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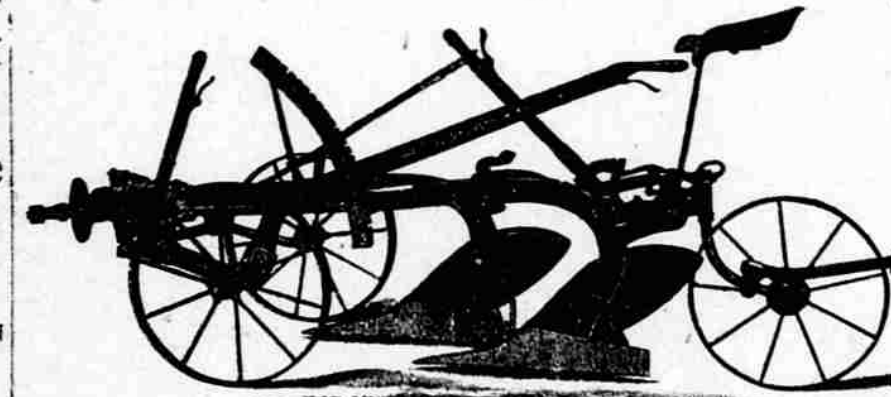
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Jacksonville News.

Born—In Jacksonville, February 15, 1896, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hubert a daughter.

Attorney Geo. R. Neil has been confined to his room for a week with an attack of La Grippe.

N. H. Clayton spent several days here during the week assisting Supt. Newbury with the teacher's examination.

W. E. Coul, the civil engineer, returned home Tuesday from a business visit at the Henderson mines in the Elliott creek district.

Mrs. C. F. Shepherd, who teaches the third department of the Jacksonville public school, is the proud possessor of a state life diploma.

Rev. S. B. Chastain was in Jacksonville Friday, being on his return from a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Jesse Gotcher, of Williams creek.

Isaac Muller and family have moved into the Martin residence adjoining the Klippel property in the southeastern part of the town.

Wm. Colvig, grand master of the A. O. U. W., returned home Sunday from the Willamette valley, where he went in the interests of the order.

W. T. York, city recorder of Medford, and B. S. Webb were over during the week taking the names of the city taxpayers of Medford from the Sheriff's tax roll.

The Jacksonville Fire company No. 1 were banqueted in fine style at the Taylor house last Saturday evening. The company was all present with the exception of the president, G. R. Neil, who was too ill to attend.

The Weber dramatic company made their first appearance here Saturday evening but there was not a large audience, but since then they have been greeted with full houses. They had announced Tuesday evening as positively their last appearance but on invitation decided to play one of their best dramas entitled, "Divorce"—tonight (Wednesday.) They are well liked by our theater goers and may remain the rest of the week.

The nomination for town officers took place Tuesday evening. A large crowd was out to cast a ballot for their favorite. The ticket nominated is as follows: D. Linn, T. Cameron, Geo. Hines, J. F. Miller, T. J. Kenney, trustees; A. N. Soliss, recorder; John Dyar, marshal; Wm. Healy, street commissioner; Jas. Crone-miller, treasurer. There are two candidates for marshal, Charles Purcell, the present incumbent, and John Dyar; also two for recorder. A. N. Soliss beat S. J. Day one vote for recorder.

A terrible accident befell little Ruth Peters Tuesday afternoon. She set fire to some papers in the stove and a piece of the lighted paper rolled out upon the floor, the flame caught the child's clothing and in an instant her bib was aflame. She called to her grandmother, Mrs. Newbury, who was out in the door-yard to come. She answered "pretty soon," but the little one called the second time and screamed which brought the grandmother, but none too soon. The child, who is but three years of age, had the presence of mind to roll over and over on the ground to smother the flame. Her face was badly burned, one ear and her hair slightly burned. Dr. Hines was called and dressed the wounds, which are not deep and it is thought the little one will get along all right. Mrs. Mary Peters, the child's mother, is above Ashland teaching school and the children live with their grandmother.

Griffin Creek Gatherings.

BY OCCASIONAL School opened Monday with a good attendance.

Mr. J. Fry, wife and children spent last Sunday visiting with Mr. Hartley's family.

D. H. Miller and wife, of Medford, were enjoying a ride over our fine roads Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wilson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fraley, of Eden, the first of the week.

Mrs. Bashford and daughter, Cora, visited Mrs. McPherson and daughters here on Thursday of last week.

R. T. Lawton and Mr. Russ came out from Medford Monday and spent the day looking over the Lawton place here.

J. Lacy is preparing to build a new fence around his farm and

is occupied with setting the posts at present.

Mrs. H. L. Griffin, who has been quite ill with rheumatism, is much better at the present writing and is up and around once more.

Miss Rose Chapman, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. N. S. Bennet, in Eden, for a few weeks, returned home last Sunday.

We have been having fine weather for farming the past two weeks and the farmers have all been hustling and about all the grain has been put in.

Mr. Gray, as well as several others, is engaged in hauling wood to Medford, which proves our roads are in a fine condition for this time of the year.

Miss Cora Bashford, who has been taking painting lessons from Mrs. Sayre, of Medford, is proving herself quite an artist having painted several nice pictures, some of which adorn the walls of the young lady's home.

Messrs. Naylor and Spencer have each invested in a new spray pump and are busy engaged in testing the same. They are determined, if spraying will save the fruit, to have a bountiful crop the coming season. Let the good work go on.

