

OUR COUNTY... Correspondents

FOR 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.

Central Point Items.

L. C. Rodenberger is now night watch.
Gus Morris made the county seat a visit Monday.
Mrs. Sperry, of Gold Hill, spent Monday in our city.
Miss Martha Cardwell made Medford a visit on Monday.
C. Magruder is now working in his placer mine near Gold Hill.
J. C. Hall and wife made Jacksonville a visit the first of the week.
Mrs. Simons, of Eagle Point, spent several days here last week visiting friends.
Born.—January 14th, 1896, to Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Dean, of Willow Springs, a daughter.
Rev. Blackwell will hold services in the M. E. church next Sunday morning and evening.
Mrs. J. R. Williamson took Thursday's train for Ashland to visit her daughter, Mrs. J. Blevins.
Rev. James Hummer, of Eugene, who formerly resided here, has been paying this section a visit.
Miss Delia Slover, of Sardine creek, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Edwin Pierce, who is very ill.
The ladies of our city will give a leap year ball on St. Valentine's day. Ticket including supper, one dollar.
E. M. Leever and wife made Mrs. L's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson, of Medford, a visit the fore part of the week.

MORE CENTRAL POINT ITEMS.

RY WILL.
John Carney is reported quite ill at the residence of Mr. Jeffers.
Mrs. Elizabeth Simons was a pleasant visitor at the Friez and Speedy houses, last week.
Miss Lottie Birch, of Medford, is making Central Point friends a visit. She visited our school Monday.
Miss Gibson and Lizzie Gibson have both been ill with "Grippe" but are much improved at the present writing.
Grandma Miller, Mrs. Newton's mother, was reported dying of old age yesterday, but is said to be better this morning.
There is quite a demand for hay and the price is rapidly advancing. C. Fries and Frank Amy are supplying the market at present.
The G. A. R.'s met and installed officers Saturday. Their wives furnished a good dinner consequently the men were happy.
John Mann and family will move to the Hanley place. Mr. Mann has been hired by Miss Allie Hanley to take charge of the place the coming year.
Miss Martha Cardwell made a business trip to Gold Hill recently. The Cardwell family expect to locate at Gold Hill in the near future. Miss Cardwell expects to take up teaching as her profession.
The scarlet fever scare is over and gone and no more cases yet. If some people would wait until there was need for a fright before being so badly frightened, they would live comparatively peaceful lives.
Some of our foot ball players are beginning to realize how rough a game they play. Harry Harvey is laid up with a sprained knee at present. James Grieves was hurt some time since but is all right now.

F. L. Cranfill has gone to Eugene to arrange for a future home at that place. They will move the Cranfill goods at this place back to Medford. Mr. Cranfill may arrange to enter the mercantile business at Eugene.
Our barber, Oscar Williams, contemplates the removal of his business to Marysville, Calif. "Awk" is one of our most popular young men, and while we wish him the best success in his new home, we regret losing him from our "circle."

Percy Newton was down from Ashland Normal school for a few days last week. He took a team back with him and will run Ashland normal coach to take pupils to and from the school. Percy will also keep up his regular course in the normal.
Professor L. L. Freeman made a flying business trip to Gold Hill last Saturday. We are pleased to report Mr. Freeman's success in contracting for the spring term of school at Gold Hill. Mr. Freeman has taught in the school several times and was unanimously chosen again.
Central Point tax payers met the 18th and voted a seven mill tax to

clear off the present indebtedness, but the tax to run the school during the spring months was voted down, so our school will close March 6th. At the close of the school year Central Point's indebtedness will amount to \$1950. An attempt was made to unite the two high rooms under Prof. Freeman. This was an impossibility as Mr. Freeman now has more work than he can manage during school hours and has to teach until after four each evening.

Eagle Point Eaglets.

BY A. C. HOWLETT.
Geo. Givens, of lower Butte, was also in town the first of last week.
W. H. Bradshaw, county commissioner, was in town Monday of last week.
Rev. J. P. Moomaw will preach in Eagle Point next Sunday morning and evening.
Uncle Jack Compton, of Brownsboro, was smiling on his many friends here last Friday.
John Sevedge, of Salt creek, another of our Butte creek cattlemen, was in town last Friday.
Rev. L. L. Grover has moved his quarters from the Pioneer and is keeping "batch" with W. B. Dailey.
Elder A. J. Daley filled the pulpit Sunday evening in the place of L. L. Grover. The latter preached in the morning.
Thomas E. Nichols, one of our leading stockmen, was in town the first of last week. He reports the stock not doing well.
Lee Black, one of our rising young men living on Rogue river, was in town last week interviewing one of our notaries public.
G. W. Smith, our Yankee creek horticulturist and one of the most successful bee masters in this part of the country, was in town last week.

