

## CORRESPONDENCE

### GIST

GIST, March 4.—F. M. McCuller has moved his family into the residence formerly belonging to Lew McCallister.

M. W. Knickerbocker and family of Portland have moved to the old Burkhard place, which they have purchased.

J. L. Mardock, school supervisor, visited the school here the first of the week and expressed himself well pleased with the progress it is making under the instruction of Mrs. Della Nichols.

Dr. Turley of Hermiston, Ore., is here on business, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Strahm.

George McCallister made a business trip to Redmond Saturday.

Mrs. Fred Rubel of Sisters visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Strahm, the first of the week.

Mr. Henry Schumacher has recently installed a large cream separator and expects to go into the dairy business.

### TUMALO

TUMALO, Feb. 29.—Dr. P. H. Dancer and Harry Smith were pleasant callers at this place today. Mr. Smith is from Washington. He is greatly pleased with this country and the climate.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Higginson were calling at this place yesterday.

The settlers on the Columbia Southern segregation have water in the canal for domestic purposes. It was turned on yesterday.

The farmers are busy plowing for their spring crops in these parts.

### PRINGLE FLATS

PRINGLE FLATS, near Held P. O. March 2.—Fred Lund and his friend, Captain Johnson, came out to his claim in one of J. H. Wenandy's autos last week. He expects to fence and get his claim in shape for

seeding by fall and will dig a well at once.

Mr. Peabody hauled a full load of chicken feed in from Bend last week for C. A. Stevenson.

Miss Campbell made a business trip to Prineville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans' two little girls spent Sunday visiting little Miss Huston at Mr. and Mrs. Paul Held's.

Mr. Todd will make a trip to Bend this week for a load of goods.

Mr. Christenson called on Mr. and Mrs. H. Evans Sunday.

### AMONG THE SETTLERS NORTHEAST OF TOWN

The Eastern Star Grange was organized last Saturday night at the Dancer schoolhouse, with a good charter list. Officers were elected as follows: Master, O. C. Cardwell; overseer, W. F. McNaught; lecturer, Mrs. H. E. Stewart; steward, A. Moen; assistant steward, Louetta Wornstaff; secretary, Anna C. Moen; treasurer, F. E. Mosier; gatekeeper, Otis Moore; chaplain, Mrs. O. C. Cardwell; Ceres, Jessie Moen; Pomona, Mrs. A. Moen; Flora, Mrs. W. G. Waugh; Lady assistant, Minnie Moen.

The installing deputy, Cyrus H. Walker, hopes to organize several more Crook county Granges, the next at Lamonta, where one is desired. Deputy Walker lived at or near Warm Springs Agency for fifteen years, from 1877 to 1892. He also claims the honor of being the oldest living white man born west of the Rocky Mountains, and a native son of Oregon, born at Whitman's Mission, Dec. 7, 1838, near Walla Walla, in what is now Washington.

Mrs. C. W. Hoech and baby are quite ill with the grip.

O. C. Cardwell left yesterday morning for Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hoech spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McNaught.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hudson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole Smith spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Elder.

## TURNED OVER TO A. D. KATZ

### DESERT LAND BOARD ACTS

Columbia Southern Irrigation Project  
Near Laidlaw Will be Managed  
by Portland Man this Season.  
Big Tract Involved.

The Oregon-Washington-Idaho Finance Co. having failed to finance the old Columbia Southern Irrigation project, west of the Deschutes river and near Laidlaw, the State Desert Land Board has turned it over to A. D. Katz of Portland, who will manage it during the 1912 irrigating season, and at the end of that time he will have the privilege of entering into a permanent agreement with the board for taking over the project, provided he has sufficient financial backing to satisfy the board. In the event of his failure to do this, it is probable that the board will take steps to develop the project for the state.

**Involves Big Acreage.**  
The project involves some 31,700 acres of land. On December 15, the O-W-I. finance company executed an agreement giving to the State of Oregon all of the rights of the Columbia Southern project, the deed so executed being placed in escrow to be delivered to the board upon receipt of a letter from the board ordering such delivery. The finance company was given until March 1 to make a report showing that it would be able to finance the project, but this it appears it was unable to do. As a result the board will call upon the company holding the deed to escrow to make immediate delivery to the Governor.

### School Notes

Miss Alma Pohle has taken up her work in the eighth grade. Last Friday being Miss Vandevort's last day in teaching them, her pupils gave her a candy shower in the afternoon.

Kenneth Minor entered the High School Monday morning.

Jesse Gourd entered the fifth grade this week.

The teachers are working up some rules for uniform marking.

### FEBRUARY WEATHER

Past Month Had Less Sunshine Than is Usual.

February was a very mild month here, the lowest temperature being 21 degrees above zero. The mean was 37.2. The precipitation amounted to 1.19 inches. There was only one snowfall during the month, that of a half inch on the night of the 21st. The amount of sunshine was less than usual, there being 5 cloudy days and 13 partly cloudy. Foggy nights the first week of the month were something unusual for this part of the country.

March "came in like a lion," as the old saying is, with a snowfall of two inches on the 1st and 2nd, and the mercury dropped to 6 degrees above zero Saturday night, the lowest temperature here since January 8. The following is the weather record for February:

Date	Max	Min	Date	Max	Min
1	47	31	17	50	36
2	48	32	18	45	34
3	34	29	19	47	31
4	41	31	20	46	31
5	52	31	21	46	33
6	46	31	22	44	32
7	59	39	23	57	37
8	51	39	24	40	19
9	54	39	25	40	30
10	54	33	26	45	28
11	45	32	27	53	30
12	50	31	28	53	37
13	51	31	29	47	34
14	46	35	30	—	—
15	47	35	31	—	—
16	—	—	Mean	46	35

### FIRE IN LAIDLAW

Disastrous Blaze Destroys Harter House, Rented by F. E. Dayton.

LAIDLAW, March 4.—Last Thursday morning fire destroyed the Harter house 2 1/2 miles north of this place. The loss is estimated at \$1000. Most of the furniture in the building was saved.

The Harter house was rented by F. E. Dayton. The blaze, which started in the second story, evidently from a defective flue, was discovered by Mrs. Dayton and her daughters Dorothy and Carol, who immediately gave the alarm by telephone. The Gerking boys were the first at the fire, and aided in saving practically everything on the ground floor. The flames had got so far by the time help arrived that it was impossible to go upstairs. There was no insurance on the building.

A. J. Harter, owner of the burned

building, has just erected an attractive new bungalow near the school house in Laidlaw, into which he has recently moved.

**SUPERINTENDENT HERE**  
Rev. H. O. Perry, district superintendent of the Methodist church, was here Sunday and Monday, and Sunday night at the Baptist church preached a sermon that was the subject of much favorable comment by those who heard it. Monday evening Mr. Perry met with a number of people and discussed the church situation in Bend.

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