CENTRAL OREGON NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

CRESCENT

CRESCENT, Jan. 11.—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Austin went to the Hamner ranch and returned Friday.

J. L. Ringo was at the Masten mill this week for lumber for the improvement he is making on his house.

E. R. Rourk returned Monday from Bend where he met his mother, Mrs. J. H. Rourk, whom he had not seen for seventeen years, as she has made her home in Matagalpa, Nicaragua, Central America. She is visiting relatives in "the states" this winter.

George Mayfield, a prosperous cattleman eight miles from Crescent, extended a general invitation to the people of Crescent to attend a dance given in his new house. The following made up a sleighing party who attended: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ringo, Mrs. F. M. Cleaves, Mrs. W. W. Cryder and Miss Dorothy Anderson in one sleigh, and Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Rourk, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Long and Miss Iona Applegate in another. A good crowd was in attendance from La Pine and vicinity, and, as all brought refreshments, a good time was enjoyed until a late hour.

FORT ROCK

FORT ROCK, Jan. 11.—As yet there has been no threshing machines to come to the locti postoffice, but Postmaster J. T. Rhoton says that dairy cans, parts of wagons and plow fixtures have been received.

The thermometer last Monday morning took a slide for zero and landed at the 12 mark below, this being the coldest of the season so far. The snow fall has been very light this winter, the total fall being only 10¾ inches, there being only about 2½ inches on the ground at present.

Mrs. M. M. Wilson has gone to Portland to attend to some business matters and will return in a few days with her family.

Miss Olive K. Geer, daughter of Capt. J. P. Geer of this place, arrived by stage Friday and will spend the winter with her father.

George T. Michaelson of the Fort Rock Mercantile Co. is spending the week with his family in Bend.

The first rabbit drive in the Fort Rock vicinity was pulled off Saturday with a result of 1129 rabbits being killed.

Floyd Lippencott came down from La Pine on business the first of the week.

C. M. Erdman moved his residence to the south part of the city where he is adding more to the building.

The Fort Rock meat market has moved into its new quarters on Main street.

E. W. Groves of Arrow was a business visitor in this city Monday.

Otis Talbot of La Pine is now driving stage from La Pine to Silver Lake, Fred Wright retiring.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Oaka G. Beeler of this place, an 8½ pound girl.

BUTTE

BUTTE, Lake county, Jan. 8—A jolly Christmas party took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pope in Butte. Mr. and Mrs. Melone, the Carroll family, Mrs. Smith and children, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot, Mr. and Mrs. Ede and son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Pope, Grace Banks, Alice Brookings, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Raasmussen and Mr. Huntington, twenty in all, were present. The guests arrived early and spent the day in visiting and games. At 2 o'clock dinner was served. Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Melone, Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Wilmot and Mrs. Smith had provided a feast that could not be surpassed anywhere. Served with turkey and all the trimmings, the guests found it hard to realize that they were on the "desert" a hundred miles from a source of supplies.

Early in the evening all present went up to the school house where they were joined by the rest of the people in the valley. Here an enjoyable program was given. At 9 o'clock Santa Claus arrived and the curtains which concealed a gorgeous Christmas tree were drawn aside. Everybody there carried home some remembrance of the happy occasion.

Mrs. Reynolds entertained the people of Butte at a watch party Tuesday evening, Dec. 31. At an early hour thirty people arrived at the Reynold's home and were soon playing games around an immense bonfire. The games ended abruptly when a call to pull taffy was heard, and for the next hour everybody was busy with a supply of molasses candy. Supper was served at 11 and by 12 all were ready to give 1913 a noisy welcome. An amateur band was soon organized, all the tin cans and combs on the place being called into service. Indoor games kept everybody awake and happy until 3 o'clock when the guests departed after assuring Mrs. Reynolds that she had given them a most pleasant time.

MILLICAN VALLEY

MILLICAN, Jan. 11.—Louis McAdow left for Missouri a few days ago to visit his family. He will return here early in the spring, bringing them with him. They will reside on their claim.

J. L. Owens has hauled lumber out from Bend and is building a house for his mother on her claim. It is understood that Mrs. Owens will arrive from North Dakota soon and make her home in the valley here.

P. B. Johnson has moved his family from Bend and says he expects to have his store open for business January 15 or thereabouts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ream and son moved out from Bend a few days ago and will reside on their claim.

Harry Morrison and Al Yancey have gone to Bear Creek to look after stock in that vicinity for George Millican.

The notices asking for a school here have been posted through the valley and the returns forwarded to the district boundary board for its consideration.

Ed Kopper, who left here last fall for Astoria upon the advice of his physician for a change of climate, has been greatly benefited and will return here with his wife in the near future.

