

CENTRAL OREGON NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

HAMPTON

HAMPTON, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Hurley Hogue and baby and Mrs. Elmer Peck and son Allison have been on the sick list the past two weeks.

Mr. Varco, who has a homestead at the 48 milepost, was a Hampton visitor two days the past week. He bought his provisions and lumber at the Hampton store.

Mr. Hunting Sr. and daughter are visitors with Mr. Hunting's son on his homestead. They expect to take homesteads in this neighborhood.

E. M. Peck made a trip to Maury mountain mill recently and reports the roads in a bad condition and that there is very little lumber in the yard and also that the mill has closed for the winter.

George Langford, from Dry Lake, was a Hampton visitor Sunday.

A. S. Fogg returned from Bend Saturday with his winter's provisions and feed.

D. R. Dunn and daughter Edith and Hannah are in Prineville on business this week.

L. C. Peck is helping his brother Elmer build his new house, one mile south of Hampton P. O.

Mrs. Grace Fiske Bassett was a visitor at Hampton store Sunday.

Old winter has visited us the past ten days, the thermometer hovering near zero several mornings about daylight.

Mr. Harper of A. T. Shaver's well-drilling outfit at Walker's Cabin was a Hampton visitor Saturday and reported the progress very slow on the well at that place.

J. L. Owen recently added a new assortment to his supply of groceries.

The first month of school is nearly over and the pupils have made very good progress. Last week there was perfect attendance.

H. H. Hogue is building a new house on his homestead. It is one of the largest in this neighborhood.

Messrs. Knotts and Ross left for Bend last week.

Karl Kellar and Forrest Needl are busy cutting their fence posts.

Burr Black and W. T. Harrison are in Bend for a four horse load of freight to be taken near Imperial.

J. N. Crow and son are fencing Mrs. Crow's desert claim and the homestead.

Mr. Bezona came in recently and expects to reside the winter here.

William Hensley and William Visser accompanied Mr. Fogg to Bend where they hoped to find work but, failing, they went on to Laidlaw.

PRINGLE FLATS

PRINGLE FLATS, Dec. 9.—Mr. Danielson dug a well 20 feet deep and has two and one-half feet of water.

Mr. Cunningham has been busy hauling hay from W. Libbey's.

Martin Hallmeyer made a trip to Bend last week. He expects to file on an 80-acre desert claim.

Mrs. Danielson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Evans called on Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sunday afternoon.

W. Libbey visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Evans Sunday afternoon.

Paul Held made a trip to Prineville Sunday.

CRESCENT

CRESCENT, Dec. 14.—George Sly was in Town Tuesday.—J. M. Coy and F. H. Small, two timber cruisers for the Lacey Timber, have completed their work and returned to Portland.—Miss Thomas, a sister of Chas. Thomas, is visiting here this winter. She is from Saskatchewan, Canada.

Jos. L. Riago, Glenn Howard and Chester Struttmatter came in from camp Louroth since the recent storm. They will resume their work for the Huster Land Company next spring.

George Gottlieb made a business trip to Klamath Falls last week.

Sidney Ingles returned Friday from Bend where he went on business.—Frank Hamner and his wife drove in from their ranch last week in their cutter.

Eddie Santry, who has been suffering from his feet that were frozen while in search of his hounds during the recent storm, is improving as fast as could be expected.

Mrs. Jos. J. Ringo entertained the Sewing Club at the La Follette cottage last Thursday afternoon. Each member responded to roll call with an interesting current event. Light refreshments were served.

DRY LAKE

DRY LAKE, Dec. 9.—A little snow on the ground, with clear, sunny days, makes ideal winter weather for this part of Crook county.

The many friends of "Uncle" John Cunningham will be sorry to

hear of his failing health.

A new daughter at Mr. McVittie's home, born on the 10th of Dec., made all hearts glad.

The Misses Whitaker have just returned from taking their father to Bend for his return to Omaha.

Bad colds and the grippe are the local order now.

A party at the Hale home is reported for Friday evening, Dec. 13.

POWELL BUTTE

POWELL BUTTE, Dec. 16.—Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Hardy, a daughter.

