

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 Eaglets.**

BY A. C. HOWLETT.  
A. J. Daley visited Medford Tuesday on business.

Mrs. M. S. Perry, of Big Butte, has moved into the Griffith house.

Rev. L. L. Grover will preach next Sunday, morning and evening.

Mrs. Geo. Morine went to Medford last Saturday on a trading expedition.

During the past week there have been quite a number of strangers in our town.

Geo. Morine went to Applegate last Tuesday to look after his mining interests.

F. B. Inlow, of Talent, came over the last of the week looking after his interests here.

On Monday of last week Prof. P. H. Daley dismissed school for two weeks on account of the scarlet fever in the neighborhood.

I understand that the scarlet fever has broken out in Frank Johnson's family and that one of his children is quite low with it.

Mrs. Sarah Raterly Martin, of Little Butte, was in town Thursday interviewing our M. D., W. B. Officer. One of her children is on the sick list.

Miss Carrie Brown, one of the most prominent and accomplished young ladies of our town, has gone to Portland to reside. Her presence among us is greatly missed.

What will your readers in the old states think when they read in THE MAIL that we are plowing right along near the middle of January. Nevertheless it is the case and the ground plows fine.

One of our Belgian neighbors is taking steps to have some of our farmers try to raise flax, for the purpose of feeding the seed to milch cows, as he thinks that it will pay on account of the increase of butter and cheese properties in the milk.

There has been some excitement in our town on account of a warrant being sworn out in Judge Haselton's court for the arrest of John Doe for killing a hog that was not his own. Geo. W. Daley, Jr., was appointed constable but failed to find his man.

Last week while Fred Downing, Jr., living on Little Butte, was cutting wood his foot got caught between two limbs and his ax glanced, striking the foot and inflicting a severe wound. Dr. W. B. Officer was summoned and dressed it, and at last accounts he was getting along very well.

The report in Medford that the Eagle Point correspondent has been visiting in Medford and scattered the scarlet fever there, is an evident error. The Eagle Point correspondent has not been in Medford for several weeks, and then did not visit the parties whom rumor names, and is not even acquainted with them.

J. P. Moomaw has moved into his new house and is improving his place—getting ready to put in a crop this season. He came here from Texas last fall on account of his own and his wife's health, and now he wants this country advertised for he thinks that this is one of the greatest countries in the world. If there are any more invalids in Texas of the same stripe, we would like to have them come and we will give them a hearty welcome.

**Notes From Eden Precinct.**

BY FARMER.  
The plows are again going, and the fields are slowly but surely taking on a different color.

W. M. Smith, all the same Tennessee, is busy grubbing on the "home run" so to speak, for only a couple of acres remain, and he will have all of his land under cultivation.

Miss Lena Hamlin has been quite ill the past week with pneumonia. We are glad to note a marked change for the better, however, and hope for her speedy recovery. Dr. Wait is the attending physician.

Facts seem scarce this week and we don't like to write fakes. There is nothing of special interest going on, just the usual routine of January farm work, pruning, plowing, packing fruit, cutting wood, clearing land, etc. The spraying season will soon be here when the poor little bugs will have to suffer death or long tribulation.

Soon we must pay our annual visit to Jacksonville to pay our compliments and our taxes also. The latter are compulsory or in other words we must all take our

turn at the little grist mill, and on leaving we will feel somewhat relieved—financially at least. While we are waiting our grist—for at that time such thoughts would be decidedly in order—let us remember that THE MAIL has been instrumental in materially reducing our grist; for which let us feel thankful and return the compliment.

**Evans Creek Events.**

BY GENEVA.  
W. S. Eachus and wife spent Sunday with S. J. Myres and family.

Clarence Pressley and wife, of Bybee Springs, were in Woodville Sunday.

Hiram Moore returned to his home in Sams valley, one day last week.

Born—To the wife of Wm. Litzenberger, January 6, 1896, a daughter.

