

THOMAS CREEK JOTTINGS

S B Cole and wife spent Saturday night and Sunday at the home of Aunt Nancy Bilyeu.

Mr Westenhouse spent the latter part of the week with his daughter, Mrs Clyde Rodgers, and acted as chore boy.

Wilbur Fleming, who has been confined to his bed the past two weeks, is able to be up again.

Grandma Fleming was quite sick Sunday, but is better at this writing.

Mr and Mrs Arthur Leffler of Stayton spent Friday with her sister, Mrs R C Pepperling, returning home Saturday.

A meeting of the farmers of Jordan and vicinity was held at Jordan Saturday for the purpose of deciding on building a cheese factory at that place sometime in the near future.

Clyde Rodgers had another serious attack of appendicitis Wednesday night and is getting along as well as could be expected. Geo Frichtl is hauling milk for him as it will be some time before Clyde will be able to handle the cans again.

Geo Rodgers was up Friday for a short visit and to look after some cattle he is having wintered here.

Ray Dobson returned home Sunday from Gilkey where he has been helping load white fir wood to be shipped to the Lebanon paper mill.

Charley Hollis and family have moved to the John Shindler farm.

Kenneth Westenhouse entertained 10 of his little chums Saturday with games and a big birthday dinner, it being his 10th birthday. Those present were, little Misses Lulu, Alice and Myrtle Hollis, Wyma Burmester, Anna Frichtl, and Masters Bobby Wirth, Clarence Rhoda, Roy Hollis and Arthur Clark.

Chatter Box.

An Essay Contest for Oregon Schools

Of Interest to Teachers

For the purpose of increasing interest in hygiene and giving drill in composition, an essay contest has been arranged. As the state school law requires that hygiene, with special reference to the effects of stimulants and narcotics, must be taught in all schools the contest is open to children of all grades. The children in all grades below the seventh may write upon any hygienic subject. The essays in these grades should be short and show definite and practical knowledge. The prize is \$5.00.

In the seventh and eighth grades and the high school the essays may be written upon any topic bearing upon the effects of stimulants or narcotics upon the body, the mind, or upon the efficiency of the individual and his relation to society. These essays should be based upon scientific facts and show originality and study. The maximum number of words is fifteen hundred. The state grade prize is \$10 and the national \$25. The state high school prize is \$15 and the National \$50.

Some of these essays may be read in school or at parents meetings and the best essay in each of the three grades of contests sent to Mrs G L Buland, 606 Maple St, Portland, Oregon, by May 1. If you desire reference material on these subjects you can get it from the State Library, Salem, Oregon. They are sending out upon application, loan libraries to assist the schools in this essay contest.

Inexpensive material may usually be obtained from: Anti Saloon League of America, Waterville, Ohio; International Reform Bureau, 296 Pennsylvania Ave, S E, Washington, D C; National Temperance Society, 737 Fourth Ave, New York City; Prohibition National Federation, 106 North La Salle St, Chicago, Ill; Scientific Temperance

Federation, 23 Trolly St, Boston, Mass; The state W C T U, Dekum Bldg, Portland, can send you the Compendium of Temperance Truth, (50c) and valuable leaflets.

The essays sent to Mrs Buland will be examined by judges selected by State Supt Churchill, the State Board of Health and the Oregon W C T U, by the latter of whom the prizes will be awarded.

Ida M. Cummings,
Co. School sup't.

Federated Church

Sunday School at 10:00 a m.
Preaching at 11.
Christian Endeavor 6:30 to 7:30
Song service from 7:30 to 8:00
Preaching at 8 o'clock.
Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7:30.

H. B. ILER, Pastor.

Masquerade Dance

Will be given at the Richardson Gap hall on Saturday, February 10, 1917 by the T J S and Z C B J. Cash prizes will be given as follows: 1st, best mask \$2.00; 2nd, best represented character \$1.50; 3rd, best dancer \$1.00; 4th, most comic 50c. Everybody is cordially invited.

By the Committee.

Your Last Chance

Recently we published in these columns an offer of The Youth's Companion and McCall's Magazine, both for a full year, for only \$2.10, including a McCall Dress Pattern. The high price of paper and ink has obliged McCall's Magazine to raise their subscription price February 1 to 10 cents a copy and 75 cents a year—so that the offer at the above price must be withdrawn. Until March 31 our readers have the privilege of ordering both publications for a full year, including the choice of any 15-cent McCall Dress Pattern, for only \$2.10.

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Beating Eggs.