Miss Helen Peery and pupils of the Shepherd school will give an entertainment some time before Christmas. Miss Peery will go to her home in Portland for the holidays.

A bridge has been built over the waste ditch which crosses the road below the John Rhode farm.

E. F. Archer is building a milk house on his ditch "80" in the "river bed." With his herd of dairy cows, he has solved the problem of raising alfalfa so far from market.

J. P. Bowman has taken a contract to deliver 100 cords of wood in Redmond. Mr. Bowman thinks he has 1000 cords of wood on his homestead, of the finest quality.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Fulkerson and family will move to Redmond for the winter, leaving in the spring for some

coast point.

Reeves Wilcoxson has completed a neat little cottage on his ditch land, altogether too nice for a bachelor.

FREMONT

FREMONT, Dec. 16.—Charles Barrett returned from his traps a few days ago with six fine martin.

The men are still drilling on Mr. Potter's well. They are down over 250 feet.

Grover Bell went out to Bend last week for a load of freight for J. B. Fox, taking along a load of cheese from the factory here.

Fremont has had its first snow of the year of any size.

Hazel Bonik passed through Fremont Friday for Fort Rock and will remain there for the winter.

All the dairy cows are doing nicely in Fremont, with plenty of rye hay for feed.

H. A. Chapman has just completed a large barn.

MILLICAN VALLEY

MILLICAN VALLEY, Dec. 16.—Fred Kiger is expected home this week from Silver Lake where he has been visiting relatives for the past month.

Thomas Moffett and H. E. Davis

have recently completed new and commodious additions to their cabins.

A. D. Norton is contemplating the purchase of a well drilling outfit and a number of the ranchers have promised him their support.

H. E. White, Louis McAdow, Henry Masters and Mr. Haateland have recently completed the erection of new cabins on their claims.

It is rumored that there is to be a general store and postoffice here.

A. D. Norton has taken a contract to build a house, barn and chicken houses on Frank Ginder's claim and will commence work at once. Mr. Ginder will move on his claim in the spring and it is understood here that he will go in for chicken raising on a large scale, starting with something like 500 fowls.

Misses Gertrude and Anne Markel visited with Mrs. B. E. Davis Wednesday afternoon. They returned to their homesteads in the east end of the valley Thursday after having spent a week visiting with Mrs. Geo. Millican.

PLAINVIEW

PLAINVIEW, Dec. 16.—Miss Ellen Crawford spent the week end with Miss Myrtle Scoggin.

The people of Plainview are going to give a Christmas tree at the Plainview school house on Monday night, the 23d. This night was set so that everybody would be free to attend the exercises at other places on the 24th and 25th.

The Plainview Literary Club met on Friday night at the school house where a short program was given. It included a few recitations and songs, after which an interesting debate on the question, "Resolved, that single life is to be preferred to married life," was held. Gih Edgington and Hubert Scoggin were on the affirmative and Mr. Davis and Howard Gillette on the negative. The affirmative won. The club will also meet next Friday night, the 20th, and have a taffy pull.

John Strahm and wife spent Saturday and Sunday visiting in Sisters.

George Crawford was visiting with his parents in Laidlaw Sunday.

RIDGEWAY

RIDGEWAY, Dec. 16.—Richard Stearns of Portland has been spending the week with Philip Smith and Floyd Scott at their farm.

A score or more of the young people of the neighborhood showed their good will toward Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gertson by serenading them at their home Monday evening.

George Campbell was soliciting signers to a petition to the postoffice department asking for the appointment of Mrs. Millard Triplett as postmaster at Tumalo.

Mrs. John McKinney has been visiting her mother, Mrs. John Fullam, the past week.

Miss Ellen Crawford, teacher at Plainview, will attend the teachers' examination at Prineville next week.

Mr. and Mrs. John McKinney and daughter Claudia will visit relatives and friends in Washington during the holidays.

H. A. Scoggin has installed a grain chopper and cooking vat as a part of his farm equipment, which he finds a decided help in stock feeding.

AMONG THE SETTLERS NORTHEAST OF TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Hodges have their new house almost ready to move into. It is 16 by 24.