Mrs. Runnels, an aged lady of Little Butte, is reported on the sick list. Dr. Officer is in attendance. One of the Betz boys is also reported on the sick list.
J. E. Stickle, our leading blacksmith, was called to the free ferry, on Rogue river, the first of last week to do some work on the boat and rigging.

Some of our enterprising citizens have been making some decided improvements in the way of graveling the sidewalks between the post-office and Brown's store.
Henry and Peter Barneburg, Jr., living east of Medford, have been here and in the neighborhood on Little Butte creek buying cattle. It is said that they bought about sixty head one day last week.

Our young and middle aged people are having a great time playing foot-ball. There are only three ponds of water on the ball ground, and the players get the full benefit of them. They played a game last Saturday, but on Sunday afternoon they had one of the hottest games of the season, and now they think of challenging any team in the county.
Last week mention was made of the issue of a warrant for the arrest of John Doe for killing a hog. While making an unsuccessful search for him they found evidences which prompted the issuing of another warrant for the arrest of his brother for killing deer. Constable A. Pool and posse went out to where the two young men were keeping "batch," but while they were watching the doors the inmates removed a board in the rear, made their exit and departed. The next time the officers went there they found a notice posted on the door warning them to keep away or they might get hurt. Nevertheless Constable Pool succeeded in capturing Irwin Dahach, on the charge of killing deer. He called for a jury trial and it was set for Tuesday. Your correspondent went to Medford Monday and brought Judge Stanfield out to prosecute the case. There are more cases on the docket that he will probably handle for the state before he returns.

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Griffin Creek Gatherings.

BY OCCASIONAL.

Mrs. L. Culp, of Medford, visited Mrs. Crabtree here last week.
The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fry has been seriously ill, but is now convalescent.
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wilson spent a day recently visiting Mr. Calhoun's family, in Jacksonville.

D. B. Soliss has had a portion of his old orchard grubbed out on account of its being effected by scale.
Misses Lelah Griffin and Lydia Pernoll, of Josephine county, have been visiting W. F. and H. L. Griffin's families the past two weeks.

Messrs. A. W. McPherson and Marion Hartley have been testing their strength this winter, by way of pulling out grubs on their respective places.
In common with California and other parts of Oregon, our valley has been greatly benefited by the recent heavy rains, and our farmers are jubilant and feel assured of a heavy crop the coming season.

Real Estate Transfers.

J. J. Phelps to C. A. McCabe 42-100 acres in tp 37 s r 2 w 137
Granville Sears to Thomas J. Neff 50-100 acres in tp 37 s r 2 w 137
Anson W. Jacobs to E. C. Landers lot 4 blk 56 Pennsylvania add to Ashland 6
Nimrod N. Charley to Mary F. Charley 100 acres sec 28 and 31 tp 37 s r 2 w 1000
Michael Chavner et al to Mary E. Richards lot 1 and 2 blk 36 Gold Hill 100
Dan Richards to James Dodge lots 1 and 2 blk 26 Gold Hill 200
George W. Smith to Florence N. Smith 2 acres in Ashland precinct 1000
H. U. Lumsden to Ella J. Cole 18-100 acres in Ashland 250
A. Davis to Frank W. Wait lots 8 and 9 Davis sub division of lot 2 blk 5 Gallop's add to Medford 155
P. B. O'Neill to U. W. W. 8 acres tp 37 John G. Vanduyke to Sarah Vanduyke 800 acres sec 19 13 and 14 tp 37 s r 1 w 1000
William H. Hattery et al to Eugene H. Hattery 36-100 acres tp 37 s r 2 w 2500
Olive H. Hattery to Dora H. Hattery 434-100 acres in sec 8 and 36 tp 36 s r 37 E. L. Applegate to George O. Argent 12-100 acres in sec 12 Ashland 1
Jeremiah Nunn to George Givan lot 2 sec 6 tp 36 s r 1 w 36-100 acres 300
W. W. Thayer et al to Squaw Lake Water & Mining company 155-64-100 acres of the Squaw Lake placer mining claim and ditches 10
George B. Landers to Fordyce Roper lots 32 and 33 blk O R E add to Ashland also other property in Ashland 9000
Ella C. Landers to F. Roper lot 60 and 61 Highland Park add to Ashland 200

A. P. A.'s to Rev. Desmarais.

The following communication has been handed us by the Medford A. P. A. council with the request that it be given publicity:

DEAR SIR.—We, too, are pleased with the "spirit of tolerance" displayed on last Monday evening when you lectured in the Medford opera house. Protestant tolerance was beautifully present in the large Protestant crowd which gathered to hear you. And we commend you for your kindly bearing toward us and Protestantism in general during your lecture. We rejoice in this, for we feel that as the brotherly feeling increases between Romanism and Protestantism, and a willingness to openly discuss our differences prevails, we shall the sooner and more surely reach the exact truth which we trust both parties sincerely desire.

