

Items of Interest From the Rogue River Valley

E. R. OATMAN BUSY IN EDEN PRECINCT GATHERING GRAINS

By Mrs. Mary O. Cary.
EDEN PRECINCT, July 20.—E. R. Oatman, who has been persistently on the lookout for grains and grasses for exhibition at the state and county fairs. While on his rounds as county fruit inspector, Mr. Oatman was out to the Chandler ranch one day last week to get some of the Red Oats which Mr. Chandler raised. Mr. Oatman and his assistant, Mr. H. E. Warren, have gathered a whole room full of grain and grasses, which may be seen at the Farm Bureau building, besides many other specimens, which are at Mr. Oatman's home, not yet ready. Among those who have contributed are the following: Eric Wold, wheat; Early Hart, Dr. J. M. Keene, Blue Stem wheat; Mike Hanley, grasses; Ed Foss, alfalfa; Muriel Miner, O. A. C. White winter barley; Noah Chandler, Red Oats.

Mr. Oatman was born and raised on the farm, and he knows a good product when he sees it. Not only does he know grain when he sees it, but should be a good judge of stock also, as he used to be a great fan of good horses and mules when on his own farm.

I have known Mr. Oatman for many years, and have often wondered when seeing him going quietly about the work of gathering exhibits, why there had never been any mention made of his work. Of course, I knew Mr. Oatman would never tell anyone about it, but the exhibits he has gathered have been sent at other times, and no mention made. I have taken it upon myself to give credit where it is due, as I have noticed some mention made of others' work.

Miss Irene Stanley of North Talent and her grandmother, Mrs. T. T. Simpson of Medford, returned last Saturday from Vader, Washington, where they went to visit Mrs. Simpson's son, Ray Thompson, around wife. Ray is a trained nurse in the Lake Sanatorium at that place.

Nel Franklin and Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Purdy made a flying trip to Dead Indian Prairie last Sunday. They left by auto from Phoenix at three o'clock last Sunday afternoon, and arrived at twelve, midnight, on the return trip, taking only about nine hours for the entire trip, and the roads were not the best ever for an auto at that.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Furry have a new Overland car, which they gave the test of the road, on a trip to Crater Lake last Saturday. Milo Furry and wife went with them to the lake. Milo and wife will return to Benita, California, this Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Boyer have become so used to paddling around in the rain while in Portland, that they now turn the canal looms in the yard at their home in Fern Valley, and wade around in the mud so as to feel at home. I got this information straight.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Fish and their guests from California, made a trip to Crater Lake the first of the week in order that their friends might see the beauty spot of the northwest.

Mr. and Mrs. John Borer, who have been down to Pasadena, California visiting Mrs. Borer's mother, Mrs. Howland, returned the first of last week, bringing Mrs. Howland with them.

Grandma Moore of Phoenix spent Tuesday as the guest of Mrs. Walter Stanciliff at her home south of Phoenix.

Mr. Ed French and his bride returned from California, where they have been all summer. Mrs. French was formerly Miss Edna Nichols. Ed will work for the canal company the rest of the summer.

Miss Vivian Stanciliff entertained Monday evening at her pleasant home south of Phoenix. Covers were laid for eight. The evening was pleasantly spent in games and music.

Mrs. Flynn, nee Grace Milam, is in Phoenix, from Minnesota, visiting her parents, Professor Milam and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Milam have just returned from Portland, where they went to consult with Dr. Coffee and his colleagues in regard to Mrs. Milam's health.

Rev. and Mrs. Angle of Phoenix went to Corvallis last week to attend the Presbytery. Mrs. Angle returned home on Saturday, but Mr. Angle went to Seattle where he intends to spend his vacation, with some of his former parishioners. Mrs. Angle filled the pulpit at the Phoenix church last Sunday, and was

very interesting, indeed, to her congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Norris and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Aasen of Medford went out to Pollock Bay the first of the week to spend a few weeks' vacation at that famous resort.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Fitch and family of East Eden went out to Lake of the Woods the latter part of last week, taking their boat along, in order to fully enjoy the beautiful waters of the lake. Mr. Fitch goes back and forth and Tuesday he took Earl Schuward back with him.

