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PROVOLT

Jess Lemmon of Provolt was at Williams Sunday.
J. A. Lewman was at Grants Pass this week on business. Mr. Lewman is a farmer at Provolt and is principally devoting his attention to cattle raising. During the season, Mr. Lewman put up a large amount of hay which has been baled heretofore but will hereafter be fed to beef and stock cattle. During the Summer months the cattle will be driven to the ranges of old Grayback where they are left until snow flies the Fall. Many of the cattle, when driven home are ready for the market. All stock cattle at Provolt are looking good.

Our Winter has been mild and pleasant, considering the severe storms of sleet and freezing which we read of in many other near-by states, but Southern Oregon has been blessed with none of the severe storms and the weather has been warm and pleasant for the past two weeks. The sun has been shining very brightly and this is much regretted owing to the fruit. The almond, peaches and pears are far ahead of last season. The peach blossoms are showing their red hoods, while the almonds in another week will be in bloom. The apple crop is also ahead of last season and many are fearing early fruit blossoms and late frosts.

"Red Cloud" seems to have a prick at the Provolt correspondent—wonder why? Come up to Provolt and see the pretty girls—there are no stumps in the road up here, "Red Cloud. Your community has some pretty girls, which you have been speaking of for some time, but make them known as I am a bachelor.

There was a crowd went from Provolt to Laurel Grove Saturday. All report a good time and will go again next Saturday.

We are sorry to learn of the illness of Minnie Vinyard of Williams. Dr. Longridge of Grants Pass was summoned and an operation performed on her throat, which was swollen to a dangerous stage. She is at present slowly recovering.

T. E. LEWMAN.

WALDO

Looks as if we were going to have some more rain.

Miss Anna Slagle was on our streets last week.

Mr. Corbet who has been superintending the Sowell copper mine is now here looking after his mining interests.

Mrs. Ida Decker and Mrs. Homer White were the guests of Mrs. Adams Saturday.

Ed Bays returned home from Kennett last week, where he has been working for the past four months.

Mrs. D. Slagle was shopping and visiting here last week.

Jennie McClay is farming and building fence at present.

Bob Haskell, who has been bothered considerably with bunions, said the grip is now able to work.

Miss Mamma Schleigh is now waitress at the hotel here.

Miss Della Vailen was the guest of her sister, Mrs. McBrierty a few days ago.

Mr. Cornwell was seen on our street Sunday.

TOTTER ANN.

Largest stock of watches and chains ever in town can be found at Letcher's. Everything in the Jewelry line 2-107

WILDERVILLE

The W. C. I. U. met at Grandma Woodard's Thursday, the 4th.

Mrs. Lewis and Goldie visited a few days at Merlin the past week.

Mahala Robinson and children visited a few days at Medford, returning home Monday of this week.

Mrs. McClung is home again after visiting her mother several weeks in California.

Little Erick McCann had a bad fall last week, his high chair falling with him in it. He struck on his chin and was quite badly hurt.

J. B. Robinson made a business trip to Medford the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nickerson and babe have been visiting relatives the past few days as he is still quite lame since getting hurt with the step ladder some weeks ago.

Mrs. Roberts has something like erysipelas in her face and went to Grants Pass Wednesday of this week to consult the doctor.

Mrs. Chase is having some improvements put on her place near Wilderville, having some plowing done and some fencing.

Emma McCann is home now after attending school at Corvallis several months.

Monday evening of this week Mr. Bousman met with quite a sad accident. He was in the Barn and had milked his cow and just then his dog ran along behind the cow. She kicked at the dog and struck Mr. Bousman on the leg, breaking his leg below the knee. He managed to get to the house, then he shot the gun off and shouted at intervals during the night, but could not arouse anybody until 4 o'clock the next morning. He was getting short of fuel in the house and burned an old chair to keep from being chilled. The doctor came out the next day and dressed his wound and he is doing as well as could be expected. Leo Sams is taking care of him as he was living alone.

Fred Lowe and John Taber visited with Elba Woodard several days last week. They were from Grants Pass and though it good to get out in the country and get a good breath, but of course they didn't say so.

George Lewis of Wilderville has been quite sick but is much better now.

UNCLE FULLER.

LELAND

Mr. Nichols and wife made Grants Pass a call Monday.

It is reported that the Wertz sawmill will start up the 1st of March.

The Leland Lumber Co. received a supply of new cable for their donkey and started to work again the 19th.

Henry Simmons spent Saturday and Sunday in Grants Pass.

The Leland school started again after a week's vacation.

The Leland Lumber Co. has been repairing the roads getting ready to ship lumber.

Jack Barker and wife and Tad Hieston and wife of Leland spent Saturday and Sunday in Merlin.

CRUSTY BATCH.

"His Master's Voice."

The Photo and Music House has been appointed selling agent for Josephine county for the Victor Talking Machine and a full stock of machines and records will be in stock early next week. Come in and hear "His Master's Voice."

