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**FRUITDALE.**

William Byrne now has a telephone at his residence—819 Fruitdale.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Clements and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wise were entertained at the W. S. Coutant home in Grants Pass on New Years Day.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Huck and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Huck and their families spent New Years Day at the home of M. E. Sturtevant in Grants Pass.

Clarence Smith and family, who were on Prof. R. R. Turner's farm, have moved to Grants Pass.

William Byrne spent New Years Day with friends at Central Point.

The Fruitdale Grange will hold a closed meeting next Saturday, January 9, at 2 P. M. Several new members are to be initiated and other business to be attended to.

Rev. F. C. Lovett of the Baptist church preached for us last Sunday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Lovett and Mr. and Mrs. Eberle of Grants Pass. They were entertained at the H. Huck home.

Our Sunday School has elected the officers for the coming year.

Rev. Robert McLean, of the Presbyterian church, will be with us next Sunday afternoon and deliver his lecture on Puerto Rico. We hope there will be a good attendance as we are sure this lecture will be very interesting.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Coutant are staying at the E. H. Wise home while making preparations to begin their new house.

**WOLF CREEK NEWS.**

It has been raining enough in the last few days to start all the mines to work.

Dyers' have installed a quantity of new pipe on their placer mine on upper Wolf Creek.

The shooting match and dance at Speaker New Years proved a success. Mrs. E. A. Perkins was visiting her father, T. E. Loban, last week.

The "Ideal Colony" has proceeded to put men to work grubbing

**News From Merlin**

**MERLIN AS A DAIRYING CENTER**

Among the many resources of the district surrounding Merlin dairying has probably been given the least consideration. It is an important industry is becoming more noticeable every day. Several of our more enterprising farmers have recently been purchasing blooded cattle, while others have been contented to add a few good milkers to their herds with the expectation of improving the breed when better able to pay the fancy prices. Our rich creek bottom lands have been proven good feed producers, and alfalfa is being raised on nearly every farm. The time is not far distant when a creamery at Merlin will be a necessity, and already the supply and the demand for butter is sufficient to make a nice little business that will surely grow into one worth while looking after.

Several times the creamery question has come up among the dairymen and they only await the right man to start the matter going. He will undoubtedly be here in the early spring rush, for such opportunities do not go begging forever.

H. W. Gorham, of the upper Jump-off-Joe, probably leads in blooded stock—his herd being almost entirely of Jerseys. He has a large ranch, well watered, with plenty of good pasture, and his light spring wagon well loaded with cream cans is a familiar sight around the depot. He is a man who knows good stock and does not hesitate to pay the price when he finds something that suits him.

E. C. Neeley, also on Jump-off-Joe, but a little nearer to town, is rapidly adding to his herd of milkers and to his alfalfa fields. He has 400 acres, mostly creek bottom, with a good irrigation right, and appreciates the value of the monthly check he receives from the creamery. Mr. Neeley will undoubtedly keep pace with his neighbors, and we expect to see him in the lead in another year.

S. E. Brune, of Portland, who recently purchased the Isaac Wright place at the foot of Sexton mountain, expects to have a good-sized dairy herd next spring. Mr. Brune is a creamery man, being manager of the DeLaval Creamery Supply Co., of the metropolis, and it may be that he is the man for whom the district is waiting. He has an ideal dairy ranch, well irrigated, and a good patch of alfalfa.

C. D. Sexton, who has always raised a large number of cattle for beef, expects to change his herd into dairy cows during the coming season. He is certainly equipped for handling stock, and we hope to see him well started in this line in a few months.

In the Quartz Creek district, J. A. Wise, who died last week, had a good start in Jersey cattle and was purchasing all the good cows of this breed that were offered. In this herd can be seen "Buttercup" from

the C. C. Cleveland herd at Gresham, and probably the best Jersey cow in all Southern Oregon. Since the death of J. A. Wise his son, T. L., will undoubtedly continue the building up of the herd.

J. C. Cochran, who uses nearly all of Quartz creek for irrigation purposes, is also steadily increasing his dairy herd, and is so thoroughly established in the line that nothing short of an earthquake can shake him loose.

H. E. Gale, whose fine ranch on Rogue River is irrigated by the water from Hog creek, has several fine dairy cattle and will add to the number as rapidly as he can increase the feed supply. While he is paying most of his attention just now to planting fruit trees, he is always ready to stop and talk about dairying. One of his first moves this fall was to install a DeLaval cream separator.

A. I. Hussy, whose ranch across Rogue river is the envy of the district, is in town with unfailing regularity on cream shipping days. His herd has been picked with special reference to dairy needs and have done much to place him in the prosperous condition which he enjoys. He has recently purchased part of the Bradbury place, adjoining, and can be depended upon to keep reaching out.

The new owners of the Bitdness ranch, Cook & Woodruff, will continue in the dairying business, although not on so large a scale as the former owners. They expect to devote the greater portion of their attention to raising blooded horses.

The Robertson boys, Dave, Fred, and Will, are just beginning to realize the value of a dairy herd, and are rapidly taking their places among the important shippers of cream. The Robertson farm, having a mile frontage on Rogue river, is undoubtedly the best in the district, and is admirably adapted to dairying.

The Everton ranch, so noted for its penches, is just getting started in dairying, and when they start a thing it generally goes. This farm also has a large frontage on Rogue River, and is well adapted to dairy purposes.

With these and others already engaged in the industry, it can readily be seen that with the added encouragement of a creamery at Merlin, the district would suddenly spring into prominence in this line, as well as for its fruit and mineral resources.

The townsite company offers a site and other material encouragement to anyone who will start a creamery here.

