

OUR COUNTY . . .

Correspondents

Eagle Point Eaglets.

BY A. C. BOWLETT.

Mr. Greves, deputy assessor, is here interviewing the taxpayers.

Sheriff Patterson was out here last Saturday on professional business.

John Williscroft and his daughter Miss Charlotte visited Medford Saturday.

Mrs. Joseph O. Saltmarsh, of Sterling, was over Sunday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pool.

Haying is in full blast and the farmers are so busy that we have but little to write about this week.

The remains of Thomas Davis, of Upper Little Butte, were taken to the Central Point cemetery Sunday last.

James Wiley, of Ashland, was here on Friday of last week, visiting friends and attending to business matters.

Mr. Moore, of Sams Valley, passed through this neighborhood last week, traveling in the interests of the farmers, trying to supply them with machinery.

Ben Edmondson and his son Charles passed through our town one day last week with two loads of shingles, on their way from their home on Big Butte to the Hub.

Mrs. George Morine and her daughter Alice left Monday for Medford and from there they will go to Mrs. M's father's place where Miss Alice expects to remain for a few days.

On Friday of last week Mrs. Hyde, president of the W. C. T. U., of Ashland, made us a visit and lectured in the parlor of the Eagle hotel, and on Saturday lectured to the children.

Mr. Mat Ish, who has been stopping at the Eagle hotel for some time, under the treatment of Dr. W. B. Officer, returned home to the Ish ranch on Rogue river, Monday of last week.

Last Saturday our daughter Millie came home with her mother, on the sick list, but the pure Butte creek air and country life seems to help her and I think she will be convalescent in a few days.

Tuesday of last week Claud White and Peter Robinett went to Siskiyou county, Calif., to work through haying and harvest. Claud will keep posted as to the doings of this country, as he is a constant reader of THE MAIL.

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. A. Pool, Mrs. Saltmarsh, Miss Cora Brown, Frank Brown, Miss Anna Safford, Mrs. C. W. Taylor and family, took a trip to the free ferry and had a picnic dinner. They report having had a very pleasant time.

Mr. Swenney, of Dry creek, saw the item in the Eaglets with regard to Miss Minnie Newman getting thrown from her horse and the next day called to see her, and found her in an improved condition, but still complaining of her spine. Mr. S. is an old time friend of her father's.

The outlook for crops is good, and if the frost and grasshoppers don't damage our crops this year we won't have to go to the poorhouse, but last Saturday night there was frost enough to whiten the corn and blacken the beans and potatoes in the low lands near the mouth of Butte creek.

School Superintendent Gus Newberry has been out in this neighborhood during the past week visiting the various schools in the surrounding districts, but I don't think he has visited our school, suppose he thinks that Prof. J. C. Barnard's school don't need any superintending—we have a fine school, although several of the pupils have had to temporarily desist from attending on account of haying and corn working.

There was a basket picnic meeting at Antelope church Sunday. There was a fair sized audience and all seemed to have a pleasant time. Rev. Kennedy was to have preached Sunday night, but as he had business which called him to Central Point he did not preach, but the Holiness band held a meeting in their tent and had a fair sized audience, although there were several faces missed that are in the habit of attending church here.

Griffin Creek Gatherings.

BY OCCASIONAL.

Jake Hereford, of Medford, was visiting his parents here Sunday.

Messrs. Otis Murphy and C. Olsen paid Medford a visit the first of the week.

Frank True and Charles Lofland visited friends on Crooked creek Sunday evening.

Miss Eva Randle and sister-in-law, of Slate creek, were visiting

Mrs. H. L. Griffin last Saturday and Sunday.

J. A. Eggers has secured the contract to build Mr. Trae's new residence, which will be commenced about the middle of next month.

Robert Lawton, of Medford, was a visitor at our Sunday school last Sunday, and spent the remainder of the day visiting old friends here.

