday, March 6th and played the return game with Philomath College. Although one of the regular team was not able to play, the Normals won, the score being 33 to 14. This was the closing game of the season.

Saturday night we had the rare pleasure of hearing Byron's Troubadours. They gave a long musical performance in the Normal Chapel. The room was crowded and all present enjoyed the music.

The delegates are busy preparing yells and songs for the oratorical contests. Miss Henderson, our contestant, is also working hard on her oration. We all feel sure she will do her best to help the Normal win.

BRIDGEPORT

Aunt Maria Smith has been seriously ill for the past few days, and is no better at this writing.

R. R. Riggs is just recovering from a serious spell of La Grippe.

Landon Bernard is setting out about 15 acres of hops.

Scott Campbell is building an addition to his house.

Farmers are all busy in this section seeding and preparing their hop yards for the coming crop.

Richard Chamberlain was in from Washington a few days to see his mother who is seriously ill, his brother John also came from near Oregon City.

Riley Rhodes and family of La Grande are on a visit to his aged mother and other relatives.

G. P. Loek and family have moved back to the hop yard they have rented near Sidney.

Scott Campbell and Landon Bernard are running the Daly hop yard this season.

The play at the Guthrie school-house, February 21st was a success in every way considering the weather, there was over \$32 taken.

Loren and Otis Chamberlain went to Salem Tuesday on business.

We know of no one in this vicinity that favors bonding our county in any amount till our taxes are reduced to some extent.

OAK GROVE

Charlie Huntley of Independence was down Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Linchard of Salem were out Sunday looking after interests on their place here.

Mr. Hollenstener has sold out to the people that bought the Barber place, and moved to Salem Monday. The new people are moving out this week. There was a mistake in the figures of price per acre for the Barber place in last week's paper, it was \$75 instead of \$85.

The Delap family, Thad Steven's wife and son Allen, attended the quarterly conference at Summit church Sunday.

The Steven's children were guests at the Pugh home Sunday. Ida and Fred Schmelke were also with them in the afternoon.

Isaac Robertson was calling in the neighborhood on business for the Grange Fire Insurance last week.

Frank Muno of Salem is working in this part of the neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterns, Mrs. Dean and son Howard called on Hollenstener's, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Pardow helped Mrs. Hollenstener pack up last Friday.

Ray Fawk has returned from a three weeks' stay in Portland.

Mrs. Stevens and son Allen visited the school Monday before noon.

Saturday will be Grange Day. All turn out to make a good success.

The grange will be unable now to give the social. That was announced some time ago, owing to the sickness of Mrs. Seth White and the Hollenstener family leaving the neighborhood.

OAK DALE

There is to be a basket social at the school house Saturday night. Everybody come.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bird and children of Pioneer visited at Highland Home and Mountain View Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Macomber and daughter of Ellendale spent Sunday at Ferndale, in the home of J. S. Macomber.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Wilson and family will start from Iowa, March 15th to their home near Dallas on Oak Dale avenue.

Melvin Green is preparing to set out several acres to grapes on the hill above his house.

J. W. Robinson set three incubators with five hundred and seventy Ancona eggs this week.

J. W. and George Robinson have a fine poultry plant which is proving a money-maker. They keep Barred Plymouth Rocks, Anconas and Brown Leghorns.

M. D. Miller and sons Yert and Bruce and Jim Johnson are working in Mr. Miller's large prune orchard.

Fred Hughes has been moving his house to another location this week and otherwise improving his premises.

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M. D. Hubbard says every man at his place is busy in the large hop yards.

Mrs. Thos. Card visited Mrs. Sam Hiestand in Falls City last week.

Thos. Card and O. E. Dennis have been sowing oats, (not wild ones).

Bert Ellingworth has distanced all the neighbors by getting in a good early garden this fine weather.

Chas. Bird has been plowing for Gus. Graham.

Mrs. Roy McDonald and children left Wednesday morning for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brewer of Eugene.

Clyde Robbins visited the Dennis boys over Sunday.

