

Local and Personal

Ruth Murdock is visiting with friends and relatives here this week.

F. E. Murdock autoed to the Murdock farm at Yamhill, Sunday, returning in the evening accompanied by his sister, Mary, who had gone up the day before.

Auto Accident

L. L. Hewitt of Independence met with an accident Monday while on his way home from Corvallis. He was driving along at his usual rate when another auto came up rapidly and passed by him, as told to our reporter. After passing the occupant slowed down and drove along slowly. Mr. Hewitt, desiring to go faster, then ran by after which the other man sped up and when Mr. Hewitt noticed him he was coming for him so fast that he could only throw on the power and turn his machine out and as he had to make another turn to avoid a ditch his auto started to turn over. He called to the other occupants to jump and he also jumped out and bracing himself against the auto held it till he got aid from his companions and turned it back. Fred Hooper, one of his party, had one leg badly broken.

The Public Schools

Report of the schools of Polk County for the school month ending May 15, 1914.

Number of schools reporting correctly and on time	50
Number of schools not reporting on time	4
Number of pupils remaining at last report	2883
Number of pupils registered new during month	8
Number of pupils registered secondary during month	18
Number of pupils readmitted during month	180
Total number pupils on register during month	2594
Number of pupils dropped during month	275
Total number on register at this report	2319
Number of days taught during month	15.25
Whole number of days attendance	3842
Whole number of days absence	1712.5
Whole number of times late	288
Number of pupils neither absent or late	1389
Average number of pupils belonging	263.18
Average daily attendance	2720.85
Per cent of attendance	96.66
Number of visits by parents	108
Number of visits by members of school board	54

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for having made 95 percent in attendance or over: Dallas, Bridgeport, Red Prairie, Ballston, Salt Creek, Parker, Valley View, Airlie, Bethel, Oakgrove, Cockran, Rickreall, Elkins, Independence, West Salem, Beuna Vista, Spring Valley, Harmony, Montgomery, Lincoln, North Dallas, Suver, Greenwood, Fir Grove, Sunny Slope, Oakdale, Lone Star, Falls City, Gutherie, Pioneer, Oakhurst, Mountainview, Rock Creek, Hopville, Highland, Mistletoe, Valley Junction, Fern.

The following schools are placed on the roll of honor for having made no tardies during the month: Smithfield, Peedee, Red Prairie, Oak Grove, Oakpoint, Elkins, Antioch, Spring Valley, Harmony, Lincoln, Enterprise, Suver, Greenwood, Fir Grove, Sunny Slope, Oakdale, Lone Star, Gutherie, Liberty, Oakhurst, Rock Creek, Hopville, Highland, Mistletoe, Broadmead.

The following schools are now standard: Beuna Vista, North Dallas, Zena, Orchards View, Lincoln, Oakhurst, Antioch, Fir Grove, McCoy, Gutherie, Airlie, Orchards, Mountainview, Red Prairie, Enterprise, Fern, Lewisville, Ward, Broadmead, Suver, West Salem, Popcorn, Oakdale, Salt Creek, Bridgeport, Perrydale, Highland, Buell, Rickreall, Brush College, Pioneer, Cockran, Elkins, Montgomery, Monmouth Public School, Polk Station, Valley Junction, Butler, Fairview, Peedee, Cherry Grove, Hopville, Bethel, Liberty, Dallas Public

School, Valley View, Parkers, Oakpoint, Black Rock, Dallas High School.

Yours respect fully,
H. C. SEYMOUR.

ST. LOUIS AS A VILLAGE.

In 1767 It Had Forty-five Houses and as Many Families.

Captain Philip Pitman, an officer in the engineering corps of the British army, was selected by General Gage in 1767 to make an expert report on the territory just acquired from France on the east side of the Mississippi river. Pitman came to the Mississippi valley, the Illinois country it then was called, and traveled about for several months. Here is what he wrote of St. Louis in the early part of 1767:

"This village is one league and a half above Kaoparis, on the west side of the Mississippi, being the present headquarters of the French in these parts. It was first established in the year 1764 by a company of merchants, to whom M. D'Albade had given an exclusive grant for the commerce with the Indian nations on the river Missouri, and for the security and encouragement of this settlement the staff of French officers and the commissary were ordered to remove here, upon the surrendering of Fort Chartres (forty miles south of St. Louis on the Illinois side) to the English, and great encouragement was given to the inhabitants to remove with them, most of whom did.

"The company has built a large house and store here, and there are about forty five houses and as many families. No fort or barracks are yet built. The French garrison consists of a captain commandant, two lieutenants, a fort major, one sergeant, one corporal and twenty men."—St. Louis Times.

CURING SLICE IN GOLF.

An Expert Suggests Some Remedies For a Troublesome Habit.

The slice is unfortunately a common fault in golf, destroying all hope of accuracy as well as distance in the drive. The remedy becomes obvious, as soon as the cause of slicing is thoroughly understood. That it is due to a horizontal rotation of the ball in its flight is unquestionable, from the analogy of the curved ball in baseball. The question is as to how this motion of rotation is imparted to the ball.

The remedy lies either in eliminating the twist of the wrists or in compensation for it by turning the club in the hands while addressing the ball. If you are a confirmed slicer turn the club in the hands so that the face slants sharply inward while the hands and arms are otherwise held in the usual position. Address the ball with the club in this position and then swing as usual. You will be agreeably surprised to see a straight ball or a pull. A few trials will serve to determine the position of the club in addressing the ball which will give the desired straight shot.

All the curves, the slice, the pull and the rise are sharply emphasized in long shots. The sharp, hard blow of a rapid stroke sets up a much more rapid rotation of the ball just as in the billiard shots.—E. K. Stuart in Outing Magazine.

Formation of Ice.

The cause assigned for the fact that water freezes only for a comparatively small space at the surface of rivers or ponds is thus explained. Scientists authoritatively declare that water is at its heaviest when it reaches 40 degrees F.—that is, 8 degrees above freezing point. On a frosty night as each top layer of water falls to 40 degrees it sinks to the bottom, therefore the whole pond has to drop to 40 degrees before any of it can freeze. At length it is all cooled to this point, and then ice begins to form. But ice is a very bad conductor of heat, therefore it shuts off the freezing air from the body of warmer water underneath. The thicker it gets the more perfectly does it act as a greatcoat and that is why even the Arctic ocean never freezes beyond a few feet in thickness.

An Untouched Subject.

In L'Esprit des Francais is an instance of the sharp, biting wit for which Alexis Piron, the French epigrammatist, was famous.

A young author whose ability was by no means equal to his conceit was discoursing at length upon the merits of his work.

"I am tired of writing of that of which the others write," he said. "I want to create an original work, something that no one has ever written about or ever will write about."

Piron turned quickly to the speaker. "Why not write your own eulogy?" he said.

Very Sweet Words.

"Are there any sweeter words in the English language," inquiringly inquired Professor Swigger, "than 'I love you?'" "Well," grimly remarked the pessimistic hearer, "I understand that some authorities regard 'There's that money I love you' as about the epitome of satisfactory sentences."—New York Globe.

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