

## Local and Personal.

No sparking in the postoffice—That council resolution is working a hardship on the young people.

The Newberg High School basketball team will play the boys here in the gymnasium Saturday evening.

L. A. Haldrege of Portland was doing business in town this week. He was accompanied by his daughter.

C. E. Force, the handy man with the razor, has been suffering severely the past few days from lagrippe.

The basketball fever has struck the younger generation and is causing an ardent demand for basketball foot wear.

J. Lindsay, of the firm of Lindsay & Company, is in Portland this week looking after his Spring Stock of goods.

Norton P. Wheeler of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, was in town during the later part of last week looking after a location.

E. H. Craven of Grand Ronde, had interests which called him here this week. Mr. Craven was formerly in the mercantile business here.

D. E. Fitton, who has been looking after Forestry interests in this district for the last forty days, was in town yesterday on his return to Eugene.

Mrs. K. H. Sickafosse whose home for the past few months has been at Perrydale; has returned to Monmouth and is again an active worker in the Golden Rule Bible Class.

The list of jurymen drawn from Polk county for duty at Portland follows: Willard Price, J. B. Nunn, M. L. Prather, J. Byers, W. B. Duncan, W. J. Crawford, Alex Holmes, John Walker, D. D. Gorsline, Jacob Burch, J. H. Collins, Samuel Orr, Samuel Iliff, B. F. Lucas, J. T. Lady, John B. Stump, J. B. Thompson and L. N. Guy.

### Sprited Runaway

H. G. Campbell had part in a lively run away near the Salt Creek school-house one day last week. Mr. Campbell was driving a livery team, when in some unaccountable manner the king bolt dropped out and the front wheels pulled loose. The sudden jar frightened the horses and they jumped forward and started to run. The lines were jerked from Mr. Camppell's hands and the team run about three miles before they were caught. Fortunately, no serious damage was done.—Observer.

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## Report of Polk County Schools.

Report of the schools of Polk county for the school month ending Dec. 31, 1909:

Number of schools reporting correctly and on time.....	67
Schools failing to report on time—Districts Nos. 1 and 50.....	3
Number of pupils remaining at last report.....	3448
Number of pupils registered new during month.....	30
Number of pupils registered secondary during month.....	32
Number of pupils readmitted during month.....	104
Total number pupils on register during month.....	2614
Number of pupils dropped during month.....	195
Number of pupils remaining at time of report.....	2419
Number of days taught during month.....	11.5
Whole number of days attendance.....	20334
Whole number of days absence.....	2338
Whole number of times late.....	435
Number of pupils neither absent nor tardy.....	1703
Average number of pupils belonging.....	2522
Average daily attendance.....	2616
Per cent of attendance.....	92
Number of visits by parents.....	133
Number of visits by members of the school board.....	43

The following schools were placed on the roll of honor for the county for having made a per cent of attendance of 95 or more;—Pedee, Red Prairie, Bethel, Cochran, Buell, Spring Valley, Popcorn, Harmony, Upper Salt Creek, Lincoln, McTimmonds' Valley, Rock Creek, Grande Rhonde, Mistletoe.

The following schools were placed on the roll of honor for having had no tardies during the month;—Smithfield, Red Prairie, Valley View, Polk Station, Goose-neck, Popcorn, Harmony, Upper Salt Creek, Lincoln, Enterprise, Etna, McTimmonds' Valley, Greenwood, Sunnyslope, Oakdale, Rock Creek, Mistletoe.

While the attendance this month is not as good as the months in the past, it was very good when we consider the kind of weather the children had to contend with, and if all will try and attend all of the time from now on until the close of school, I feel sure that we will have no trouble in reaching the 95 per cent we are after.

I am very much pleased with the increase in the number of parents visiting the schools, this shows interest in the school work and will get results.

I find that nearly all districts in the county have secured the window-boards and the individual drinking cups, these are meeting with the best of satisfaction in all cases with parents, teachers, and pupils, and we hope that the few districts which have not secured the cups and window-boards will do so at once and thus put Polk County in the lead.

Yours respectfully,

H. C. SEYMOUR,  
School Supt., Polk Co., Ore.

### A Convert.

An old Cambridge friend of mine who had a good deal of the wisdom of the serpent in him had a farmer in his parish in Norfolk whom he could not get to church. Whenever he pressed upon him his neglect or his bad example he was always met with the same excuse, "You be too young and do not know enough to teach such as I." At last he gave up the farmer in despair. But one day he happened to pass by the farm while his parishioner was engaged in killing a fine pig. My friend said: "What a pig! Why, he weighs thirty-four stone!" "What dost thou know of pigs?" replied the farmer. "I only wish he weighed as much." When they next met the farmer, to his surprise, told my friend that the pig had been found to weigh just thirty-four stone. He added, much to my friend's gratification, "And thou wilt see me at church next Sunday, parson."—London Globe.

### Coaxing.

Mrs. Brown—I'm afraid to let you have a bicycle. Little Johnny—Don't feel that way, ma. Even if it did kill me, remember that it would be the last thing I ever asked you for.

### He Was Out.

Short—If Long calls with that little bill tell him I'm out. Mrs. Short—But that would be telling a falsehood! Short—Nothing of the kind. I'm out of cash.

Great men are they who see that spiritual is stronger than any material force.—Emerson.

### Not What He Expected.

A doctor in a Yorkshire village lately gave up his house and was succeeded in it by a veterinary surgeon. Before he had been many weeks in his new home the "vet" was awakened in the early hours of a rather bleak spring morning. Opening the window, he heard a voice call out of the darkness: "Can you come with me at once, mister? She's very bad."

The surgeon dressed and found a trap waiting to take him to a farm two or three miles away from the village. On the way he asked a few questions about the case he was to attend.

"I'm afraid there's very little hope for her," said the farmer. "She's been ailing now, you see, for ten years, and she's getting pretty old as well."

Annoyed at being called out at such an hour to see an obviously not very valuable animal, the veterinary surgeon exclaimed, "Why on earth don't you shoot her?"

"What!" exclaimed the farmer. "Shoot my mother?"

Then the "vet" understood that it was the previous tenant who was wanted.—London Tit-Bits.

### A Boomerang.

An amusing incident occurred when the house of lords was in committee on the reform bill of 1867. The clerk of the house intimated that an amendment had been handed in, the writing of which was so illegible that he was unable to say what it was about or who had written it. It was then discovered that Lord Lyttleton was the author, and it turned out to be a proposal disfranchising all persons who could not write.—Westminster Gazette.

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