

ODELL

IT IS NOT A
BACK NUMBER

By Roswell Shelley.

Odell, East Hood River Valley, Dec. 13. Who said Odell was a back number? Three years ago when I undertook the work of reporting the doings here there were people here who were pessimistic to the extent that they said a grocery store would not last. There were inroads made on the boundary of the school district in order that the parties get into a more enterprising neighborhood. There were fellows saying land is too high for an investment. Yet, nevertheless, values have doubled and tripled in some instances and today more people are looking this way than ever before and more land is changing hands than at any time since our residence here. And still the end is not yet. The advent of the railroad will equalize values. Then it will happen that the east Hood River valley apple lands will be sought at double the price now being asked. Mr. Holland, formerly of Idaho is here looking the situation over carefully, with the view of investing. He spent last Saturday at Odell and will return again before selecting a hitching post. This is his second visit here and he is already convinced that Hood River valley has a bright future.

The news of the death of Senator Mitchell was unexpected and without further comment than to say that as the curtain of death has been drawn closing the last act of his eventful life, may we not indulge the hope that the mantle of charity be thrown about him. Let both friend and foe remember only his many acts of kindness towards his friends and constituents and the large harvest of his work conferred upon the state of Oregon during his 24 years service in the United States Senate.

The literary program last Friday evening was truly a treat to the large crowd that gathered. The two lower rooms were thrown together and every seat was occupied and a large crowd standing. There were several Pine Grove people present, among them were Chris Bethman and family who seemed to enjoy the exercises. There is one feature of the program that we think should be cut out and that is the question box. At this meeting there were a lot of senseless foolish and meaningless questions that no one is or should be prepared to answer. Then there were questions of a personal character addressed to respectable, intelligent young ladies present which showed a lack of self respect on the part of the party asking the question. Such things are humiliating and disgusting and bring no good to the society and should not be tolerated. If this question box is to be continued there should be a committee who should pass upon the merits of the questions and act as a fanning mill blowing all the chaff over. The critic evidently overlooked that part of the program. If he

had performed his duty I would have been saved the disagreeable task of a self appointed critic.

Last Friday business called us to the Mount Hood country in company with C. R. Bone. On the way we noted improvements and changes since our last trip there. The sloping condition of the roads and the grey, bleak hills do not furnish inspiration that is contagious like the summer days and the shady drives when off for Glendon Canyon or a shady mountain retreat. But the Mount Hood country always has attractions for the writer and for all such as understand and appreciate the luxury of life in the open. The extension of the railroad to that section means much to the settlers there and to those seeking cheaper homes than can be secured in the lower valley. Railroad connections there will prove an event and will no doubt increase the population of the Upper Valley and form a nucleus for a very respectable village in the near future. We extend a glad hand to these people. We were generously served with lunch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. LaRue. These open handed ranchers dispense hospitality that has the genuine ring that proves it is not counterfeit.

The recent freezing and thawing weather does not have a very good effect on the roads. The clay hills are working up as they always do and the contrast between the gravelled portion of the David road is very noticeable, proving the fact that gravel will make roads and although requiring a lot of work yet it pays. We join with the agitation for a rock crusher.

Mr. London of London & Powers, of Portland, who owns the Nasco ranch in the Upper Mount Hood country, in company with Mr. Kaser of Portland, also called at the Little White Store Saturday afternoon, on their way to town from their ranch. Mr. London is a drummer and a good salesman, but he now has one piece of goods he does not offer for sale, to-wit, the apple ranch. His friend Mr. Kaser has his eye fixed on this country with a view of investing. Mr. London, like many other non-residents, is proving a good advertiser, and that is one reason Hood River valley is so well known. Every one who knows it talks it.

Wife and I spent a pleasant hour last Sunday in the home of Frank Neff and wife. Their home is one mile west of Odell on the foothills overlooking the valley eastward, which is dotted with green fields and apple orchard, with the village of Odell to round up the scene. Frank gave us a concert with his graphophone and also delighted us with views of Hood River and mountain scenes which he had taken himself, with charming pictures from within and without and with the generous and genuine hospitality extended one there in that modern country home. We congratulate all such as are able to live independently in such a country place.

