

CORRESPONDENCE.

ODELL.

The cold snap last week proved an angel's visit to the Little White Store people. Chas. Davis kindly tendered the use of his ice house and together we succeeded in housing about ten tons of ice, made from spring water on Mr. Davis' place. This will enable us to furnish an abundance of cold soft drinks next summer, when the thermometer runs the mercury up. It has been three years since an opportunity was had for storing ice, and this time there were only three good days to put it up.

Alfred Wood of Odell last week sold 20 acres of land for a cash consideration of \$1500. The purchaser had looked the Willamette valley over turning his back upon the very best land there, and chose Hood River valley as his place of investment, paying double here for uncleared and unimproved land, that cleared and improved land there would cost, and why?

Well, perhaps I may not be correct in my theory, but it is my opinion that it was not alone on account of the advertising of our products, but that the elements of the soil, which have been proven here by an analysis of the same, show up certain properties that give the apple tree a vigorous growth, developing a peerless apple, and at the same time placing a color upon it that cannot be duplicated on earth, and last but not least transmits the keeping quality that results in its finding its way into the world's best markets.

The biennial legislature has passed into history, with some of its members under criminal indictment and others under suspicion. It is a comforting thought that the year will pass by over their infest the state again.

In this connection I beg to quote from Senator Malarky of Multnomah explaining his vote on the Jayne bill, to-wit: "I want to tell you the morals of the state have been debauched more by trading of votes in this senate than by all the whisky that could have been poured out in Oregon."

Surely Senator Malarky was in position to know whereof he spoke, and we are candidly of the opinion that he spoke the truth, and it might come to pass that a certain section of the county that we are at home in might be called upon to answer for certain conditions of bargain and sale during the days of disreputable work of the session of the legislature. Time brings its reward. Three years ago these violators of the law designated as land fraudsters thought they were secure from harm by the government, entrenched as they were behind officials in congress; but alas! their strongholds have been shattered, and by command of our honored president, aided by such men as Henry and Burns, there is little doubt that in April a verdict of guilty will be found. Then it will come to pass that in Oregon, which has been deluged by a flood of disrepute by men in high places, we may see the fulfillment of the words of an almost inspired president, the Honorable Theodore Roosevelt, to-wit: That the country shall have a "square deal" administration.

Oregon is on the map, although it is closed in Oregon and it will be done by the voters, who are the people and who should assert their rights.

Mrs. G. D. Boardman was a visitor at Odell last week. She has recently returned from California, and is arranging some business matters and will go back to California, where she has purchased property for a future home.

Real estate matters seem assuming a lively aspect in Hood River. The office of George T. Frather & Co. is a busy place, and we are glad to note they are landing newcomers right along. Their outside man, Mr. Dano, is a hustler, and is quite an acquisition to the force of men connected with the pioneer real estate office of the town.

W. L. Carnes, assisted by H. S. Galigan and Ben Lago, is doing effective clearing of land. Quite a lot of wood is being cut in this section and much

more would be put into the cord, were the railroad on the East Side an assured fact this season.

Clara Crockett was called home a few days ago on account of sickness in his father's family. Clara has been spending the winter at the mouth of the Deschutes-river and reports a mild winter there.

Neva was received a few days ago that Miss Nettie Kemp of Portland was ill. Mrs. Pools, her mother, was in The Dalles at the time, and immediately on receipt of the news, she and Mr. Pools went to Portland and found it necessary to remove Miss Nettie to the St. Vincent hospital, where she now is. Her friends here regret to learn of her illness and hope for her speedy recovery.

The village blacksmith spends the last part of each week at his ramshackle high up on the hill east of Nial creek, and during the days that his shop is dark, there are many calls for him. The ring of the anvil is music and we trust that before long it will pay Harry to put in six days in the week here.

Owing to the illness of Miss Blanch Wilson, there was no school last week in her room. But she is convalescent and the little ones are in school this week.

George Massey, the pedagogue of Duks valley, called at Odell last Sunday. George is a teacher whose heart is in the work and such work tells.

Merry masqueraders were in evidence at Odd Fellows' hall on the evening of Valentine's day. A general good time was had, and it proved a financial success also. Among the many good characters represented in the dizzy whirl of the dance, J. W. McDonald in the roll of the shoney seemed the favorite. Inasmuch as no prizes were offered, he failed to get one, but he proved the real thing just the same.

Where is the fellow that tried to corner all the hay in Hood River valley last fall? We understand that he is now trying to get his money back. Unless the winter drags through several more months it will either be necessary to export considerable hay, or carry it over to another season.

BARRETT.

