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POWELL VALLEY

About 30 friends enjoyed the valentine party given by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Olsen at their home last Saturday evening. The house was most artistically decorated with pussy willows and red hearts. One of the features of the evening was the distribution of valentines which the guests had brought. Dainty refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lundbom entertained at dinner Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Axel Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Olsen and Mrs. Emma Johnson.

The party given by the young people of Powell Valley at the schoolhouse was well attended and everyone enjoyed themselves. Games were played and all took part. These parties will probably be continued at intervals during the winter.

Fredolph Lind left last week for Oakland, California, where he will work in the ship yards.

SANDY BLUFF

Mrs. Wm. Caldo has been quite ill but is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Duke's children have been sick but are much better.

Wm. Fellows returned Thursday to Camas, Washington, after visiting a few days with his sister, Mrs. Wm. Caldo, and family.

The Parent-Teachers association met Friday, February 4, at the Cottrell school and despite the stormy night a good attendance was had, also a splendid good time. The next regular meeting will be March 4.

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FAIRVIEW

Mr. and Mrs. Quinn Metzger, of Hillsboro, are the proud parents of a fine baby boy, which came to their home on February 5. The baby has been named Valjeane Francis. Mrs. Metzger will be remembered as Miss Nan Anderson of this place.

Lincoln's birthday was well remembered on Friday afternoon by a program given by the school children. A short talk was also given by Director R. R. Morrill.

Mrs. Addie Mills, of Salem, is spending some time visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Hattie Moore.

Mrs. Moore was well reminded that Thursday was her birthday when her sisters, Mrs. Belle Stockton of Rockwood; Mrs. Ann Wagner of Cottrell, and Mrs. Dora Peterson of Fairview, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Cora Robertson of Portland, her daughters, Mrs. Lawrence Harvey and Mrs. Rance Thorpe and daughter of Portland, Mrs. Lowe and daughter, of Portland and Mrs. J. W. Moller and daughter Majorie all spent the day with her and again in the evening a number of friends and relatives gave her a surprise and wished her many happy returns of the day.

Clyde Peterson, a high school student, is confined to his home with measles.

Miss Elizabeth Cady gave a valentine party at her home on Saturday evening. The time was spent in games and music after which refreshments were served.

Mrs. J. Luscher and Miss Rosalie Luscher with Mrs. Louise Morrison were the guests from Fairview invited by Mrs. O. F. Cady, a member of the Portland Study club, to attend the recital given by Lucien Becker last Tuesday afternoon at the home of Misses Amelia and Louise Hohberger on Forty-fifth street. Owing to the fact that the Portland Study club is fortunate in having among its members, Miss Louise Hohberger, a pupil of Portland's noted musician, Mr. Becker's recitals have become an annual feature of the club and it would take a heavier rain even than that of Tuesday to prevent members and their guests from enjoying these treats. The Portland Study club is one of the oldest, if not the oldest study club in Rose City Park, and although its membership is limited to 15 it has won a reputation for doing things. Its members are among those who worked to secure the branch library for Rose City Park. It has the distinction of being first to advocate decorating Sandy boulevard and for the last five years the triangle at Forty-second street and Sandy has been the special charge of the club.

Mrs. Claude Knapp was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital last Sunday where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. It is expected she will remain there two weeks. Mrs. Inez Fullerton, a friend of Mrs. Knapp, who arrived from Three Sisters for a visit, is remaining at the Knapp home during the absence of Mrs. Knapp.

H. A. Fuller was greeting Fairview friends on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller have been spending the winter in Montavilla but are planning to return to their home in Fairview next week.

COTTRELL

Cottrell Sunday school is progressing nicely. A contest is on between the Hustlers and the Rustlers, each side sees how many new members they can get. The side that loses will treat the other side. It is hoped to have a large Sunday school by summer. Plans are being made for an Easter program.

Rev. F. S. Pitts was sick Sunday and could not preach. There was a large attendance at church and several from Gresham.

C. Betzel and two sons, Edgar and Jerald, of Raymond, Washington, visited the Meyers family on Friday. Mr. Betzel, Sr., has occupied the position of head manager of the Silver Mill company box factory of Raymond for the past eight years. They were investigating a business location in Albany, Oregon, and may locate in Oregon in the near future.

A. Bram made a business trip to Gresham, Monday.

Rev. J. A. Hopper of Portland spent Wednesday with Rev. S. F. Pitts and family.

Rae Fowler, who has been attending high school in Portland, is at home ill with measles.

Mrs. Jos. Manary spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Markell.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Splawn and family were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bram Wednesday evening.

A. R. Goger, E. E. Quay, Wm. J. Phair and L. E. Craswell attended the Dairymen's League meeting in Gresham Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gillam of Portland spent one day last week visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Jos. Manary.

Miss Mabel Wagner visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wagner on Sunday.

L. E. Craswell and Wallace Manary were business visitors in Portland on Monday.

CEDAR AND VICTORY

The Parent-Teacher association of Victory has postponed its regular meeting until the third Friday in March on account of the number of cases of measles that have developed in the district.

The Parent-Teacher association of Cedar will hold its regular meeting on Friday evening of this week instead of Saturday evening. This change is made because of the number of people who wish to attend the grange circus at Orient on Saturday evening.

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FROM THE COUNTRY WITHOUT A NAME

By WALTER RAMSER

Although we are as yet a part of Clackamas County, still it is not beneath the dignity of our community to derive benefits from Multnomah county. Quite a number of neighbors attended the lectures of Farmers' Week in Gresham several weeks ago. These lectures are a big help to those who are unable to attend the Agricultural College, and many farmers can here get valuable information in the various lines of farming from the highest possible authorities. One of the things worthy of mention is the attitude which the business men have shown toward the farmers by giving the bounteous banquet, and the good spirit in which it was given.