The Christian endeavor society announce an entertainment for next Friday evening, the 15th inst., which they say is to eclipse all programs for the winter's engagement. We understand a drama is to be put on wherein hero and heroine will distinguish themselves, and we imagine we read between the lines and see the ardent lover, the bloodthirsty villain. The

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straight-faced deacon, etc. There is plenty of talent at Odell and we feel safe in saying that something good awaits the big crowd that will be sure to be there.

The following program will be given by the C. E. Social Committee at the Odell school house Friday evening, December 14th. Doors open at 7, curtain 7:30 sharp:

Instrumental solo, Mrs. Foite
Vocal solo, Master Irving Ennes
Quartet, By the Nells
Reading, Miss Nellie Rogers
Vocal solo, Mrs. Guy Talange
Reading, Miss Nellie Kemp
Vocal solo, Miss Jessie Rogers
Instrumental solo, Miss Bertha Lafferty
Drama—"An American Harem,"
Cast of characters:
Frank Glynn (young married man) Dane Kemp
Alice Glynn (Frank's wife) Blanche E. Wilson
Gertie (Frank's cousin) Mabel Kemp
Stella (Frank's sister) Nellie Rogers
Mrs. Glynn (Frank's mother) Violet Masiker
Nora (Mrs. Glynn's maid) Nettie Kemp
Ed Asbury (Frank's college chum) A. B. Schille

Refreshments will be served in place at fifteen cents or two for twenty-five cents.

Harry Kemp, with his many form and stentorian voice, will attract attention to the candy booth which will be presided over by the neatest, sweetest, prettiest little matron imaginable.

Percy Shelley's musical voice will draw you in spite of yourself to the gray's tent where Beltrici, of world wide fame, will tell you your past, present and future.

See the coffee booth for liquid refreshments. You will also find a sweet sister there.

CHRISTMAS
PRESENTS

Jewelry Boxes

Glove Boxes

Hand Bags

Silk Shawls

Dresser Scarfs

Brooches

Fancy Hat Pins

Fancy Handkerchiefs

Watch Fobs

Tray Clothes

Cuff Buttons

Waist Sets

Perfumes

Lace Collars

Turnovers

Fancy Ribbons

Perfumed Toilet Soap

Fancy Suspenders

Kid Gloves

Umbrellas

Kid Gloves
Ladies'

We have just received a nice line of good Kid Gloves for ladies in all sizes and most all colors at \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$1.75.

Ladies' Skirts

Special price on all Ladies' Skirts all this month, consisting of Cravenette skirts, Mohair skirts and a number of other popular fabrics, all nicely tailored and latest styles.

A Lot New Novelties

In Ladies' Caps, latest shapes and materials out. 50c, 75c, 85c and \$1.00. Ask to see them.

Ladies' Waists

Opra Flannel Waists, \$1.50
Trico Flannel Waists, 1.75
Silk Waists, 3.00
and other waists at various prices, from 75 cents up.

Misses' and
Children's Cloaks

We have a few misses' and children's Cloaks left that we want to close out, and will offer them at such ridiculously low prices that you can't help appreciate as a real bargain:

1 Brown Beaver for girl, age 11 to 13 for.....\$6.50
1 Brown Beaver for girl, age 13 to 15 for..... 6.50
1 Blue Beaver for girl, age 7 to 9 for..... 5.50
1 Blue Beaver for girl, age 13 to 15 for..... 5.50
1 Green Irish Frieze for girl, age 7 to 9 for..... 4.00
1 Green Irish Frieze for girl, age 9 to 11 for..... 4.00
1 Brown Bearskin Cloth for child aged 5 for..... 4.00
1 White Bearskin Cloth for child aged 5 for..... 4.00
1 Red Bearskin Cloth for child aged 5 for..... 4.00
Also a lot of children's and infants' wraps, from \$1.00 up.
These are all REAL BARGAINS that will pay you to investigate.