Miss Hazel Emerson passed peacefully away Sunday morning, February 19. The inhabitants of this district extend their sympathy to the bereaved parents. We may say that Miss Hazel was pleasant in life and in her last moments was happy. She is not dead, but sleeping, to await the morn of the resurrection.

Some people need to oil themselves a little. Did you ever notice a creaking door, how people avoid it? Did you ever come to a gate badly hung? You would rather climb the fence than open the gate. So it is with grumbling people; we rather climb the fence than to meet them. Now just oil yourself with the oil of kindness; occasionally send your servant for something they do well; encourage the children more than you scold them. A little sunshine will wear out a lot of fog and a little molasses is better than a great deal of vinegar.

Mrs. E. Ingalls has sold the gray horse Prince to Davenport. Lumber Co.; the consideration, \$100. Well, Prince is worth the money.

Say, do you know if Rockford keeps garden seeds? Why, yes.

J. P. Barnett is now prepared to do your horse shoeing and any kind of blacksmith work. Give him a trial, and you'll appreciate your neighbor who is always ready to contribute a day's work on our roads in the district. Nothing like encouraging home industry; it brings good results and a better and a kinder feeling in our midst.

BELMONT.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Frohn moved into the dwelling part of the Abbott building last Saturday.

Frohn & Heaton will move their stock into the store room of the old Abbott place and there will be prepared to "meet" the custom; great and small with prices pleasing to the customers.

Mrs. Robert Jones is on the sick list.

Fred Barker, his Mother, Mrs. Nickelson, and Mrs. Barrett attended meeting at Crapper last Friday evening. They enjoyed a very pleasant ride home, in the moonlight.

Mrs. P. G. Church is suffering the effects of a bad cold which has settled

in her eyes.

The clam supper, given by the Belmont Epworth League, was a complete success. The supper consisted of clam soup, salad, pickles, sandwiches, cake and coffee. At about a quarter of ten the crowd departed. Rather early for Belmont. A program was prepared, but on account of a birthday and the impossibility of a few to remain long, it was not rendered.

J. B. King has been hauling lumber and sawmill for the ice house which I. C. Noddish and Flint Bradford are building on the state road.

MOUNT HOOD.

Basket ball is all the rage here now. They have an old man's team and a young men's team and a ladies' team and some lively times are expected.

We noticed the smiling face of Jim Langille in our city last Sunday, having come up to attend a ditch meeting.

There was a stockholders' meeting of the Middle Fork Irrigating company at the Gribble hall last Saturday.

Some of our Nimrods are learning to skate on the mill pond at Mt. Davenport mill. There are a good many sore heads and broken noses.

We learn that the Mount Hood Mill company have a volunteer night watchman this winter. So much, so good.

J. M. Lewis was a visitor with his family at Joe Dimmicks last Sunday.

A. B. Billings was in attendance at The Dalles last week serving on the jury for the February term of the circuit court.

In speaking of the cold weather that we have been having lately, we learn that the coldest at the Hon. D. R. Cooper's was eight degrees below for one morning. At other places around the city it was only from two to five, but it is given up that it was the coldest weather we have had for five years, and hope not to see it come again for the next ten years.

It was so cold last week that it froze our pencil up and for that reason there was nothing from us last week.

The Mount Hood Water company opened their stock books last Saturday and there was \$729 subscribed in less than an hour. They only need \$280 more to have a majority of all the stock subscribed and then they will be able to do business.

The Middle Fork Ditch company held a stockholders' meeting at Gribble hall Saturday evening. The new stock book of the Mount Hood Water company is now open for subscribers.

Friday evening February 10, some of the young folks gave Miss Nana Cooper a surprise party at the home of Mrs. T. H. Larwood, where Miss Cooper is staying this winter. A pleasant evening was spent playing games. A dainty lunch was served by Mrs. Larwood. The guests left at 12 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gribble invited some of the young folks to their home Thursday evening, February 16. Dancing and games were the amusements of the evening and a jolly time was had by all. A delicious lunch was served at 12 o'clock.

Martin Gribble is reported sick.

Saturday evening, February 18, the regular social night of the United Athletes of Mount Hood assembly, the members and a few of their friends met at the lodge room. Cards were the feature of the evening. The Master Artisan was appointed, and proceeded to make an appealing oyster stew. After doing full justice to his culinary art, departed well pleased at having enjoyed a most delightful evening.

UNDERWOOD.

Peter Sprensen is visiting in Underwood.

A. J. Haynes has been building a barn these cold days.

Frank Thornton, spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister at Chenoweth.

Charley Tibbs and Mr. Fuller were in Underwood Saturday.

Our mail was late Tuesday on account of the running ice in the river.

