

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.

Central Point Items.

BY WILL.
Miss Julia Martin spent Sunday at the Fries house.

We are glad to report John Carney able to be out again.

Bert Newton is again quite ill. He is with his parents at present.

Miss Anna Clements and sister, Verna, visited Lulu Newton Sunday.

Johnny Williams made his parents in Central Point a visit Sunday.

Miss Josie Benson visited in Medford a few days since. She has returned to Ashland.

Mrs. L. L. Freeman has been ill with an attack of La Grippe, but is much better at last reports.

C. M. Fries and Ed Wilson each took a load of hay to the Black Channel mines, on Fooths creek, last week.

The boys gave their regular semi-monthly dance the 25th, and will give no more dances until after the ladies have their Leap Year party.

Hunt Magruder's daughter, Jennie, has been ill the past week with a mild form of spinal meningitis. Dr. Hinkle is the attending physician.

The Eagle Point Leap Year party was considered a success. A very pleasant time was enjoyed. We did not learn how many numbers were sold.

A number of our young people went to Jacksonville the 24th, to attend the Leap Year ball. We hope to have Jacksonville return the compliment when our party time comes.

Some of our teachers went to Medford Saturday expecting to come back on the evening train. Our trains are so irregular not much dependence can be placed on them, for a certain hour, so the Central Point people took the track and came home. The train did not pass until quite late.

The ladies met the 24th and made all final arrangements for the Leap Year ball to be given the night of February 14th. The committee on supper, Misses Bertha Pankey, Birdie Jones and Laura Coakley, engaged their supper of Mr. Williamson. A first-class ball supper was ordered. The music committee, Misses Katie Fries, Anna Clements and Belle McDonald, engaged the Woodruff sisters as musicians. The committee on decoration, Bertha and Mary Pankey and Birdie Jones are to take charge of decorations and cleaning the hall. The floor managers, Misses McDonald, Jones and Pankey and Mrs. Stickle, are to see that the lights are taken care of and to open the doors at eight o'clock. The committee on invitation are Misses McDonald, Pankey, Coakley, Fries, Kenney, Clements, Nell Leever, Maury and Lillie Gregory, of Central Point, Misses Myrtle Nichols and Jessie Gregory, of Medford, Misses Sophia Simons and Celia Brown, of Eagle Point, Miss Cora Lynn, of Jacksonville, Miss Lillie McClelland, of Sams Valley, Miss Ida Sullivan, of Tolo, Miss Lillie Pyburn, of Woodville, and Miss Maggie Hammersley, of Gold Hill. The tickets are on sale at the post-office. Tickets including supper, \$1. A general invitation from the committee is extended to all and a good time assured those who attend. A first-class supper, first-class music, and no disorder allowed, will insure a fine dance for all.

Prospect Items.

BY MINERVA.

E. S. Moore is making a large quantity of very fine shakes.

Geo. Stockton is shaking nothing, but sawing wood—that is, just quietly baling hay.

We have a dancing party almost once a week—very pleasant affairs—patronized by all.

Irving McCall is spending the winter near town trapping. He had designs on that band of gray wolves.

Miss Ora Woodruff has located a homestead two miles below this mill. The family are residing on the land with her.

O. R. Beauregard is putting finishing touches on that inland wood picture. The railway locomotive is perfect—brass work, screw heads and all.

Miss May Earhart is teaching our school, and very successfully. Our district has always been very fortunate in its teachers. All say our school is a model one, which is complimentary to the parents for

the manner in which they bring up their children.

Geo. Aiken is able to travel on foot again. He had the misfortune to nearly sever all the toes on one foot some time ago, but they have healed perfectly natural.

Some time ago, but not reported, McDonald Perdue built a bridge across the river at his place. He has some rich bottom land on the west side, which he will cultivate.

Rev. Greene is not falling off much although he is doing more hustling than a whole family on his homestead, one mile east from Prospect—when the weather permits.

A. H. Boothby butchered recently. Nothing peculiar about it—he always kills about this time, but he presented us with some spare ribs which were a perfect fit. He's all right.

Eagle Point Eaglets.

BY A. C. HOWLETT.

Mr. Dahack was in town Monday.

Rev. Wood will preach next Sunday morning and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nichols were trading with our merchants Monday.

Mr. VonderHellen, of Wellen, was doing business in Eagle Point Monday.

Joe Rader, one of our enterprising stockmen, was doing business in Eagle Point Monday.

Miss Anna Schneider, of Rogue river, was smiling on her many friends in Eagle Point last Saturday.

Last Saturday Wm. C. Daley, of upper Little Butte, was in town. His many friends gave him a hearty welcome.

