

CORRESPONDENCE.

ODELL.

A dancing party was given by the organization of Lions in the hall, last Saturday night, that proved a success socially and financially. The net proceeds are to be given towards the purchase of an organ for the lodge. At 12 o'clock the dance was closed and supper was served, which was furnished by the lady members of the lodge. A number of gray-headed boys were present, and all went merry. Odell is on the map.

H. S. Galligan drove swiftly by, Sunday morning, on his way to the fishing grounds near the falls. His long fishing rod was conspicuous, and as he sped by he engaged some fish to fry. Since that time he has not been sighted.

Mr. Vanderbilt of Beulah Land reports his improvements almost completed, which consist of an addition to his house, a new barn and woodshed, the piping of water into his house, and other numerous and valuable changes about the place. Mr. Vanderbilt is a wide-awake, progressive citizen and a valuable acquisition to our section, possessing means with which to improve his ranch according to his taste. There is room for others of his type.

Union apple pickers are on their annual tour packing the famous apples for market. Mr. Copple and Mr. Ehrck entertained them last week. They are uninvited guests but nevertheless welcome.

Mr. Strong, who last spring bought land from B. R. Tucker, has for some time past been hauling lumber for a new house and barn. He is building a house 28x28 feet and a large barn. He is located one-half mile west of H. C. Crockett and in a fine apple belt, just as his inclination runs toward dairying, no doubt he will make some experiments along that line. His money was made from the dairy business, and it is not new to him.

William Ehrck, M. D. Odell and H. C. Crockett last week appraised the property of the late Davos Divers. The Divers home is a valuable piece of property and will no doubt bring a good figure under the hammer.

Dance rumor has it that another store building will be commenced this week in Odell. Competition is the life of trade, and doubtless another store will increase the trade. Come along.

The air is full of matrimonial rumors, but some way they don't materialize.

The Early Crawford peach has been in evidence for a week, selling as low as 1 1/2 cents at the ranch. This is a good peach season, and the East Side produces the very best quality. In a box received from Mr. W. Barbary, the Booth place, a 20-pound box contained only 64 peaches. They were delicious, a sample of which can be seen in the economy jar at the Little White Store.

Y. V. Willis, principal of the Odell school, is comfortable in the new cottage built by Charles Davis.

Last week Mr. Dano of Hood River was out this way with Dr. Laraway and his son Ralph of Iowa, Mr. Oakes of Oklahoma and Mr. Hartman of Wisconsin. They were looking the valley over with a view of investing. The doctor has already purchased land and the other members of the party are likely to follow his example. The arguments for this valley have long since been made, and it requires little time to render a just verdict. The case is with the people, and strangers quickly make up their minds, hence the spirit of progress and development that is so manifest both in town and country side. Every brick laid in the walls of the magnificent and substantial buildings now in progress in town is an unanswerable argument in favor of the bright, prosperous future of Hood River valley.

Rev. J. W. Jenkins and daughter, with some friends, were guests of L. D. Boyed and wife last Friday. Mr. Jenkins has a small tract of land adjoining the Boyed place that he has been offering for sale, but after looking it over and noting developments in the neighborhood has concluded to keep it and plant it to apples. Sure thing games are seldom found, but there is nothing safer than an apple orchard of the right kind of varieties.

Mr. Talbot of Memphis, Tenn., uncle of Mrs. Littlefield of Pine Grove, was a caller at Odell last week. He is impressed with the West and enjoying a well-earned vacation.

A cousin of John Lawless, from California, spent Sunday with John. John has had the California fever, but his cousin advised him to stick to Hood River. He was delighted with Hood River valley, as is the verdict of all who investigate the conditions from an intelligent point of view.

The Little White Store people will commence this week moving 150 cords of Al four-foot oak wood. Now is your chance, if you want some of the best oak wood in the valley. Not a doughey cord in the lot. Live oak wood is scarce.

WHITE SALMON.

Rev. Lewis, the new pastor of the Congregational church of this place, was here last week from Berkeley, Cal., acquainting himself with the members of his flock. Rev. Lewis and his family will occupy the new parsonage next to the church.

The White Salmon public school opened in the new building last Monday, with an enrollment of 21 pupils in the upper room and 84 in the lower room. Professor C. L. Colburn, formerly Kiklatat county's superintendent, is principal of the school, and Miss Georgia Johnston, who gave eminent satisfaction last year, is again instructor in the primary grades. The total enrollment is expected to reach 60 or more later in the fall. There are about 90 children of school age in the district.

Mordcael Jones of Husum is entertaining some of his English friends, who are said to be members of the English embassy. Mr. Jones is having a large barn constructed for him by Everhart & Rosegrant. When the barn is completed, it is reported that the famous bear hunter will entertain the people of the neighborhood with a social hop.

Miss Emma Clanton, school superintendent of Kiklatat county, spent several days last week visiting the schools of the western part of the county. She expressed herself as very favorably impressed with the White Salmon school.

T. F. and A. J. Sheffer are down from Sherman county on a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver C. Dean.

