

OUR COUNTY . . . Correspondents

Eagle Point Eagles.

BY A. C. HOWLETT.
The Eagle Point, July 25th and Mrs. J. E. Stickle.
The Eagle Point, July 25th, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coy.

Nichols and consin, Arthur, started their thresher last week.

His Morine, of Medford, was his brother, George, at this time, on Sunday.

Joseph Rader and Willbert Ashland took a bunch of beef cattle to Ashland last week.

Mrs. C. W. Taylor and family and Miss C. W. Taylor started Monday morning for Dead Indian springs.

Misses Ida Naylor and Millie Howlett, were out this way Sunday, taking their numerous friends.

Geo. H. Adams has sold out his place and is contemplating moving to the Willamette valley in the near future. S. A. Carlton is the purchaser—consideration, \$600.

Miss Etta Griffith, who has been living at Sisson for a few years, returned home last Thursday. She and her sister, Mrs. N. S. Wood, left for the Dead Indian springs Monday.

There is a trial going on today, Monday. J. H. Caton and his son, Freeland, have been charged with assault by Bird Johnson and Neil Gage and son. Will have a jury trial this afternoon. Full particulars next week.

George Heckathorn, wife and daughter and Mrs. Frank Lewis took a trip to Woodville the middle of last week, to visit their daughters and sisters, Mrs. Meagley and Mrs. Simpkins. They report the crop prospect good and everything encouraging.

As Miss Charlotte Willis and one of the young Betts boys were riding on horseback along in the Mathews lane Sunday afternoon her horse shied off and Miss Charlotte was precipitated to the ground, but fortunately she lit on her feet still holding to her horse, which tried to get away but the plucky lady held on until Mr. Betts came to her relief. No injuries sustained.

A couple of weeks ago there was a fire at the Burnett place which together with destroying the barn and its contents came near burning some children which were sleeping in the barn. The fire caught from a piece of burning pitch thrown in to the hay by one of the children. Had it not been for the presence of mind of Mrs. Burnett some of the children would surely have been cremated.

Last Saturday evening Mrs. Howlett and myself took a trip to Central Point to hear that noted, silver tongued orator, Hon. John Jeffrey, speak—the first time we have heard him—and attend the ice-cream festival. There was a houseful to greet him. He spoke for fifty-five minutes and if he is as good an attorney as he is an orator he will make his mark in the courts of our state.

On Tuesday of last week E. H. Lewis and son launched a boat they had made for Mr. Cirkland to be used in his business as fisherman. They have contracted to build another, a larger one, and Cirkland intends to put an engine in it and have it for a pleasure boat for parties that wish to indulge in that kind of diversion. The boat is to run on Rogue river near the Bybee bridge.

Table Rock Items.

Hon. S. M. Nealon visited Central Point and Medford Saturday.

Mrs. Drum has been marketing blackberries in Central Point for a week or more.

Mr. Marquis, ex-foreman of Bybee's farm here, is out east on a fishing trip with his family.

Bert Nichols has returned from a trip east of the mountains. He reports everything very dry out in that country.

Mrs. Welch and Mrs. Pickens, of Central Point, were visiting friends here the latter part of the week and securing blackberries of Mr. Nichols.

Miss Kate Hansen, with her friend, Miss Newbert, of San Francisco, came down from Ashland last Monday to visit her parents and have a little outing.

B. Vincent and family talk of moving east of the mountains to spend a year. Mr. Vincent has been in poor health for a long time, and it is to be hoped that the change will work wonders for his benefit.

Carpenters are busy now getting

timbers ready for laying new stringers on the Bybee bridge across Rogue river. It will take about a week to complete the work and for a number of days the bridge will be impassable.

S. P. Gardner, of the Fort Klamath creamery, stopped on his way home to get some blooded horses that have been on pasture here. Mr. G. thinks someone would make a big hit if they would start a creamery in some central location in this valley.

A basket meeting will be held at or near the Table Rock school house next Sunday, August 4th. Everybody cordially invited to come and bring their basket and enjoy a few hours in some of our shady groves. Rev. Mr. Kennedy, of Central Point, will conduct the services.

J. C. P.

Evans Creek Events.

BY GENEVA.

Fred Witt has moved into his new home.

W. L. Badly has been quite ill for several days.

Elmer Anthony and wife were in Grants Pass Saturday.

Everett Sherill and W. K. Engle-due are building a new barn for Mr. Watts.

Mrs. Helen Harding left Monday morning for a visit to her folks in Central Point.

