

CORRESPONDENCE

ODELL.

B. T. Young is home from a business trip to Columbus, Washington. The East Fork Irrigation Co. is placing pipe near the home of V. Winchell at Pine Grove, where trenches will be dug and covered.

Mrs. Olive Collins, who has been housekeeper for Mrs. G. E. Howerman, the past few weeks, has gone to Portland.

A. H. Rhoads has returned from a business visit in British Columbia.

Edgar Wright and family, of Hood River, came out Sunday for a visit with W. A. Lockman and family.

Henry Sieverkropp, who is well known here, was married last Sunday. His bride was Miss Parrott. Friends extend congratulations.

Marie Lockman went to Portland Monday morning. She will visit relatives and attend the carnival this week.

Don Crosby went to Portland Monday.

Alto Ebbeck left here Monday for several days' visit with relatives in Portland and will also see the attractions of the Rose Festival.

Albert Shelley went to Portland Tuesday. Relatives and the carnival are reasons for his going.

Louis Rhoads and Leonard Young are in Portland for the week.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Odell met at the home of Mrs. Alice Peole last Friday afternoon and tied two comforts.

Thomas Jordan, who has been in the employ of the East Fork Irrigation Co., became ill and was taken to Hood River Wednesday of last week and remained there until the first of this week, when he was able to return to Odell.

Hi Connaway, Odell's enterprising merchant, has added a line of towel, calico, etc., and has necessarily for going to town become proportionately less. Mr. Connaway is again prepared to serve his customers with the best ice cream.

After more than a week's absence, Miss Kennedy was in her place, as teacher in the primary department of Odell school. Miss Kennedy visited at her home in Seattle, Washington. Strawberries are ripening very slowly.

BELMONT.

Mr. Bycon, from the Barrett district, is painting Robert Jones' house, barn, and other buildings.

Frank McFarland is having his house frescoed with a coat of paint.

Ho! Young folks, old folks and middle aged ones too, Frank McFarland will teach you how to trip the light fantastic at Grange hall. He is going to give lessons to all who wish to learn.

Mrs. J. W. Anderson returned from her trip to Iowa last Saturday.

Mrs. M. P. Isenberg and Miss Ross will spend the week taking in the sights of the Rose Carnival.

Rev. Bronson and wife will take in the Rose Carnival this week.

Mrs. King, mother of Mrs. Knott, has come to take care of Mr. and Mrs. Knott, who are both sick.

Fred Blain, with his team, is clearing rock for Mr. Quackenbush, who intends putting up a fine residence on his property.

Mrs. Swazy, of Mosier, visited with Mrs. Williams.

Robert Jones' house is being plastered. Mr. Watt, of Rockford, is doing the work. Electric lights have been put in the house.

Alfred Boorman has sold his ten acre ranch. More good people to move out of our community.

Marsh Isenberg will be foreman during strawberry picking and packing of Mr. Simon's ranch. No one better fitted to handle a strawberry patch than Marsh.

Miss Lettie Burns has been visiting at the home of Mrs. A. G. Gatchel on Methodist Lane. She left for her home in Portland Saturday.

The ice cream social given by the

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Grangers of Park Grange, Thursday evening, was well attended, a nice crowd being there. Between \$25 and \$30 were realized for the social.

Mr. Harrison and family, of Goldendale, are moving into S. W. Arnold's cottage.

Miss Hazel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith, spent Sunday at home. Their son from California is at home and will help them harvest their large strawberry crop as well as visit.

Mrs. Kaufman and daughters, Dorothy and Blanche, returned from their trip east. While away they visited relatives in Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota. They are back in time to eat strawberries.

Mr. and Mrs. John Turner, of Portland, visited several days at the home of F. G. Church, returning to their home in time for the Rose Carnival.

Rev. Bronson and wife chaperoned a party of young folks from Belmont and Frankton last week. They had a merry time in the woods at the Devil's Punch Bowl.

Paul Hayes and Will Hooper are down from Green Point.

Another eight acre tract on the Potter farm was sold last week. We did not learn the name of the party who purchased it.

The Belmont Epworth League will give an ice cream social at the parsonage Wednesday evening, June 10. Everybody welcome.

Strawberries are ripening slowly owing to the continued cold weather.