James McMillan and Omer Poynter passed through Underwood on their way to Chenoweth.

A jolly dance was given at MHA Saturday night.

The young folks spent a pleasant

evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Vestch Saturday night.

Our mail has again changed time. It now leaves this office at 9:30 for Hood River and returns leaving there at 1 o'clock.

Henry Copp has been doing this neighborhood a good turn all this winter having trapped seven coyotes and one wolf and several wild cats. He sells the pelts in the East.

The Oregon Lumber company's mill A of Chenoweth commences work Wednesday with a full crew of men.

A merry crowd gathered at the bachelor hall of Professor C. H. Cromwell Friday night and spent a pleasant evening.

WHITE SALMON.

The new man at the Enterprise has added a new scheme to make the almighty dollar. He is solicitor general for subscriptions, and is after the \$75 city lot offered by the Enterprise Hood River getting the lucky number when there are five hundred paid subscribers.

He has found four men and made one dollar. He intends to have three chances.

One of the twin children of Mr. and Mrs. Zeigler, who has been very sick, died and was buried last Saturday, being one and one-half years old.

H. S. Clyde, the surveyor, has been doing some surveying for Mr. Cameron on some land Mr. Cameron sold last fall.

Miss Henry is staying with Mrs. Green at the restaurant since her brother went to Portland. Mrs. Green has a fine restaurant, puts up meals at all hours, and gives excellent service.

Mr. Fox the proprietor of the confectionery store, is on the sick list this week with the grip.

F. F. B. club of White Salmon, who was organized the day after New Years, is getting along nicely. There has not been one dance since that time.

The little baby of Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson died last Saturday and was buried last Sunday, the baby being 11 days old.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Hyberger is on the sick list; also one child of Mr. and Mrs. F. Peck. The strong, cold East wind we have been having lately seems to be hard on the babies.

Several parties here received letters from the friends and relatives who are coming to White Salmon direct to make their home. We expect several parties in the spring to settle here.

Bert Roth has gone to Portland to take his old position as motorman on the street cars.

Nearly a failure of the Enterprise last week, as the paper did not arrive until Saturday at 9 a. m. There being no school, the editor, one son 13 years old, a daughter and another son, both younger, with the help of Mr. Waters, the devil, the N. B. etc., went at it in earnest. That shows what the Enterprise can do in the future when the editors' other four children are employed in the office. Success for White Salmon.

TROUT LAKE.

The weather has been very cold here being below zero most of the time, but is moderating now. Skating has been fine.

The co-operative dairy association, has hired a man from Portland to run the butter and cheese. He took Mr. Mayhew's place. February 13. He will move his family to this place in the spring. Clarence Estie is back to Trout Lake visiting friends.

The I. O. F. will institute lodge here soon at the Peck hall.

We have on our sick list Alden Kingman, Bess Cook, Mrs. Will Kingman and Mrs. Haysalt.

Jonny Hitchcock is back to Trout Lake. His many friends are glad to see him among us again.

Frank Bidley's back from Lyle.

The sewing society met at Martha Johnsons last week. A lovely dinner was served by the hostess. The ladies were invited to Miss Stadelman's for the next meeting.

E. L. Minten is freighting now-a-days.

Jack Carterjos sold his telephone line and also rented his ranch to Weirs & Kropps, the central office was moved to Gubers.

A Valentine party was given by Miss Byrrett and Miss Minten, February 14, at the home of Miss Byrrett. The house was beautifully decorated with hearts and cupid. A fine supper was served and their many friends reported a lovely time.

E. C. Duncan, the road supervisor, will build a new bridge at Bear valley this week.

The Artisan lodge held an oyster supper at Mr. and Mrs. R. Byrrett's Saturday evening February 19. It was one of their usual good times.

Rev. McKinley held a special service at school Sunday morning. Communion was had and the Presbyterian church was fully organized. Frank M. Coat and Alden Kingman were ordained as Elders. Several new members were also taken into the church, and one candidate for the same. Immersion in the near future. A mission of this denomination will be here from Portland to emerge those who desire it. An effort will be made to erect a church building next summer.

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WILLOW FLAT.

Ors Kay's baby has been very sick with croup, which threatened to turn into pneumonia. The child is better at present.

Arthur Davidson was in our vicinity Friday.

Quite a number of the people of this vicinity were complaining of slight attacks of the grip.

The recent moderation in the temperature is a welcome change from the zero weather of last week.

Defeat of the Cascade county bill fairly reeks with politics. To be sure it is a good thing for The Dalles, but if press reports are to be given any credence, the public officials who deserted their posts of public trust to lobby against the new county will surely be remembered by the Hood River voters when they seek reelection.