Born to Mrs. R. H. Wilcox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Littlefield, a fine baby girl, Grandma and Grandpa Littlefield are very proud of the little lady.

Mrs. E. Willson, nee Ruth Hughes, is in the valley visiting old friends, among them, Mrs. Geo. Drake of East Eden.

Judge Barnes of Phoenix, left for Oregon the last of the week on business. Mrs. Barnes's mother who has been here on a visit, returned to her home at Bend last week, the weather being too hot for her comfort here.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Morgan were extended an invitation to come to Grants Pass last Sunday where Mr. Morgan filled the pulpit, at the Presbyterian church. Mr. Morgan was formerly pastor of the church at the Pass.

Those from East Eden, who were in Medford doing their usual Saturday trading were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Anderson, Mrs. Otto Carter, Mrs. Donna Graffes, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Barryburg, Miss Maggie Mote.

The Talent Community club will give an ice cream and cake social afternoon and evening on August 4th, at which time they hope to have the liberal patronage of the public, that they may raise funds to pay for the piano, which have lately purchased. This is something for the good of the entire community, and should have the support of everyone. Anyone who will stop at the city hall lawn, during the afternoon, as well as evening will be served. There will be music in the evening.

The many friends of Mr. C. W. former pastor of the Phoenix church and dearly beloved by all who knew him, is at the recuperation home in Ashland, and is feeling much better, since going there. Mrs. Stanciliff visited with her one day last week bringing back the good news.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Short have purchased the small bungalow, near Mr. Martin's place in Phoenix, and have moved into the house. They may not build on the old home place where the house burned, if they like the new location.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Pratt, former residents of Phoenix are preparing to go to Toledo, Ohio, where Mr. Pratt has fallen heir to a home and the many comforts of life. They have sold most of their property here, preparatory to leaving in the fall, after the crops are harvested. Their many friends will regret to hear of their leaving these parts to make their home permanently in the east.

Walter Garrison of Watkins, who is a nephew of James Allen of North Talent, was injured at his home while hauling hay. The load turned over with him, and he sustained a badly sprained, if not broken, shoulder. Walter Allen went over and brought Mr. Garrison and his wife over to Phoenix, where Mr. Garrison may have medical aid, from Dr. Malmgren.

ANTIOCH ITEMS

Mrs. Anderson, grand daughter of Perry Foster, died in Medford Friday and was buried at Antioch cemetery Saturday afternoon.

Randolph Glass and Hubert Rodgers have left the Modoc and gone to work on the roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, Myrtle, Ella and Victor, Mr. and Mrs. Scott and Walter Sharad met other friends at the river Sunday and enjoyed a picnic and boat riding on the river.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Glass visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dean of Willow Springs Friday and stayed over night.

George Stacey who is working a piece of road near Trail, returned to his home a few days this week.

Mrs. Frink has returned home with her infant baby girl who was born July 1st.

Mrs. Lucas had the misfortune to lose a fine calf this week with blood.

Mr. Lucas has been helping Mr. Stacey with his work several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson and family made a trip to Butte Falls Sunday.

Wm. Davis of Beagle has purchased a new Ford touring car.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucas took dinner with Miss Swanson and brother Sunday.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS OUTING IN PARK AT ASHLAND

ASHLAND, July 21.—On Saturday this week the boys and girls clubs of Jackson county will revel incident to a summer outing in Ashland parks. There will be various games and an abundance of refreshments. Parents will co-operate with the young folks in making the picnic outing a memorable one. Some brief addresses will be interspersed among the sports. A basket dinner is scheduled for the noon hour. The Nat has been chartered also for the event, and will be the headquarters for aquatic activities.

Jesse Winburn is giving employment to 25 or 30 men, who are at work upon notable improvements he is installing upon his estates in the canyon, prominent among which will be a swimming tank. Several of these employees are striking shop craftsmen in Southern Pacific yards, who are now receiving better Sap-and-Salt wages than they were getting in the local railroad yards.

