

OUR COUNTY . . .

Correspondents

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—All correspondents are requested to write on one side of the paper only. This will prevent our re-writing the matter written on the reverse pages, which must invariably be done, and will also prevent many interesting items from being entirely overlooked. Correspondents who are short on supplies should notify this office, and we will promptly furnish what is needed.]

Eagle Point Eagles.

BY A. C. HOWLETT.

Mrs. Giggay, of Table Rock was here last Sunday visiting the family of Mr. Hubbs.

D. T. Evans, one of our prominent farmers, was doing business in Medford on Monday.

Mrs. Kingle, of Chimney Rock precinct, was visiting the family of Geo. Morine last week.

Rev. Moomaw is building on the tract of land he purchased near Eagle Point and is getting ready to move there.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddy, (R. R. commissioner) who have been visiting friends here for some time, returned to Portland Saturday.

Miss Cecelia Brown, who returned from Portland a short time ago, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. Holmes, of Central Point.

Mr. Spooner, of British Columbia, who has been the guest of Mrs. M. A. Taylor, for some time past, returned to his home last Monday.

James Hart started for Medford on Tuesday of last week when his horse was taken sick on the road and he was unable to make the trip.

On Monday of last week Miss Sophia Simonds, of this place, was in Medford interviewing the merchants. She was accompanied by Miss Ella Benson, who has been her guest for some time past.

A short time ago Mrs. Griffith and her two daughters, Miss Etha and Mrs. M. S. Wood, and five others were riding in a hack on the Rogue river road and as they were passing over a rough piece of road Miss Etha was thrown out and rendered senseless for a short time. While her mother and sister were working to revive her she gasped out, "don't tell Howlett."

Owing to that long sticky lane between here and Medford the travel now has to go by the way of the Ish pasture through a series of gates and there is one that leads into the county road to Medford that is not in a good condition. One of most enterprising farmers on Sticky suggested the other day that a subscription be raised to put in a new gate. If the parties to whom the place belongs will kindly let us pass through his premises we might afford to contribute toward so laudable an enterprise. Some one put the ball in motion.

Central Point Items.

Dr. Pickel, of Medford, was here Monday.

Ex Sheriff Jacobs spent Monday in Medford.

Mrs. Booth Lee has been quite ill the past week.

Mrs. Lee Vincent, of Table Rock, was here on Monday.

Frank Hubbs, of Sams Valley, was here on Tuesday.

Mrs. J. C. Hall made Medford friends a visit on Monday.

The school children will give an entertainment here Christmas.

Wm. Gregory and wife started Saturday for Los Angeles to visit relatives.

J. B. Williams will begin development work on his ledge on Sardine creek this week.

Arthur and Joe Boswell are now employed in Dr. Hinkle's North Star ledge on Sardine creek.

Mrs. Reynolds, who went to Marysville, California, for her health, was improving the last time she wrote to her children here.

The many friends of Rev. G. M. Whiting will learn of his sudden death of heart disease, at his home in Eugene city Dec. 5th, with sincere regret.

Phoenix Shavings.

BY PODONY

Mrs. Beardsley is ill with throat trouble.

J. H. Langston and son were over visiting friends in the Burg this week.

Theo. Eagle contemplates starting to Chicago next month to be absent a short time.

Mr. Clements has been very ill, but is improving so as to be able to get up to the postoffice again.

There is a good deal of sickness of one kind and another around now, but no contagious reported.

Mr. Wyley's family is getting better. Mrs. Wyley is up and around after a three months' illness.

Bert Hukill was brought home from Medford last week. Bert has had a long siege of it, and his

friends are hoping for his early recovery.

Justin Morton, father of our James, has been quite ill at the home of his son, but is improving somewhat.

Warren Howard is sick with pleurisy in the side. It is an old complaint troubling him when he has a cold.

Messrs. Barr, Beardsley and Wright have returned from their hunt. They were not very successful—nothing but a coyote.

Cap Dunlap contemplates putting a quartz mill near Polo at his mines. Cap has good prospects for gold his rock running \$20 to the ton.

Born, to the wife of Chas. Hukill, on the 8th inst., an eleven pound boy. Mother and son getting along splendidly and Chas.—he smiles.

Kanes Creek Items.

BY SINE DIE.

Perry Knotts was in Jacksonville the latter part of the week transacting business.

Farmers have commenced plowing as the ground is wet sufficient for that purpose.

