

CENTRAL OREGON NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

CRESCENT.

CRESCENT, Feb. 21.—A meeting was held Saturday evening by the people of Crescent at which resolutions were passed and forwarded to Congressman Sinnott, to have the land in the Paulina forest thrown open for homesteaders. The resolutions passed were made on the ground that many families were attracted last fall by the news that the land was recommended for elimination. It was then supposed that the formal land opening would occur in a few weeks, but it has been delayed and these families have incurred expenses of living during the winter. A committee of 12 also handed in a report, concerning the character and extent of the lands in the Paulina forest recommended for elimination. It was pointed out that the area in the upper Deschutes valley extends from the Crook county line, on the north to the Klamath Indian Reservation, a distance of 27 miles, and this area is 25 miles in width; that the three main forks of the Deschutes river have their head waters in this area. Further, there are several lakes, together with innumerable springs, and pure well water may be had in inexhaustible quantities. In three-fourths of the district by digging from 5 to 30 feet. What is not meadow and open lands is covered with a growth of lodge pole pine. The impracticability of throwing open the area under the enlarged homestead act was widely pointed out. In view of these resolutions, it is expected that the land will be announced open for entry by the first of May.

A skiing trip of interest was one made by Eddie Santry and Jimmy Morrison last Sunday morning, when they came in from the Santry ranch by moonlight, a distance of 17 miles, in a little over four hours, starting at 1 o'clock and getting into Crescent at 5:30.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Elmer Tyler last Saturday, by a large number of Crescent people. Cards and music were the diversions of the evening, and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

E. G. Rourke left for Bend Thursday, taking the stage out. Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Jones and son Paul came in from their ranch west of town Monday. They succeeded in breaking trail after having been snowed in since the 17th of January.

Charlie Grubb, and Howard Ogle, the timber men who are investigating the damage to the government timber done by the pine beetle, find from the latest reports that less timber is being destroyed by the pest than was at first thought.

Washington's birthday was commemorated at school Friday by a Washington program, consisting of songs, recitations and stories.

Mrs. Walter entertained a number of guests at a dinner party Friday evening in honor of her birthday, a very pleasant evening following the delicious dinner. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Rourke, Alice Lund, Gladys and Margaret Rourke, Fred La Follette, Tom McCord, and Manard Smith.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Tyler died Thursday morning at the Tyler home here. Services were conducted Friday and interment was made at the Crescent Cemetery.

FREMONT.

FREMONT, Feb. 20.—The secretary of the Lake Co. Anti-Rabbit Association has received a number of reports on the results of 130 pounds of paris green recently distributed by that association, and with one or two exceptions all report it a failure. The Fremont band reorganized the other night. It is getting along better now. Mr. Everett has taken over the business part himself.

Some of the band boys were invited out to the M. C. ranch to eat dinner last Sunday.

A program for the parents' and teachers' meeting, to be held at the Fort Rock hall will be given February 28th, beginning at 10 a. m.

LOST CREEK.

LOST CREEK, Feb. 17.—J. E. Curran has returned to his claim here after an absence of several weeks in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Haseh arrived from Bend last week and expect to locate on their claim in the hills in the near future.

Ben Rhodes brought in lumber for the erection of a new house.

Fred Overall went out to Milliean to get a cow recently purchased by Mr. Laws.

J. E. Curran has gone to Silver Creek to get his horses that he had in pasture there.

The Lost Creek Study Club gave a Valentine party at the home of Mrs. C. U. Washburn. The members and their families and a few friends were present and all had a very enjoyable time.

IMPERIAL.

IMPERIAL, Feb. 21.—Several persons gathered at the dance held Monday evening after the rabbit drive and danced until daybreak.

Mrs. Johnson started for Eufaula, Oklahoma, this week to visit with relatives.

W. McConnell went to Bend after freight last Wednesday.

Seahorn Johnson from Chicago came here last week to look for a homestead. He is starting for Bend in the morning to get his wife. They will make their home here for the future.

W. R. Voight has been laid up with rheumatism for the last two months. Carl Kraas has come back to have improvements done on his claim and is staying with E. Wenger until he gets his house built.

A meeting of the school board was held today, to hire a teacher for the spring months.

Clarence Nelson has built a house on his father's claim.

Ivan Knotts went to Bend yesterday

day with Huffman's team after a load of hay.

Van Lake has moved his homestead shack away from the new dwelling and is now using it for a chicken house. A good sample of what should be going on here in the way of improvements in the next few years.

Frank Cross was in Bend last week for a few days. He is staying with R. L. Babcock keeping bachelor hall.

Thos. Burns traded horses with Oscar Hill last week.

CLINE FALLS.

CLINE FALLS, Feb. 23.—Wm. Claypoole put in a crop of rye for R. F. Chase last week.

G. Muller was a dinner guest at P. F. Ledbetter's Sunday.

Joe Ruggs, who has spent the past few months in the Willamette valley, returned to his home here Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Beckwith and son Frank of Laidlaw, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Harry Beckwith.

The Cline Falls basketball team was defeated by the Redmond team Friday evening, the score being 23 to 9. The home boys were handicapped because of lack of practice but did better than they expected to.

L. L. Harader and daughter, Bessie, and John and Anna Donlay attended the meeting of the Farmers' Union in Redmond Saturday night. Miss Harader gave a very pleasing reading.

Elizabeth and Robert Ledbetter attended services at the Redmond Baptist church Sunday morning.

HELD.

HELD, Feb. 17.—The people of Held are enjoying the beautiful weather we are having now. If it keeps up there won't be very much snow in a week or so.

Martin Hallmeyer will leave for Bend Monday, for a load of groceries for the Highland store.