The Washington hotel is rapidly nearing completion. It is a fine building and would be a credit to any city. Carpenters are now adding wide verandas that cover the building on all sides. The yard is filled with oak trees, and a reservoir near by will supply plenty of water to keep a green lawn. With the attractive location this hostelry promises to afford, the management should have no trouble in keeping it filled with visitors from Portland during the summer months. The large number of Portland people who annually spend their vacation at White Salmon is sur-

prising, and it adds no little sum to the per capita circulation of the community.

The most successful and happy social event in White Salmon circles was the entertainment at the new school house a week ago last Friday night. S. W. Condon in a neat speech told of the work of the directors in securing the new building, and Professor Colburn spoke of duties of the school teacher. There was imported ice cream from Portland, delicious cake and splendid coffee prepared by the women of White Salmon, and after the supper the young people spent the remainder of the evening in dancing. The receipts of the evening's entertainment added \$58 to the building fund, while in addition to this some \$20 were promised by subscriptions.

White Salmon people are justly proud of the new building. No finer one can be found in the county. The district was bonded last spring for \$1500, and by popular subscription this building sum was increased to \$1800. The carpenter work was done by contractors Everhart & Rosegrant, and it must be said that these gentlemen did a fine piece of work. It is really remarkable that so much was accomplished, and such satisfactory results obtained with the limited amount of funds at the disposal of the directors.

To the tireless and unremitting efforts of Mr. Condon, member of the board of directors, is due the thanks of the community. Through him, possibly more than to any one else, the movement for a new modern school house culminated in tangible results. There are those who stoutly oppose the efforts of Mr. Condon, but they will yet acknowledge their gratitude for his public services to the district and the community.

The building is so constructed that as the district grows and more room is needed additions may be added to the north side of the house without spoiling the architectural beauty of the structure. Beneath the building is a large basement, which may at any time be utilized to accommodate classes. Heat will be furnished from a furnace. The whole building is light, airy and convenient.

While Saturday afternoon is the date for the republican primaries in this county, there is as yet no talk and no tickets for delegates to the county convention at Goldendale, Saturday, September 24.

The democratic county convention has been set for Saturday, October 1, at H. Dustin of Goldendale, announces. No announcement has yet been made for the date of the democratic primaries.

The Goldendale Agriculturist, in speaking of the White Salmon school house, says: "County School Superintendent C. L. Clanton returned on Wednesday last from a visit to White Salmon, where she had been inspecting the newly-erected school house at that town and looking after the welfare of the district. The new school building is a commodious and well-built structure of two stories, and a credit to the people of the White Salmon neighborhood. The school opened up for the term on September 5, with Professor C. L. Colburn as principal and Miss Georgia Johnston as assistant, both well known and skilled instructors.

Everything is going along quietly here. Labor day was quiet. Our teacher, Mr. Isenberg, put off teaching for another week. He expects to start the school to-morrow, the 13th.

We are looking for our Methodist minister, Mr. Johns, in a few days. We have had the Salvation Army here for a few days, giving an entertainment.

Our saw mill is running to its fullest capacity but short handed.

The government has a crew of men and teams working on the locks. Also a crew from Hood River, who are working on the job with their team.

Scott Boorman passed through here a few days ago. He expects a big crop of spuds. We are glad to hear that some one has potatoes, as they are scarce in Western Oregon and Washington.

N. C. Martin, an old resident of this place, has sold and moved to White Salmon.

A. Hall and W. Frezell are kept very busy drying. They are both good men.

We are all happy to see the Spencer on her old route again. Are in hopes she will have no more bad luck and wish her success.

N. D. Sanford has a fine lot of pigs for sale.

The weather still continues dry and smoky and every one is wishing for rain. In about two months they will be wishing it would quit raining.

Miss Ellen Dodge returned last week from a prolonged visit to her aunt at Cherry Creek, Crook county. She says she is glad to get back to Hood River. Of course she is; everybody that leaves Hood River is glad to get back.

W. C. Dodge made a trip to Portland the middle of the week on business.

Gilbert Edgington started for Grass Valley on Monday. He begins teaching school at that place on the 22d of this month.

The Odell brothers are sojourning on their homesteads on Gillhooley hill this week.

C. R. Bone has baled his second crop of clover this week. This about finishes up the hay baling in this part of the valley for this year. J. O. Cameron did the work.

A. T. Dodge ran his team into a yellow jacket's nest last week while harvesting. The team became unmanageable and ran through a slashing and through a barbed wire fence; broke the spokes of the wheels and lines in pieces, but strange to say neither the horses nor the harrow were hurt in the least.

Joe Humfleet has rented the old Bishop place and has moved his family into the house.

Charley Wallace has gone to work on the flume for the Davenport Lumber Co. Charley is a regular rustler.

BELMONT.

School began at Frankton last week with a large attendance.

Miss Maloney of East Grand Forks, Minn., is visiting Mrs. E. J. Nicholson at Belmont.

The members of the Methodist church are having the church papered and the roof fixed. J. B. Huut is doing the work.

