

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

Butte Falls Items

Quite a number of hunting parties have passed through the Falls of late going to the Blue canyon district in search of deer and bear. Birds are said to be quite numerous. Mr. and Mrs. Thomason, who have been visiting friends in the valley, have turned to their home.

Several parties from Central Point came in on the stage Wednesday, but we did not get their names or learn their business.

Mr. Downs of Willow creek section was in Butte Falls lately and he reports his mother as being sick, but not dangerously or seriously so. He says the fire got into his timber and came near burning his home, but it was saved with the aid of others. His timber was damaged, but not to a very great extent.

Uncle Ben Edmonson has been hauling his winter supply of hay from the Tom Grigsby ranch.

The Cook boys took several loads of new posts to Eagle Point to fill an order. These posts command a ready sale, as they are very durable.

Butte Falls will probably poll a very light vote at the primary, as registration has been light. The insurgents appear to be in the majority, and it is hoped that Oregon will snow under all those candidates opposed to the primary and Statement No. 1, and that the people will not be shorn of their power, but that the machine will become a thing of the past. I do not see how we can have a more representative government than when the people, by their votes, declare and say whom they desire to be elected, and any set of men who seek to throttle the voice of the people or to curtail their privileges in election matters are the men to be elevated to positions of trust or honor. This precinct is strong for Von der Hellen and West, and we expect them to carry it by flattering majorities.

Miss Peeler is quite likely to teach the Prospect school this winter, and if so, her family will remove from Butte Falls to Prospect, so that they may be near to her.

Central Point Items

At last the contractor has completed his job and the city council has accepted the water system in full. The much expected row at the final windup did not occur. Two of the councilmen, however, refused to vote either for or against the acceptance of the system, and in that case the mayor adopted "Reed rules" and all went well.

There is much interest being manifested at the big tent meetings now in progress at Oak Park addition.

Lumber is being placed on the ground for three new cottages and yet there are not houses enough to supply the demand. House rent is rapidly advancing, which, of course, will be the direct cause of many who are now renters to build their own homes.

Sam Pickard of Albuquerque, N. M., arrived Saturday and is visiting with his sisters and brother of Scenic Heights orchard, a short distance from Central Point.

I. J. McVey of Hoquiam, Wash., was in the city Sunday on a sight-seeing tour. Mr. McVey is a business man of Hoquiam, being the proprietor of the Yellowstone hotel.

Central Point needs more school room and more teachers. The congested condition of the schools is not conducive to the best results, and this condition must be overcome.

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