

**DOINGS IN POLK COUNTY**

STORIES BY THE OBSERVER'S CORRESPONDENTS.

Personal Paragraphs Pertaining to Movements of People Whom You All Know.

**BRUSH COLLEGE.**

A Boys' and Girls' Industrial club of fourteen members has been organized with Mr. F. C. Ewing as advisor. The following officers were elected: President, Mildred Polker; vice-president, Emily Loose; secretary, Beryl Ritehey; treasurer, Harvey Smith. Other members of the club are Vera Rowley, Alma Rowley, Helen Schindler, Zelma Ames, Esther Miner, John Bayer, Gilbert Miner, Ferdinand Bayer, Charlie Cutler and Voorhis Loose. Most of these have decided on their projects and will go to work at once. Brush College has a thriving Sunday school with an average attendance of fifty. It is entirely self supporting, contributing its share to both home and foreign missions.

A little less than a year ago a Choral club was organized with Mr. N. L. Raber of Corvallis as director. This club has given two public concerts besides furnishing music for other occasions in the neighborhood.

The band, which was started with Mr. Geo. Selby as director, is doing splendid work under the leadership of Geo. Van Santen.

The work of the Parent-Teachers' association deserves special credit. Under its able management the doors have been put in between the two rooms making it possible to convert the two into one large hall. Folding benches have been made and painted, giving a seating capacity of three hundred. The building has been painted inside and out and the walls calcimined. The flower shelves having zinc trays to prevent the water from running down the walls add much to the beauty of the rooms. The window curtains were the donation of the Brush College Helpers. These improvements make our school house one of the most attractive in the county. We have a library of one hundred volumes and also the books from the state library at Salem.

A number of the men in the district met recruits and made a gravel walk from the school house down the hill to the road. A board walk had already been constructed along the road where the high water sometimes obstructed the path.

The fact that Brush College is an ideal community center is proven by the number of times the school house has been used for other purposes than school, something over one hundred and fifty meetings having been held there in the last year.

The members of the school board are Mr. F. J. Woelk, Mr. W. H. Pelker and Mr. F. C. Ewing. The teachers are Miss Almendra J. Fuller, principal, and Miss Margaret Garrison.

The people of the district are to be commended for their public spiritedness and their interest in all affairs for the benefit of the community.

**INDEPENDENCE.**

The special road committee, consisting of H. Hirschberg, A. W. Fletcher and Dr. O. D. Butler, have arrived at the conclusion that the public interests would best be served by the paving of the Independence-Salem road and seek to have it made a part of the Pacific highway. The county court will make a liberal appropriation. A bad kink in the road within the city limits just north of the bridge will be eliminated by the purchase of two lots.

Local Catholics are rejoicing because Father Cronin, who was formerly parish priest in Independence and Dallas, has been returned here and will again take up his residence in Independence.

One day last week H. Hirschberg traded an automobile for the well known runner, Ella Robinson, and he intends to win several races with her this year during the racing season.

The Ladies' Civic league, now that it has become federated, is up and doing.

March 17, being the sixth anniversary of the founding of the Independence public library, the event will be celebrated by giving a tea, the proceeds derived therefrom to be used for the benefit of the library.—Monitor.

**CHERRY GROVE-PEDEE.**

Adam Yost was a Kings Valley caller on Tuesday of last week.

Homer Ballantyne was a Pedee caller during last week.

Loren Burbank was a Falls City visitor last week.

Al Edwards went to Kings Valley the first of the week.

John Yost drove to Airlie on Thursday.

Levi Dyer was recently in Dallas. Mr. O. R. Burbank made a business trip to Independence on Friday.

Chet Burbank has been plowing during the last week.

School was closed on Friday owing

to the absence of the teacher, who went to Independence to attend a teachers' meeting on Saturday. The recent rains have left the roads in an almost indescribable condition, as numerous broken single trees can testify.