We do not impugn your motives nor charge you with dishonesty; may we not expect the same charity and consideration from you? We are sincere and conscientious men, and if we are in the wrong our error is of judgment, not of motive. And if you are altogether right, and we altogether in the wrong, it is your imperative duty, as a professedly Christian man, to treat us kindly and use every means possible to show us our error, and lead us to the light. Believing, therefore, in your willingness to openly discuss our differences, and to enlighten us "poor deluded fellows," we appeal to you for light upon some points which you did not touch in your lecture, and some which you did, but which are not clear to us. As a matter of fact you studiously avoided even a passing reference to the main points we desired you to discuss. But in this we were not disappointed, for we did not believe you dared to discuss them, and we are of the same opinion still.

Firstly—You refused even a reference to the source of our opposition to Romanism. Dear sir, why did you storm and foam about "liberty of conscience" and then triumphantly exclaim, "that is the doctrine of the Roman Catholic church," without giving one syllable of documentary evidence that such is the teachings of the pope and prelates of Rome? You must know, sir, that we base our opposition upon your Canon law, papal encyclicals, and the utterances of other prominent Catholics. Upon these encyclicals, especially Pius IX and Leo XIII, and the Canon law of Romish church, we stand or fall. And your vituperations against us for opposing Rome, are a waste of time and words, until you come up like a man and with the encyclicals and Canon law of Rome, those of date, section, and page from which we quote, and by them show that the copies we possess are spurious and untrue. Every lecturer on this subject has made copious quotations from these encyclicals and Canon law, and based their whole argument on them. We did

not formulate these documents; they have come to us as genuine, and God knows that if they are spurious we should like to know it. And every sensible man knows that since all our opposition is based on these documents, it is absolutely fair to insist that our arguments be acknowledged to be true, and our objections valid; or that they be refuted by documents unmistakably genuine. Not what you say, but these documents, are authority in the Catholic church. All of our speakers have challenged the whole Catholic world to show that these documents we use are spurious forgeries; the proof to be sufficiently authenticated documents, not a denial by you. If you will do this we will disband as a society and acknowledge our delusion. Any court on earth would say we are fair.

Secondly—You did not bestow a solitary word on the subject of our American public schools, and Rome's attitude toward them. You know full well that this is the greatest question between us to day; and yet you did not even allude to it. Strange you forgot it.

Thirdly—In that magnificent (?) array of so called Catholic universities, which you pitted against the puny few maintained by Protestantism, you forgot to explain what a strangely inferior school is often called a university by your people. This is evident by the fact that Mexico, Spain and Italy, have a larger per cent of persons, who can neither read nor write, than any other so called Christian nations. These are Catholic countries, and one would conclude from your statement here, that there is a university for almost every square mile of their territory. Perhaps the reason of so much ignorance, amid so many universities, is because the chief studies of the majority of those thousands of students of which you boasted, is the catechism and the doctrine of the certain damnation of Protestants. See!

Fourthly—You did not tell our people that the doctrine of a "state church," and the "union of church and state," has always been a prominent policy of Romanism; which you know to be a fact, and which every one knows to be inimical to the United States constitution.

Fifthly—You spent almost an hour glorifying in Columbus, LaFayette and other Catholics prominent in American history. We are as proud of most of those men as you can be. We are proud of them because they were independent enough to be what they were, in spite of "the church's" opposition, which Columbus and many others had to contend with from the beginning. But, what these men did, had nothing to do with the subject in question.

Sixthly—You boasted that Catholics extorted from King John the great Magna Charta, the foundation of English liberties. You must know that Catholics, Dissenters and infidels all demanded that "charter of rights." Why did you not tell the people that the infamous tyrant, King John himself, was a prominent Catholic. Also that when the people had made him sign the charter the then pope of Rome, old Innocent III, annulled the people's charter, and excommunicated the twenty-four barons who were appointed to enforce it. Surely you must have thought the Medford audience a set of ignoramus.

