

THE POLK COUNTY PRESS.

News Items and Editorial Expressions. (Itemizer.)

Jas. Boydston and family and Ed Shaw and wife have been on a visit to J. D. Shaw's in Lane county. They captured about 400 of the funny tribe and slew an elk.

There were nine conversions during the revival recently held by Evangelist Ross.

Lindsay Robbins has a beet which is now bearing seed for the third season, and stands four feet high. Who can beat that beet?

J. D. Belt, H. B. Cooper, R. C. Craven and J. J. Daly will leave tomorrow for a week on Trask river among the small fishes and big bear. In telling fish yarns and bear stories each of the quartet is hard to beat.

M. V. Rook, who used to figure so prominently as a populist in this region, is now a blatant republican in our native county in Kentucky.

D. M. Guthrie has been in the sheep business about forty years and has always handled the best grades of them. For his first lot of sheep he paid \$8 a head, and once since then he imported four bucks from Vermont at a cost of \$625. He has sheared as many as 1,500 in one season and will this year have 400 fleeces to sell. The best price he ever got for wool was 60 cents and the lowest 12 cents. He has taken many premiums at the state fair. His wool growers are the purest bred Cotswolds and Merinos. He has 120 Angora and Cassimere goats of the purest strains and thirty-five kids besides 200 lambs.

Miss Nellie Collins, who is teaching in the normal school at Madison, South Dakota, will not be at home this summer, but will spend some time at the national teachers meeting in Minneapolis and then go to visit Missouri kindred.

(Observer.)

The rose fair given by the Christian church is considered the success of the season at Dallas. The floral display as reported to us was simply immense, and financially the promoters are satisfied.

The laying of heavy rails down about Perrydale is progressing rapidly.

The Polk county annual teacher's institute will be held at Monmouth on June 24th, 25th and 26th.

Constable C. L. Hubbard left for Michigan, Wednesday, with the proper papers from Governor Lord to return here R. Edwards, who is charged by the grand jury with the crime of seduction.

Supt. Hutchinson has been busily at work visiting schools and has so far found them in a prosperous condition. Last week he visited the following schools: Crowley, McCoy, Bethel, Lower Spring Valley, West Salem, Lewisville, Montgomery school, McTimmonds Valley, Nelson school house, Peedee and Craton schools.

Assessor Beckett is getting along nicely with the 1895 assessment and census taking. The work will soon be finished up. He is in McCoy precinct this week.

Mr. John Hughes left on Tuesday for Denver, where he expects to find employment.

All our people who attended the Ballston picnic from this place last Saturday report a grand success. County Clerk Mulkey delivered the address for the occasion.

SOME OREGON INDIANS.

How They Have Decreased Under the Influence of Civilization.

"The Rogue river Indians," says B. F. Dowell in a letter to the Port Orford Tribune, "have been gradually decreasing ever since the whites settled among them in 1852. Agent Skinner estimated them at 800 in 1852. Agent Samuel H. Culver reports that in November, 1854, one-fourth of them had died since the treaty of 1853, after the war. Superintendent Palmer, about the same time, wrote that one-fifth of the Rogue river Indians had died during the same time. J. Ross Brown, a treasury agent, in his report after the Indians were on the northern reservation, reports that the Rogue river Indians and Shasta Indians numbered 554. He did not state how many of these were California Shasta Indians, and there were quite a number of them surrendered to Colonel

Buchanan in Southern Oregon. The census taken in 1893, by the agent, shows there were but 54 living, and none of them could read or write, notwithstanding the government had furnished good schools for them. In 1894, at the Siletz agency, there were 580 Indians. These consisted mostly of the Willamette Indians, and the report is more favorable as to education than at the Grand Ronde agency. The agent, in 1894, reports that there was 159 of them that could read and write, and of the whole number, 354 could speak English. Since the allotment of lands to the Indians on the reservation, there had been born 59 children on the Grand Ronde agency, and the parents of these children desired land for their babies. At the Klamath agency, the agent reports the population, in 1893, to be 950 Indians. Of these there were 442 males and 508 females. They were improving very rapidly, and they had decreased a little since his last report."

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Miss May Bradley is attending the commencement exercises at Monmouth this week.

N. L. Baldwin will soon leave for Colorado. Norm is a free silver advocate and says he has to work for silver in Oregon, but in Colorado he can pick it up most any place. Success to Norm.

Mr. Bridges has his new house about completed. It is a neat little cottage and will add much to the appearance of our town.

From Suver's "Daily Hoop," (Jake to Grant). Jake—"I wish they would grade these hills down out there by Wolverton's." Grant—"Oh, go on now, everything out that way is too high for you."

Wm. Fuqua will soon build an addition to his hop house to be used as a building and storage room. Alex Kerr will also build an addition to his dwelling in Parker.

LITTLE JOKER.

