

**OUR COUNTY . . .**  
**Correspondents**

**Lake Creek Items of Interest.**

Mrs. M. L. Hanley is visiting friends and relatives in Jacksonville.  
Mrs. Alberts, of Central Point, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peck.

J. Hanley accompanied by his wife came to Lake Creek last week on a hunting expedition.

Miss Elsie Nichols is visiting Mrs. Ellen Nichols, one of the teachers of the Central Point schools.

M. L. Hanley and J. W. Slinger left one day recently for the Hanley ranch near Jacksonville with a band of one-hundred head of cattle.

Our school, under the management of G. H. Samuels gave a grand entertainment at the Lake Creek hall Friday, October 25th. The pupils were well trained and executed their parts in a most creditable manner. The large hall was crowded with the many friends and patrons of the school and all were greatly pleased with the exercises of the evening. The pupils and teachers received the congratulations of all who attended.

Following is the program of the evening:

- Recitation.....Trio
- Dialogue.....Sinda Nichols
- Tableaux.....Demons of the Glass
- .....First Lesson
- Recitation.....Henry Thumberg
- Dialogue.....J. Sedley and H. Frey
- Tableaux.....Sleeping Beauty
- Instrumental music.....E. Hutchins
- Dialogue.....Squire Fuller's Hired Hands
- Recitation.....Maud Thumberg
- Tableaux.....After the Ball
- Instrumental music.....Mr. Hutchins
- Recitation.....Martha Richter
- Tableaux.....English Woman's Wash Day
- Instrumental music.....E. Hutchins
- Dialogue.....Mike Donovan's Courtship

After the above program was duly rendered the seats were removed and dancing was the order until one o'clock, when a splendid supper was served. After supper dancing was resumed until an early hour in the morning.

**Central Point Items.**

Alonzo Castro, of Canyonville, spent Friday here.

Mr. Harmon, of Kubli, is spending the week here.

Wm. McDonald, of Tolo, attended church here Sunday.

Mr. See and wife, of Kubli, visited friends here last week.

Elder J. Merley and wife attended church at Talent Sunday.

T. J. Kelson, of Etna, was here a couple of days last week.

Chas. Basye and wife of Jacksonville, spent Monday in our city.

S. W. McClendon has sold his drug store to Dr. Alex. Patterson.

Elder Jones, presiding elder of the M. E. church, was here on Sunday.

N. A. Young, of Eagle Point, spent several days here during the week.

John Sizemore, who has been visiting his old home in Kentucky, has returned.

Elder Buchanan and wife, of Applegate, spent a couple of days here last week.

Miss Stella Stidham, who is teaching in the Drake district, spent Sunday at home.

Elder A. J. Stevens, of Talent, preached Elder Thos. Moore's funeral sermon here last Sunday.

C. Gilchrist, late of Portland, has bought the building formerly occupied by H. H. Clark, and is keeping flour and feed for sale.

McElwarts, late of Palouse, Washington, has become a resident of our city and is more than pleased with our country—says we have no hard times here.

**Griffin Creek Gatherings.**

**BY OCCASIONAL.**

Miss Anna Fry spent a few days last week visiting friends in Medford.

Miss Abbie Griffin, of Woodville, is visiting her aunt, Miss Alta Naylor, of this place.

Messrs. J. McPherson and Willis Griffin made a business trip to Ashland Tuesday.

The farmers are rejoicing over the rain as the plows will be able to start in a few days.

Miss Eva Randles has gone to Medford to spend the winter with her cousin, J. Randles and wife.

Robert Lawton, of Medford, has been farming the past few weeks on his father's Crooked creek ranch.

Deputy Sheriff Barnes, of Jacksonville, made this place an official visit on Wednesday, of last week.

Mrs. Guches, of this place, paid a visit to her daughter Mrs. G. W. Priddy, of Medford, a few days last week.

A. N. Solias, of Jacksonville, made Crooked creek a visit Wednesday combining business with pleasure.

Messrs. A. W. McPherson, of this place, and Elmer Faucett, of Med-

ford took a load of fruit to Klamath county last week.

N. Kime has purchased twenty acres of improved land on the west side of G. W. Bashford's place, and has moved his family there for the winter.

L. A. Murphy has returned from Prospect and is taking advantage of the good roads by hauling wood to Medford. He expects to remain here until the rainy season sets in.

**Eagle Point Eaglets.**

**BY A. C. HOWLETT.**

Mrs. Geo. Morine and a child of J. E. Stickles are reported sick by Dr. Officer.

