

Local and Personal

Mrs. Mattie McBeth, of Independence, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Griffa, this week.

Improve your property by putting in a fine sidewalk. Inspect J. W. Leask's work, then consult him.

Miss Loette Shore left Tuesday for a short visit to friends at Salem, Scio and Drain. She expects to be gone about two weeks.

News from Mrs. J. S. Prime conveyed the intelligence that she and the children reached their destination in Nebraska last Sunday.

P. J. Mulkey and wife are here visiting Mrs. Mulkey's parent and other relatives, and friends. They are thinking of attending summer school.

C. G. Griffa and wife visited their daughter, Mrs. C. V. Clodfelter, and family at Jefferson last Sunday, having gone over in a buggy, and returned home the same day.

Hotel Monmouth is still forging ahead, the work of plastering the new kitchen and adjoining rooms is underway, while the furnishing of the concrete addition has been moving forward also.

O. C. Zook finished rejuvenating C. G. Griffa's house this week, by applying the paper hangers art to the several rooms in the old addition, the new part having been finished in plaster.

Mrs. W. D. McCready, of Corvallis, and Mrs. R. E. Derby, of McMinnville, are here on a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Boothby, and friends and to be in attendance at commencement exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Boulden were agreeably surprised Sunday morning by the arrival of their youngest son, Frank, and his wife, from Northeastern Iowa, who dropped in upon them unannounced. They have come to Oregon to make their home.

Report of Public Schools

Report of the schools of Polk County for the school month ending June 15, 1912.

Number of schools reporting correctly and on time	25
Number of pupils remaining at last report	1462
Number of pupils registered new during month	0
Number of pupils registered secondary during month	3
Number of pupils readmitted during month	67
Total number pupils on register during month	1532
Number of pupils dropped during month	106
Number of pupils remaining at time of report	1427
Number of days taught during month	9
Whole number of days attendance	16964.5
Whole number of days absence	802.5
Whole number of times late	144
Number of pupils neither absent nor tardy	932
Average number of pupils belonging	1974
Average daily attendance	1884
Per cent of attendance	96
Number of visits by parents	69
Number of visits by members of school boards	14

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for the county for having made a per cent of attendance of 95 or more;—Ballston, Salt Creek, Orchards, Fairview, Oak Point (100 per cent), Elkins (100 per cent), Independence, Antioch, Brush College, Harmony, Enterprise, Suver, Sunny Slope, Falls City, Black Rock, Pioneer, Oakhurst (100 per cent.)

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for not having made any tardies during the month;—Lewisville, Salt Creek, Orchards, Cochran, Oak Point, Harmony, Enterprise, Black Rock, Pioneer, Oak Dale, Oakhurst, Valley Junction.

The following schools have become Standard Schools for the year;—Spring Valley, North Dallas, Buena Vista, Lincoln, Oakhurst, Orchards, Ward, West Salem, Oak Point, Mistletoe,

Liberty, Mountain View, Guthrie, Lewisville, Perrydale, Bethel, Brush College, Hopville, Airlie, Fir Grove, Red Prairie, Dallas Public School, Independence Public School, Ballston, Fair View, Antioch, Independence High School, Dallas High School, Falls City, Monmouth Public School, Monmouth High School.

H. C. SEYMOUR,
School Supt.

Fighting Grubs in Strawberry Beds.

O. A. C., CORVALLIS, ORE., JUNE 15—Two distinct, but closely allied species of grubs are at work on the roots of the strawberries grown in the Freewater-Milton district, according to Assistant Entomologist A. L. Lovett of the Oregon Agricultural College crop pest force, who recently returned from a visit to that vicinity.

"I found the Otiorynchus sulcatus, the larger species, more limited in its range, and the Otiorynchus ovatus, the smaller, in greater numbers, in a much greater area, and decidedly more destructive," says Mr. Lovett. He spoke at some length on the latter species, to which fundamentally the same statement hold true as regarding the larger and less destructive type. He found the growers there especially interested in small fruits and horticulture generally, having five and ten acre tracts. All, he said, were wide awake, intelligent, and ready for suggestions and co-operation with the college in experiments. Prof. H. D. Scudder, of the agronomy department, is to assist them in soils difficulties.

"The adult of the pest, commonly known as the strawberry-root weevil, is a beetle, elongate, about three-sixteenths of an inch, and dark brown. The head has a distinct beak, and the wing covers are pitted. The new brood emerges early in May, and are now busy laying small, round, shiny, white eggs in the soil at the base of the plants. These eggs hatch 5 to 9 days after as small grubs which seek at once the fibrous rootlets about the crown of the plant and feed upon them. When mature they form an earthen cell, contract, and slowly transform to a pupa, showing the developing legs, beak, and wings of the mature beetle.

"The adult beetle feeds on the foliage of the strawberry, as well as of the blackberry, loganberry, sweet clover, and certain native grasses. The grub, too, feeds as well on the roots of the blackberry, dewberry, loganberry, clover, native grasses, and sorrel.

H. E. SMITH DIES

INDEPENDENCE, Or., June 18.—H. E. Smith, an old resident of this city, passed away at his home here Sunday night. He was born November 8, 1853, in New York City, and in early life was a sailor, having sailed all seas and been at every port of entry. He quit the sea and came to Oregon in the early 70s. He married Miss Ella Zoosman, of Brownsville, Or., October 1884. Four children, three of whom survive, were born to the couple. They are Pearl, who is employed as a teacher in Independence; Cora, a high school pupil, and Raymond. Besides the widow and three children numerous relatives and friends survive. The funeral will be held this afternoon and interment will be made in the cemetery here.

Dr. Allin, dentist, Cooper Building Independence Oregon. Both phones. 19-tf.

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Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
Y. P. A. Meeting at 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

W. A. WOOD, Pastor.

Morning Service at 11 a. m.
Evening Service at 7:30 p. m.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching Service, 11:00 a. m.
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
B. Y. P. Union, at 6:30

W. C. T. U.

Local Union meets every second and fourth Friday in the Evangelical church at 2:30 p. m.

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