BUENA VISTA.

John Harpole and his son Dick, of Gervais, visited with relatives and friends here last week.

J. A. McClain and wife visited relatives in Corvallis this week and last.

A. Anderson and wife, accompanied by Miss Addie Prather, visited McMinnville this week.

Mr. Miller, a business man of Salem, was with us Monday.

F. J. McHenry, Deputy Head Counsel of Woodmen of the World, Lecture to the people of this city in behalf of that order last Friday evening. Mr. McHenry is an able speaker. He organized a camp here.

Ed Davidson, Harry Squires and their families are rusticiating out on Salmon river, near the coast.

We hope to have a blacksmith with us in a few days.

If you want to see the prettiest hop yard in Polk county just drop in at George Wells, Jr's. There is a big red headed boy there too.

Chas. Moore, our enterprising barber, is doing a rustling business. BARNO.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Gathered from our Various Exchanges Throughout the State.

Charley Fowler, of Walton, on last Saturday met with a fearful accident by which he came near losing his life. It seems that he was out hunting, and while attempting to cross a gorge on the side of a hill he lost his balance and was precipitated down the steep hill for the distance of 200 feet, which inflicted cuts and bruises on different parts of his body.

In the matter of bounties on wild animals, the county court of Benton, at its last session, adopted the following schedule: Cougar or panther, \$2.50; bear, \$1; wolf or coyote, \$2.50; wildcat or catamount, \$1; muskrat, 25 cents; black tail rabbit, 2 cents; gray or ground squirrel, 1 cent, for each scalp presented as by law required.

An exchange tells of a rustling farmer who the other morning fed and milked 5 cows, turned the calves into the pasture, threw a scoop-full of wheat to the chickens, curried, fed and harnessed two horses, fed and petted the pigs, pumped a couple of wells dry, washed his countenance, ate breakfast and drove to Sawyer's mill, a distance of 14 miles by ten minutes after 7.

Mr. Green, who lives near Newburg, recently sold a well-matched

yokey of oxen for \$100, and bought a team of fine bay horses for \$60. He says he will buy a set of harness and then have money left from the sale.

A new industry developed at Ashland last week. It is no more nor less than the shipment of a lot of turtles to the San Francisco market. Three sacks of them were sent down by express last Saturday, consigned to a commission firm by an Ashland man, though with what success it has not been learned. The turtles were what we ordinarily call "mud turtles" and were caught in Bear creek, near town.

According to the assessment roll for 1894 and the census of 1890, the wealth per capita of Willamette valley counties is as follows: Yamhill, \$621; Linn \$570; Marion, \$584; Lane \$516; Polk, \$477; Benton, \$417; Washington, \$402; Clackamas, \$398.

Yamhill has 5094 persons of school age, and the county school superintendent has \$10,188 to divide among the school districts.

Mrs. Sarah P. Hunt died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. S. E. Haag, in North Yamhill, June 8, 1895, at the age of 83.

William Dunsett was crossing a ford of the Umatilla on horseback and leading a packhorse last week. The packhorse nuzzled back, the rope caught the hammer of Dunsett's pistol and the weapon discharged a bullet into Dunsett's thigh. He had to ride 40 miles before reaching home.

Louis Berger, of Empire City, is supposed to have drowned last Monday night. He was returning from Marshfield with two companions in a boat, which ran aground at Pony slough. All of the party were intoxicated, and Berger's companions have no recollection of him after the boat was shoved off.

The 21 true bills returned by the grand jury of Umatilla county at the last term of court were: For larceny, 5; larceny by bailee, 1; larceny from a building, 4; adultery, 3; assault with a dangerous weapon, 4; larceny from person, 1; forgery, 2; polygamy, 1.

The new creamery at Tillamook is receiving 8000 pounds of milk a day. Its capacity is 9000 pounds. The milk is made into cheese every day, and about three tons of cheese is made each week. Ordinarily 10 pounds of milk makes one pound of cheese.

W. M. Kistner, a farmer living a few miles from Rainier, will spend the coming fourth with his mother, who will celebrate her 103rd anniversary in August. This aged lady resides at Highland Prairie, Wash., and, considering her age, is hale and hearty. Her husband died some years ago at the advanced age of 118.

La Grande capitalists have become interested in the development of the Hurricane creek marble mines and in a short time will commence work. They expect to place on the market this fall first-class monuments, as good as any manufactured from Vermont marble.

Last Wednesday, on the West n mountain, Dick Gebering had a rather disastrous runaway. He was cutting wood, and had tied his team to a tree. He cut down another tree near the horses, and the fall of it frightened them. They broke loose and started pell-mell through the timber, finally running against a tree. One horse's leg was broken, and the animal had to be shot. The other was severely hurt, and the wagon badly demolished.