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DEERING

And the cat came back. Groundhog has had his day. Now it's St. Val's, then herrab for St. Pat!

Mrs. Gertrude Webb drove to Waldo Tuesday.

E. M. Albright and Hugh Shelly made a trip to Kerby Monday.

The man we call truly good is one who endures the toothache without wishing his wife had it.

Uncle Ebe spent a couple of days in Trapper Gulch this week.

Gus Lavin returned the fore part of the week from Crescent City where he has been working in the big timber. Gus has a fine homestead here in Elk Valley and when not at work somewhere else is always busy on his claim. Gus believes in being as honest with Uncle Samuel as with a neighbor.

Chas. Mock, who bought the Evans' place on Granny Run, seems to mean business and is making that place shine like a "Nigger's heel." Mr. Mock is preparing to build a new house this coming Summer. That is the kind of men we like to see in our Valley.

Will do you hear the Queen of Bronze people shout? Must be the have struck something. If they want something to shout good and hard over, just let them take a peep at the copper in Elk Valley. Now if Uncle Sam don't demonitize copper, we're all skookum. See?

We have lots of respect for a man who has made one error and tries every way in the world to make amends for it. But, how about the fellow whose whole anatomy is a bundle of errors and he daily strings them by the way? Is it right for him to everlastingly harp on the misfortune of a fellow being?

George Webb has some traps set for foxes and today his sister Mae went with him to see how it was done and lo and behold! the first trap they came to had a bear in it. You may guess it was a big one when I tell you it was caught in a No. 2 trap and Mae carried it home in her arms, well and unhurt. Mae is 14 years old and George is and the bear not more than 3 weeks old. The old bear was not around, else we might have had a different story to tell.

Mr. and Mrs. Prodelius from Upper Elk Creek are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Webb over Sunday.

A good wife and mother is almost invariably at home with her duties, but then we won't say what we think about the ones who are always on the gad.

EBEN.

LAUREL GROVE

Well, say isn't this fine warm weather we are having at present. Makes one feel that Spring is here.

Messrs Oscar Williams and H. T. Day were visitors to your city last Saturday, also George Vining.

Mr. Sweet and wife paid your city a visit last week, also A. H. Carson and son and C. F. Geutner and son.

Walter Farra is very busy farming and building fence at present.

I believe we will soon have that R. E. D. route that "Monty" has spoken of so much, as they have 125 names on their petition. Hope we do.

What is the matter with "Monty" or his brother? They only write once a month. They must be too slow to stop quick, also. Mr. Lewman had nothing to say in regard to our road last week. Perhaps he will keep still now and also "Shorty."

About 80 people attended literary last Saturday night and they seemed to have a good time in general. A nice program was rendered and the reading of the paper called the "Laurel Grove Wildcat" after recess a mock trial was held in which Louis Mitchell was indicted for criminal negligence and found guilty and sentence was passed upon him to stay away from his girl for 90 days.

There will be a big social at Murphy the 28th of March and also a dance and box social at Mr. Haberman's on March 1st. Numbers 41, and boxes will run all the way from 50 cents to \$25. Come everybody.

Looks a little like rain this morning but its too late for rain now, as Spring is here.

Mr. Lindsay got hurt last week by falling off his wagon. The old gentleman is getting feeble.

H. T. Day and mother were called to your city one day last week by the death of one of Mr. Caldwell's little boys.

Your reporter has been away all of the past week building roads and the consequences are we haven't got many items so will say success to the Courier.

RED CLOUD.

HOOD RIVER GETS BEST FRUIT PRICES

Averages Much Higher Net Prices Than the Colorado Apples Bring

The following from the Hood River Glacier will be of interest to the fruit growers of Rogue River Valley as showing the prices for fruit that were realized by two of the banner fruit districts of the West. As compared with the prices secured by the members of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Union the Rogue River fruit stands well as to price. For apples f. o. b. Grants Pass the Union realized \$1.79 for Newtowns and \$1.65 for Spitzenbergs and from 70 cents to \$1.10 for common kinds. Had the grading and packing been strictly first-class on all the apples in this shipments a much higher price could have been had. Manager Meserve received an order from one of the biggest firms in New York, handling fruit for export, offering \$2 a box f. o. b. Grants Pass for large size, strictly fancy pack Newtowns, to equal Hood River as the letter stated, but the order could not be filled, though Rogue River can grow Newtowns not excelled by Hood River or any other district, but the fruit growers of Josephine county are just beginners and are not up on spraying, pruning, thinning, cultivating, picking, grading and packing as they will be within a year or two and from the splendid beginning that they are now making will do better this year. With a strictly fancy, honest pack no section in the United States can secure higher prices for fruit than can Rogue River Valley.

"The report of the secretary of the Grand Junction Fruit Growers' Association of Colorado, recently published, is of importance to Hood River growers, in so far as it shows the net returns for fruit in that section, where land is selling at twice and three times as much as it is here, and also the extent of the business handled by that association.

