

SUMMERS NEWS.

There is to be a creamery started on the Henley place.

The next dance in the neighborhood will be held at Mr. and Mrs. James Dixon's on January 15. A large attendance is expected.

Jack Horton has been on the sick list for several days.

Judge Short and Jay Fairclough went to town Sunday to get a load of wood and take Mary Short and Florence Grant to town to go to school.

J. Sears says if the weather continues good he will finish his railroad contract in about a week.

Misses Florence and Mary Short have been visiting with Bob Short for several days, returning home last Sunday.

J. Sears was forced to stop work for a few days last week, owing to the bad weather.

While hauling a load of grain from the Falls this week Austin Hooper and J. Sears got stalled in front of the slaughter pen. They did not get home until 3 o'clock the next morning.

The people of Midland are petitioning for a postoffice. They have to go to the Falls for their mail now.

The boat is now carrying wood from Keno to the railroad camp.

One of the mules at the railroad camp fell on the ice the other day and nearly bit his tongue off.

Austin Hooper rescued a colt out of the lake near the slaughter pen recently. It was frozen in the ice and could not free itself.

Erickson & Petterson are hauling baled hay from the Smith-Noland ranch.

Mrs. LaPrarie, of Lost River, visited with Mrs. John Koontz Sunday. Master George Miles, who has been confined to his home with inflammatory rheumatism, is able to be out again.

Erickson & Petterson are working in the snow with their steam shovel. H. Anderson is sick with a bad cold.

There are many mallards flying in the vicinity of Midland now. It is the general report that hunting is fine.

The scrapers at the railroad camp of J. Sears are now working about 200 yards ahead of the steam shovel. Mr. Sears has cut his men's wages down to \$1.50 per day while the days are so short. He will raise them again as soon as the days get longer. Several of the men have quit.

Several more engines arrived at the Erickson & Petterson camp last week.

The organ at the Spring Lake school will be moved to the new church as soon as the building is ready to receive it.

Mr. Charles Horton is going to bring 200 head of cattle to the Ankeny ranch to be fed.

E. A. Crantz went to the railroad on business last week. He says the work on the road is progressing rapidly.

Mike Galarneau has moved to the LaPrarie place.

Mike Galarneau butchered four hogs last week. They averaged about 150 pounds each.

Homer and Nelson Smith are moving from the Melhase ranch to the E. W. Smith place.

J. Sears has returned from a business trip to Weed.

Mr. Pointer was in town last week. Scott David is working near Dairy now.

Almo Newton went to the Falls last week to get a load of lumber for some improvements on his place.

Roscoe Cantrill's mill broke down last week.

Ira Ingraham was at the Falls last week.

Bob Short is having some horses wintered on the Pete Nelson place.

Roy Vernon and John Morehouse are hauling sawdust for Mrs. Ankeny to pack ice.

Harry Ingraham is now working for J. Sears.

Jack Horton has eighteen new calves in his pasture. He is fattening them to ship.

Mrs. C. L. Ankeny is going to have three teams haul wood from Frank Irish's as soon as the weather is favorable.

Frank Ira White was out to his Midland ranch Saturday.

The jack rabbits are getting very thick in this section now.

J. Horton had fourteen cows brought in from town Saturday.

Dixon, Miss Daisy Smith, Miss Ola Smith, Nelson Smith, Miss Melhase, Miss Bee Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Kirkendall.

Our teacher will read the "Life of Abraham Lincoln" to us during the month of January.

The directors of our school have decided to change its name, and when the inside is painted in the spring to have the new name painted in large letters on the front wall.

Bob Short has resigned his position working for the government.

E. W. Smith went to the Ankeny ranch on business Monday morning.

J. W. Darroch will begin plowing Monday morning if the weather is good.

Mr. and Mrs. John Koontz were charivariated on the second. They would not come out of the house until Archie Colston climbed up to the chimney and poured water down it onto the fire. After cramming the flue with sacks and causing the house to become filled with smoke, the newly married couple came forth and treated the crowd to apple cake, candy and nuts.

