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MOSIER.
From The Bulletin

John Elder was a business visitor Monday morning in Hood River.

L. J. Merrill spent Sunday visiting in Hood River.

Fred Ulmer returned on Wednesday night from a business trip to Portland.

W. A. Corrigan spent Wednesday in Hood River.

Ben Sellinger was in The Dalles on business Wednesday.

Mrs. W. T. McClure went to The Dalles yesterday morning for a visit.

Ole Olsen went to The Dalles on Wednesday morning where he expects to remain for several days.

M. A. Moebley has gone to Corvallis with his family, to which place he has moved.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Forbes, father and mother of Mrs. Wm. Graham, left Wednesday for their home in Moro after an extended visit here.

O. N. Groven returned Monday from Tacoma, Wash., after a fortnight's visit. Mr. Groven is a cousin of Hans Kollanderud.

E. M. Strauss, who recently secured from Geo. Orr, several hundred pounds of dried salmon, stated that he has disposed of the entire lot.

F. A. Shogren and G. C. Evans have been selected as jurors for Mosier for the February term of court which begins Monday, February 14.

Miss Gleaves Strahm left the first of the week for The Dalles, where she is acting as assistant for a few days in The Dalles hospital.

Sheriff Levi Chrisman on Wednesday appointed Roger W. Moe as deputy sheriff, following his recent appointment by Mayor E. A. Race as city marshal.

Archie Huskey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Huskey, slipped on the floor Wednesday night at his home and dislocated his shoulder. Dr. David Robinson attended the injured lad.

Geo. Huskey returned to his home in Cascadia, Oregon, on Saturday after a ten day's visit here with his brothers, J. W. Huskey and W. E. Huskey.

W. A. Davis left Monday for White Bear, Minn., where he will reside at the home of his sister. Mr. Davis has rented his place for two years to Ed. Lang.

Mrs. Myra Wellberg spent Wednesday in Hood River, where she said her little nephew, Olie Depee, 14 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Depee, was very ill with heart trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Huskey and family have moved into the house owned by them, which has just been vacated by Hugo E. Birkner and family who have moved to Portland.

M. J. Oliphant left last night on a business trip to Kansas City, where he expects to remain for about a month. Ernest Evans will have charge of the Coleman place during his absence.

Frank Ginger yesterday installed a telephone in the Hudson house, in the part on the second floor used as bachelor apartments by L. J. Merrill, J. M. Burpee and Roger W. Moe.

T. F. Harford, of Blaylock, was the guest of Lee Evans while he was detained here last week on account of the railroad blockade. He had come down with three horses recently purchased by Hans Kollanderud.

A large quantity of flower seeds has been received from Representative N. J. Sinnott. Persons desiring them may call at the Bulletin office. No government garden seeds have as yet been received.

The Mosier Fruit Growers Association last week purchased two cars of lime-sulphur spray from J. C. Butcher, who has recently removed his sprayer plant from Clackamas, Or., to Hood River.

The school in District No. 8 was closed a week ago last Monday, on account of the heavy snowfall, but will be opened again on Monday morning unless weather conditions are worse, stated Geo. C. Evans.

Chas. Long, who died of heart trouble in his office in Portland on Tuesday, had a homestead adjoining the place of C. G. Stoltz in the Greenwood district. He had intended to build a house on the place this summer as well as make other improvements.

Master Victor Morgason, who while coasting was kicked by a horse, fracturing his knee and arm, is rapidly rounding into shape, says Dr. David Robinson. The splint has been taken off the arm and the knee is healing up rapidly.

The roof of the boat house owned by Geo. Orr, the Indian, collapsed one night last week on account of the heavy snow and nearly caused an accident to the owner. A 2x4 scantling kept the roof from falling on the occupants of the building, who were sleeping in bed at the time.

C. A. McCargar returned Tuesday from an extended business trip to Portland. He stated that when he came up, he noticed that the steamer Tahoma was still ice bound near Cape Horn on the Washington side of the river.

After visiting for two weeks with her friend, Miss Anne Shogren, on the ranch of the Misses M. and A. Shogren, Miss Dickens returned the first of the week to her home in Portland. Miss May Shogren came up from Portland Wednesday to remain with her sister for a few days at their country home.

