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Frank Davy, who throws the pen for the Salem Statesman, is said to be after the speakership of the House, and from we what know of him personally he is certainly a good man for the place. You might go over the whole state with a fine tooth comb and not find a man who could outdo him in eloquence or sense.

Smith & Morgan have launched the third newspaper at Corvallis, The Benton County Republican, and its first issue is before us. The Republican is a seven-column folio, all home print, and starts out with fifteen columns of advertisements, besides a column or two of paid locals. There is much reading matter pertaining to that enterprising college town, while several columns are devoted to state news and happening in other sections of the world. Its mechanical make-up has no past century earmarks about it, but shows that skilled mechanics and men of ability are at the helm. Long live The Republican.

The Hood River News-Letter, published by E. R. Bradley, is a new addition to our exchange list, and one of the very best. It is a six-column quarto, every page filled with news pertaining to Hood River and vicinity and its make-up is neat, clean and metropolitan. Hood River has two splendid paying newspapers, The Glacier and The News-Letter. The fact that every business man in town are using the columns of both publications, speaks well for their enterprise and good sense, for well they know that no newspaper can keep life into a town where its "business" men are taking a Rip Van Winkle slumber, with no prospect of an awakening.

There is no question about a reign of prosperity in Oregon, and it seems to have struck the day laborer, the washerwomen and the girls who do housework with a sight more force than the men and women who are dependent upon them for their services. But will these conditions last? May not a reaction occur and these days of "glorious prosperity" be followed by more stringent times? It is a fact that there are men lying around idle today who could get from \$3 to \$5 a day, but they want more pay, not caring whether the employers are able to pay it or not. A washerwoman or scrub-lady simply sizes up your pile, and if it is large enough, there is a prospect of your getting the work. But if you are urgently in need of a maid-of-all-work, you simply don't get her, unless you are willing to cough up \$25 or \$30 a month, "send out the washing" and allow the maid an afternoon off each week. In Portland and other large cities on the Pacific Coast hundreds of Japanese and Chinamen are going into the kitchen and taking the places of chambermaids at reasonable wages, and it is said they are doing the work well. And now the question comes up: When this wave of prosperity passes, and pass it certainly will, who will retain these places, the foreign help, who are getting all the work is worth, or the "home talent" who are trying to get the earth?

We have had a severe taste of winter. Wednesday morning the thermometer registered 12 degrees below freezing and we are informed that ice in the shade did not thaw all day. Thursday was very much colder and it is thought many potatoes are frozen in the ground. Some were frozen here in the car.

The above is from the Rio (Wis.) Blade and refers to last week Thursday and Friday. Wisconsin is not alone in the cold wave, for it seems to have visited all sections of the East and South. Here in Oregon the weather is as warm as spring, fruit hanging on the trees, vegetables still in the garden and flowers blooming in front yards, with every prospect that no frost will come during the entire winter sufficient to destroy their beauty. Rain we have in plenty during the winter season, but it falls gently—so softly that no interruption is apparent in out-of-door work and snow and ice are luxuries. Oregon has its drawbacks, but it counts as none of them high winds, severe cold, thunder and lightning, blizzards, hurricanes or cyclones. No state in the Union is advancing more rapidly in population and wealth. We advise our friend of The Blade to follow Horace Greeley's advice and come West.

If you or I, kind reader, should be so unfortunate as to be placed in a position where it would become necessary to steal a meal of vitals to keep down the pangs of hunger, and get caught at it, it's dollars to doughnuts we would be looking through a checker board just as quick as an indignant judge could pass the sentence. And if the amount stolen should amount to a few cartwheels, we shudder to think of the number of lonely years we should have to serve the state. But it would be different if we happened to be a Thaw or a Velguth, and had money to burn and mothers who were willing to have it burned. Young Velguth robbed the gas company of Portland of some \$20,000, rolled high in \$10 an hour automobiles, ragged his "steady" out in silk stockings, underwear and diamonds, and when caught in the theft and

County Correspondence

We want a reporter in every town.

Sherwood.

Regular Correspondent.

Born, October 12, to the wife of Charles Deitz, a farmer residing on Taylor Ferry road below town, a son.

Seventy pupils were enrolled in the public school last week, but additions to this number are expected, many not having entered yet.

The first dance of the fall season occurred Saturday night with a large attendance, many strangers from Tualatin, Tigardville and elsewhere forming the crowd present.

An epidemic pronounced "cholera" by the attending physicians is prevailing at our neighboring town of Tualatin, several deaths have been reported among children recently. Quarantine is resorted to and great excitement prevails. Scarcely "Asiatic" in character it is presumed. Old pioneers of the plains in early days knows something of the ravages of this especial of form the disease.

Marvin, the 11-year-old son of William Garland, a farmer residing in the Chehalis Gap accidentally severed a toe while handling an ax Saturday evening. He was brought to town and placed in care of a surgeon for amputation and surgical attendance.

Solomon Weckart, a prominent onion farmer residing on the swamps returned from a business trip to San Francisco Friday, after being absent about ten days.