George Scott left for the Fisher brothers' mine on Jump-off-Joe, Thursday.

Several of our farmers were trading in the prosperous little town of Woodville Tuesday.

Clint Wilcox and Miss Linnie Robinson were the guests of Miss Mary Hillis, Sunday.

Mrs. J. L. Scott is visiting relatives in Glendale. She expects to be gone several weeks.

George Badley has rented some land from H. Laws, and is now busily engaged in plowing it.

Mr. Borden, of San Francisco, has taken charge of Youug's mine on Evans creek, near Wimer.

Wm. Herriott was in Medford last week receiving medical aid from Dr. Hines. Mr. Herriott's health has been very poor for some time.

C. F. Taylor is taking a rest from bridge carpentering on account of a sore hand. At the present time he is visiting friends near Wimer.

A. Beck returned from Eagle Point Monday. He was accompanied by his brother, J. Beck, who will make this place his home for the winter.

**Kanes Creek Items.**

BY REBECCA.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Knotts, formerly of Jacksonville, have become residents of this place.

Perry Knotts and Robt. Swinden were at Grants Pass Thursday and Friday doing business.

Mrs. Dave Birdsey and son, Fred, of Woodville, spent Sunday on the creek visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Birdsey and little son, George, were transacting business in Medford and Jacksonville one day recently.

Mr. Knotts and daughter, Miss Anna, celebrated their birthday, which comes on the same day—January 9th, and in honor they gave a dinner and invited in several friends and relatives. Among those present were Mrs. James Birdsey and children, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Stover, Willie Damewood, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swinden and family, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Knotts and others. The day was fine and the crowd jolly, so time passed off obliviously to all.

**Phoenix Shavings.**

BY PODONY  
Uncle John Coleman has moved into his new residence.

Miss Francis Grissum was visiting with Miss Sloper this week.

Dr. Cole and M. K. Fisher were over on Applegate last week looking after their mining interests.

Mr. T. Edwards has moved into the John Mills house. They formerly lived on Capt. Smith's place north of Talent.

Born, to the wife of B. F. Jackson, on January 8th a ten and one-half pound girl. Mother and baby getting along nicely.

Died, in Phoenix, January 12, 1896, of catarrh of the lungs, James Egbert Hukill. He was born in Arkansas June 14th 1870, and was 25 years, 6 months and 28 days old. He came to Oregon in 1881, was well known all over the county, was a good and obedient son and was liked by everybody. He leaves,

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besides a father, brother and sister, a host of friends who sincerely regret their loss. Rev. C. H. Hoxie conducted the funeral ceremonies.

Died—near Phoenix, January 8, 1896, of pneumonia fever, Mr. E. W. Carver, aged 91 years, 1 month and 7 days. He was born on Fox Island, off the eastern coast of Maine, December 1, 1804. When a boy—in 1812—he saw the British fleets in the Atlantic off the coast of Maine. He went to Illinois in 1838; from thence to Iowa in 1844 and in 1866 he removed to California. In 1867 he came to Southern Oregon, hence has been an Oregonian for nearly 29 years. The life of Mr. Carver has been an unusually long one and his life-trials have doubtless been many. He was a member of the Christian church for over fifty years. Four children and a host of friends are left to mourn his death. May his soul rest in peace. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Ira Wakefield.

**Central Point Items.**

J. W. Hays, of Rock Point, was joining business here on Monday.

Miss Martha Cardwell made Jacksonville a visit the fore part of the week.

W. C. Leever was quite seriously hurt while putting up a range a few days ago, but is about all right again.

The new bell for the Baptist church was rung for the first time last Sunday and fills a long felt want.

Arthur Boswell, who is employed in Dr. Hinkel's North Star ledge on Sardine creek, spent last Sunday at home.

Mrs. Reynolds, who went to Marysville, California, for her health a short time ago, is improving—we are glad to report.

G. S. Moore is now at work in our postoffice trying to familiarize himself with the routine work before being installed post master.

