

• About Mastodons.

The remains of the largest mastodon ever discovered have been unearthed by John Froling, of Tacoma, near Circle City, Alaska. Mr. Froling, who has spent several years in the Northland, on a recent trip out brought the news of the discovery of a vast field of buried mammoths. He took part in the discovery of the most perfectly preserved and largest specimen ever found in Alaska. Through correspondence with the Smithsonian Institute it was ascertained that the specimen is the largest that has ever been found, where the discovery was made known to science.

Miners engaged in thawing frozen ground with steam points came into contact with the foreign substance and uncovered the remains of the giant mastodon. All of the bones were intact, making a perfect specimen, and Mr Froling has arranged to have the bones exhibited with the Alaska curios at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition this year.

Mr. Froling has been present at the discovery of several of buried mammoths and from his study of the subject has formed a novel theory regarding the presence of these animals in such great numbers in the Northland.

"Everything points to the fact that several thousand years ago the Alaska climate was mild," said Mr. Froling, "and it was then the mammoth roamed in vast numbers through the forests. At that time Alaska and Siberia were connected by an isthmus, where the Aleutian chain of mountains now appear,

Some convulsion of nature took place that altered the climate and swept away much of the vegetation. Possibly this was the descent of the ice, the recurrence of the glacial period. At any rate the mastodons took refuge in the valleys, where it was more sheltered and warmer. Here they must have lived for a time, for we frequently find evidence of great fights. Mammoths have been found with the tusk of another mastodon penetrating the skin and even breaking the bones.

"The climatic change was permanent and one by one the great animals died. Their remains have been found in the deeper valleys in almost every part of Alaska. That the cold descended almost at once is shown by the state of preservation of the bones and skin, and, in some instances, pieces of the flesh. In all probability the bodies were frozen at once and covered with snow and ice and the washing of the streams gradually covered the graves with earth and rock."

Roycroft Philosophy

By Fra Elbertus.

The right conditions for Hoodlumism are idleness and a lack of incentive toward useful effort.

That man only is great who utilizes the blessings that God provides; and of these blessings no gift equals the gentle, trusting companionship of a good woman.

All men are my brothers, not just those who belong.

God only calculates on each man being himself, and the presumption originally was that he would be honest. The universe is not planned for duplicity.

We reap as we sow. We hear that quite often, don't we? But it is only a half-truth, for not only do we reap as we sow, but we reap as other men have sown. We are heirs to the past—its good and ill, and all the millions of men that have gone before us have for us prepared the way.

Not only do we reap the ripe grain that others have planted, but our bare and bleeding feet tread the thistles sown by those long dead. I haven't much power but I have power enough if I chose, to make several hundred people think this earth is hell. I can make them reap the nettles that I sow.

There is no such thing as a new truth. Truth is as old as fate. There is no plural truth—there is only one Truth, and this is very old and simple. All wise men have known it.

Kindness is something we receive and have to pass along in order to keep it.

Hate hurts worse the man who nurses it; all selfishness robs the mind of its divine insights and cheats the soul that would know.

All your possessions are just to keep you out of mischief, until Death, the good old nurse, comes and rocks you to sleep.

To be stupid when inclined, and dull when you wish, is a boon that only goes with high friendship.

Independence School Notes.

Three new pupils have entered this school from Monmouth this week.

The basket ball team was defeated in Chemawa Friday night by a score of 20 to 13.

Mrs. Kirk taught the fourth grade one day last week during the absence of Miss McReynolds.

Miss Gladys Byers, of Talmage, was a visitor in the eighth grade room last week, where she was formerly a student.

Mrs. Wilcox and Miss Mona Nagle will fill the places of Miss Fugate and Miss McReynolds during teachers examination.

After purchasing the new flag the remainder of our Jubilee Entertainment money was invested in books which have recently been placed in the library.

The Independence high school literary society will give an Oregon Day program next Thursday, as Oregon will then have been in the union, as a state, fifty years.

Out of the three who took the February eighth grade examinations, Miss Amanda Hilke and Miss Ella Lawrence will receive diplomas, and Frank Kirkland was conditional having failed in only one study.

The three highest officers of the Independence high school visited the Seventh and Eighth grade Literary Society, in the eighth grade room last Thursday, and report a very fine program. One of the most interesting numbers being a talk on "The Donkey."

Crowley.

George Taylor has had a very sick horse, but it is better.

George Smith is taking care of Peter Cook's race horses.

Winfred Pewtherer and Kelly Gay are cutting wood for J. W. Gay.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Williamson have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clay Taylor.