J. D. Hooper and H. Anderson went to the lime kiln for a load of lime last week.

Homer Smith and W. J. Darroch are measuring up the ground that Mr. Smith plowed.

Charlie Martin, who has been sick at Merrill, is reported much better.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Darroch went to the Falls on business Saturday.

E. W. Smith will move a house for Mr. Sutton on the Keno road.

Will Humphrey has completed his smoke house.

J. D. Hooper and Mrs. Ankeny are smoking their meat this week.

Oak Boggs, Austin Hooper and Beryl Carrick went hunting in this neighborhood Saturday.

Fred Smith went to town Tuesday.

E. W. Smith is going to build a fence for Chas. Horton.

Joe Galsten, who has been visiting the Masten family on the Summers ranch, has returned to the Horton ranch.

Jim Manard has turned his horses into E. W. Smith's pasture.

Jim Dixon was over to the Government camp Thursday.

Stella Hooper has returned to the Falls to attend school.

Miss Lennie Hooper, who has been visiting at the Falls, returned to her home last week.

Roy Vernon is rendering lard for Mrs. C. L. Ankeny.

Mr. McMullan was at the school Monday.

Roscoe Cantrill is going to build a new mill.

Charlie Horton has moved 200 cattle to the Smith Noland ranch.

E. W. Smith has taken a contract to dig some ditches on the Ankeny ranch.

Mr. Young was around selling pork Friday.

Will Leonard came out from the Falls to visit Dorothy Maston on Saturday.

E. W. Smith bought two gang plows from Henry Lowe.

Oak Boggs and Beryl Carrick went to Lost River Sunday.

Mrs. Will Humphrey went to town Tuesday.

John Dupuy is having his cattle wintered on the Willits ranch. He bought two straw stacks from J. D. Hooper to feed them.

Mrs. Ankeny and Mr. Darroch went to town on business Monday.

O. Short went to the Falls Saturday on business.

We have a new pupil in our school. Vera Schmeiser. We are glad to have her with us.

Mr. Hopkins has seven young calves in his pasture.

E. W. Smith has purchased six head of colts from Roscoe Cantrill.

Mrs. F. E. Ankeny and daughter will leave Tuesday for Eugene.

Mr. Galarneau is building a new barn.

Jim Tingley went to the Falls last Tuesday to get a load of wood.

Roy Vernon and Nelson Smith went out to the Smith camp Saturday.

school, paid us a visit Wednesday. They promised us some improvements and also that they would come again.

Bob Hunsaker took New Year's dinner at the Sears camp.

John Short has sold his timber claim for \$4900.

Tom Tingley will start a seven-horse plow Tuesday.

J. Sears is thinking of selling his copper mine for \$150,000. He paid \$4000 for it.

Mr. Speck, foreman of the works at the Sears camp, has resigned his position.

John Short was in town Saturday. Our teacher attended the Institute at Keno on Friday and Saturday.

Tom Sears attended the masque ball at Klamath Falls Friday night.

Beryl Bluebaker and John Darroch were at the Erickson & Petterson camp Sunday. Miss Gladys Ankeny and Mrs. Miller were also there on the same day.

E. R. Cantrill has shipped a carload of lumber to be unloaded between Midland and the race track. He is going to build a flume.

Among our people going to the Falls last Saturday were Archie Colston, Steve Lowe and Lum Short.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Dixon went to Poe Valley Friday to spend several days with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Short.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Short visited Mr. and Mrs. James Dixon last week.

The snow was so heavy last week that it broke the Langell Valley telephone line in front of the school house.

W. O. Stewart, who went to Portland to spend the holidays, has returned and will resume his work on the Government ditch.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Miles has been quite ill with a cold.

Ruth Dixon, who had her collar bone broken a few weeks ago, is now well again.

