

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.

Mr. Stricklin of Sacramento, California, son of Mrs. H. T. Severance, is here visiting his mother.

Mrs. Amanda Griffith is living with her daughter Mrs. M. S. Wood since the death of her daughter Etha.

On Monday of last week Prof. P. H. Daley closed his school on account of Scarlet fever being in the neighborhood.

Wm. Perry and wife spent the night at the Pioneer on Tuesday of last week, and the boys gave them an old fashioned charivari.

Miss Eddy, of Portland, daughter of Railroad Commissioner Eddy, is here visiting with Miss Mattie Taylor and George Brown's family.

On New Years eve the young folks gave a basket dance. There were twenty numbers sold at fifty cents each, and all had a pleasant time.

John Nichols was in town Thursday of last week and reports that his stock is doing very well, but that the stock generally looks badly.

The foot ball club met on their grounds several times last week to practice, and on Saturday went to Central Point to play a game against the Central Point club. I understand that they had a very exciting time and a closely contested game, but our side beat.

Mrs. F. A. Gigay and Mr. Hubbs, of Table Rock, came over on Tuesday to visit Mr. Hubbs parents, and while here Mrs. G. was taken violently ill with heart failure. For a short time her life was despaired of, but she recovered so as to be able to attend church here Sunday, and returned home in the afternoon.

The old year was watched out and the new year watched in by the young folks at Frank Morgan's and by the older ones at the residence of H. T. Severance. The first named spent the time in amusements and the other had a religious service. Both parties report having had a very pleasant time.

It becomes my duty to chronicle another death in our immediate neighborhood—Hellen Daley, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Daley, Sr., who died on the 5th inst. of membranous croup, aged five years and seven days. She was taken with scarlet fever in a malignant form about a week before and a few hours before her death she was taken with membranous croup and died from suffocation. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. L. L. Grover and the body was interred in the Central Point cemetery.

Our stockmen are having considerable trouble in gathering in their stock. When the first snow came in the high hills it drove the cattle out but they found no grass on the foot-hills, and as the snow disappeared they worked their way back and the heavy snows came and caught them. Joseph Rader, Carl Stanley and Geo. Morine have just returned from a hunting tour and they report having found cattle in the snow two feet deep and had great difficulty in getting them out, as the crust on the snow was so hard that it was almost impossible to ride through it. Joe says that he has not yet found about forty head of his cattle.

Etna Echos.

J. A. Houston is building a large, comfortable, commodious barn.

Mrs. Hodges has returned home from Antioch, where she has been visiting with relatives and friends for some time.

Mrs. Morrison has recently returned home from her visit with her sister, Mrs. Pankey, of Sams Valley, who has been quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Houston are all smiles over the arrival of an eight pound boy baby, which came to their home last Thursday, January 2d.

Sleigh riding has been all the rage here for a while, but the recent rains and last three or four days of warm sunshine has about spoiled our fun in that line.

A few evenings ago the young folks of our neighborhood gathered at Mr. Jas. Hannah's place and indulged in a real, good, old-fashioned candy pull. The evening was fine, candy good and everyone present enjoyed themselves immensely.

Christmas and New Year passed quietly and pleasantly with us. Mr. and Mrs. George Lynch invited

a few friends to eat Christmas dinner with them. The date being also Grandpa Lynch's seventy-fifth birthday and he seemed to feel as young as anyone present. All did justice to the dinner and expressed themselves as having spent a very enjoyable Christmas.

Central Point Items.

Representative Jeffrey spent Tuesday in our city.

Warren Mee, of Applegate, spent Sunday in our city.

G. A. Newman, of Eagle Point, spent Saturday here.

L. G. Goodell and family have become residents of our city.

Miss Effie Haselgrave spent last week with friends on Applegate.

Miss Mary Vincent spent last week with friends in Sams Valley.

There are several of our citizens now employed in the mines on Foots creek.

Rev. Blackwell will preach in the M. E. Church next Sunday at the usual hour.

Mrs. Wm. Nichols, who has been quite ill since New Year, is able to be about again.

Dr. Hinkle and wife spent several days this week visiting with friends in Grants Pass.

Samuel Moore has been appointed postmaster here to succeed Miss M. Cardwell, who resigned.

The ladies of the Baptist church have ordered a bell for the Baptist church which will be here in a few days.

Mrs. M. Herrington and son, Lee, of Hollister, California, who have been visiting relatives of this place, returned home Tuesday.

G. C. Roberts, who lived on his farm about six miles from here, departed this life on the 3d inst. He was stricken with apoplexy and only lived a few hours. He leaves a wife and several grown children, who have the sympathy of all, in their sad bereavement.

Phoenix Shavings.

BY PODONY

Miss Carrie Langston is visiting her parents on Griffin creek.

Mr. Payne is very ill, but did not learn what is the matter.

John Neiswander, who lives over on Rogue river, is visiting friends around the burg.

Mr. Clements is quite ill, and made a trip to Medford Saturday to interview the doctor.

Mr. Caran is ill. He is one of the pioneers of Southern Oregon, being somewhere in the eighties.

James Briner is working his hydraulic pump. He expects to make a good thing out of it if the water holds out.