The next time you wish to beat the yolk and white of an egg separately try this plan: Break the egg, leaving the yolk in the half shell. Beat the white stiff, then drop in the yolk and beat together. It is not only done better, but you save washing an extra dish and losing a large proportion of the egg yolk that sticks to dish and egg beater.

A Question Answered.

The dirty little newsboy was busily crying his wares. The fussy old lady standing near accosted him. "Little boy, do you earn your living selling papers?" she inquired. "Does I look it?" he scornfully demanded. "Naw; I owns er steam yacht and er automobile. I sells dese for charity."—Exchange.

An African City.

In many ways is Kano a wonderful place to find in central Africa. This native city has great infolding walls, twelve miles in circumference, pierced by thirteen deep gateways, with platform and guardhouses and massive doors heavily clamped with iron. Its written records date back nearly 800 years.

Foolish to Close.

"Why do you wish to close this show?" demanded the beautiful actress. "It's losing money," replied the manager. "What of that? The critics all say that I look lovely in my part."—Chicago Herald.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting administrator of the estate of R. C. Tooley, deceased, late of Linn County, Oregon, has this 17th day of January, 1917, filed with the County Clerk of Linn County, Oregon, his final account as such administrator and said Court has appointed Monday, the 26th day of February, 1917, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day as the time for hearing objections to said final account, and for the settlement thereof.

Any and all persons having objections to such final account are hereby notified to be present at said time at the County Court room in the Court House in the City of Albany, Linn County, Oregon, and then and there make such objections.

Dated January 17, 1917.

JOHN W. COSTELLO,
Administrator.

HILL & MARKS,
Attorneys for Administrator.

A New Year's Treat For Our Readers

We take pleasure in announcing that any of our readers can secure a pretty 1917 pocket diary, free of charge by sending the postage therefor, two cents in stamps to D. SWIFT & CO., Patent Lawyers, Washington, D. C. The diary is a "gold mine" of useful information, contains the popular and electoral vote received by Wilson and Hughes from each state in 1916, and also by Wilson, Roosevelt and Taft in 1912; states the amount of the principal crops produced in each state in 1916; gives the census population of each state 1890, 1900 and 1910, the population of about 600 of the largest cities in the United States, a synopsis of business laws, patent laws, household recipes and much other useful information. The diary would cost you 25c at a book store. For three (3) cents in stamps they will send a nice wall calendar, size 10 x 11 inches. Send five (5) one cent stamps and get the diary and calendar.

Bethlehem's Bid on Shells for the United States Navy

To the American People:

The Secretary of the Navy has awarded contracts amounting to over \$3,000,000 to a British bidder for 14 and 16-inch projectiles for the Navy because of very much lower prices offered by the English bidders.

We know nothing of the basis upon which the British bids were made, but the public is entitled to know the facts upon which we ourselves bid for this work.

Two years ago we took contracts to make 4,209 11-inch shells at a price of \$1,515,000. Up to now not a single shell has been accepted by the Government, although we have expended in wages, materials, etc., on these orders \$522,801, and we have not received a SINGLE DOLLAR on these contracts.

In addition, a literal interpretation of the contract made us liable for penalties amounting to \$578,018.

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SCIO, OREGON

Blossom Time in the Golden State

A friend just back from Southern California says: "The weather was fine, in fact too warm for heavy clothes. Many were in bathing at the beaches. Oranges were ripe in the valleys while the mountains nearby were covered with snow."

With warm, sunny weather it will not be long before the blossoms on the trees will be everywhere announcing that spring is here.

Take a vacation trip now while life is different; where climate surroundings and amusements are out of the ordinary. Spend a different February.

THREE TRAINS DAILY Scenic Shasta Route

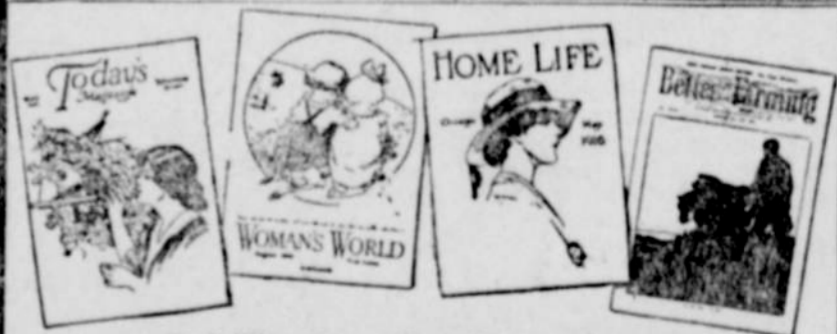
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