Rev. M. A. Williams will preach here next Sunday at 11 a. m. Rev. Faucett will hold services here the fifth Sunday of the month at the usual hour.

The young people of the neighborhood gathered at the home of Mrs. W. F. Griffin last Sunday, and spent the evening in practicing singing for our Sunday school.

Carlo—one day recently, took his flight to the happy place that knows no pain, care or sorrow. He formerly belonged to J. W. Lawton, but at his death, was the beloved watch dog of C. W. Fraley, of this place.

Little Zoa Griffin in falling a few weeks ago, slightly hurt one of her knees, but nothing serious was thought of at the time. But since then her knee has been getting worse and she is now under the care of Dr. Pickel. We hope the little one will soon recover.

Mrs. J. A. Davis, living far up Griffin creek, being tired of the matrimonial yoke of life, took an abrupt departure from her home one day recently. She was assisted by her friends as far as Talent where she took the train for Red Bluff, Calif., where she has relatives residing.

Derby Items.

BY WILL.

Albert Caton is visiting his brother at Leeds.

Miss Susie Wooley visited at Mr. Allen's Sunday.

Rosa Higinbotham has been ill but is much improved.

Miss Olive Gorden is visiting her parents on Rogue river.

Pete Stowel is assisting John Allen in gathering stock.

Mr. Peyton and family visited at C. Higinbotham's Sunday.

Hay is very poor this year, shocks are about half the usual size.

Miss Belle Smith has been having a serious time with a felon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Stanley have gone to Harney valley to reside.

Born—May 26th, to Mr. and Mrs. John Allen, of Derby, a daughter.

Miss Ella Benson visited friends in Eagle Point Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Nellie Perry is reported seriously ill. Dr. Officer has been called.

Mathews brothers are shipping cattle. They sent off 524 head last week.

Johnny Higinbotham has returned from his east of the mountain's trip.

J. Wrisley and family are visiting Mr. Wrisley's parents near Central Point.

C. F. Wilkerson was among relatives and friends at this place a few days since.

Mrs. W. F. Taggart and Miss Belle Smith were pleasant visitors at Mrs. Wilkerson's.

N. F. Mitchell visited at Leeds last week and stopped with Mr. Derby on his return trip.

The Woodruff sisters are at home again on Union creek. They are expected at Leeds July 4th.

Great preparations are being made for the Fourth at Leeds. Come all and enjoy yourselves.

L. Stutton raised the building Saturday that they will use for dancing. The floor is twenty by sixty.

Mrs. Edmunson has returned home. Her daughter, Ora, will spend some time with her sister at this place.

Born—May 29th, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry French, of Crook county, a son. Mr. French was formerly of Jackson county.

Mrs. J. Wrisley, Mrs. Higinbotham and Mrs. George Gray will

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unite in giving a farewell party to relatives and friends.

W. F. Taggart and wife have come up from Talent. They will visit at Mr. Stuttons' Mrs. Taggart's father, until the Fourth.

Mrs. McKee's nephew and wife from Medford were at the mill Wednesday. They were accompanied on their return trip by Miss Mary McKee.

The little dance at J. F. Ditsworth's was a pleasant social affair. The music by Jack Goodlaw, W. F. Wilkerson and Mrs. Taggart was all right and every one enjoyed themselves.

Among the school visitors this week was our pleasant Superintendent Newbury. He went from here to visit the school in the McKee district, that was opened last Monday by Miss Lutie Birch. Miss Birch and sisters are keeping "bachelors hall" near the school building, and Miss Armetta is attending school.

Evans Creek Events.

BY GENEVA.

The frost injured many gardens here Saturday night.

Born—To the wife of Fred Harding, June 11, 1895, a son.

Mrs. J. W. Robinson, of Wimer, visited with Mrs. Osborn last Sunday.

Clinton Wilcox spent Saturday and Sunday with his father, C. E. Wilcox.

Joshua Neathammer made a flying trip to Jacksonville one day last week.