Some anxiety was felt the first of the week by school patrons when, on account of the heavy snow which had piled up on the roof of the school house in District No. 52, the walls of the building opened up a crack of sev-

eral inches. The snow was then immediately shoveled off, and the school board announced that all danger of the building being unsafe was over.

Last Friday Hugo E. Birkner and M. J. Oliphant walked down to Hood River, wading through the deep snow along the track. On account of the blockade they were unable to leave for Portland until Saturday. Mr. Oliphant returned the first of the week, while Mr. Birkner has joined his wife and family and will make his home in Portland. He has been employed by the city of Portland as tree doctor.

C. J. E. Carlson has been receiving glowing accounts regarding his son, Alex, who is traveling with Rev. J. W. Brocton, through Washington. Mr. Brocton was with Billy Sunday for six years and pays the lad many compliments for his execution on the violin. He has been in Tacoma the past week. Press clippings sent to Mr. Carlson also speak very highly of this youthful violinist.

Ben Veatch left Thursday afternoon for Portland to have some dental work done. He expects to return Saturday night, and will leave Sunday to again join the Columbia River highway survey party which is working in the vicinity of Fairbanks. Work has been suspended for over a week on account of the deep snow. He stated that it will take probably six weeks to complete that end of the line. The party will then be ordered to commence the survey of Seven Mile bill as ordered at the last session of the county court.

Since the registration books were opened, P. L. Arthur, registrar of the Mosier precinct states that only 28 voters have registered thus far, of which 16 are Republicans; Democrats 9; Progressives, 1; Independents 1; and Socialists, 1. The books will close on April 19, thirty days before the date of the primaries. Register early and avoid the rush of the last minute.

"Many persons do not seem to realize they must register either as a republican, democrat or a progressive, in order to vote at the primaries," said County Clerk Fox. "Those who register as independents, etc., will not be privileged to cast a primary vote."

Now that the tax roll has been completed by County Assessor Jas. A. Davis and have been mailed to the taxpayers, it may be seen that the levy for the state and county tax is one half mill less than last year, while the school district tax is 2 1/2 mills less. The total tax levy last year was 28 1/2 mills, while this year it is 25 1/2 mills.

The railroad property tax was cut considerably this year on account of the general depreciation in land values. Last year the total tax levy for Mosier brought \$45,698.55, while this year the amount is \$44,034.55. The valuation this year was \$201,427.33; last year, \$284,141.38.

Brooks-Gibson

Not until he alighted from train No. 17 last night, was it generally known that V. R. Brooks, who had left Mosier about six weeks ago to visit with friends in Illinois, had returned home a benedict. On January 25 Mr. Brooks married Miss Bernice Gibson at Louisville, Ill. The bride is a former Montana girl, having lived in that state until two years ago when she moved to Illinois. The bridegroom is a Mosier orchardist, and the couple will make their home on his place east of the city.

Heartly congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Brooks by the Bulletin and friends of the newly wedded couple.

Primary Honor Roll

Following is the honor roll for the month of January in the primary grades in School District No. 52, taught by Miss Alice Bennett:

Evelyn Beldin, Elbert Cole, Nets Camp, Esther Rorden, Darrell Allington, Leslie Camp, Mae Camp, Jennie Cole, Russel Huskey, Mabel Huskey, and Joseph Higley.

DEFINES COUNTY AGENT'S WORK

The visit of Paul Maris, the new state leader of county agricultural work, to The Dalles and the recent installation of that work in Wasco county requires some general understanding of the function of that office, writes the new county agent, A. R. Chase.

The office of county agent or county agriculturist is a cooperative one between the county, the state and the U. S. department of agriculture and each of these departments bears a portion of the expense. Heretofore the state and United States departments have worked out many valuable discoveries which have saved many millions of dollars to the farmers of the nation. The control of the cotton boll weevil alone saved many millions of the farmers of the south. That is only one of hundreds of examples of the application of modern science to agriculture. Now the climate and soils of Oregon are so many and varied in type that it has been difficult for the United States department or the state department of agriculture to fit the many new ideas to all local conditions. The same might be said of any other state. Also the average farmer has not had access to many of the valuable things that the experiment stations of state and government are working out. Publicity of such methods is the work of the published bulletins, the state extension workers and the county agent. Then too, the college and the government can find out better what the needs of each individual locality are. Information gained through the county agent can be used by a great many men, while information sent to

one individual usually never gets spread about. The county agent then is the great cooperative agency for the solving of local problems and their publication.

