

DOINGS IN POLK COUNTY

STORIES BY THE OBSERVER'S CORRESPONDENTS.

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

GREENWOOD.

J. B. Knowles & Sons have just completed a large dairy barn and hog house, both buildings being of modern design.

Johnnie and Will Ridenhour have moved into their new house.

Chester Braden was a caller on Gordon Huntley recently.

J. T. Huntley and family recently spent a Sunday with W. W. Huntley and family at Independence.

Miss Molander, our teacher, has returned from her home at Portland. While in Portland Miss Molander attended a play by Jefferson High school students, the leading lady being one of her old classmates.

Mr. Sanderson has purchased a new Oliver chilled plow.

Sloper Bros. & Co. of Independence drilled an 80-foot well for Herman Muller last week.

Our school had an increase of ten visitors on "Go to School Day," over last year.

Hugh Braden took the west bound train here last Saturday. The writer did not enquire where he was headed, for he looked for the world like Bob Fitzsimmons—and just as husky.

A. W. Vernon was an Independence business caller last week.

Judging from the number of cream cans laying around our station house every day, this is some dairy nook.

John Young has his grapes trellised to beauty and perfection.

E. F. Brown butchered last week.

Mr. Crons of Salem was visiting with Mr. Ed. Brown and family recently.

Superintendent and Mrs. Seymour attended a special meeting of our school last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Maggie Martin spent one day recently with Mrs. L. Huntley.

Louie Haselton of Oak Point was here recently and made arrangements to clear some land for Jim Huntley.

John Young was a passenger to Salem last Wednesday.

Manly Martin butchered last week.

J. W. Walker and wife spent last week with Manly Martin and family.

Mr. Parsons, county school supervisor, visited our school the other day.

Miss Iva Martin visited with her cousin, Mrs. Harry Hill at Dallas last week.

There will be an industrial meeting held at the school house Friday evening, November 26. After a short program by the school, Superintendent H. C. Seymour will display industrial pictures for the benefit of the school.

Your quill-driver transacted business with Al Snyder of the county seat one day last week; also called on our good natured sheriff, and also his boyhood friend, Fred Holman, our genial treasurer.

ELKINS.

Mr. and Mrs. Loughary and son, Frankie, visited in Dallas recently.

Mr. Barr, Mr. Maris and Superintendent Seymour visited our school on Thursday of last week. As the school has earned all the stars it was standardized.

The second meeting of the Parent-Teachers' club met on Friday afternoon at two o'clock. There was a good attendance and a most interesting meeting was held.

Mr. A. F. Courter of Salem was a visitor in this neighborhood recently.

Mrs. Moore of Dallas, who had been visiting her cousin, Mrs. A. E. Tetherow, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Tetherow were business visitors at Monmouth last week.

Road Supervisor Jas Tetherow has been putting gravel on the road near the school house. Mr. Tetherow has been doing some good work in this neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Tedrow were visitors at the Smith home in the Mistletoe district on Thursday.

Mr. Frank Loughary left for Corvallis Friday to attend a committee meeting.

Miss Witzel spent Sunday, November 14 with her aunt, Mrs. Osborn, at Highland.

Mr. W. J. Stoekholm was a business visitor to Salem on the 12th.

Rev. Ployman was visiting in the neighborhood recently.

On Friday last the Industrial club held its second meeting for the year.

Mr. Brennger from Southerlin was visiting at the Denney house last Thursday.

PEDEE.

Miss Glossop visited at the Bush home Wednesday night.

Glenn Turner spent Sunday with Leo Condron.

Mrs. O. R. Burbank and daughter Virgie left Sunday for Aene, Oregon, to spend several weeks with her son Levi.

Mr. West and family and Mr. Post visited at Edwards Sunday.

There was a dance at Johnville Saturday night.

Mr. J. L. Condron took Mrs. I. C. Shaffer to Independence the last of the week.

Mr. Tram Berens went to King Valley Monday.

Mr. Barr and Superintendent Sey-

mour visited our school Wednesday. Mrs. John Yost called on Mrs. A. Womer Saturday.