Next summer will see a great change in the valley. The writer has been interviewing a number of the homesteaders in regard to improvements to be made on their claims this year. Each and every one talked with is preparing to fence his claim and will sow from 20 to 50 acres of spring rye for hay. Considerable wheat and flax will be sowed and experiments wil be made.

A. D. Norton and Fred Kiger have commenced work on Frank Ginder's well, after the completion of which they will commence work on Mr. Ginder's house and outbuildings.

Thomas Moffett returned Saturday from a business trip to Bend. He bought another horse, giving him four altogether now. Mr. Moffett says he intends to turn over all the sagebrush he possibly can as soon as spring opens up.

John Davis, who has been employed at the Millican ranch, has returned home and is now busily engaged getting out posts for his father's ranch.

LA PINE

(Too late for last week's issue.)

LA PINE, Jan. 6. — William Evringham went down to Bend after J. E. Engebretson on the 24th of Dec. so that he could spend Christmas with his family. While here he made several noticeable improvements on his homestead. He returned on the stage on the 29th.

Mrs. R. C. Richie spent the holidays with friends and relatives at Rosland and La Pine.

Earnest Evringham was down from camp to spend the holidays at home.

A. H. Ridgley has left up here to work in Bend.

The Masten school has continued right along during the holidays, the Paulina school opening last Thursday after a vacation of twelve days. The La Pine school opened Monday, Jan. 6.

George Mayfield announced at the last dance at La Pine that he would like everyone to come up to his place on the evening of January 10, as his new house would be in readiness for a good, old-time, housewarming and for everyone to bring a good lunch.

The snow on the ground here last week measured about twenty-two inches on the level and broke down the telephone wires between La Pine and Bend and also between Crescent and La Pine. The service was reewed between La Pine and Bend Tuesday and the Crescent people were working on the line from La Pine up, last Thursday. Since the thaw of last Thursday and Friday the snow is not over ten inches deep on the level.

Alfred Shultz spent last week visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Beesley and also a day at Crescent.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sly were at Ralph Caldwell's last Thursday.

PRINGLE FLATS

PRINGLE FLATS, Jan 6—The school building at Pringle Flats is finished. It is 16x30 feet and was put up by subscription by the people of township 19, range 19 and 20-19. School will commence at once. Just another little improvement for this part of the country.

Charles Mills walked to his Pringle Flat homestead from Bend last week. He made it in two days over a bad road.

Charles Marrin is getting along nicely with his house, but will have to make a trip to Bend for material before he can finish.

Lots of people are staying here for the winter because there is no better place.

A good many potatoes will be planted here this spring.

There is good skating here on the overflow from the warn spring and the children are having good times.

Mrs. Fred Hamlin and Mrs. Martin called on Mrs. H. Evans New Year's day.

We didn't have many turkeys out here for Christmas, but had lots of chickens, which could not be said a year ago.

Mr. O'Keef will make a trip to Bend Tuesday.

ALFALFA

ALFALFA, Jan. 11—Mr. Cott, who has been visiting at the Danberry and Boyd homes, left for Portland today.

Leo Ferry is home on a visit.

Miss Pyatt returned to her school Sunday after a two weeks' vacation spent with her parents.

H. L. Moloney spent a few days at home last week, returning to his work at the Pine Forest mill Sunday.

Preparations are being made for an entertainment and box social at the school house Saturday evening, January 18.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Willard are back on their ranch for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Johnson expect to leave soon for Vancouver, Wash.

H. L. Moloney is putting up a new barn on his ranch.

A. O. Walker went to Portland to attend the Irrigation Congress as a delegate from this section.

Mr. Hansen, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Williams are hauling hay to Bend.

Jean Ballore, who visited in this neighborhood during the holidays, has returned to his homestead on Powell Butte.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker and children visited a few days in Laidlaw last week.

AMONG THE SETTLERS NORTHEAST OF TOWN

(Too late for last week's issue.)

BEND, Jan. 8—C. H. Anderson left Sunday morning for a short visit in Seattle.

Mrs. Charles Hoech, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Spokane and Hartline, returned Sunday night.

C. E. Smith, R. M. Elder and O. C. Cardwell attended the meeting of the water users' association at Redmond last Saturday afternoon.

Eastern Star Grange No. 482 held an interesting meeting last Saturday evening and installed new officers. They are as follows: Master, C. M. Bragg; overseer, P. Peterson; lecturer, Mrs. O. C. Cardwell; chaplain, Miss Della Merrifield; steward, N. Reynolds; assistant steward, Alonzo Moore; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Ella Bragg; Ceres, Mrs. H. E. Stewart; Pomona, Anna Moen; Flora, Mrs. K. Nelson; doorkeeper, Autis Moore; treasurer, F. E. Mosier; secretary, H. E. Stewart.

