

OUR COUNTY

Correspondents

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—All correspondents are requested to write on one side of the paper only. This will prevent 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.

Prospect Items.

BY WILD BILL.
Ed. Boothby has been visiting at Leeds this week.
Stan. Aiken has been down to C. W. Knighten's, on business.
A. W. Willie, of Trail, has just returned from a trip to Yreka, Calif.
Stock of all kinds have been doing finely up to the present writing.
Farmers in this section were busy putting in crops up to the time of this week's storm.

The road supervisor says he intends doing the most of his work next month if the weather will permit.
Mrs. Whelpley has been down in the valley for the purpose of transferring title to a piece of land which she recently sold.

At the annual school election in the Flourence Rock district, C. W. Knighten was elected director and C. O. Vincent, clerk.

Ed. Knighten is back from the Umpqua country, where he has been looking after the cattle business for Pelton Bros.

R. W. Gray is getting his sawmill ready for a big run this summer. The sawmill is one of the things that makes good times for this section of country.

MORE PROSPECT ITEMS.
We are having our second winter and it is rather hard on man and beast after the fine weather we have had so long. There are about six inches of snow here now.

There was a very small attendance at our school meeting. The officers for the following year are, S. S. Aken, R. W. Gray and M. W. Skeel, directors; A. H. Boothby, clerk.

There is considerable talk up here in regard to a bridge over Rogue river at the foot of the long grade. Which would give a much better route to Medford via Eagle Point. Won't some one take hold of this matter and see what can be done? With a little help from every one on the road that the bridge will benefit and some help from the county we can get a bridge that will be a benefit to Medford, Eagle Point and Butte country, as well as upper Rogue river.

We have a peculiar condition of things in our road district. The road has been changed from the original survey until there is very little of it on the survey and our supervisor says he will not put any work where the road has been changed but he does not apply this rule except in one case and the bridges are in such bad condition on that part of the road that it is impassable. It is time there was a petition gotten before the county court and this (the Ft. Klamath) road permanently located.

Griffin Creek Gatherings.

BY OCCASIONAL.
Mrs. G. W. Priddy, of Medford, spent last week here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guches.

Died—Friday, February 28, 1896, David Michell aged 55 years and 6 months. His remains were interred in the Medford cemetery the following day.

One of Mr. Langston's daughters, living on Mr. Gray's place up Griffin creek, is suffering with typhoid fever. Dr. Pickel is in attendance.

School meeting held this week resulted in the election of the following school officers: Mr. McPherson, director; Mr. Anderson, re-elected clerk.

Mr. McPherson and son had their grubbing machine stationed in J. W. Lawton's orchard a few days recently and extracted all the aged apple trees and those afflicted with scale.

Rev. Brower filled his regular appointment here Sunday and an unusually large crowd was present. As soon as the weather permits he will open a series of meetings in the school house.

Last Friday, March 6th being the twenty-seventh birthday of Mrs. W. F. Griffin on which occasion a large party of friends with well filled baskets and two violins, gave the aforesaid lady a rousing surprise party. Dancing was indulged in until the coming day warned them homeward, all unanimously saying they had had a royal time and wishing Mrs. Griffin many returns of the day.

There was a pleasant party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer recently, when a number of their friends, taking with

them well filled baskets and music plenty, made them a visit. After a short time spent in social converse two rooms were cleared of all its obstacles and they proceeded to "trip the fantastic toe." At 12 o'clock a bountiful supper was served, after which dancing was again indulged in until nearly morning, when all departed saying they had had a fine time and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer were entertainers of a royal type.

This is a young man who went five miles to hire a buggy to take "his girl" one mile to a dance. Mr. — went to Medford Friday evening, hired a buggy and returned to his home, five miles south of town. On arriving home he spruced himself up in "up to date" style and started in pursuit of "his best girl," living one mile north, got her, took her back to his home to attend the dance that night. The next morning he took her back home and took the buggy home. By that time, thoroughly exhausted, he slowly returned homeward to spend Saturday as a day sleep. Please remember, girls, this is the year of '96 and do not allow good natured fellows to be imposed upon.

Big Sticky Items.

BY BILL NYE'S BROTHER.
E. G. Roberts and sister, Nellie, were Medford visitors last Tuesday.

Rollin Smith and wife made a flying trip to Medford last Wednesday.

Mrs. Lena Bember, of California, is visiting her cousin, Miss Laura Turpin.

Thomas Stottler and Erank Gregory were calling on their old friends last Friday.