Hiram Moore, of Sama Valley, has been visiting with Will Hillis for the past week.

Mrs. J. L. Scott shipped some fine strawberries to her boys at Glendale Monday.

Mrs. Speer and Miss Isabel Whitman were the guests of Mrs. T. E. Caily one day recently.

W. S. Bradley and wife are camping this week on the land recently purchased by them.

Mr. Phipps, of Wimer, accompanied by Miss Linnie Robinson and Miss Ida Sherrill, spent Sunday at Sulphur Springs.

Mrs. A. C. Speer, accompanied by her grand-daughter, Miss Isabel Whitman, returned home from Central Point Friday.

Jacksonville News.

Isaac Muller, of Medford, made Jacksonville a flying visit Tuesday.

J. M. Toms, of Steamboat, made Jacksonville a business visit Tuesday.

B. B. Beckman, of Portland, spent a day with his parents here this week.

Clerk N. A. Jacobs and family have returned from a pleasant five days' visit with Medford friends.

Married—In Jacksonville, June 15, 1895, by R. S. Dunlap, J. P., P. Donoghue and Miss Dora V. Gall, of Sams Valley.

Miss Daisy Roberts, of Roseburg, is paying relatives and friends of Rogue river valley a visit. She is the guest of Col. W. J. Martin and wife.

R. S. Dunlap, the very efficient judge of the police court, was visiting at Hornbrook from Sunday to Tuesday, the guest of John Wood and family.

Mrs. J. Numan and daughter, Miss Josie, who have been sojourning in Southern California for several months, returned home this week. The health of the latter is somewhat improved, we are pleased to mention.

Mrs. J. D. Buckley and Mrs. Wm. Ray, of Applegate, attended the closing exercises of St. Mary's academy last Friday. They were accompanied here by their daughters, Katie Buckley and Midge Ray, who were students of the academy.

Mrs. J. M. McCully, and Mrs. E. Kenny returned home Monday from Roseburg, where they attended the pioneer meeting. They were royally entertained during their visit. They report the re-union one of the most pleasant gatherings that they have ever witnessed.

D. A. Jones, of Salem, is spending the week in Jacksonville. This is his first visit here for eight years and he notes many changes among his former associates. His wife and daughter who came out with the intention of remaining for sometime, have decided to accompany Mr. Jones on his return home.

Owen Keegan and daughter, Miss Annie, the Western Union telegraph operator, have gone to St. Paul, Minnesota, to visit relatives, and will remain about three months. Charlie Childs, of Medford, is in charge of the office during Miss Keegan's absence. They were accompanied to Tacoma by Miss Annie and Will Namery, niece and nephew of Mr. Keegan, who have resided here the past year.

Rev. J. R. Rice and wife of Logan Montana, were in Jacksonville from

Thursday to Monday holding street meetings with the exception of Saturday and Sunday evenings when they spoke in the Court House to a full house. Both have good voices for singing and preaching, and hold the attention of the audience from beginning to end. Mr. Rice, better known as "Jedd," was a Jacksonville boy and considered very wild when he resided here, but a wonderful change has come over him and now is one of our most noted men, considering his age. His wife is a very fascinating woman and well educated. They are on their way to Portland where they will remain for sometime.

The closing exercises of the St. Mary's academy were witnessed by a large audience last Friday afternoon. Many invitations had been sent out a few days previous, by the Superioress. The spacious school room was attractively decorated with evergreens and flowers and a number of mottos appropriate for the occasion were upon the walls. There were fourteen members on the program all of which were indicative of thorough instructions and training. Rev. Father Desmaris addressed the audience in his very eloquent and forcible style. There was also an exhibition many pieces of needlework from the plainest sewing to the finest of Kensington stitch. A beautiful collection of botanical specimens of Oregon, a choice number of paintings, literary and musical specimens and other fine arts which are taught only in the academy. The fifteenth anniversary, or Golden Jubilee of the founding of the order of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary, will be celebrated at the mother convent in Montreal, in July and will continue three days, 16th and 18th, inclusive. The exhibit of this convent will be forwarded to that city to make up a part of the jubilee celebration. All were highly pleased with the exercises.

