

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.)

Notes From Eden Precinct.

BY FARMER.

Masters Frank Reed and Merrill Anderson are attending school in Medford, spending Saturdays and Sundays at home.

W. S. Chapman, of Griffin creek, stopped last Wednesday night with friends here, while on a business trip to Dry creek.

Rev. Caldwell, of Ashland, preached at the school house last Sunday at 3 p. m. and left an appointment for the first Sunday in March.

Wm. Hamlin, who resides on a granite side hill near Grants Pass, was kicking chunks of our sticky farm from his pedal extremities last week. Mr. H. came up on a business trip and is also visiting friends while here.

Those parties who have been trapping quail by the score or more had better slow up on the business a little. Any reasonable person wouldn't say a word against the boys having all the sport the world can give, and also a mess of quail occasionally but when it comes to such wholesale slaughter of our beautiful and harmless game birds as thirty-five at one catch would indicate, we feel that it is high time for some one to speak a word against such recklessness.

Eagle Point Eagles.

BY A. C. HOWLETT.

Mr. Marlow, of Salt creek, was in town the first of last week.

A. C. Howlett will preach at Eagle Point next Sunday at 7 p. m.

Miss Lelah Fryer has been visiting Miss Gladys Heckathorn for the past week.

Last Thursday Mrs. Walter Stickle was thrown from her horse and badly bruised.

Mr. Grimsly was over from his farm on Monday of last week looking after his business in the city drug store.

P. H. Daley will close his school next Saturday. Pat is very popular with the children and is not at all unpopular with the patrons.

Geo. Morine returned from his mines on Applegate last Thursday. He reports the prospect good and is considerably encouraged.

Miss Henrietta Morine, who has been visiting her uncle and family, Frank Morine, near Medford, for the past two weeks, returned home last Saturday.

It was the calculation that the Central Point foot ball club would come over and play a match game with the Eagle Point club, and was accordingly announced, but they failed to come.

That young Mr. Gordon, who took carbolic acid through mistake is getting along very well. Dr. Officer rode down three horses in reaching him, but got there in time to save him.

Our enterprising neighbor, Ben Abbelesse, has been buying up a lot of fine dairy cows with a view of taking them to Klamath county next summer and turning his attention to that of making cheese and butter.

A short time ago I reported that the house occupied by John Smith, belonging to D. P. Mathews was burned. Since then Mr. Mathews has rebuilt and on Tuesday of last week the new house was christened by having a dance in it.

One of your constant readers, living near Woodville, Oscar Simpkins, is so happy he cannot find words to express his joy. His wife, nee Jennie Heckathorn, presented him with a fine son on the 25th ult., and that was the cause of his exultation.

Mr. Newman, living near the mouth of Butte creek, had a very severe attack of neuralgia of the stomach last Friday night, and for about four minutes was thought dead. This is the third attack he has had in the past two weeks and on account of his extreme age little hopes are entertained for his recovery.

Dr. R. L. Parker, of upper Rogue river, passed through town the first of last week on his way from Forest Grove, Washington county, where he has been to visit his son, Montie, to his ranch on Rogue river. He reports harder times in Washington county than we have here, that there is nothing doing and that the people are discouraged.

There was a very exciting game of football on the Eagle Point ball ground last Sunday, between the Eagle Point club and the Antelope club. Those who were present report a very closely contested match.

During the game there was a collision which resulted in a scratched face or two and a bruised nose. An informant thought Eagle Point came out second best.

One of your subscribers in Nebraska writes to his father-in-law that he likes THE MAIL very much, but wants this country advertised more for he thinks from what his relatives write that it must be the greatest country in the world. One of your subscribers here says that he has lived in several different states but this beats anything he ever saw, and he says that a number of his relatives are coming here during next spring and summer.

A few nights ago, during the temporary absence of Mrs. George Morine, some miscreant, too mean to live and not prepared to die, in the dead hours of the night, went into her yard and took the hoops off of her soap barrel, carried them off and left nine gallons of soap to run on the ground. He also took three pieces of pork from the meat house. He is shadowed and I expect ere long to have report the arrest of the suspected party.

Big Sticky Items.

BY BILL NYE'S BROTHER.

W. F. Moore is spending a few days in Central Point.

E. G. Roberts took in the sights of Jacksonville and Central Point last Saturday.

The Holiness band are still holding meetings in this neighborhood. Last Sunday's meeting was at Mr. Grigsby's.

Miss Zuda Owens has returned home from Jacksonville, where she has been attending school. Too much hard study injured her eyes, so that she cannot study again for some time.

