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There are a lot of things aside from a "hard winter" to worry a newspaper publisher—spring poetry, for instance.

With a bit of snow and ice of mornings, the tail end of February and the first week in March have been giving us a breath of fading winter. Paving the way for an early spring we shall hope.

Evidently the pussy willows are not purring very contentedly while waving their rather previous bloom in the air that is being tempered these early March days by the lingering banks of snow on the north side of the hills, but the fruit men are going about with an air of contentment and satisfaction, since the fruit buds are being held in check.

Inasmuch as the Graphic made some suggestions last week regarding the way visiting ball teams and their backers should be received when they come to Newberg, we are glad to note the fact that when the McMinnville crowd came last Friday night to attend the high school contest on the basket-ball floor, good order prevailed and the contest ended with good feeling.

"The meanest man in town" shows up at intervals without previous announcement. As for the fellow who won't allow his good wife to subscribe for the Graphic, as he don't care to read the newspapers—well, we will let others put him down in the list where he belongs, since the good lady of the house says she will have the paper coming anyway as soon as she can earn some money of her own.

When the Graphic establishes a hall of "favorable mention" the first names to be inscribed on the tablets of stone will be those of individuals, who, when they have accounts of doings they want published, bring in the copy promptly, while it is news. The names of those who wait until approaching press day to get their stuff in, long after the events noted have passed, will be consigned to oblivion at the bottom of the waste basket.

A large number of our exchanges are asking for discussion through their columns of the road bonding bill and so far we have failed to notice any adverse criticism of the measure by any of them. Apparently it will have practically the unanimous support of the press of the state. The appointment by Governor Withcombe of S. Benson, of Portland, E. J. Adams, of Eugene, and W. L. Thompson, of Pendleton, for the State Highway Commission is being well received. The members are well distributed over the state and they are regarded as being well fitted for the work. The territory has been divided, giving each member a section of the state to look after, and Yamhill county is particularly fortunate in being placed in the section that Mr. Benson, the veteran road builder, is to have charge of. The Graphic has a recent letter from Hon. Frank A. Rowe, president of the Nehalem Valley Bank, at Wheeler, who represented Tillamook and Yamhill counties in the recent session of the legislature, in which he suggests that in every county in the state there should be effected organizations to be known as a "Better Roads Club," having for their principal function "the dissemination of information relative to the bond

measure, dealing with its importance and the practical benefits accruing to the state by its adoption." His suggestion is practical and well worthy the consideration of those who are leading in this matter.

Another of the series of growers' meetings with free lunch at the noon hour will be held at the Odd Fellows' hall on Saturday. These meetings are being featured and the expenses paid by the Valley Canning Co., in a fraternal, get-together spirit, and much has been accomplished in the way of exchange of ideas in the discussions held and in association by rubbing elbows together. Doubtless the cannery people feel that the money so far expended has been well invested, but the planting season is now rapidly approaching and if the cannery is to be supplied with vegetables for canning it is time that contracts were being signed up. The cannery is here to be run just as many days during the year as it can be supplied with stuff to put up at a reasonable profit. Several thousand dollars will be paid out in added facilities at the plant before time for the new season to open and we will have one of the best canning plants in the Northwest by that time. The Canning Co. is showing good faith at every turn and it is now up to the producers of this section to cooperate by way of furnishing the vegetables, fruits and berries to keep it going. It all means much to Newberg and the adjacent territory. It means a home market for what the soil will produce, a condition long sought for here, and it means employment for men, women and children at good wages. In the past our troubles have come from a supply of home grown products without a reliable market to absorb them at a reasonable price and this has resulted in loss and great discouragement, which has caused many to sell out and go elsewhere to try something else. The Valley Canning Co. is now here, well established with an expensive plant that is equipped with the latest and best machinery that money will buy. The men who are back of the cannery are showing a spirit of cooperation. Are they going to be met half way by the growers, or shall conditions be reversed so that we may now have a canning plant operating here in a half-hearted way for the lack of stuff grown to keep the wheels going. This is a question well worth consideration.

LOCAL NEWS

Everyone who attended the children's L. T. L. silver medal contest at the Friends church in Newberg a few weeks ago was surprised and pleased the way the children acquitted themselves. This same class of children are to be taken to various nearby towns to give the same entertainment. The first program will be given at Chehalis Center church, Friday evening, March 16, and there will be no charge for admission.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a Frances Willard memorial service next Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. W. W. Hollingsworth. A special program is being prepared, and Mrs. Lottie Hannon will speak on the fulfillment of some of the prophecies of Frances Willard. Each member is urged to be present and to bring a friend with her. These meetings are held annually for the benefit of the Willard Memorial Fund. Sec.