On election day Louis Hoffmeister finished planting his winter wheat. He worked some of Swift's wheat fertilizer into the soil before putting in the grain, which is now looking fine. Next summer's crop will show whether this mixed fertilizer pays for its application or not.

So far only three suggested names for our community have been handed in. Doesn't anybody seem to care whether this locality is called Yokohama or Nijni Novgorod? Let us hear more suggestions. If by Easter there is no more interest taken in naming our locality I will do it myself and call it Babel(!) or Shephatiah or even Bakbuk. So, neighbors, get busy, put on your thinking cap, get any old encyclopedia or calendar, and whether you are a nomenclator or not, surely you can suggest a name. When someone has a new baby brother or sister of his own to name the whole relation get to quarreling while choosing the proper nomenclature among the many suggested. Why not transfer some energy to your own locality.

Mrs. Victor Lund of Oak Park, Washington, called on her sister, Mrs. Ernest Johnson, of our locality. Mrs. Lund is temporarily staying in Portland.

For the last few weeks John Fagrelius of Bancroft, South Dakata, is visiting with his daughter, Mrs. Lemke who lives near the Heacock corner on Route 4, Gresham. He is favorably impressed with our Oregon climate and very much prefers it to the rough and cold prairie. He is about decided to locate here if he can find a suitable five-acre tract near town.

Earnest Johnson is back from the Portland shipyards and has moved his family on his father's farm in this neighborhood. He is fixing up the little house near Heacock's corner.

Mr. Lemke is cutting wood for Mr. Ramser with his Beaver Dragsaw.

Ed Schwedler had his tonsils removed recently but is feeling fine again and working hard. He is a freshman in the Union High school at Gresham.

A petition has been circulated and liberally signed asking for a better grade on the Cut-off road. Particulars will be given later.

Mesdames Schwedler, Mullenhoff, Ramser and Grandma Mullenhoff attended the sewing circle of the Zion Evangelical church of Gresham, at the home of Mrs. Volbrecht on Wednesday. Many ladies of the above-named church and several of the friends have met once a week for more than a month to sew for the needy in Europe. They have finished many useful articles and garments. Many valuable pieces of clothing have been donated. Everything taken together filled a good-sized drygoods box. The ladies labored diligently and have certainly helped a good cause.

Alfred Wellman is remodeling his dairy barn by putting in a new floor, a cement gutter and swinging stanchions.

Mr. Taylor soon will begin building a new house on his ranch. He and Mrs. Taylor certainly are in great need of a new home and we hope they will be successful in securing it.

PLEASANT VIEW

Mrs. A. D. Ogden, who is in the hospital in Portland recovering from an operation, is getting along as well as can be expected.

Mrs. W. Morton (nee Woodard) spent the week-end with her parents.

The night in this vicinity is being disturbed by varied and peculiar noises. From afar comes a sound as of a calf tied by too short a rope—nearer by there seems to be a weird high pitched sound as of a spirit in pain. Presently one catches a few notes of "America", then comes a few measures of "Coming Through the Rye." If any one has the time and curiosity to trace out these noises they will find that they lead to Springdale, where the Pleasant View and Springdale boys have organized "The Springdale Pep band" with 15 charter members. They are to meet for practice each Monday and Thursday evenings, with Mr. Sinclaire as leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodard gave a party for Keith and Lucile on Saturday evening. The house was prettily decorated with greens, red festoons and hearts. About 50 of the younger set were present and the evening was pleasantly spent with games and dancing. A lovely lunch was served at 11:30.

TROUTDALE

Z. G. Schanck and children are the guests of Mrs. Schanck's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Parsons. Mrs. Schanck has had a serious operation in The Dalles hospital, but is hoping to be out of the hospital soon, when the family will move into Mrs. Helming's house on the hill, which Mr. Schanck has rented.

Tuesday of last week was Miss Evelyn Kendall's birthday and after practice for the play, "Looking for Mary Jane", in which she has a part, the other members of the cast surprised her by happening in and spending a pleasant hour at the Kendall home in honor of the occasion, ably helping to dispose of a delicious birthday cake.

Robert Osburn and his brother and their families left for Estacada last Sunday, to make their home there. They moved by truck.

The Multnomah County Council Parent-Teacher association is to meet in all-day session at Troutdale, Saturday, February 19. Preparations are in progress for a bounteous lunch at the noon hour.

PLEASANT HOME

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church have cancelled the meeting which was called for Wednesday afternoon on account of the death and funeral of Everett Collins.

A. B. Wood was taken seriously ill last Sunday and was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital Monday morning where he underwent an operation today at 11 a. m. No report as to his condition has been received.

The Ickler family have been having quite a time with the measles. First Irvin had them and just as he was getting able to be around again Johnie and Mrs. Gertrude Caddy, his brother and sister, came down and a day or so later Mrs. Ickler went to bed and Monday Ruth gave up the struggle against the disease and there are now four of them sick in bed. They are all getting along as well as possible but are all quite sick.

PLEASANT VALLEY

Jas. McLean made a trip to Clackamas on business last Monday.

F. S. Akin, of Portland, was a caller at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Sager, Sunday afternoon.

E. G. Butcher, of Lents, was looking after business matters hereabouts Tuesday.

Little Jas. McLean had the misfortune to cut his hand quite severely on an ax last Tuesday.

G. H. Richey has returned to the valley after several weeks' stay in Portland.

R. I. Anderson, of Portland, transacted business in this vicinity Wednesday.

Chas. Dahlquist loaded a car of potatoes at Sycamore Wednesday.

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