

The Estacada News

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Hello.

Estacada is having an electric light system put in.

The park has been seeded with lawn grass and clover.

Quite a lot of new sidewalk was put down this week on Main street and Broadway.

W. F. McGilvray, of the Blake, McFall Company of Portland, was through here, Friday.

H. F. Downing, who had charge of the electric light power plant here expects to go to Boring to work in the company's mill at that place.

Henry Landwehr, who has rented his hotel in town, will perhaps go out to his valuable claim near Clear creek, and spend a part of the winter.

A mammoth fir ended its career in the park last Sunday. Its top branches fell across the railway and tore the electric wire from fifteen of the poles. Cars, however, ran regularly.

Some changes of improvement in the surroundings of the Hotel Estacada are to be made by the O. W. P. Co. A canopy structure is to be built over the walks so that guests may arrive from the cars and leave without being exposed to the winter rains or summer sunshine.

Several other changes and improvements are to be made about the hotel.

Mrs. Dr. Charlton of Portland, and her friend, Mrs. Dr. Holmes of Chicago, came out from the city, Friday morning and were taken out to Dr. Charlton's country home five miles east of Estacada where they will enjoy a two weeks' rest. They are old acquaintances and friends of Linn Bros.

For several days of last week a large, ripe, luscious looking strawberry, was on show parade in Reed & Cooper's store window. It was grown on V. Lingelbach's farm and Mr. Lingelbach has quite a patch of the berries ripening. This is nothing strange for Oregon. Any person, by a little cultivation of the plant, can have strawberries and cream in midwinter.

Thanksgiving morning Government Forest Ranger, Wernie Ward and J. W. Reed started on a forty mile trip up the Clackamas to look over some prospects they have up there, and some they had in view. They were well pleased with what they found, and report some quite promising quartz claims. They returned Tuesday evening. Their trip would have been made without excitement had their provisions held out, but as it was they had to be

satisfied with an occasional mosquito stewed in salt water. However they looked none the worse for that.

At Matt Rickman's camp up the river from town there are thirty choppers at work getting out cord wood.

Mrs. Annie Schutte, of Lacerter, Wash., has taken a short lease of the Park hotel. She, and her two daughters, Bertha and Minnie, are managing the house.

The cut and grade on Main st. that has been about impassable since the rains began has been fixed and is thought to be in good shape for traffic again. A. Havens did the work for the townsite company.

Chas. Ferry now owns a fine male specimen of the Mongolian pheasant birds. It is one he got of a farmer who lives near Highland and whose dog caught the bird when it was a young thing. It is not yet a year old, and will be a very beautiful bird when full grown.

Mr. John Tracy who has been in Portland a short time receiving treatment from a medical specialist has returned home practically a cured man. Previous to going to Portland Mr. Tracy was considered in a very dangerous condition, but Dr. Smith, in whose care he was, advised special treatment. After the troublesome gall-stones had been removed the patient rapidly recovered. Mr. Tracy is one of our most prominent citizens, and has a beautiful country home and farm near Estacada.

The winter term of the Estacada school began three weeks ago and is progressing nicely under the management of Miss June Oakley who is recently out from Wisconsin. At present there are 38 pupils enrolled and the classes range from the beginners to the 8th grade. School will continue for a term of six months. A number of pupils in the district have not yet enrolled. It is quite probable that the present school accommodations will be too small a year from now, and that an addition to the present school will have to be made.

W. E. Wills, east of town, has let a contract for 1000 cords of four foot wood to be cut, and intends letting another contract for 4000 cords. It will take considerable labor to get this amount of wood out, but its one of Oregon's principle products and can be harvested any time of the year. It is said that there is enough timber in Oregon to feed the mills and furnaces of the world one hundred years, at the end of that time there would be a second growth large enough to do the same thing over again. Mr. Wills is also getting out a large number of ties and pilings.

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