**LONE STAR, DISTRICT 52.**

The annual rally for Lone Star was held at the school house, February 25. Mr. L. V. Mackin in attendance with an excellent crowd of the district's people. The morning was spent in visiting and becoming better acquainted with our supervisor who was with us early. At noon a most excellent and bounteous lunch was served by the ladies with coffee and thick cream. At 2 o'clock the school entertained their visitors with the following program: Song, Mt. Vernon Bells by the school; recitation, Washington's Life, Edythe Dent; recitation, Washington (an acoustic), Mildred Brigham; recitation, Not Built That Way Johnnie, Mildred Brigham; song, Sweet Oregon, Misses Brigham and Fenton; recitation, Young Soldier, Edgar Martin; recitation, Something Better, Helen Larkin; recitation, My Oregon, Kathryn Brigham; song, No Land Like Oregon, school. The music was furnished by Mrs. Larkin, also the accompaniments for the songs. The usual questions were enthusiastically talked over and the afternoon passed all too quickly.

The request by one of Lone Star's patrons for a Parent-Teacher club was greeted with great interest, and in a very short time the club was formed with the following officers: President, Chas. Larkin; vice-president, J. H. Brigham; secretary and treasurer, Wanda Fenton. The next meeting will be held at Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Beacham's, their place being the most centrally located.

Besides a good time on that evening March 6, a play will be decided upon to be staged at Lone Star during April by local talent. Just before the meeting adjourned Wanda Fenton and Claude Larkin sang "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," which was greatly appreciated by all. Some improvements will be made immediately so as to be ready by the time the play is completed. The lighting of the room will be rearranged and a new coat of paint for the inside of the building. The people up in District 52 are wide awake, progressive and enthusiastic, there is nothing they couldn't accomplish if they put their shoulders to the wheel.—Committee.

**FALLS CITY.**

The Pythian Sisters at their meeting Wednesday night elected Mrs. Emma Hinshaw to represent the lodge at the convention to be held at Albany, March 16.

Sam Stevens of Black Rock was down from camp Thursday. He is engineer on the "5-spot" and had the misfortune to mash his thumb, making it necessary to lay off awhile.

Adam F. Dummyer and Miss Pearl Wallace of Black Rock were married Thursday. Miss Rose Sterling of Falls City was bridesmaid and Arthur Bullis the best man. Squire Hubbard of Falls City officiated.—News.

**BLACK ROCK.**

A Parent-Teachers' association has been organized with the following officers: President, Miss Alice Quint; vice-president, Mrs. S. J. Price; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Dimick. The first regular meeting will be held March 20.

The Francis family moved to Dallas last week; he intends to quit logging and take up carpenter work.

Sam Stevens, the engineer on No. 5 of the Willamette Valley Logging Co., broke his thumb Monday. Mr. Boeler of Dallas is taking his place.

**WILDWOOD.**

The joint literary society gave its program Saturday night. It was well attended by both schools. There were 46 present. The same program will be given at the Alder Grove school two weeks from Saturday night for the benefit of those who were unable to come to Wildwood. I. J. Green gave a dance after the program and it was well attended by both young and old.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tomlinson of Salem are here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Oleman. Mrs. Tomlinson is a sister of Mrs. Oleman.

The Lewing club met with Mrs. Kopplien Wednesday afternoon, but the gathering was not well attended on account of the rain.

Two of the Wildwood farmers left for Dallas early Thursday morning. One drove a team, the other rode a horse. The one on horseback returned Friday evening. The one with the team left Dallas about 4 o'clock in the afternoon and arrived home about 8 o'clock the next morning. The neekyoke broke as he was descending one of the mountains near home and he was obliged to borrow one from one of the neighbors—so he says.

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**RUSSELL'S SERMON.**



PASTOR RUSSELL

Norfolk, Va., February 28.—Pastor Russell, addressing a large audience here today, discussed Christ's Second Advent, from the text, "If I go away, I will come again and receive you." (John 14:3.) He complimented Billy Sunday by saying that although Billy's teachings do not come up to the Bible, nevertheless he is far ahead of "Orthodoxy" on this subject.

The Pastor agrees with Mr. Sunday in teaching that our Lord Jesus is coming to establish a world-wide Empire which will bless all mankind with fullest opportunity to do right. But he disagrees with Mr. Sunday's theory that the billions who died during the past six thousand years in ignorance of Christ will suffer to all eternity because of that ignorance. Those billions include all who have never truly heard of Jesus, in heathen lands and at home where, according to Mr. Sunday, some were led straight down to Hell by the churches.