Charles Hoech is moving the Willie Hoech dwelling, which he purchased, up to his place.

C. E. Smith lost a valuable mare Sunday. The cause of her death is not known.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Havemann, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Young, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hodges and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Elder spent Sunday with Mr. C. E. Smith.

BEND, R. F. D., Jan. 14.—C. E. Smith attended the Farmers Union meeting at Madras Saturday as a delegate.

Mrs. Marchone is able to be up again.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hoech are occupying their new home now.

An enjoyable party was held at the Grange Hall last Saturday night by the Grange.

PLAINVIEW

PLAINVIEW, Jan. 13. Mr. and Mrs. George McAllister and daughter Beatrice left the latter part of the week for Chehalis, Wash., where he will have the cancer on his lip treated. He will be gone for a month or more.

Mr. White of Prineville, brother of Miss Ruth Winkle, is visiting at the Winkle home.

Mr. Schumacher has purchased two fine cows and a calf from Mr. Van Tassell.

George Crawford was transacting business in Bend Tuesday.

Miss Josie Crawford of Laidlaw spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday with her sister, who is staying at Mr. Strahm's.

Ed Strahm and Ellen and Josie Crawford were in Sisters Sunday.

The Plainview Irrigation Company held its annual election Saturday. C. F. Chalfan was re-elected president; T. M. Post, vice president; A. Leverenz, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Chalfan, Mr. Leverenz, Mr. Post, Walter May and John Strahm were chosen as directors.

PINEHURST

PINEHURST, Jan. 13.—Tuesday morning the home of I. E. Wimer caught on fire from the chimney, but by the prompt action of Mr. Wimer and neighbors the flames were extinguised before damage was done.

The Socialist local met at the home of J. B. Nichols Saturday evening and elected the following officers: Organizer, Alex. Leverenz; financial secretary, J. B. Benham; recording secretary, Mrs. F. W. Leverenz; program committee, Mrs. C. E. Nichols, J. W. Peterson and Mrs. Alex. Leverenz.

Mrs. L. J. Wimer of Laidlaw will spend some time with Mrs. Jackson at the Bayley ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Leverenz of Tumalo were callers in the neighborhood Wednesday, the guests of Mr and Mrs. J. M. Patton.

Jay Nichols made a business trip to Gist Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Horner went to Laidlaw on business Wednesday.

McDermott Bros. went to Laidlaw the last of the week.

Fred Anderson has recently purchased an automobile.

Miss Bertha Hasselberg, who has been ill, is much improved.

G. M. Couch is quite ill at his home northwest of here.

Little Velma Nichols was quite ill this week.

CLOVERDALE

CLOVERDALE, Jan. 13.—Mr. Prosser of Walla Walla, Wash., has been spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. Kruchek.

Mrs. Burnside and children spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. E. M. Pray.

Mr. and Mrs. Buckley spent the latter part of the week at Redmond.

E. M. Pray went to Bend Thursday for a load of mill feed.

Mr. and Mrs. Job entertained the young people Friday evening.

Harry Hewes is having his house finished and will soon go to Redmond to spend two or three months.

Mr. Weisse took a load of sheep to Redmond Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Templeton were in Sisters Wednesday.

Sterlie Fryrear went to Cline Falls Friday.

Mrs. Woods and daughter Jennie of Sisters spent Saturday with Mrs. Templeton.

POWELL BUTTE

POWELL BUTTE, Jan. 13.—Earl Forrest returned from Bellingham, Wash., last week with his bride and will try ranching this year. His father, J. I. Forrest, will come in the spring. Mr. Forrest will come in a dry ranch here, also a "40" of irrigated land in the river bed.

Miss Helen Peery, teacher of No. 54, has returned from her visit to her home in Portland through the vacation.

J. D. Davidson is visiting Mrs. Davidson a few days.

Charles Charlton had what might have been a serious accident while coming home from Prineville not long ago. While crossing the bridge over one of the numerous laterals that cross the road near the Mustard ranch, his team became frightened, one jumping off the bridge on one side, the other on the other side, throwing Mr. Charlton out and breaking two ribs. The team then ran away, one of the horses not yet being located. This is seven ribs Mr. Charlton has had broken in different runaways and accidents.

Powell Butte ranchers welcome the chinook that is taking off the snow and also taking the frost out of the ground. An open winter has been enjoyed here, so far.

Parcels post is proving itself a great thing to people here. While the amount coming in or going out is not so large, yet the amount saved in a year on postage will be considerable.

There will be a basket social at the Alfalfa school house on the evening of the 18th. An interesting program is being arranged.

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