W. J. Gregory and wife returned on Monday evening's train from their California trip. They visited a number of relatives in different parts of the state and were well pleased with their visit. They were accompanied home by their niece, who will make an extended visit here. Mr. and Mrs. Gregory have many friends in Rogue river valley, all of whom were very glad to welcome them home.

Prospect Pointers.

BY JOB LOTS.

Only one foot of snow and lots of bare ground in places.

The snow has entirely disappeared from Stan Aiken's big ranch—the Redblanck.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Buck, of Leeds, were visiting with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Boothby, last week.

McDonald Perdue has been spending several days with A. Shirley. They were engaged in the chase—and in a very determined tone of voice.

Henry L. Pegg gets to the village occasionally since the snow is disappearing. The gentleman says he is doing nothing at all—just clearing land and attending to household duties.

Mr. Willits, who lives on the other side of Baldy, is notified to bring a pack horse when he comes for his mail. Mr. Gray has a chest full of mail for him at the Skookum ranch and there is enough to fill a couple of flour sacks in the post office.

It is somewhat a peculiar fact—yet a fact, for a—that nearly all the trades are represented at Prospect. Here is the list as it "stacks up": Carpenters and woodworkers, G. W. Gray, A. H. Boothby, Greene, F. C. Ladd, McDonald Perdue and O. R. Beauregard; tinner, M. A. Shirley; shoemaker, Gilbert Olsen; blacksmith, Stan Aiken; cooper, Mr. Eaton; gunsmith, C. M. Vancleave, also professional hunter—and prospects for variety; timber expert, Irving McCall—also hunter; printer, Geo. Stockton; photographer, Perry Ellis—with beautiful views of Crater lake and Rogue river falls; R. Rasmuson does draying—also writes verses—regarding which he is entirely too modest; The Misses Ora and Pearl Woodruff are professional violinists; Miss Elsie Nye plays the violin for entertainments—all of

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our ladies play and sing; Benj. Greene is a musician—guitar and vocal. We have four war veterans; three pensioners; a retired M. D. and a gentleman with "Honorable" hitched to his name. Twelve states and three foreign countries are represented—to say nothing of your correspondent, who is a moss-grown, slough-water-raised webfooted Oregonian—and glad to be in his native state, where it isn't necessary to skin crowsbars for boot tallow, or burn hay for fire wood. Here we eat, drink and are merry the year 'round. Want haunts not our homes—except that some times we want a little meat, whereupon the rifle is shouldered—and the deer or bear must either scatter to the tall timber or become food for the settlers. Mountain trout are a luxury that isn't bad to take—and we take 'em when the inner man suggests they would be appreciated.

Griffin Creek Gatherings.

BY OCCASIONAL.

Miss Cora Bashford is suffering with an attack of the "Grippe."

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

Mrs. Sayre, of Medford, paid Miss Alta Naylor a visit Friday evening.

J. W. Lawton and sons, of Medford, were inspecting their place here Sunday.

School re-opens February 17. Prof. Allen will continue in charge until summer.

Mr. Fraley and family, of Eden precinct, visited D. B. Soliss and wife here Sunday.

Mrs. A. A. Kellogg returned to Medford Wednesday after a visit of several days here with friends.

Miss Orpha Griffin, of Grants Pass, is spending the winter with G. Naylor's family, at this place.

H. L. Griffin gave a social dance at his home last Tuesday evening. Those present report a very pleasant evening.

We are very much pleased to hear that J. W. Lawton's family will return to their Crooked creek farm soon. Their many friends will gladly welcome them home.

Miss Alta Naylor, who has been taking painting lessons of Mrs. Sayre, of Medford, for several weeks past, has already painted several fine pictures, which go to prove that the young lady is possessed of considerable artistic talent.

Central Point Items.

G. H. Jones, of Tolo, spent Monday in our city.

C. Magruder made a trip to Jacksonville last week.

C. M. Fries made Foots creek a business trip last week.

Edward McDonald made Ashland a visit the first of the week.

Mrs. Kittie Morris made Jacksonville a business trip last week.

W. T. Stidham, of Tolo, spent last Sunday, with his parents here.

S. W. McClendon was at the county seat on business Tuesday.

Mrs. E. B. Walrod, of Ashland, spent last week with her mother, Mrs. A. S. Jacobs.

Rev. Faxton preached at the Baptist church last Sunday to a large congregation.

Mrs. Stout took the train Monday for Portland to seek medical aid for internal cancer.

Warren Mee, of Grants Pass, spent a couple of days here the fore part of the week.

