

OUR COUNTY . . .

Correspondents

Jacksonville News.

The schools re-opened Monday, after a two weeks' vacation.

Misses Emma and Anna Helms visited Grants Pass friends New Years week.

County commissioners' and probate courts are in session and a large amount of business is being transacted.

The A. O. W. and the D. of H. lodges will have a public installation of officers on Friday evening. A banquet will following the ceremonies.

Married, in Jacksonville Jan. 2, 1897, at the M. E. parsonage by Rev. Shulse, Horace V. Mitchell and Miss Cora A. Chapman all of Ashland.

Mrs. J. W. Clark, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Luy, for two months, departed for her home at Gervais during last week.

N. Langell, representative of Jackson county, will leave for Salem the last of the week. His wife and daughter, Mrs. Farnsworth, will accompany him.

S. C. Slaughter, one of the partners of the Joe Bar mines of Elliott creek, was here Monday. There is a sufficiency of water and the company anticipate big returns this winter from their mines.

Rev. Bishop Cranston, of Portland, preached at the Methodist church in Jacksonville Thursday afternoon. There was not as large an attendance as should have been given him, owing to the hour of the day not being convenient for more to avail themselves of the pleasure of greeting one so distinguished.

Rev. Francis Watry, of Clayton, Calif., who has been the Congregationalist minister of the above city for the past two years, has decided not to remain there longer than March 1st. It will be remembered this reverend gentleman was a Catholic priest here for several years, but afterwards united with the Congregational church.

Dean Tatom left for Monmouth last Thursday after a pleasant visit with Southern Oregon friends. Mr. Tatom in company with a friend made a trip to the Yellowstone park last July on bicycles. They made the entire distance on wheels excepting from The Dalles to Portland on their return home. They were twenty-eight days completing the circuit.

Mrs. Anna Hart, a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, was examined in the county court last Saturday by Dr. Wait and adjudged insane. She was taken to Salem by Sheriff Barnes and Miss Kate Plymale. Mrs. Hart is a recent arrival from Wood Lake, Neb., in company with her husband, who, by the way, has been quite ill, but kindly cared for by the members of Banner lodge, No. 23, A. O. U. W.

A large crowd was in attendance at the New Year's ball and from all appearance a good time was the verdict of all. There were a large number of maskers present, the costumes of some of whom were quite pretty. Miss F. Gilson, who represented "Night," received the first lady's prize, a solid silver buckle, for the best sustained character; Miss Lulu Jones secured second lady's prize, a box of stationery, for most handsome costume designated, "Merry Christmas;" Wm. Phul received first gentleman's prize, a five dollar hat, for best sustained character, of the "Barber;" Joe Frizelle, of Ashland, captured the box of cigars, for gentleman's second prize, he representing "Outing;" Mrs. F. Luy, Mrs. Geo. Nuber, Dr. A. C. Caldwell, L. L. Jacobs and John Olwell acted as judges of the maskers. An elaborate supper was spread at the Taylor house and well patronized. Medford was largely represented.

—Superior job printing, MAIL office



The Bane of Beauty.

Beauty's bane is the fading or falling of the hair. Luxuriant tresses are far more to the matron than to the maid whose casket of charms is yet unfilled by time. Beautiful women will be glad to be reminded that falling or fading hair is unknown to those who use

Ayer's Hair Vigor.

Gold Hill Nuggets.

BY MARK BAKER.

Merchant S. Rosenthal, of Medford, paid us a visit one day last week.

Geo. Kurtz, the cigarmaker of Medford, was doing business in Gold Hill Monday.

Mr. Shotwell, of the Black Channel mine, took a load of supplies from this city to the mine Monday.

J. S. Howard, of Medford, stopped here on his return from Sardine creek, where he has been engaged in surveying.

The "old folks" had a social hop here last Saturday night which was well attended and they report an excellent time.

The express office has been changed—I. J. Purkeypile being appointed in place of Mr. Deboy. The office is at the depot.

The street committee has a force of men and teams removing the mud from the streets, and putting on a heavy coat of gravel.

Al. Lewis and Jeff. Hoffman were exhibiting some fine specimens of quartz, from a find they recently made. We hope there is plenty of it.

W. A. Carder and Claud Heriford were down from the Gold Hill mine Sunday. They report everything progressing finely at the mine.

Much complaint comes from the mines in this section owing to the scarcity of water—caused by the frosty weather which dries up the rain as fast as it falls.

Prof. Day Parker came from Medford Sunday night, where he has been spending the holidays with his parents. He resumed his duties in the school, Jan. 4th. We are glad to have him among us again.

