

## BARRETT.

It seems to me that some steps should be taken for the purchasing of a rock crusher. It has already been demonstrated that good roads can be made with rock and gravel, but the rock is broken up and then put on the roads would be even much better than gravel. It will take a small tax on each taxpayer in the valley, but what is that in comparison to good roads. It would actually save money to the farmer. He would make better time going to town and his berries would not be shook up into a jelly. If there is a good road committee why not call a meeting of it, then if there is no good road committee, the Commercial Club can call a meeting, then we will know the sentiment of the people of the valley.

H. C. McKenney is a very busy man with his grubbing machine. It seems as though he was turning the earth right up. H. C. says his little team and cable can move any root and it looks that way to me.

Mrs. W. Nichols and baby have returned home after being out on the homestead for several weeks. Will of course, will be at home for the holidays and eat Christmas pudding.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your labor for that which satisfies not? Listen to me whilst I tell you that you can buy shorts and barley just as cheap at Rockford as any place, save time, money and axle grease by calling at Rockford.

Joe Hout brought in a strawberry plant in full bloom, last Friday. Joe says that if that was in Colorado, they would blow it up. Yes, they might do that but they cannot raise Hood River strawberries in Colorado, neither can they raise anything like our apples.

Howard Shoemaker has completed the grubbing contract and has pulled out of the Barrett district and with his outfit has gone on the east side to work.

On Saturday, December 23, at 10 o'clock, there will be an election held for the purpose of levying a tax for school purposes. Also to consider the question of building more school room at the Barrett school.

J. T. Barnett says he just put in two good solid hours one day last week, pairing a horse's foot and took out a few corns and now the old plug feels a heap better. Yes, of course, J. T. can do the work if you only give him the chance and by the way, J. T. is very reasonable in charges.

## MOUNT HOOD.

M. Dumas will be one of the big strawberry growers in a year or two. He has five acres in now, and got the ground ready for five acres more. In the spring he will put in about ten acres of apples.

W. H. Dukes is finishing the new school house in district 43. He has made a very nice job of it considering the weather.

The ranchers are making lots of improvements up here this winter, the weather having been fine for all kinds of farm work.

W. S. Tower has built a new wood shed and a new barn, or at least he has made stanchions in the side of his barn, so that as the hay is fed out he can move the stanchions a little closer.

W. S. Griddle is jumping sideways these times, getting his holiday goods ready for sale.

Mount Hood is coming to the front very fast. It is only a matter of a short time when we will make people open their eyes and respect Mount Hood, as a dairy country, also as a fruit country, as it has passed the experimental stage. As for vegetables, although we don't raise them so large that two policemen can sleep on one bent up here, yet it is hard to beat us in all kinds of vegetables.

As for dairying, M. Dumas has one for you. He is milking three cows and shipping the cream to Hazelwood, and on the 11th of December, he got his check for \$35.00. How is that? All the rest of us who are shipping cream are well pleased with these returns and are going in to try and be better fixed for the business by another year. There are about seven shipping cream with a prospect of more going in in the spring.

W. H. Marshall will set out about 20 acres to apples next spring and set berries between the rows. With the railroad in reach, as we are bound to grow and land can be had at almost any old price. Raw land is very cheap and the soil so believe is superior to the soil in the lower valley. On an average it can be cleared for about \$30 per acre.

Special Correspondence—N. B. Harvey and Mrs. Stark of Milwaukee, Wis., came up on the stage, Saturday, to look over the upper valley.

Quite a number from this place went to Hood River to meet with the United Artists. Some returned Sunday morning and some not till evening. All said they had a good time.

The Oregon Lumber company gave an order for lumber, which will be used in constructing the large mill near Winnie City, to Kelly & Wishart. We can hear the buzz of the saw every day.

Many think that James Davidson is a little late in the season with his straw hat. Jim says it is all right since he gave it a coat of paint.

O. Frederberg took dinner with Jesse Davidson Sunday.

Floyd Hess and Fred Wishart attended the entertainment at Odell Friday evening. Fred said the best part of it was the walking home, while F. B. went to the Pine Grove district. Have a good time while you are young.

Basketball was not very well attended Friday and Saturday nights. The club is a little behind in membership, as a number of the players last winter left or dropped out. Every one should take an interest in it, as there is no other amusement for the young people.

The hall will be put in order for Christmas this week. O. A. Knox, George Cooper and Fred Wishart will get the trees.

The weather was somewhat disagreeable Saturday, but it is time to expect some bad weather.

Mr. Somerson left yesterday for The Dalles, where he will spend the winter.