As regards increased taxation we wish to cite an instance now in process of closing by the county court. An estate in Hood River is now being settled up. So far the executor has been compelled to make two trips to The Dalles on business connected with it. The necessary expenses are approximately \$5 per trip. If the new county bill had passed this \$10 cost would have been saved to the estate. In addition, this same \$10 would have more than paid the increase in taxes by maintaining a set of county officials at home. And the same is true of every estate in Hood River to be settled up, while the seat of government is at The Dalles must pay tribute to the transportation companies and the city of The Dalles. Would it not be better to say and enforce it, "Millions for defense (maintaining our own county) but not one cent for tribute?"

The discussion at literary Saturday night of an independent telephone system leads us to the question: Will it be a benefit to the valley? There are many good arguments in favor of such a system. The main feature is the lessened cost to the farmers on party lines. Business phones can be furnished at one dollar per month for good first-class service. To the farmers on party lines the cost need not exceed one dollar per year after the line is installed. In this case it is supposed that the farmers furnish the labor and material for such party lines. We have in mind party lines owned by the farmers and built by them at a cost of less than \$30 for each patron. This amount included cost of phones. Why pay the Bell Telephone company rent at a price to enable them to declare dividends when the people can furnish their own phones and get as good service at actual cost?

There was a fair attendance at the literary Saturday night. The program, though short was exceptionally well rendered. The question box was the most interesting feature of the evening. J. O. Cameron discussed the evils arising from dancing. Thomas Broderick discussed the bene-

fits of an independent telephone organization. Roy Slocom discussed some of the features of the homestead laws as applied to leased land. M. Cameron handled the proposed railroad proposition without gloves. D. L. Davidson was asked concerning the benefits accruing to Duks valley by reason of the defeat of the Cascade county bill. There was also the usual number of foolish questions which kept the house in the best of humor. The question box will be used again next Saturday night.

This being election night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing four weeks: D. L. Davidson, president; Thomas Broderick, vice president; Geo. Massey, secretary; M. Cameron, treasurer; Len Dodson, sergeant at arms. Excellent music was furnished by A. T. Dodge and son and Pete Lentz. Everybody is cordially invited to attend and if you have any good live questions bring them along with you.

Our recent inquiry concerning the railroad has been answered in the form of a subscription paper to raise money for buying right of way and paying damages to the East Side ranchers, through whose farms the road will go. Now, we are not knocking against the railroad, but wish to analyze the situation as it appears to us.

The Oregon Lumber company have timber enough on the best waters of Hood River to justify the building of the road without regard to any other freight.

That the road will be built on one of the routes is reasonably well settled. The plan to build along the West Side because it is the cheapest route is prima facie that the backers are indifferent to any freight business other than their own. There can be no question that Willow Flat and Odell will furnish in a short time more revenue freight than all the other parts of the valley combined. Now if the company is looking for the most possible revenue in connection with their logging operations it would be sheer madness to build along any route but the one that would furnish the most produce. The wood shipped out the first year would return a handsome dividend on this extra \$20,000 or \$70,000 necessary to build by way of Odell.

CRAPPER.

The weather was too cold last week for news gathering. Indeed the blood of the old Florida Cracker is too thin for zero weather.

William Eccles, president of the Oregon Lumber company and Mr. West spent a few hours a few days ago in the neighborhood looking over the country and talking railroad.

Since the recent cold snap there has been an unusual amount of sickness. The cases of grip and other diseases caused by the cold weather are too numerous for reporting.

Nathan Hackett, who went to Port-



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land three weeks ago, is still at that place suffering with an attack of the grip.

Miss Omez of The Dalles is visiting with Mrs. Lindsay.

The revival meeting at the Crapper school house closed on last Sunday night. There were not a great number of conversions or accessions to the church but in a general way the meeting was quite encouraging.

Evangelists Coburn and Brymer are very earnest workers. They held quite a number of cottage prayer meetings in the neighborhood during the meeting. They have also adopted the almost obsolete custom of visiting from house to house. And although they do not carry hatchets, they sometimes push their evangelistic work into the saloons. They expect to rest a few days at Belmont and Hood River. From the latter place they expect to go to Dufur to engage in a series of meetings at that place.

Rev. H. C. Clarke is also a very earnest and successful worker. There have been over 100 conversions and accessions to the church on the Belmont circuit since he took charge of the work last fall. The total number of members is more than double what it was at that time.

It has been decided that the machinery, as well as the amusements on the "Flat" at the Lewis and Clark exposition will be stopped on Sunday. The exhibit palaces will be open to the public and all other features of the exposition will be running as on week days.

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