Mr. Hencercartd, who has been living on the J. S. Fryer farm, has moved to Tolo.

G. W. Berton, of Ashland precinct, has been the guest of the Simon family for the past week.

John Sizemore, one of our pioneers, is reported back from his visit to his old Kentucky home.

Rev. L. L. Grover and Joseph Riley, who have been mining on Steamboat, returned to Eagle Point Saturday.

A. C. Howlett will preach at the Bettz school house, on Reese creek, the fourth Sunday in November, at 11 a. m.

Our school directors have engaged the services of our present teacher, P. H. Dailey, for two months longer.

Mrs. J. B. Saltmarsh accompanied by her grandson was visiting her father, A. Pool, at this place Friday of last week.

The school house, in Rogue river district, has been completed. The young folks intended to christen it last Saturday night with a social dance.

Mr. Whippley, of Prospect, a son of the late Thomas Whippley, was in town, on Thursday of last week, on business with A. J. Florey, notary public.

On account of the scarlet fever our school has been slumily attended during the past week. Every precaution is taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

There are two cases of scarlet fever reported in our town, two of Rev. Wood's children, and they are in a fair way to recovery. Dr. Officer reports the cases in S. A. Carlton's family doing well.

The report that Mrs. Gordon, living in Flounce Rock precinct, was very low with congestive chill is a mistake—it proves to be a nervous chill only and she is getting along as well as her advanced age will permit.

Miss Cecelia Brown, daughter of one of our merchants, Geo. Brown, returned home from Portland Saturday, where she has been stopping for several months past. She was accompanied by Mr. Eddy, one of the railroad commissioners, and wife.

Prof. Rigby, of the Medford Business college lectured here Saturday night on the subject of astronomy. His audience was small on account of failure to make the announcement. It should have been put in THE MAIL and then it would have been generally known.

The Lewis brothers living near the mouth of Little Butte lost three head of cattle last week with a disease called the mad itch, supposed to have been caused by the cattle eating the leavings of the fattening hogs—eating the ends of the ears of corn that the hogs had slobbered on. The cattle were taken with an eruption of the skin about the head and neck, and commenced scratching with the hind feet and then rubbing against trees or fences until they tear the flesh off to the bone. They are said to be very dangerous while in that condition as they will attack any one they can reach.

Died—Mrs. Mary A. Willisroft, the beloved wife of John Willisroft, at her home near Eagle Point, on Sunday, November 10, at 11 o'clock p. m. Mrs. Willisroft, nee Miss Mary A. McLaughlin, was born in Wallace township, province of Ontario, Canada, in 1855. She was married to John Willisroft in

1875, and removed from Paisley, Canada, where her parents then resided, with her husband to St. Paul, Nebraska. They lived there about six years, and from there removed to Watertown, S. D., and then in the fall of '89 they came to Eagle Point where they have since resided. Mrs. Willisroft was a respected member of the Presbyterian church of Eagle Point. She was greatly devoted to her family and leaves for them the memory of a faithful life. She leaves seven children, the youngest a babe but a few days old. The husband and family have the sympathy of the entire community.

**A RUSSIAN ROMANCE.**

**A Touching Story of Nihilism, Love and Devotion.**

In the blind asylum at Steglitz, a short distance from Berlin, there lives a man who until recently was as mysterious a personage as the famous "Man of the Iron Mask." Certain persons high in authority made application for apartments at the asylum which should be worthy of a wealthy occupant. He appeared a short time after, accompanied by a beautiful woman, who was addressed as his wife. The man was tall and well made, and dressed in the height of fashion, with hands that betokened gentility of birth. The woman was young and aristocratic in looks and bearing. About the face of the man was a linen mask, with an opening opposite the mouth and nostrils, which was never removed in the presence of attendants. He sat in a dark room, to which the servants were rarely admitted, and conversed with few. His food was given to his wife, and the inmates of the asylum knew nothing of their name and history further than the fact that they were from Russia. Rumors were rife, as was natural, and many ingenious stories constructed to account for the strange imprisonment. But the mystery has at last been solved, and the "Man of the Linen Mask" proved to be the hero of a strange and touching tale.

