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Monmouth Correspondents.

Our marshal is kept busy these days looking after the affairs of the town.

Mrs. Lara Lewis, of Oak Grove, was visiting at Mrs. Ella Sherwin's this week.

Mrs. Martha Roberts, of Salem, is visiting her mother, Mrs. DeWitt, this week.

Mr. J. L. Rexford and wife, of Independence, were the guests of A. N. Hinkle last week.

William Robertson, of Lewisville, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. M. O'Kelley, Saturday and Sunday.

Frank Lucas, who went to Portland to the hospital, is improving. It is thought his hearing will be fully restored.

Alvin Cramer went to Portland today.

Mr. E. E. Cooper, of Salem, is at Sunday with friends here.

Miss Emma and Ada Byers are visiting Salem friends this week.

Mr. Berry returned home from Independence Tuesday, leaving her sister Emma Kramer much better.

Mr. Meador is teaching the eighth grade.

S. Staats, of Lewisville, spent the week here.

J. Mulkey is visiting his son at Hill, Lane Co.

Mr. Conte, of Lewisville, spent the week with his parents here.

Frank Lucas, who is at the hospital at Portland is reported improving.

A number of students are attending the state examinations.

Arte and Lou Palmer are spending the winter with their family in Lane county.

Beck and family, of Nebraska, arrived here and are settled in the house lately occupied by B. Mulkey.

Albyn Essen of the Rodney church, of Portland, exchanged places with E. C. Wigmore Sunday.

John Byers was down from Independence the first of the week to visit his daughters, Mrs. Olive and Mrs. of this place and Mrs. of Independence.

A medal contest to be held next week promises to be an interesting one, excellent music is being furnished, the program will be exclusively by girls, representing every grade in the training school.

SICKREALL.

D. Lucas improves very much.

Otis Waite and wife went to Salem Sunday.

Mrs. J. J. Burch, we are glad to say, is improving.

Mrs. T. S. Burch and Mrs. Frank Gibson went to Dallas Tuesday.

Alex Kirkland, of Joseph, Oregon, was here Sunday visiting relatives for a few hours.

Stella Smith returned home Sunday from James Waite's, where she has been stopping the past two months.

Our basket ball team of young men went to McMinnville Saturday and defeated the team there and they feel quite big over it.

Rev. A. Winters closed his meetings here Tuesday evening. There were no confessions, but all feel that much good has been done.

Miss Georgia Hunsaker, who has been attending school here, was the only one who passed the examination in the eighth grade. She will return to her home at Turner in a few days.

ANTIOCH.

F. C. Haynes lost a fine dog last week, it being poisoned.

A number of new neighbors have moved into this vicinity.

Lee Clark, after spending a week in Salem, has returned home.

Charley Haynes has purchased a driving horse of Gif Zumwalt.

George Fisher, of Monmouth, is out on his ranch here cutting wood.

Mrs. A. B. Ohms has bought a \$75 cream separator of Mr. Eldridge of your city.

Morris Wheelock will go to Dallas this week to take the teachers examination.

J. B. Stump is having a number of ricks of two foot wood cut by the Fishback boys.

Gif Zumwalt is cutting oak saw logs on his place here for F. A. Douty at Independence.

Mr. Davis has moved his family into the house which he recently bought of Wilbur Lewis.

Hon. Ira Smith, of Vale, Eastern Oregon, was in this vicinity recently looking after his place.

The sum of \$10.20 was realized from the basket entertainment at the school house Friday evening.

After teaching us a very successful term of school, Miss Gertrude Vollans returned Friday to her home in Portland.

Miss Emma Parrish, of near Dayton, Yamhill county, has been here several days visiting Mabel and Madge Wheelock.

Rev. E. J. Thompson attended a meeting of the Presbytery at Albany Wednesday.

Public Forum

From a Third of an Acre

Independence, Feb. 9.

EDITOR ENTERPRISE: A great deal is said in a general way of our resources and the fertility of our soil, but little of a definite nature is given that one in the East or elsewhere could draw a clear idea of what might be expected from a given acreage. I append my account with my garden for the year 1902: Soil, river bottom, and had never been fertilized by human agencies to my knowledge; previous crops, hops and potatoes; size of garden, 58 square rods (a little more than one-third of an acre) cost of ground, rent and plowing, \$3; seed and plants, \$3.80; total, \$6.80; the garden was planted and tended by members of the family; care, medium.

