

attend school the fore part of the week.

All the farmers in this vicinity are busy cleaning grain.

Swan Swanson went to Hannaford on Saturday and returned home Sunday.

John Larson and Olaf Christopherson and their families spent Sunday afternoon at the Lien home.

Oscar Lien has been spending a few days with his uncle, A. C. Peterson.

APRIL SNOW SHOWERS

PROMISES PLENTY OF MOISTURE AND INCREASES CONFIDENCE FOR LARGE CROP IN 1911.

From all over the state reports are to the effect that a snow fall of good depth has fallen to produce moisture for the spring about to open.

In this vicinity snow began to fall Sunday night and has continued more or less since. It is of heavy and slushy nature and evidently contains a large amount of moisture which, when converted into water, undoubtedly will soak the ground to a good depth and in consequence enhance the prospects for a bumper crop in the season of 1911. There are a few who are "chafing at the bit", as it were, over the enforced delay of commencing spring work on the farm, yet, universally, it is considered a God-send to the soil and the people of this great state.

With a few days of sunshine the ground will be in fine shape for plowing and seeding and by the early part of next week farmers in general will be busy preparing for another crop. Considerable harrowing and other light spring farm work has already been done during spells of nice weather and with an unusual amount of fall plowing done last year much early seeding will no doubt be done.

ASHLAND SCREENINGS

Martin Albright purchased a horse from Ed. Schumacher last week.

P. E. Schley was seen in our part of the country looking after his farming operations Monday.

Raymond Lochow was slightly injured in a runaway Friday. He was thrown forward under the horses' feet and the wagon passed over his body.

We are glad to hear that Willie Wiechman is able to be out once more.

Adolph Stuff went to Spiritwood Monday for a short stay with friends and relatives.

John and Miss Emma Wiechman visited at the home of Chas. Merritt Sunday.

Oscar Reick called at the home of Fred Sperner Friday evening.

Miss Elsie Werner was on the sick list last week.

Frank Lundeen visited his farm in this vicinity last Sunday.

Geo. Scharf moved a barn from east of the lake to his farm last Thursday.

Mrs. Walter Hartfield visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lochow Sunday.

Ed. Schumacher made a business (?) trip south Sunday.

Peter Albright brought his wheat home from north of Courtenay Friday.

There will be confirmation services at the German Lutheran church Sunday.

Ed. Lange ground feed for Henry Kracht last Monday.

Adolph Miller was seen in this vicinity Sunday.

Miss Agnes Bouch returned from Valley City where she has been attending the Normal for a short vacation.

John Lavenskosi and Ingwold Wold were hunting "dear" Sunday evening and report a very successful expedition.

John Lange and Walter called at the home of Chas. Schumacher Monday evening.

The "Owl."

DEATH OF MRS. OLIANA PETTIT

VICTIM OF TUBERCULOSIS SUC-CUMBS AFTER NEARLY THREE YEARS OF ILLNESS.

Last Thursday at two o'clock in the afternoon occurred the death of Mrs. Olliana Pettit. Funeral services were held from the Presbyterian church and interment made in the Norwegian Lutheran cemetery north of Wimbledon. Deceased had been a sufferer from tuberculosis of the lungs for about three years and had been confined to her bed for several months and her end was daily expected. Her mother, Mrs. Anna McCormick was at the bedside of her beloved daughter and offered condolence to the afflicted.

Mrs. Pettit was born in Griggs county, N. D., in September, 1887, and was nearly 24 years of age at the time of her death. Her life was spent in this state with only a brief absence on occasions. She contracted the incurable malady about three years ago from the effects of a bad cold while living in a poorly constructed house in Wimbledon and the disease soon became fastened hopelessly to her once rugged constitution and it was only a question of time to have the death angel come out victor. She was a patient sufferer and seldom complained, becoming resigned to her fate which was imminent from the nature of the disease.

The deceased leaves besides a number of relatives a young child about four years of age to mourn her early demise.

Electric Sparks

Owing to the cold storage crusades, there is to be an eggless Easter.

Where there's so much smoke there must be big profits for the tobacco trust.

We dread to think of the death of society gossip that will ensue when the Gould family is all married off.

Even now the attention of the baseball fan is wandering from the Mexican war news over to the sporting page.

Whatever may happen Diaz can rest secure in the feeling that James Creelman will never invade Mexico.

One great need of the House of Representatives is an anti-appropriation committee.

Senator Chauncey M. Depew says that all members of Congress "follow the bell wether" in their opinions and votes. As the leader says, so say all. Except Hobson. The will-o'-the-wisp is his guide.

"Might not an earthquake put a finish to the Panama canal?" inquires an uneasy contemporary. Certainly; an earthquake might open up the ditch the rest of the way across.

In the Lorimer case the senate committed itself to unpopular election of a senator.