Stewart Bennett of Dallas spent Saturday with Will Dennis.

PEDEE

Mrs. Edwards is on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. Richard were Peede callers Sunday.

Mr. Guss Burbank went to Airrie after a load of goods for Mr. Love Saturday.

Miss Eva Womer visited her parents Sunday.

Mrs. Mollie Lacey visited Mrs. Edwards one day last week.

The dance was well attended Saturday night. Everybody seemed to have a good time, and the music was fine.

A party of young people went on a pleasure trip Sunday back towards Bald Mountain.

Mr. Frank Gilliam lost two horses about a week apart.

Mr. Arthur Dyer is working at Mr. Frank Gilliam's.

Miss Agnes Bevens and brother Homer visited their parents last week at Simpson Station.

SMITHFIELD

Lizzie Neufeldt has been doing the housework for 2 weeks for L. H. Mallicoat, near Holmes' Gap.

Gerhard and Peter Diehm were Independence visitors Sunday, going on their bicycles.

An Easter Egg.

One of John Diehm's R. I. hens laid an egg that was $7\frac{1}{2}$ x $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches around it.

Mr. F. F. Kliever left Monday afternoon for American Falls, Idaho. He was called here to the bedside of his sister, Mrs. F. F. Friesen, who is very low.

Several "hobos" or "track-walkers" have been in this neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Neufeldt were Sunday visitors at Grandma Quiring's, near Polk.

John Diehm has improved his orchard, did some grubbing, trimming and scraping which is a great benefit for the orchard. He is now spraying it.

Bachelor Bones' sister, Mrs. T. Crook has been visiting him recently. She lives at Airrie.

J. H. Rempel attended the surprise party at G. J. Rempel's in honor of Elizabeth's 24th birthday. All report a good time.

Plowing is all the go now. Very suitable weather and the farmers are improving the farms.

Henry Warkentine has finished working for Mr. Walker near Perrydale.

Rachel Wiebe has been working for Mrs. Will Dennis.

Mr. Glaseman has planted his potatoes.

Cornelius Friesen bought oats from John Diehm recently.

Mr. C. Wiebe has made a yard fence which is a good improvement around the house.

Lee Danewood is plowing quite a lot of clover.

Mr. P. Buhler has done considerable fencing recently.

Mr. W. J. Garner's incubators will soon be alive with little chicks.

RIKREALL

Mrs. May Beetes is reported improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Fetzer were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cook, Sunday.

Mattie Koser was over one day this week from Perrydale doing some work on his place.

Crystal Palmer was in Salem Monday visiting his aunt, Mrs. Book.

The ladies' aid met with Mrs. J. O. Price this week.

Dr. Dunsmore of Independence will give a lecture here Friday evening on good roads.

Mr. Fosnot and family left Tuesday for the Alsea Bay where he will run a dairy ranch.

Mr. Rowell has moved onto and will run the Riggs' hop ranch.

It is whispered that John Koser has bought the Wilcox farm where Mr. Light lives.

Peter Cook and wife will soon move to Ballston so we hear.

Everything sold cheap at the Peter Cook sale here Saturday, a small crowd attended.

Jack Goodell has commenced sowing again.

W. E. Goodell was in Dallas last week on business.

Zena-Spring Valley

Superintendent Mackin and wife and Hon. T. W. Brunk were present at the Zena school rally on Friday. Everyone enjoyed an excellent time, and much enthusiasm was manifested. A parent-teachers' club was organized.

A Judson memorial service will be given at the church on Easter Sunday. Everyone is cordially invited to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Gritton, who suffered the loss of their infant son last Friday night, have the sympathy of all.

James French has traded his property near South Salem to J. C. Zenser, for farm stock.

Harry Gregory, who is working for R. C. Shepard, moved his family and household goods here Monday.

Mrs. Gritton of Liberty, Mrs. Dan and Mrs. Woelk are staying at Orville Gritton's during the illness of his wife, who is getting along nicely.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOLS OF POLK COUNTY FOR THE SCHOOL MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 20th, 1914.

