

MIDDLETON

Fine weather for potato digging and in all are dug. Some sold at 60 cts. per hundred.

Mr. Amos Jewett has just completed a new cottage in our burg.

J. A. Sager is building a feed chopper and will have it running in a few days.

A. C. Stein is the proud owner of one of Conn's best cornets.

Mr. B. True has returned from Baker City and reports 2 feet of snow and 10 degrees below zero.

CORNELIUS

Mr. Wodell has his house about completed. His family arrived from Illinois last Saturday and have moved in. Mr. Wodell is very much taken with Oregon. Since his arrival he has been stopping with I. J. Baughman.

Mrs. Drussilla True, who has been confined to her bed for some time is gradually improving.

Benton Henderson, engineer at Aplin's mill, has been ill for a few days, but is now improving.

Mrs. D. T. Phillips has been on the sick list the past day or so.

James Williams, of Seattle, has bought a five acre tract of land on base line road, just west of John Neep's place, of Mr. Philbin for \$825. and expects to build a nice residence on it next summer.

The following officers were elected in Simonides Lodge No. 37, K. P. last Saturday evening. C. C., E. C. Wolf; V. C., A. Benson; Prelate, R. W. McNutt; M. W., Scott Wolf; K. of R. S., T. H. Miller; M. of F., A. A. Phillips; M. of E., Thos. Talbot; M. of A., D. J. Barret; I. G., L. Pollock; O. G., Ben Henderson, and Trustee, J. C. Buchanan.

SCHOLLS

Mrs. J. W. Ratcliff, who has been suffering with la grippe is now improving.

The G. & R. Co. have started their sawmill for the winter run. J. C. Snyder and L. M. Miller have

returned from the goose fields of Gilliam Co having with them 20 wild geese and about the same number of jackrabbits. The geese were very large, some of them dressing 15 lbs. Our road master, Mr. Cober, has put a new railing along the grade across the river.

T. R. Ratcliff has moved out from Portland and rented S. W. Seely's residence for the winter.

W. W. Fletcher has a large crew at work putting in pine logs for the Spalding Logging Co.

Mr. John Doxon has returned to his old stamping ground and is working for Will Fletcher this winter.

Gaffner & Son are putting up a new store in town and will open soon.

Johannie Snyder, from Alaska, is visiting his brother J. C. Snyder at Scholls. He says the weather was very pleasant up there this summer.

Mr. and Hitchcock from Nebraska, are visiting their brother at Scholls.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Sarah H Spangler to Orpha M Quick 5 a in John Butt die..... \$1000
 F M Kelsey to P C Campbell lot 1 blk 37 south coast add Hillsboro 50
 Agnes Campbell to P C Campbell lts 4, 5 and 6 in blk 47 c add to Hillsboro 1
 Agnes Campbell to Estella Hoover lt 1, 2 and 3 in blk 2 s c add Hillsboro 1
 P C Campbell to Agnes Campbell lt 1 in blk 27 in S C add Hillsboro 1
 Eliza D Thomas to Thos E Epplett 28 a in M M Watts die..... 3000
 G A Hughes to J O Jackson 4 a in Wm Stokes die..... 400
 Thos Philbin to T R Williams 4 3 4 a in Wm McLinn die..... 825
 Thos Roberts to Wm Fauks 4 3 5 a Phillip Harris die..... 100
 W E McCourt to Edmund Schneider lt 5 and 6 in blk 4 Thornes add to Hillsboro..... 550
 A Hinman to Thos Phillip lt 1 in blk 35 in Clarks add F Grove..... 300
 J M Robb to Nanney Giltoer lt 17 blk 1 in Curtis add F Grove..... 100
 Mary E Birdsall to C J and L S Birdsall 42 30 a in sec 34 and 35 in t 1 n r 3 w..... 1

SCHOOL REPORT.

Of district 64 for the month ending Nov. 27, 1903:
 Total enrollment 14.
 Days taught 19.
 Total days attendance 222 5.
 Average daily attendance 11.7.
 Pupils neither absent nor tardy, Mabel Shell and Mary Connolly.
 Days attendance of each pupil follows:

Gertie Nichols 13; Archie Nichols 13; Charley Vandehey 19; Arthur Connolly 6; Mabel Shell 19; Emer Whetstone 19; Charley Crunican 14; Vern Nichols 17; Goldie Nichols 18; Harry Vandehey 14; Mary Connolly 19; Dannie Vandehey 8; Onie Whetstone 19; Joseph Vandehey 8 1/2.

The school had prepared a program to be rendered Wednesday the day before Thanksgiving and had the schoolroom nicely decorated with seasonable decorations for Thanksgiving, but owing to sickness and other reasons not any one came to hear it. They are not discouraged, however as they will prepare another entertainment to be given at some future time. The third month opens with an addition of one new scholar, Arthur Lambert.

