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INDEPENDENCE DAY.

Today is the birthday of the nation and it is a good omen for the perpetuity of the Union that each succeeding year finds Independence Day more generally observed with greater enthusiasm. This year Washington county has three great gatherings—at Forest Grove, at Hillsboro and at Tualatin. At each of these will the Declaration of Independence be read and eloquent orators recall the history of our land, the bare recital of whose life warms the coldest heart and arouses sluggish patriotism. Today too another star is added to the constellation of the Union.

SENATOR MITCHELL'S VIEWS.

On another page appears a recent interview with Senator Mitchell. As the Senator is unquestionably the leader of the Republican party in this state and has great ability and opportunity for judging it is gratifying that the editorials which have appeared in the HATCHET are in harmony with his views just set forth. The HATCHET glories in that Republicanism of which Senator Mitchell is a faithful and devoted representative.

SCOGGINS VALLEY.

A Pleasant Drive in a Beautiful Country.

Close to the Grove, only five miles by an excellent road, is the beautiful Scoggins valley. Tall trees mark against the horizon the outlines of the valley. On either side are fertile farms in the level and on the hillside are cattle grazing, occasionally hop yards are to be seen. The farm houses are pleasant homes and the dwellers there prosperous and contented, with all the pleasures of retired life and every advantage of being accessible and near to market.

Sunday in company with the genial proprietor of the Bowly Pharmacy a HATCHET reporter visited the valley. After a drive lengthened considerably by frequent stops to look at the beautiful scenery surrounding, Geo. H. Temple's residence, the destination, was reached. The first view of the grounds shows a giant cherry tree, twenty-eight inches in diameter, planted nearly thirty years ago.

Mr. Temple's farm of nearly a thousand acres is well located and kept in fine condition. On the farm is a herd of pure blooded red polled cattle, a flock of peafowls, one old peacock strutting around displaying feathers six feet long, and a large flock of chickens, descended from three Hamburgs, brought from Columbus, Ohio. The house was nicely shaded and vines festooned themselves over the porch. Here was a large Japanese lily with four fragrant white blossoms and opening buds promising more. To one from Forest Grove a peculiar attraction is the pure and cool mountain spring water brought in by pipe.

After looking around a little and admiring the many conveniences with which Mr. Temple has surrounded himself the party went on to the school house, distant a pleasant five minutes walk. Though comfortable, the building is not prepossessing and looking at it one fears lest its time worn timbers, apparently so aged, may not give way and precipitate the heavy bell on those below. The furniture within is modern and seats about seventy scholars. The old structure will likely be replaced before long.

Church services have been held in the school house for some time and a church is to be put up in the fall. Mr. Saine and Mr. Temple have offered to give sites free. The church will be Presbyterian and a Sunday school and Christian Endeavor society of that faith are now flourishing.

During the last week Evangelists Holdridge and Dickson have been taking their vacation in the valley and holding services. Mr. Holdridge and daughter and Mr. Dickson's sister are with them. The services have been well attended. On Sunday morning the school house was crowded. After the services the

audience adjourned to a picnic grove conveniently near, where a basket lunch, from large, well filled baskets, occupied the next hour. There would be less calamity howling, starvation populism in the papers if all editors of little country journals could partake of such a lunch as was spread out on those grounds last Sunday. After dinner came a song service, then a children's meeting conducted by Mr. and Miss Dickson who are both excellent singers and entertaining speakers. Another service for older people was led by Mr. Holdridge.

Evening was coming on and it was necessary to forego the pleasure of a longer stay in the happy little valley and to turn toward home. After supper the return trip was quickly made with pleasant remembrances of the hospitable people of the valley and their cordial entertainment.

Resignation of Miss Brooks.

The students and her many friends will be sorry to learn that Miss Brooks will not return the coming year to her work in Pacific University. Until a couple of weeks ago she fully expected to come back in the fall, but a letter received by Pres. McClelland after the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees contained her resignation as principal of the Woman's department. The state of her father's health led to his resignation of the presidency of Tabor College at the recent commencement, and consequent changes in the plans of the family make it necessary for her to remain at home for the present.

