

## DOINGS IN POLK COUNTY

STORIES BY THE OBSERVER'S CORRESPONDENTS.

Personal Paragraphs Pertaining to Movements of People Whom You All Know.

## CROWLEY.

Mr. Valliere was an Independence visitor Monday.

Rev. J. W. Osborn came down from Independence to fill his appointment here Sunday.

Cora Gay was a Dallas caller Friday.

R. J. Williamson was a caller at J. V. Edgar's at Oak Grove Friday.

Mrs. Farmer and daughter attended Sunday school at Oak Grove Sunday.

Miss Stella and Vina Smith were visitors at Holt Crowley's Friday.

M. F. White was in Dallas Saturday.

Chess Craven of Dallas was in this city Sunday.

Mr. Bud Lucas and Fred Crowley Rieckrell were in this vicinity Saturday on business.

Charley Knower took a load of potatoes to Dallas Saturday.

The Misses Iva and Alice Wilson are in Rieckrell Saturday.

George Smith brought a load of wheat from Dallas for the play Sunday at Rieckrell Friday.

Miss Ada and Jamie Farmer were callers Saturday.

Finley Edgar attended Pomona range in McCoy on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Myer and little daughter of Smithfield were over Sunday visitors at Henry White's.

## ORCHARD VIEW.

Mr. Hawkins has been pruning in his orchard.

Grandma Rempel has been quite sick with a bad cold for the past week.

Henry Kliever is able to be around again after being quite sick with tonsillitis.

Mr. Stannel was away all week working at Salt Creek.

Mrs. Kaegi and Mrs. Kliever called Grandma Boyle one day last week.

Geo. Quiering is very sick with pneumonia.

Mrs. D. D. Peters was operated on Tuesday and is getting along as well as can be expected.

Jornelius Friesen is busy fencing his place.

Mr. Morton is improving his place by filling it.

D. Peters is on the sick list. He has the mumps.

he school was closed this week on account of mumps.

## AIRLIE.

Mrs. George Conn went to Independence on Thursday to see her mother, who is very sick.

Uri Cooper was taken to the Dal-hospital on Monday, and was operated on Tuesday.

Don Simpson is visiting his parents in Washington.

Ivy Burbank of Cherry Grove was a business caller here on Monday.

West Williams of Independence is visiting relatives here this week.

H. Atchison of Fir Grove was acting business here on Monday.

V. Johnson made a business trip to Portland this week.

man by the name of Denny, from burg, was here this week looking for a farm to purchase.

o. Conn made a business trip to Independence on Tuesday.

Charles Curber of Pelee was a business caller here on Tuesday.

e Commercial club held a business meeting Tuesday night.

## MONMOUTH.

and Mrs. Ralph Dodson of the Luckiamute valley were the guests of and Mrs. J. Smith on Saturday.

Dodson is one of the leading farmers and dairymen of the county.

John Palmer, a farmer and dairyman of the Luckiamute valley, was in town on business Saturday.

O. Tetherow made Monmouth a business visit Saturday.

arence Marks of the Luckiamute doing some trading in town Saturday.

nos Sellers went to Eugene on Friday to visit relatives.

M. Hampton and John Howell, sons of the third house, were in capital city this week.

s. W. W. Newman left this week for California for a visit with relatives.

randpa" Polan is in quite poor health, and fears for his recovery are increased.

J. Winegar is convalescing from a recent illness.

Bob" Williams is gaining strength and may get out again.

der A. Lyon, who is conducting a farm near Lebanon, for the first of the down and out boys 0 to 15 years old, spoke in the local church Sunday night.

He is there, he bought and paid for himself, and runs it as a demonstration farm for the boys.

Phoebe Hickman died on Tuesday morning, age 90 years, after a

short illness. The funeral was held from the house Thursday morning, and interment was in the Lebanon cemetery, where her husband is buried. Rev. F. M. Fisher officiated.

Died, January 20, at the ripe age of 79 years, at her home in Monmouth, "Grandma" Clara. She was laid to rest in the K. of P. cemetery south of town. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. C. T. Conwell, and a host of friends to mourn her death.

## OAK GROVE.

Seth Fawc was a Dallas caller last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farmer visited with Miss Fawc Sunday.

John Shaffer and children visited relatives in McCoy Sunday.

J. W. Edgar was a Rieckrell caller Saturday.

Mr. Gardner went to McCoy Saturday to get a load of feed.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth White attended Pomona Grange in McCoy last week.

Mr. Vincent was a Rieckrell caller Friday.

A. V. Oliver was a business caller in Dallas Monday.

Mr. Valliere was working road in this vicinity last week.

Charley Mangus was hauling potatoes to Dallas for Seth Fawc Tuesday.

J. W. Edgar was a caller in the Crowley neighborhood Tuesday.

## POLE.

Agnes and Jake Friesen have the mumps.

Margaret Dunn has been quite sick.

