THE POLK COUNTY PRESS.

News Items and Editorial Expressions.

(Observer.)

On county assessments made by Sheriff Plummer, $1,464 has been collected.

D. E. Gilliam arrived here yesterday with a band of horses from his Eastern Oregon ranch.

Mr. Brown of the Holman house found out he could not make both ends meet, and has decamped for his former home, Salem. It is to be regretted (for the city's sake) that this house should be shut up.

The marriage license market seems to be pretty good for the first week in July. The county clerk has issued the following license to wed: Harry Cottle to Bertha Green; J. B. Hiltebrand to Minnie Tetherow; J. E. Phillips to Clara Dawson.

Three four-horse team loads of emigrants from Eastern Washington passed through Dallas, Wednesday, for Grande Rounde to locate. They were dusty, tired looking, and claimed to have been on the road for one month.

Mr. Ed. Herren, of Salem, was in Dallas, Monday, accompanied by Messrs. Charles S. May and F. D. Miller, prominent hop growers of New York State. They report that New York's crop will be three-fourths of what it was last year, and their observations while in California is that the crop there will be pretty short. They are favorably impressed with the Oregon crop outlook, and think the state will market 80,000 bales. They made no conjecture as to price.

(Itemizer.)

The road north of the Brunk bridge has been fixed up and graded better than ever before. It is to be graveled for nearly a mile, the county to pay $100 and T. W. Brunk $50.

J. D. Wilson and family are at home after spending three weeks looking for a desirable location in Tillamook county. Land is rated higher there than in the valley, ranging from $5 to $100 per acre, so they have concluded to stay in Ballston awhile longer.

Mrs. Hardy Holman has control of the cooking department at the Chemawa Indian school north of Salem. She is training the Indian girls how to cook and keep house generally.

W. C. Brown and Monroe Miller left Tuesday noon for the headwaters of the Willamette river, where they propose to spend several weeks in the enjoyment of mountain pleasures.

Scores of people have passed through town lately on their way to the Siletz reservation to take up claims upon its opening to settlement, many of them having come from eastern Oregon and Washington.

While sawing logs Friday Luther Martin slipped on a piece of bark and in his endeavor to save himself from falling on the saw, struck on a cross beam of the carriage and broke a couple of ribs. It was a very narrow escape from instant death

A. B. Enns, near town, had this year about 300 crates of strawberries, and is now gathering his gooseberries, which will aggregate 500 bushels.

B. F. Mulkey and Henry Brown left Tuesday morning for Woods, where the former was the orator on the 4th.

PIONEERS OF OREGON.

Extracts From an Address by Hon. Stephen Staats Before the Roseburg Pioneer Reunion June 15, 1895.

At the last annual meeting of the pioneers of Douglass county, I was elected President of the Association, and at the time of my election, I then said, I would put forth every effort in my power, to have a good time this year, and make the reunion a highly enjoyable one. I have done what I could, I have endeavored to create an interest in the minds of all, relative to our pioneer society, and have them, by their presence upon this occasion, manifest their desire to perpetuate the memory of Oregon pioneers. And now I am pleased to meet with you here in this shady grove, and recall to memory the scenes, the trials, and history of pioneer life. We welcome all with heartfelt joy, and tender to you our most respectful regards, for your presence here in kindly appreciation of our efforts to render the day pleasant and enjoyable to all. This is a day I have looked forward to in anticipation of meeting with old pioneer friends and companions across the trackless desert 50 years ago. Yes, fifty years ago some of us who are here now assembled, were sun burnt and weary making our way on the sandy plains to the Mecca of our hopes, bright Oregon; and now, while here assembled, we can retrospect the past, and dwell in contemplation on the trials and labors of past travels and pioneer life. Although a wilderness upon our arrival here, we are surrounded on every hand with the evidences of civilized life, and in a land, blessed above all others in everything conducive to the comfort and happiness of man. T'is to the pioneer we are indebted for the comforts and pleasure we enjoy in this once wilderness, the abode of savages, but now the brightest star in the constellation of states. T'is, Oregon, once considered only the fit habitation for savages and beasts, is now, through the instrumentality of the pioneer, made the abode of a high civilization, and the home of a happy and prosperous people.

The early settlers of Oregon were of two distinct classes—frontiersmen and agriculturists from the Western states, and trades people from New York and the Eastern states. The former were in reality the pioneers, and the latter were commercial adventurers, who followed them. Both were necessary to the development of the country, or, rather to the existence of the settlement here. They shared together, the privations, the isolation, and the hardships of life, in a desolate country, and they are entitled alike, to the honors due to the founders of a new state.