Miss Millie Soliss is the possessor of a couple of choice plants sent to her recently from Florida. They are a young palm tree and Australian silk oak. It remains to be seen how they will stand transplanting from the balmy clime of Florida to our "Italy of Oregon," but they are looking fresh and green as yet.

Miss Dollie Brower, living in our neighborhood, is a young lady of scarcely fourteen summers. She can safely be called an "up-to-date new young lady." She can harness a team, plow, harrow, ride a horse barebacked, in fact do any kind of work on a farm. She is bright sensible and good looking. Can any other locality beat this?

Central Point Items.

BY WILL. Fine weather and farmers all happy and plowing.

J. F. Wilkinson, of Derby, made a valley trip this week.

Lorenzo Greene, of Prospect, is in Central Point at present.

Bird Woodruff, of Prospect, is in eastern Oregon this winter.

Miss Katie Fries visited Mr. Grieves' family Sunday last.

James Grieves carried the mail in Mr. Grieves place Sunday.

Miss Gladys Fryar, of Eagle Point, is having a serious time with quinsy.

Miss Ella Benson was with friends in Gold Hill a few days this week.

A number of our pupils have dropped out of school since the examination.

Miss Lottie Perry, of Eagle Point, was with friends at this place this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, of Eagle Point, attended the Leap Year ball in Central Point.

Fifteen of our school pupils attended the examination last week in Jacksonville.

Miss Anna Clements made a flying business trip to Sams Valley one day last week.

Prof. P. H. Daley is laid on the shelf with La Grippe. He is with his sister near Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Court Hall, who are now residents of Medford, were with us at our Leap Year party.

Miss Elsie Nichols and Mrs. Tyrrell, of Lake Creek, spent a few days in Central Point, last week.

Miss Elsie Nye, who has been attending school in Eagle Point this winter, returned home at the close of school.

Miss Myrtle Nichols, who is attending school in Medford, spent a few days with friends in Central Point, last week.

Miss Hattie Eaton, the Galls creek teacher, made a business trip to Rock Point on Saturday. She also visited with friends at that place.

Our photographer, Mrs. Barnard, is going away for the summer and is taking pictures at greatly reduced rates. Mrs. Barnard does first-class work and has a liberal patronage.

Medford. His mother, Mrs. Reynolds, will remain in California for perhaps a month longer.

It is expected that the Woodruff sisters will play for a dance at Eagle Point on the evening of the 29th inst, given in honor of the Ashland foot ball team. The ladies will visit in the valley for some time and are now visiting at Willow springs.

The Leap Year Ball was a great success. Forty-nine numbers were sold and the hall was crowded with spectators. The music by the Woodruff sisters was excellent and the best of order was observed all the evening. The ladies club came out with money ahead and all were well pleased with the ball. Many compliments should be paid to the floor managers, Misses Bertha Pankey, Bell McDonald and Bertie Jones. The supper was first-class.

Table Book Items.

Emil Hansen left Ashland for San Francisco last Monday.

Mrs. Bidler, of Sams Valley, who has been sick for two weeks, is slowly recovering.

Our farmers are making great headway this good weather with their plowing and seeding.

Mr. Barnes, of Sams Valley, is slowly improving. Drs. Geary & Pickel have been attending him.

The roads are drying rapidly. There is little mud now and in a few days heavy loads can be drawn over most any of our thoroughfares.

Horace Pelton was around buying cattle Friday and to combine business with pleasure took in the Leap Year dance at Central Point.

Some time ago a horse stepped on one of Mr. McClendon's feet bruising it so badly that he was laid up for some time. He is able to be around again.

J. C. Pendleton has been a great sufferer lately from his old complaint—ear trouble. Dr. Patterson has helped his hearing considerably, but the pain is quite severe yet.

Fred Hansen has lately rented part of his place. Today Mr. H. showed two carrots which measured 26 and 24 inches in circumference. It takes pretty good land to raise such truck.

At the school meeting the 11th inst. Miss Pendleton was elected teacher for the spring term to begin March 9th. The board decided not to re-insure the school house till after the annual meeting.

J. C. P.

CANNONS OF STONE.

Defense of the Fortress of Malta Cut Out of the Living Rock.

The most wonderful cannons on record are those which are described by Byrdone, whose travels in Sicily and Malta won well-deserved renown toward the end of the last century. Many facts and stories he recounts that seem strangely old-world to us, though the date is little more than one hundred years ago, so grandly did the French revolution transform Europe. Malta was full of wonders, more or less droll, while the knights held it, but nothing equaled the stone guns. Everybody knows that the fortifications were cut out of solid rock, but Byrdone was right in saying that a kind of ordnance used to defend them was unknown to all the world besides.

As we understand his description, the knights left a great block of stone where they hollowed out an embrasure in the cliff, which afterward they shaped and bored in the form of a gigantic mortar. These engines contained a whole barrel of gunpowder. That shoveled in, they plugged it with a great piece of wood, fitted exactly to the bore, as a wadding, and loaded up with cannon balls, shells and other deadly materials.

About fifty of these remarkable guns commanded the spots which a hostile ship was most likely to approach. "The mouths of some are six feet wide, and they are able to throw ten thousand pounds weight of balls or stones." The range is not stated, but the falling projectiles covered an area of over three hundred square yards.

Produce of Fractions of a Penny. The old lesson as to "little drops of water, little grains of sand" making the universe has had one more exemplification. It is the custom of the Bank of England not to pay fractions of a penny. In the case of dividends on government stock these fractions have in the course of years amounted to one hundred and forty thousand pounds, which amount, it is stated, was a few years ago paid over to the chancellor of the exchequer.

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