Seventhly—Your circular telling us that it is impossible to determine the number of deserters from the Union army bears fraud on the face of it. Do you not know that of every man who enlists in the army, a record is made of his name, nationality, birthplace, age, height, weight, and religion? A daily roll call, and before and after battles, with the number of dead, wounded and captured known makes it easy for every officer to know if any of his men have deserted, and who they are.

Eighthly—Your insolent reference to the "scenes" at Protestant churches on Sunday evening, because of the absence of "divine authority there" is silly impertinence. Now, Rev. sir, we could forgive the bloody past of Romish rule if we were assured that the future would always be clear. But so long as the Spanish inquisition, and the fires of Piedmont and Smithfield are not repudiated by the Catholic church, through the later popes and prelates, we are unable to discover where the church experienced a change of heart, and became favorable to "liberty of conscience." Sir, we seek light and authority on all of these questions, and if you will discuss them, using nothing as evidence, but unimpeachable encyclicals, canon law, and properly authenticated utterances of leading Catholics and Legori's Moral Theology, you will find no difficulty in getting men to accept a challenge to discuss them.
By order of council,
ISAAC WOOLF, President.

The judge's informant said it was understood similar requests had been sent to the governors of other Southern states. The story has become generally known there and is causing great excitement. Governor Mitchell and Adjutant General Houston were asked in regard to it, but they refused to either affirm or deny.
The adjutant general has sent telegrams to all battalion commanders in the state. Major Turner of Jacksonville, commanding the First Florida battalion, has received several messages from the adjutant general, but refuses to make known their contents. The battalion commanders at Pensacola and Tampa also received messages from headquarters.

The New York 'Record' publishes the following dispatch from Tallahassee, Fla.: At the request of the federal war department Governor Mitchell has ordered Adjutant General Houston to see that the Florida militia is in readiness to take the field at a moment's notice. The statement is made on the authority of Judge Dzialynski of Jacksonville. He received his information from an aid in the adjutant general's office.

Cuban leaders in Florida insist that Great Britain is after Cuba and that the flying squadron is coming to American waters to be ready for war with the United States that will inevitably follow the attempted cession of Cuba.

Dispatches indicate that the report about holding the troops in readiness has spread all over Florida and that the war fever is higher now than on the day after President Cleveland's Venezuelan message.

The gravity of the situation may be estimated from the fact that it is asserted that never before in the history of nations has there been witnessed so powerful a naval armament as is now assembled in English waters ready for attack or defense against Germany or against the combined powers of Europe. The fleet is composed exclusively of the very fastest and newest British warships afloat. The entire channel squadron, commanded by Rear Admiral Kerr, with the flagship Majestic, a first-class battleship of 14,900 tons, has assembled off Portsmouth. The flying squadron, reinforced by six of the latest built torpedo-boat destroyers, has assembled off Spithead.

—Mining deeds—at THE MAIL office

Late Literary News.

No one ever thought of introducing so expensive a feature as lithographic color work in the days when the leading magazines sold for \$4.00 a year and 35 cents a copy. But times change and magazines change with them. There has remained for The Cosmopolitan, sold at one dollar a year, to put in an extensive lithographic plant capable of printing 320,000 pages per day (one color). The January issue presents as a frontispiece a water-color drawing by Eric Pape, illustrating the last story by Robert Louis Stevenson, which has probably never been excelled even in the pages of the finest dollar French periodicals. The cover of The Cosmopolitan is also changed, a drawing of page length by the famous Paris artist Rossi, in lithographic colors on white paper takes the place of the manilla back with its red stripe. Hereafter the cover is to be a fresh surprise each month.

A New Deal on the Northern Pacific.

That enterprising and "Old Reliable" has consummated traffic arrangements with the S. P. whereby they run one of their upholstered tourist sleeping cars carrying passengers from Oakland, Calif., via Southern Oregon to St. Paul, Minn., without change of cars. This car passes through Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass, Oregon every Wednesday on the regular S. P. overland train. A second class ticket gives you the right to take this car, which you will find clean, neat and comfortable. A uniformed porter in charge to look after the interests of all passengers going east via that line. Go east via the N. P. and advise all your friends to do likewise, and be happy. For tickets or further information apply to A. D. Carlton, A. G. P. & T. Agent, Portland, Oregon, or S. F. Case, N. P. Agent, Grants Pass, Oregon, or C. C. Belknap, Medford, Oregon.

Are You Going to Prove up?

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