A year before the death of the late Czar of Russia, although the scion of a high and mighty family, the young nobleman, like so many of his class, became interested in the trials and hopes of the nihilists. Time and association made him one of their ardent sympathizers and assistants. When the murder of the Emperor was planned, unfortunately the execution of the dreadful deed fell to him. The news staggered him. His oath bound him to the nihilists, his family ties to the Czar. Thoughts of his people and the attendant disgrace influenced him and finally deterred him; he refused to commit the crime. A year passed by. Another revolutionist had thrown the bomb which he had declined to do, and Alexander was dead. He had forgotten almost that he had been a nihilist, but not so those whom he had forsaken. Passing along one of the principal streets of St. Petersburg, when about to greet a woman on the opposite side, something was dashed into his eyes, and in a moment the light of day had gone. His mouth was deformed, his cheeks burned and disfigured. It was the work of a nihilist, before whose modern inquisition he had performed the work. Mad with pain, he was taken home, but the injury was beyond reparation, and the doctor's aid in vain. The Government had confiscated his estates upon learning of his revolutionary sympathies, but restored them in part when informed of the fate which had overtaken him. The mask was placed upon his head, for he was unpleasant to look upon.

But the heroism of one woman was shown, the heroism of his fiancée. She was a Countess and the daughter of a house as famous and powerful in Russia as was his own. She was heart-broken when told of the fateful act, and the meeting between the lovers was touching in the extreme. With sorrowful heart he offered to break the engagement and make her free again. But the brave woman refused and declared that she would remain with him till death took her away. And they were married in the little church on the old estate, attended by their relatives and friends. And on their wedding day they started for the blind asylum in Steglitz, where they had hopes of restoring the poor man's sight. And here his wife attends him with unflinching devotion and prays for the day when the afflicted nobleman can again look upon her face.—Berliner Cor. N. Y. Tribune.

**An Applied Biblical Story.**

A little boy laid his stick of candy on the mantel while he buttoned his shoes. His sister, seeing it, walked around the room, reaching the candy as she passed, and castily ate it. When her brother had finished buttoning his shoes and reached for it, lo! it was gone. "You have my candy, miss; give it to me," he cried. "Brother," she answered, "if you ever eat that candy you will have to be the whale and I'll have to be Jonah."—Babyhood.

—It is a truth in medicine the smallest dose that performs a cure is the best. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the smallest pills, will perform a cure, and are the best. Geo. H. Haskins, druggist.

—Parties having property to sell or trade are asked to call on W. T. York before listing it.

—Mining deeds—at THE MAIL office  
—Legal blanks at THE MAIL office

**HAD A RAT-TRAP.**

**But He Made a Mistake in Waking Up a Passenger.**

It was on one of the Sound steamers coming down the other day. A man of middle age and much dignity had fallen asleep in his rocking-chair on the promenade deck, when he was approached by a sharp-nosed, hawk-eyed man of forty, who had a parcel in his hand.

"Hey—you!" he exclaimed, as he slapped the sleeping man on the shoulder.

"Sir! How dare you?" sternly demanded the latter, as he roused up.

"I haven't done any thing that I can be sent to State prison for, have I?"

"What is your business with me, sir?"

"That's better. That's coming to the point. Let me draw up a chair and take it easy as we chat. You told me at Stonington that you thought you would order twelve dozen as a starter. Suppose you double the order and take ten per cent. discount?"

"Sir, what are you talking about, and who do you take me for?" demanded the man.

"Your name is—Faxon—firm of Faxon & Brown, dealers in hardware, isn't it?"

"No, sir!"

"What! Why, I'd bet a farm agit a wheel-barrow that it was! Didn't we have a conversation at Stonington?"

"No, sir!"

"Didn't I show you my centennial rat-trap and exhibit its workings?"

"No, sir!"

"Didn't demonstrate the fact that it would catch and hold any thing from a mouse to a raccoon, and that the public was bound to buy millions of 'em?"

"Sir! Do you intend to insult me?" shouted the other.

"Not for Joseph. I never insulted nobody. It's curious if I have made a mistake. Didn't you spend half an hour yesterday investigating my anti-friction, double leverage, anti-cogless centennial rat-trap, warranted to clean out a whole county of rats, mice, chipmunks, gophers and rabbits inside of ten days, or no pay?"

"No, sir! No, sir!"

"Well, that's queer! I'd take my affidavit it was you. And you didn't order twelve dozen, to be shipped the first of the week?"

"Never! You ought to have more sense and manne's, sir! Go away about your business!"

"My business is to sell the centennial rat-trap—only thing ever invented to entice rats without bait; nondescript machinery to get out of order; no cost for steam power to run it. If I have made a mistake I beg your pardon."