Shipments of fruit for the season aggregated 867,250 packages, or 25,780,828 pounds, equal to 1153 cars of 25,000 pounds each, 1917 cars by freight and the balance by express and local freight. The total amount paid to growers was \$55,813.44.

Of this amount the apple crop amounted to over 214,000 boxes. The average received for the fancy apples was \$1.01 per box, 56 cents for choice, and 45 cents for half boxes. Compared with Hood River, our average price for the entire output of commercial apples was \$1.49, while the average for the fancy grades, compared with the Colorado prices, will be double.

The actual average returns from a whole district is the best proof of the net profits made in growing apples, and no apple growing section has yet made returns that will equal those from Hood River. The Colorado fruit section is much older than this, and land values have gone up there until the price of land is much higher than it is here. It is but an indication of what may be expected here, as time passes, and we continue to make the best profits from apple raising on our land. In no instance have any of the other apple growing sections any advantage over Hood River—in soil, climate, transportation facilities or scenic attractions. Hood River still holds the lead, and will continue to hold it."

Perry Bros. Will Set Out Graps.

O. H. Perry, whose home is in Superior, Wisconsin, but who spends much of the winter season in Los Angeles where he has property interests, has been in Grants Pass for the past 10 days on a visit to his brother, W. T. Perry. Mr. Perry is familiar with the grape industry of California and after investigating the possibilities of the industry in Rogue River Valley he has decided to go in partnership with his brother, who has 243 acres of red land on the Applegate near Hon. A. H. Carson's big vineyard, and put out a large vineyard. They will plant some 20 acres to grapes next Spring and a large vineyard. They will plant some 20 acres to grapes next Spring and expect to increase their acreage until they have at least 100 acres to vineyard.

Mr. Perry has traveled extensively over the United States and is well posted on the fruit market condition of the Northern states and of Canada and he thinks that there will be a profitable and increasing market for all the fruit that Rogue River Valley and all the Pacific Coast can ever grow. Owing to the limited area in the United States in which grapes can be grown successfully he is of the opinion that grapes will be the most profitable fruit to raise in this Valley.

Justice blanks at the Courier office.

ELEVEN APPLICANTS PASS THE EXAMINATIONS

Entitled to Teach the Youth of Josephine County—Four Have Never Yet Taught.

Examination of applicants for teachers certificates, both state and county, was in progress at the court house last week, commencing Wednesday and continuing throughout the week, with the examining board composed of County School Superintendent Lincoln Savage, G. A. Savage and Miss Minnie Tufts. There were seven applicants for state papers and 13 applicants for county papers, 11 of these receiving certificates. There was but one failure and one applicant was taken sick and obliged to give up the examination.

Those who received certificates and the districts in which they are teaching are as follows:

First grade—good for three years in any county in the state if endorsed—Miss Mattie McKimmens, now teaching at Leland.

Second Grade—good for two years in this county, Henry Rosser, Williams; Emma Hocking, Jerome Prairie; Dan Penny, Jones creek; Howard B. Condrick, Selma; Una Lamb, Pleasant Valley; Elsie Kohler Floyd district near Kerby.

Third grade, good for one year in this county, Edna Disbrow, Dale; Cole, Pearl Sams, Eugene Sams.

The seven who took the state examination will not get returns from their papers until about March 22.

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BUSTER BROWN

WHY SO MUCH GOOD CLOTH IS WASTED BECAUSE IT IS NOT MADE UP RIGHT WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND. YOU KNOW THOUGH THAT A GREAT PART OF THE GOOD CLOTH THAT IS MADE IS MISTREATED BY BEING PUT INTO ILL-SHAPED SUITS. FIT IS A THING WE LOOK TO WHEN WE BUY OUR GOODS. MIGHT YOU NOT JUST AS WELL GO TO A STORE THAT HAS GOOD FITTING GOODS? CLOTHES THAT FIT FEEL BETTER, AND GOOD CLOTHES THAT FIT MAKE A MAN FEEL BETTER. WE CAN SELL YOU SUITS AND TOP-COATS FOR THE FOLLOWING PRICES, AND THEY WILL FIT. A GOOD SPRING SUIT FOR \$10.00, A GOOD SPRING SUIT FOR \$12.50, A BETTER SPRING SUIT FOR \$15.00 OR \$16.00, A GOOD SPRING O'COAT FOR \$15.00, BEST POSSIBLE SPRING SUIT FOR \$20.00 TO \$25.00, BEST POSSIBLE SPRING O'COAT FOR \$18.00 TO \$20.00. THE TAILOR CAN FIT YOU NO BETTER, BUT HE WILL CHARGE YOU MORE. TAKE A LOOK AT OUR SHOWING OF SPRING GOODS. EASTER COMES EARLY THIS YEAR.

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