Friends of Charles Biggs succeeded in securing bonds for him in the sum of \$4,000 and he was released Saturday, until the convening of the next session of circuit court in this county.

George Bailey, a farmer of Pleasant Hill has lately sold his farm there and will soon move into town with his family, locating on the property purchased by him in the east part of the residence district. Families of their reputation, character and stability are certainly welcomed adjuncts in any community.

William Pulley, an old resident here and formerly section foreman on the Southern Pacific found sale for his home of ten acres in the suburbs of town during the week, Herman Braemer, of Middleton being the purchaser, and the consideration \$1,400. Mr. Pulley and family will shortly leave for southeastern Oregon looking for a new location.

Judge Williams has found a new tenant for his large ranch on the Tualatin river, who moved thereon during the week. Ten acres of beaver land has been secured by Peter Borchers for onions, the balance being more than the new tenant can care for. The judge retains the old residence on the county road and is making his home here at present.

The returns are in from both precincts of our worthy competitors in the reporter line, and apparently the plumage has been "ruffled" of these pencil-shaving dames where no cause or provocation was intended or implied. If "touching up one's derelictions" and incidentally proffering encouragement along these lines of news gathering, constitutes an offense, then we certainly owe the ladies an apology and hereby freely and willingly tender the same without reservation. Quien sabe.

Scholls and Mountain Side.

Regular Correspondent.

Mrs. Weston has gone to Portland. She has found employment there and expects to remain for an indefinite period.

Miss Lena Wohlschlegel is going to stay with Mr. Miller of Scholls for a few days.

Mr. Stickler and Mr. Nelson have been all around both neighborhoods chaffing grain with a steam engine. All their patrons seem to like their work.

Will and John Wohlschlegel have gone over to the coast. John expects to bring back fish for his customers. Fish will be a good change from beef and mutton.

Fred Prosser is plowing for W. A. Prosser.

The storm Monday morning hindered Miss Nellie Adams from going over to Newberg where she is attending school.

W. L. Skeels' sale went off all right last week. He seemed well satisfied.

We understand that T. J. Wallen is going to take up his abode in Forest Grove after this.

Charles Maree and Mrs. Frost have concluded to walk the remainder of their lives in the same path. May their path be strewn with flowers and their days be many is the wish of their many friends.

Gustaf Sifert is working at present for Will Henson.

Mr. Crawford, our R. F. D. man is not getting around as early now since the rain commenced, but he is doing his best for us and is very accommodating.

Now dear Aunt Sally let us not call names, at least names that we know will not set well on one's stomach, but let us do the best we can for ourselves and for the paper we have undertaken to help along. I did not have the least idea that our neighbor over the way had any intention of hurting our feelings in his remarks. It seems to me a kind of a friendly way for the correspondents to notice each other sometimes, by saying something or speaking of what they

have written but put in an unkind way. I am certain Sherwood meant no harm, at least I do not take it that way.

Hettie.

Scoggin Valley.

Regular Correspondent.

The school at this place is being conducted by Miss Julia Hatch, a resident of this place.

Mrs. Frances Hancock, of Salem recently visited old friends in the neighborhood.

Mabel Mattheson who is teaching in Forest Grove visited her home on Sunday.

L. P. W. Quimby spent the week in the valley doing some hunting and fishing.

Henry Scott has moved to his place at the old Butt mill.

Hoodenpy and Robinson have sold their saw mill to another firm which will take possession the last of the week.

Ora Hawkin's house and barn will be ready for occupancy by next week.

Tom Sain sold a hundred acres of land to an eastern man who will build a house soon.

The old Christy place was sold last week to strangers.

Mrs. Jasper Hall has had a relapse and Dr. Large was called up.

Neighbors have moved on the Faqua place.

A very interesting Ladies' Aid and Missionary society was held at the church last Wednesday, a number of visitors were present. Refreshments were served and a social time was enjoyed.

Beaverton.

Regular Correspondent.

Mr. Malloy's new house is rapidly nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy.

The dance last Saturday night was a "howling success" from the reports given the next day.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Anderson visited with some of their "57" relatives in Portland last Sunday.

The erection of the new depot will be commenced in about two weeks, but just where the location will be is a matter that the company has not yet made public.

A son of J. H. Anderson is ill with typhoid fever. He is reported as convalescing at the present writing.

Several of our hunters were visibly excited last Monday over the report of a bear having been seen on the Johnson place just west of town. A party was organized and equipped with dogs and rifles proceeded to investigate. On their return they reported plenty of "signs" but thought that Mr. Bear had hibernated for the winter.

Blanchard Tullock is home from the logging woods for a visit.

Miss May Fisher is stopping at home for a few weeks.

W. O. Hoken is fitting up a real estate office in the room formerly occupied by the postoffice.

By next week we probably will be able to announce the opening of a bakery. A baker has made several visits to this place and it is understood that he has secured a location and will open a shop at once.

Aunt Sally.

Pleasant Hill.

