

LETTERS FROM OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENTS

Salem Farm Topics

Easter Sunday comes on the 22d, which only occurs once in 100 years. It cannot come before this time as it comes after the first full moon after the sun crosses the equator, March 22. As the moon is full on the 22d, Easter comes early this year.

Mr Downs of Mill City was through our section last week looking for large draft horses to use at the Mill City mill as they are enlarging the mill to cut 50,000 ft more per day, and it takes a lot more good horses, which he will pick up in a few days.

Geo Griffin and Tom Small are having bad luck with their fine goats. Geo has lost 40 and Tom 20 head with some unknown disease. Nothing they have tried seems to do any good.

Newton Crabtree had bad luck Wednesday night as his favorite work horse was found dead the next morning; supposed to have had the colic.

Geo Bilyeu and wife went to Lebanon Thursday on the train, and visited in Albany Friday, returning home Saturday.

Mr Rostrum the horse doctor was called out in our neighborhood Friday to administer to some sick horses which were attacked with distemper in a severe form.

Two daughters of Mr Chrisman near the Richardson bridge were visitors at Miss Leone Montgomery's school in Dist 77 one day last week.

Sank Hannah of Bilyeu Den was at the Santiam Farm a few days ago looking for vetch seed. As the farm is rented out he was referred to Tom Small where he got all he wanted, as Tom has plenty of seed on hand.

W T Lee is making some improvements by building a new barn which he raised Saturday last. It helps the appearance of his farm very much, as he has removed all the old sheds and sheds from the place.

Telephone line No 18 patrons met Monday night and made arrangements to repair the line into Scio as some poles are down and badly out of service. We also made arrangements for new poles to set this fall.

Geo Bilyeu is butchering his spring lambs for shipping, for which he receives the top price.

Archie Ray had the time of his life one day this week. He went to his barn to tend to his horses and one seemed quite hungry and proceeded to make a meal on Arch. He was about half mad as he might have lost a limb.

J D Griffin of east of Scio was over Sunday for a visit with his mother Mrs S W Gaines.

Geo Griffin spent Saturday night with his mother Mrs S W Gaines, as his wife was at her parents, L W Pomeroy at Scio, to attend church Sunday.

M C Gaines was over Sunday to his father's place after a load of baled hay to feed his 50 calves till the grass gets so they can live without feed.

PIE EATER.

Booster envelopes 10c a package at the News office.

Country Clippings

Mike Bilyeu made a business trip to Albany Thursday returning Friday.

Miss Lulu Clark who is attending school in Scio spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

R C Pepperling and wife spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs S B Cole.

Miss Burnice McDonald spent Sunday with relatives and friends in Scio.

Henry Neal made a business trip to Scio Thursday.

Roy Worth and wife spent Sunday with W H Grimes and family.

Miss Hazel Fleming spent Sunday with Miss Evelyn Bilyeu.

Grandma Fleming and sons Bun and Add, visited George Grimes and wife last Sunday.

A number of the farmers of this vicinity are spending their leisure hours in trying to get Mr Coyote who has been making himself known by the sheep he has killed and by the howls he sets up during the night.

Ereel Osburn of Shelburn is visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity this week.

Lulu Kahn visited his sister, Mrs Lizzie Birtus near Nehama last Thursday and Friday.

Mrs Eva Grimes who has been taking care of her mother Mrs Ritter, who has been seriously ill for the past three months returned to her home Tuesday.

Mrs Effie Rogers visited Grandma Fleming Friday.

Miss Laura Westenhause has gone to assist Mrs W A White near West Scio with the house work for a few weeks.

Mr Darling, the Damascus cream man from Portland was in this vicinity looking after business matters Friday.

Edd Fleming and wife spent Saturday and Sunday with the latter's sister Mrs Finley near Crabtree.

William Worth spent Sunday with Sank Hannah.

Will Hollis of Crabtree is visiting his son Bert.

A prominent horse buyer from Mill City was in this vicinity last week.

Miss Regina Liska visited Miss Elva Shindler Sunday.

Jim Brown made a business trip to Portland last week.

Mrs Z J Clark who has been in a critical condition with inflammatory rheumatism for several weeks is slowly improving.

(Left over from last week.)

Fred Kahn made a business trip to Scio Monday.

Miss Burnice McDonald, teacher of District No 83, spent the week end with relatives and friends near Jordan and attended the Literary at the hall.

Jim Brown and wife visited at the home of Z J Clark Sunday.

Mrs Mabel Leflier of Mill City who has been visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs S B Cole, returned home Friday. She was accompanied home by her parents.

Miss Hazel Fleming spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs Maud Grimes near Jordan.

R C Pepperling and wife visited with John Frost and sister Clara Sunday.

Vardie Shelton and wife made a business trip to Scio Wednesday.

Mrs Francis Stillmacher was a visitor at the home of Mrs Z J Clark Wednesday.

Miss Oda Clark and Elva Shindler visited the Misses Emma and Ida Kahn Sunday.

John Calavan and wife spent Sunday with Mrs J W Taylor.

Misses Lola and Laura Westenhause and Miss Burnice McDonald spent a very pleasant evening with Mrs O E Eichinger Sunday.