A. H. Smetzer, of Portland, representing the Snell, Heitschu & Woodard Co. wholesale druggist, spent a day here during the week.

J. E. Stickell, formerly of Eagle Point, has opened a shop here for doing general blacksmithing business and solicits a share of your patronage.

There are a number of our young people studying hard and hope to be able to pass the examination held next month for teachers' certificates. May they each be successful.

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BY WILL.  
Miss Sallie Kenny is visiting in Phoenix.

The infant of Peter Applegate is reported dangerously ill.

Eagle Point will give a Leap year party January 24th. The Tucker band will furnish the music.

Central Point's foot ball team expects to play Eagle Point, on Eagle Point ground Saturday, the 18th, inst.

A few of Professor Freeman's pupils are out of school, at present, on account of a scarlet fever scare. There are no cases, only a little scare.

Central Point tax payers will meet next Saturday to decide on whether or not they shall raise a tax to continue the school after March 1st. It is to be hoped a tax will be raised, for the town can't afford to have only six months school in a year.

The ladies of Central Point met last week and organized a Leap Year club. Miss Martha Cardwell was elected president, Ella Benson vice president, and Blanch Stagle secretary. The ladies of the club will give their first dance February 14, at the Central Point hall, supper at the hotel. The tickets including supper, are placed at only \$1—so the ladies may be sure of a crowd. The Woodruff sisters have been written, for musicians, and Misses Bird Pankey, Bertha Jones and Belle McDonald are floor managers and callers. They expect to get Mrs. Stickell, of Eagle Point, as assistant caller. The dance will be one of the best, and will undoubtedly draw a large crowd.

**Is a Murderer an Heir?**

The Albany Imprint says that there is considerable speculation as to whether or not Lloyd Montgomery would be an heir at law, had his father and mother left an estate. There is a section in the code that provides "that where a person is under penalty of death or serving a life sentence in a penitentiary, he becomes civilly dead," and the construction the courts have put upon this is to the effect that the property would escheat to the other heir, in total conclusion of the convict heir, or if there be no other heirs, it will escheat to the state. There is a similar suit now being tried in Portland. The heirs of

Wm. Sterling, who killed his wife and then committed suicide near Scio, are suing for Sterling's interest in Mrs. Sterling's estate. The opposition claim, that through Sterling's murderous act, he became disqualified of any interest in Mrs. Sterling's estate. It is believed that the opposition will win the suit.

**A FASHIONABLE RUSE.**

That Things Are Not Always What They Seem Evidenced In This Case.

The season of weddings taxes the ingenuity no less than the purses of fashionable devotees. The deceptions to which many of the so called upper crust resort to discharge social obligations are almost incredible to old fogies not in the swim. It has long been the accepted custom of brides who receive many duplicate presents to exchange the same at the stores where they were purchased. When the articles have not been marked or defaced in any manner merchants, as a rule, are very willing to make satisfactory exchanges.

A volume might be written on the revelations that this custom has often brought about. It has been the unguessed cause of more than one social sensation. Less than a year ago a fashionable bride of Gotham received a gorgeously showy gift in reponse silver from an old school-girl friend, daughter of a multimillionaire. The present was displayed in a beautiful box bearing the stamp of a famous house, and attracted unusual attention from the guests. Several months after the wedding the bride, in an unlucky moment, took this apparently gorgeous gift, together with others, to exchange for articles for which she had more immediate need.

When the selections she made were delivered at her residence she was surprised to find the reponse silver. A note from the firm stated that the silver had not been purchased at their store. It was plated goods. They added, however, that they had detected the trade mark of a firm in the Bowery. If madam desired, they would furnish the address. A visit to the Bowery jeweler confirmed this assertion, and the indignant bride bided her time. In a short time the giver of the spurious silver was wedded. The most striking gift she received was a familiar box, in which reposed the unlucky piece of reponse silver. It bore no name; it was not exhibited. No comment was ever made by either party. To all outward appearance the social intimacy is unruined.—New York Herald.

