

DOINGS IN POLK COUNTY

STORIES BY THE OBSERVER'S CORRESPONDENTS.

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

GREENWOOD.

Miss Eva Martin was a Salem business caller last Saturday. John Young got some heavy trellis wire from his brother, E. M. Young, last week to trellis up his grape vines. J. A. Sanderson has finished his contract work for Mr. Ankeny at Rickreall. J. T. Huntley and family motored to Salem one day last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Morrow, in the former's Overland.

Ralph Martin was transacting business at Salem last week. Mrs. Mike Becker was a Salem trader one day last week.

Gordon Huntley was brought home from school a very sick boy with stomach trouble, but we are glad to report that he is much better at this writing.

J. F. Huntley was transacting business at Independence last Friday.

Mrs. I. G. Areheart was a business visitor at Salem last Thursday.

Mrs. Bell Rogers of Oak Point spent one day last week with Mrs. Lottie Huntley of this place.

The well drillers are making slow progress on the school's well, having struck very hard bed rock.

Mrs. John Young was a visitor at Mrs. Lottie Huntley's last week.

Nancy and Jimmie Sanderson were business callers at Mr. Bigelow's one evening last week.

Miss Irene Molander, our teacher, took the 4:30 car at this place last Friday for a short visit at her home in Portland.

Your correspondent went to Independence shortly after the fire and reviewed the remains of the old Palace hotel. When a small boy the writer sold eggs, wild geese and ducks, and wild blackberries to Mr. Stannis, proprietors of the Little Palace hotel, back in the early eighties.

FALLS CITY.

Mrs. Droegge entertained several neighbors and friends Thursday evening. The evening was spent with vocal and instrumental music and readings. The German songs were very much enjoyed. The hostess served a delicious lunch and the ladies went home feeling that they had spent a delightful evening. Those present were: Mrs. Droegge, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Burt Buell, Mrs. Persey, Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Aufdemauer, Mrs. C. L. Hopkins, Miss Hammond, Mrs. Estey, Grandma Droegge.

Mrs. Kate Kief and Miss Edna Wickard of Cheute, Kansas, who have been visiting Mrs. J. C. Talbott, returned home Saturday. Mrs. Talbott accompanied them as far as Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dodd returned from San Francisco Thursday, where they had been seeing the great fair. They report a fine trip.

Mrs. Alvin Rains returned to her home in Portland Friday. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Chapin, who will spend a few days.

Wm. Finley will leave Monday for Dallas, where he will open a restaurant in the Cozy Corner, opposite the postoffice. His family will remain here.—The News.

SALE OF RED CROSS SEALS.

Oregon Society Creating Larger Fund to Prevent Tuberculosis.

Millions of Red Cross seals will again be offered in Oregon during the holiday season, and a large amount of money will be contributed through this means to the fund for the prevention of tuberculosis, notwithstanding the fact that the association still has a considerable sum left from last year's sales.

The Oregon association for the prevention of tuberculosis, was organized for the purpose of preventive, educational and relief lines of work. The objects of the association are:

Dissemination of knowledge concerning the causes, treatment and prevention of tuberculosis.

Investigation of the prevalence of tuberculosis in the state of Oregon and the collecting and publishing of useful information.

Securing of proper legislation for the relief and prevention of tuberculosis.

Co-operation with the public authorities, state and local boards of health, the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, medical societies, and other organizations in approved measures adopted for the prevention of disease.

Promotion of the organization and work or such local societies as may be needed.

Encouragement of adequate provision for consumptives by the establishment of sanatoria, dispensaries and otherwise.

The Oregon association is a branch of the "National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis." This branch is at present planning two campaigns, namely, the observance of Tuberculosis day and the Red Cross Seal sale. It is the earnest desire of the Oregon association to put seals within the reach of everyone in Oregon who wishes to buy them. No locality is too small to take part. Everyone can help. Each community should have a supply. Order now. The

sale begins December 1st, closing Christmas eve.

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OTHERS' OPINIONS

Editor Observer: I read with much interest a short time ago in your paper, the piece, "Eradicate the Gopher," and being a farmer I wish to make a few remarks to by brother farmers through your paper in regard to the gopher pest. To begin with, it is a well-known fact that our farmers are a pretty hard lot to get to pull together, or unite solidly on any undertaking, and a great many of us only give the gopher a passing glance. But right here, brothers, is where we fall down. I have actually seen \$10 worth of garden products completely destroyed by one gopher in eight weeks' time. Now it must be remembered that a single gopher in a large clover, or grain field, will be just as destructive as in the garden, but being on a large tract, the destruction is not so noticeable. Now, brother, this gopher pest proposition is certainly one we can unite in at a very small cost.