Farmers in the vicinity of Weston say that spring grain shows much injury on the account of dry weather and warm winds, and if rain does not come within a week the crop will be very short, almost nothing. Fall grain looks well, and the most of it promises to make a good crop without any moisture. Some few fields are badly overrun with tar weed, it being an even chance as yet whether the wheat will spoil the weed crop or the weeds the wheat crop. However, this pest is not generally in the ascendant.

Women are in Every Line.

An important and interesting contribution to the statistics of the new woman movement is that made by the census bureau's report on occupations, just out. It shows very nearly 4,000,000 of

females 10 years old or over engaged in gainful occupations in this country in 1890. The remarkable manner in which woman is invading all fields of labor is strikingly shown by a comparison with 1880. During the decade the increase of the number of males in occupation was 27 per cent, and females 49 per cent. The census report gives a list of 221 occupations, and of those women are absent from only two—officers of the U S Army and navy and soldiers, sailors and marines in the service of the United States. In every other trade, profession, vocation, occupation, woman is represented.

Nearly 700,000 women are put down as farmers, planters and agricultural laborers, though it is explained that only a small portion of these actually work for wages, and they are for the most part the wives and daughters of farmers. It is rather surprising to read that there are 219 women coal miners, 134 other miners of the same sex, 30 female quarrymen and 32 women woodchoppers. One is not surprised to see that there are 3948 actresses, 10,810 artists and teachers of art, 2725 authors, 888 journalists, 34,519 musicians and teachers of music. It is a little amazing to find 22 architects, 1235 clergymen, 347 dentists, 208 lawyers, 4553 physicians and surgeons, 634 showmen and theatrical managers, and two veterinary surgeons in the female columns. The important part played by women in education in this country is strikingly shown by the figures—735 professors in colleges and universities and 245,230 teachers. There are 2825 women bartenders and waitresses, 147 bartenders, 23,593 boarding-housekeepers, 47 stationery engineers, 3315 bookkeepers, 86,005 housekeepers and stewards, 21 hunters and trappers, 2780 janitors, 216,647 laundresses, 51,492 nurses and midwives, 2416 restaurantkeepers, 2275 saloonkeepers, 30 sextons and 2353 waitresses.

Most people will be surprised to learn that 228,309 women are engaged in what the census bureau calls trade and transportation. Of these 64,048 are clerks and copyists (irrespective of where they may be employed), 21,185 are stenographers and typewriters, 58,449 are saleswomen, 27,772 are bookkeepers, 25,941 are merchants and 6594 are packers and shippers. The only wonder is that most of these figures are not larger, for few people will be ready to believe the census bureau has enumerated all the typewriters and copyists. On the other hand, one is scarcely prepared for the statement that there are 4875 agents and collectors, two auctioneers, 612 commercial travelers, 237 draymen, hackmen and teamsters, 24 horse, 2259 peddlers and hucksters, 4 livery stable keepers, 4 locomotive engineers and firemen, 2009 messengers and errand and office "boys," 1 pilot, 325 porters in stores, 29 sailors, 13,188 team railroad employes, 12 street railway employes, 8474 telegraph and telephone operators, 699 linemen and electric light company employes, 83 auditors and 55 gaugers, measurers and weighers.

More than 1,000,000 women are employed in what the census bureau denominates manufacturing and mechanical industries. The greatest number is under the head of dressmakers—288,000. Seamstresses come next, 145,000; cotton mill operatives third, with 92,000, and tailresses fourth, with 63,000. Other occupations in which women largely figure are: Bookbinders, 11,000; boot and shoe making, 36,000; boxmakers, 13,000; carpet-makers, 11,000; hosiery and knitting mill operatives, 2,000; milliners, 60,000; woolen mill operatives, 36,000; silk mills, 21,000, and tobacco and cigarette factories, 28,000.

Women literally get into everything. They are apprentices to blacksmiths, to carpenters, to wagon-makers, to masons, to machinists, painters plumbers and tin-smiths. There are 59 women blacksmiths, 72 brewers, 194 brick-makers, 10 builders and contractors, 129 butchers, 191 carpenters, 54 coopers, 9 distillers, 39 gunsmiths, 859 harness-makers, 663 marble and stone cutters, 42 brick and stone masons, 99 millers, 47 molders, 54 paperhangers, 42 plumbers, 418 powder and cartridge makers, 3 roofers and slaters, 3 boatbuilders, 6 boiler-makers, 1 wellbore, 1 wheelwright and 9 whitewashers.

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which women outnumber men. The women teachers outnumber the men nearly three to one, and the same is true of boarding-house keepers. The disparity is still greater, of course, among nurses, laundresses and landresses, housekeepers and st ards, cammises and servants. The total number of servants in the country is 1,025, 000 of whom only 237,000 are males. Women take the lead numerically in typewriting, etc.—Portland Sun.

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