Clarence Pressly has been considerably under the weather for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Scott and Henry Laws and wife spent Sunday with Mrs. Sid Myers.

Mrs. Wm. Herriot, who has been visiting friends on Applegate has returned to her home.

The young people are getting ready for the dance in the Woodville hotel, to be given Friday night.

F. B. Ketchum and W. S. Eachus are working on Gid Wilcox's new hotel. They think it will be completed in about three weeks.

Mrs. A. C. Sheer is in Central Point caring for her daughter, Mrs. A. A. Whitman, who was thrown from a buggy and quite seriously injured one day last week.

Central Point Items.

Dennis Dungan, of Sams Valley, was here Tuesday.

Dr. E. B. Pickel, of Medford, was in our city Monday.

Born, July 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Leever, a daughter.

Abraham Crabtree, of Gold Hill, spent a day here last week.

Bert Engledow, of Jacksonville, spent Saturday in our city.

Miss Julia Martin made friends at Medford a visit last Sunday.

W. H. Smecker, of Jacksonville, spent Tuesday here on business.

Miss Anna Applegate, of Drain, is paying relatives of this place a visit.

G. D. Stanley, formerly of this place, is now a resident of Silver Lake.

The Tolo Mining company have shut down their quartz mine for the present.

Wm. Russle, of Gold Hill, was delivering raspberries to his many customers here last week.

D. Cranfill and Oscar Williams returned home last week from an extended visit through Klamath county.

Mrs. A. A. Whitman is inspiring from the injuries sustained recently, mention of which was made in last week's MAIL.

Prof. L. L. Freeman and family and Mrs. M. Ercanbrack, who have been spending the hot days at Colestin, returned home last week.

Hon. J. A. Jeffrey made an interesting speech here last Saturday night on the "Political outlook," after which ice cream was served. The proceeds were applied to pay off a debt against the Baptist church.

Honeyman, DeHart and Buchanan, accompanied by W. E. Coul, started from here on Monday to Klamath and Lake counties to make a close examination of the country with a view of deciding

on the extension of the R. R. V. R. R. through that part of the state.

Derby Items.

BY WILL.

(Received too late for last week.)

Mr. Wilkinson and family visited at John Allen's Sunday.

Mrs. Fort. Hubbard and baby have returned to Medford.

Jas. Young and family have moved to the coast to locate.

A number of fishing and outing parties are camping in this locality.

Miss Addie Watkins visited friends at Derby, a few days since.

L. Newton and son, Percy, of Central Point, were at the mill Tuesday.

Mrs. John Allen and infant child have been seriously ill, but are now much improved.

Miss Belle Smith is recovering from an attack of remittant fever. She is not yet able to be about.

A. B. Chartraw and family have been spending a few days in the "Hub" getting photos taken and visiting relatives.

G. Grossman is putting in the new wheel at Mr. Kee's mill. Mr. Kee will soon be prepared to send out more first-class lumber.

A picnic party went to the blackberry patch, six miles above the mill, Sunday last. The berries are not yet ripe enough for use.

Miss Mary McKee visited Rosa Higginbotham Sunday. Miss McKee expects to go over on Applegate in a few days. She has relatives at that place.

A subscription taken for Mrs. Sullivan amounting to \$25, was readily gotten up and the medicine for the old lady has been sent for. Mrs. Sullivan will be benefited by it. At present she is feeling somewhat better.

Sardine Creek Items.

BY BOURGEOIS.

Jim Smith was doing business at Medford last week.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Beeman a blooming girl baby, on July 25.

Ralph Darling, of Gold Hill, paid his many friends a visit Sunday.

J. Hays, of Rock Point, made a flying trip to the quartz mill Friday.

Tom Griffith, the gardener, spent Saturday and Sunday in Gold Hill.

The party Wednesday evening was well attended and every one enjoyed themselves.

Mr. Ceyder and family, of Gold Hill, took the benefit of the Sardine sulphur water Sunday.

Miss Hattie Vrooman, of Gold Hill, is back again with her Sardine friends for a short time.

Dr. Vrooman returned Saturday evening from a two weeks' trip in Josephine county supplying his many customers with Dr. Ward's remedies.

Mrs. Smith and Nellie Hudson had a runaway last week, demolishing the vehicle and bruising the ladies so badly they were unable to get home.

Kanes Creek Items.

BY SINE DIE.

Mrs. Way, of this place, has been spending several days of late visiting her sister, Mrs. Roten.

Miss Annie Knotts and Mrs. Perry Knotts, spent last Sunday as the guests of Mrs. Ellis of this place.