Number of schools reporting correctly and on time.....	67
Number of schools not reporting in time.....	3
Number of pupils remaining at time of last report.....	2901
Number of pupils registered new during month.....	45
Number of pupils registered secondary during month.....	40
Number of pupils re-admitted during month.....	475
Total number of pupils on register during month.....	3401
Number of pupils dropped during month.....	584
Total number of pupils on register at time of this report.....	2817
Number of days taught during month.....	19.47
Whole number of days attendance.....	56672.25
Whole number of days absence.....	1910.75
Whole number of times late.....	403
Number of pupils neither absent or late.....	1855
Average number of pupils belonging.....	3008.8
Average daily attendance.....	2910.7
Per cent of attendance.....	96.07
Number of visits by parents.....	156
Number of visits by members of the school board.....	95
The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for having made 95% in attendance or over:	

Zena, Dallas, Smithfield, Peede, Red Prairie, Bridgeport, Lewisville, Ballston, Salt Creek, Parker, Monmouth, Grade School, Airrie, Bethel, Polk Station, Ward, Perrydale, Goose-neck, Butler, Riekreall, Elkins, Independence, Antioch, Brush College, West Salem, Buena Vista, Spring Valley, Popcorn, Upper Salt Creek, Montgomery, Lincoln, North Dallas, Saver, Crowley, Greenwood, Fir Grove, Concord, Oakdale, McCoy, Guthrie, Liberty, Black Rock, Falls City, Cherry Grove, Oakhurst, Mountainview, Hopville, Highland, Rogue River, Mistletoe, Valley Junction, Broadmead, Fern, Orchard's View.

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for having made no tardies during the month:—Polk Station, Cochrane, Antioch, Harmony, Upper Salt Creek, Montgomery, Lincoln, Crowley, Me-Timmans Valley, Fir Grove, Oakdale, Cherry Grove, Oakhurst, Mountainview, Hopville, Mistletoe.

The following schools have become standard:—Buena Vista, North Dallas, Zena, Orchard's View, Lincoln, Oakhurst, Antioch, Fir Grove, McCoy, Guthrie, Orechards, Airrie, Mountainview, Red Prairie, Enterprise, Fern, Lewisville, Ward, Broadmead, Suver, West Salem, Popcorn, Spring Valley, Oakdale, Salt Creek, Perrydale, Riekreall, Bridgeport, Highland, Buell, Brush College, Pioneer, Cochrane, Elkins, Montgomery.

School rallies have been held as follows since last report:—Zena, Me-Timmans Valley, Pioneer, Concord, Lincoln, Ballston.

Twin meetings were held at Airrie and McCoy with a good attendance.

H. C. Seymour.

According to estimates made at Salem, the salaries for the judges and clerks for the coming primary election will aggregate \$52,812, and it is estimated that the printing of the ballots, election supplies and incidentals will bring the total up to a sum ranging between \$75,000 and \$100,000. In all there are 1467 election precincts in the state, and there will be three judges and three clerks in each, making a total of 8802 people employed. Each will draw \$3 a day, and they will no doubt be at work a day and a night on counting the votes, making the total cost for these officials \$52,812. Piled on top of this sum will be the expense of printing the ballots, printing the election laws, the election supplies, the salaries of special election officers, and the expense of registration.

They Like Polk County.

Carl L. Boveine and family from South Dakota were in Dallas Wednesday, they have been traveling for some time in the leading agricultural districts of the United States and like our Oregon climate the best of all. Mr. Boveine has relatives in the eastern part of Polk County, and hopes to dispose of his business interests on his return to the East and make Polk County their future home.

Band Concert Postponed.

The band boys have postponed their fourth concert until Saturday evening, March 28th. The reason of the postponement was that the band had expected some special outside talent, and yesterday received word that they could not be present on that date, so it was decided to postpone the concert.

Our Kansas Citizens.

The Observer in the last issue requested that all Kansans who are now located in Polk County to send their names to the Observer so that a record could be kept and later a Kansas Club would be organized. We are pleased to announce that we have received several names already and the list has a good start.

