

PROVOLT

Frauk Topping has a nice field of fall sown grain and so has J. T. Kennedy.

Charlie Coogle, one of Williams farmers was at Provolt Tuesday. Mr. Coogle is making ready to begin farming as soon as the weather will permit.

We are sorry to announce that S. Provolt, one of Applegate's old pioneers is very ill at present. Dr. Loughridge was called to Provolt Thursday by the illness of Mr. Provolt but no permanent relief has been given up to the present time.

W. M. Saffron was at Grants Pass Wednesday with a load of hogs and chickens which he disposed of very readily. Since Mr. Saffron has rented his entire farm at Provolt to John Berry and son, he will go out of the hog business and devote his time to cattle raising hereafter.

John McCallister now a resident of Provolt, having moved from Murphy last Fall to take up the hop business and set a new 26 acre hop field, which he rented a year ago, is making preparations to make his yard one of the most complete and up-to-date fields in the valley. Mr. McCallister intends to wire the entire yard of 26 acres which is much cheaper than casing poles. This will be the first yard to be wired at Provolt.

Chas. Fields accompanied by his brother, George, was at Grants Pass Friday on business. Mr. Fields states in returning home he had the misfortune of breaking his buggy double-trees to fragments on a stump which stood in the road at Laurel Grove. "Red Cloud" was telling us of good roads—the best that there has been built at that place for many years. Ha! ha! It looks like it when a fellow is left standing in the public highway when it is raining in torrents and wants to go to a box social and has to go and borrow a set of double-trees before he can get home. The good roads are all demolished owing to the hard storms and high water.

Leslie Bailey, a fruit-grower off Provolt who has spent the past few months at the famous Mountain Lion mine on Missouri Flat, was at Provolt this week on a business visit. Mr. Bailey tells of the splendid and successful progress which is being carried on at the mine. He states that they are at present taking out some fine ore which carries remarkable values. This mine has been in operation for several years and there is no doubt that it is one of the best paying properties in this valley. They have it at present equipped with all the latest machinery which is required to make a mine a success.

Clayton Stone, who purchased the farm of L. C. Hyde at Provolt, November 15, 1907 is doing some successful grubbing at present, which is quite inconvenient, owing to the recent storms. Mr. Stone came from Colorado to Oregon last Fall stopping at the Provolt hop field he was induced to purchase for himself a home in this beautiful Applegate valley where he now resides. Mr. Stone will raise principally hay at the present, later he intends to take up the dairy business and feed his hay to the dairy cow.

The Box social given at Williams Friday, February 1, 1907 was a grand success and a credit to the Williams valley which is due to the Ladies Home Missionary society of that place for making it a pleasant one in spite of the heavy rain storm during the day. The crowd was not so large as was expected and the evening program was a splendid one. At 10:30 o'clock the boxes were prepared and sold to the highest bidders. They were sold by Doll Lewman of Williams, realizing for boxes, coffee and lemonade, \$26.90. Afterwards supper was served and greatly enjoyed by those present. The remainder of the evening was spent in playing games, singing and instrumental music. The young people of Williams are very grateful to the Williams ladies for this enjoyable evening.

NEW HOPE

(Crowded out last week.) Rain! Rain! Well we believe that the old saying is true, when they say that it rains 13 months in the year in this state.

Well, now, "Red Cloud" says for us to do more work on the road myself and not find so much fault with the supervisor. Should the supervisor come down here and take us over on the other road to help fix our road just? Just remember I don't do it any more.

Mr. Lawton, our county surveyor and Mr. Gillilan of Grants Pass were in our burg Monday on business.

I understand that Howard Wynant has sold his horse and saddle to Louis Mitchell of Murphy for \$100.

SHORTY.

DEERING

The bear failed to see his shadow on Feb. 2.

A man without any brains is not noticed until he begins to blow his bugle.

Sam Egger has gone home to stay until Mrs. Egger is better. Dr. Klopper states she has an attack of lumbago.

These people who have been howling about cold can thank their stars that they are still in Oregon and not Jamaica.

G. W. Webb was the guest of Clark Webb, Jr., over Sunday at the mine. Clark exhibited eight fox hides, the effects of his prowess.

We have borne with J. Bourne ever since he was born. Now he has been borne to that borne whence no traveler returneth untainted, let us pray for poor Jonathan.