Has anyone found a grey wren on a hill? Please return it to Mrs. Barker, Methodist Lane.

MOUNT HOOD.

Miss Lura Miller returned to her home at Mt. Hood last week, after a very profitable year of high school work at Hood River. She has brought credit to Mt. Hood, of which we are justly proud, she having attained the highest percentage in her class.

Joe Hess returned from eastern Oregon last Friday. He is working in the Kelly and Wihart mill.

Mrs. Warren Cooper returned from The Dalles last Friday, where she has been with her sister, Mrs. James Cooper.

For some reason unknown to us, Rev. Brunstetter did not preach at Mt. Hood last Sunday.

The Endeavor meeting last Sunday evening, ably led by Mrs. Larwood, was very interesting. The topic was, "Home Missions," and there were several interesting talks on the subject.

Warren Cooper, with his assistants, E. Owens, John Cooper, Alec Fortson and Roy Hensen, went to Brook's Meadows last Tuesday, to attend to ranger's duties for Uncle Sam.

The dinner served by the ladies on election day was a success. They cleared \$10 on the dinner at noon, and served a supper besides. It was a great accommodation to the judges and clerks of election, besides many who came from a distance to exercise the right of the American citizen.

Miss Florence Tonn returned to her home in Portland last Tuesday, bidding her many friends at Mt. Hood a regretful farewell.

We are pleased to note that Walter Larwood, the only applicant for eighth grade examination, passed well, and has received his diploma.

Miss Nau Cooper left Tuesday morning, to visit relatives in Portland and The Dalles. She expects to return in about a week.

Miss Ella Kinnman returned to her home in Starbuck, Wash., last Monday, after an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. George Dimick. Mr. and Mrs. Dimick accompanied her on a visit to Mrs. Dimick's parents.

Joe Pelthier returned to Mt. Hood last Sunday after a year's absence on his homestead in the Blue Mountains. He is going back to his old work in the Kelly and Wihart mill.

Miss Lizzie Cooper went to the Dalles last Tuesday to be present at the commencement exercises of the public schools in that city.

Martin Gribble was greeting his friends at Mt. Hood last Sunday. He came down to spend the day with the homefolks, returning to his work on the reserve Monday.

Kellie Spaulding and Howard McElroy were passengers for Portland Tuesday, going down to take in the Rose Festival.

We are very glad to announce that Dr. Blakey, from Roseburg, will preach here next Sunday morning and evening. Dr. Blakey made a favorable impression when he preached here at the dedication of the church, and we hope everybody will be able to come and hear him.

Miss Florence Tonn was very much surprised last Thursday evening when about thirty-five of her friends trooped in upon her at Miss Cooper's residence, and proceeded to take possession of her home.

Games and chaises taking up the greater part of the evening, closing by singing, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," leaving Miss Tonn feeling as if it were very hard to say bye to Mt. Hood and her friends here.

WHITE SALMON.

From the Enterprise
The lumber for the Baptist church is now on the ground, and all the material has been ordered. When all the material is on the grounds work will be commenced and rushed to completion. The building will cost about \$2,000 when completed.

Quite a number of people went from here to view the arrival of the fleet of battleships in Seattle harbor. Among the number was W. W. Swan, our sawmill man.

W. R. Rafter, Peter Ortelg and Frank L. Burlingame to select a site for a Catholic church, at a meeting held in White Salmon last Sunday. The committee have several sites in view in different parts of town but have made no definite selections yet.

Still the cool weather is holding back the strawberries. The prices are not quite so high as last year but so far they have been good and the few that are being shipped have not materially affected the price.

The grading of the first 1,000 feet of Jewett avenue is completed and the grading of the remainder of the street is nearly finished. We have not heard whether the city council intends to gravel the remainder of the street at present, but it will have to be done sooner or later.

Wasting our substance.

The Rural Spirit says of the waste of soil forces through the continuous growing of wheat upon the land. Where prices of farms should rise by increase of population, in many places they are falling. Between 1880 and 1900 the land values of Ohio shrank \$50,000,000. Official investigations in the Central New York district disclosed a condition of agricultural decay.

In one, land was for sale for about the cost of improvements and 150 vacant houses were counted in a limited area. In the other the population in 1905 was nearly 1000 less than in 1855.