Mike Mayfield, one of the leading stockmen of the Meadows, was in this part of the country last week looking after his stock interests.

Miss Lottie Perry, of Big Butte, came out the first of last week to stay with her mother, who is here under the care of our own Dr. W. B. Officer.

The Leap Year dance, given by the ladies of this place, last Friday night, is reported as having been a very pleasant affair, the basket supper was excellent.

Last Sunday about noon a messenger from Mr. Gordon's, on Rogue river, came dashing into town for a doctor for one of the young Gordons, who through mistake had taken a dose of carbolic acid for a dose of cough medicine.

Last Thursday Mrs. John Daley was thrown from her horse and badly injured. She had her children with her on the horse, which was being led by her husband. In passing a tree the horse shied, and all were brushed from the horse. She was carried to Geo. Morine's house, which was near the place of the accident, where every attention possible is bestowed. One of the children received a few bruises, but nothing serious.

In my last I spoke of the arrest of Irvin Dahack for violation of the game law and the sending for Judge Stanfield to prosecute the case. The case was called at one o'clock Tuesday—Judge Stanfield for the prosecution and Mr. Dahack acted as his own counsel. The jury after hearing all the evidence came to the conclusion Irvin Dahack had nothing to do with the killing of the deer, but that his brother had killed it, and as his brother has not been found at yet we are not prepared to tell the finale of the case.

On Thursday of last week we had another case in Judge Hazelton's court. One Joe Brown, a half-breed Indian, was arrested on complaint of A. J. Daley charged with larceny of a cow, and the attempted larceny of some other property. When Constable Pool went to arrest him he was grubbing for Joe Rader, and he informed the constable that if he came in reach he would kill him with the grubbing hoe. Mr. Pool retreated, secured help and made the arrest. Brown was examined on Friday, Judge Stanfield conducting the prosecution, and bound over to await the action of the grand jury,

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair, Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair.

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER
Most Perfect Made.
40 Years the Standard.

in the sum of \$600. He is now boarding with Sheriff Patterson, in Jacksonville.

Died—January 19, 1896, at her home in Clackamas, of pneumonia, Mrs. Mary Fannie Foster, nee Mary F. Cooke, aged 46 years 4 months and 13 days. The subject of the above notice was born in LaFayette county, Missouri, September 6, 1849. In early childhood she came with her parents to Clackamas county, Oregon, and in 1859 she came to Jacksonville with her aunt, the late Mary A. Chambers, then Mrs. M. A. Harris of the '55 Indian war fame. She attended school there for some time, and then returned to the home of her parents where she remained until her marriage, in 1868, to Frank W. Foster, one of the pioneers of '47. Her husband died in August, 1890. She leaves ten children, five brothers and one sister—Mrs. A. C. Howlett—besides a number of relatives in this county to feel the sad bereavement. She united with the M. E. Church shortly after her marriage, and lived a constant christain life, and in her last hours gave unmistakable evidence of her preparation for the change.

"Dear is the spot where Fannie sleeps, And sweet the strains that angels pour, O, why should we in anguish weep? She is not dead but gone before. We call her dead, and mourn her loss, Because her dear face we see no more. Remember, and light will be the cross—She is not dead, but gone before."

Evans Creek Events.

BY GENEVA.

Tom Herriott was in Gold Hill Monday.

Mrs. E. J. Anthony has been quite ill for several days.

Miss Maggie Hillis was the guest of Miss Sabey Booker last week.

C. M. Hamilton is now employed as clerk in J. Robinson's store at Wimer.

Joseph and Robert Wakeman and Jack Blair were in Grants Pass Thursday.

Mr. Harris and H. E. Beck left for J. W. Robinson's mine on Jump-off Joe Friday.

Ed and Miss Anna Herriott came home Sunday to remain a few days with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole, who have visiting relatives here returned to their home at Coles station, California, Sunday.

Mott Smith spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Zeb Hide and Sam Call, at their mine on Pleasant creek.

Miss Linnie Robinson has had quite a severe attack of the whooping cough, but is now on the improve.

Hiram McKee, who has been the guest of Geo. Harriott for several days, returned to his home on Applegate Friday.

Dr. Hines, of Jacksonville, was called Friday night to attend Wm. Harriott, who has been very sick for the past week.

Fred Minthome and family came down from the mines Thursday and will reside at home for the remainder of the winter.

Mr. Denton and family, who have been living at Wimer for the past few months, moved to the farm of Mrs. Evans Thursday.

A candy pull and a dance was given at the Wilcox hotel Friday night. Those present report having had a very pleasant time.