This is bad weather for quincy among hogs. Clay Taylor lost five from the effect of said disease.

Rev. G. W. Pewtherer left for eastern Washington on the Saturday afternoon train. He will visit his daughter Agnes, while there.

M. F. White, of this neighborhood, is expected to return from Washington and eastern Oregon where he has bought a carload of horses.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Edgar's daughter Texie, of Portland, has been visiting with friends and relatives in this neighborhood, returning to Portland on Saturday last.

Last Saturday evening Seth Fawk assisted by Misses Stella and La Vinna Smith gave a Good Time party at the Oak Grove hall. The building was very tastefully decorated with evergreens by Leslie Dancer. Old fashioned games were played in one side of the building while in the other side guests amused themselves with Flinch, Millionaire, etc. At 12 o'clock we partook of the hospitality of our host and hostess, consisting of ham sandwiches cake and punch. Everyone had a good time "except Oren Byers, who seemed to have a headache, and had to stay near the stove."

Eighth Grade Graduates.

The following pupils completed the eighth grade examinations for the Jan. examinations and have been granted diplomas by the County Superintendent.

Dist.	Pupils name	Address
8	Pelee Eva Womer	Airle, R 1
8	Lewisville Nona Lewis	Monmouth, R 1
10	Salt Creek Lena May	Dallas, R 1
26	Rickreal Effie Hickerson	Rickreal
29	Ind. Ella Lawrence	Ind.
29	Ind. Amanda Hilke	Ind.
31	Brush Col. Irma Stuft	Salem, R 1
33	Buena Vista Eunice Elkins	Buena Vista
34	Buell Farrell C. Dickey	Buell
34	Buell J. Don Fletcher	Buell
48	Fir Grove Arthur C. Good	Airle, R 1
49	Sunnyslope Minnie Wunder	Monmouth R 1
57	Black Rock George Clauson	Black Rock
57	" Gladys davenport	"
61	Mountain View Fred Norwood	Salem R 2
61	" Josephine Wilson	"
61	" Ethel Bennett	"
61	" Alice Shindler	"
61	" Charles Adams	"
61	" Nellie Adams	"
64	Highland Winifred M. Wilson	Ind. R 2
64	" Ella Chase	Ind. R 2

Several pupils failed in only one or two subjects which allows them to take those subjects over again in the May examinations.

The Mountain View school No. 61, deserves great praise for the excellent papers handed in from that school, all pupils writing on the examination from there passed with the lowest average made almost 91 per cent while the highest was almost 95 per cent which was the highest made in the county during this examination.

H. C. Seymour,
School Supt. Polk County, Oregon.

Additional Locals.

Rev. L. C. Hoover returned Tuesday evening from a two days stay in Portland.

Born: Sunday Feb. 7 in East Monmouth, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tate, an eight pound girl.

T. J. Pettit and Peter Kurre spent Thursday at the Capitol city on business and visiting the legislature.

C. C. Sloan was an Independence visitor Monday. Mr. Sloan is one of the leading dairymen of this section of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hampton were summoned to Moro Monday by the sudden death of their son-in-law, A. S. Johnson, from spinal trouble.

G. W. Ebbert reports that one of his hens laid an egg this week that measures eight inches in circumference one way by four the other. This is getting up in size, but there is nothing small about Monmouth productions.

William Irwin Riddell, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Riddell Jr., died on Feb. 5, after an illness of several weeks. Although everything possible was done to relieve the little sufferer, all effort failed. The bereaved parents have the sincere sympathy of their many friends.

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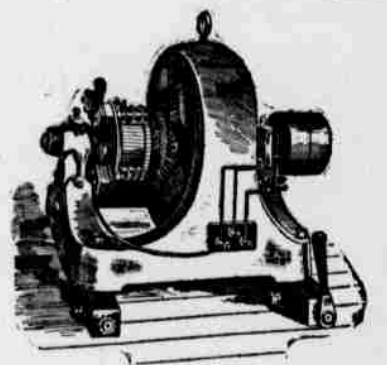
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Notice to Stockholders.

NOTICE is hereby given that an adjourned annual stockholders meeting of the Pilot Knob Gold Mining & Milling Co. will be held at Monmouth, Oregon, at 10 a. m. February 15 for the purpose of electing five Directors and such other business that may come before said meeting. You are earnestly requested to be present. Dated this 13th day of January, 1909. H. R. NEHRBAS, President. O. A. WOLVERTON, Secretary.

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