The gray haired pioneers, who meet today, can have no reflections which may not stimulate an honest pride. As a community, we are as thoroughly organized, as the community of any state in the Union. The discontents which threaten some other states are unknown here. See the blessings which follow liberty, plenty, security, general education and sound public morality, are found in Oregon. These are blessings for which every pioneer may take credit to himself, and for which the people know every pioneer.

In the successive stages of the history of the state, the pioneer must never be forgotten, because his courage, his boldness, his devotion, his love of wife and children, his desire to build for them a home, have made him from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the conqueror of the wilderness, and the founder of states.

Now friends, in all probability this is the last time, that some of us will ever meet again in social and friendly reunion, therefore, let this day be one, ever memorable in the hearts of all present, let care be banished for the time being, let joy reign supreme, so that, when the exercises of the day shall have passed we may return to our respective homes, with the kindest consideration for the pioneer, who in early life left the abode of civilization with wife and children, made the tiresome and dangerous travel across the plains, and with sturdy manhood and womanhood, opened up this country, and made it the habitation of a contented and happy people.

What new importance, then, does not the achievement of the pioneer acquire for us; when we consider it the deed of early settlers, that the mighty region they explored and settled, is now the pride of her people, that their cruel hardships, are the spring of our prosperity, that their weary banishment from civilization, gave us a home, that to their separation from everything which is dear and pleasant in life, are due, all the comforts, the blessings, the privileges which make our lot the envy of mankind.

A Letter From Mr. Minto.

Importance of Keeping Orchards Free from Deseased Trees—Some Timely Suggestions.

Editor Enterprise,—Permit me the use of your columns to call the attention of the citizens of your twin towns of Independence and Monmouth to the importance of cleansing or entirely consuming the old, foul and long neglected orchard trees remaining on some of the lots, not so many (I must say) in Independence as in Monmouth, where the influences building up both towns seems to me to demand more attention to cleanliness and health than the towns devoted to trade, if difference of occupation may make a difference in living. It would perhaps not be good taste or wise business policy, to name individuals who are keeping their trees in condition constituting a menace to new investors in both town and country. The most of the trees in Monmouth which need cleanidg or extirpation I understand to be the property of a corporation. The next worst lot is the property of Mr. Nicols whom I chanced to find on the ground, taking measures for cleaning up. He thoroughly endorses the law which demands it as does Mr. Hirshberg, your banker, who set a man to work immediately thanking the commisioner handsomely for calling his attention to the subject At Monmouth I found a little party under a few old apple trees densely intergrown making a good shade—little girls, the oldest about 8 years, I judge. They were playing "a picnic party" and naivly told me the big worms dropt down on them when they were swinging. The energetic hand that planted those old trees has long ago lost its nerve, but its work for that reason should not by neglect of the living remain a blot surrounded by beauty.

Yours Respectfully,
John Minto.
Salem, Or., July 3, 1895

From the Coast.

It may be that a few items from this place will interest at least some of the many readers of the Enterprise, and so, braced up and emboldened by the cool breeze directly off the mighty Pacific, we shall venture to write.

This place is situated near the mouth of the big Nestucca, about a mile from the beach and two miles from Cape Kiawanda. It is a very pleasant summer resort, and there are a great many campers here now.

Chet Coad, Jap Ellis and Will Briedwell and families are here, and are having a way up time. They leave for home in a day or two.

Prof. J. N. Hart, of Fall City, is teaching a summer term of school in Woods.

A party of jolly fellows from Dallas, whose names we dare not divulge, are camped across the river from Woods. They are here to have a time, and evidently are having it. They have a peculiar way of introducing themselves which is as follows:

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The Fourth of July brought rain this year as it sometimes times does in Webfoot, but despite the rain a large crowd gathered in Woods to celebrate. The audience assembled in Odd Fellows hall which was filled to overflowing. The exercises were all good but best of all was the able address of B. F. Mulkey of Polk Co. Mr. Mulkey was warmly congratulated at the close.

Some of those from Polk who are camping here and have not been previously mentioned are N. Dornsife, A Siefarth and wife, Geo. and Ed Siefarth and families, from Oakdale, Frank Hour, Dave Crider, Armand Riggs and Dillard Elkins from Dallas, Frank Smith and Archie Tetherow from Monmouth, and

Old Polk
Woods, Or., July 5 1895.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Gathered from our Various Exchanges Throughout the State.

