

LETTERS FROM OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENTS

Thomas Topics

Mrs Wm Serfling and daughter Izora, were Albany visitors Tuesday.

Mrs Henry Schiemer went to Albany on the C & E train to see her niece who is now in St Mary's hospital.

Smith B Holt sold one of his fine A J C male calves last week.

Peter DeWall and son, Clausie of Albany, have been setting posts for the new county road from Charles Freestag's place to the railroad bridge.

Mr and Mrs Geo Waddle were Scio visitors Monday.

Mr and Mrs J H Kelly were Sunday visitors at Fred Hough's.

"Billy" has had two tris at writing topics, so now I think it is "Buttercup's" turn.

Miss Tena Peterson who has been working at Albany returned home Friday.

Fred Mespelt was transacting business in Albany Friday.

Miss Grace Knapp went to Albany last week where she has a noteworthy position.

Mrs A Sommer has returned from a visit at Stayton.

Arthur Kelly was a Sunday visitor at T M Holt's.

Mrs Leo Zellar was an Albany visitor Friday.

Paul Bailey, the painter of Lebanon, was looking after business matters in this vicinity.

Miss Allie Munsell of Albany spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in this vicinity returning to her work Sunday evening.

Mr and Mrs T M Holt went on an extended visit to Salem, Hillsboro, Forest Grove and other points of interest.

Elmo Sims and Archie Long were seen on our streets Saturday.

BETTERCUP.

Billy's Den Shots

The warm rain of the past few days is highly welcome as frosty weather soon becomes tiresome.

Ralph Hollis was absent from school last week on account of sickness.

Mr and Mrs E Wendt were Sunday visitors with William Grimes and wife.

Mrs Mack Vaughn has been on the sick list the past week.

Mrs Z J Clark is still reported to be in a critical condition, being confined to her bed with inflammatory rheumatism and typhoid fever. She is being cared for by a trained nurse, and it is hoped she will soon begin to improve.

Miss Hazel Fleming spent Saturday with her aunt, Mrs George Grimes and attended the literary Saturday night at the Jordan hall.

Miss Anna Stillmacher returned home Sunday after a week's visit with friends near Lyons.

John Neal met with a very painful accident last Saturday while slashing brush, cutting his foot just below the ankle joint. It will probably be a long time before he will be able to get about again.

Conard Westenhouse is the

proud possessor of two thoroughbred Duroc-Jersey swine which he purchased from H E Burmester.

Miss Lulu Clark was called home from school by the illness of her mother.

Sank Hannah was so unfortunate as to saw his fore finger to the bone while sawing some board timber. Be more careful Sank.

Mrs O E Eichinger was a pleasant caller at Mrs Clark's Saturday afternoon.

Edd Fleming was a Scio visitor Saturday.

Mrs S B Cole is visiting her brother, Frank Pruitt and family of near Scio, and assisting in the care of her mother who is very ill.

Mrs Agnes Cramer who has been visiting her parents, H E Burmester and wife, the past few weeks, returned home last Thursday.

DAISY

SCHOOL NOTES

Ben Thayer a 1912 graduate of the Scio High School was a school visitor last week.

The literary program given by the High School students Friday afternoon was attended by several visitors.

The practice teachers are now teaching 6th and 7th grade reading.

The 3d, 4th and 5th grades get a quarter holiday this week on account of no tardiness for 20 consecutive days.

The intermediate room enjoyed a Valentine box Friday afternoon.

The grammar room is going to give a program Friday afternoon.

The primary room was taught by Mrs Prill Monday.

A letter was received last week from Miss Pugsley, formerly a teacher in the High School, in which she stated that she is attending the University of Washington this winter.

PERILS OF THE CIRCUS.

The Dread of Falling is Ever Haunting the Performers.

Day after day the circus woman dons her tinsel, slips on the heavy wooden "slop shoes" over her satin pumps, and so, with perhaps a "Bye, girls," and a nod to the wardrobe mistress, she shuffles out from the dressing tent to the ring, blows a kiss to the audience at large and takes her life in her hands.

She does not think of this fact consciously, as a rule, but subconsciously the knowledge is with each one that some day perhaps she will be like the little girl who once was hustled out of a circus ring so fast that the audience hardly noticed, and then a gaudy kimono was thrown over her face, and instead of her slop shoes returning when the whistle blew, men's feet tramped, and the circus doctor found no work for him when he got there. Get to know these women and you find that under all their easy light-heartedness, their gypsy spirit, is a sort of smoldering dread like that of the people who live in earthquake countries.

You see it, for instance, in the keen way they take up the subject of accidents.

"The worst I ever fell was once when the net broke," said a trapeze performer.

"I'd just as soon have it break as to fall had in it," put in another. "Remember that time I bit my lip? Felt like my chin was knocked right up through the top of my head. My lower teeth cut my upper lip till it had to be sewed up clear across."

I learned then that the art of falling in the net is as difficult as any part of the performance, for so great is its elasticity that if a performer "falls bad," say in a standing position, the knees may be shot straight up to the chin and a knock-out blow may result. To learn to come into the net prostrate, as in a hammock, is no small trick.—Sarah Comstock in Collier's Weekly.

Origin of the Heel.

It is said that the heels now worn on shoes had their origin in Persia, where they took the form of flat wood on sandals to raise the feet

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and protect them from the hot sand. It was many years afterward that this fashion was introduced into Venice, but the reason for its adoption in this case is said to have been quite different. Here the originators of the fashion were jealous husbands who reasoned that their ladies thus equipped would not venture far outside the precincts of their dwelling. These heels were called "clogs," and in order to satisfy the vanity of the wearers and perhaps to sweeten the pill—that is, the discomfort of appearing in them—they were elaborately adorned, sometimes being incrustated with gold and silver. The height of the clogs determined the rank of the wearer.—Harper's.

A Newspaper Event.

The Nuremberg Gazette, founded in 1457, was the first newspaper printed from metal type with printing ink.

Johnny's Definition.

"Now, Johnny," said the teacher, after she had explained the meaning of the word, "I wish you would write a sentence containing 'defeat'."

After twenty minutes' struggle, Johnny announced he was ready to be heard.

"Please read your composition," the teacher directed.

"When you get shoes d't's too late," Johnny read, "it's hard on de feet."—National Monthly.

Sized Them Up.

A well esteemed preacher in a community that was rather notorious for the stinginess of its inhabitants, according to Lippincott's, suddenly announced his resignation, and the deacons immediately sought him out for his reasons.

"My decision has been brought out by the negligence of my congregation," announced the divine.

"Why, sir," protested one of the hearers, "I can't see how you can accuse us of negligence. The church is crowded every Sunday."

"Oh, yes," agreed the preacher, "but what I accuse them of is contributory negligence."

They All Write.

"The Roussemittens are a literary family, aren't they?"

"Yes, they have a common genius."

"What do you mean by that?"

"Well, the son writes plays that nobody will act; the daughter writes poetry that nobody will print, and the mother writes novels that nobody will read."

"Does the father write anything?"

"Sure! Papa writes checks that nobody will cash."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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