I would suggest that every farmer in his school district throughout the county get together in one meeting at their school house, sign a pledge and live up to it, to get so many traps and get busy, the larger farmer using more traps than the smaller one. This could satisfactorily be settled at your first meeting. Every farmer would then keep a strict account of every gopher exterminated. Hold quarterly meetings at your school house and compare notes and figure the grand total, and you will be glad surprised to find what you have accomplished. As a matter of fact we know today that the gopher pest is a mighty problem. They are being trapped by the thousands by only a very few farmers. These few farmers, like myself, are using the cinch trap, which is easily operated, can be set in one minute, use no ammunition, will last a life time, are perfectly harmless to the operator, but sure death to the gopher. These traps can be bought for 75c each at retail, and it is reasonable to believe they can be bought for considerable less in wholesale lots. Now, boys, let us unite in this undertaking and not leave it up to only a few. As The Observer has stated, united action and keeping everlastingly at it must necessarily give the desired results. J. T. HUNTLEY.

Editor Observer: Will you give me space in which to inquire "Of what use is the curfew so long as it is not enforced? The curfew sounds at 8 o'clock in the evening, which is the hour that all unaccompanied youngsters are supposed to be within doors, yet notwithstanding lads and lassies of the ages included in the "curfew law" are nightly to be seen on the streets of the city idling away their time. Children nightly attend the movies unaccompanied, and after the performance are to be seen here and there on the streets, while others make a regular practice of spending much of the early night in the main thoroughfares of Dallas. Is this according to the purposes for which the curfew was instituted? We are led to believe not, and I for one am of the impression that it is high time the authorities gave the matter the attention it deserves. Home is the place for these youngsters after the 8 o'clock hour, and if they fail to abide by the curfew their parents should be called to account for their delinquency in the premises. Dallas is an orderly town, and we complain not of any mischievousness on the part of these youngsters, but it can appear so good to them to be running the streets at unseemly hours.—A Mother.

DATE FOR EXAMINATION SET.

High School Teachers Will Get Theirs With the Regulars.

Announcement is made by Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill that examinations for high school teachers who are graduates of standard colleges and universities, but who have not had fifteen semester hours' work in education, will be given in connection with the regular teachers' examinations, which will be held at the county seat of each county, beginning Dec. 15, 1915, and June 28, 1916. For the purpose of certification, it is explained, teachers will be credited with three semester hours in education for each subject in which they pass the examination with a grade of at least 75 per cent. Twelve questions will be submitted on each of the following subjects: Science of education, history of education, childhood and adolescence, school administration and methods. No fee will be charged for the examination. After 1915, no applicants will be permitted to take this examination, unless they are especially recommended for certification by the schools from which they have been graduated.

Win Game at Rickreall.

The Boy Scouts basketball team won from Rickreall last Friday night at the latter place by a score of 18 to 4. The game was fairly well attended. The members of the Scouts' team were: Donald Hayes and Oren Farley, forwards; Walter Craven, center; Ernest McCallon and Edwin Serr, guards.

The Oregon-Washington railroad has placed orders for 50,000,000 ties, to be used in the Pacific northwest. During the last six months this company has expended \$600,000 for ties.

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Professor Ackerman is asking for bids for a cement sidewalk, with curb, at the Normal school. Bids will be opened on November 19.

The editor of the Monmouth Herald, Mr. Stitt, having been ill for some time past, pleads the indulgence of his readers pending his recovery, which The Observer hopes will be speedy.

Clark Hembree left Monmouth on Monday with several head of Jersey cattle to attend the show at North Yakima. From there he will take the yak to the cattle show in Portland next month.

Tick-tick-tick-tick. The Red Prairie school, Miss Hedlund, teacher has a new clock, purchased with the proceeds of a Halloween entertainment.

The basket social at the Fern school house, held on November 6, netted the school \$27.80. The sum will be used to purchase reference books for the school library.

The hills near Buell were covered with snow for the first time this season on November 7.

The Women of Woodcraft of Ballston will entertain on November 20. A literary program will be given.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne D. Henry of Spring Valley recently celebrated the tenth anniversary of their marriage, being entertained on that occasion by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Purvine, when covers were laid for fourteen.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Henry of Spring Valley have gone to Los Angeles to spend the winter.

George Spear is suffering from poison oak, and has been unable to attend school the past few days.

Waite Brothers of Buell recently shipped 600 railway ties from Sheridan. They used the Sheridan Lumber company's flume to get them to the railroad station.

Clarence Olmsted and Clayton Atwood of Sheridan will farm the Ross Rowell place near Buell next year.

Miss Rita Conner of Red Prairie recently entertained the Ballston campfire girls.

Thos. and Peter Syron have contracted to cut wood for C. D. Blanchard of Red Prairie.

F. A. Sikes, secretary of the Farmers' union, addressed the people of Salt Creek last Friday evening.

Henry Canfield is perfecting arrangements for the construction of a modern bungalow on what is known as the Hyde place, near Ballston.

