

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 Eagles.

BY A. C. HOWLETT. Prof. P. H. Daley is reported on the sick list.

There has been quite a number of strangers in our town during the past week.

Rev. Moomaw, our Dunkard preacher, will preach next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Miss Della Perry, of Big Butte, came out on Wednesday of last week to remain and attend school this spring.

The farmers have been taking advantage of the pleasant weather the last few days for plowing and seeding. The fall sown wheat looks fine.

Porter Robinson is so that he is able to be around again, on crutches. He thinks that it will be some time before he will be able to play another game of foot ball.

Mrs. Goodell and son have given up the idea of trying to farm the Peterson place in connection with the Fryer place and have moved their effects on the latter farm.

An invitation has been extended to the Ashland foot ball team to meet the Eagle Point team on their grounds, on Saturday 29th inst, and play a game. The Eagle Point boys propose to give the Ashland boys a dance on the evening of the 29th. A pleasant time is anticipated.

Last Sunday the Antelope and Eagle Point foot ball clubs met on the Eagle Point ball grounds and played one of the most hotly contested games of the season. For quite a while it was difficult to form any correct idea how the game would terminate, but finally the Eagle Point boys gained the day.

J. P. Moomaw, our Texas invalid, is doing more work than some of our robust young men. He has started on a new place, built a new house, made a lot of posts and is making his fence and expects to put in a crop this spring. He thinks this is the greatest country in the world, as he and his wife are regaining their health and he looks ten years younger than when he first came here.

Ed. Manning, of Yaquina bay, who has been spending some time visiting his nephew, Frank Manning, of Prospect, took the stage for his home on Wednesday of last week, but he told your correspondent that he expected to return this summer as his health is much better here than it is there. Verily, our paradise is all right and persons in search of health are coming from all directions.

Mr. McKinnie, of Central Point, came out Saturday night, bringing Mrs. Vol. Stickle to see Miss Gladys Fryer, who was quite ill with a disease prevailing in the neighborhood called sore throat, but which has the symptoms of scarlet fever. Mr. Ormstead's family, Mrs. J. E. Stickle and Misses Gladys and Leah Fryer have had a very serious time with it and our M.D. has been kept busy looking after the cases. Miss Gladys' throat became so bad that an operation became necessary, which came near ending seriously. Mrs. John Ashpoie had a siege of the same malady.

Big Sticky Items.

BY BILL NYE'S BROTHER. Mr. and Mrs. James Gregory took in the Medford sights last Tuesday.

Mrs. Kate Stevenson, of Medford, spent last week visiting her sister, Mrs. Rollin Smith.

Mrs. Chas. Carney returned home last Thursday after a pleasant week's visit with Medford relatives.

The farmers are busy, morning and night, taking advantage of the pleasant weather to put in their crops.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gregory and son Will were the guest of Mrs. Hamilton Turpin a couple of days last week.

Miss Lena Bember, of Redding, California, has been the guest of her aunt Mrs. Turpin and cousin, Chas. Turpin, for the last two weeks.

Among the Medford visitors last Thursday, from Big Sticky, were J. W. Smith, D. Cincaid and son Harry, G. E., F. C. and Lulu Roberts.

Bill Nye's brother, although generally a little timid with the fair sex, desires to make the acquaintance of Miss Betsyannspikes, for

in her he recognizes a kindred spirit.

Oscar Goodell, who has been keeping "batch" on the Patterson place, has moved to Eagle Point and will spend the winter with his parents, who have rented the J. J. Fryer farm.

Roxy Ann Rockets.

BY ROXY. C. L. Kirk is visiting with relatives at Salem.

Johnny Dodge spent a few days with relatives in Ashland last week. The roads are in decidedly better condition, though very rough in some places.

Farmers are busy turning the sod. Some have begun to plow for corn.

Rev. and Mrs. Lute are assisting in the protracted meeting on Applegate at present.

F. B. Ellison is putting in a large crop and making several improvements on his new place.

William Garrett, from Medford, is assisting his brother, George, putting in his extension spring crop.

Miss Julia Rodschow, who has been attending the university, at Ashland, is home to stay a week or two.

Wm. Carroll has purchased a load of fruit trees from the Medford nursery, to further improve his Almond Butte ranch.

Central Point Items.

B. Vincent, of Sams Valley, spent Tuesday here.

J. C. Parks, of Pokegama, made our city a visit last week.

Elder S. B. Chastain spent several days here last week.