40 degrees above zero and raining hard and cold enough to freeze a maltese cat. I wish I was back to that dear Queal Montrebec.

Alfred Peterson is taking a vacation in order to do some work on his homestead. Mr. Peterson has worked for the Webb Mining Co. for nearly two years and is one of our honest homesteaders.

Messrs. Lange and Knopke prospectors and trappers on Smith River, middle fork, report a human skeleton, found by them in one of the deep canons near their camp. We have not learned whether anything like gun, knife, or watch was also found. We lack details.

There was a bachelors' meeting held in Elk Valley on the 3d ultimo. We are without details as we have not interviewed the girl. EBEN.

(Crowded out last week.) It does not always pay to work up a sweat.

Mr. Egger reports Mrs. Egger much better. She has been very sick and her friends in Elk Valley are happy to know she is on the mend. Dr. Klopper of Kerby is attending her.

We hear someone kicking along the line about Oregon cold weather. We think that a change from 30 above to 30 below would stop the everlasting kicking of some of these hot weather loungers.

E. M. Albright is home from the Pass and at present is doing some packing to the Mammoth mine in which he is interested.

Mrs. Gertrude Webb was the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Martha Webb at her mountain home on Bline Creek Sunday. She reports a good soaking on her return trip. Did you ever see anything like it before in Oregon, Gertrude?

Sammie Egger was the guest of S. W. Webb over Sunday and Tommie Gilligan spent the same day with A. Reynolds on the Illinois.

We have seen men in our day who were everlastingly finding fault with their neighbors, swell up like a "harvest toad," run this man down then that, kick the cat and dog, club the horse and pound the cow, frighten his family out of their wits and all this, mind you, during the week, then on Sunday go to church and testify to the peace and joy they felt in serving the Lord.

The Queen of Bronze people have more ore in sight than ever before and the prospects are that the smelter will have a long, steady run the coming season. Mining experts say we have a great copper belt through here and one cannot help but believe it with the good showing made by the numerous mines around here.

We failed to see Jumbo's "beet" story and wish he would repeat it for our benefit. We are very much interested in agriculture down our way but are very sorry to state our inability to raise beets, as our ground is so rich that the tops grow up so quickly that they pull the roots up with them.

EBEN.

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BRIDGE TIPS OVER ON TEAM AND WAGON

Three Horses Drowned and Men Have Narrow Escape at Chapman Creek.

On February 2, James Parks was hauling a load of hay to his brother's near Kerby, driving four horses. Parks was riding a wheel horse and Dick Sowell and Frank Kelley were riding on the hay. They drove upon the Chapman creek bridge, four miles from Kerby on the Holland road, not noticing that the center support had been undermined by the high water. When the team got about midway the bridge began to tip. It leaned upstream and fell very slowly, so that the horses and wagon slid off the bridge into the creek and the bridge fell upon them drowning two of the horses and a third was hurt in the fall, so it fell helpless and drowned. The fourth horse escaped unhurt. Mr. Parks got one of his legs hurt in the mixup, but not seriously and he was badly shaken up. Sowell and Kelly escaped without a scratch, but somewhat scared. Should the bridge have fallen quickly the chances are that some of the men would have lost their lives and it is fortunate for them that it was not worse.

Died—Near Kerby, Ore., January 25, 1907, Franklin Lutz, aged 75 years and 4 months. He was taken ill with la grippe and it developed into pneumonia. Medical aid was given him but no relief came to him until about 6 o'clock a. m. when death relieved him. The remains were laid to rest in the Kerby cemetery on January 26th. Mr. Lutz was a pioneer, having come to Oregon in 1838 and mined on the Illinois River below Kerby for a number of years, and finally abandoned mining and went to the bee business in which he had great success and devoted most of his time as it was a pleasure to him. Mr. Lutz was a native of Germany.

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LAUREL GROVE

Jeff Lindsay is laid up with a lame foot caused by a horse stepping on it.

Miss Anna Haberman, was the guest of Miss Stella Williams last Saturday. Mrs. Emily Day is very poorly at this writing, also Charles Swinden.

Arch Bunch of Murphy was hauling hay through our burg one day last week.

Alonzo Hyde was a visitor from here to your city last Saturday, also Fred Knox.

Ruby Root was a visitor at Laurel Grove last Saturday night. Come again Ruby.

Ed Swinden is very busy piping at present and washing out the yellow metal.

Walter Farra and wife were at Provolt last week visiting Sam Provolt, who is very sick at present.