White
Bed Spreads

A few exceptionally pretty bed spreads that will make useful and appreciative presents; these are exceptionally cheap, considering quality.

Mistake Corrected

The printer made a mistake when he said "John Strontman Sho's for Men." John Strontman don't make men's shoes, he only makes shoes for ladies and children, and he knows how to make them right. If you want a good shoe, come and let us fit you with a pair of Strontman's shoes.

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Come in and look over our line. We know we can help you to find something that will please both you and the one for whom you are buying. Come now, as our line is as yet unbroken.

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Smith Block, Hood River

BARRETT.

M. C. True sold a five acre 1 1/2 just week on Rockford avenue. This means more improvements in the Barrett district.

T. Shearer is putting in more time at Green Point for the lumber company at that place.

The Barrett school house is too small to accommodate the numbers now attending the school, something will have to be done in the way of a new school house. Better have a good substantial school house so as to grade the school properly.

If you wish to see some fine celery just call at the F. W. Angus ranch where you can see the very finest celery and other vegetables in abundance.

F. W. is an up-to-date farmer and in a very short time will have just as fine a ranch as any in the valley.

C. Plog butchered a few hogs last week. C. P. came from Iowa and knows how to raise good fat hogs and he surely had three nice ones.

G. E. Markham delivered 21 sacks of very fine spuds last week to Rockford. C. E. has a large pile of very fine carrots and very fine parsnips.

Rockford says that he wants you r eggs, butter and spuds in exchange for the best of groceries or dry goods, rubbers and footwear.

Mr. E. Watts is home taking a lay off for a few days after being out plastering for several weeks.

I. R. Phillips, having traded some part of his ranch a few weeks back, has now moved with his family to White Salmon, Wash.

News was secured Saturday evening that Frank Gibbons was somewhat better, but it is not likely that J. J. Gibbons will be home again for the next two weeks.

WHITE SALMON.

Fred Buisinger is visiting at Ione. There have been six cases of typhoid fever here recently, but the patients have all recovered and no more cases are reported.

Our fellow townsman, E. M. Watson, is building a house.

George Rankin and Mr. Bowman are both building houses.

Bookkeepers & Everhart are building a new barn.

The business of the ferryman, Dean & Pearson, has increased to such an extent that they have decided to purchase a new boat and have gone to Portland to secure one. The boat will be a gasoline launch, 32 feet long and will be put in commission at once.

Owing to the presence of the lumber camps in the back country business is increasing and last month was a good one.

Chas. Moore, of Vancouver, vice president of the proposed new electric railroad up the valley, and Mr. Wood of Portland, an electrician, were at White Salmon recently looking over the ground at this place.

Underwood and Simpson. A meeting of the citizens of the town will be called for Saturday, December 16, to discuss plans for the new road.

U. S. Commissioner Melnes went to Portland on a business trip Saturday.

Chris Guler, of Trout Lake, went through town on his way to Portland, Saturday.

Mrs. Jewett, who has been on the sick list for some time is able to report recovery.

Maine & Bowman lost a good horse last week. The animal got loose in the stable during the night and was killed so badly that its leg was broken and it had to be killed.

Paul Neill has gone to Hood River to deliver groceries for Mr. Holman.

Attorney N. B. Brooks of Goldendale and A. A. Jayne, an attorney of Hood River, were in town Monday on business. They were on either side of a land contest case which was being heard before Commissioner Melnes.

In conversation with Mr. Field, one of our bustling real estate men, we find that real estate transactions during the past two weeks amount to over \$10,000, and still they come. We understand that Portland parties are now negotiating with Mr. R. Lauterbach for the balance of his farm adjoining the town of Hood River, and if the deal goes through the land will be planted and placed on the market.

The bigger may chig with all his might, and the mocking bird croak and sing, but the White Salmon crop it takes the cake, and the apples, you bet, is king, the chickens, however, and the froglets frog, and the farmer may sing his strain, for in White Salmon potatoes are on the top—a result of the recent rain; the chicken may chig and the hot winds make you tire, but if any one says there are such things here, just call him a horrible liar. Oklahoma may boom and Texas may howl, and Missouri may join the rest of the world, but White Salmon's the place to get a good home and raise a tremendous crop.