There was a dance at Freer's Saturday night. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Will Finch, Leo, John, Comfort, Billie and Theda Condron, Glenn Turner, Clifford and Hattie Burbank, Lulu and Pearl Applegate, Miss Glossop, Blanche and Florence Lacey, Norma Williams, Howard and Edith Applegate, ordon Powell, Johnnie Yost and Albert Ronce.

Eva Womer returned home from Monmouth Tuesday.

POLK

Since the windstorm on Monday night, our telephone service has been very poor.

A number from here attended the program and basket social at Smithfield Saturday night.

Mr. Peter Reddekopp, Sr., who has been quite ill for a week, is rapidly gaining.

We are sorry that "Go To School Day" was not observed as well as it should have been in our district.

Mr. Heabe is having a well dug on his place.

POLK COUNTY

Having lost a considerable number of chickens through theft, Beo, Ball of Ballston has built a new chicken house near his residence.

Bert Clamfield is building a new residence at Ballston, using Dallas lumber in its construction.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Harris of Buena Vista rejoice over the arrival of a daughter, born November 10.

Teachers and pupils of the Buena Vista school gave a most interesting program Saturday evening. Supper was served for the benefit of the manual training department.

The Buena Vista Oddfellows will give a supper Thanksgiving evening.

Several Orchard View farmers have deepened their wells, so that another dry season will not effect their water supply.

Howard Goodfellow of Spring Valley has rented his ranch to a recent arrival from the east. Mrs. Goodfellow will visit her mother in Florida.

Ray Nash of Spring Valley has returned home from Lake county, making the round trip on horseback.

A local teachers' institute will be held at Independence December 11. It is open to all teachers of the county, but attendance is not compulsory.

During the recent illness of Miss Orrie Steinberg, a teacher in the Airlie school, her place was filled by Miss Houx of the Normal.

Loren Cooper of Airlie has been investigating Lake county with a view to securing a homestead there.

Taffy-pull entertainments are quite a fad among Airlie's young set.

There will be a pie supper at Fir Grove tomorrow evening.

Mr. Talkington, having moved from Monmouth to Riekreall, his farm is now occupied by Ralph Mason of the former place.

Guy C. Scheible and Miss Blanche C. Stitt, daughter of Editor Stitt of the Monmouth Herald, were married at that place last Thursday. They will make their future home in Monmouth.

The Normal students danced at the institution Saturday night.

The high wind of last week caused some damage in Bethel, Mr. A. H. Fuestman had just finished putting a new shingle roof on the large shed at the west end of his barn. The wind took this roof and scattered it over the barn lot. A part of the wreckage fell on a grain drill and wrecked that.

The Bethel Literary society on Friday night last debated the question: "Resolved that the Ferris water bill should become a law as amended by the senate committee."

Mayor Walker of Independence has called a meeting for tomorrow night to nominate candidates for mayor, three aldermen and a recorder. The election will be held December 6.

W. D. Henry, S. D. Crawford, Lee Cooley and Howard Zinzer of Spring Valley attended the football game at Eugene on Saturday.

Mr. Van Winkle, a graduate of Albany college, preached at Spring Valley last Sunday.

Chas. Davenport is the new foreman of the Eola Hills ranch, succeeding W. C. Brown, resigned.

The Harmony school will create a fund for the construction of a play shed 30x50 feet. One hundred and fifty persons recently attended a meeting of the Parent-Teacher association at this place.

The ladies of the Harmony district recently met with Mrs. A. N. Hendricks and organized a sewing circle.

George Odell of Ballston has sold his hops, and Geo. Newbill of the same place shipped two carloads last week.

At Buell on Thanksgiving day the Parent-Teacher association will hold a day session, with a program commencing at 10:30. A big dinner will be served at noon, and patrons of the district are expected to turn out en masse.

The pupils of the Perrydale school are rehearsing diligently for the play to be given at Dallas on December 3. The proceeds will go toward the proposed new gymnasium.

Nineteen pupils of the Fern school were neither absent or tardy during the month of October and nine names appeared on the roll of honor.

The Mennonites of Hopewell have completed arrangements for the building of a church at that place.