Geo. Stidham, of Tolo, spent Sunday with his parents here.

J. O. Johnson, of Sams Valley, spent a day here last week.

Jerome Fitzgerald, of Gold Hill, was here on Sunday evening.

Wm. Morris took the train for California one day last week.

Mrs. E. Cardwell and family moved to Gold Hill last Tuesday.

George Merriman, of Medford, spent Sunday with relatives here.

The Leap Year ball was well attended and a fine time is reported.

T. A. Newman and family were here trading one day during the week.

Jeff. Linville, of Sams Valley, was here a couple of days last week.

Mrs. O. Walden, of Medford, was in Central Point one day last week.

Oscar Williams took last Sunday's train for Marysville, California.

Prof. J. C. Barnard will teach school on Trail creek during the summer.

Mrs. J. W. Merritt made her parents, at Jacksonville, a visit last week.

Mrs. W. H. Norcross will give music lessons at the homes of those who wish to take lessons.

Miss Mary A. Mee took Tuesday's train for Grants Pass, where she goes to spend a few days with her mother.

Mr. Riley, late of Medford, has opened a barber shop in the building formerly occupied by J. W. Hickie, jeweler.

Kanes Creek Items.

BY SINE DIE. Beautiful spring is with us again.

Mrs. Sutton spent Sunday at this place visiting friends.

Miss Etta Brown was the guest of Mrs. Marden last Sunday.

Mrs. C. E. Knotts spent last Saturday the guest of Mrs. Swinden.

Mrs. Schmidt, of Jacksonville, is the guest of Mrs. Birdsey this week.

Grandma Way, who has been quite ill for the past week, is convalescent.

Arthur Scoggins and family, of Jacksonville, have become residents of this place.

Mark Hayden, the expert blacksmith, is engaged in that line of work for Mrs. Birdsey.

The Olsen Brothers are now pre-

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pared to furnish all kinds of lumber in large or small quantities, at their saw mill, near Gold Hill.

P. A. Knotts, the expert pocket hunter of Southern Oregon, found a nugget on February 13, 1896 weighing 10 1/2 pounds. No wonder, he is jubilant over the find for it will call it papa.

Prospect Pointers.

BY JOB LOTS. Eugene Blackford is plowing. Mr. Stice has been slashing brush on his homestead.

A. H. Boothby has accepted the position of sawyer at Gray's mill.

Miss Pearl Woodruff has recovered from her illness, to the joy of her many friends.

Mr. Blackford and family were visiting with the families of Messrs. Aiken and Boothby last Sunday.

Photographer Perry Ellis has been splitting a large number of rails, to be used in fencing Miss Kittie Ellis' farm.

M. A. Shirley has cleared much land this winter being ably assisted by Uncle John Walden. Shirley expects to set out an orchard on his place, which is well adapted to fruit culture.

Were it not for a few snide patches of snow we would forget we lived in the Cascades, far up towards the summit, and imagine we were indeed in the Italy of Oregon, so fine has been the weather for six weeks past.

The whistle of G. W. Gray's sawmill is plainly heard at Prospect. Those of a political mind can picture to themselves the swift bound of the startled deer, the bear hiding himself away in the deep forest, the bark of the coyote and the imprecations of the hunter at the warning note of civilization.

Phoenix Items.

BY PODONY. Major Heeley is a resident of Gasburgh again.

J. H. Langston, of Griffin creek, was visiting in Phoenix last Sunday.

The Misses Carrie and Blanche Langston went over on Griffin creek to spend a few days.

W. J. Howard's baby has been very ill with congestion of the lungs, but is some better now. Dr. Cole is attending.

Mark Baker, of Gold Hill, attended the Leap Year dance here. Mark looks as natural as ever, but we would like to see him a little oftener.

Fd. Turner returned last Sunday from below Grants Pass where he has a claim on Gleese creek. He has some very good prospects. Everybody wishes Ed good luck.

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The Leap Year dance given by Misses Holt and Stoop was a grand success. There were twenty-four numbers sold and the hall was crowded. Everybody had a good time.

It is reported that Joe Anderson is taking out ten dollars per day to the man, clear of all expenses. If that is the case, a gold mine would be a very good thing for most all of us to have.