ASKS FOR FOUR BIG BATTLESHIPS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The authorization of an entire squadron of four monster battleships was urged on the House Committee on Naval Affairs when Secretary Newberry appeared before that Committee. Besides the battleships, he said, that the Navy should be provided with four new scout cruisers, ten destroyers, four submarines, three colliers, one repair ship, one ammunition ship and two mine-laying ships.

Secretary Newberry told the Committee that the new battleships should be of the heavy single-calibre all big gun type and added that it was desirable that a squadron of eight of these ships be completed as soon as possible.

SCHOOL TEACHER WANTED.

The School Board of the Dairy district contemplates beginning a spring term of school March 1st, next, but is without a teacher. Would not object to paying \$75 a month to the man who is fully competent, and has had experience. Applicants should address C. W. Sherman, the district clerk.

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WATER RIGHT LAW CONSTRUED.

SALEM, Ore.—One of the most important decisions that has been handed down by the Oregon Supreme Court in many years was placed on record Tuesday, when the court held that the Congressional act of March 3, 1877, relating to settlement on public lands, limits all riparian rights subsequently acquired except to the extent of the use of water for domestic purposes. It is estimated that 99 per cent of the settlements in Eastern Oregon have been made since 1877. Practically all the water power rights in the state have been acquired since that time. This decision, therefore, limits the rights of such riparian owners to the rights they have acquired as appropriators, except as to domestic uses, which are too unimportant to be worth consideration.

Speculative Privilege Denied.

Under this decision, it is impossible for any person or corporation to acquire and hold a power or irrigation right for speculative purposes. Those persons, therefore, who have filed on water powers on the Deschutes and other rivers must put the water to beneficial use or forfeit their right to the first person who does apply it to such use. The opinion is of the greater importance coming just at this time, for the reason that the subject of water law is to be taken up by the Legislature.

This court is the first one in the United States to construe the act of Congress of March 3, 1877, in this particular. It in no way affects the rights of persons who acquired riparian lands since that time and put the water to beneficial use. The man or corporation who has held riparian land without making use of the water is the one affected by the decision.

The opinion of the court was written by Supreme Court Commissioner W. R. King, who has made an exhaustive study of water law. The case decided was that of Annie C. Hough et al., respondents vs. S. A. D. Pater et al., appellants, from Lake County, Henry L. Benson, Judge. There were about fifty parties to this suit, and in deciding as to their relative rights to water from Silver Creek, Judge Benson recognized rights. The Supreme Court modifies this by dividing the water entirely according to the law of appropriation.

The legal effect of the language in the act of Congress of March 3, 1877, namely: "there shall remain and be held free for the public for irrigation," etc., is to constitute a reservation and dedication to the public of all interests, riparian or otherwise, held at the time by the National Government so far as such interests affect the uses for irrigation and other purposes thus enumerated.

All lands settled upon and to which title has been acquired subsequent to the act of Congress of March 3, 1877, were accepted with full knowledge and with the implied understanding that the first to divert and apply the water of streams or other sources of water supply thereon, for the purposes specified in the act, shall have the superior right thereto to the extent intended and actually applied.

The references in the code to riparian rights constitute a recognition of whatever riparian rights the landed proprietor may have; but does not attempt to define nor in any manner to establish any rule respecting such interests.

SHOCKS CONTINUE AT RATE OF TEN EVERY HOUR.

MESSINA, Jan. 7.—Earthquake shocks are still continuing here at the rate of about ten per hour. Fire also has again broken out, completing the destruction of the City Hall and the records stored therein.

A party of men under the direction of Major Landis, the American Military Attaché at Rome, has been working for four days to extricate the bodies of A. S. Cheney and wife from the ruins of the American Consulate. The apartment of the Cheneys has not yet been uncovered and many feet of wreckage still remain to be removed.

S. E. Hoyt was down from Fort Klamath this week.



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