F. C. Roberts and sister, Lulu, visited Sams Valley friends one day last week.

Mrs. Cal. Owens and Miss Laura Tarpin were guests at W. J. Gregory's last week.

Miss Jessie Gregory has returned from Medford where she has been attending school.

Miss Mae Morris, of Central Point, spent a few days last week on the ranch with her brother Gus.

In spite of the inclemency of the weather, several of our young people attended the foot ball game at Eagle Point.

C. R. Moore and L. Robbins, of Central Point, passed through Big Sticky on their way from the former's Dead Indian ranch.

There was a social dance and basket supper at James Owens Saturday night, February 29, and judging from all reports a jolly time was had.

W. T. Moore, who has not been very well of late, is rustivating in the mountains, and we hope his health will be greatly improved by the change.

Lone Oak is having a hard time over dividing its district. Wonder what's got into the people anyway. Seems a bad year for schools, doesn't it, Mr. Editor?

Gus Newbury, our genial superintendent, was out our way on official business, not long ago. Mr. Newbury has many friends on Big Sticky, as in fact, if all reports are true, he has all over the county.

On account of the trouble in Mound district, over dividing the district, or moving the school house, Miss Lulu Roberts has resigned her position as teacher, and will teach in the Pankey district in Sams Valley.

Gold Hill Items.

BY WILL.
Thomas Hammersley spent Sunday at Mr. Richard's.

Miss Martha Cardwell was in Sams Valley Monday.

Rasmus Rasmusson, of Prospect, was in Gold Hill this week.

W. Frakes assisted Arthur Fitzgerald on his new Medford house last week.

C. M. Fries was in Gold Hill a few days since, but has returned to Central Point.

Miss Lillie McClendon was in Gold Hill this week, a guest of the Cardwell house.

Miss Lora Ray, who has been

employed in Sacramento the past year, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray.

Dave Cardwell has gone to California to work during the spring and summer. He has quite recovered his good health.

John Chavner was struck by a horse he was breaking for Mr. Parker Monday, and was bruised but not seriously injured.

Miss Inez Fitzgerald has recovered from the "grippe" and is attending school. Jerome Fitzgerald is also attending school here.

Mr. Richards, the real estate agent, who has been ill with the "grippe" the past few weeks, is able to be out on the street again.

Frank Rivers, who is ill with consumption at Mrs. Emery's, is so much improved the past few days, that hopes of his recovery are entertained.

The Black Channel mine on Foothills creek, that failed to pay its hands, has been turned over to the men for a short time for them to make what they can out of it.

A. T. Holt, who was contemplating teaching during the spring and summer, has concluded to remain in his present position, head clerk at Mr. Makersbury's store.

School opened Monday with Professor Freeman and Mrs. E. Cardwell for instructors. The rooms are well filled, there being several pupils from Central Point attending.

The Gold Hill dancing club will give dances each Saturday evening for a time. The dance given last Saturday evening was a very pleasant one, though but a small crowd was present.

Miss Brewster and another young lady, whose name was not learned, of Eugene, who have been attending the Ashland normal, passed through Gold Hill, enroute home, Sunday evening.

Eagle Point Eagles.

BY A. C. HOWLETT.
Rev. L. L. Grover will preach here next Sunday at 7:30 p. m.

Mr. A. Hill, of Rogue river, was also in town securing supplies.

Geo. Morine started for his mines an Applegate on Tuesday of last week.

Ben Abbeloose started on a business trip to Klamath county last week.

Mr. McGinnis, of Central Point, was the guest of J. E. Stickle last week.

The raise in Butte creek Saturday night took away our lower foot bridge.

Miss Temple commences her school in the Antelope district next Monday.

W. H. Bradshaw, S. A. Carlton, Harris Ish and Mr. Vestel were in Eagle Point Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Knighton, of Trail, were also doing business in Medford Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Susie Perry moved Saturday from the Griffith house to the J. J. Frery house near the ford.

Fred Downing, of Little Butte creek, is in a very critical condition. Dr. Officer was summoned last Sunday.

Mrs. Amanda Griffith, who has been confined to her bed for nearly two months, was able to sit up a little while on the 3d inst., the first time in six weeks.

Archie Fries, of Central Point, arrived at the Pioneer hotel where he expects to remain and attend school. There is talk already that we will have to enlarge our school house.

Last Saturday Captain John Watkins, of the free ferry, was in town, and reports everything flourishing in his section. His brother, James, of Reese creek, was also in town securing building material.