The masquerade ball given here on the 24th of December, was a success both socially and financially. The hall was crowded to overflowing and everybody had a good time. They report the supper "par excellence."

Improvements seem to be the order of the day here. Clark Williams is putting a porch to the front of his store, and some other necessary changes. E. N. Williams has just finished a new porch on the front of the store occupied by A. R. Merritt. Joe Beeman is having the upper story of his building finished up for living rooms, besides minor improvements. The Southern Pacific company have lately taken up the old plank walk in front of the depot and put in an extensive one of granite.

Brownsville Items.

Postmaster Obenchain, of Big Butte, made our postmaster a friendly visit last Monday.

E. Tucker, late from Nebraska, now resides in our vicinity, having purchased real estate from Mr. John Compton.

Mrs. R. McDonald intends going to Nevada, soon, to visit her son and his infant child, whom death has robbed of a wife and mother.

J. R. Bell was called to Medford Tuesday, in response to a message announcing the sad death of his mother, Mrs. Eliza Bell, who has been ill for some time.

Mr. James Hutchins and family, accompanied by Mr. Hutchins aged father, spent the night of the 30th here. They were removing from Lake Creek to Medford, having sold their property in that locality to Mr. W. H. Bradshaw.

Woodville Items.

Woodville is soon to have a new hall.

The suit between the road supervisor of Woodville district and John Woods, has been appealed.

The marriage of Geo. Wright and Miss Lillie Pyburn was no sad affair—judging from their smiling faces as they received the congratulations of their many friends about town.

The dance given here on New Year's eve was one of the most pleasant affairs of the season, and was well attended. The supper was served by Mrs. J. B. Phelps, and was voted the best ball supper ever given in Woodville.

The holidays passed off very quietly in this section. In former years—when the Hammers mine was in operation considerable "yellow dust" was scattered among our business men during the holidays, but it was sadly missed this season. The time was spent by the male population of Woodville in talking of bad roads and dishonest mining men.

"I Cannot Speak too highly of Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills for rheumatism and neuralgia and also for indigestion. I believe they are unequalled." Mrs. Young, Pendleton, Ore.

Hood's Pills are the best after dinner pills.

Central Point Items.

Clay Charley, of Big Butte, was here Tuesday.

Jacob Knutzen, of Applegate, was here this week—business.

Perry Elliott made friends on Applegate a visit last week.

J. B. Welch, of Spikenard, was here this week, purchasing supplies.

Elder Brown, of Williams Creek, is spending a few days in our town.

Miss Tillie Black, of Eagle Point, spent last week with friends of this place.

Mrs. Joseph Hoagland was visiting relatives on Forest Creek, last week.

Miss Jennie Crippen, of Applegate, spent the holidays with friends in Central Point.

H. H. Magruder, of Gold Hill, was among the Central Point callers this week.

Newton Clemmens and family, late of Salem, have taken up their residence in this city.

Rev. L. E. Henderson preached to a large congregation at the Baptist church, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harvey, of Gold Hill, spent a couple of days with friends of this place last week.

The homes of J. C. Barnard and E. M. Leever, were both made happy by the arrival in each of a new girl baby last week.

On Sunday evening, January 3, 1897, at the residence of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Leever, in this precinct, Mr. Walter Damon and Miss Ada Leever were united in matrimony by Rev. J. Merley of Medford, officiating minister. The happy young couple have taken up their residence in this city. The groom is engaged in the blacksmithing business here and the two begin life with the brightest prospects. Their many friends here wish them unalloyed bliss.

Talent Whispers.

BY F. SHARP.

John Garvin has bonded his quartz mine, on the Linchpin ledge, to Banker Carter, of Ashland.

Having kindred his lumber Dan'l Hanscom has several mechanics at work finishing his dwelling house.

R. S. Owen, late a merchant at Cottage Grove, having disposed of his stock of merchandise has joined his family here—in the Widow Harris house.

Our irrepressible fellow-townsmen, W. H. Breese, has become disgusted with politics in the United States and has invested in coffee land in Costa Rica, Central America, and started Tuesday for that country, via of New Orleans. He will be absent about six weeks, and upon his return, if he likes the place, others about here will probably invest in coffee land.

Not a few who read what Mr. Robert Rowles, of Holland, Va. has to say below, will remember their own experience under like circumstances: "Last winter I had a gripe which left me in a low state of health. I tried numerous remedies, none of which did me any good, until I was induced to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The first bottle of it so relieved me that I was enabled to attend to my work, and the second bottle effected a cure." For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by Geo. H. Haskins.

