

Community News

By Special Correspondents

PLEASANT HILL

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Carr of Cottage Grove, who formerly lived at Pleasant Hill, were visiting at the home of C. E. Jordan Tuesday.

Miss Ann Parks of Araco, Oregon, is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. Y. Swift.

Thelma Wheeler, who is teaching at Donna, spent the weekend at her home in Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Loris Miller of Trent are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a baby boy born January 19. The little fellow tipped the scales 16 pounds.

Mrs. Eber Bolln has gone to Albany to take treatments in a local sanitarium.

Miss Hattie Brown has been assisting in the home of T. E. Haurigan the last week. Mrs. Haurigan has been confined to her bed for several weeks. Her daughter, Mrs. Hadsrath, of North Bend, came to nurse her and was taken ill with quincy. Wednesday of last week Mr. Haurigan was suddenly taken with an attack of la grippe. All are reported somewhat better now.

The upper grades of the Pleasant Hill public school were closed Thursday and Friday of last week due to the illness of the teacher, T. E. Haurigan.

The children of Floyd Lord, George Lord and John Palmer of Enterprise are having the measles.

John Palmer of Enterprise, who was quite badly hurt last week when he fell while building stairs into the cellar of the I. F. Circle home, is able to be about again.

The teachers of the Trent school are making preparations for a basket social to be held in the near future.

Miss Alta Mangum, teacher at Coast Fork, attended the Teacher's Institute in Springfield Saturday.

Owing to the illness of the teacher, Mrs. C. M. Winfrey, the lower grades of the Pleasant Hill public school had no school the fore part of the week.

Woodman hall was packed to the doors when on Saturday night, January 26, Magical Mulkey and his capable assistant gave an entertainment there under the auspices of the Pleasant Hill Woodman lodge. Besides surprising the audience with many wonderful tricks, Mr. Mulkey displayed much skill as a ventriloquist. The last act of the entertainment was in the nature of fun as Mr. Mulkey answered questions that had been asked by the audience and in many cases displayed such cleverness that it was evident he had been fully prompted by some of the residents of Pleasant Hill.

J. Sorenson is cutting wood on the ranch of E. B. Tinker.

The farmers of the upper Willamette valley district are looking forward to the first of February when it is hoped the telephone lines will be connected once more with central.

The first high school debate will be held Friday night. The girls from Cottage Grove will debate against the Pleasant Hill girls.

County School Superintendent E. J. Moore visited schools at Pleasant Hill last week.

The Trent local of Farmers Union met at Trent Wednesday evening, January 23, W. L. Wheeler presiding. C. E. Jordan reported that the testing

of cattle for tuberculosis was still being carried on and complete returns would be given out later. The subject of giving an entertainment Lincoln's birthday was discussed and it was decided to leave the exact date and place of holding the program in the hands of the committee. This will be announced next week.

The ladies of the Woman's club are busy making arrangements for the hard time social to be held at the community hall February 2. Anyone who shows signs of prosperity, who is guilty of adorning themselves with jewels or come dressed in the fashions of the time stand a very good chance of being fined. As for the men, this will be one time when it will pay them not to shave, and to wear overalls and collarless shirts. Hard time refreshments such as beans, etc., will be served. The admission will be one apple, the cheapest thing on the market at present.

CAMAS SWALE

Old acquaintances of Lester Thornton, who was a resident of this vicinity for several years, will be sorry to learn of his very serious illness. He has been ill for over a month and is now in a critical condition at a hospital in Eugene, according to latest reports.

Mrs. Walter Hager was a visitor Saturday of Mrs. J. M. Sutton. The latter is slowly improving after her recent illness.

W. J. Butler returned Saturday from Portland where he had been in the interest of his son's health.

R. H. Newhall returned to his home in Creswell Saturday after visiting several days with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Williams and family on his ranch here.

Misses Martha and Eliza Downs arrived Monday from Sutherlin where they have been attending high school. They will finish this semester's work at home along with other duties.

Mrs. Walter Hager spent Monday visiting with Mrs. James Richardson.

Miss Rosa Ruegger returned Monday from Cottage Grove where she has been visiting the last few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hurley and Frank Caples visited Sunday east of Creswell with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bush and family.

Oscar Williams of Marcola was a week-end visitor with his wife and baby at the home of his brother here, Edgar Williams.

Fell from Pole—Bill Darling, employe of the Mountain States Power company, while climbing a telephone pole Monday, fell and bruised the right side of his chest.

Had Tonsils Out—Mrs. Charles Hayse of Dexter was in Springfield Friday and had her tonsils removed.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many relatives and friends for their kindness and for the many floral offerings in our hour of great sorrow and loss of our dear wife and mother.

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By C. E. SPENCE, Market Agent

Every eleventh farm house in the United States is vacant, so states the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C. It states further that out of a total of 2,289,000 owners and tenant farmers "more than 108,000 have lost their farms or other property through foreclosure or bankruptcy; over 122,000 have lost their property without legal proceedings, and nearly 373,000 have retained their property only through the leniency of creditors."

These figures from this source should mean something to the farmers of Oregon. It should warn them that if these conditions continue that the values will drop out of their land as it has dropped out of the German mark.

The day has gone by for making money in farming by buying a piece of land and selling it at a profit. The buyer today uses cold figures and hard estimates. Can he make six or seven per cent interest on the price asked for the farm? If he cannot,

the price asked is too high, and he will not buy it.

It is most important for farmers to realize that if they hope to have their land worth anywhere near what they paid for it, they must put a value in that land. It is up to them to make farming profitable in order to make land desirable. This must be done in the same way that a failing manufacturing industry is reorganized and put on a paying basis. There must be an organization that can sell the products of the farm at a fair margin of profit.

If this organization never went further than handling its products from the producer to the retailer, it would make farming profitable. If it never got a cent higher price for products than now, but could itself take over a large part of the middle profits, farming would be profitable.

Retail prices are high enough now to warrant prosperous agricultural conditions. The trouble is the producer does not get the profits between he and the consumer. An army of middle interests live off the added costs between the farm and the home.

Products go through far too many hands. If farmers received fair profits for their products today, and the middle interests added their present profits and expenses, food products would go to consumers at such high prices they could not buy. So, in order that this middle toll system may continue, products must be sold at cost, or less, from the farmers.

Marriage Licenses Issued

Marriage licenses issued during the past week by the county clerk include Granville Berry, 41, and Bertha Olund, 41, both of Eugene; Frank 46, both H. Thompson, 43, and Kate S. Smith, 46, both of Creswell, and James D. Delaney, 46, and Blanche Gresham, both of Eugene.

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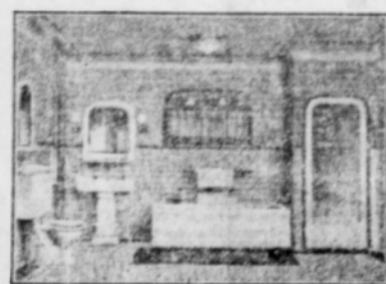
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