The Bible thought, the speaker declared, is altogether different—that the dead are in neither Purgatory nor a fiery Hell, but in the Bible Hell—the tomb; and that "all that are in their graves shall hear the voice of the Son of God and come forth." The saintly will come forth to glory with Christ in His Kingdom; others, to a resurrection—a raising up out of sin and death—by judgment.—John 5:28, 29. R. V.

Those who have not intelligently heard of Jesus and His salvation are not on trial now. Their death is the penalty of Adam's sin, not of personal rejection of Jesus. It is to give these the opportunity of a judgment, trial, during Christ's Millennial Reign that they will be brought from the tomb. As all died through one man's disobedience, all will come forth to an opportunity of everlasting life through the obedience of the other man—Christ. The resurrection of the dead is their only hope. (Acts 24:15.) In view of this the whole world are said to "Sleep with their fathers."

**"Orthodoxy" is Still Worse.**

The speaker then showed that those styling themselves "Orthodox" are still further astray from the Bible. "Orthodoxy" declares that there will be no Millennium—no hope for any except the Elect few; that Jesus is coming to burn up the earth and its inhabitants. He quoted many Scriptures to refute this teaching. Both Catholic and Protestant creeds declare that at Christ's Second Coming the earth and its inhabitants will be consumed with literal fire. This leads to a literal interpretation of St. Peter's symbolic statements portraying the fire of anarchy which will destroy our institutions, making way for the Kingdom.

They fall into this error because of another formed during the Dark Ages; namely, that the only kingdom of God the world will see will be such as it is now enjoying, while the various so-called kingdoms of God are butchering each other. Each tries to justify its own selfish course, and all unite in saying that the civilized nations are Christendom—Christ's Kingdom.

This theory dates from 800 A.D., since which time Catholics claim that the Church is reigning with Christ, the Pope serving as the world's king—vicegerent, or instead of Messiah. Protestants generally, refusing the Pope as Christ's vicegerent, are much confused when they attempt to explain the Kingdom for which they pray, "Thy Kingdom come," and the references to its lasting 1,000 years.

**What Troubles Honest Preachers.**

There are ministers who believe the Bible, yet are skeptical respecting Messiah's Kingdom. Properly enough they argue that if for eighteen centuries Jesus has been a Spirit Being at the Father's right hand, it would be a retrogression for Him to return and sit on a gold and ivory throne.

These ministers have slipped a few cogs in the Divine Plan of the Ages, the Pastor holds. What they need to note in the Bible is that only Christ and His Church are promised a share in the Heavenly blessings—that the Divine arrangement for the world is an earthly Paradise and human perfection in the Divine likeness; that the Church will constitute an invisible spiritual Kingdom, backed by Infinite Wisdom and Power; and that the Ancient Worthies, from Abel to John the Baptist, will be resurrected perfect human beings, and made "princes in all the earth"—representatives of that spiritual Kingdom.

We cannot here discuss fully how Christ comes as a thief, but we offer free of charge a booklet which we have written with a view to making the matter very clear. Whoever will address me—Pastor Russell, Brooklyn, N. Y.—requesting a copy of Parousia Booklet—will receive a copy free.

**McCrow-Smith Nuptials.**

C. A. McCrow and Norma Smith, both of Smithfield, were united in marriage at the Evangelical parsonage on Saturday afternoon, Rev. C. P. Gates officiating.

Dallas has an electric light and power plant which represents an investment of over \$100,000, and furnishes day and night service to Dallas, Independence and Monmouth. Dallas has a volunteer fire department that fights the destroying element like old-timers.

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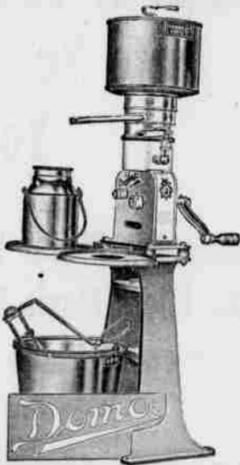
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