

THE POLK COUNTY PRESS.

News Items and Editorial Expressions.

From the Dallas Observer. Supt. Hutchinson is attending the Teachers' institute at Roseburg.

Mr. Wm. Lyle, of Cross Keys, Oregon, is visiting his old friends in Dallas this week.

Several Eastern people were noticed in this vicinity during the week looking for locations.

Rev. Futrell and wife and Mrs. A. Grant left Wednesday to attend the conference at Oakland.

Mrs. Joey Leitch started Thursday for San Francisco where she intends to continue her musical studies.

The outlook for a fair yield from the young prune orchards adjoining Dallas is flattering. Preparations are being made to care for the crop.

Mr. W. B. Davis lays claim to making the boss record this season as a threshing man in the north part of the county. Out of a fifteen days' run he threshed 35,844 bushels.

Elder B. F. Bonnell and wife arrived in Dallas Wednesday. Elder Bonnell has been engaged as pastor of the Christian church at this place, and will occupy the pulpit there next Sunday.

Constable Curt Hubbard arrested Frank Ivy near Jacksonville, Southern Oregon, on last Thursday and lodged him in Polk county's jail on Saturday. Ivy is arrested in connection with the Conlee bacon stealing case.

From the Dallas Tenthler. Prof. R. F. Robinson is up from Portland, renewing the associations of his boyhood days.

The Irish-American threshers were out eighteen days and a half and averaged about 1800 bushels per day.

Near Perrydale A. C. Taylor threshed 2360 bushels of wheat and 1100 of oats and Frank Strong had 5800 bushels of wheat.

The railroad track-layers are expected back here next week to resume work. The heavy rail is laid out to the Bridewell place and the surfacing is finished to just beyond town.

Rev. A. Eads, who was once a Mill Creek boy, is now preaching in Idaho, and Rev. Walton Skipworth, who was once an Independence boy, is preaching at Union in Eastern Oregon.

Numerous fish wagons are running in all directions from the Salmon cannery over on the Nestucca, the fishermen there not being able to supply the demand. A man came to Dallas Tuesday with twenty salmon, aggregating about 400 pounds, and had no trouble in selling out at 5 cents a pound.

Cornell Hughes has rented his place south of town to John McBee. It is thirty-one years since Mr. Hughes opened a shoemaker's shop here and in the meantime he has seen many a footwear artist come and go. He says that A. S. Crider, now a retired capitalist, stuck at the business longer than any one else.

The Dangers of Cycling.

Of course the warning against the dangers of the bicycle has come. It was due some time ago. With 500,000 bicycles sold during the past year it was inevitable that the physicians should begin to trace ailments to their use. Every modern invention has had to bear a similar responsibility. We have the railroad spine, the telephone ear, and the electric light eye. And now a young man has died from cerebro-spinal meningitis, attributed to excessive use of the bicycle.

If we are to believe some of the medical authorities this unfortunate event portends a welter of calamities to come. We are to have cyphosis, bicycliasis, gastritis, spinal meningitis and a variety of entirely original ailments which have not yet been named, because some of them have not been discovered, and the rest are waiting for the gradual development of the resources of the Greek dictionary.

It is not likely that the output of bicycles will be materially reduced by these melancholy forecasts. In the days of the old "ordinary," which is now the extraordinary, high wheel, people who rode knew that they took their chances of smashing their heads on the

pieces of hard pavement on which it might occur to their machines to dump them, but they rode just the same. Even now there are more fatalities from headers, collisions and runaways, than from cyphosis, bicycliasis, gastritis and cerebro-spinal meningitis, but in spite of these notorious dangers the cyclistries flourish.

If the death rate from bicycling were compared with the death rate from sitting in badly ventilated rooms and reading "Degeneration," "Trilby" and "The Manxman," it would probably be found that the wheel deserves high rank as a life-saving device. It takes people out of doors when nothing else will.

Of course when a hundred thousand people do anything whatever, some of them are going to suffer from it. If they walk in the streets a certain percentage will be run over by trolley cars. If they play football some will have their necks broken. If they go swimming a given proportion will be drowned. If they walk upstairs some will succumb to heart failure. Bicycling is not the elixir of life, and cannot be expected to insure immortality to its devotees.

Of course the wheel should not be used to excess. One physician remarks of women that "if you tell them to take a fifteen minutes' spin they ride to San Jose." When anybody goes at the sport like that there are likely to be unpleasant consequences. Lemonade is a refreshing and usually harmless drink, but a gallon at a time might produce painful consequences. The wheelman should always stop while he feels fresh and vigorous, and should be careful to avoid undue strains and jolts. With these precautions he will probably be as good an insurance risk as the man who sits in an office and moralizes about him.—San Francisco Examiner.

CAMPOS AND PYRRHUS.

The Cubans Giving Evidence of Similarity to the Romans.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

According to a Havana letter, General Campos "recognizes Antonio Maceo's exceptional ability to take advantage of his political opponents' weakness and carelessness." This tribute from the Spanish commander to a leader of men whom the average Spaniard classes with barbarians is strangely like that which another warrior, an interloper, too, like Campos, paid a good many centuries ago to a race of men whose intelligence and bravery the world was destined to know more of later. Said Pyrrhus enthusiastically, just before the battle of Heracles, admiring the skill with which the Romans whom he was about to fight arranged themselves for the conflict. "In war, at least, these men are not savages."

