

# CENTRAL OREGON NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

## FORT ROCK

FORT ROCK, Dec. 29.—While helping to shoe a wild horse, J. B. Gaudin of this place was kicked over a grindstone. The stone fell on his leg and broke both bones just above the ankle. Dr. R. K. Merriam was called and set the limb.

The dance Christmas night was well attended and all enjoyed themselves. The Wright orchestra furnished the music.

Nearly half an inch of rain fell here Sunday evening.

Fred Wright, the stage driver, is on a furlough during the holidays.

Charles M. Erdman and Miss Elsie Wright were married by Justice Coad last Saturday evening, after which a grand supper was spread at the Hotel Fort Rock. The bride and groom are both highly respected.

## POWELL BUTTE

POWELL BUTTE, Dec. 29.—Mrs. J. P. Bowman received a telegram yesterday telling her of the critical illness of her father, Mr. Habbitt, at his home in North Yakima, Wash. Mrs. Bowman will leave for North Yakima within a day or two.

Fred and Ed Persson have gone to Portland for a few weeks.

J. J. Jones and son Ralph have returned from Redmond, where they were building a frame work for Mr. Jones' engine, fitting it up to saw wood.

Earl Saunders has been hauling some fat hogs to market during the past week.

Frank May spent Christmas in Bend.

Miss Alma Johnson is at home through the Christmas vacation.

Powell Butte is enjoying the rain today in spite of the hard wind that came with it. There has been an unusually dry spell this winter and the rain is very welcome.

## PLAINVIEW

PLAINVIEW, Dec. 30.—The Christmas tree was given here last Monday night. A fine program was rendered after which the treat was passed around. Everybody enjoyed themselves immensely.

Mr. Gillett and family went to the Pinehurst and Laidlaw Christmas exercises Wednesday.

John Strahm and family took Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Kuble at Sisters Wednesday.

Miss Violet McKinney spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. George Gertson.

Hubert and Nellie Scoggin spent Christmas night at the Crawford home.

Mrs. Rubie and little son Tilford spent a week with Mrs. Rubie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Strahm.

Mrs. Will Leverenz's mother, father and little niece are out here from Spokane, spending a few weeks.

## AMONG THE SETTLERS NORTHEAST OF TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Young, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Elder spent Xmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Haveman.

The Xmas tree at the Grange hall Monday evening, Dec. 21st, was made more amusing for the children through the kindness of A. M. Lars & Co., as they endeavored to give each child there a gift. There was twenty-one gifts sent out, but owing to the unexpected, there was some little ones there who did not get a gift. We want them to know that it was not the fault of Lars, however, it was only because we did not know they were to be there. The community wishes to thank "Lars".

Christmas there was a tree at the Decker school house, which was trimmed very nicely while the program was more than good. There was a large crowd and they all enjoyed the evening, including the bountiful refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Reynolds entertained Thursday evening. Those present were, Mrs. Jessie Boughton, Miss Della Merrifield, Mr. Willis Nolan and C. R. Low.

Mrs. H. E. Stewart, who has been visiting in Seattle for the past three months, has returned to Bend.

Mrs. Fred Reynolds has returned from La Grande, Ore., where she has been visiting her mother for some weeks past.

O. C. Cardwell finished digging his root crop about two weeks ago. The yield of stock carrots was ten tons to the acre and the rutabagas were twelve tons to the acre.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Haveman, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Young and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Smith were treated to a turkey dinner at the home of S. M. Elder Sunday.

W. M. Hodges and family have moved into their new home on their ditch land.

F. J. Young and family are now at

home in their new bungalow.

Dick Hunaley and Geo. Hoech took Christmas dinner in La Pine.

Charles Hoech is ill with grip. Mrs. Merchange and children are suffering from severe colds.

Mrs. Lee Loung took Mr. Young up above the C. O. I. headgate yesterday. Mr. Young is cutting cordwood up there.

## PINEHURST

PINEHURST, Dec. 28.—A Christmas tree and program were given at the schoolhouse Christmas Eve.

John Hasselberg made a business trip to Portland and other points recently.