Industrial Clubs in Schools.

Polk County leads the State in the Industrial Club work in schools as it is represented in every district with at least one project of the club work.

The Observer has just received a letter from O. J. Wieber, a former resident of this county, stating that he has purchased a 10-acre Tokay vineyard, and the prospects are good for a bounteous crop.

STATE GRANGE MEETS MAY 19

Monmouth Will be Host to the Leading Farmers of Oregon in May.

Polk County is to be congratulated in having the Forty-first session of the State Grange held within its borders and Monmouth, our sister city, will no doubt entertain this worthy body with credit. May 19th to 22nd inclusive.

The list of granges with their numbers, which have accordingly been placed in class one and are entitled to representation at the state grange is as follows:—Benton, Fairmont 252 and Summit 432; Clackamas, Tualatin 111, Warner 117, Molalla 310, Milwaukie 268 and Eagle Creek 297; Clatsop, Logan 412; Columbia, Yankton 301, Vernonia 305 and Cedar Grove 320; Coos, Myrtle 289; Crook, Eastern Star 482; Douglas, Rescue 420, Kellogg 466, Progressive 480 and Garden Valley 487; Gilliam, Mayville 203 and Igo 315; Harney, Sunset 472 and Silver Creek 499; Hood River, Parkdale 500; Jackson, Enterprise 480; Josephine, Deer Creek 371 and Rogue River Valley 469; Mahour, Boulevard 389; Marion, Woodburn 79, Stayton 340 and Aumsville 436; Multnomah, Multnomah 71, Rockwood 323 and Russellville 353; Polk, McCoy 465 and Monmouth 476; Sherman, Locust; Tillamook, White Clover 279 and Nestrickie; Umatilla, Stanfield 502; Union, Riverside 406 and Pleasant Grove 475; Wasco, Mosier 234; Washington, Hillsboro 73, Green Mountain 295, Washington 313 and Beaverton 324; Lane, Siuslaw 54, North Fork 492, Creswell 496 and Willakenzie 498; Linn, Grand Prairie 10, Sand Ridge 57, Crowfoot 314, Sweet Home 381 and Springbank 409; Lincoln, Five Rivers 423 and Toledo 426; Wheeler, Winlock 497; Yamhill, Mores Valley 362 and North Yamhill 393.

PRIMARIES ARE COSTLY

It is Estimated That it Will Cost Oregon Nearly \$100,000.

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COURT NOTES

PROBATE NOTES

March 7th. In re-guardianship of the minor heirs of John W. Martin, deceased, amended report of sale of real estate filed March 25th, 1914, set for hearing.

March 10th. In re-estate of John Christopher Henry, deceased, bond filed and approved, letters issued.

March 11th. In re-estate of H. H. Starr, deceased, final discharge of administrator entered.

February 6th. In re-estate of Oliver B. Wilson, household goods set aside for widow.

ROAD NOTES

J. W. Finn, General Road Supervisor, was in town yesterday and reports that he found a good grade for the proposed Socialist Valley road, extending north-west, out of Falls City.

He reports the roads in general to be in bad shape, owing to the unusually wet winter, and that the road between Dallas and Falls City is in such bad shape that immediate extensive improvements will be taken under advisement.

Mr. Finn recently viewed the proposed change of the road which begins south of Geo. A. Wells residence, and said that it had seldom fallen to his lot to view a better change than this one, which was proposed by Commissioner Wells.

Mr. Wells is fathering the proposition in general and is donating all the land necessary for the road, which runs through his place, extending in a south-westerly direction, and joins the main street, running north and south through Buena Vista, thus avoiding a miserable hill.

Mr. Finn said, "The traveling public will always thank Commissioner Wells for this donation and I wish there were more like him throughout the county."

Civil Service Examination.

On the 28th of March in Dallas, there will be held a civil service examination of the candidates for Postmasters at Riekreall and Black Rock. These two offices from this time will be under Civil Service.