The freedom of the city is extended this week to Epworth League hosts who are meeting here in summer outing assembled. A special gathering place is the landstand near Pioneer hall, which is utilized as headquarters for advanced classes, reminding one of old-time Chautauqua round table epochs.

Railroad strike affairs are in status quo here, since Monday, pending action by the government labor board relative to a stationery engineer and two oilers who went out in local yards early in the week, precipitating a crisis.

A. W. Williams of Portland, district manager of the Addressograph, was in town on Thursday, interviewing prospective purchasers of this labor-saving device.

Dan Applegate, proprietor of the American Railway Express locally was observed on Thursday diligently and deliberately taking a joyride in a Ford coupe, with Kenneth McWilliams as pilot at the helm, all of which implies that Dan has been won over to join the army of motorists.

Reports are to the effect that Mrs. Gertrude Mullt has divorced her newly married husband at Los Angeles, and has decided upon San Francisco as a permanent place of residence.

Postoffice lightning is striking hereabouts, as is witnessed by recent appointments of Flora B. Thompson to that position at Jacksonville, and Glenn Withrow at Talent.

H. R. McNally, city freight agent of the Santa Fe at Oakland, Cal., with headquarters at 603 Easton building, in that city, is a vacation visitor here, accompanied by his wife, who was formerly Miss Esther Siensen, of Ashland. The visitors find this vicinity a typical one in which to while away a pleasurable summer outing.

Attorney L. A. Roberts has purchased the residence property of Mrs. Gertrude Mullt, on Church street, and will occupy it, removing from the family's present location on Nutley street.

For to these many years G. F. Billings has hied himself to seashore resorts in the vicinity of Newport, and the vacation season of 1922 is no exception to the rule, for the genial old-time resident has already departed thither, in fact the "mussel shoals" in that locality ever expects him as a welcome visitor. In the long ago it was Mr. Billings' annual habit to rough it as far as Hornbrook, and from thence voyage down the placid waters of the Klamath as far as the outfitting point for Cinnabar Springs, but the Springs settlement has been well-nigh wiped out by fire this season, consequently not much doing there this summer in the outfitting line.

A young lady in town, grieving over the circumstance that she was not awarded the brand new Ford car in the distribution during recent holiday celebration days, received the surprise of a lifetime when a fine auto of the coveted design was placed at her disposal without money and without price. Not only was the car a new one but it was thoroughly equipped with all the latest devices. Result, great elation. It is conceded that Jesse Winburn made the presentation, following precedent established in several instances.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Day, after a pleasing reunion here with many acquaintances, both old and new, left for San Francisco on Friday of this week, in time to take the steamer for Honolulu, which is their home. While here they visited Crater Lake and other scenic localities, and their stay in this locality, of about a month's duration, was one continual round of pleasure amid the surroundings which have made the name of Ashland famous. They brought their own car with them from Hawaii, hence their itinerary throughout southern Oregon has been independent of either rail or jitney service.

At the Oregon Editorial association, which meets at Corvallis today, Bert Moses, of the Sap-and-Salt newspaper syndicate of this city, will address the assembled fraternity. It is needless to add that Moses will smite the rock of precedent and prejudice at this notable gathering.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mayfield and son, Miles, of Central Point, called Thursday for dinner on their way to Klamath county. Asked if they were going to Crater Lake, Mr. Mayfield replied that they did not have time as they had cattle interests, both on this side of the mountain and in Klamath and they did not have time to stop over, and they had already visited Crater Lake and there would be nothing new for them to see and furthermore they wished to get to their destination as soon as possible. They also intend to visit Silver Lake while in that region, combining business with pleasure.

While making his regular rounds Thursday, who should I meet but one of my old acquaintances of sixty years. Although we have met several times since, for several years he carried on the pottery business a few miles below Trail, as he is generally known as "Uncle Joe" Hannah. Although he is only about 82 years of age he has retired from business and is living with relatives, Jasper Hannah on the Rybee Bridge road to Trail, but is unable to do much of anything on account of the infirmities of old age. Pete Betts and wife and the old veteran, John Howard, were in the car with him.