Regular Correspondent.

Mr. Royce, of Portland spent Sunday with his parents.

Mrs. Baum and daughter Bertha spent Sunday in Portland.

Severe colds were quite prevalent the past week.

Mrs. Royce made a Sunday call at W. Dodson's.

Quite a few from here attended the funeral service of Lillie Taylor on Wednesday.

Our teacher is staying at the home of Mrs. Jones. Mrs. Jones is at present with her son Elmer.

Mr. Young and daughter Roxy and Vernus, and Mr. Byers were Portland visitors Saturday.

We're having some fine "made in Oregon" weather lately—mostly "made of mist."

Ezb.

Dixie.

The telephone line is in progress and is up as far as Geo. B. Zimmerman's. They expected to have it completed by Tuesday, but on account of the rain it will be delayed.

Charles L. Nelson, who is employed at the Jackson creek creamery, was home Sunday on a visit.

Robt. R. Service, formerly of this place, has left for his old home in Canada where he intends to stay for some time in hopes of benefiting his health.

Mrs. Sarah M. Sutherland, mother of Mrs. C. Nelson, left for Oakland, Cal., last week, where she expects to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Robinson.

"Rain, and then more rain."

Harry Zimmerman was in Portland last week.

Miss Maybelle Nelson returned home Sunday from Seppos where she has

been visiting her sister and friends. She met many nice people and reports a good time, but still thinks there's no place like "Home, Sweet Home."

There was a dance at Mr. and Mrs. Shoenberg's Sunday.

Miss Eva Berggren, who has been working in Portland, is now visiting in Dixie.

Geo. A. Nelson was quite seriously hurt while employed for the Chattman Logging Co., on the 4th, by having a saw fall on his arm, cutting it to the bone. He went to Portland to have it dressed and the wound is getting along quite nicely, although very sore.

Mrs. John Elliott was at the Jackson creek creamery Saturday on business. Itann.

Jack Town.

Regular Correspondent.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jack on October 8, 1906 a son.

Levia Jack of this burg has gone to Portland where he intends to take a thorough business course at the Portland business college.

J. Nicodemus and family were Hillsboro visitors Saturday.

J. J. Jack and family spent Sunday with friends at Scholls.

Mr. Meeham and wife took a business trip to Portland Friday, returning Saturday.

Rev. Hamlin, the new Methodist minister preached his first sermon here Sunday evening.

Jacktownite.

George Perry's Story.

There are no new developments in the Snyder murder case, everything remaining about the same as last week. The following was sent to the Portland Telegram Wednesday from Independence, Mo., and gives in part George Perry's story.

George Perry says six reputable people have told him they saw Carey Snyder in Kansas City in December, 1905. Since newspaper accounts appeared these persons have come to him with that information, he says, one man giving the exact date, while the other five were equally as positive to seeing him. Perry has not seen him.

"It has been intimated that Carey and I had quarreled, and I desire to say this: I was never treated better in my life anywhere than I was at Snyder's home," said Perry for The Telegram this morning. "We never quarreled as long as I knew him. Carey had an ungovernable temper, but I was never the object of it."

Mrs. Midge Snyder's intimation that George Perry had some knowledge of the disappearance of her husband has been the cause of considerable apparent surprise and regret to Perry. Perry, seen at his home in Independence, said that the last time he saw Carey Snyder was in the latter part of October last year.

"After staying at his home for three months, I left and went South to California," he said. "Then I went back to Portland the latter part of November. From there I went to Astoria and stayed there two or three days. When I left Carey in October he wanted me to come back again before I started East. When I decided I wrote him that I expected to leave in a week or two for Kansas City, and that I would stop off and for him to meet me at Hillsboro."

"That was Thanksgiving day. I rode on to Cornelius, thinking I would ride out with the mail man, thus saving a wait in Hillsboro all day and saving Snyder the trip to town. But the mail man did not go out, it being Thanksgiving day, and so I walked back to Hillsboro and went to the hotel, where I had told Carey he would find me, but he did not show up."

"I thought perhaps he was in Portland, so did not go to bed until the last train came in from Portland. I went to the train to see if he got off, but he did not come. I went back to the hotel and went to bed. In the morning the train left early for Portland. I got up and went to Fred Cornelius' saloon to telephone to Snyder so that I would know before train time whether he was coming or not. There were several people in the saloon when I called up. A deaf mute was tending bar, and his name was Snyder, too. There were no 'gun-shoe' doings. I asked Carey why he had not come in the previous night. He said he had been sick in bed two or three days with his throat, had not eaten anything, and that his throat had come 'd-n near killing him.'"

"I asked him was he coming to town this morning."

"'H—l, no!' he said."

"'Are you coming in today?' I asked."

"'No, I can't come in today,' he said."

"'May be never.'"

"I said, 'All right. I am going to Kansas City. This is good-bye.'"

"I caught the train for Portland, stayed in Portland two or three days and came to Kansas City. That's the last communication I had with Carey Snyder. I wrote one letter after I came back, but got no answer."

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