William Hill is completing a roomy cottage at Rickreall, which adds no little to the residential appearance of that place.

The students of the West Salem school will give an entertainment in the near future. A program will be rendered.

B. I. Ferguson has rented the Emma Savage place near Eola. Ray Ferguson will be in charge.

C. W. Lee, formerly a newspaper publisher at Falls City, is now printing a paper at Sunnyside, a suburb of Portland.

The Berean class of the Brush College Sunday school met with Mrs. Parks last Friday and had a very profitable meeting.

The pupils of Mrs. Lottie McIntosh of Independence will give a musical at the M. E. church there next Friday evening.

Claude Skinner has bought the interest of his partner, W. C. Chaney, in the Independence garage.

The Brush College Helpers will meet with Mrs. Park next Thursday.

The Brush College Parent-Teacher association will meet next Friday. The school has charge of the program.

The men of Independence have organized a club for educational and social purposes, and a literary program will be rendered on the evening of November 23.

The Independence Monitor insists that the dates of the Polk county fair be changed so that the event will not come so close to the state fair. But then the Monitor is always insisting on something.

When the Independence aldermanic body convenes Friday night to adopt a tax budget it will probably have one of the largest and most interested audiences of the year.

"Go to School Day" was a pronounced success in every rural district of the county, while the parents of city students fairly outdid themselves by their attendance.

Fay Dunsmore has returned to his home in Independence from a six months' stay in Alaska.

The Baptist ladies of Independence will hold a bazaar on November 24.

The highways near Buena Vista have been greatly improved during the past season, under the very efficient supervision of M. N. Prather, says a correspondent at that place.

The Ladies' Rural club of Buena Vista held a profitable meeting at the home of Mrs. Alice Wash last Thursday afternoon. A dainty luncheon was served by the hostess.

Buena Vista basketball team recently defeated Perrydale at the former place in a spirited game.

MUCH ROAD WORK IN STATE.

Oregon Spends More Per Capita On Roads Than Other States.

For interesting figures on the cost of road work and maintenance in Oregon and Polk county we are indebted to the Oregon voter which publishes the grand total of highway expenditures in this state for 1914 as \$7,962,632. This great amount of money puts Oregon in first place among all the United States from the point of per

capita investment, and in thirteenth place from total amount expended. The per capita investment in Oregon was \$10.49. The next highest per capita cost was that of Montana where roads cost \$6.83. Since the state aid law for highway work was passed in 1913, \$5,155,657 of local funds have been expended in road work by counties, townships and districts. Joint fund expenditures, combining state and local units, have amounted to \$1,728,697, and work done altogether at state expense has amounted to \$178,278. The total of all state money expended in road improvement until January, 1915, amounts to \$188,975. The total state fund available for road work for 1915 amounts to \$223,000.

Another interesting series of figures published by Mr. Chapman show Polk county's per capita indebtedness to be \$22.07, putting the county in twentieth place among the counties of the state. The per capita public debt of the state is \$57.84, putting this state fourth in the list of all the United States. New York is first in this list with a per capita indebtedness of \$107.71.

Road Project Defeated.

After having cussed and discussed the proposed road from Bentley to Bear Camp, the carrying out of which project would eliminate Leno hill, the county court has finally decided to turn it down. The champions of this new highway were John Boyer of Bear Camp and G. K. Walker of Bentley.

BULLETIN

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FOR SALE—Buildings suitable for private garages. Will trade for wood. R. L. Chapman. 73-1f.

FOR SALE—Choice building lots, or trade. Bollman and Staats. 73-1f.

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FOR SALE—Sixty-acre dairy farm in Coos county; bottom land; half-mile from postoffice; mile from school; on milk route; good winter road; good improvements. Will give terms. B. Folsom, Gail Hotel, Dallas. 52-1f.

FOR SALE—Potato sacks cheap. Ewing Bros., Dallas; phone 19x15.

FOR SALE—Fine pigs, six weeks old. J. D. Anderson, Dallas, Ore. 66-1f.

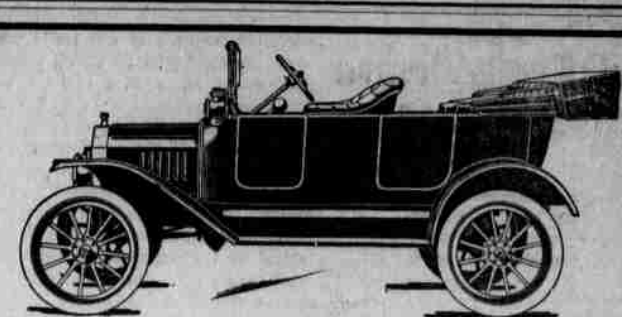
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