School closed Monday on account of Mr. Nichols having to attend the teachers' examination in Prineville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wilson of Spokane, Wash., arrived Sunday for a short visit with their daughters, Mrs. J. B. Nichols, and Mrs. F. W. Leverenz.

Mrs. Arthur Jackson has returned from Portland where she had been having some optical work done.

PINEHURST, Dec. 30.—The Christmas tree and exercises given at the school house Christmas Eve were enjoyed by a large audience.

An interesting program of recitations, songs and dialogues was rendered in a creditable way; the school room and tree were decorated in an artistic manner, and an important feature of the evening was the generous treat of candy, nuts oranges and apples, prepared by the various committees.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Leverenz spent Sunday and Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nichols.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Root Monday, Dec. 30, a daughter. Mother and child doing well.

J. B. Nichols and father-in-law, L. M. Wilson, went to Bend Friday.

J. L. Couch, who has been employed at the Dayton sawmill above Sisters, returned home for a short visit

with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Leverenz were Pinehurst visitors Saturday.

A number of Pinehurst people attended the Christmas exercises at Laidlaw Wednesday night.

Birger Hasselberg and sister Flora, came in from Portland for a visit with their parents.

Frank Swisher is having an addition built to his house this week.

Lloyd Root is on the sick list this week.

A heavy rain fell here Sunday, which enabled the farmers to refill their reservoirs.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Wilson, who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. B. Nichols, left Sunday for Tumalo to visit other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Couch, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wimer and J. B. Nichols were among the Pinehurst visitors at the Plainview Christmas exercises Monday night.

Ray Root is home for a visit with his parents.

J. R. Benham spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nichols.

## LIDLAW

LIDLAW, Dec. 28.—Jack Wimer has installed new gas lights in his general merchandise store here.

Miss Crawford came home to spend the holidays with her parents here, from the O. A. C. at Corvallis.

G. W. Urdike is preparing for shipment the remainder of his son-in-law's household furniture, who, with his family is located at Big Eddy, where Mr. Stiles holds a government position.

Mr. Gerking's son and family came in to visit home folks during the holidays.

A. Harryman has moved his family to Bend to live.

Frank Dayton came over from the Dayton mill to spend Christmas at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurbank, late of California, are preparing to move to

Washington to locate.

The following officers were elected in the Laidlaw Sunday School: Superintendent, Miss Nellie James; Secretary and Librarian, Beatrice Sullard; Organist, Mrs. Allie Baker.

Nell Ray has been busy hauling freight from Deschutes to merchants here.

## PRINGLE FLATS

PRINGLE FLATS, Dec. 23.—Mr. Martin is down 58 feet with his well, with no water but still in hopes.

Fred Lund will take advantage of the three inches of snow here and skid his homestead cabin down to his garden close to his well, about 40 rods.

There is a lot of talk here of new roads in all directions, all to be put on lines, so if you travel this way one month you will travel a different one next.

Quite a lot of emper will be planted here this coming spring.

The last few days of weather made us think of tightening up the battings on our houses.

Jacob Settemeyer, with the help of Mr. Held and Alec Rickman, has moved his house down close to his well, which is a better location.

Billie Wiggam returned home, after being away a couple of months, to spend Christmas.

Martin Hallmeyer has been doing some improvements on his bars this week.

Mr. Cottingham made a trip to Bend this week for a load of goods.

## CRESCENT

CRESCENT, Dec. 27.—Roy Kimbell, U. S. geological surveyor, made a trip to Crescent Lake this week, returning to Bend Monday.

Thomas Jolly and C. C. Randolph were in town Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Jones came in for the Christmas festivities and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ringo.

Thomas McCord and David Lynes spent the holidays in Crescent, returning Friday morning to Odell Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Lynes were here for Christmas. Mrs. Lynes and little daughter left on Wednesday's stage for Prineville where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Robert Smith.

Charles Thomas went to La Pine for a load of grain, returning Tuesday evening.

Joe L. Ringo is building an addition to his house on his homestead near Crescent.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamner were Crescent visitors this week.

Under the auspices of the sewing club, a Christmas tree was promoted and a very enjoyable program was rendered in the schoolhouse. Many were in from the country and the building was packed. Old Santa was present and was thoroughly enjoyed by the children as well as the grown folks.