**Of Local Interest Only**

Among the newcomers who have taken up their residence in Merlin, during the past week, we are glad to welcome J. G. and G. F. Buster, who arrived with their families from Oklahoma, Sunday morning. They have moved into the Booth cottage and will look the country over thoroughly before purchasing. They look like the kind of boys who will do something and they have picked

Miss Westover of Washington wedding the birch. Our former teacher, Miss Callahan having resigned.

H. L. Reed and family moved into Reed's friends will be pleased to their new house last week. Mrs. Reed's health is much improved.

Weber Wagons are the best that money and skill can produce and they are sold for no more than ordinary wagons. Ask Hair-Riddle Hdwe. Co. to show them to you.

Quite a large crowd met at literary Saturday night and debated on the question: "Resolved, That an education is a necessary qualification for a voter." The negative won.

Messrs. McLoud and Bowers are pruning and cleaning up the orchard on the place recently purchased of C. Swett.

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We were pained and shocked to hear that Mr. Berry of Missouri Flat had met with a serious accident which resulted in the breaking of one of his legs in three places. Mr. Berry was operating a grubbing machine, when some part of the machinery broke, which caused the tongue to fly back, striking him with the above result.

We are pleased to learn that Nine Reynolds and family have moved into our neighborhood. The people come and go so fast in our vicinity that one has scarcely time to get acquainted, before someone comes along and offers them a larger price than they paid for their place and away they go again.

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out a good place in which to do it.

Henry Steger, lately from Eureka, Utah, has purchased the 49 acres adjoining town which belonged to Willis Kramer and will engage in the chicken business and raise grapes and apples as a side issue. With eggs now selling at 45 cents per dozen, it looks like it would be an easy matter for a man to amass a fortune in this line. Merlin is exceptionally well situated for this industry, for the miners surrounding it are great consumers of eggs and are willing to pay a good price for the fresh article.

W. T. Perry of Grants Pass, has accepted a position with the Merlin Mercantile Company, and will have entire charge of that institution for a time, at least.

The heavy rains of Monday and Tuesday taxed all the creeks to their capacity and Rogue River went on a general rampage. The water was so high as to make the crossing of the ferry impossible and the Galice district had to go without mail for two days.

R. E. Thayer and wife, of Portland, who recently purchased the Wm. Bether place west of town, arrived Tuesday, and will immediately commence putting out fruit trees and grape vines. They have the making of a fine home and seem determined to put it in shape as soon as possible.

H. E. Gale is making noticeable improvements in the Old Crow place. He has recently rigged up a land-clearing apparatus which takes the largest oak trees up by the roots, saw them up into cordwood and burns the limbs. He estimates that with a little addition to his plant he will be able to clear the worst of his land at not over \$25 per acre. H. E. is a schemer and we could not be surprised if he added on an attachment that would plow up the land, plant the fruit trees and cultivate them until they came into bearing, free of charge.

Mrs. Gilmore, wife of our station agent, is gradually improving from a very serious illness. Drs. Love and Flannagan, of Grants Pass, were in consultation on the case on Tuesday night, and seemingly found the seat of the trouble. We hope to see her entirely improved in a short time. Mrs. Overton is acting as nurse.

A Mr. Bader, of South Dakota,

**Irrigation Meeting.**

A special meeting of the board of directors of the Josephine County Irrigation and Power Company was held on Saturday afternoon, January 2. The third assessment of 5 per cent was levied upon the stock of the company, payable on or before January 9th. It is important that all stockholders make their payments promptly. It was also

decided to call a meeting of the stockholders to meet at the opera house on Wednesday, January 13, at 2 P. M. The directors request that every stockholder and friend of irrigation be present at this meeting as there are matters of importance to be considered and prompt action is necessary. H. L. GILKEY, J. G. RIGGS, Secy. President.

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" " 100.....	15 00	" " 100.....	11 00

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**R. L. NEWMAN, R. F. D. 1, Grants Pass, Ore.**

has been looking over the Merlin district the fore part of the week, and although he has been able to see but little of it, on account of the rains, he has concluded to remain among us and is negotiating for some business and residence lots with the townsite company.

Mrs. Belle Gregory, of Ashland, was in Merlin Wednesday, visiting with Mrs. Chas. E. Short. She was well pleased with the town and remarked the urgent need of better hotel facilities. This is her line, and from the way she spoke, there is a possibility of her relieving the situation.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Robertson on Wednesday evening and left a small boy.

In accidentally falling off the ferry boat last Monday night W. A. Massie came near losing his life in Rogue River, but was rescued by his two sons, Cecil and Don. The episode placed Banks Williamson in the near-hero class. Upon hearing Mr. Massie's cries for help he got

out of his buggy, took off his clothes and stood around in the cold rain until the danger was all over. He would have swam out and rescued the drowning man before the boys arrived had it happened in broad daylight and the water had been a little warmer.

In one of the Grants Pass papers last week we notice a long list of things that happened to the people of that thriving village during the past year. It is rather nice to have a review of the year's news about this season, but just why the many marriages and births that took place in Merlin should be credited to Grants Pass we cannot understand. Merlin is willing to furnish the county seat with all the news, but insists that proper credit be given.

Miss Alice Smith, teacher of the trade of the Merlin school, has been on the sick list during the week, and the little tots have enjoyed an extra vacation. They all seem restless, however, and are anxious to get back to their labors.

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**SUNSHINE.**

**MURPHY**

W. T. Perry of Grants Pass, was a visitor at Murphy Sunday.

The dance near Murphy Thursday night was well attended and all report having had a fine time.

Our school reopened Monday with

**There'll Be Something Doing in Merlin Very Soon**