The similitude extends farther. In the reports printed in the Havana papers, the war news columns of which Campos and his staff edit, though the Spaniards are said to win all the victories, yet the Cubans, it is related, do the attacking. Pyrrhus, going over the field after the battle—the battle of Heracles—and noticing that the dead Romans' wounds were all in front, the significance of which circumstances he quickly grasped, exclaimed, "If I had such soldiers as those I would soon be master of the world." The Spanish commander, when representing the Cubans as always fighting on the offensive, gives, consciously or unconsciously, these formerly despised enemies very high praise.

It ought to be plain by this time to the Spanish government that a people whose soldiers show such courage as this, who are led with such skill and who manage to maintain themselves under such disadvantages, will sooner or later conquer for themselves all the rights they seek unless some of the rights are quickly conceded to them. Spain, it is said, has 100,000 soldiers, regulars and militia, in the island, and these have made no headway against the insurgents. The 30,000 or 40,000 more, which probably represents all she can spare from home and from the other colonies, will find the job of conquering the insurgents no easy task. The kind of fighting which they will be compelled to do is the sort which the average European soldier dislikes. And, to return again to the king of Epirus' analogy, there is a possibility that victories gained with even the largest army which Spain can command for such service may be as barren to the victor as those which Pyrrhus won.

STATE NEWS.

More than \$16,000 for taxes has been collected by Sheriff Coombs, of Grant county, since July 1.

Humbrey & Segor, of Eugene, shipped two carloads of prunes, weighing 56,000 pounds, to the East last week.

W. L. Warren showed the McMinnville Reporter man a peach the other day from the orchard of M. B. Hendrick that weighed 10 1/2 ounces.

Mr. Anderson, of Forest Grove, has been offered \$2000 for his crop of prunes and plums, to be delivered at the depot, the buyer to pick out and dry the crop. It is estimated his grapes will bring him \$1000.

A McMurdo, an employee of the North Pole Mining company, at Bourne, died Monday last from the effects of cyanide poisoning. The skin was deeply cyanosed, as if the blood had been deprived of oxy.

Martin Yenke, a fisherman of Woods, was found drowned near his net last week in the Big Nestucca river, about a mile and a half above town. His ears were badly bitten by crabs, which showed that he had been in the water for some hours.

News has been brought in from Olive lake by people who have been there for their summer outing that many prospectors and miners in the Greenhorn district have lost their cabins by the recent forest fires. Greenhorn City, they say, is a thing of the past.

The Yamhill County Reporter says Wright's machine threshed 3370 bushels of oats Monday and an even 3000 each of the following two days. He will be through Saturday night. Mr. Wright estimates the average wheat yield of the county at between 25 and 40 bushels.

Mr. A. S. Hart has raised at his home in this city, says the Albany Herald, some fine samples of Yellow Crawford peaches, which equal any of the Southern Oregon or California products. The Willamette Valley may yet become a great peach growing country.

It is reported that there has been outlined an agreement between the board of city trustees and the Roseburg Water Company to the effect that the company is to furnish the city good and efficient service for ten consecutive years, and that the city is to pay the company \$1065 per year for the service.

The Nestucca mills will be rebuilt. A subscription paper was circulated in McMinnville on Friday last for the purpose of rendering assistance therefor. The list was headed by Jacob Wortman and Judge Cowl with a contribution of \$150 each, and the total subscription reached \$1005 for the day. Almost every carpenter in the town promised to donate work to rebuild the mill.

There is prospect for a pretty large shipment of prunes from McMinnville in a few days. Enough for a trainload of six or seven cars are in sight, if all parties who have been figuring together ship at the same time. Calbreath & Goucher and G. S. Wright think they can load two cars from their orchard. D. B. Kingery will have a carload and Mr. Eberall will have some hundreds of bushels.

Judge Blanchard, of Columbia county, while at work with his pile-driver at Kalama last Saturday, fell through a hole in the wharf to the rocks below, dislocating his left shoulder, breaking two ribs and seriously bruising his side and face. About two years ago, Judge Blanchard, while engaged in similar work, fractured his leg and dislocated his shoulder, in addition to other injuries, from which he has not entirely recovered.

Those who have recently recently returned from the Santiam mines state that a new 30-inch ledge of very rich ore was recently struck in the Red Bull mine which makes a satisfactory assay. The machinery for the 40-stamp mill is expected to arrive in Albany in a few days, and will be hauled to the mines. Sixty men are now at work and on September 2 the crew will be increased to seventy-five men.

J. H. Stewart, of Eden precinct, whose extensive orchard is one of the cleanest and best ones on the coast in which the owner takes commendable pride, says the Ashland Tidings, expects to have twenty carloads of pears to market before the season is over, which

ought to bring him nearly \$10,000. His other orchard products are estimated at \$5,000 making \$15,000 returns for one orchard in Jackson county, which is worth the consideration of people who maintain that fruit raising does not pay. Mr. Stewart has been giving employment to 68 people picking and packing fruit the past week.

A sad case of destitution came to the knowledge of the generous at Hillsboro last week. A Mrs. Voss, living with her husband and five children, at Gray Oaks, was taken down a few days ago by overwork, and on Tuesday last was hurried to her grave by blood poison. The neighbors found the children—the oldest 12 and the youngest less than a year old—destitute of clothes and sadly neglected. They were taken by the neighbors and temporarily made comfortable.

The Corvallis Times says: One hundred and forty-five summer outers came out from Newport, Wednesday, ninety Thursday and 110 yesterday, all bound for home on the return from their annual vacation. Conductor Bartges reports about twenty-five to thirty bound for Newport by every train. All agree that the crowd at the seaside has been larger this year than ever before, and complaints have been general of the unusual severity of the cold, a fault not confined alone to Newport, but true of all coast resorts.



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