## MILLICAN VALLEY

MILLICAN VALLEY, Dec. 28.—We are to have a postoffice in the near future with Thomas Moffett as postmaster. The office will be named Millican. Mr. Moffett will move his buildings from near the "river bed" up to the Bend-Burns road near milepost 26 where the postoffice will be located.

A. D. Norton and family and Fred Keiger went to Bend for an over-Christmas visit with friends and relatives.

Thomas Moffett, Henry Masters, A. D. Norton, H. E. White and Eric Haselund have been busily engaged during the past week or two digging wells on their respective claims.

P. B. Johnson has completed his store building between mileposts 27 and 28 and it is understood he will be ready for business about January 1.

Al Yancy and Harry Morrison, buckaroos in the employ of George Millican, were at the head of a crowd of buckaroos rounding up cattle for Mr. Millican last week.

It is to be regretted that several of the homesteaders in the valley are neglecting their claims to the extent that they are open to contest. It is also rumored that the homesteaders who are living upon and improving their claims will call a meeting in the near future to investigate and act accordingly.

## RIDGEWAY

RIDGEWAY, Dec. 25.—Miss Lucy Crawford is home for the holidays from O. A. C.

John Lichenstein of Denver, Colo., is visiting with Ralph Lunbeck. He says he likes Crook county and will remain for the winter.

Ideal rabbit hunting prevails; a few inches of snow and enthusiastic aimers. Ed. Mills, Ellis Edgington, W. Hammock and Howard Hartley have bagged a score or more of these pests lately.

## FOR DEMONSTRATION WORK

National, State and County Governments Will be Asked to Cooperate

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—A bill will be prepared and submitted to the Legislature providing for the co-operation of county, state and federal governments to exploit the riches of Oregon's soil. This bill will provide for appropriations by the state, to be combined with government and local funds, to carry forward a splendid system of agricultural education throughout all Oregon. Co-operative demonstration stations will be managed by skilled instructors under the direction of the Oregon Agricultural College.

A general committee of representative business, professional and educational men is at work on the proposed law, putting it in shape to present later to the state lawmakers. According to Dr. Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural College, the work of that institution should be demonstrated among the farmers, giving them, at their homes, the opportunity of seeing the very latest methods of agriculture. All interests will work together to supply this need.

## THIEF LIKES FULL MOON.

Last week, when the moon was full, a thief again did some work near the lumber yard across the river, pilfering a few chickens and some clothing that was hanging on lines near the homes thereabout. At the time of the last full moon similar petty thefts occurred, and so the sneak thief has come to be called the "Moonlight Lifter" by the residents. Some of them promise to entertain him with buckshot next full moon time.

## NOTICE OF CONTEST.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, December 23, 1912.

To George D. O'Neil, of Bend, Oregon, Contestant:

You are hereby notified that C. A. Huff, who gives care E. E. Parker, Bend, Oregon, as his postoffice address, did on Nov. 23, 1912, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your homestead, entry No. . . . . Serial No. 97574, made Nov. 14, 1910, for W 1/2, section 6, township 20, S., range 16, E., Willamette Meridian, and as grounds for his contest he alleges that said George D. O'Neil has never established residence upon said land; that he has never cultivated or improved the same.

You are, therefore, further notified that the said allegations will be taken by this office as having been confessed by you, and your said entry will be canceled thereunder without your further right to be heard therein, either before this office or on appeal, if you fail to file in this office within twenty days after the FOURTH publication of this notice, as shown below, your answer, under oath, specifically meeting and responding to these allegations of contest or if you fail within that time to file in this office due proof that you have served a copy of your answer on the said contestant either in person or by registered mail. If this service is made by the delivery of a copy of your answer to the contestant in person, proof of such service must be either the said contestant's written acknowledgment of his receipt of the copy, showing the date of its receipt, or the affidavit of the person by whom delivered; if made by register-

ed mail, proof of such service must consist of the affidavit of the person by whom the copy was mailed stating when and the postoffice to which it was mailed, and this affidavit must be accompanied by the postmaster's receipt for the letter.

You should state in your answer the name of the postoffice to which you desire future notices to be sent to you.

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