C P Burmester visited his sister, Mrs C H Wain, Sunday and attended the show at Scio.

Ardie Westenhause, Otis Compton, Carl Smith and Glen Clark were absent from school last Monday.

C C Burmester and Mrs E Wendt made a business trip to Scio Thursday.

Mike Bilyeu and sister, Miss Evelyn, were Scio visitors Tuesday.

Roy Huber and wife of Albany are visiting the latter's mother, Mrs Allie McDonald of Jordan, this week.

Miss Anna Stillmacher was called to Albany Monday as a witness at the Crabtree and Thayer trial.

Glen Clark made a business trip to Scio Saturday.

Jack Shelton was a pleasant caller at the Fleming home Sunday evening. "What's the attraction, Jack?"

Sank Hannah and sister, Miss Anna, accompanied by their cousins, Mr and

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Mrs Robert Bennett of Des Moines, Iowa, drove over to Lebanon Monday for a few days visit with relatives and friends.

The nice weather of the past few days has been greatly appreciated by the farmers of this vicinity.

John Smeltzer attended the Literary at the Jordan hall Saturday night.

Vincie Patry was reported to be on the sick list last week.

Mrs John Welch who has been taking care of her sister, Mrs Z J Clark for the past week, returned to her home in Salem Wednesday.

MISERY

For Sale

One Mandy Lee and one McClanahan Incubator, 140 and 240 eggs. Used only one season. Price \$10. each. Inquire at this office.

NOVELS WITHOUT ENDINGS.

Six Famous Stories to Which Death Wrote the Word "Finis."

There are about six famous novels in the English language which have only a beginning. Like the grandfather's clock, "they stop short never to go again," because the author, when he had got so far, laid down his pen and died before he could take it up again.

The most famous of these is, of course, "The Mystery of Edwin Drood," which some critics think would have been Dickens' masterpiece had he lived to finish it. But there it stands, unfinished, and the brain that conceived it carried to the grave the solution of the mystery, and a mystery it remains to this day, in spite of countless efforts to solve it.

Robert Louis Stevenson also left

an unfinished novel upon which he was engaged when death ended his labors. The novel was entitled "St. Ives," but happily there was more to go upon than in the case of "Edwin Drood," and it is generally admitted that Sir Quiller-Couch made one of the best attempts on record to finish another man's novel. He proved quite the ideal man for the job.

While everybody knows that Dickens left a novel unfinished, few know that his great rival, Thackeray, did the same thing. The novelist had just started the Cornhill Magazine, of which the most prominent feature was a novel from the editor's pen entitled "Denis Duval," which he was writing month by month as the installment fell due. Suddenly he died, and the serial was but half finished. Happily, however, the careful Thackeray had left full notes for the development of the story, which was finished by Frederick Greenwood.

Who has not read "Pride and Prejudice" and "Sense and Sensibility," the productions of a quiet, consumptive little woman named Jane Austen? The white scourge carried her off when she was in the midst of another masterpiece, entitled "The Watsons," which was found in her desk after her death.

What the world lost when Charlotte Bronte died, after a brief year of married life, who can say? It certainly missed a nameless novel which the gifted author of "Jane Eyre" had started. But so little had she done of it that none of her successors in fiction has had the temerity to attempt even to finish it, and it is likely ever to remain an interesting fragment.

In this respect it may be compared to another unfinished work, Edgar Allan Poe's weird story, "The Narrative of Arthur Gordon Pym." Who could finish that story? It is doubtful whether Poe himself could, for he lived eleven years after it was first published in its fragmentary condition. — Philadelphia Ledger.

Luck In Disguise.

"Don't tell me after this," said Mrs. Medford as she put her paper aside, "that there's nothing in luck."

"Who's been having luck now?" her husband asked.

"The Caldwell. Burglars broke into their house last night."

"Oh! I thought from the way you spoke somebody had been having a streak of good luck."

"It was good luck. It gave Mrs. Caldwell a chance to tell the reporter that more than \$500 worth of silver was taken. They never had \$50 worth of silver in their lives." — Chicago Record-Herald.

Going Too Far.

A well known publisher had just rejected a novel. The mortified author called to see the unfeeling man at his office about it.

"I think you are making a grave mistake," the author said. "This book of mine is sensational. And don't you know, sir, that all the best sellers have been sensational of late?"

"That may be true," the publisher answered coolly, "but surely it is going too far when you so murder the English tongue as to make three or four sensations on every page." — Washington Star.

Her Turn.

All day two-year-old Priscilla had been trying to get one or the other parent to take an active part in her play, says Harper's Magazine, only to be told again and again, "Father's busy," or "Mother's busy."

Accordingly she resigned herself to solitary occupation with her Noah's ark, and when toward 5 o'clock her mother manifested an interest in the baby by inviting her upstairs to bed Priscilla shook her head and declared, with a mischievous twinkle, "Stairs busy, nightgown busy."

Wanted the Whole Thing.

A minister in a Highland parish found on arriving at church one Sunday that only one worshiper had braved the elements. Mounting the pulpit stairs, the minister looked down on John, who was more noted for his gruff outspokenness than his piety, and said:

"Will I give you the sermon in Gaelic or in English?"

"Gi's baith," gruffly answered John; "ye're weel paid for't." — Dundee Advertiser.