Walter Davidson is limping around with a sprained ankle which he received Sunday. Walter is rather lucky, as he has one ankle sprained about six weeks ago; then he cut his foot with an ax, and now sprained the other ankle. W. says he cannot play basketball now.

The following is the program for the Christmas exercises:

Song—"Bells are Ringing," Pupils  
Song—"Blanche and Vera Lafferty"  
Recitation—"A Christmas Problem"  
Music—Donald Larwood  
Song—"Once a Shining Star,"  
Five Little Girls  
Recitation—"The Lookout Man"  
Song—"Hark the Bells are Ringing"  
Primary Pupils  
Dialogue—"A Plan That Failed"  
Mace Baldwin and Cecil Lafferty  
Solo and Chorus—"Tell Mother I'll Be There"  
Choir  
Christmas Carol—Six Boys  
Recitation—"The Second Table,"  
David Cooper  
Duet and Chorus—"Jesus Lover of my Soul,"  
Choir  
"Christmas Stars,"  
Duet and Chorus—"He Loved Us So,"  
Choir.

## DUKES VALLEY.

We are having all kinds of weather here at present. It will snow awhile, then rain, then frost; then it will rain, snow and frost all at the same time. The sun comes out once in awhile and looks down on us and smiles. We have had a very nice fall and winter so far; the rain and snow has hindered outdoor work very little. Those that are clearing land say they have lost very few days on account of bad weather.

The Dodge brothers have received their new stump puller from Centerville, Iowa. It is claimed to be the fastest, strongest and best stump machine made, and is guaranteed against any breakage for one year. The boys will have a chance to test it if the weather holds good. They have eight acres to clear on Willow Flat, and then they will clear some on their own land.

J. Q. Carnahan lost one of his horses last week, cause unknown. J. Q. says he is going to get a bone grinder and go to grinding horse bones for chicken feed. He says he has enough horse bones on his ranch to supply the whole valley for a year.

Two of our townsmen looked horns up at Bone's mill one day last week. It looked for awhile as if we were going to see a scrap, but both parties concluded that such work might be hard on the eyes and parted good friends again.

Our school commenced again last Wednesday with Miss Hess Isenberg of Belmont as teacher. It began to look as if we were not going to have any more school this winter, as Miss Isenberg was engaged to commence teaching over two weeks ago, on the 11th of December. But when she arrived here she could find no place where she could secure board. She finally secured board at the home of L. D. Boyd. We expect to have a good school the rest of the term, as Miss Isenberg comes well recommended and is well liked wherever she has taught.

Mrs. M. C. Carnahan went to Salem last week to visit her son. Mr. Carnahan went on Monday and will accompany her home this week.

J. A. Knox has had his house moved out closer to the road. He is going to build an ell on the house, put on new rustic and make a new house out of it. He will make other improvements also.

Mrs. A. T. Dodge received a letter from a friend in Kansas last week, and she stated that a used-to-be neighbor of A. T. Dodge's came out to the Lewis and Clark fair this summer. When he returned he was asked how he liked Oregon. He said he had no use for Oregon; that it rained all the time he was here; that it was cold and foggy all the time and that the country was so rough that he couldn't see nowhere. He was asked why he didn't stop and see Dodge's folks, and he said he would but he didn't know where Hood River was. He had heard something about it, and had made inquiries about it, but no one seemed to know much about it. Now that man must be a hoghouse and have wheels in his head, or perhaps coming from a prohibition state, the grooves were too strong for him, but more than likely red eye had something to do with it. At any rate we are glad he got back to Kansas all right, and we are glad he likes to live there.

Say, where is our Willow Flat correspondent, we haven't heard from him for a long time, he sprang up of a sudden, he flourished like a green bay tree for a season and dropped out of sight as suddenly. Wake up neighbor, such a busy thriving little place as Willow Flat, ought to report once in a while, anyway.

## WHITE SALMON.

There have been a great many changes in the depot site lately. One day last week Mr. Wyers heard something moving and Abe Groshong saw what looked like a railroad station in the fog. On investigation they found that the depot had been moved up near Judge Wyrtki's creek. Early next morning before daylight Rawley Adams was sent after it and brought it back to White Salmon. Last Saturday Mr. Reynolds came over from Hood River and moved it up to Bin-gon, so we had to send Adams after it again. Sunday, while the good people of White Salmon were at church, somebody came up from Underwood and took it down there. At Watt who lives at Cook's addition, heard them roll down rocks for the corner stones. The people of White Salmon became thoroughly aroused after this and went up in a body early Monday morning and brought the depot back to where it belongs and where they propose to keep it.

Mr. and Mrs. Hieting of Gilmer were in town Saturday.

