

CORRESPONDENCE.

ODELL.

Died—after about two weeks' illness, the little son and youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Crockett last Saturday morning, and on Saturday afternoon was laid to rest at Idlewild cemetery. This was the first death in the family and all of the surviving children were at home at the time of his death. He was born May 7, 1902, being nearly three years old at the time of his death. There are still seven children living only one of which is married, Mrs. William Kemp of Odell. For the icy hand of death to lay hold of the innocent babe is often hard to understand, but upon listening to the text from the lips of the minister, and which were the words of Christ, recorded in John 13, verse 7, as follows: "What I do thou knowest not, but thou shalt know hereafter." Then, to those who have faith in the inspired words of Him who was doing the will of the Father who sent Him, there comes the consolation which passeth understanding. M. D. Odell, conducted the funeral exercises at the home, briefly, but with a touch of feeling and sympathy that served as a balm to the stricken hearts of the bereaved family. Words from the heart find response in the hearts of those who listen. Such were the feeling, touching words of Mr. Odell on that occasion, and were we to enlarge on this prophetic text we could apply it to every walk in life and almost every day of our lives—"What I do thou knowest not, but thou shalt know hereafter."

Relatives and friends from Eastern Oregon were present at the funeral services. Beautiful floral tributes were presented by C. G. Roberts of Hood River and Mrs. Allen and Edith Allen of The Dalles. Mr. and Mrs. Crockett and family share in fullest measure the sympathy of this entire community in this their dark hour of trouble.

H. Dunn, son of J. H. Dunn of Odell who owns a ranch on Eight Mile creek near The Dalles, spent Sunday with his father. Mr. Dunn purchased his ranch last September and moved from here to the ranch and is well pleased with his location and Oregon in particular. Mr. Dunn is a farmer who understands his business and is the kind of a man who will succeed anywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Poole returned to Odell last Sunday after an absence of some length. During their trip they spent part of the time in Portland, where they went to attend Miss Nettie Kemp during her illness. They report her much better.

Mrs. C. L. Rogers is reported as being seriously ill at a hospital in Portland.

Spring with her soft touch and gentle wooing burst forth upon us all unawares last week, and if she keeps up her flirtation with the good people of Hood River valley she will surely win their hearts. A decree of divorce from winter is welcome, and we commend the Californian's judgment, who said last Friday in town, that Hood River beat California for climate. The plow and spring-tooth harrow will be brought into requisition if these perfect days continue.

The horse buyer is in evidence again. Horses continue in demand and high, and if all the improvements are carried out that there seems to be promise of this summer a good team will prove a winner.

Garden seeds from E. J. Bowen can be had at the Little White Store. Orders for clover and lawn grass seed will be promptly filled.

Miss Bertha Lafferty spent Sunday at Odell, and furnished the instrumental music at the funeral service of the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Crockett.

Surveyors for the prospective railroad have been staking another route while parties securing rights of way are close on their trail. Judging from the present indications we would say that by the first of September we shall be connected with Hood River by hands of steel. We trust that we shall not be mistaken for the completion and operation of this line of railroad means much for the future of the valley of Hood River.

We are glad to note the almost complete condition of the Brosius block in town. The basement office in the building reminds us of the many buildings in Seattle, where basement offices are valuable, and also suggests the fact that ground space is fast

growing in price. Both town and country should feel proud of the magnificent building enterprise that has swept the town during the last year. Best of all, while the community is benefited the owners are also enjoying a satisfactory revenue on their investment.

The cold storage building for which excavation is now being made will prove of incalculable benefit to town and country. This is still another evidence of the fact that where there is a demand for modern improvements capital is soon at hand to accomplish it. We are from Missouri. Show us another town in the state of its size that is forging ahead so rapidly, and that too without any semblance of a boom.

HORSE MARKET IS LIVELY. Odell can easily show more horse traders and stock brokers than any other section of the valley. February has already been a record breaker along this line. J. W. McDonald has a good eye for a horse and starts the ball rolling by selling two roadsters and trading for two others. Among others who catch the fever is Hubert Morton, who sells four horses and makes two swaps. Then comes Archie Anderson, who likes to change horses once a week. He trades a favorite horse off and buys two others, one at a time. The remains of one of these are already buried beneath the famous apple land of Odell, where the tall pines sing a requiem o'er its last resting place. It was a fast horse and reached its goal first. John Lawless sold four head and fills orders for other mules or horses on short notice. Harry Dodson has bought one and traded for another, and following this is that of Handsome Harry, the old freighter, formerly owned by the Little White Store people. He is now a good city horse at Hood River, having changed his residence last Monday. The Odell brothers have sold two horses and their pair of mules, bought a pair of ponies and the end is not yet.