Practically identical soil conditions exist in Maryland and Virginia where lands sold at from \$10 to \$20 an acre in the richest region of the west is no more exempt than New England or the south. The soil of the west is being reduced in agricultural potency by exactly the same processes which have driven the farmer of the east, with all his advantages of nearness to market from the field.

But the fact of soil waste becomes startlingly evident when we examine the record of some states where single cropping and other agricultural abuses have been prevalent. Take the case of wheat the mainstay of single crop areas. Many of us can remember when New York was the great wheat producing state of the nation.

The average yield of wheat an acre in New York for the last 10 years was about 18 bushels. For the first five years of that 10 year period it was 18 1/2 bushels, and for the last five 17 1/2 bushels.

In the farther west Kansas takes high rank as a wheat producer. Its average yield for the last 10 years was 14 1/2 bushels. For the first five of those years it was 15 1/4 and for the last five 13 1/8.

Up in the northwest Minnesota wheat has made a name all over the world. Her average yield an acre for the same 10 years was 12 3/8 bushels. For the first five years it was 13 1/2 and for the last five 12 1/8.

We perceive here the working of a uniform law, independent of location, soil or climate. It is the law of a diminishing return due to soil depletion. Apply this to the country at large and it reduces agriculture to the condition of a bank whose depositors are steadily drawing out more money than they put in.

When the most fertile land in the world produces so much less than that of poorer quality elsewhere, and this low yield shows the tendency to steadily decline, the situation becomes clear. As we rob the soil in an effort to get the largest cash returns from each acre of ground in the shortest possible time and with the least possible labor.

GOOD ROADS HIS THEME

The feature of the Oregon Rural Carriers' association, at Albany last week, was the address by John H. Hartog, manager of the Eugene Commercial club, on good roads. His address was in part as follows:

"Good roads are, the most important matter before the American people. But, without any exception, the matter is receiving the smallest amount of public attention.

"Of all the highways in these United States only a beggarly eight per cent are improved. That this has become a source of national shame shows at least an awakening. Our only excuse is that this is a 'new country.' But that excuse isn't going to last forever.

"The need of state aid is slowly but surely becoming recognized. New Jersey was the pioneer in this, but at present fourteen states have awakened to this crying need. Strange to say, all but two of these lie east of the Alleghenies, showing that the closer a state becomes the more it begins to recognize the disastrous harm bad roads do to the community, to the farmer and to the city merchant alike over its highways. When the roads are bad this hauling stops. Hence the work is all crowded into a few weeks. The food supply of a country is hurried instead of many months. Dumping the entire crop on a market at one moment glutts it. Try as they may for it at one moment glutts it. Try as they may for it at one moment glutts it.

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"President Delano, of the Washburn railroad, said: 'You have no idea to what extent bad roads affect railway traffic. We notice the fluctuations of business from week to week. The falling off due to bad roads is often as high as fifty per cent of the business received at country stations. In the rush of the crop-moving seasons the railways are generally so swamped with business that an adequate equip-

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"Uniformly good roads over the country would prolong the crop-moving season period for several months, and thereby not only relieve the traffic congestion, but the financial situation as well. With good roads and equalization of the traffic the railways could furnish better facilities to its patrons with less cost to the country, with the intermittent and erratic shipments. The greatest need of this country today is good roads.

"Vice President Biddle, of the Rockland railroad, said: 'The bad condition of the country roads during certain seasons of the year when traffic is largely suspended results in congestion at other seasons, with the inability of the farmers to reach the stations. There is no question but that the improvement of the roads will result in a more equal distribution of traffic, enabling carriers to move it to the greater satisfaction of the public, with less cost to themselves.'

"President Earling, of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, says: 'The benefits of good roads can not well be over-stated, as they apply to every one. From the railway viewpoint, they would make our stations accessible throughout the year and would tend to equalize the movement of freight and relieve the congestion that at times is very great, especially so at the crop-moving season.'—Register.

Put the Light in a Bottle.

An amusing story is told on one of the strawberry pickers from a back number of the Willamette valley town. While waiting for berries to ripen he rented a room in the Artisan building. In the morning the janitor noticed the electric light still burning in his room, and jokingly asked him why he did not "blow it out," when he went to bed.

"I did my best to blow it out," said "Rube," "but some derned fool put the light in a bottle."

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