Miss Alma Light has gone to Pioneer to work.

The children of Taylor Dunn and Jake Reddekopp have been quite sick.

P. F. Friesen, T. A. Dunn, and C. B. Teats attended the school officers' convention.

Mrs. D. D. Peters was taken to the hospital last week.

Mrs. Claud Dunn has returned from Portland, where she was called by the serious illness of Mrs. Harry Dunn.

The boys of the school have organized a basketball team, and are taking quite an interest.

There was no school on Monday as Miss Holman was sick.

The school rally held at the school house was not very well attended, owing to so much sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Teats attended Rebekah installation in Dallas Tuesday night.

## OAKDALE.

Merle Holman of Dallas held religious services at the school house last Sunday.

Dan Siddons of Portland made this neighborhood a visit the latter part of last week.

Merrill Tillotson is very sick with pneumonia. He will be missed in the school during his sickness.

Merle Holman dined at the Garwood place Sunday.

Mr. Badger, late of California, who bought the Wilkins place in Dallas, has employed Ed. Cochrane to make various improvements there.

There was a family dinner at John Robinson's Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bird and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robinson and Mrs. Malinda Kimball were present.

J. W. Robinson received the news of the death of his uncle, James Robinson of Spokane, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis received a letter from their son Chauncey of Anderson, California last week telling them of the loss of two fingers off his right hand. The message was very brief and did not state how he lost them, but it is supposed by a wood-saw.

Jim Johnson, M. D. Miller, Bruce Miller and Don Miller are cutting Cordwood on Don's place.

Mrs. Burley and children have left for Blackfoot, Idaho, where Mr. Burley had gone a short time before and where they intend to make their home.

## ZENA-SPRING VALLEY.

Berney Looney has returned to his home in Estacada after visiting here at the home of his uncle, H. A. Looney.

Mrs. Hadley and Mr. Poindexter from Eugene, arrived Tuesday morning to see their mother, Mrs. P. F. Clarke, who is quite ill, Dr. Smith being called to see her Sunday.

Dr. Miles was called out from Salem Wednesday night to see John Smith, who has been suffering from an attack of pleurisy.

Mrs. Frank Gatens is visiting in Salem at the home of her sister-in-law.

The all day meeting of the Baptist Missionary society planned to have been held Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Looney, was postponed on account of so much sickness in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Wayne D. Henry and son Kenneth left Sunday for Alton, Illinois, where she will visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Crawford and numerous relatives. Mr. Henry accompanied her to Portland, returning Sunday afternoon.

Harvey Crawford attended the poultry show held at Dallas this week. His birds being among the winners.

Mr. Taylor is suffering from the

sults of a broken rib, received while doing some carpenter work about the barn.

## EVENTS AT STATE NORMAL.

Mid-Winter Commencement Exercises Postponed—Other News.

Owing to the fact that so many of the February graduating class have secured positions to teach, the mid-year commencement exercises have been postponed.

A parent-teachers' association has been organized in Monmouth under the direction of Mr. Gentle, who is principal of the training school.

Friday morning Professor Gilmore represented the faculty by giving an address on "The Importance of Pure Water Supply in Rural Districts."

The Vespertine society presented a program in the chapel last Friday evening. Three short plays including scenes from "Tales of a Traveler," "David Swan" and "Robin Hood Wedding" were given.

Sunday afternoon special chapel exercises were held in honor of Miss Towne, the state representative from Jackson county. Miss Towne was a guest of the normal school for the week-end. She gave a short address to the students Sunday afternoon.

M. S. Pittman of the extension department of the Oregon Normal school, has returned from a tour of the state during which time he has been investigating conditions in rural schools.

Miss Parrott and Kennon of the English department, attended the production of Hamlet given in Portland Monday night.

Miss Etta Jordan represented the senior class in chapel Tuesday morning, when she gave her chapel talk entitled, "What Is Success."

Another Amendment Bill.

Senator Smith Would Have Treasurer Collect Delinquent Roll.

Senator Smith of Coos and Curry counties, a former sheriff of Polk, has offered a tax-amendment in the legislature, some of the salient points of which are:

Assessor to begin work January first of each year.

To complete roll by second Monday in June, to submit to county board of equalization.

The work of all the boards to be complete and roll delivered to tax collector by October 15th.

If one-half of the taxes are paid by December 15th, the other half may run until April 15th without penalty or interest. In case of default of the first half, the whole sum to draw interest at ten per cent until April 15th when a penalty of five per cent is added.

The treasurer to be collector of all taxes including the delinquent roll.

Memoranda of all delinquent taxes to be carried on assessment roll in the column prepared for that purpose; such delinquent taxes also to be entered as memoranda on tax receipt for any given year.

Taxes on real estate to become a lien on the property October first.

Personal property tax may be transferred to real estate.

Personal property tax may also be certified to by tax collector of other counties in case of removal of personal property.