Miss Brooks, during her four years connection with the college, has gained an enduring place in the respect and love, not only of the students and faculty but of the whole community. She will be greatly missed in Forest Grove and the state at large.

The college authorities have reluctantly accepted the resignation and are taking steps to fill the vacancy. A lady in the East, who has had several years' experience as teacher in a prominent institution there, has been strongly recommended for the position and Pres. McClelland is in communication with her.

Over the Bridge.

While Misses Edna Taber and Lena Parker, and Messrs. Stott Parker and Fred Harris were riding in a two horse rig across the bridge this side of Hillsboro, Sunday afternoon, they met a load of seats for the steam swing which was coming this way. The horses became frightened and backed against the rail which gave way and carriage and occupants, except two who jumped, went over the side. No damage was done except to the carriage top. The horses ran on to the stable in the Grove and the passengers walked in.

We Have an Idle Cannery, Too.

An illustration of the substantial benefit to be derived from a cannery can be seen in the work of one at Chico, Cal., during the past three years. With a capital of \$11,000 it has sold products to the amount of \$81,000, and paid to its employees \$18,000 and to farmers and fruit dealers \$27,000, leaving a net income of \$15,800 to the owners. The Oregon City cannery should be running as there is an abundant supply of vegetable and fruits in this county to keep it running the entire season. Why does it remain idle?—O. C. Courier.

The Fourth at Tualatin.

The other side of the county is going to celebrate Independence Day in olden style. Oration by eminent speakers, music from a good brass band, reading of the declaration by Paul Jones and the singing of the Oswego Choral Society are the especial features of the day. Foot races, base-ball games, bicycle, sack and wheelbarrow races, soaped pole, greased pig, plug uglies and a commodious dancing platform are part of the provisions for the pleasure of visitors.

In Justice's Court.

Justice Hughes held court Tuesday in city hall and heard the case of Bank of Forest Grove against Mr. S. B. Gilpin to recover the amount of a note for \$57.50. Mr. Gilpin borrowed, it is said, \$50.00 of the bank for W. and N. L. Thatcher and \$7.50 was paid for the money of which Mr. Gilpin received \$1.50. The latter also endorsed the note. When the note fell due it went to protest. Mr. Gilpin who was the backer of it is reported to have offered to make good the amount but refused to pay the bonus. At the trial Attorney J. P. Wagner appeared for the plaintiff and Attorney Langley for the defense. A jury was secured, consisting of Geo. Sican, John Farber, G. T. Hollister, Mr. Cronen, Henry Wirz and Geo. Foteet. First ballot were five for plaintiff and one for the defendant, and at the second they were unanimous in favor of the plaintiff.

Celebration at Verboort.

The Fourth is to be duly observed at Verboort, too. Last year a celebration was held there which was a grand success and this year greater preparations have been made. All that goes to make up a modern Fourth will be there, races in infinite variety, speeches and music. The grounds are the baseball grounds and a match game will be one of the attractions.

Council Meeting.

The common council had a special meeting Monday evening, Mayor and all members present except Mr. Sappington. Mr. Walker acted as recorder pro tem. Ordinance No. 71, for the improvement of council creek, which had been drawn up by Mr. Walker, was read, discussed and passed with a few minor changes. It appears in another column. No other business was done and council adjourned until its regular meeting night, one week from next Saturday.

State School Statistics.

There are in the entire state between four and twenty years of age, 64,567 boys and 62,398 girls, 126,965 children in all, Washington county has 6098 children. Lane county pays its teachers best, the average for male teachers being \$70 per month, female, \$53. Linn pays the least, \$33 per male and \$22 for female. Washington county pays \$33.65 for male and \$29.40 for female teachers.

Scoggins Valley.