Miss Etta Brown was visiting one day recently with Mrs. Mardon, of this place.

Mrs. Darling and son, Bert, of Gold Hill, spent Sunday with Mr. Knotts and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Stover spent last Sunday the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Knotts.

Miss Lou Holler, of Sams Valley, spent Sunday visiting Mr. Damedwood and family of this place.

Speaker Reed's Gavel.

The gavel which called the present Congress to order came from West Virginia and was made of West Virginia wood. It was furnished by a Mr. Dorrence, of Thomas Tucker county, and was made of a large piece of Laurel. The gavel was presented to the speaker by Hon. S. B. Elkins.

The English Point of View.

We have observed with some amusement the tone of English journalists, conspicuous among them being our colleague, Mr. W. T. Stead, says Review of Reviews. Mr. Stead rebukes with just anathemas the American journalists who would suggest the possibility of war between England and the United States. The measureless harm of such a war is shown with eloquence and truth by Mr. Stead, but the best way he can suggest for surely averting so much unspeakable calamity is for the United States always to let England have exactly her own way in everything. The humor of the position gravely assumed by these English journalists is something they seem not able to perceive. The American reply, obviously enough, is that since England perceives the incalculable gravity of a breach with the United States, it might be well for England to act justly in a little matter in which the United States simply stands disinterestedly for the principle of fair play and international order.

The Monroe Doctrine.

President Cleveland in his message enunciates the Monroe doctrine in these words. In speaking of the correspondence between the United States and Great Britain on the Venezuela matter he says that the general conclusions therein reached and formulated by this government are in substance that the traditional and established policy of this government is opposed to a forcible increase by any European power of its territorial possession on this continent; that this policy is as well founded in principle as it is strongly supported by numerous precedents; that, as a consequence, the United States is bound to protest against the enlargement of area of British Guiana in derogation of the rights and against the will of Venezuela.

Some Smooth Engineering.

A Western Union line man relates that while digging holes for telegraph poles at Byron, Mo., he became interested in watching the ingenuity of a mouse. He fell into one of these holes, which was four and a half feet deep and twenty inches across. The first

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day he ran around the bottom of the hole, trying to find some means of escape, but could not get out. The second day he settled down to business. He began steadily and systematically to dig a spiral groove round and round the inner surface of the hole trying to find some means of escape with a uniformly ascended grade. He worked night and day, and as he got further from the bottom he dug little pockets where he could either lie or sit and rest. Interested witnesses threw in food. At the end of two weeks the mouse struck a rock. This puzzled him. For nearly a day he tried to get under, around or over the obstruction, but without success. With unflinching patience he reversed his spiral and went on tunneling his way in the opposite direction. At the end of four weeks he reached the top, and probably sped away to enjoy his well-earned freedom. His escape was not seen. When his food was put in, in the morning he was near the surface, but at high tide the work was seen to be complete, and the little engineer whose pluck and skill had saved his life, had left.

The Southern Oregon Fair.

The second annual report of the First Southern Oregon Agricultural society has been submitted by Secretary J. H. Downing to Gov. Lord. The report shows that the appropriation of the state for the society is \$600; that with this the society had a balance of \$134.26 left over from last year, and that there was paid out on premiums this year, over and above the amount on hand \$33.57. The receipts and disbursements for 1895 are summarized as follows:

Receipts—	
Entrance fees license, concessors, etc.	\$2,409 64
State appropriation left from 1894	134 26
State appropriation for 1895	600 00
Total	\$3,143 90
Expenses—	
Expense warrants	\$1,095 25
Premium warrants	107 77
Purse warrants	1,345 00
Total	\$3,548 02
Deficit	\$404 12

The secretary's report says that the fair seems to have been a success, inasmuch as the quantity of displays was much greater than last year and the quality unexcelled by anything before it.

Judgment Exemptions.

A judgment debtor is said to be execution proof when he owns no real property and only such personal effects as are absolutely necessary to the maintenance of himself and family. The laws of Oregon are most generous in this regard and it has been claimed by many that the clock of exemptions should be given with a less liberal hand.

Exemption, however, in order to be good, must be claimed by the judgment debtor at the time selected and reserved.