Miss Blanche Larkins gave a party Friday night, February 13. Everyone reports a good time.

Mrs. M. Hallmeyer and Mrs. J. Rivers visited Mrs. F. L. Ramsay last Sunday.

Some of the young people belonging to the Sunday school are getting up a play to be given some time in March.

G. P. Davis will start for Bend Monday to get a windmill for his well, which was drilled last fall.

There will be a big rabbit drive near here soon.

A. B. Taylor came to his claim last week and has fitted his house up comfortable for his family to live in this winter.

There is quite a force at work on F. L. Ramsay's homestead. Fred Lund and Chas. Genuing are working on the well and Mr. Mikilo is cutting wood.

George Beebe is spending his winter evenings by making a violin out of dry juniper.

Alce Rickman is busy digging a well. He has John Holland helping him.

HAMPTON.

HAMPTON, Feb. 17.—The bachelors of the valley gave a supper to the young ladies and married folks last Wednesday night. A splendid supper was prepared and served by them. There were about 25 present on all report a fine time. Plans for some kind of a literary society were talked of.

There was a large attendance at the rabbit drive today, although not as many rabbits were caught as had been expected, everyone seems to think a profitable time was spent.

Hampton school closes for the year on Friday, the 20th of February.

C. Sidwell, wife and little son, Melvin, of West Branch, Iowa, are visiting their uncle, A. S. Fogg, and family of Hampton.

Ruth Langford spent Saturday in

Hampton last week.

A. S. Fogg made a trip to Bend last week.

Mr. Spurbeck and C. Kellar are cutting some posts this week.

Mrs. W. Harrison stayed in Hampton store for Mr. Owen during the rabbit drive.

Lee Miller and family, Louie Miller and wife, Mr. Dunn and two daughters, Hannah and Edith, spent a social evening at Mr. Zierolf's and Whitaker's Friday listening to their new graphophone.

Mr. and Miss Hunting, the Harrisons, Blacks, Fogg and Pecks, had a big fish supper at Mr. Black's last Friday.

A very good sermon was preached last Sunday. The topic was "Living in Satan's Neighborhood." Sunday school is held every Sunday at 10:30 with church immediately following.

Darlie Burton was the eighth grade graduate from Hampton school this year.

LAIDLAW.

LAIDLAW, Feb. 23.—Master Laign Ross was host to 10 little friends Wednesday afternoon, from 3 till 5 o'clock, the occasion being his 5th birthday. Mrs. C. E. Hewitt assisted Mrs. Ross in entertaining the little folks.

The Laidlaw Bible School is progressing nicely under the new superintendent, Mrs. Dayton. A teacher's training class is being organized, also a men's class. The piano payments for February and March are being raised by the ladies giving "social teas," which are greatly enjoyed by all. Mrs. Minta Howard and Mrs. Dan Smith entertained the ladies Thursday p. m., and Mrs. Brown will have the next meeting.

PINEHURST.

PINEHURST, Feb. 22.—Mr. E. G. Dietrich recently purchased a new

L. H. Root and daughter, Mrs. C. L. Johnson were Bend callers one day last week.

G. W. Schneider went to Laidlaw one day last week.

D. W. Dietrich and family were transacting business in Bend Saturday.

Mrs. Peterson was calling on Mrs. F. V. Swisher one day recently.

Mrs. Arthur Jackson and family spent Sunday evening at the home of G. W. Snyder.

C. H. Spough and family and Mr. H. A. Newcombe, spent Sunday at the Snyder home.

Christen Peterson and wife were Bend visitors one day last week.

Josie Johnson spent Friday night with the Spough girls.

Ethel Snyder was absent from school last week.

A surprise party was given at the home of C. H. Spough on Friday night. Quite a number of guests were present and report a good time.

Little Freda Jaeger was a school visitor a couple of days last week.

Mrs. I. E. Wimer called on Mrs. Jaeger at Camp No. 4 Thursday afternoon.

Ray Root was a caller at the Bayley ranch Saturday evening.

B. Y. Couch went to Bend one day last week.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George Couch has been seriously ill.

Frank Swisher has been on the sick list for the last week.

The Plainview and Pinehurst literary societies will meet at the Pinehurst school house on March 7th, on the debate: "Resolved, that whiskey causes more crime than money." Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

The pantomime given at the school house Saturday night was a decided success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

PLAINVIEW.

PLAINVIEW, Feb. 21.—John Strahm and wife and Miss Montgomery spent the evening at the home of C. H. Chalfant Saturday.

Bart Nichols, formerly of this place

home Sunday afternoon. Caroline Shotwell of Laidlaw spent the first part of the week at the Strahm home.

Owing to the press of county news, it was necessary to omit a great deal of excellent correspondence, which will appear next week.

DESCHUTES FOREST GETS \$7680
WASHINGTON, D. C.—The agricultural appropriation bill carries a total appropriation of \$5,500,000 for the forest service, with \$161,290 of this allotted to Oregon. The Deschutes forest gets \$7680, the Paulina \$7330, the Ochoco \$8600.

COST OF FOREST PROTECTION.
The cost of forest fire protection in Crook county last year was \$167. The state forester spent a total of \$16,802.61 for the entire state, of which the counties are required to pay one-third. For this county it amounts to \$167, which has not yet been paid, according to reports from the state treasurer's office.

Harness and harness sundries, Skuse Hardware Company.—Adv.

I. O. O. F. NOTICE.
Members of the order—all lodges and degrees—are requested to meet in Sather's Hall Sunday evening at 7 o'clock to attend the special services at the Presbyterian church at 7:30. Rev. G. W. Wilkins will preach on Odd Fellowship, and the general public is invited to hear him.
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