Mrs. Lee Young called at the home of Mrs. R. A. Elder last Saturday.

The ladies' Juniper Club met with Mrs. William Reynolds December 6, and the next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. C. E. Smith December 19.

While there are several inches of snow in Bend, out here there is only enough to barely whiten the ground.

Last Sunday afternoon, at the Grange Hall, a number of persons gathered to practice Christmas carols.

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LA PINE

LA PINE, Dec. 16.—A meeting of the La Pine Commercial Club was held Dec. 14 for the purpose of installing the directors of the club who were elected at the annual meeting November 30. As the club has been incorporated under the state laws, seven directors had to be elected.

The dance that had been announced for last Saturday night at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Reed was postponed for the present on account of the weather and the lack of accommodation for teams.

There has been announced for Friday night, the 27th, a hard-time dance at the Commercial hall. A Christmas entertainment will be held at the same place on the evening of the 24th.

J. J. Eng, who has forty acres of land from the Deschutes Land Co. and is building on it about a quarter of a mile north of Bogue's residence, is getting along nicely with his house.

Mrs. Benson and Mrs. Richie visited with Mrs. Nettie Shultz last Friday.

Mr. Thomas of Crescent is reported as having taken sick while on the way to Bend and had to stop over at Ralph Caldwell's place.

About eight inches of snow had fallen by 9 o'clock Monday, and still it was snowing hard, with a southwest wind blowing.

MILLICAN WANTS SCHOOL

Enterprising Homesteaders Also Petition for Polling Place.

MILLICAN VALLEY, Dec. 16.—A. D. Norton and B. E. Davis have been busy the past few days circulating a petition among the homesteaders asking for a new school district, and the paper has been forwarded to the district boundary board for its consideration. There are now in the neighborhood of 40 homesteaders in a radius of three miles wide and six miles long in the valley, with about 15 children of school age who are in need of a school.

The matter of establishing a polling place here has also been taken up with the proper authorities and it is hoped that the 40 or more voters may be able to cast their ballots nearer home at the next election.

FREE BOOKS FOR FARMERS

Government Has a Number That Will Be Distributed.

Many farmers are not aware that the government publishes several valuable books for free distribution. The books are apportioned to Senators and Congressmen from whom they can be obtained by merely asking for them. Among the most useful of these books are the agricultural year books, that for 1911 being the latest issued. The government also publishes a very practical book on "Diseases of the Horse," and another on "Diseases of Cattle," and a report of the bureau of animal industry of special value to stock raisers.

Asking for copies of these books does not place the citizen under any obligations whatever to the Senators or Congressmen, as the books are printed by the government and paid for by the taxpayers. Many an Oregon farmer has cured sick horses and

cattle by following the directions in the government's doctor books. If you are interested, send your request to Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr., Senator George E. Chamberlain, Congressman W. C. Hawley or Congressman A. W. Lafferty at Washington, D. C.

AROUND THE COUNTY

Notes of Interest as Gathered From Exchanges.

The State Supreme Court has affirmed the convictions obtained in the Crook county Circuit Court of eleven men charged with violation of the local option law then in force in the county. The appeal hinged on the validity of the election whereby local option was enacted in the county in 1908. The fines of the men, \$150 each, must be paid. Those convicted were John Billups, Dan Biggerstaff, William Snell, James Green, Harry Kenner, Perry Smith, Billy McGee, George Brown, Leo Gardner, George Atwell and C. A. Ramsey.

DAY CURRENT FOR PRINEVILLE It is understood that the Prineville Light & Power Company will be ready to furnish day current after the first of the year.

WILL PAY FIREMEN.

The Redmond council has decided to pay firemen for their services in fighting fire. It has also placed the tax levy for that town at 10 mills for general purposes and 5 mills for payment of interest on the water works bonds.

KILL 7000 RABBITS.

(Harney County News.) One of the most successful rabbit drives, if not the most successful, that has ever taken place in this county was organized last Sunday and as a result about seven thousand of the pests will do no further harm to Harney county crops.

BEST BUILDING MATERIAL.

The following is taken from the 1912 year book of the American Society of Architects:

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