**WHAT THE GRAND DUKE HEARD.**

European Officers Discussed the Capture of American Cities.

The Grand Duke Alexis was at Kiel. He is a full Russian admiral now, and the head of the Russian navy. He was a frequent visitor to the Americans, and, like all the other notables, talked with the utmost frankness to our officers.

One day, watching the Columbia as she rode the waves as lightly and with the easy grace of a blue wing teal, the grand duke said to a captain: "I'm glad you Americans are rebuilding your fleet. Do you know what most impressed me when I visited your country? Let me tell you. The first thing was your wonderful national wealth; the second, the absolutely inadequate means at your disposal for national defense. You were like a drunken man with pockets full of money and two or three hungry ruffians on the dark side of the street waiting a chance to attack him."

"Why, do you mean to say"—began the somewhat startled captain, when the Russian put his hand on the other's arm and said: "Twice in my career I have heard the project of capturing one or two of your great cities and holding them for ransom deliberately discussed by officers of European fleets whose countries had hard work to make ends meet. And they meant it too. I once made a sensation when, after listening to a conversation of this kind, in which the officers of four different fleets took part, I said: 'Gentlemen, the United States and Russia are friends. Should she be unjustly attacked, Russia would help to see that the wrong was righted.' Ah, I can't tell you where or who it was. Come over to the Kurik [the Russian flagship] and have a glass of wine."—Washington Post.

**The Faust Legend.**

Almost every renowned man of antiquity in the middle ages was believed to be attended by a spiritus familiaris, and not a few were suspected of being in direct league with the devil. Probably the oldest legend of which the Faust legend is a continuous thread is that of Simon Magus, mentioned in the history of the apostles.

According to Justin, he was a native of Gitton, a village in Samaria. He was, no doubt, a man of great intellectual powers. He was the father of the school of the Gnostics. It is also reported of him that he could make himself invisible, that he could pass through flames unharmed, could transmute matter, make gold and exorcise demons—in fact, he laid claim to all these powers and his name lived in the mouths of many centuries until some other miracle working personality took his place at the popular fireside. Unusual accomplishments, great erudition, were attributed to the supernatural influence, and the general disposition to superstitious assumption was strengthened on the one hand by dogmatic affirmation on the part of the church of the existence of a personal satan, with his numerous household, and, on the other hand, by incorporating the magic arts among the practical sciences, of which astrology and alchemy occupied no mean part.—Menorah.

A tobacco expert says that Oklahoma will become a great tobacco growing region.

To show the growth made in the industry of furnishing kindling wood, a single factory in Pennsylvania turns out 5,000,000 bundles a month.

**Real Estate Transfers.**

J J Phipps to C A McCabe 42-100 acres in Medford tp 37 s r 2 w	47
Granville Sears to Thomas J Neff 50-100 acres of 11 c No 44 tp 37 r 1 w	137
Lizzie Williams to W S Crowell and W H Parker 10 acres sec 9 tp 35 s r 1 w	1
Charles T Nicholson to Mary A Nicholson lots 4, 5 and six blk 10 Medford	1000
Patent No 13, U S to O and C R R company patent to railroad lands in Jackson and Josephine counties embracing 8889 76-100 acres consideration the construction of railway, telegraphic lines etc	2000
Jesse G Hodges to R C Hensley 50 38-100 acres tp 37 s r 2 w	2000
A W Scott to A Bush lots 9 and 10 blk 50 add Ashland	1
C W Dugan to F C Scott an undivided 1/2 interest to the Dugan and Empire mine, Little Applegate section	300
Fred Kleinhammer to Chas Dugan Empire and Dugan mine	300
Henry E Martin to Auguste A Urion 160 acres sec 22 tp 38 s r 4 w	1500
U S to O and C R R company patent to 1147 91-100 acres in Jackson and Josee pine counties	

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