The stockmen are rejoicing to see this beautiful, warm weather, as quite a number of them are out of feed. The majority of the stock is quite thin and the cold winds of the last two weeks have been very hard on them.

Mrs. Rachel Allen, who has been living with her daughters in Clackamas and Multnomah counties for the past two years, has returned to Southern Oregon, and will make her home with her son, John Allen, on Big Butte for a short time.

At the annual school meeting a petition was circulated to admit David Cingcade into the Eagle Point district and signed by more than forty voters. This will give this district an addition of some six children, making in all ninety in this district.

The Little Butte Creek Water Ditch company met at the Pioneer hotel on Tuesday of last week, and elected A. McNeil president, and D. P. Mathews secretary. They also held a special meeting on Saturday last, at which eleven members were present, and A. McNeil was chosen as superintendent, and authorized

to commence work on the ditch on Tuesday—repairing the ditch, flumes, etc.

Mrs. Mary A. Taylor came near being burned out last Sunday. The fire caught in the back part of the fire-place in one of the sills and evidently had been burning several hours when discovered by her daughter, Miss Mattie. Some boards were removed and the fire extinguished.

F. Willmoth was repairing the school house during the last week, getting it ready for our school which opens this, Monday, morning. From present appearances Prof. P. H. Daley will have about all the children he can handle this term as there is quite a number of pupils attending that have never gone to school here before. Forty-eight pupils was the enrollment of the first day.

Tuesday of last week I had business in Medford and was surprised to see so many from our part of the country in town all bent on buying themselves rich. There were James Kent and wife, Mr. VonderHellen, of Wellen, Walter and Miss Lulu Robinett, Mrs. Thomas Coy and son, Miss Myrtle Irwin, Peter Simon, Miss Ella Benson, Oscar Goddel, and a number of lesser lights, and upon inquiring find that every one of them are readers of THE MAIL—and that accounts for their being there.

Kanes Creek Items.

BY SINE DIE.
Mrs. Darling is reported to be on the sick list.

The recent rains were of slight benefit to placer miners.

Mrs. C. E. Knotts spent last Tuesday the guest of Mrs. Perry Knotts.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Stover spent last Sunday the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Knotts.

Perry Knotts and Robert Swinden are again engaged at their old trade—prospecting for pockets.

Mr. Olen will soon have his new house ready for occupancy, which he is building at the saw mill.

Mrs. Luze, of Canyon City, Ore., accompanied by her brother, E. Hodson, of Roseburg, is visiting with relatives at this place.

Mardon and son have a rich placer claim on the creek which they operate extensively and are fairly rewarded for their labor.

Geo. Hammersley, who resides at the mouth of the creek, has a good placer proposition which is paying him far beyond the value of his labor.

School meeting was in session Monday and the following officers were elected: clerk, Mrs. Penning; directors, Messrs. Knotts, Swinden and Crabtree.

Messrs. Huffman and Stanley started the quartz mill one day recently. Isaac Householder is engaged drawing quartz from the mine to the mill.

Roxy Ann Rockets.

BY ROXY.
C. L. Kirk has returned home.

Nice weather again and the farmers happy.

Miss Sarah Ragsdale, of Beagle, is visiting Mrs. H. C. Nute.

A. E. Dodge, of Medford, was visiting his parents one day last week.

H. C. Nute was assisting Wm. Carrol in grafting, and W. Dodge in pruning orchards last week.

R. Faucett, of Medford, has been engaged to teach the spring term of the Lone Oak school, which will begin in a short time.

Mrs. H. Mumfort, and two children arrived from Kansas City, Mo., Wednesday evening to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carrol, for a time and the smile they wear is peculiar only to grand parents.

A New Deal on the Northern Pacific.

That enterprising and "Old Reliable" has consummated 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, S. P. Case, N. P. Agent, Grants Pass, Oregon, or C. C. Beltmann, Medford, Oregon.

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Real Estate Transfers.