A party of about 40 people gathered at the Jewett home Monday evening to congratulate Grandma Waters on the completion of her 84th year. It was a surprise party and in that particular as in all others, it was a success, the only misfortune being that Mrs. Jewett was sick and unable to welcome her father's guests. Her place was very aptly filled, however, by her sister, Mrs. Henderson, who was visiting her from Portland. The old gentleman was in the best of spirits and illustrated his health and embraced Christianity to the great delight of the gentlemen present. A nice collation was served.

CASCADE LOCKS.

We are now having fine weather but it is growing colder.

Our saw mill is running to its full capacity and our stores are doing a good business.

The Government is having the locks very much improved and is having three fine dwellings put up. Mr. Clark is engineering it.

Our saloons have both gone out of business. The White House has been made into a restaurant and is doing a thriving business.

The steamer Geo. Simons had quite an accident Sunday while going down over the rapids on her way to Portland for repairs. She lost her rudder and came very near going on to the rocks. Captain Nelson had to anchor her and go to the sho with a skiff.

CRAPPER.

Rev. D. D. Dodge will fill Rev. H. C. Clark's appointment at the Crapper church during the latter's absence.

Henry Hackett visited with his father, H. A. Hackett, Saturday and Sunday. He is employed with the surveyors crew on the O. R. & N. railroad.

There was an addition of seven names to the enrollment of the school last week. If President Roosevelt would come to Hood River and spend a few days visiting the schools both in the city and country, I do not think that he would lose any more sleep on account of worrying over the subject of "race suicide." Take a rest, Teddy.

Tuesday evening last week a number of the young Crapperites met at the school house and went from there to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Wickham in order to give them a surprise party. Others joined the company on the way and when they arrived Mr. Wickham's new house was pretty well filled. They indulged in the usual games and absorbed a whole lot of dainty refreshments, and enjoyed an all-around good time. Those present were Misses Freida and Emma Prege, Agnes Jantzen, Susan Kelley, Mary Scrogins, Emma Lyons, Irma Miller, Goldie Hall and Myrtle Carns, Messrs. John Strannahan, Tom Bishop, Henry and Carl Jantzen, Herman Prege, Yoyle and Johnny Lindsey, Willie, Ashley and Ivan Miller and Roy Kelley.

This Will Interest the Ruptured—Mr. E. Brayford, R. F. D. No. 2, Hood River, Ore., says that if anyone afflicted with rupture in any form will send their address to him he will direct them to a perfect cure. He has nothing to sell or give, only tells how he was cured after years of search for relief. Hundreds have tested the same treatment with success.

IT DRAWS HARD

On a woman's vitality to do work for which she is unfitted, and we wonder how some of the women of our land live through a single season of pleasure or dissipation. They will say with tears in their eyes, when they mention the subject at all, "it is a hard pull," that with pain, weakness and weariness they are "almost dragged out."

Many, in this condition, resort to alcoholic stimulants and "invigorants," the after effects of which are very injurious.

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Did you ever stop to think that the stranger forms his opinion of the town by the hotel the people can support? That it takes money, and lots of it, to run a place the size of the Mt. Hood Hotel? That a meal taken at the Mt. Hood helps maintain a first-class hotel, and gives the town a good name?

Did you ever stop to think that you could help the town in this way; that you would be helping yourself; that you would be helping your neighbor; that you would be helping us? We will appreciate it. We will remember it.

Think it over. See if you can't have a meal with us once in awhile. Next time you want to take the early morning train to Portland, get a room at the Mt. Hood hotel. Leave your call for the train, and nine times out of ten you will get from one to two hours more sleep, for if the train is an hour late, we call you accordingly. You feel better all day. You enjoy your trip better. You do more business. So do we. We want your trade. Get the habit. It's a good one. Think it over.

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