

**LOCAL BREVITIES
AND NEWS ITEMS**

Jim Park and Will Closner have moved to Eugene where they will operate a saw mill.

Mrs. Eloise Stensel of Portland spent Sunday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sparks.

The Rev. H. Spies held quarterly conference in Rockwood, Sunday for Dr. Ford of Oregon City.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robley, accompanied by Miss Elna Hogaard returned to this city Sunday evening, after a delightful auto trip which included Tacoma and Seattle.

Mrs. M. H. Evans received a cablegram Sunday, announcing the safe arrival in England of her son, M. D. Evans. The voyage must have been a slow one, for he sailed on the seventeenth of August.

In a letter from O. O. Bland of Meridian, Idaho, renewing his subscription to the News, he writes: "We are still farming in Idaho. Crops are good, my wheat made fifty-two bushels to the acre, and the corn is also good. We like farming in Idaho, because this volcanic ash mixed with snow water brings forth the growth of vegetation. But I often long for the people and the climate of East Clackamas."

It is all right for boys to work off their superfluous energies in romping and scuffling, but care should be taken. Lester Underwood was shoved off the high platform at the depot Saturday and fell and broke his left wrist. Dr. Adix reduced the fracture. The little fellow is carrying his arm in a sling and bears his misfortune bravely.

Young Master Albert Belfis has returned home from a visit to the metropolis. This was no ordinary visit, but one which will stand out in his memory all his life, because it was the occasion of his attending a circus for the first time. He probably will see many more of them in the succeeding years, but none will ever have quite the same effect, as the first one. The writer vividly recalls the first circus he ever saw, altho this occurred almost if not quite fifty years ago. Since then, he has seen larger and more elaborate performances but none has given him more genuine pleasure than the first one. The circus of the present day has extended its scope but in its main features it has not varied from those of half a century back.

John Dunseath of the News force, made a business trip to Chehalis, Wash., on Saturday.

Mrs. L. Underwood and son Lester left Tuesday morning for Underwood, Wash., to be gone about six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mills are moving from their ranch into town for the winter. They will stay with their daughter Mrs. G. B. Barkley.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Morgan of Sellwood, visited the editor and his wife on Sunday. They are old friends having known each other over twenty years ago in Minnesota. Mr. Morgan is proprietor of the Morgan Drygood Store in Sellwood.

On Friday Estacada woke to find the atmosphere heavy with smoke. This was caused by fires in the vicinity of Sandy and Pikes Peak. At the latter place the fire extended over an area of a hundred acres and a call for help was sent here for ten men.

A diversion was caused on Broadway Friday, by the removal of the safe from the Estacada State Bank. The plate glass front had to be removed and the safe taken out through the opening. John Page with a corps of volunteers removed the window and replaced it, afterwards, while the C. M. Olsen Transfer Company of Portland, attended to the rest of the work. It was an arduous job and taxed the energies of the men engaged. A runway was laid from the window sill and the safe hauled up along this into the van, which was backed up against the window. The recent installation of the quadruple manganese steel safe of the latest pattern, rendered the use of the old safe no longer necessary, so it was sold to a Portland firm.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Givens and their two sons returned Wednesday of last week from a short vacation spent at Wasco and Kent in Sherman Co. At the former place they visited with Rev. Drill who at one time, was pastor of the Christian Church here. They report an enjoyable trip, but the roads were dusty, and they had to ship their car on the way home, from Hood River to Cascade Locks, on account of a landslide on the Columbia highway, which delayed them. Mr. Givens states that the harvest was in full blast, with the prevalent shortage of help. The yield was about twenty-two bushels to the acre, but the grain owing to the summer rains, almost unprecedented in that section, was bleached to a certain extent, which will reduce its market value a few cents per bushel.

The Rev. Dr. John Brown of Gresham held quarterly conference in the Methodist Church, Saturday. He officiated for the District Superintendent, Rev. T. B. Ford, D. D., of Oregon City, who was unable to be present owing to sickness.

A. W. Botkin and wife of Garfield, called on the editor, Friday afternoon, and brought him a box of most delicious prunes, for which he is extremely grateful. He never saw any larger or finer, than these. The package was done up in a most artistic manner, the top layer of prunes being packed with their stems and leaves, the green of the latter forming a most pleasant contrast to the royal purple of the fruit. It was as inviting to the eye as it was delectable to the palate. They informed the editor that they visited Oregon City Wednesday of last week, to petition the County Court to reestablish the old No. 10 road district. There has been considerable controversy over this question, but the majority of the people whom this would affect, are in favor of its reestablishment and hope the court will accede to their request.

Harry C. Reid of Camp Lewis spent Sunday at home with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Reid of Garfield.

G. W. Hughes spent Sunday at his brother's J. R. Hughes, on his way to Fort Lawton, Seattle, where he will voluntarily enlist.

The ladies of the M. E. Church will serve a chicken supper on Wednesday, Sept. 18, from 5 to 8 p. m. in the basement of the church. Charge 35 cents.

There will be a dance at Cogswell's Hall, Eagle Creek on Saturday, September 21st. Good music assured by a Portland orchestra. Prices will be as usual.

Miss Elizabeth Reid who has been spending the summer in Seattle, came home Saturday, to Garfield, also Miss Roberta Reid of Portland was out spending the day at the parents home.

Gospel revival meetings in the tent every night in the week except Mondays. Every Thursday afternoon at 2:30 will be devoted to gospel healing and prayer for the sick. Everybody welcome, come and bring your friends.
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