Fifty-one business men have signed the roll of membership of Napa's new Board of Trade, thus securing a successful organization.

During the year 1895, 1471 marriage licenses were issued in Los Angeles county. The total number granted up to December 29th, in 1896, was 1430.

A mountain lion weighing 200 pounds, which measured from tip of nose to tip of tail seven feet and three feet high, was killed in Butte county, Cal., a few days ago.

The body of a man that had evidently been in the water two or three weeks was cast up by the waves of Seattle harbor. There were no evidences of violence.

Governor McGraw has denied the applications for pardon of P. M. Isensee, ex-County Treasurer of New Whatcom, and C. O. Downing, ex-County Clerk of Spokane county.

There is talk among a few Santa Barbara citizens of starting a store on the co-operative plan similar to those which have attained such a remarkable success in England.

F. W. Swanton's residence at Santa Cruz was robbed and jewelry valued at \$1400 taken a few days ago. The burglar was seen by Mrs. Swanton, who furnished a description of him.

The report is sent out from Hartford Ct., that at South Manchester the people have become addicted to the use of cocaine as a snuff to an alarming extent.

The will of the well known New York publisher, William Lusk, is being contested by relatives who were shut out in his division of his wealth.

Barbot, the French tenor, who first sang Gounod's "Faust," is dead.

M. Halanzier du Fresnoy, formerly director of the Paris opera, is dead. He was born in 1819.

Floods have occurred in the Livadia districts in Greece. They have been accompanied by some loss of life.

Li Hung Chang is introducing innovations in China, among which is a school at Peking to teach the English language.

Table Rock Christmas Tree.

Though we had two trees in our neighborhood this year, we give this name to the one held at the school house as the majority of the residents of our little valley were gathered there on Christmas eve. The committee on decorations had been busy for several days before and the result was that our little school house was never before so elaborately dressed as she was to receive a visit from old Santa Claus. The spicy smell from great ropes of spruce foliage and the large tree was the first thing to greet the senses of the entering guests. Then the eye was delighted by numerous branches of the glistening foliage of the Oregon grape to which had been added bunches of flaming red berries, making a most satisfactory substitute for the time honored "holly." The traditional "mistletoe" also played a prominent part in the decorations. A beautifully twisted rope of green with red berries held suspended two Japanese lanterns in front of the stage where the exercises were to be held. These with numerous other lights served to bring out fully all the beauties of the mottoes, the glistening star and the folds of "Old Glory." Though the tree was hidden by curtains of white the audience did not weary of looking and commenting before the beginning of the program, which is given in full below. The said program was carried out in full without a single hitch or blunder, greatly to the enjoyment of all present. Each number was carried out in a manner so closely resembling perfection that no one yet has been found to say that one thing was better than another. As the music from Santa's bells was borne to the children's listening ears the curtains about the tree were drawn away and many were the exclamations of delight as the lovely vision burst on the view. It was well laden with presents and beautifully ornamented. Every person present had some of the "jolly fruit" from the branches and many who were not present were also remembered. All pronounced it as lovely a tree as they ever saw and after the singing of the last song all wended their way homeward saying they never passed a pleasanter Christmas eve.

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Song, "Joy to the World." Choir
Reading of the CXVIII Psalm. Mrs. Pendleton
Recitation, "Greeting." Myrtle Vincent
Recitation, "Silent Old Santa Claus." Verna Pendleton
Recitation, comic selection. John Weaver
Song, "Christmas Welcome." Choir
Recitation, a character piece entitled, "A Leap Year Love Tale," a situation any young man is liable to be in on leap year. Winnie and Eddie Vincent
Recitation, "Christmas Eve." Libbie Pendleton
Recitation, "Betsey and I." Newt Weaver
Song, "Christmas Carol." Choir
Recitation, "Christmas Everywhere." May Nealon
Recitation, "How Jane Conquest Rang the Bell." May Pendleton
Song, "Christmas Tree." Choir
Recitation, "Farmer's Lament." Emmet Nealon
Recitation, "Christmas Prayer." Carrie Adams
Duet, "How the Gates Came Ajar." Mrs. Pendleton and Carrie Adams
Dialogue, "Matrimonial Advertisement." A little nonsense now and then relished by the best of men." Characters: Aunt Mattie, May Pendleton; Uncle Cyrus, J. Pendleton; Jack Cole, Clarence Gunn; Mary Cole, Libbie Pendleton; Grandma Cole, Florence Adams.
Recitation, "The Christmas Bells." Maggie Nealon
Song, "Merry Christmas Bells." Choir and School
Distribution of presents by Santa Claus (Colby Adams).
Song, "God be With You Till We Meet Again." School
Miss Edna Adams, organist and musical director. The "baby organ" was kindly furnished by Mrs. Carrie Johnson, of Medford.
HOLLY.