Died—Near Wimer, January 18, 1896, Mrs. S. J. Beers. Deceased was a well known and highly respected lady who has resided here for many years. She leaves a husband, two daughters and a son to mourn her loss.

Big Sticky Items.

BY BILL NYE'S BROTHER.

Mr. Head, Sr., was quite ill with LaGrippe at last reports.

Harry Warlow, of Climax, spent last Sunday night at J. W. Smith's.

Watson Adams, of Griffin creek, visited friends on Big Sticky last week.

Will Ray, of Oakland, is spending the winter with his cousin, Oscar Goodell.

Mrs. Ed. Wilson and children, of Central Point, were the guests of Mrs. F. R. Moore last week.

We are sorry to state that Ed. Lands' youngest child is quite ill, as is also Henry Bangart's little girl.

Mrs. Dennis Duggan and daughter, Mary, made friends on Big Sticky a pleasant visit not long since.

W. F. Moore, our efficient road supervisor, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. George Little, of Central Point.

Allie and Myron Turyin, of Antelope, have been spending a few days with their cousin, W. W. Gregory.

Mr. Bryant, who recently purchased land in our vicinity, was suddenly called to Cal., by the serious illness of his daughter.

Rev. Hood preached at the

Mound school house January 19th, to a small but appreciative audience. He will hold services again the third Sunday in February, at 11 o'clock. We have not had meetings in our neighborhood for a long time, but Rev. Hood promises—if met with any encouragement—to preach for us all summer. So we hope to see a full attendance at the next meeting.

Griffin Creek Gatherings.

BY OCCASIONAL.

Mrs. A. A. Kellogg, of Medford is visiting friends here.

The infant son of W. F. Griffin has been ill, but is convalescent.

Mrs. Guches, of this place, is suffering with an attack of pneumonia.

Rev. Robt. Faucett will preach here next Sunday at the usual hour.

Mrs. Wm. Hamlin, of Grants Pass, visited relatives here last week.

Miss Eva Randles, of Medford, is paying Mrs. H. L. Griffin a visit here.

Coroner Brower, of Ashland, passed through here one day recently on a business tour to Jacksonville.

LaGrippe is making its appearance here once more, and one and all are sharing equally. Griffin creek is always a place of plenty, but this time the "plenty" being sickness and rain. From the general appearance of the weather at present a young flood is surely expected.

Real Estate Transfers.

John F White to Wm B Comstock land in tp 37 s r 2 w 150
J. H. Tolman to J. H. Tolman interest in the Houck-Tolman & Dunn ditch in tp 39 s r 1 e 100
A. D. Helman to C. A. Eliason 17-100 acres tp 39 s r 1 e 100
Wm H Hurley to J. B. Robinson all int in the Baldwin ditch tp 38 s r 1 w 100
C. M. Hanson to J. I. Hanson land in Jackson county in sec 7 tp 37 s r 2 w 1000
J. W. Cook to Sterling mining company in Sterling mining dist 1
H. E. Ankeny to Sterling mining company 30 52 100 acres in same dist 1
Vincent Cook to Sterling mining company 30 acres of mining ground same dist 1
Cordelia L. Ankeny to same 20 acres of mining ground same dist 1
R. A. Cooke to Sterling mining company 30 acres of placer mining ground same district 1
Henry E. Ankeny to Sterling mining company 132 58 101 acres sec 4 tp 39 also 40 acres in sec 38 with water right flume ditches etc. 1
A. P. Talbot to Mary L. Patten 100 acres tp 38 s r 1 w 1
Sheriff of Jackson county, S. Patterson to R. P. Nell and J. E. Felton, abstracted in foreclosure an undivided 1/2 interest in and to 161 61 100 acres tp 38 s r 1 e 2025
Morton Lindley to W. W. McNair the Monte Christo quartz claim on Kansas creek 100
Morton Lindley to Wm Lampert the Excelsior and Columbia quartz claims also placer mining claim all in Sardinia creek 500
Morton Lindley to J. H. Beeman interest in and to the Red Oak and Iowa quartz claim in Galls creek district 500
F. C. Holmes to Geo. W. Dunn 10 miner's inches of water from Dunn & Houck ditch 1
Emily E. Hills to Anna L. Clute 5 acres of d 1 c 54 tp 38 s r 1 e reserving right of way for irrigating ditch 625
M. W. Holmes to Geo. W. Dunn 51 80-100 acres of d 1 c No 35 tp 38 s r 1 e 2850
H. E. Ankeny to Sterling mining company 100 acres sec 13 tp 36 s r 3 w with undivided 1/2 of water right and ditch 1
U. S. patent to Dillain P. Hill 100 acres sec 20 28 s r 1 w 1
U. S. to Gustin Morton 100 acres sec 25 tp 37 s r 1 w 1
John G. VanDyke to Sarah VanDyke 800 acres in tp 37 s r 1 w 1

Some Queer Inventions.