Etna Echoes.

The late frosts did a little damage for some of us.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Ramsey made a trip to the valley one day last week.

Rev. Bryant preached at the Trail creek school house last Sunday.

Mrs. W. A. Houston has been ill, but at the present time is much better.

John Nelson and family were visiting with Mrs. Holton and family last Sunday.

Grandpa and Grandma Lynch went to Medford last Tuesday, returning Wednesday.

Arrangements are being made for a camp meeting on Trail creek, which will begin about July 7th.

Our school, which commenced June 10th, under the management of Miss Helen Holton, is progressing nicely.

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lynch were guests of our efficient postmaster and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Marek.

Misses Helen and Ola Holton have returned home from Medford, where they have been attending school the past year.

Miss Mattie Carter, who is teaching on Trail creek, was compelled to close her school for a few days last week on account of ill health.

Under the directions of our able road supervisor, Carl T. Shyrman, a good road has been opened up Long Beach, from the public road to the Welch saw mill.

Two or three families, relatives of J. R. Morrison, have arrived from Washington. They are stopping with Mr. Morrison while making arrangements for locating.

Rev. A. Buchanan and Mr. N. Lee, from Myrtle Creek, were here a few days ago looking for location. They were quite well pleased with our country, but did not make any definite arrangements, as to locating. Mr. Buchanan is Mrs. Geo. Lynch's father.

The Antioch, Dry creek and Long Branch schools, taught respectively by Miss Hattie Bliss, Miss Allie Carter and Miss Helen Holton, will give a joint picnic next Friday, June 21st, on Rogue river, at the Jackson place. An extensive program has been prepared, and a jolly good time is anticipated.

Sams Valley Items.

Miss Viola Wyland and Mrs. F. Center, of Antelope, are visiting with Mrs. R. C. Craddock this week.

Mrs. L. C. Sisemore, who has been visiting her mother Mrs. J. Orth, of Jacksonville, returned home last Saturday.

Miss Ardilla Gall, who has been attending school at Ashland, returned to her home Tuesday evening to spend her vacation.

Mrs. Anna Engledow was called to Grants Pass, one day last week, to attend her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Kurth, who is quite ill at that place.

The Gold Hill base ball club have

challenged the Sams Valley club for a contest, with a purse of fifteen dollars for the winner, to take place on the Fourth of July.

Miss Lulu Grenniger, of Asbestos, passed through the valley Thursday morning, on her way to Woodville where she will spend the summer with the family of Charles White.

An electric railway from Calistoga to the Napa insane asylum will soon be built.

The annual hostilities between the cattle and sheep men in Wyoming is brewing.

Cut worms are reported to be doing much damage to young tobacco plants in Kentucky.

The reorganization committee of the whisky trust has offered to purchase the plant for \$9,800,000.

The latest California crop reports say that crops throughout the state are in excellent condition.

It is said that rates on the railroads in Missouri and Kansas which were cut some time ago will soon be restored.

In the Las Manzanitas school district of Santa Clara county a trustee has been elected who cannot write his own name.

The Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight is scheduled to take place Oct. 31 at Dallas, Tex. Both men have commenced training.

Three hundred thousand gallons of wine were sold by the sheriff to satisfy a judgment at St. Helena, Cal., the other day.

Advices from Winipeg, Kan., state that serious losses have been caused to cattle and horses by swarms of a peculiar gray fly.

The East River silk mills at Astoria, L. I., have been attached for \$29,000. The treasurer is under arrest charged with forgery.

Governor Clough of Minnesota says that some of the reports telegraphed from his state about the grasshopper invasion were grossly exaggerated.