Robert Swinden and family, John Knotts and Miss Annie Knotts, will leave Wednesday for Roseburg, to be absent some two or three months.

Mrs. Brown and daughter, Mrs. Stutton spent last Sunday visiting the family of Mr. Darling—who has an abundant crop of fine early peaches.

John Hammersly, who has been visiting at this place with relatives and friends, will leave soon for California to be absent for an indefinite length of time.

Mrs. Nellie Darling and son, Bert, contemplate starting soon for Crater lake, to be gone for several weeks. They go with Mr. and Mrs. Chapel's family, of Medford.

Brownsboro Items.

BY REBECCA.

Vint. Bell, of Central Point, was up in our country on a business trip recently.

Henry Maury, of Jacksonville, and Jess Neff, of Central Point, were up this way recently.

Al Helms and family, of Grants Pass, accompanied by friends, made us a friendly call on the 22nd. They are on a trip to the McAllister springs.

J. A. Stewart and wife, of Medford, made a pleasant and appreciated call on relatives, Mrs. James Bell and family, of Brownsboro, on the 23rd. They, too, were on a trip our celebrated springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Cool Gear had the sad misfortune to lose their little daughter, a bright, promising babe, with whooping cough, on July 11,

1895. The bereaved family have the kindest sympathy of many friends.

Messrs. Ewell and McFarland have opened blacksmith and wagon-maker's shop in town. They are prepared to do good work and wish the gentlemen success and believe they will give general satisfaction to the public.

Jacksonville News.

T. K. Roberts, of the Gold Hill Miner, was here Sunday.

Miss Anna Gilbert, of Medford, is visiting friends here, the guest of Miss Carrie Kent.

Capt. Nash of Medford, one of that city's business men, spent Sunday afternoon in Jacksonville.

Mrs. J. Nunan and family will leave Aug. 1st for a months sojourn at the Dead Indian soda springs.

Miss Ella Krouse left Sunday for San Leandro, Cal., and will become a student of Mills seminary.

Robert Bybee, who has been absent in Eastern Oregon for the past eighteen months, has returned home.

Rev. Father Stravens, of Eugene, spent Monday with Rev. L. P. Desmarais. He left on Tuesday's train for San Francisco for a vacation.

Miss Fannie Knowles, who has been in Salt Lake City for the past five years, returned to Jacksonville Monday to visit her father and sisters.

George M. Love and family, Misses Mollie Miller, Helen Colvig and Prof. Horton and wife will leave next week for an outing at Crescent City.

Oscar Holt, of Washington, a brother of Mrs. W. B. Moore, and Victor Holt, of Talent, were here Sunday, the guests of Rev. W. B. Moore.

J. F. White and family drove to Grants Pass Monday. Mr. White is interested in the extension of the R. R. Telephone line from Central Point to Grants Pass and has men engaged setting the poles.

Chas. Nickel, Mrs. W. J. Plymale and E. V. Carter have been appointed as a committee to arrange a program for Southern Oregon day at the state fair at Salem October 3rd. This will be an excellent opportunity to show off this grand and beautiful Rogue river valley.

Monday morning as W. H. Grimes and W. C. Engledow and several other men were attempting to move the large wheel of Beekman & Huffer's quartz mill from a flat car to a wagon the wheel became over balanced and fell on Mr. Engledow. It struck him on the right side almost breaking his back. Mr. Grimes, in trying to save Mr. Engledow from receiving the blow, had his arm badly sprained. Mr. Engledow was carried home and medical assistance procured. No bones were broken but he received a severe shock and it will be some time before he will be able to leave his room. Mr. Engledow is a member of the Ashland K. of P. lodge and they have instructed Sheriff Patterson to procure all needed assistance.

Etna Echoes.

Hay harvest is over in this vicinity.

Wild blackberries are quite plentiful in the mountains near here.

George Lynch is hauling lumber from Welch's mill for fencing purposes.

O. Holtan, the Medford tailor, was up here last week looking after the hay crop on his mountain ranch.

Dan Foellers is preparing to build himself a new residence. L. J. Marks is hauling the lumber for it from Welch's mill.

Mr. Gentry, recently from North Carolina, is here for his health. He is stopping at the Holtan farm, and under the invigorating influence of good spring water and fresh mountain air, his health is rapidly improving.

Picnic in Morton School District.