"Then go away, sir—go away before I forget my position and do you injury!"

"You wouldn't injure a feller for wanting to sell you a rat-trap which lays over all other inventions in America, would you? If you ain't the man who ordered the twelve dozen, you may want to give me an order just the same. I will show you how it works."

"No, you won't! Go away, sir—go, or I'll do you harm! You are the most impudent rascal I've met in a year!"

"And you won't look at my trap?"

"No, sir!"

"And you want me to leave you in solitude?"

"At once, sir!"

"Well, I'll do it. Some folks force their inventions upon the public. That ain't my style. My centennial rat-trap speaks for itself. I go, sir; but I leave my card. Peruse it at your leisure. All mail will reach me promptly at that address. Send you a dozen on trial, or give you a discount of five per cent. on all over three dozen. Send in your orders as early as possible, as the season is forward. Au revoir, sir."—N. Y. Sun.

**REWARDS OF INVENTORS.**

Fortunes Realized from the Barbed Wire and Grain Binder Patents.  
The ups and downs of inventors are remarkable, especially the ups, says W. H. Omer in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. While acting as a patent solicitor several instances came to my notice. The barbed wire patents, which have netted fortunes to their owners, have an interesting history. The first patents were issued to a man named Kelly, living down East. About two years later a farmer at De Kalb, Ill., conceived the idea of keeping his unruly cattle in the pasture by putting short bars of wire and then twisting it with a plain wire. This is known in the market as Glidden wire, being named after its inventor, Joseph H. Glidden. One day while he was experimenting with it a neighbor going by shouted: "Joe, you better be out harrerin' in your oats instead of foolin' away your time with patents." Glidden thought otherwise, and in less than two years received a bonus of \$60,000, with the guarantee of a royalty on all made under his patents. For the year 1881 his royalties exceeded \$174,000. The Appleby grain-binder, which, in being perfected, bankrupted the owners, Appleby, Parker, Stone and Bishop, by a loss of \$82,000, eventually came to the surface with \$150,000 for each of the owners, while its present owners have realized over \$1,000,000. In this record, however, the fact should not be lost sight of that hundreds of inventors in this and other lines have wasted the best years of their lives, and as many capitalists have witnessed the fading of their last dollar in schemes that never "panned."

**SCRAPS OF GOOD THINGS.**

A WOMAN seventy years old, who lives on the island of Monhegan, Me., has never seen a horse.

AN Atchinson man has had the pleasure of reading his own obituary notice. He wrote it himself, and has laid it aside, to be published after his death.

AN Indianapolis man has constructed a bicycle of steel tubing and aluminum, which, though exceptionally light, is claimed to be practically unbreakable.

**A WIDE RANGE.**

ACCORDING to the Baltimore American Baltimore has not had a bank failure for fifty-seven years.

THE giant Galabra, brought from Arabia to Rome during the reign of Claudius Caesar, was ten feet high.

THE first steam engine of which there is any history was the *Asiopolio* of Hero, exhibited in the Serapeum of Alexandria, 150 B. C.

SAN FRANCISCO resembles London somewhat. It has a fog almost every afternoon and the wind blows in from the ocean at a high rate.

ICEBERGS have been seen in the Antarctic ocean which rose 400, 700 and even 1,000 feet above the water, and were from three to five miles in length.

A SCIENTIFIC journal states that a little sugar put on the hands with soap will greatly increase its lather and cleansing power, and will remove dirt, chemical stains, etc.

—House and lot for sale. Inquire at this office.

**The German Maid-Servant.**

The German servant-maid receives from \$20 to \$70 a year in wages. The girl who gets the maximum wages is expected to do an enormous amount of work. She is often the only servant in a family of seven or eight. She rises at five o'clock and blacks the boots of all the members of the family. She prepares the light breakfast and serves it. She polishes all the brass and bronze in the house, scrubs the corridors, the front steps and the walks before the house on her hands and knees. She carries big loads of coal from the basement to the third and fourth stories. She sweeps the rooms, makes all the beds and washes and scrubs every pot, kettle and pan in the kitchen till it reflects her stolid face. She goes to market with her mistress and a big basket, and returns loaded down like a mule with vegetables, meat and earthenware. She does errands all over the city gratuitously for the family and for a couple of cents for its guests. She frequently sleeps in a room smaller than an American wardrobe and without means of ventilation. In fact, so many abuses in lodging servants prevailed in Berlin that city ordinances some time ago prescribing size of apartments in which be quartered.

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