The western railroads have finally decided that it will be impossible for them to form a passenger association unless they succeed in bringing into the fold a number of the lines which are now standing out.

The late rains in Western Oklahoma have caused the rivers to overflow badly. The Indians, who prophesied a flood, are leaving the low lands and insist that the flood is coming sure.

An Iowa man has been bound over for trial on a charge of defacing silver dollars. He was accustomed to chip off the first "T" in the inscription "In God We Trust."

Eastern manufacturers of shoes are advancing the price of their products. They are compelled to do this by the increased price of leather as a result of the formation of the leather trust.

MR. SLUDGE, THE MEDIUM.

The Post Browning Detected an Imposition on His Wife.

Mr. Frederick Greenwood, in his personal recollections, written for the "Realm," tells the following story: "Everybody who lives with books has heard that Robert Browning's 'Sludge, the Medium,' reflected upon Home, and most people have also heard that the celebrated creature succeeded in bringing Mrs. Browning under his influence completely. But the trick that undeciphered her (we must suppose) is not so well known. It may have got into print, but, if so, I, for one, have never seen it, and tell the story as it was told by Browning himself. Home had been about the Brownings a good deal, knew many people known to them; was, in his tea-party way, an agreeable sort of person; and there were seances here and seances there; 'and,' said the poet, casting a vague look about the room to express his bewilderment, 'I don't know how it was. I did my best, but little by little he gained her over to believing in him; how much to my distress, imagine!' After awhile Home found a yet more excellent way of working on the poor lady's mind. She had lost a little child by death, and her own wishes running out to embrace the promise, he began to hint that someday he would bring the little one's spirit into her presence. But he was slow in performing this promise—naturally; for, otherwise, he would have lost the advantage of an excited expectation, often stimulated and as often baffled. At last an evening was named when the mother's yearning should be satisfied. In the customary way, light was shut out of the room when the three sat down, and the usual rappings and questionings and invocations went on for a time, and then—then the child's spirit was to appear. And, sure enough, there did arise above the edge of the table something that was whiter than the dark, that seemed to have a motion of its own and the luminousness of a living thing, and that might veritably be what poor Mrs. Browning fancied it. But, conscious of her trembling state of mind, her husband was in another-guess sort of passion. 'I suddenly sprang up, dashed my arm across the table, and took hold of—what do you think? The scoundrel's obscene foot!—naked!' The flaming anger in which Browning finished the story—after so many years, too—left no doubt about what happened next to the celebrated medium—Home. He was instantly and literally kicked out of the house; his shoe and stocking after him, no doubt."

Few Saints in New England.

Saints cut only a small figure in the geographical names of New England. They are abundant upon the maps of most of the southern states save Virginia and the Carolinas, and they are to be found scattered over the rest of the country in three or four different languages.

S. CHILDERS' FAIRVIEW ADDITION

Location of Land Lying but a few rods more than one mile to the east of ...Medford, Oregon, Is situated 160 acres of land which is especially adapted to Fruit Growing. This land has recently been placed upon the market and is now offered for sale in tracts of from 2 1/2 to 10 Acres. The name, "Fairview," is given this property because, that being located as it is, on a slight eminence, a view of all parts of Medford and a good portion of the valley can be had from any part of the land. Nearly all of this land has been cleared and has been under cultivation for a number of years. The soil is of an exceptionally fine quality and its adaptability to fruit-growing has been proven. This land will be sold upon the Installment Plan. Payments may be made at \$1.25 per week, \$5 per month or \$15 every quarter, or a liberal discount will be made for all cash purchases. The success attending fruit culture is no longer an experiment. By direct analysis the soil is found to contain all the elements required to produce fruits from the semi-tropical to the hardiest varieties. Over these favorable conditions hangs a climate co-ordinated and adjusted to the nature of the soil. For further information concerning this desirable property call on or address S. CHILDERS, MEDFORD, OREGON.