The principal articles, exempt from execution in Oregon are as follows:

Books, pictures and musical instruments to the value of \$75. Wearing apparel to the value of \$100, and if the judgment debtor have a family, \$50 for each member of the family. The tools, implements, team, etc, necessary to enable any person to carry on his occupation, to the value of \$400. Ten sheep, two cows and five swine, household goods to the value of \$300 and food sufficient to support such animals for three months, and provisions necessary for the support of the judgment debtor and his family for six months.

Bull Run's Field Sold.

Pursuant to a decree of the circuit court of Prince William county, Va. over 550 acres of Yorkshire tract belonging to the McLean estate, and lying on both sides of Bull Run and adjoining Blackburn's ford, have been sold at public auction. This land embraces a large portion of the historic Bull Run battlefield. One of the purchasers is the son of Major Wilmer McLean, who resided upon the property at the beginning of the war, and in whose house at Appomattox the terms of surrender between Lee and Grant were drawn, and thus it was said by Major McLean that the war began and ended on him.

A Fifty-Cent Calendar Free.

The publishers of the Youth's Companion are sending free to the subscribers to the paper, a handsome four page calendar, 7x10 in., lithographed in nine colors. It is made up of four charming pictures, each pleasing in design, and each of which are the monthly calendars for the year 1896. The retail price of this calendar is 50 cents.

New subscribers to the Companion will receive this beautiful calendar free and besides, the Companion free every week until January 1, 1896. Also the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's double numbers free, and the Youth's Companion fifty-two weeks, a full year to January 1, 1897. Address, THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, 195 Columbus Avenue, Boston.

—Suppose you go take a look at that elegant line of capes, at Angle & Plymouth's, and while there ask to see their new line of up to date cloaks.

CHEATING THE SLOT MACHINES.

Headreds of Bogus Pennies Inserted, Supposedly Made by Italian Counterfeiters.

From time to time references are seen in the daily papers, referring to the difficulty experienced by the ferry companies, car lines, etc., in disposing of enormous accumulations of ordinary copper cents. The reader is very apt to remember this, particularly if in exchange for a dollar bill he is returned ninety-five one-cent pieces by a conductor. As a matter of fact, says the New York Herald, there is no excuse for the item, much less for a car conductor or change-taker in unloading his weight of copper upon the always more or less abused passenger. The United States treasury, at Wall and Nassau streets, makes, and has made it a practice for years, of exchanging minor coin for United States money of large denomination, and it has many regular customers who are so served. There are a number of curious things about cents as they come to the sub-treasury. In the first place, they are quite extensively counterfeited. This may seem strange, as the profit in a counterfeit cent is necessarily small. It is true, however, nevertheless, and is supposed to be the work of Italians, who, more largely than any other nationality, seem to favor the imitation of our minor and subsidiary coin. The Brooklyn and New Jersey ferry companies, the elevated railroads of both New York and Brooklyn and the various slot-machine companies are regular customers for the exchange of cents for other money at the sub-treasury. At times they turn in enormous quantities, the slot machines alone ranging between one hundred and twenty-five and seven hundred dollars a day. As might be expected, all sorts of oddities in the way of coin come in with the quantity taken in the machines. In addition to the counterfeits are scores of "not one cents" of war times, metal discs and foreign copper. Austrian money predominating. As the copper cent is simply a token, no matter what its condition is, it is redeemed at par if it can in any way be identified as United States money. The popularity of the slot machine a year or so ago brought about a curious condition of affairs in the country. This was nothing short of a "cent famine." The headquarters of the company is in New York, and all agents sent their cents here for redemption, which drained the country of its supply and overstocked the minor coin vaults of the sub-treasury here with cents.

A Good Shot.

Prince de Joinville tells in his "Memoirs" a story that is rather hard on the Americans he found during his visit to this country in war times. "One of the chief members of society at the time was the British minister, Mr. Fox, a diplomatist of the old school. I was told that one day as he was leaning against a chimney piece in a drawing-room, where dancing was going on, in deep conversation, an American came and stood just in front of him in a country dance. Soon the young man began to show signs of anxiety; his voice grew thick, his cheeks swelled alternately, and he cast anxious glances at the chimney piece. At last he could hold no longer, and with the most admirable precision he shot all the juice of his quid into the fireplace, just between Mr. Fox and his interlocutor. 'Fine shot, sir,' the old diplomat contented himself with saying, with a bow."

—Watermelon seeds were found in an Egyptian tomb that was 3,000 years old. There was no doubt about their being watermelon seeds, because the mummy was all doubled up.—Texas Siftings.

A Good Combine.