E. J. Shotwell, teacher.

BASKET SOCIAL AT MOUNTAINDALE

A fair and basket supper will be given at the Harrison schoolhouse, district No. 63, on Saturday evening, Dec. 19. The fair will consist of a grab bag, 5 cents a grab, a fish pond, 10 cents a fish and various articles too numerous to mention will be on sale. Here is a chance to get your Xmas presents cheap. The fair will be followed by a basket supper, baskets to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. The proceeds are to be used to buy books to replenish the school library. All are cordially invited. Ladies, bring your baskets, gentlemen bring the ladies and don't forget you cash—Committee.

Orders by mail for printing promptly filled and delivered. Independent Printery, Hillsboro.

COUNTY COURT

County Clerk Geo A Morgan's report was examined and approved; receipts \$49 50.

County Recorder E I Kurati's report approved; receipts \$188 90.
 Petitions of H. T. Bagley and Mary F Finch to redeem land sold for delinquent taxes were granted upon payment of taxes, costs, interest, penalties and redemption fee.

Change of county road No 48, petitioned for by M. Uhlman, was ordered.

Heirs of M M Watts were remitted penalties upon payment of taxes. John M Wall granted duplicate tax sale certificates for originals which had been burned.

John W Connell granted telephone franchise provided poles be erected so as not to interfere with working road.

Chas Jeremiah awarded contract for one year to board prisoners at 19 cents per meal upon executing \$2000 bond.

Manch Langley granted reduction of 50 per cent on mortgage taxes upon payment of balance.

The following claims were allowed:

Roads and Highways—
 A A Morrill.....\$15 00
 Johnson Bros..... 30 70
 S Ornduff..... 75 00
 Wm H Lyda..... 23 03
 Ballard & Linnville..... 6 00
 Mrs Christenson..... 22 50
 Conzelman Bros..... 3 35
 A B Flint..... 25 00
 Jacob Messinger et als..... 55 50
 Redmond & Sappington..... 3 00
 S G Hughes..... 14 15
 Wm Welch et als..... 86 10
 A B Flint..... 52 50
 Alex Hunter..... 10 35
 Adam Bell..... 3 00
 Carsten Bros..... 155 98
 W J Butner..... 3 00
 Prisoners and Paupers—
 W O Donelson..... 15 00
 W J Butner..... 5 00
 J W Sewell..... 112 50
 A J Roy..... 118 80
 Hillsboro Argus..... 2 50
 C C Hancock..... 8 00
 Redmond & Sappington..... 1 50
 Dr J P Tamble..... 12 00
 Stationery—
 Geo A Morgan..... 2 45

J W Sewell..... 1 06
 Glass & Prudhomme..... 13 28
 J K Gill & Co..... 3 00
 L A Rood..... 92
 Irwin—Hobson Co..... 8 45
 C H Crocker & Co..... 1 50
 H A Ball..... 1 72
 Hillsboro Argus..... 4 00
 Hillsboro Independent..... 3 25
 E I Kurati..... 10 10
 Surveying in Hyde Park—
 C R Morrill..... 4 00
 Wm Welch..... 8 00
 Wm J Sweeney..... 8 00
 W J Bunter..... 14 00
 John J Prickett..... 6 00
 James Barnes..... 14 00
 A A Morrill..... 44 00
 Salary—
 A A Morrill..... 19 00
 W M Jackson, treasurer..... 50 00
 J W Sewell, sheriff and dep..... 200 00
 A M Collins, janitor..... 35 00
 E I Kurati, recorder..... 83 35
 Willis Ireland, dep recorder..... 41 65
 Geo A Morgan, clerk and dep..... 200 00
 Insane—
 H H Clark..... 3 20
 County Court—
 Hillsboro Argus..... 5 00
 " Independent..... 5 00
 L A Rood, judge..... 58 33
 W J Butner, com..... 8 00
 Courthouse and Jail..... 5 25
 Bridges—
 J B Tillotson..... 524 00
 Circuit Court—
 Chas E Runyon..... 32 00
 Indigent Soldiers—
 Babcock Post G A R..... 10 50
 Gen Ransom Post G A R..... 8 00
 School Superintendent—
 Redmond & Sappington..... 11 00
 H A Ball..... 2 00
 H A Ball, sal..... 58 33
 Hammond & Stephens..... 27 75
 State Cases—
 Eva Weathered..... 26 60

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

The field of The News is the first agricultural county of Oregon. First for clover, for onions, for grapes, and in dairying; it also leads in diversified farming and is famous for fine horses, good cattle and blooded sheep and goats. Its hay is being bought, thousands of tons of it, by the government to feed cavalry horses in the Philippines; its wines took gold medals over California's exhibit at the Chicago World's Fair. Its prunes and hops get the top prices in the market, and sugar beets, flax, tobacco, sweet potatoes, horse radish, and mushrooms show the variety of its production. Its 18,000 people live in 3500 great majority own their own homes. Six wagon roads and two lines of railway connect the county with Portland, metropolis of the Pacific Northwest, from 4 to 32 miles distant, and here is found ready sale for its products. Good schools, good roads, a network of farm telephones and many rural delivery routes affording daily mail make Washington county a prosperous country region with all the conveniences of the city.

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