The Grangers will hold their monthly dinner at Lauterbach's hall next Saturday.

The annual dinner and election of officers of the Congregational church will be held next week.

The Christmas tree for the Sunday school children of the Congregational church will be given Saturday evening. This will be a big time for the little ones.

Next Monday night, Christmas, the Woodmen and Royal Neighbors will hold a grand ball in Lauterbach's hall.

Most of the right of way for the new railroad has been secured by Mr. Wright. Mr. Shurtle and Mr. Zeigler have settled with the railroad company and Judge Miller and Mr. Wright sent to Bin-gon to see Mrs. Warner Tuesday, but we have not heard how they made out. The work on the new railroad is progressing rapidly all along the line near here.

The citizens of White Salmon held a meeting last Saturday and conferred with the officers of the new electric road to Trout Lake to consider the matter of raising a bonus to bring the road to White Salmon. A committee was appointed to see what could be done. It is proposed to bring the line down the bluff on 6 per cent grade.

It is said that some new buildings will soon be erected in the railroad addition near where it is expected that the station will be located. Claude Wetherill of Carsons was a visitor at White Salmon Tuesday.

## MOSIER.

The appearance of Mr. Mosier's residence is being much improved by the application of a fresh coat of paint.

Miss Katharine Davenport left on Wednesday of last week to fill a vacancy in the Pine Grove school, which was made by the absence of Miss Hull who was suddenly called east by the serious illness of her mother.

On Tuesday evening Frank Gieger's fiery, untamed team manifested its decided intention to run away. Having become frightened at a dog in the road, they started to run from a point near Rock creek, and it was not until they had reached town that he had them fairly under his control. With some damage wrought to his wagon and a good shaking up to himself, he hastily retired to the blacksmith's shop, where necessary repairs were soon made and everything is in readiness again for another runaway.

Miss Lucy Mullen, who has been confined to her home with illness, is gradually convalescing.

School in district No. 8, in charge of Miss Anna Godderson, will close on Friday next with appropriate exercises. This will close a very successful four months' term for Miss Godderson, who has acquitted herself in a commendable manner, and who, throughout the term, has given entire satisfaction.

Mrs. J. K. McGregor spent Thursday and Friday of last week in The Dalles.

On Friday evening Miss D. Mosier entertained a few friends at 5 o'clock. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. McGregor, Misses Gulovson and Mosier, and Messrs. Bateham and Root. After having finished three closely contested games, dainty refreshments were served, after which the merry party took their departure, having fully assured their hostess that they had spent a very pleasant evening.

We are pleased to learn from Miss Agnes Gulovson, teacher in district No. 52, that, despite the cold and inclement weather, she and her pupils managed to reach the average forty in number. On Friday Miss Gulovson will close her school for a ten days' holiday vacation, with belittling Christmas exercises, including a tree and a visit from Santa Claus.

The citizens of Mosier have become thoroughly aroused with a spirit of Christmas enthusiasm, having taken hold with a determination to make a complete success of the Christmas entertainment.

At a meeting called for the purpose of making arrangements for the same, essential committees were appointed to take up the different lines of preparation, each member of which accepted his or her appointment without a dissenting voice. The entertainment will take place on Monday evening, Dec. 25.

Rev. Spight of Hood River will hold Christmas services both morning and evening in the church on Christmas day.

Mrs. Chas. Graham, who is lying ill at her home, is reported to be worse.

Miss Agnes L. Gulovson, accompanied by Miss D. Mosier, will spend their holiday vacation in Portland with the former's parents.

J. S. Booth and O. B. Hartley of Hood River were visitors in Mosier on Sunday.

Miss Elsie Middlewart is visiting her sisters in Hood River. Mrs. Wm. Rowland and Miss Mary Middlewart.

Lee Evans was a passenger on Saturday's train for Hood River.

Jas. Carroll, one of Mosier's most extensive apple growers, is planting a young orchard of 1500 trees this fall and winter.

A movement is on foot in Mosier to revive the Artisan lodge. This lodge has become somewhat run down, and in consequence of this fact, it has been deemed advisable by some of the stancher members to appoint a committee, consisting of H. E. Waite, J. N. Mosier and A. P. Bateham to look into this matter of renewal, the members of which committee are extending special inducements to any one who might entertain a desire to join with them. It is to be hoped that the lodge may be revived, as we believe it to be a good organization, a d one from which may be derived much social benefit, a thing of which Mosier stands greatly in need.

A number of Mosier people went down to Hood River on Saturday's train to be present at the grand Artisan meeting which was held there. Among the number we learn to have been A. P. Bateham, Leo Root and Phil Winans.

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