For further particulars see the stock board of Odell.

WILLOW FLAT.

A Mr. Smith from near Devil's Lake, North Dakota, has moved on Mr. Garbade's place. We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Smith and his family.

C. R. Bone has commenced plowing his new orchard ground. He is using a disc gang plow which turns a strip of land 12 inches wide. This implement does more and better work in old ground than any other plow we have ever seen.

One of the advantages of the soil of Willow Flat has over other portions of the valley, is that the ground never becomes so hard as to be worked. This feature is of special importance where early plowing is necessary, as the plow may be started as soon as the frost leaves the ground.

The muddy roads kept a good many people away from literary Saturday night, but the program was good nevertheless, the papers being exceptionally good. The question box will be continued again next Saturday night. It was decided to close for the summer with the next session. All the members are requested to come next Saturday night and be prepared to take some part on the program. It should be the best meeting of the season.

A SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY.

That the Willow Flat leads in scientific data as well as in the production of fine apples and strawberries, is evident from the following: F. L. Mosee in digging out an old pine tree on his place was having considerable trouble with stones. He finally struck one very much larger than any of the others. After much hard labor, with the man who was helping him, they finally succeeded in getting it out of the hole at the foot of the tree. The peculiarities of the shape of the stone aroused his curiosity, whereupon they began an investigation and upon careful examination, found it to be a petrified Siwash chief with a basket of Willow Flat Spitzenters apples on his arm.

DUKES VALLEY.

We are having some fine weather at present and are getting ready to begin on our spring work. The busy season is now drawing nigh for the farmers.

M. A. Cameron is doing some grubbing on his land he got of W. G. Dodson.

The Dodson brothers have taken a contract to grub two acres of land on Rev. J. W. Jenkins' land formerly a part of the J. F. Dodson homestead. Our school will not be out until the last of March, as our teacher was sick last winter and had a good deal of time, which runs the school late this spring.

F. A. Mause of Willow Flat was visiting last Sunday with M. Cameron. Harry Dodson is getting to be quite a horse trader. He is making some good trades.

There was a good attendance at Sunday school last Sunday. Rev. Davidson preached an interesting sermon after Sunday school. Rev. W. A. Elkins, pastor of the Valley Christian church will preach to us in the school house, beginning next Monday evening, at 7:30 o'clock and will preach each evening during the week. All are invited to come and help in the work.

Mrs. A. T. Dodge has been on the sick list but is getting better at present. Our literary decided to quit next Saturday until the first Saturday in October, and want to make next Saturday a lively time in the shape of the best program we have had yet. Last Saturday was the best time we ever had at our literary since it began and those who did not attend, missed the hottest time of the season. But the fireworks were in the rear and of the house. Some of the eggs are slightly disfigured but still in the ring.

MOUNT HOOD.

Basket ball is all the go here now. There will be a game played here next Saturday for the championship of the coast, between the old team and the boys. A hot time is expected.

W. A. Odell came down from Mount Hood last Sunday and is going to set his hair traps within the next few days.

There was preaching at the school house last Sunday and a large crowd was in attendance.

One of W. H. Durkes' horses has had the staggers the last few days, but is getting better now.

H. S. Richmond is still shipping apples to old Mexico. That speaks well for this as an apple country. He has sold all that he could raise in the Mexican market.

The logging camps have all closed down and moved out and won't start up again until they get the railroad here, so Fred Wishart informs us.

Our literary is held every Friday evening at the hall. There was a large crowd in attendance last Friday evening. A good program was rendered. The school directors at a school meeting last Saturday evening decided to sign a contract with our present teacher for another term of school, at every one without exception are in favor of retaining the same teacher. We have had one of the most successful terms ever taught here.

Spring seems to be really here and the robins and the meadow larks are with us once more.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Miller spent Saturday and Sunday in Hood River, visiting their daughter, who is attending school there.

The ladies of the Artisan lodge met at the home of Mrs. L. U. Lafferty, Thursday, February 23, on business connected with the lodge. Light refreshments were enjoyed after the work in hand was completed. Mr. and Mrs. Vanhook and B. B. Hess visited Hood River Saturday. Mr. Miller of Scholls is here visiting his son E. C. Miller.