Mr. Langston contemplates going to Kansas in the spring—going by wagon. A long trip to make in that way, but it has been done all right.

The dance given by E. W. Carver New Years eve was well attended, considering the fact that the dance was not thought of until about noon Tuesday. About thirty couples were present.

The well on Corner's place east of Phoenix, of which mention has been made, is liable to prove something more than just a well. The prospects for coal are said to be good. Will tell you more later on.

Evans Creek Events.

BY GENEVA.

The miners of Jump-off-Joe are wishing for more rain.

Miss Rose Oden is in Jacksonville visiting her sister.

W. F. Eachus and H. E. Beck are mining on Wards creek.

Miss Annie Herriott visited with her parents Friday and Saturday.

H. S. Moore and Miss Mary Hillis spent Sunday with Miss Claire Eachus.

Evans creek events have been scarce articles for the past two months.

J. Moore, of Sams Valley attended the dance at Wimer New Year's night.

Miss Fanny Pressler returned to school in Jacksonville Monday after having spent the holidays with her

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mother and brother at Bybee Springs,

C. F. Taylor and Miss Maggie Hillis represented Wimer at the leap year ball in Grant's Pass Wednesday night.

Louis Eachus who has been laid up with a broken leg since the fifteenth of November is improving rapidly under the skillful care of Dr. Flanagan.

Griffin Creek Gatherings.

BY OCCASIONAL.

Rev. Robert Faucett preached here Sunday at the usual hour.

Rev. Brower, of Talent, will hold services here next Sunday at 11 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Griffin has returned from their visit to Josephine county.

Misses Minnie McPherson and Cora Bashford visited their friends on Crooked creek Friday.

Mrs. J. P. True is reported on the sick list this week. An attack of rheumatism seems to be the trouble.

A. Anderson's family have been quite ill, but are slowly improving at this writing.

Griffin creek roads are still in a good condition. L. A. Murphy continues to haul wood to Medford daily as also several others.

J. C. Lacy, of this place, is digging up his old orchard here. Some of the trees being troubled with insects and others dying of old age.

J. Hartley raised some sugarcane this year which he has manufactured into syrup. It is pronounced a first class article by those who have tasted it.

Kanes Creek Items.

BY SINK DIE.

Grandma Way is suffering with a severe attack of erysipelas.

Dr. Braiden was transacting business over on Galls creek last Saturday.

Bert Darling, who has the past two weeks been chopping wood in this neighborhood, returned home Thursday.

Arthur Scoggins and Clarence Knotts, of Jacksonville, were at this place Saturday. Both were looking for a suitable location to move to.

Robert Swinden and family attended the New Year's dance at Murphy, Josephine county. They report a fine time and a large attendance.

Will Compton, of Brownsboro, has come to this place to remain the winter with his sister, Mrs. Birdsey. While here he will engage in mining.

The "Roaring Gimlet" mining company has commenced cutting a ditch at their mine, preparatory to laying their hydraulic pipe and go to work when water is sufficient.

REHEARSED JULIET IN A CEMETERY.

Mary Anderson's Sacrifices and Hard Work For a Stage Career.

Returning to Louisville from New York city, study was begun on a new plan. I had learned from Mr. Vandenhoff [who gave her a few lessons in elocution and acting] to turn my den into a stage. Imagining one of the walls the auditorium, it needed but an enthusiastic public, and a small audience was never seen in that theater. Chairs were made to represent the different characters, and a bust of Shakespeare—the Chandos, to my mind the finest of all, though unfortunately not as authentic as the Stratford—was placed at a proper height and converted into the "leading juvenile." Clifford, Claude, Colonna, were the parts assigned to it, but as Romeo I imagined it looked least stony. Six months of solitary work was now begun. Dancing and music, of which I was passionately fond, were renounced and my girlhood friends and companions given up. The exaggeration of youth led me to believe that complete concentration on the one subject alone would lead to success. The labor was particularly hard, working as I did in the dark, having no one to consult and no experience to guide me. I longed for help, which never came, except from my mother, who was as ignorant as I of the rules of dramatic art. Still we worked on incessantly, I producing effects, she criticising them to the best of her ability.

Often in the middle of the night I would awaken her to show some new point. Indeed I owe more to her constant and loving interest and encouragement than I can ever hope to repay. To get the hollow tones of Juliet's voice in the tomb and better realize my heroine's feelings on awakening in her "nest of death, contagion and unnatural sleep." I frequently walked to Cave Hill, Louisville's beautiful cemetery, there to speak her lines through the grilled door of a vault. Had a thorough schooling in the art been possible, instead of these random and unguided efforts, my work would have been halved and its results doubled.—Mary Anderson De Navarro in Ladies' Home Journal.

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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.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

THE GIST OF THE WEEK'S HAPPENINGS AS TOLD BY TELEGRAPH.

Interesting Items From Europe, Asia, Africa and North and South America, With Particular Attention to Important Home News.

An electric railroad will soon be built between Ventura and Santa Paula.

John Dunn, the Sonoma hermit, was recently found dead in his cabin.

The orange crop of Southern California has been badly damaged by frost.