Geo H Andrews to Thos F West 10, 11 and 12 blk 4 Medford \$ 100
J R West to S M West a parcel of land in Medford 100
J A Laughhead to I C Dodge 4 acres in tp 39 s r 1 e 100
Ira C Dodge to John P Dodge 1/2 acre of land in tp 39 s r 1 e 100
David I Wilson to John C Williams and Joseph Whelan a water right in Evans creek district 100
Wm P Hills with John C Williams and Joseph Whelan agreement and deed to a certain water ditch in Evans creek mining district 100
David Law to John C Roberts "The Hob Lode," "The Rising Sun," "The Red Bird," "The Rainbow," "The Mountain Queen," "The D Law" and "The Lucky Bob" quartz claims in the Big Apple gate mining district 100
State of Oregon to Rachel A Ellis 40 acres sec 16 tp 34 s r 1 w 100
Richard Beswick assignee of Josephine Crocker estate to Robt Taylor assignee's deed 100
Thos F Fish to Edward F Ackenell 19 acres of land in sec 9 tp 38 s r 1 w 450
W H Patrick to T J Downing 36 acres of land in tp 36 s r 2 e 250
Wm Addison to Ira C Dodge 1/2 acre in tp 39 s r 1 e 175
Rosetta Waiters to Elizabeth Breese 2 acres tp 38 s r 1 w 200
B W Powell to W I Vawter lot 18 blk 21 and lots 13 14 15 and 16 blk 3 park add to Medford 1000
H T Severance to Arthur Nichols 1/2 of NW 1/4 of sec 33 tp 34 s r 2 e 200
W I Vawter to F W Hatchcock lots 1 2 3 14 15 and 16 park add to Medford 200
B S Webb to S C Childers lots 9 and 10 blk 11 Medford 1200
A A Davis to Martha Walsh land in Medford 50
H A McConnell to Max Medford 10 acres sec 16 tp 40 s r 1 w 300

The late Richard Vaux, of Philadelphia, was a believer in progress and had little reverence for antiquities as such—his hat to the contrary notwithstanding. A relative told recently how Mr. Vaux received a well-preserved section of one of the pillars of the Pantheon at Rome. It was sent to him by a friend who had some trouble in securing it, and considered it an interesting relic. He expected, on his return to America, to find the broken column standing upon the lawn of the Vaux residence, perhaps covered with ivy and looking down the ages rather scornfully at the degenerate civilization of the nineteenth century. He was horrified to hear, however, that Mr. Vaux, not being in need of a broken pillar just then, had turned it into a lawn roller. It did duty in that capacity for a long time, and is still in possession of the family.

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REFORM IN DANCING.

Planned to Have a More Uniform System Throughout the Country.
At the recent meeting of the National Association of Dancing Masters a movement has been started to establish a uniform set of dances for the entire country, so that a dancer will appear to as much advantage in one city as another and will not be embarrassed by the difference in the style of steps or by any sectional peculiarities. It is somewhat remarkable, says the St. Louis Republic, that this idea has never before occurred to the dancing masters, but now that it has been agitated it should be pushed forward until it is successfully carried out. Americans are recognized as far and away the best dancers in the world, partly because they are naturally graceful and agile, and partly because the national style of dancing, while it differs in particulars, is generally of a nature to enable a reasonably graceful man to make a good appearance on the floor. But while a man may be a good dancer in New York he may make a sad mess of it in Chicago or New Orleans, and vice versa. Not that the general principles of dancing are not the same, but because in different localities certain apparently trifling peculiarities of step are allowed to creep in which confuse a stranger and often throw him out of step completely until he has mastered the local style. The St. Louis man finds that he has trouble in dancing with the Pittsburgh girl, and the Kansas City man confesses that it requires a good deal of patience to master the unaccustomed movement of the young lady from Boston. All four parties may be the most graceful and accomplished of dancers, but there is in each case that little distinguishing peculiarity, that bit of "local pride," as it might be called, which is annoying until the parties have danced with one another often enough to accommodate their steps each to the other. This is one of the difficulties in the art of round dancing which might be easily remedied by an agreement among the dancing masters to conform to the same steps and to popularize the same general styles of dances.

HERB MAX NORDAU, a German philosopher, has written a book in which he attempts to prove that most of the great geniuses of the present generation have been or are insane.

TO GAIN WEIGHT.

Pale, Thin People Usually are Diseased.

The First Step Necessary to Gain Flesh is Health, then Proper Food for both Body and Nerves.

An Old Soldier's Clear, Straightforward Statement.

From the World-Herald, Omaha, Neb.