PAMPHLETS ARE ISSUED

MR. CHURCHILL WOULD BRING HOMES AND SCHOOLS NEARER

Suggestions Are Made for Making Rural Teacher Healthier, Happier and More Efficient.

A pamphlet for the help of the parent-teacher associations in the rural and village school and emphasizing the need of closer association of home and school, has just been issued by J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction. Subjects of extreme practical value are suggested by the discussions, including "How to Make Our School Standard," "Play Apparatus," "Pictures for the School Room," "Construction and Care of the Buildings on the School Ground," "Pure Drinking Water," "The Hot Lunch," and many other topics pertaining to the betterment of school conditions.

In the introductory letter to the teachers, Superintendent Churchill states the purpose of the pamphlet is to assist in the organization of parent-teacher associations in order to unite more closely the home and the school throughout the state. A plan for formal organization is given and a form constitution. In the preparation of the material, Superintendent Churchill was assisted by Prof. M. I. Pittman, head of the department of rural schools, Oregon Normal school, and by the president of the Oregon Congress of Mothers, Mrs. George W. McMath.

The county school superintendents of Oregon have organized hundreds of these associations during the past few years, and there has been an urgent demand for lists of suitable topics of discussions, the object of which is to make these meetings a power for good in the respective communities. One of the most suggestive articles in the publication gives a number of rules, which if followed, are expected to make the rural school a desirable place both for children and the teachers. The subject of the suggestions is "Some Things You Can Do to Make Your Teacher Happy, Healthy and Efficient."

The suggestions follow:

1. Have a committee meet her on her arrival in the district or at the railroad station.
2. See that she has the best place possible at which to live while in the district.
3. Give a reception for her and see that she meets all patrons of the school.
4. Invite her to your home at least once during the year.
5. Do not expect the teacher to prepare all of the programs for the meetings of the association. Her work is heavy enough now.
6. When her control seems not to be good, remember that she has many to direct, you have only a few.
7. When you have a complaint, go to the teacher in the right spirit and discuss it. Do not talk to others to the detriment of the school and the teacher.
8. Show your appreciation of the work of the teacher in some definite way at the close of the year. Send her away for the summer happy and thinking you are the best people in the world.

NEXT GAME IS AT LEBANON.

High School Football Team May Have Special Train Thursday.

The high school football team goes up against the Lebanon team on Thanksgiving day, and it will truly be a Thanksgiving if they come home with even a small slice of the bacon. On Wednesday the coaches called for recruits to practice against the regular team and at the time set a full team of "has-beens" was on the field. Presently two lone regulars showed up, and half an hour later, when the volunteer opponents were gone, the remainder of the high school team gathered itself together one by one. So it will not be practice that wins for Dallas on the Lebanon gridiron on Thursday; it will be pure and simple fight, and from the splendid exhibition of fight here last Saturday it is evident that both Dallas and Lebanon have a reasonable quantity of that valuable quality. The lineup in the Turkey day festival will be nearly the same as that which opposed Lebanon here last Saturday, although a last minute change may be made in the backfield by the coaches. A number of new plays have been mapped out by Coaches Rudder and French, with the assistance of Mr. Chenoweth of the high school faculty, and these may be a great help in turning the tide toward a Dallas victory.

Enough students and townspeople have said that they would attend the game at Lebanon that the athletic association of the high school has chartered a special train to leave here Thursday morning and return the same evening immediately after the contest. By popular subscription among the business men enough money was collected to take the band on the trip and twenty-two members of that organization will make pleasant entertainment for the excursionists. It is without a doubt that the contest will be well worth seeing and the boys hope that a large crowd will make the trip from here.

Siletz Company Develops.

That the Siletz Lumber & Logging company contemplates development at Independence seems to be indicated

by the fact that the city council of Independence granted the company a twenty-five year franchise to improve Ash creek so that it may be made navigable to logs and water craft. This franchise includes the right to improve the creek across several streets and through the city park and to construct a dam in the creek.

The New England supper given by the ladies of the Presbyterian church Friday evening was an unqualified success.

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