Miss Clara Nickelsen of The Dalles is spending her vacation with her uncle, M. H. Nickelsen, and family. Miss Nickelsen is a stenographer for Bennett & Simont of The Dalles.

Mrs. T. G. Frohn returned from Aurora Wednesday after spending a week in the hop fields.

Robert Jones made a business trip to The Dalles Wednesday and returned Thursday.

Frankton is going to have a basket social sometime in the near future. It is not exactly known on what date, but we will tell you more about it next week. You shouldn't miss it, for it will be a jolly affair.

The home of M. H. Nickelsen at Belmont was the scene of a merry gathering Saturday evening, September 10, being a surprise party planned and executed by a few of Margaret's friends, the occasion being her 15th birthday. The evening was pleasantly passed by playing games. At 10 p. m. a rechecha lunch was served, and at 11 the party separated after wishing her many happy returns. Among those present were: Miss Mabel Walker of Portland, Miss Nellie Sher, Pearl Block, May Daverport, Nina Hollowell, Pearl and Lena Isenberg, Lida Jones, Viola and Gertrude Nickelsen; Messrs. Marsh and Elmer Isenberg, Arthur Shere, Garland Howell, Willie Metcalf, Charlie Hart, Earl Davenport, Albert Garbarant and Lowell Nickelsen.

County Surveyor A. L. Richardson, who has been employed in some, five weeks, left Saturday for the county seat. While here he has surveyed numerous roads and boundary lines, both here and in Camas Prairie, at the same time keeping an eye on the work being done on the new bridge at the mouth of the White Salmon.

O. J. Smith, formerly in the mercantile business at this place, came out from White Salmon yesterday, returning today. He leaves next week for Garfield, in Whitman county, where he has purchased a large mercantile establishment.

Timothy Evans, one of Trout Lake's most prosperous farmers, has sold his farm to a Mr. Witt. Mr. Evans will go to Arizona in search of another location.

The primary department of our school began September 5, with Miss Lucy as teacher. Miss Lucy has given general satisfaction, and our people are glad that she is to teach here again this year. Professor Miller has been retained as principal, his department opening October 3.

Alden Kingman, our genial blacksmith, and Mrs. Emma Bell of this place, were married at Hood River Wednesday of this week. The tin can brigade has everything in readiness to give them a warm reception upon their return.

The Goldendale Agriculturist says: "Trout Lake, almost at the base of Mount Adams, is growing in popularity as a summer resort. Visitors from all sections of Oregon and Washington have this season enjoyed the mountain air and beautiful scenery, and experienced the delightful thrill of landing the handsome rainbow trout from the lake. Twice as many people have come here this year as last. Tents of the campers have been numerous, while the Hotel Guler has been taxed to its capacity most of the summer to accommodate the visitors."

Cal Lusk was in Underwood Saturday. Ellis Huff has returned to Underwood. Pete Sorensen left for the Palouse country.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyrell and children returned from a trip on Little White Salmon.

A fine 14-pound boy is making things lively at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Veatch since Friday.

F. M. Seelye has returned and will build a new house to replace the one burnt on his ranch.

Mrs. Ed Underwood was brought home from the huckleberry mountain quite sick, but is improving.

Our new store building will soon be complete.

Tony Frohn and Ott Eastman made a flying trip down to the Willamette last week. They made the excuse that they wanted to take a look at the hop yards, but we think they went to see their wives. Sort of a renewal of the old sparking days.

Talking of hops brings up a question we want to say a few words about. Let us try hop raising here in Hood River valley. There is no question about hops growing here and at the present price there is big money in the hop business. Don't all speak at once, but let us hear from others on this subject.

Real estate is changing hands down this way again. Mrs. E. Owen has sold her place near the Frankton school house, the old Warren place, to a man from Hillsdale, Oregon, David Molair, who will at once take charge of this valuable property.

Roy Eastman and Charley McVey returned from the Sherman county wheat fields Monday. They report a good time, lots of hard work, but they say there were very few hot days.

Miss Maud Noble went down to Cascade Locks Monday, where she has been employed as teacher in the intermediate department of the public school at a salary of \$45 per month. This is Maud's first effort at teaching more than one pupil at a time. [There is no higher calling to which our bright young girls can aspire than the government of our public schools. Miss Noble is among our very best, and her many friends wish her abundant success in her chosen vocation.—Ed.]

Mr. Merrill, who had rented Mrs. Owen's place, now that the place is sold, will be obliged to move again. We hope they will conclude to locate in this neighborhood, as good neighbors are always welcome.

We see old Glory waving over the Frankton school house; good, better late than never.

Mrs. Ward Tompkins has been visiting at the parental home the past few

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance to an order issued by the Honorable A. E. Lake, Judge for the county court of the state of Oregon, for Wasco county, issued at The Dalles, August 31, A. D. 1904, the undersigned, W. E. Neff and M. P. Neff, have been appointed joint executors of the estate of Davos Divers, deceased, late of Hood River, Wasco county, state of Oregon.