Superentendent McNally, of the Virtue mine, arrived in Baker City Monday with the mines output of bullion for June. It amounted to $25,000 a ball of gold that would make a stout man groan to pack any distance.

Assessor White, of Tillamook, has about completed the census of that county and estimates the population to be 4200, or a gain of 25 per cent since 1890.

A large number of farmers in Wasco county are cutting hay this season instead of letting the grain ripen for wheat. A gentleman living near The Dalles sold 25 tons this week for $10 a ton, when last fall the prices paid was between 7 and $8. Several large fields on the hill back from Chenoweth and on the Klickitat mountain, in sight of The Dalles, have already been cut for hay.

Bob Morris, of Bay City, says The Tillamook Advocate, whipped the old man Hathaway rather than pay a bill of one dollar for butter and then settled by paying $10 for the privilege, and now there is some talk of prosecuting Mr. Hathaway for accepting the settlement, according to reports. This is a great dairy country.

The south jetty at the mouth of Yaquina bay is now nearly finished only a small amount of work remains to be done on one of the groins, when than is finished, operations will be transferred to the north jetty, which will take about 10,000 tons to complete.

It is reported by Henry Meldrum that in a cave near the Roaring river a petrefied Indian had been found. He found the Rocky aborigine squatting on his heels with his back against the rear wall of cave. His face is turned upward and eyes open as if he were transformed into stone at the moment when he heard some one tell a funstory.

Benjamin Agee is the owner, in Southern Oregon, of 3000 acres of land and is largely interested in fruit, having 22,000 trees planted 2500 prune trees being in bearing. Last year he dried his prunes and sold them for $4500, receiving 5½c per pound. He cleared 3300, it costing him 1½c for picking, drying and delivering aboard the cars. In two years Mr. Agee will have 19,000 prune trees in bearing, and says that $2 of dried fruit to each tree is a safe estimate at the present prices.

J. D. Wood, teacher of Benton county has just completed his 98th term of school. His first school was taught in 1858 in Benton county, and during the past 40 years he has been engaged almost constantly in school work in Oregon.

A sneakthief entered the Arlington hotel, in Junction City, last Sunday and stole $103 from a trunk. A man named Pence was arrested Wednesday on suspicion.

Some of the Antelope farmers say that there is a band of mules killing calves and young colts on the Antelope range. A mule will it is said, take a calf between its teeth and shake it to death.

From a recent census of the fruit-growers in Hood River valley, it is found that there are 118,000 fruit trees, of which 10,000 trees now growing are apple. Hood River is already noted for the excellent quality of its fruit, and when this extensive acreage comes into bearing it will be an important factor in the fruit industry of Oregon.

John Long, of Cleveland, and L. T. Thompson, of Coles Valley Douglas county, had a legal contest over a calf at Oakland last week. The Justice gave judgement to Thompson. The costs so far in this case has run up to near $500, more than a hundred such calves are worth.

James Taylor, a blacksmith employe of Albany, imbibed so much extract of corn, or some other liquid, on the 4th, that he became mixed in his bearings, and wandered off to the railroad track, and falling through the cattle guard south of the depot succeeded in breaking his leg. He was discovered just before the freight train came along and removed from his perilous position, and afterwards taken to Mr. Rogers' boarding house on Lyon street where Dr. Davis set the broken limb.

PARKER

Haying is under full headway this week.

Clint Bradley and Frank Boothby went fishing in the mountains last week. They report poor luck on account of the rainy weather.

School closed last Wednesday. We had a very prosperous term of school under the management of Miss Nettie Crosby of Monmouth.

John Ritner and Hugh Simpson began work on Wm. Fuqua's bailing house Monday.

Rowl Burnett, of Poverty Ridge, was in town Monday. He will help J. O. Davidson harvest.

"May" didn't catch the fish she was after at Tillamook, so she tried the Luckamute this time and brought in a nice lot of suckers.

Your Scribe was at Monmouth last week and wondered if the appearance of the town might be bettered some if the dogfennell was mowed down.

Little Joker.

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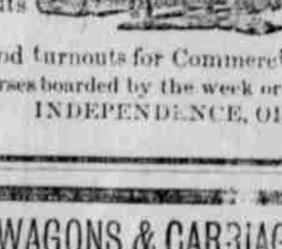

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