G. D. Moore is now our postmaster, having taken full charge of the office last Saturday.

James Fredenburg has sold his residence on Manzanita street to our jeweler, J. W. Hickie.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gregory returned last week from an extended visit in California.

Mr. Thompson, special agent for the German-American Insurance Co., spent Monday in town.

N. A. Jacobs, county clerk, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Jacobs of this place.

The ladies have made all necessary arrangements for the Leap Year ball and a good time assured.

L. H. Newton, who has been suffering with inflammatory rheumatism for some weeks, is about well again.

George Stidham made his sister, Miss Stella, who is attending the Ashland Normal school, a visit last Sunday.

John Vincent, Richard Moore and Charlie Pankey took Tuesday's train for Butte county, Calif., where they intend working in mines.

Prospect Items.

BY MINERVA.

Bad colds and LaGrippe are prevalent on Rogue river.

Miss Pearl Woodruff has been quite ill but is improving.

M. W. Skeel is up from Medford for a stay with R. W. Gray.

W. G. Knighten visited with C.

W. Knighten at Flounce Rock last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Buck have returned home from a visit with their friends at Prospect.

J. S. Delk is up from Medford working on his homestead and getting ready to build.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Caton have a fine girl baby at their home near Leeds. Mother and baby doing well.

Mrs. Whelpley will return to her former home at Flounce Rock as soon as she can get matters in proper shape.

Miss May Earhart has finished a successful term of school at Prospect and has returned to her home near Medford.

L. A. Murphy has just returned from Medford where he has been for several weeks. He reports the roads in a very bad condition.

Evans Creek Events.

BY GENEVA.

Miss Kate Herriott is visiting relatives here.

Eimer Anthony was in Grants Pass Thursday.

Will Ruetly spent Sunday with friends at Wimer.

J. Moore, of Sams Valley, was in Woodville Sunday.

Born,—To the wife of R. Phelps, January 24, 1896, a son.

Born,—To the wife of Oscar Simpkins, January 25, 1896, a son.

George Scott and Ed. Beck are home from the mines for a few days.

John Witt and W. S. Eachus made a trip to Sykes creek Thursday.

Hiram Moore and Charlie Taylor were visiting friends near Wimer Sunday.

Miss Claire Eachus was the guest of Miss Lillie Robbins Tuesday and Wednesday.

P. L. Simpkins, of Medford, was smiling on his many friends at Woodville and Wimer Monday.

Wm. Herriott who has been very ill for the past three weeks is improving under the skillful care of Dr. Hines.

Mrs. Kate Boyd and two children left for their old home in Minnesota Thursday. Mr. Boyd expects to join them in the spring.

Mr. Hart has purchased six acres of land on Evans creek from E. J. Anthony. He expects to erect a house thereon this summer.

George Gray and family, who have been living in B. J. Tabor's house for the past three months, moved to Gold Hill Monday.

Mrs. John Smith's children are all quite sick with the whooping cough. Mrs. McKee's children have also been sick but are much better now.

A man, by the name of Crawford, was instantly killed at Brooks' mine on Sykes creek January 30, 1896, by a bank caving in upon him. He was taken to Grants Pass for burial. Deceased leaves a wife and four children.

Real Estate Transfers.

Nannie Barr to Lewis Shideler 1/4 acre sec 31 tp 37 s r 1 w.	140
M W Homes to George W Dunn 54 80 100 acres tp 39 s r 1 e	2800
A S Moon to James H F Rowe four lots in blk 2 Sams Valley sec 30 to 33 s r 2 w.	300
W T Anderson to Kimira May Cox 54 acres tp 37 s r 2 w.	2500
O H Blount to J R Baltimore the s e 1/4 of sec 9 of tp 29 s r 1 e reserving the e 1/2 of sec 9 of sw 1/4; also lot 20 blk P and lot 13 blk Q R R add to Ashland; also lots 17 18 blk P in same add subject to mortgage of \$1000	1238
James H Brown to John Toepfer lot 3 blk 2 Mrs Carlwell add to Jacksonville containing 4 65 100 acres	403
W G McKnight to Geo R Justice lot 4 blk 38 Medford	40
J C VanDyke to Joe L. Dunsen 180 acres in tp 38 s r 1 w also land in sec 36 and 35 tp 38. Deed of trust	1

A New Deal on the Northern Pacific.

That enterprising and "Old Reliable" has consummated traffic arrangements with the N. 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, S. F. Case, N. P. Agent, Grants Pass, Oregon, or C. C. Belknap, Medford, Oregon.

Terrible Torture in Morocco.