One of Mr. Durkes' horses, which was sick for several days died last Saturday.

We are sorry to learn that the little daughter of J. and Mrs. E. H. Lee died in very ill.

Last Saturday evening, the Artisan were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. U. Lafferty. The evening's entertainment was opened by a number of selections of piano music by the ladies, which all enjoyed in the utmost. This was followed by the popular game of the backgammon. A late hour the guests were ushered to the dining room, where a table beautifully laden with many dainty and appetizing dishes was spread.

Still the guests lingered pleasantly unwilling to depart, and finally were favored with more music. After singing a few songs, the guests were dismissed with much regret.

For a few old songs, goodnight's were finally said and all wishing it a most enjoyable one for spent by them. Better join the Artisan.

It being the fourth Sunday in the month, the usual services were held. Rev. Nathan Colburn supplied the vacancy rendered by the pastor. A goodly number were in attendance.

Mr. Stanford and Mr. Vanhook have each purchased a horse preparatory to spring work.

A very interesting program was rendered by the pupils at the school house on the 23d.

TROUT LAKE.

The snow melting fast and spring seems to be near at hand. Everyone is preparing for their spring crops.

Chickens have been nearly through looking down the mountain. They will have to look for the legs from the foot of the mountain to the river.

Matt Myrland reports the floods as doing good work on the river for the moment. He sends from one to two a day.

Representative William Coats will be here from Olympia in two or three weeks.

The electric gas is making in the school here, but to be a mild form and does not heat very long.

Alfred Williams killed a large wild cat about creek Saturday evening.

Mrs. Martin's little grand daughter, Emma, is visiting her for a few days.

W. R. Cole, one of our postmen, has just received a fine large safe for his valuable papers and cash.

A paper is being circulated for subscriptions to build a church, the donations being very liberal ones. We are anxious to see a fine church erected here in the fall. The building will cost about \$1000.

Pete Smith caught a fine black fox in his traps, the fur of which is very valuable.

Christmas was over to Lyle last week.

UNDERWOOD.

Work continues slowly in the new road.

The dance at the school house was well attended.

W. A. Odell, road supervisor, was in Underwood Saturday.

Mr. Knapp left for Sherman county Monday morning.

Mrs. Mosee is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Underwood.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Moore of White Salmon were over attending the organization of the grange here.

Two of the best men of the Washington state grange organized a grange here last Saturday with 14 members. They are to meet March 11 every one without exception are in favor of retaining the same teacher.

Henry Wagner, one of the men working at the saw, on the new log mill, was injured by a saw accident with a very serious arm from flying stone while lifting Monday.

The Mission Mill Co. have a force of men at work clearing the land at the mill.

Washington's birthday was celebrated at Underwood with a dance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Underwood.

MOSIER.

J. M. Campbell, accompanied by his son, J. M. Jr., left for Portland last week on a trip to visit his relatives in that city.

Miss Mosee, who lives at Hood River, is expected to visit her parents and others.

Will and Gordon (Duck), who are working on the Government mill, spent Sunday in Hood River visiting the girls they left behind.

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BELMONT. Born—To Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Eastman, February 23—a pair of twins—a young girl and a young boy. All are well. Circle of friends is suffering from pneumonia. The Belmont ladies' aid will meet at the home of Mrs. (Smith) Smith, Friday afternoon, March 3. All members and friends are requested to be present. They will have a special business meeting. Rev. Colburn preached to the congregation of the Belmont M. E. Church, Sunday evening, February 23. The blue bell and sweet violets are blooming in Belmont. M. H. Nicholson went to Portland, Monday on business. A. L. Phelps accompanied an old veteran, Mr. Perkins, to the soldiers' home at Bannockburn, Saturday, February 25. Mr. Phelps will return soon. Come out to Belmont and pick some daisies. There were a number from Crapper attended church at Belmont last Sunday eve. The government histories exhibit at the Lewis and Clark exposition will show the evolution of a Royal Chibouk salmon, from the waters of a well matured fish. The interesting melody of the chimes in the tower of the main government building will recall mental pictures of the mission undertaken by Juniper, Serra and other great explorers in the seventeenth century. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Give nature three helps, and nearly every case of consumption will recover. Fresh air, most important of all. Nourishing food comes next. Then, a medicine to control the cough and heal the lungs. Ask any good doctor. Consumption. Health depends on the condition of the bowels. AIG culture with Ayer's Pills.

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