I also had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Wm. Holmes of Medford and her sister, Mrs. S. B. Holmes, two members of the Brown family, who have taken an active part in building up and developing this part of Jackson county.

I also met Mr. Charles Stail and three of his little boys. They had just come into town in a two-horse wagon with the old styled hoop-pole bows, and wagon sheet over them to protect them from the sun and when he stopped opposite the postoffice and began to take out first one and then another husky looking boy until he had three at his heels, taking them to the ice cream parlor of Frank Lewis bent on having something to cool them off. After introducing myself and telling him my object in being so inquisitive, he told me that he had a wife, four boys and one girl and was from Goose Lake valley and was here visiting the Hannaford family, who were living on the C. H. Nettick farm and were thinking of settling in this section.

That same evening Attorney E. D. Briggs, Ashland, Charles E. Terrill and Lee Fornerook, Jacksonville, came in for late supper. Of course, I had to inquire how Charley and the K. K. K. were getting along with their persecution, for it appears that two of the head men of the Klan were the ones who presented the petition to me with the request that I would sign it, but I promptly told them that Charley had been, so far as I could see, full as good as any sheriff we have had for years, and the question comes if Charley has been such a notorious bad egg, why has our district attorney not taken some action. I have seen in the papers where his case was up before the grand jury, but about all it amounted to was not enough to bring the matter before our circuit court, but Charley's enemies, it seems to me, were too cowardly to face the matter in the courts but hire attorneys to come from Portland out here to peddle their gossip such as accusing him of being drunk on a certain day when in fact he has, so far as I know, and I have known him for some twenty years, and never before heard of his drinking. While if they had been honest, and seeking the truth they would have taken the subject into the courts where he could have faced his accusers and had a chance to refute the charges. I did not ask either of them, Mr. Briggs, Charley or Mr. Fornerook what their business was, as I told Charley never to tell me anything that he did not want published.

Mrs. E. E. Smith of Butte Falls came out Thursday and spent the night with a friend.

Ivan Blebersteadt, one of our prosperous German-American citizens who lives two miles west of Mt. McLoughlin, in Willow prairie, was transacting business here last Friday.

Mr. W. Y. Marshall who is living on the Wm. Jackson place, it being a part of the old Timmis Duggan place, was also a business caller Friday.

As I was crossing our wire suspension bridge Friday morning July 14, I was met by Mr. Henry French one of our old-time citizens who informed me that his daughter, Bertha May Anderson, aged 22 years, 2 months and 8 days had died that morning. She leaves her husband, Thomas J. Anderson of Medford, a three-day's old daughter, her father and mother, J. H. French and wife, a brother, Lloyd and sister, Cora, and her grandfather, Perry Foster and other relatives and a large circle of friends. The funeral was held at the Antioch cemetery and the services were conducted by our popular coroner, John Perri, in the school house yard, and the religious services were conducted by Rev. Hubert G. Adams of Eagle Point. There was the largest funeral procession in attendance that has been seen in that neighborhood for several years. The deceased, although quite young, had gathered around her a large circle of friends who mourn her sad demise.

Mr. Cummings this water superintendent, was out Friday looking after the interests of the water users. It seems as though those who have control of the water in the creek above have been taking out more water than they are entitled to and the result is the hay crops have suffered. I heard Roy Stanley say that his second crop of alfalfa would fall short at least forty tons on account of the shortage of water.

There were three strangers come in Friday for dinner, but they were in too much of a hurry to tell their names or business.

Dr. E. P. Geary and wife of Portland and son, Edward of Klamath Falls, came late Friday evening for supper and then went on to the doc-

FROBACH SPEECH MADE HIT WITH R. RIVER PEOPLE

ROGUE RIVER, July 20.—The people of Rogue River were very enthusiastic in demonstrating their appreciation of the Medford and Grants Pass people who were present and assisted them in the organization of the Rogue River Community club. Mr. Frobach's address, relative to the county fair, was listened to with a great deal of interest, and the county fair received a substantial boost in this community on account of it. The Ladies' Civic Improvement club and the Rogue River Community club have joined and will present a community display at the fair. The music by the Grants Pass band was loudly cheered, and we all hope they will come again.