A charge has been laid at Mulai Omar's door—that of having ordered the music of the drums and flutes to cease on the occasion of the announcement of Mulai Abdul Aziz's succession to the throne. On the players refusing, his highness sent a slave, who enforced silence by splitting up the drums with a dagger. For this act of treason he was afterwards punished by having the flesh of his hand sliced, the wound filled with salt, and the whole hand sewn up in leather. It is a common belief that this punishment causes mortification to set in and that the hand decomposes; but such is not the case, for by the time the leather wears off the wound is healed, the result being that the hand is rendered useless and remains closed forever. It is a punishment not often in use, but is sometimes done in cases of murder or constant theft, as, without in any way injuring the health of the man, it prevents his committing the crime a second time, or for the hundredth time, as the case may be. It is a punishment that cannot be applied except by the sultan's orders.

WE ARE GREAT LITIGANTS.

More Civil Lawsuits Here Than in Any Other Country in the World.

A man of ingenious mind, and apparently ample leisure, has gone to the trouble of figuring out the number of lawsuits brought in each country in a year, and he has reached the conclusion that the United States is a better country for attorneys and counselors than any other civilized land under the sun. He figures as lawsuits civil actions only, taking into no account proceedings of a criminal character brought by the public authorities against individuals. He has ascertained that, taking the figures for the last 10 years as a fair average, there are 1,250,000 lawsuits brought in England every year, 750,000 in France, 1,400,000 in Italy, 3,300,000 in Germany and 5,500,000 in the United States.

It is not to be inferred from this, says the New York Sun, that the people of one country are much more prone to litigation than are the people of another, but the explanation is to be found in the fact that the conditions of litigation vary exceedingly. Going to law in England is very expensive business, for it entails outlays in the form of costs and expenses so large that many of the courts are practically closed to persons of modest means, and a long litigation unsuccessfully pursued ends often in bankruptcy. In France the number of lawsuits is kept down through the general practice of "arbitration," as many as 100,000 cases in a year, especially those arising from disputes over wages, being settled by this agency without onerous cost to either party. In Germany a great majority of cases are petty ones, involving a small amount of money and due many of them, to customs or usages which are not sufficiently defined to be, in all cases, similarly understood by both parties to an agreement. This is especially the case in the farming districts of Germany, and there are many legal disputes in the manufacturing districts, too.

The number of cases credited to the United States seems enormous, but it is probably accurate. There are, for example, eleven district courts for the disposal of civil cases in New York city. In one of these courts, by recent report, the number of actions brought in a year was shown to be 9,100. These courts have before them each year, on the average, 75,000 cases. The cases brought in the state courts of New

York amount in a year to about 150,000, and of those brought in the federal courts New York furnishes a very large number. Taking the whole country through, it seems that the average number of cases per thousand of population is in the neighborhood of 75 to 80. The number of lawyers in the United States is materially larger than in any other country in the world, and the amounts in dispute here are much greater than elsewhere.

POSSESSIONS OF A TRAMP.

A Wayfarer Who Was Prepared for Any Emergency.

Probably there wasn't another person in the state so well prepared for emergencies as a tramp who has just visited Saco and Biddeford. He had no overcoat, but, as he wore two coats, two thick vests, two pairs of trousers and plenty of underclothing, he didn't miss one much.

When he wandered into the police station, says the Lewiston (Me.) Journal, he bore a big bundle consisting of a heavy comforter rolled in a piece of oilcloth. In his pockets were found several dozen of loose matches and a box of parlor matches, a big roll of newspapers, two dozen railroad time tables, a box of salve, a bottle of insect powder, two harmonicas, a lot of cards, a handful of toothpicks, a shoe string, a wire nail, a collar button, a lead pencil and a carpenter's pencil, a box of indelible leads, an illustrated catalogue of rubber shoes, a purse with six cents and an old copper, three broken glass pipes, a new pocketbook, a piece of silk hat lining, two pieces of castle soap, two sand rollers, three seashells, a broken clamshell, a knife, a plug of tobacco, some fishing tackle, a spool of thread, a piece of wood, a paper of needles, a roll of birch bark, a suspender buckle, a package of cigarette pictures, a notebook containing several sketches of Bar Harbor and vicinity, a chestnut, an acorn, a whetstone, a dozen pieces of rock, a new whisk broom, a pocket comb and a big spoon.

Stub Ends of Thought.

The course of true conscience never did run smooth.

We admit the superiority of any other person with more or less mental reservation.

Lovers pay sweethearts compliments; husbands pay wives' bills.

When a woman's tear hits a man right it flatters him out.

J. W. LAWTON, . . .

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Who to Address

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