The Misses Irma and Rhoda Hill of Granite Hill are visiting relatives in these parts of late.

Messrs. Charles and Henry Haberman, are very busy breaking some fine young horses at present.

John Clark of Murphy was visiting at the home of Oscar Williams last Saturday night and Sunday.

John Kincaid of Williams passed through our burg last week en route to your city to see his mother, who is ill at that place.

J. L. Williams is thinking of leaving this country. Old Oregon is good enough for me for this is home, sweet home, where joys forever flow.

A crowd of young people were at Laurel Grove from Upper Applegate last Saturday night. We were glad to see their smiling faces. Come again.

Our reporter is on the bum and is not feeling good at all, but if he had plenty of sheeppid and poison oak he may pull through alright. Hope so anyway.

Our reporter paid Grants Pass a visit last week, being present at the M. W. A. meeting and did certainly have a good time. New members are always welcome in our camp.

I think it is about time that "Monty" would write some, as he has been dreaming all Winter and been at home too, but asleep most of the time. He has just woken up is all and had to write about it.

George Vining is waiting to catch the son-of-a-gun that is stealing his traps and furs along the river, and if he gets him it will be all off with the big Swede.

Oh how it does rain and the miners are happy again and you can hear the boulders rolling day and night. The more it rains the more the farmer gets to rest and the more money the miner makes. So let it rain if it wants to.

Every one had a good time at literary society last Saturday night. A program was rendered and also new officers elected and the paper called "Laurel Grove Wildcat" was read and it is wild too. After recess a mock trial was held, Earl Topping being arrested for stealing a hog from J. L. Williams. Chester Kubli was the prosecuting attorney and Al Mathews and Willard Topping for the defense. Alec Watts was judge. The jurors brought in a verdict of not guilty, after being out 30 minutes. RED CLOUD.

DAVIDSON

Just ought to come out to Davidson and watch it rain.

Jno. R. Bailey paid your city a visit on Tuesday.

T. H. Peterson of your city was a visitor in this vicinity Saturday and Sunday.

Wish we had some mail route up this side of the river so that I could get my mail once a week any way.

Geo. W. Meek of this place has accepted a position at the Blue Gulch Quartz mine as mill man and also to do some timbering for them as they have struck some dangerous ground.

Quite a crowd of the young people from this side of the river have been attending the Literary society at Laurel Grove regularly but did not get to go Saturday as the river was up too much for them.

Miss Elsie McFadden, who has been sick at the South Pacific Hospital for the last two months is home again and we are all glad to see her looking so well after being as sick as she was.

I wonder what has become of "Jumbo"? We have not heard of any funerals of late in that vicinity. I am a mind reader, but am a reader of the Courier and from the way the Laurel Grove items sound from the pen of "Red Cloud," he and "Jumbo" must be brothers.

Well sir, you had just ought to go up Oscar creek and see "them that" place miners smile. Why, one of them gets up at 6 o'clock in the morning and stands by the giant as long as he can see. They hope to see this rain keep up for quite awhile yet, but we farmers that have grain to put in, hope it will cease, and then watch us plow as long as we can see!

The dance at Murphy was well attended by the dance loving young folks of Laurel Grove and this place and everyone seemed to have a good time. They danced until the early hours of morning after sitting down to a very nice supper served by L. W. Carson and Lewis Mitchell.

The North Side Applegate Ditch Co., held their annual meeting at the home of David Lindsay, Sr. After shaking hands and a few words of debate were put before the house, they proceeded to elect the following officers for the coming year: Jas. T. Blevins, secy.; W. T. Parry, treas.; J. T. Cook, Jas. J. McFadden and F. M. Hayes, directors.

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WIMER

(Crowded out last week.)

Mr. Staub went to Woodville last Saturday to get some freight.

L. C. Sivers made a business trip to your city Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Neathamer spent Saturday in Woodville.

James Neathamer of this place is working at the Blue Lead quartz mine.

The Pleasant Creek Literary society meets every Saturday night at the school house.

John Hul a, Joe What-n, Will Hill, H. S. Moore and Ernest Vroman attended the Odd Fellows lodge at Gold Hill last Saturday night.

Mr. Costel died at his home January 20, after a short illness. His health has been very poor for some time.

The miners are smiling again at the prospect of another good rain; the water has been very short for the last few weeks. SCRIBBLER.

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