A. Lincoln Ellis, who lived here for many years, died at Merlin on Thursday, July 13. His remains were brought to Rogue River and interred in the Rogue River cemetery. The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church with Mr. James Martin officiating. He leaves a widow daughter and three sons. His death was the result of an attack of apoplexy.

Reverend Mr. Gray will occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian church next Sunday. He is expected to return to Rogue River on Saturday, accompanied by his wife and two daughters.

George W. Austin and wife of Medford made a hurried call at the Sunnyside the same evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Schuster of Corvallis Ore., stopped at the Sunnyside for dinner Saturday on their way to Crater Lake. William Cottrell and George Albert and Jack Robinson and wife of San Francisco, and Albert Sudan and wife of Los Angeles were here for dinner Saturday on their way to Crater Lake.

I see that I am extending my usual limit, so will have to omit a list of interesting items until my next.

company by his wife and two daughters.

Press reports are to the effect that Mrs. Henrietta Sandry has received the appointment of postmistress at this place.

An impromptu gathering of citizens convened at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Spencer last Saturday evening. The gathering was in the nature of a farewell to the Spencers and Mr. and Mrs. John Carstens, all of whom left Tuesday for California. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served. Mr. and Mrs. Carstens will return to Rogue River this fall while the Spencers have not yet decided where they will locate.

A large delegation of the members of the Women's Civic Improvement club motored to the home of Mrs. Arthur Earhart last Friday afternoon, where they held the monthly meeting of the club. Mrs. Earhart is president of the club, and her home, which has just recently been remodeled, was beautifully appointed for the occasion. The large rooms making it a very convenient place for meetings of this kind. The club discussed several matters of interest, the most important being relative to the preparation of an exhibit for the county fair. Mrs. Earhart, Mrs. Fairchild and Mrs. Clark were appointed a committee with instructions to report at the next meeting. The hostess served the ladies with delicious refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake, and leaf tea.

Mr. Daniel Neathamer passed away at the Medford hospital Sunday. The remains were brought to this city and the funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church, a minister from Grants Pass officiating. Mr. Neathamer was upwards of eighty years of age and was one of the oldest settlers in this community, having spent the most of his life on one of the Eugene Creek farms. He is survived by his widow and seven children: five sons, Lindsay, James, Cleve, John and Mart Neathamer, and two daughters, Emma Hillis and Ruchia Smithpeter.

The community was surprised to learn of the marriage of Mrs. Sarah Wakeman to R. Tinney of this place, last Saturday. Mrs. Tinney is an old resident of Rogue River, and is well known in the community. Mr. Tinney recently came here and is employed at the large mine adjoining town.

SEWING GIRLS AT WILLOW SPRINGS HOLD GATHERING

WILLOW SPRING, July 20.—The Willow Springs Girls' Sewing club met at the home of their secretary, Frances Parker, on Wednesday afternoon. Miss Maule, their leader, Helen Cowgill, state club worker, and Mr. Moss, county club leader, met with them. The girls were much interested in Miss Cowgill's excellent exhibit of work done by club girls throughout the state. The next meeting will be held at Anna Wolf's home, on Wednesday, July 26.

Helen Brophy accompanied J. J. Brophy and Leo Brophy of Jacksonville on a four days trip through the Klamath country, visiting Crater Lake on the return trip.

The H. H. Clarkes are entertaining the C. J. Walker family of Portland, who are touring the state visiting different points of interest such as the Caves, Crater Lake, etc.

The Anders family and their house guests spent Sunday picnicking at the river.

An old time friend of the Harris family, J. H. Chinlund, of Vancouver, Wash., who is touring the state, stopped here for a few days. While here, Mr. and Mrs. Harris and son James accompanied him on a camping trip, visiting Crater Lake and enjoying the beauties of the upper Rogue.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Young and family spent Sunday with the Jeff Slagles at the Riverbanks farm near Grants Pass. Paul Wagner of Ashland was a week end guest at the home of his friend, Ralph Elden.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown and children, from near Medford, were dinner guests at the H. H. Clarke home Sunday evening.



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