The California citrus exhibition at the Atlanta fair has been awarded a gold medal.

Cincinnati seems to be the favorite in the contest for the Democratic national convention.

Mrs. John Nelson committed suicide at San Mateo, Cal. Despondency was the cause.

The street railway strike in Philadelphia was of short duration and the men are now back at work.

Zella Nicolaus, who became notorious through her suit against George Gould, has gone on the stage.

Peter Schertz, in the banking and lumber business at Metamora, Ill., has failed. Liabilities, \$100,000; assets, over \$150,000.

Sunday liquor selling is no longer profitable in New York city and few saloonkeepers take chances by opening their side doors.

The Western railroads have agreed to exempt Sundays and holidays from the storage charges on baggage left with them over twenty-four hours.

The American Memorial Monument association has put in shape for public presentation the movement for a national monument to Dr. S. F. Smith, the author of "America."

All the furnaces of Newcastle, Pa., are closing down as a result of demands on the part of the employes to pay for time and a half on Sunday and a corresponding increase on holidays.

A monument has been erected at Stockton by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers to Engineer Sam Clarke, who was killed in the wreck on the trestle near Sacramento during the railroad strike in 1894.

At midnight of Dec. 31 the limits of the city of Brooklyn became coterminous with the county of Kings. The government of the division was merged and the county of Kings for most purposes passed out of existence. The legal title of the new corporation is "The County of Brooklyn." Kings county had been in existence for 212 years.

Mrs. Pacheco, wife of ex-Governor Romualdo Pacheco of California, was assaulted by footpads in New York city recently. The robbers seized her by the throat as she was walking along the street and dragged her toward an alleyway. Fortunately two men on a delivery wagon saw the struggle and went to her assistance. The would-be thieves released her and escaped.

Among the cases to be decided this month by the United States supreme court are the irrigation bond cases from California. They involve the constitutionality of the Wright irrigation act. The government suit against the Stanford estate will also come up. Joseph H. Choate, the famous New York lawyer, will appear in the latter case as attorney for Mrs. Stanford.

The British ship Turret Bay, has sailed from Port Richmond with twenty oil burning locomotives built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works of Philadelphia for the Russian government. The engines weigh 97 tons each and are built with special fire boxes for burning petroleum instead of coal. They are designed for both freight and passenger service on the Transcaucasian railroad. Twenty more engines will be shipped this month.

Preparations are being made for the opening of the New York mining exchange and the occasion promises to be a novel one for that city. President Porter says that arrangements are completed whereby all the best stocks dealt in upon the Denver, Cripple Creek, Colorado Springs, Salt Lake City, Victor and Pueblo mining exchanges will be listed on the New York exchange, to be opened after the middle of January. About 100 different stocks will be on the list.

Deputy Commissioner of Immigration McSweeney at New York estimates that about 45,000 more immigrants arrived at Ellis Island last year than in 1894. He estimates the total for 1895 at 229,607 and the increase over last year 61,944. For 1894 the arrivals at the immigrant station were 167,663 and for 1893 158,944. He says the character of the immigrants is much better than in previous years. This improvement is due to the rigid enforcement of the immigration laws. The immigrants of last year brought \$4,000 with them, and this year they brought a much larger sum.

By one of the most clever forgeries that has ever been done in San Francisco the Nevada bank was swindled of \$20,000 three weeks ago by a man who is known as A. H. Holmes and A. H. Dean. So cleverly was the work done that only several weeks later was the fraud discovered. The matter was reported to the police and detectives are trying to find some trace of the smooth swindler. They believe he is an expert forger who came from the East. Holmes raised a draft issued by the Bank of Woodland for \$12 to \$22,000. Holmes went to Woodland and secured a \$12 draft on the Crocker-Woolworth bank of San Francisco. Then he went to the city, opened an office in the Chronicle building and arranged to transact his business through the Nevada bank. After making a few deposits he presented a draft for \$22,000 which was accepted and passed through the clearing house. The day following Holmes drew \$20,000 from the bank and disappeared. Several days passed before the bank officials knew they had been victimized and the forger had made good his escape.

Costume and Mortality.

A remarkable effect of costume on mortality is shown in a very instructive manner by one of the English registrar general's reports. It appears that among children aged from 1 to 5 years there is an equality in the number of deaths by scalds and burns among boys and girls, but from 5 to 10 double the number of girls to that of boys die from these causes, while from 10 to 20 there die 103 women and only 27 men, and from 20 upward 71 women and 22 men, showing the influence of muslin and flounce in producing death, notwithstanding the greater caution of the female sex.

Thoroughly Human.

Bloozin—That street just below is quite a thoroughfare, isn't it? Blagzin—No; that's not a thoroughfare at all, but the crowd likes to use it because there's a sign there that reads, "Private way—dangerous passage."—Roxbury Gazette.

According to oriental tradition the tomb of "Noah, the ark builder," is in the small town of Nakhichevan, near the foot of Mount Ararat. It is said to be a niche in the wall of an abandoned fortress.

In the English army a soldier is drummed to church just as he is to drill or dress parade.

—Mining deeds—at THE MAIL office.

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