Florence, the cory little suburb to the north of Omaha is agog with excitement. The older generation, of which the population of Florence is mostly composed, are apparently getting young again, and vie with the younger generation in feats of strength and agility.
A World-Herald reporter was attracted by the evidence of renewed activity of some of the older inhabitants of the village and enquired the cause. Mr. Andrew Finkenbeler, who was a member of Company B of the First Iowa Volunteers during the war, made the following explanation of his strong, healthy appearance, when for years he had been crippled or compelled to lie on a sick bed with a complication of disorders resulting from the hardships which he was compelled to endure. He said:
"In July, 1866, while my company was on the march through Austin, Texas, my leg troubled me considerably. But I thought that it was nothing but a recurrence of the effects of a sprain I had received during the war by my horse falling on me, but the pain soon increased to such a degree that I was compelled to ask for medical treatment. The surgeon pronounced the cause rheumatism and that of the worst order. Alexander, Louisiana, I was in such a weakened condition, though I continued to march with my company, that the excessive heat overcame me and I was struck, remaining unconscious several hours. As a result of the sunstroke, I was unable to march ever since being unable to remain in the glare of the sun, even on a moderately cool day, and every summer I have been overcome by the heat so that I would be compelled to give up my work. The feeling that I experienced was a sort of bearing down on my head, as though a heavy body was resting there and at times it would come quickly, like a blow and I would unconsciously avoid an obstacle present to my head. This bearing down gradually grew into a steady pain which increased until it seemed as though my head would burst.
There was also a constant ringing in my ears rendering it very difficult for me to hear. Coupled with this, palpitation of the heart caused me great trouble, and this grew so that the slightest shock to my nerves from a slight noise or other disturbance would set my heart to thumping against my chest and I would tremble from head to foot as though I had St. Vitus' dance. Three times, from slight circumstances the palpitation was so great that I fainted and remained unconscious for from seven to ten hours, at which times my relatives despaired of my life. In addition to this the rheumatism, which had been felt only in my ankle, began to work up my right leg until the whole right side of my body was affected by it, so much indeed, that my head was drawn down to my right shoulder. I was totally unfit for work, lost my strength and flesh. I tried every physician who was reported to me to have a special knowledge of my case, but after long trials, I only experienced temporary relief from the pain. For twenty-eight years I have consulted physicians and taken their prescriptions without deriving any material benefit. My ailments increased in intensity until I was assured that there was no hope for me. During last year I went into the butcher business, but the dampness from the ice used increased my rheumatic pains to such an extent that I was not only compelled to quit the business, but was confined to my house and bed for nearly six months. "I had given up all faith of being a well man again, when in November last I read in the World-Herald a case of a man who had been entirely cured from the ailments from which I was suffering, by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Though the name did not at first strike my fancy, on November 28, I purchased a box. In a week I was astonished to know that I felt better than I had for six months past, and before I had found a cure for my ailments. The ringing in my ears began to lessen in volume, and finally left me. That was the first effect I experienced aside from an increased appetite. The pain from the rheumatism gradually left me, so that within one week from the time I took my first pill I was able to sit up in bed. On January 1st I was able to go out and walk around a little. The palpitations of my heart entirely ceased. On February 9, I was so thoroughly cured, that I accepted a position as night watchman in the Forest Lawn Cemetery, remaining out of doors from 6 P. M. until 6 A. M. I have gained in weight from 144 pounds which I weighed in November last, to 172 pounds which I weigh now.
"The rheumatism has entirely left me, except when I have too much walking to do during the night, my right ankle pains me a little, but only when I do too much walking. I now feel like a well man and am good for forty years yet. I am fifty years old and have resulted in Florence nine years, having come to Omaha in 1881. I have recommended the pills to nine people in this village all of whom are taking them and experiencing the same beneficial effects which I have received. I used nine boxes of the pills."
Mr. R. W. Cowan, keeper of a general store at Florence was also seen by the reporter. Mr. Cowan is also an old soldier, having been a member of the 14th Infantry Company C, and the latter of Company M of the First Minnesota Cavalry. Mr. Cowan stated that he contracted chronic diarrhoea while he was in the army and has never until within the past few months, received any relief. He stated that he had taken two boxes of the wonderful Pink Pills and was now almost thoroughly cured, so much so in fact that he has discontinued their use. He was also paralyzed in the left side of his face, the mouth being drawn up at the left corner, and he was entirely unable to move the muscles of his forehead or to close his left eye. He states that he believes it is owing to the use of the Pink Pills that he has recovered the use of his left eye-lid, which, prior to his taking the pills, had been fastened down by a physician so that the sight would not be destroyed from the eye filling with dust, and ascribes the recovery to the Pink Pills. He has gained fifteen pounds in weight since last October, and feels healthier and stronger than at any time since the war. He intends to recommend using the pills with the expectation of a complete recovery from the paralysis.
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