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SANTIAM FARM NEWS

Feb. 26.

Curtis Griffin pulled out Monday a.m. for Los Angeles, as his wife is sick and could not come up as was looked for.

Theodore Gaines of Portland returned home Monday after a five-day visit with home folks, as he had a good job waiting his return.

John Griffin came up from Salem,

where he is an attendant at the pen, for a two week's visit and rest at home with his mother, Mrs. S. W. Gaines. He went to Dallas Monday for a short visit with his sister, Mrs. Jennie Lovejoy.

Elmer Griffin came up Saturday from the Cottage Farm to visit home folks, returning to his job Monday.

Art Chandler, Wm. Fuller and wife of Lebanon were down to the Santiam Farm Sunday for dinner and a supply of Strawberry plants, as they are put-

ting out an acre at their new home.

Sunday the old man and his son, Theodore, paid his nephew, Lee Gaines, of Larwood a short visit for a square meal, finding him engaged in cutting a million feet of logs.

Mrs. Inez Stoddard of Larwood, who moved to Portland last fall, writes that her oldest daughter had a severe time with the measles, settling on her lungs, developing into consumption. She has been removed to a sanitarium.

Thos. Small has been having a time with his teeth and jaw, and had to have his jaw lanced—he is now on the mend.

George Bilyeu of Scio came out to his farm to look after his sheep and a fine lot of lumbs, as they are about all the stock there is any money in.

Mrs. S. Gaines is 84 years old, weighs 105 pounds; has six sons, all healthy and robust and weighing from 180 to 200 pounds, and all single but one; has three daughters (one dead) weighing 135 to 150 pounds; 14 grand children and four great-grand children, all hearty. A little unusual, but a splendid record. All are by her first marriage.

The Santiam Farm seems almost deserted, as our house full of company is scattered to the four winds, leaving us sad and lonely.

PIE EATER.

News From Lyons.

Feb. 26.

B. F. Bodeker and family of Mill City were visitors at H. F. Bodeker's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ring spent Sunday afternoon at Marion Martin's.

Among those attending church Sunday morning were Mr. and Mrs. Carlton, newcomers here.

Mrs. Gibbs and Miss Alfreta spent the weekend with home folks in Salem, returning Sunday night.

The drama, "Pekin Ducks," by the ladies of Lyons, is to be staged Saturday evening at the I. O. O. F. hall at 8 o'clock sharp.

The Fox Valley school program and shadow social is set for Friday evening. Choir practice at Mr. Balsiger's on Tuesday evening was well attended.

The funeral services were held for August Zolliner at Fox Valley cemetery Thursday afternoon. The family are old residents of Mehama and have many friends and neighbors here and around

"Do Rats Talk to Each Other?" Asks Mr. M. Batty, R. I.

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Mehama. Mr. Zoller was 81 years old, and came to Oregon from Germany about 50 years ago. He was a sufferer for nearly two years. His wife, one son, four daughters and several grandchildren survive him; two sons preceded him to the great beyond. Funeral Director W. A. Weddle officiated.

The funeral and burial of Mrs. Emma E. Frost of Lebanon took place here at 11 o'clock Friday morning. Mrs. Frost was a daughter of the late J. B. Trask of Stayton, was raised in this community, and was well known in Jordan, Scio and Lebanon. Her husband, F. B. Frost, a daughter, Mrs. Henry Bilyeu of Lebanon; Floyd Shelton of Scio, H. L. Shelton of Stayton, and Merl Frost of Portland, and 10 grand sons survive her, besides one sister, Mrs. Helen Perrin of Stayton; seven brothers, W. H. and G. B. Trask of Stayton; Horace of Kellogg, Idaho; L. C., E. E., Arthur and Johnnie of Lyons. Deceased was buried in Fox Valley cemetery.

Local People Guests

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Little Becky wanted to go, too, but the older girls did not want her. So they sat her on a mound and went about their picking. Later, when they were attracted by her cries, they ran to her side to find that they had put her on an ant hill and that the big red insects were about to eat her alive. It was several weeks before she recovered from her experience.

This party met grief at Green river when the wife of John Pugh, homesick and ill, finally died. She was placed in a lonely grave by the side of the trail, ashes placed over the spot, and the wagons run over the place to hide the fact from the Indians. The young bridegroom was so overcome with grief that when the party made camp ten or twelve miles farther on that night, he rode back to the grave and spent several hours alone with the spirit of his loved one. Then he followed, overtaking the party the next day.

It was a glad sight when they finally left the rockies and came into the green timber east of the Cascade mountains. There was but little settlement on the way. At The Dalles, the rapids of the Columbia, the party turned west and crossed over the trail made by Capt. Barlow, a year or two previously. Down the steep slope of the western side of the mountain they made thier way, holding the wagons back by ropes and dragging trees. The first winter was spent at Tualatin plains, northwest of Oregon City. But Mr. Crabtree left Missouri with the firm intention of locating in a land of plenty of wood and water and so his family, with Horace

Brown and the Packwood family came on up the Willamette, crossed the Santiam at the ford below Jefferson and followed the trail that crosses the railroad track about two miles south of Jefferson, along the rim of the hills around Knox Butte and up the Santiam. With his family camped under a big tree, Mr. Crabtree and the other men started out to hunt for the ideal spot, and finally found claims three miles south of Scio where water bubbled forth from springs in abundance and where the big trees grew in profusion, with suitable land for tilling.

This was the first settlement, according to Mrs. Morris, in the forks of the Santiam. Brown took up a claim beside the Crabtrees. The Packwoods soon left for other parts. Mr. Brown lived on his claim the remainder of his life. Crabtree village, creek and other objects were named after the family. And in this locality for 78 years, the family has grown and prospered. Mr. Crabtree lived to the ripe age of 92, enjoying the fruits of his labors and saw Oregon safely annexed to the Union.

There are many incidents that Mrs. Morris recalls during her girlhood days. Indians were plentiful and she played with their children. No other settlers arrived in her locality until 1847, when Fletcher Crabtree, her uncle, arrived with his party. One of her playmates, a little Indian boy, died and was buried in the customary Indian manner of standing the body up in a round grave. The body was inserted in the grave from time to time, she said, to determine when the grave was deep enough. Then wrapped in a blanket, it was lowered, covered and the possessions of the boy placed on top of the earth.

Mrs. Morris was married to A. B. Morris in 1876, the latter coming in the immigration of 1852.

Mrs. Morris is in good health and is active and alert despite her 82 years.

A. T. POWELL

A. T. Powell, of Scio, the last surviving son of Mr. and Mrs. Joab Powell, illustrious pioneer family, was the last of the pioneers to procure a ticket Saturday afternoon to

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Mrs. Crandall (Towa) Tells How She Stopped Chicken Losses

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