A Rural Credit Association was organized out in the Chehalis Center neighborhood recently with J. Carl Nelson as president, O. B. Westfall vice president and H. G. Crocker secretary. The other members of the board are L. R. Ralston and E. B. Ridgeway. They have a membership of seventeen. On Saturday afternoon they met in Newberg with the Fernwood Associ-

ation for a conference regarding a boundary line for the two associations.

A conference of Sunday school teachers and workers of all elementary grades (cradle roll, beginners, primary and junior) is called for Wednesday, March 14, at 3 p. m. at the Methodist church. The elementary superintendent for the county requests each Sunday school to report the number enrolled in the primary and junior classes, those from 6 to 12 years old; also any information in regard to methods and plans which will be of interest and help to other workers.

Last week in Portland Judge Bean rendered a decision in a Siletz timber land case which effects Miss Amy Hall, of Newberg, she being the defendant in the suit. In 1900 one E. A. Haynes filed on the claim in question and made his final proof in 1902. Later when there was a charge of fraud in connection with many of the Siletz claims, as well as of others in Oregon, the department at Washington cancelled Haynes' entry and again threw the claim open for settlement. Miss Hall at once filed on the claim, erected a comfortable house on it which she occupied, and from which home she directed improvements made on the land. That she filed every requirement of the department has never been called in question and at the end of five years she made final proof and was given a patent. Baldus Gildner, who had in the meantime made a deal with Haynes for the land, entered suit against Miss Hall for the possession of it. The decision rendered by Judge Bean last week was made in favor of Gildner on the ground that the Haynes entry was not properly protested by the department, the Judge maintaining that the law stipulates that a patent to a homestead shall be issued within two years after proof has been made unless protest is filed in the meantime. The defense, backed by the land department, claimed sufficient protest to Haynes' entry was made, but Judge Bean held otherwise. This point has never been passed on before on the Siletz claims. Miss Hall has acted in good faith all through and has been sustained at every turn by the land department. Haynes' claim to the land was fully gone over by a special agent and he was turned down. Later Miss Hall's application for a patent was fully investigated by a special agent and she was sustained and the patent granted. All this being true, the decision of the Judge, rendered on a technical point of law, seems peculiar to say the least. Miss Hall underwent many privations while living on the claim and has been put to great expense in carrying the case through the courts and it seems too bad if she must lose out. She is being encouraged to appeal the case but the heavy cost it would entail makes her hesitate, as she hardly feels able, financially, to stand it. The claim is valued at \$12,000.

RIBBON RIDGE

George Vanoose sold his driving team last week.
Miss Clara Wenger called on Miss Ethel Evans Friday.
Miss Susie Evans called at the Wenger home on Thursday.
Miss Violet Hertig spent the week end with the home folks.
Mrs. Randall and Miss Hazel visited with Mrs. Boyd Tuesday.
Miss Hazel Randall visited with Miss Grace Carter Friday.
Evan Carter and wife called at the home of Mrs. Randall on Monday.
Geo. Wenger and Mr. Evans took a load of hogs to town on Monday.
The farmers are wondering

what has happened to the groundhog.
Mrs. Vanoose and Mrs. Randall took dinner with Mrs. Wm. Carter Friday.
The residents of the Ridge were entertained by a coyote chorus Friday morning.
Evan Carter and wife took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Vanoose on Thursday.
Miss Rose Newchwander and Miss Clara Wenger were Sunday guests at the Hertig home.
Word was just recently received by Mrs. Randall of the death

of her father at Brownell, Kas.
Mrs. Geo. Vanoose went to McMinnville on Monday to have her hand attended by Dr. Goucher.
Mr. and Mrs. Boyd and Howard were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mont Sleeper of Mountain Top.
The Industrial Club gave Mr. Carter a vote of thanks for the use of his hall and for serving coffee at their box social. There was not a very large attendance owing to the bad weather but enough money was taken in to help buy tools for the boys.

HIGH SCHOOL

On Thursday morning, March 1, the high school went in a body to Wood-Mar Hall to hear a lecture by David Starr Jordan, who gave a very interesting talk on peace.
The assembly periods Thursday and Friday of last week were given over to yell practice.
Friday evening after school the high school students went to First street in a body and gave yells and songs to arouse interest for the Mac game that night.

BAIRD'S

New Spring Goods are arriving daily. We will have the largest line of new beautiful dress goods for spring that we have ever had. We invite you to come in and inspect them for yourself.

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