A very enjoyable picnic was held in Morton school district, east of Medford, on Friday, July 26th. Quite an extensive programme was given by the school, which was pronounced first class by all present. Among the visitors from a distance were Prof. and Mrs. VanScyoc, of Ashland, Mr. Head and Miss Bessie Earhart, of Medford. A basket dinner was partaken of in old fashioned picnic style which was—simply immense. In addition to the programme given by the scholars, two songs were given by Mr. Head, of Medford, which added considerably to the enjoyment of the day, also a short speech by Pro. VanScyoc which delighted every one. An elderly gentleman was heard to say that Prof. VanScyoc was a born orator. Perfect harmony prevailed through the entire day and every one enjoyed themselves. Much credit is due to the effort of the teacher, Miss May Earhart, in preparing the scholars for the occasion.

Cheap Cannery Horses.

From the East Oregonian.

Judge Switzler commenced last week delivering the big band of horses he has sold to the Portland horse meat canning company. He has sold his entire band, and the number will run from 5000 to 6000. Mr. Switzler does not know just how many horses he has lost. There may be 5000 and there may be 7000, but he thinks there are between 5000 and 6000. Last week 3000 were swum across the Columbia river for loading on the train on this side. He will bring over a bunch every few days until all have been delivered. The average price he received for the entire band is about \$3 per head. The horses are in very fair condition, and will doubtless cut up into juicy steak. It is alleged that already restaurant keepers in Portland are serving horse steaks, though not one can be found who will admit he has done so or ever will do so.

HAD FAST TRAINS EVEN THEN.

High Speed at Which the Expresses Traveled Fifty Years Ago.

If anybody were asked what comparison exists between the speed of railroad trains now and fifty years ago he would probably say that hardly any can be made.

The difference, however, is far less than is generally supposed. In May, 1848, the Great Western railway engine Great Britain was driven by Engineer Almond from Paddington to Didcot, fifty-three miles, in forty-seven minutes, starting and stopping. When we consider that the brakes in those days were very crude this is pretty fast traveling.

Nor was this done once, but repeatedly. The broad-gauge expresses are frequently timed at the rate of a mile in forty-eight seconds, or seventy-five miles an hour, and even a higher maximum was attained for short distances.

The Bradshaw for 1848 shows that the morning express was timed to leave Paddington at 9:50 o'clock and start again from Didcot at 10:47. Allowing four minutes for the stop at Didcot the train must have been officially timed at a mile a minute.

The railway records show that the train often arrived under time.

These facts should silence a great many persons who prate about the phenomenal progress recently made in railroad matters in general and rapid transit in particular.

MAKING THE BEST OF IT.

A Chinese Paper's Method of Reporting a Victory by the Japs.

After the Chinese defeat at Kaiping December 20 the Shen-pao, an influential Peking journal, published the fol-

lowing:

"A Cheefoo scholar writes us that an important battle has just occurred at Kaiping. An overwhelming army of Japanese made a cowardly attack upon the fearless Gen. Sung-Ching, thinking to take him unawares. But that great soldier is always vigilant and routed his foes with great slaughter, killing over three thousand and driving the rest back thirty-five miles without losing over ten men himself. Evening coming on and everyone being tired from the hard labor of the day, Gen. Sung thoughtfully ordered all his men to lie down and rest, while he slept likewise. He had not been in bed more than an hour or two when he was disturbed by the Japanese, who, contrary to all usages of war, again assailed his camp. He was naturally indignant and ordered a lieutenant to drive the wretches away so that he could finish his slumbers. The officer did the best he could, but, being wounded and his troops being panic-stricken by the cold, he and his men turned and retreated, being pursued by the Japanese. This turned the camp into great disorder and resulted in deep unhappiness. Gen. Sung perceived this and ordered a retreat at full speed. His forces quickly outmarched the enemy, so that at morning the whereabouts of the Japanese was unknown, from which it is inferred that they had fled. While the tents, guns and ammunition were left behind, the banners, flags and umbrellas were all safely brought away. Gen. Sung, in view of the urgency of the situation, has applied to Peking for fifty thousand reinforcements."

No Use for Soap.

A soap dealer who should open an agency in China would lose money. In many parts of China the children wear no clothes for many months in the year, and the majority of the people never wash. "Do you wash your child every day?" a Chinese mother was asked. "Wash him every day!" was the indignant response; "he was never washed since he was born!"

Do you know, if you want to go east and desire a Pullman tourist sleeper, that you will be detained from twelve to sixteen hours unless you take the Northern Pacific? Remember that the Northern Pacific is the only line running Pullman tourist sleepers through the east without delay. Time and money saved by this route. For full information, time cards, maps, etc., call on or address C. C. Belknap, Medford, Oregon.

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