Two evangelists from Portland, Rev. E. A. Holdridge and Mr. Dixon, a singer, have been holding meetings in the school house and grove during the past week. Rev. Mr. Shields of Portland began the meetings last Wednesday and they have been well attended. Sunday four services were held and over two hundred were in attendance. No services will be held on the Fourth but the rest of the week the meetings will continue. Special exercises Saturday evening. Sunday, weather permitting, there will be an outdoor meeting in the grove and communion and baptism of children.

The Sanitarium.

The first of the month Dr. Ward opened his elegant home for the reception of patients. The house has been renovated throughout and fitted up, in the latest and most approved way, for a private sanitarium. All classes of diseases will be received except contagious or infectious ones. Dr. Ward has had many years successful practice, and with his skill, the convenience and comfort of the home and its healthful location the suffering find the sanitarium an excellent place in which to regain their health.

Money to Loan.

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County School Notes.

Schools are closing rapidly. There will be but few summer schools.

Early in July about \$5000, then available, will be apportioned among the schools.

Miss Belle Jones closed on the 11th a three months' term in joint district No. 30, near Sherwood. Enrollment 35-19 girls, 16 boys. Miss Jones has taught eleven months in the district.

School closed in district 69, in vicinity of Gales Creek, after a three months' term. This is Miss Heister's second year there. Twenty in the school—8 boys, 15 girls.

A term of three months in District No. 79, near Reedville, under Miss Minnie Osmond, ended the 10th. Twenty two scholars—12 girls, 10 boys.

Miss Stella Miller closed a three months school near Hillsboro (District No. 89) on the 21st. 15 girls and 19 boys were registered.

The Buxton school, District No. 77, closed the 21st after a term of three months. 14 girls and 21 boys were on the roll. Mr. L. W. Traver was the teacher.

School in district No. 61, Poverty Hill, ended the 7th after a seven weeks term under Mr. James Jackson.

Mr. George Miller closed a three months' school in Mountindale, district No. 51, the 20th. 11 girls and 12 boys were enrolled.

Miss Agness McMillan completed her three months term in Hayward school, district No. 86, on 21st.

CORNELIUS.

Farmers are busy laying.

Mr. McNutt has put down a new sidewalk in front of his store.

Col. Pollock visited Portland last week.

Frank Hartman has sold out his barber trade to Charley Dodds and expects to remove to San Francisco soon.

Johnson's saloon will soon be moved to the old stand, opposite the warehouse, which is being thoroughly fixed over inside and out. The Cornelius planing mill is doing the wood work and Brown the Painter the artistic.

Mr. Jaquet will move into the building occupied by Johnson.

The tie plant is doing about twice as much work in the same length of time as it did last year.

GASTON.

Mr. Wood of Forest Grove was doing business in Gaston last week.

Darling Smith and family have returned from their trip to the coast.

Rev. Swankhammer of Dallas has been holding religious meetings in Gaston the past week.

Mrs. C. A. Raymond has gone to Portland to visit relatives and friends.

The Gaston school board have retained Miss Rena Childs for another term of school.

Gus Coenal, the foreman in Mr. Batty's creamery, has gone to Snowhomish county, Wash., to fill a like position there. Gus has many friends in Gaston that wish him good luck.

Mr. N. J. Walker gave Gaston a short call on his return from the mines in Southern Oregon.

The farmers seem to think that a little rain would help the crops just now.

Clay McNamee, well known in this county, a graduate of Pacific University, and now a prominent lawyer of Moscow, Idaho, was married the eleventh of June to Miss Effie A. Leasure. Everybody wishes Clay and his bride much joy.

Samuel Gilpin of Forest Grove was visiting friends in Gaston this week.

Mrs. Samuel Rolston of this place went to Portland last Thursday to attend the wedding of her sister, Miss Fannie Gray.

The Main Object . . *

In keeping our drug store open is to put up prescriptions, and that keeps us fairly busy—with more business in sight. Our shop is often full, but we will make room for you long enough to take your order and will fill it from fresh material with the utmost care. Incidentally (and why not), we supply many people in this vicinity with toilet articles, perfumes and stationery, and they think a lot of the corner drug store.

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