One man can do little toward the solving of great problems, but by co-operating with many men the county agent can get the ideas, an experience of each and by systematic experiments reach some definite results. As Mr. Maris pointed out—one man may have discovered some valuable facts but they seldom get over the fence that separates him from his neighbor. The experiences of several successful farmers brought out by discussions at the recent O. A. C. movable school at Dufur and The Dalles showed that a definite system of organizing and publishing these valuable ideas would go far toward improving conditions in this county.

In Wasco county there are problems of fruit pollination, pruning, and spraying, soil handling to conserve moisture, improvement of grain varieties, fertility problems, use of summer fallow, production of cheap feed, introduction of new plants suitable to the region, control of plant and animal pest, improvement of breeds of farm animals, marketing, and organization of farming communities. Many of these problems can be worked out by cooperative methods between the various farmers and farmer's organizations and the county agent, with the help of state and national experts.

Some idea of what the county agents of Oregon are attempting to do will be gained from the following extract from the Rural Spirit.

"The activities of the county agriculturists covered a wide range of subjects, as counties in all sections of the state are carrying on the work. "Cooperative marketing of farm products received a great deal of attention. The county agriculturists have taken the lead in forming organizations for marketing poultry and eggs, livestock, potatoes, seed corn and dairy products. Considerable progress has been made in the direction of decreasing costs of production by better seed selections and improved methods of handling soils, establishment of crop rotations, and so forth. Organization of rural communities along lines important to each has been successfully accomplished in Crook county. The existing farmer's organizations have been greatly strengthened and many new ones organized in several counties.

"Grasshopper, potato beetle and hog cholera ravages were checked, rabbit poisoning campaigns conducted with good success and ravages of pear blight, scab and other fruit diseases combated. Much cooperative demonstration work with farmers was conducted with new or improved varieties of grains and grasses which in a majority of cases showed increased yields over those in general use. This was especially true of red clover, sweet clover, Sudan grass, oats, wheat, barley, field peas and dry land alfalfa in cultivated rows. Corn growing contests were carried on in Marion, Malheur, Lane, Coos, Tillamook and Union counties.

"Drainage districts have been organized and surveys secured. Several small drainage and irrigation systems have been planned. Boys' and girls' club work has been carried on in co-operation with the state department of public instruction and the industrial club department of the O. A. C. extension service. Several men have been of great service to the county and local fairs in rearranging premium lists and greatly improving the quality and number of exhibits. New crop testing and breeders' associations have been organized and those continued which were stated in 1914. Institutes and movable schools have been held at several different places in each county, the county agriculturists being assisted by the specialists of the extension service of the Agricultural College.

"The work as outlined for 1916 will be continuations of projects already under way and the addition of some new ones. Advisory committees of leading farmers and one member of the county court will be formed in each county where such committees have not already been formed. These committees will meet with the county agriculturist from time to time to advise with and aid him in working out the particular agricultural and rural social problems of the county."

It will thus be seen that the main work of the county agent must be carried on through projects with some of the leading farmers of the county and this work will be used later for demonstrative purposes of results are valuable. It would be impossible to reach all of the 200 or more farms of Wasco county in any one year and secure definite results. It will also be observable that the results of the work must at first necessarily be limited but that as months and years go on, it must continue to grow more useful. The broad-minded individual must see that the field of agriculture is the broadest field in the world and that one man cannot expect to be familiar with every line of agriculture in all its details. But the opportunity to call in specialists from the outside to help solve the knotty problems of the farm as they arise in each locality and the subsequent publishing of this knowledge to all concerned is increased by the existence of the county agent. The office is for the use of the people of the county in the broadest possible way, and farmers are invited to cooperate to the fullest extent."

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