A late issue of the Scientific American, in an extended article on the various classes of eccentric inventions that lumber up the business of the patent office, says among other things:

Perhaps one of the most amusing patents ever granted was issued on the claim of an Ohio man in 1883. He evidently had not lived a great length of time on a farm, for his invention of a corn planter, while original to an extreme degree, could hardly be put into use. The picture accompanying the patent is a work of art. It represents an old horse driven by a stout man, who holds the lines nonchalantly in one hand, an expression of much pleasure on his face, while at his side trudged a small hairy dog of the yellow variety. To the horse's forelegs, just above the fetlock, are attached two small boxes to contain the feed. Ropes are fastened to catch in the sides of these boxes lead through pulleys attached to a small saddle over the horse's shoulder, and back of the horse's hind legs. As the horse moved forward each step of the hind leg opened the seed boxes, and corn was sifted down into the holes made by the front hoofs. The verbiage of the claim on this patent is as original as the drawing:

1. I claim the combination substantially set forth with the cheap horse, A, to the forelegs of which are attached the boxes, B, B, that are filled with corn.

2. I claim the pulleys, C C, in combination with the strings, D D, substantially as shown in the drawing.

3. I claim the guide, [a small iron affair shaped like a rowlock, fastened above the horse's tail, through which the lines pass], for the purpose set forth, and the sticker, H, to prevent the lowering of the tail.

4. I claim the fat driver, F, to prevent the said cheap horse from going too fast.

5. I claim the fat dog, G, merely as company for the driver.

6. I claim the worms (not

shown) in combination with the crows, K K, subsequently as shown in the drawing for the purpose set forth [a purpose not set forth].

WON THE BIG PRIZE.

A Book-Keeper's Sad Experience with a Horse and Wagon.

It is not often that winning a prize will make a man look sad, but the unlikely frequently happens, says the Chicago Globe. The other morning the book-keeper in one of the wholesale establishments of the city went to his desk looking so blue that his fellow clerks thought he must have lost some of his relatives during the night. They delicately inquired what the trouble

"I see him as de sinkin' summer sun creep inter de winder an' turned his white h'ar to de color ob silver. He woke from his soft sleep, an' dar was sich happiness in his eyes an' sich glory in his face as I neber saw befo'. He listened like one who h'ars de far-off sounds of sweet music, an' de glory deepened as he reached out his hands to me and whispered:

"I kin see my ole wifean' de chill'en up dar! I kin see glory an' rest an' peace! I kin look across de dark valley an' see sich happiness as I neber dreamed of!"

"An' he passed away like a babe fallin' asleep, an' you who go up dar to-morrow will fin' dat same glorious smile lightin' up de face of de dead. He has suffered an' believed an' had faith an' gone to his reward. He has bin dispised fur his color, ridiculed fur his ignorance, an' scorned fur his faith in de hereafter, an' yit no king eber died wid sich a smile on his face an' wid sich happiness in his heart. Peace to his ashes! While we mourn fur him we shall still rejoice dat he has gone to his reward. Let us break de meetin' in two an' go home."—Detroit Free Press.

GRAINS OF GOLD.

Wise Sayings Which Fall from the Lips of Great Philosophers.

Cowardice is the greatest giver of aims.

Spare moments are the gold dust of time.—Cole.

He who is devoted to every body is devoted to nobody.

If you note all the details you have not seen the whole.

Deliberation, too far prolonged.

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defeats its own ends.—Nelson.

Sands make the mountains—mountains make the years.—Young.

Habit renders wrong-doing of any kind a sort of second nature.

Nothing is degrading which a high and graceful purpose ennobles.

Truth has never yet proved fatal to any one; there are too many antidotes.

To owe gratitude oppresses a coarse nature; to receive it oppresses a fine one.

Socialism is the fantastical younger brother of a nearly spent despotism, whose inheritance he claims.

The gardens of modern poetry too often betray a nearness to the drains of the cities.

There is not enough religion in the world to admit of the annihilation of religions.

For many natures it is as much a duty of cleanliness to change opinions as to change clothes.

Not when it is dangerous to tell the truth will she lack a prophet, but only when it is tiresome.

Those things which engage us merely by their novelty can not attract us for any length of time.

Man should command his flesh as a slave his master. The dominion of the enfranchised is the most imperious.

He that boasteth himself to know every thing is most ignorant; and he that presumeth to know nothing is most wise.—Plato, B. C. 427.