The variety of vegetables grown were potatoes, two varieties; beans, three varieties; peas, two varieties; carrots, two varieties; sweet corn, two varieties; beets, two varieties; one of turnips and parsnips; two of lettuce; one of cucumbers and tomatoes; two of cabbage and radishes.

The garden was planted May 6th and 7th. Turnips, lettuce, carrots and radishes were ready for table use on and after July 4th. Peas, beans, beets and potatoes on and after August 1st. Corn, cabbage and cucumbers on and after September 1st. Tomatoes, October 1st; late cabbage and parsnips in November and December.

From the time the earliest vegetables were ready for use until January 1, 1903, the garden supplied a family of eight members with all the vegetables they cared to use; also enough carrots to feed one horse during November and December and beets enough to feed one cow for the same length of time. Besides the above we sold \$10.50 worth of vegetables to the stores in exchange for groceries.

Now let some one else tell what Polk county soil has yielded for them. B. J. KELLY.

An Old Polk County Resident.

Kent, Ore., Feb. 2, 1903.

EDITOR ENTERPRISE: I received your notice in regard to the ENTERPRISE and will say by all means keep sending it as we would miss it more than any paper we take, for it is like a letter from home every week. Find enclosed check for \$1.50.

Kent is on the boom this winter. New buildings have been going up all winter, and still you can hardly hear anything for the hammer and saw. We are having some cold weather here at present, the thermometer registering 17 degrees above zero this morning. Have had bad weather most of the time for two months. Grain hasn't grown much but is all right yet. We surely have moisture enough to raise a crop this year if we ever will.

J. W. LEONARD.

FINDS MULKEY SENTIMENT

The Political Situation in Polk County.

There is unmistakable evidence, if the popular vote of Polk could nominate and elect the congress-

man of first district, there would be no need of but one person applying for the honor, that would be Hon. B. F. Mulkey, our senator and if the signs of the times does not mislead, we predict that Senator Mulkey will have the lion's share of the votes at the district convention.

HAMMER.

Is This True?

Special from Buena Vista.

A retired successful business man of Buena Vista asserts that real estate in Polk county, or in this section of Oregon will never sell for a fancy price, or even for much more than it at present sells for. His contention is that "it is not in the soil." Is he "right?" Let us consider.

Oregon farmers have, until the past few years, been content to raise only wheat and oats with a small acreage of hay for their own use, and a garden plot sufficient for their own family only. Fields have been worked to death and no great amount of labor expended in placing back on the soil that which would enrich and re-build it. This mode of farming has necessarily reduced the power of the land, and crops are not what they once were. However, any farmer who sets about it can make money off his land and eventually bring it back to its wonted vigor. The soil must be enriched each year at the proper season; the crops rotated; the brush land utilized for goat range; the low land sown to some hay that will sell at a good figure when baled; fruits, garden "truck," strawberries, etc., will bring in many a dime while the land is resting—for land must rest as well as all else in nature's kingdom.

Value is quite as often on the soil as in it. Nowhere are there better advantages and possibilities for dairying than in Oregon. Cattle do well the year around, owing to the abundance of feed and the mild climate. The returns are most gratifying and the dairy industry is steadily gaining ground. A few acres of bottom land properly cared for and set out in strawberries, onions or other garden "sass" brings splendid returns. A henery, properly managed, is a veritable gold mine in Oregon where imported eggs are annually sold by the thousands of dozens to bring a blush of shame to the cheek of the Oregon hen. Eggs sell for a high figure the year around and are scarce at that.

Hogs are easily raised and command a good price. So do sheep and goats, and the two latter are a benefit to any farm and have two sources of increase yearly—their offspring and their fleeces.

When all these points are considered; when the little things about the ranch are turned to profit; when the soil is given proper care and thoroughly renewed and enriched each year; when Eastern ranchers settle in our midst and lend their energies to the task of rousing the too-often indolent Oregonian to a sense of his advantages. When these things come to pass, as they are certain to do in the near future, then will Oregon, and especially Polk county real estate be in demand, and the price will go skyward compared to that of the present. Does not the reader say amen?

Letter Writing.

Special from Monmouth.

There are a great many ways of

writing letters and they are written for a great many purposes—some for business, some for friendship, some for pure love and some for meanness. In all the former ones the parties sign their names, but when one writes a letter and does not sign their name they are writing a falsehood and they know if they signed their name they are liable to prosecution. They think by omitting to sign their name that they will escape, but such is not always the case. No one with any sense of honor will do such a thing.

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