The Misses Ollie and Ada Rissue gave quite a pleasant party last Saturday consisting of a "candy pull," a pop corn feast and a fine swing for all. Those present were Misses Josie Smalley, Josie Calhoun, Katie Chambers, Ella Williams, Mattie Howard and Sarah Smith, and pleasant calls were also made by Misses Lucy Calhoun, Ethal Hunter and Bertha Roas, all of Phoenix.

Patronize Home Industries.

TO THE MAIL.—I have noticed a number of items in your paper in regard to trading with our business men instead of sending our money from home. I claim that that is right and as it should be. But on the other hand, should not our business men use the same rule toward our farmers?

I will mention what is done in our butter trade. Our business men are importing butter from California at a price of five cents a pound higher than our dairymen are willing to sell for and our own goes begging for a buyer. In spite of the fact that our home made article is just as good, in fact is pronounced better by good judges.

What would some of the same men say if we would send off for our meat and other necessities? We learn from our grocerymen that, during the two weeks a certain creamery was shut down, there was a good demand for our home dairy butter and everybody was happy. A SUBSCRIBER.

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, G. P. & T. Agent, Fortland, Oregon, S. F. Case, N. P. Agent, Grants Pass, Oregon, or C. C. Belknap, Medford, Oregon.

Real Estate Transfers.

Table listing real estate transfers with columns for names, descriptions, and amounts.

DEATH OF A FAMOUS GANDER.

He Was a Decoy Fowl Noted for the Success of His Methods. The sad news of the death of old "Mingo" has come to the gunners along the line of the Old Colony road, and if he was only a gander he had a host of friends, says the Boston Globe.

Old Mingo gained his name many years ago from the remark of one of the gunners who was shooting over him. It was about the time of the bloody revolution in San Domingo.

When the other decoys were unable to entice the northern strangers from their course, old Mingo was tried, and he seldom if ever failed of attracting their attention and gaining their good will, for the time being at least.

After his long and faithful service old Mingo seemed to know just how to work and when to put in his very best efforts. His ideas of enticing the geese seemed based on principles which were on a good foundation.

Mingo was owned by Thomas Arnold, of North Abington, and Mr. Arnold says that if a man should have offered him two hundred dollars for the bird it would have been no temptation to him.

The Leading Periodicals.

THE MAIL will until the withdrawal of these notices furnish leading periodicals to its readers as follows:

LIPPINCOTT'S MAGAZINE Will be furnished to our subscribers only, for \$2.25 a year, or together with one year's subscription to THE MAIL for \$3.50—payments invariably in advance in both cases.

THE CENTURY MAGAZINE. THE MAIL has two more copies of the Century Magazine at its disposal—for \$2.50 a year, or in combination with THE MAIL for \$3.75.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE. Harper's Magazine or Harper's Bazar will be furnished THE MAIL readers for \$3.50 each per annum, and with THE MAIL one year for \$4.50.

Are You Going to Prove up?

Parties who contemplate making final proof on their land can save a big item of expense by having us prepare their paper, which work we will do free of charge. Bring or send us the name of party making proof, description of land, the names of four persons who appear as witnesses and the date upon which proof is to be made, giving time for six weeks' publication.

A BRIOCHE.

How to Knit the Soft Foot-cushions That Were Once Popular.

There seems to be a renewed interest in bricoches, the soft foot-cushions that were once popular. I urge that they are to enjoy a revival. Like many other luxuries, and think that readers may be glad of a rule for knitting them which has the merit of being an untried one. The foundation for the foot-stool is a leather-covered disk of mill-board about nine inches in diameter; to this the knitted stripe is sewed, and stuffed with hair, and pulled down to make a deep depression by taking some stitches through the board bottom with carpet thread and a sailor's needle. A large furniture button or a short cord and tassel tied in a bow is sewed over the gathering. The bricoche, which originally won its name from its resemblance in the shape to the French cake of that name, is knitted of double zephyr wool in stripes, 16 of them being narrow and 16 wide, the latter narrowing to a point at the center of the cushion. Cast on 40 stitches in black wool and knit seven rows of the narrow stripe; then with an old gold color knit two stitches and turn, knitting back to the end of the row; continue to knit back and forth with the old gold, taking each time two more stitches of the black until within two stitches of the top. Then knit down and commence again with black, making another narrow stripe, knitting in the two black stitches at the top in their turn. When the last stripe is finished it should be sewed or knitted to the first stripe. These directions are contributed by a knitter who has had an experience of over sixty-five years, and they ought to be reliable. But I should advise anyone who thinks them complicated to cut a pattern of the wide or gored stripe, making the top like a melon piece, and, in knitting narrow, by taking up two stitches together till the shape corresponds with the pattern. If the bricoche is to be stuffed with down it must be made with an interlining of ticking or stout unbleached muslin, else the filling will continually be escaping in fluffy particles.—Harper's Bazar.