Certificate of delinquency to issue two months after delinquency; said certificate to bear interest at rate of twelve per cent per annum.

In case of transient merchandise, tax collector may either require tax to be paid or require bond for its payment.

FOOD SUPPLIES FOR BELGIANS.

Oregon's Contributions Leave Today for Long Trip to Rotterdam.

The steamer Cranley will leave Portland today with supplies valued at \$200,000 for delivery to the Belgian sufferers. Of the foodstuffs to be loaded, supplies worth approximately \$40,000 are contributed, chiefly by the people of this state.

The remainder, or supplies worth \$160,000, were purchased by Theodore B. Wilcox, member of the International Commission for Belgian Relief, from a fund of \$600,000 that has been sent to him from the London headquarters of the commission.

"I have more money than I need," said Mr. Wilcox to a Portland newspaper reporter. "It has been intimated to me that another ship will be sent, but the difficulty now is to get tonnage. If this can be arranged, it is likely there will be another relief ship later in the spring. The commission has asked me to express publicly its thanks to the people of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, for the gifts. The commission is exceedingly grateful for the great work of America in this direction."

## Another Movie Playhouse.

Zelin Brothers of this city have leased the rink building and are converting it into a moving picture playhouse. The interior of the building is being rearranged throughout. They expect to have the improvements completed and the place ready to open by March 1.

## CASH DEPOSIT ASKED

WOULD PLACE REFERENDUM CHANGE UP TO VOTERS.

Marion Representative Introduces Joint Resolution for Amendment to the Constitution.

Representative Weeks of Marion county has introduced in the house a joint resolution calling for the submission to the people of an amendment to the constitution altering the initiative and referendum. The change proposed by Mr. Weeks reduce the percentage of signatures on initiative petitions from 8 to 6 per cent of the legal voters of the state, and reduce the number on referendum petitions from 5 to 3 per cent, based on the total vote cast for governor at the last preceding general election at which a governor was elected, instead of the total vote on justices of the supreme court, as the constitution now provides.

New matter in the proposed amendment, however, requires the initiators of any petition to deposit with the secretary of state a sum sufficient to defray the cost of printing and circulating petitions. When this is done, the secretary of state is required to send the petitions to the county clerks of the several counties and publish in at least seven daily papers notice of the petition. Only county clerks and justices of the peace shall be competent to receive and verify signatures to petitions. County clerks are required to collect and verify the signatures on petitions.

When the initiative or referendum is sought in cities and towns, the city clerk or auditor is given powers simi-

lar to those of the secretary of state in general subjects, and councils are empowered to impose restrictions to govern circulation of petitions provided, however, that no private citizen shall enjoy the privilege without authority.

## Capt. McLaughlin Talks.

On account of the poultry show there was no drill at the armory Tuesday evening, but the soldiers assembled in the non-commissioned officers' room and listened to a talk by Captain McLaughlin of the general staff in Portland. His talk was mainly along the line of being prepared for the annual inspection, its importance and how it affects the national guard. He said that a company is rated by the poorest rather than the best, and if the colonel or a regiment turns into the hands of the secretary of war a report unfavorable, and shows that the guard is making little progress, the government withholds its support from the organization. These reports are made from the annual inspection.

Next Monday evening Sargeant Hathaway, of the 21st Infantry, will be present to instruct Company L. The sargeant will give instructions throughout the week. All non-commissioned officers especially, and all others who can be urged to be present at these drills.

## Wounded By an Airgun.

On Sunday morning last Mrs. Chas. Tate was accidentally shot in the third finger of the left hand with an airgun, the bullet burying itself in the back of the finger, inflicting a very painful wound. John, her son, was carrying the gun when, without looking to see where it was pointed, pulled the trigger.

## "BILL" STARTS PLAYING

HOUSE MAILING CLERK PRESENTS RULES AT GAME.

The Salem Correspondent of The Oregon Journal Tells This One on "Bill" Adams.

One of the greatest little regulators in the legislature is "Bill" McAdam, mailing clerk in the house of representatives. The other night a party of lawgivers went to a basketball game in town and rooted viciously for one side or the other.

At one stage the players became so vociferous in their dispute over a decision that the play was halted. Things had gone on until something just had to be done. It remained for "Bill" to do it.

It happened that the new house rules had just come from the printer that day and McAdam had a copy in his pocket.

"Here," he yelled at the players, "quit that arguing. Here's the rules. Now quit that stuff and go to playing."

The playing started again at once, whether the house rules had caused the abatement of dispute or not.

## Polk Well Represented.

A legislative committee to deal with bills pertaining to cattle and another for sheep legislation has been appointed as follows. William Schulermick, Hillsboro; C. N. McArthur, Portland; Frank Brown, Carlton; Frank Porter, Halsey and Carle Abrams of Salem. The sheep committee is composed of Fred Koser, Rieckrell, Henry Keyt, Perrydale, and D. J. Kerby, McMinnville.

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