THE MAIL has made arrangements whereby it is enabled to furnish its patrons with the Cincinnati Weekly Enquirer one year for 10 cents when ordered with a year's advance subscription to THE MAIL. The Enquirer is one of the very best all round family weeklies published in the United States, is a nine column eight page paper, contains but little advertising matter, and is replete with matters of general interest. This is undoubtedly one of the best and cheapest newspaper combinations to be found anywhere.—THE MAIL and the Cincinnati Weekly Enquirer each one year for \$1.60. Sample copies to be had at this office.

Are You Going to Prove up?

Parties who contemplate making final proof on their land can save a big item of expense by having us prepare their paper, which work we will do free of charge. Bring or send us the name of party making proof, description of land, the names of four persons who appear as witnesses and the date upon which proof is to be made, giving time for six weeks' publication.

Real Estate Transfers.

Edward Smith to Robert Newton 5 acres in section 16 tp 33 s 1 e	200
T J Downing to W H Patrick ¼ of an acre section 32 tp 36 s 1 e	5
Alice C Eggers to R L Parker, lots 5 and 6 blk M R addition to Ashland.	130
Michael Chamer et al to T J Roberts lot 13 blk 16 Gold Hill	1
Chester H Brace to Milton Maul lots 1 and 2 blk 1 Medford.	150
John P Walker to S P Barneburg 160 acres in sec 5 and 8 tp 38 s 7 e	800
W I Vawter to W T York lots 7 8 9 and 10 blk 66 Medford.	400
W H Shepherd to R Ellen Nickerson property in Ashland precinct.	5
J M Eagle to G W Stockwell 9 9 10 acres sec 8 tp 38 s 1 e	1600
Larkin McDaniel to H H McCarthy 160 acres sec 4 tp 35 s 3 w	1
The Oregon Transportation Co to right Rev H Wistar Morris lots 10 11 12 and 13 blk 55 Medford.	1
Will W Nicholson to W H Shepherd land in sec 28 and 33 tp 38 s 2 e	5

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land office at Roseburg, Oregon, December 5, 1895. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before J. R. Neil, judge of Jackson county, Oregon, at Jacksonville, Oregon, on January 25, 1896, viz: LEWIS E. LAND. On homestead entry No 3355 for the s½ of sec 4, et½ of s½ sec 34, tp 36, s 1, west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: E. J. Creed, A. P. Creed, J. W. Smith and A. L. Creed, all of Jackson county, Oregon. d 3-17 R. M. VANCE, Register.

Chinese Cannibals.

The Chinese are cannibals. China's so-called civilization of thousands of years has not succeeded in doing away with cannibalism among its own people. When Chinese have been engaged in warfare with tribes on the mainland, we hear of this eating of human flesh, but not until I reached Formosa did I have proof of its truth. After killing a savage on the island, the head is severed from the body and is placed on a pole to exhibit to those unfortunate who are not at hand to witness this heartless display of slaughter and mutilation. The body is then divided among the captors and eaten. The kidney, liver, heart and sole of the foot are considered the most desirable portions, and are usually cut up in very small pieces, boiled, and eaten as a sort of soup. The flesh and bones are boiled and made into a jelly. The Chinese profess to believe, in accordance with an old superstition, that the eating of this savage flesh will give them strength and courage. To some this superstition may be a partial excuse for this horrible custom, but even that falls through if one stops to think that superstitious beliefs are at the bottom of cannibalism as practiced by the most savage tribes of the world.

Very Clever Girl.

A young woman with a pretty little voice, but with no great possibilities in her singing, has laid out a course for herself which is so decidedly shrewd that it may well be worth noting. She detests herself entirely to Scotch songs, most of them the old ones of Burns or Scott. Now, every listener, except the severest musical critic whom she could not hope to satisfy in any case, is sentimental and likes to have that sentiment catered to by means of the ear. The singer has taste and wit enough to eschew "Annie Laurie" and "Comin' Thro' the Rye," save "by request," when her compliance gives an added charm of kindness. She hunts up sweet old tunes and pathetic words and after the most brilliant performance of her rivals she seats herself at the piano, and, like the heroine in the lackadaisical novel, she charms her audience by "running her fingers over the keys" and singing softly "some dear old song" or other. Ah, that is a very clever girl!

At the meeting of the American Pomo logical society in Washington it conceded that the fruit exhibited from the extreme north was much brighter in color than that from the middle and southern states.

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