A PREMIUM ON HONESTY.

A Broker's Forgetfulness Leads to the Foundation of an "Honesty Fund."

Late one afternoon the past winter the manager of a brokerage house in New York was preparing to go home, and had removed a coin from his trousers pocket to use for car fare when he discovered that he had left his cuffs in the wardrobe in an adjoining room. He placed the coin on the top of his desk but was delayed on his return by a clerk on a matter of business. As a result the money remained on his desk after his departure.

He remembered the circumstance, however, when he reached his home, but concluded that the piece was lost. Much to his great surprise, though, he found the quarter on the desk when he

reached his office next morning. At least a dozen persons must have seen it lying there after his departure the night before.

The circumstance impressed him deeply and he thought of it many times that day while in the battle for preference on the floor of the stock exchange. When he started for home that night he purposely forgot the money and the next morning he was not surprised to find it still on the desk. With a few strokes of his pen he made a small sign bearing these words: "Honesty Fund" and placed it beside the quarter. Business kept him on the exchange most of that day, but when he started for home that night he found the fund had grown to seventy-five cents. It was not touched that night and the next evening it had swelled to nearly two dollars. He had no idea as to what he would do with the money at the time, but he concluded that to longer let it remain exposed over night would be a severe temptation to some weak person and so he locked it up.

Thereafter it was under lock and key at night, but was always exposed during business hours, but how it grew! Business friends, messengers from other houses, clerks and customers contributed to it, until at present it amounts to almost seventy-five dollars. The disposition of the money puzzled him for some time, but he concluded to give a dinner to the employees as soon as it reached one hundred dollars.

A Fire-Born Bug.

There are some bad bugs and worms in the southern forests, but there are certainly none that are quite equal in endurance and toughness to the worm that developed himself from the great forest fires of the northwest. Scarcely had the fires cooled sufficiently for the owners to make inspection of losses when they found that this new worm had got there first, and was already completing the destruction of what the flames had spared. Both standing and cut timbers were attacked, and the most rigorous measures have been resorted to and with only partial success. This worm seems to have evolved from the heat, and, so far, the cold and snows of the winter do not appear to have affected his health or lessened his voracity. He certainly is a new and unpleasant feature in the timber question, and a nut that scientists have not yet cracked.—Chicago Chronicle.

A Negro Superstition.

The following amusing instance of the queer ideas current among the negroes of the south is related in a story by Miss E. F. Andrews, in the Chau-tauquan: "De jaybird is de meanes' bird a livin'; he is wosser'n a crow. He go off ever' Friday to de bed place an' tel ole Satum ever' thing mean you done endurin' o' de week. Dat why you woun never see no jaybirds a flyin' about us a Friday; dey's all gone off, a car'yin' dere tales to the debil, an' dey jes' eavesdrop aroun' all de balance o' de time to see what dey kin fine out agin' yo."

S. CHILDERS' FAIRVIEW ADDITION. Location of Land Lying but a few rods more than one mile to the east of Medford, Oregon. Amount of Land in Tract Is situated 160 acres of land which is especially adapted to Fruit Growing. Now on the Market This land has recently been placed upon the market and is now offered for sale in tracts of from 2 1/2 to 10 Acres. Commands an Excellent View of Medford. The name, "Fairview," is given this property because, that being located as it is, on a slight eminence, a view of all parts of Medford and a good portion of the valley can be had from any part of the land. Nearly all of this land has been cleared and has been under cultivation for a number of years. The soil is of an exceptionally fine quality and its adaptability to fruit-growing has been proven. This land will be sold upon the Installment Plan. Payments may be made at \$1.25 per week, \$5 per month or \$15 every quarter, or a liberal discount will be made for all cash purchases. The success attending fruit culture is no longer an experiment. By direct analysis the soil is found to contain all the elements required to produce fruits from the semi-tropical to the hardiest varieties. Over these favorable conditions hangs a climate co-ordinated and adjusted to the nature of the soil. Who to Address For further information concerning this desirable property call on or address S. CHILDERS, MEDFORD, OREGON.