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Block Island.

The hum of the spinning wheel is still a familiar sound on Block Island, a quaint and interesting resort in summer and a miniature world in winter, in which the habits and customs are those of 150 years ago. The island is 15 miles off the Rhode Island shore and almost directly south of stormy Point Judith.

There are times during the winter when the wind sweeps across the treeless land at a velocity of 84 miles an hour, and women take their lives in their hands when they venture out of doors. The isolation of the island is almost complete.

John Schofield established the first woolen mill in Connecticut near Oakdale, where the carding was done by power cards. In 1798 the Block Islanders began to send wool to the mill to be carded into rolls, and generation after generation have kept up the practice. Formerly many bags of grain accompanied the wool, and grist and woolen mills were kept running day and night, while the fishermen and farmers enjoyed themselves in the quiet Connecticut village until the work was done.—New York Herald.

Source of Her Confidence.

Uncle George—I really can't understand you, Hattie. All the married women you know you say have made bad matches, and yet you are quite ready to try matrimony yourself.

Hattie—Don't you know, Uncle George, that there's an excellent chance of getting a prize in a lottery where so many of the blanks have been drawn?—Boston Transcript.

THE THIRTEENTH FLOOR.

A Difficulty Discovered in the Renting of Skyscrapers.

The business and professional men who contemplate hiring an office in the business end of the metropolis can, if they are not superstitious, secure quarters at a comparatively low rental. A few days ago rents on the thirteenth floor of a recently built sly scraper were reduced a third. The cut was forced by the dread with which some folk of the class named regard the number 13. Other tall office buildings are in the same predicament, and thirteenth-floor offices are said to be a drug on the market. This is a new and unexpected problem for landlord and agent to solve, and if the 13 hoodoo hits all the high structures as hard as it has hit one on Nassau street, the architect of the future will have to scratch the thirteenth floor off his plans or put the roof on at the twelfth story. The agent of this tall and elegantly equipped pile couldn't for the life of him imagine why the thirteenth floor remained vacant. Business men, lawyers, all kinds of professional men were anxious to take offices on every floor save the thirteenth. Those above it were full, like those below it; but up to a few weeks ago not a soul would venture into the handsome suites on that floor.

Finally, the thirteenth floor began to be regarded with some degree of mystery, even by the superintendent and his staff. It was noticed that all who came to look at the offices there were delighted with them until they happened to discover that they were on the thirteenth floor. Then they gracefully, though mysteriously, transferred their inspection to some other floor. Then it dawned upon the heads of the high house that the superstitious aversion to No. 13 was the secret, and the agent finally decided to balance the superstitions of would-be tenants against their cupidity by reducing thirteenth-floor rents on-third. This action has broken the hoodoo, for to-day some of the offices of the supposed-to-be unlucky floor are occupied. Some of the older skyscrapers that are supposed to be overcrowded with tenants have vacant thirteenth-story rooms, but so far no attempt has been made to overcome the folly by lowering rents. When the giant St. Paul building, now far above its thirteenth story, is ready for occupancy, the superintendent and others connected with its management will utilize the unlucky floor. At least this

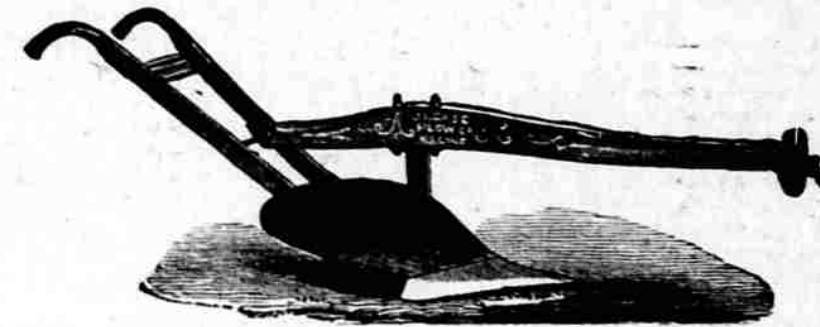
is how the agent expects to get around the hoodoo that men who seem to be sound mentally attach to the tricky 13. In strange contrast is the fact that daring aerial artists now filling an engagement at a music hall here are No. 13 on the programme and laugh at the bad luck which some of their admirers declare is bound to come before they leave town. The Thirteenth club doesn't seem to be fulfilling its mission here.—N. Y. Correspondent Pittsburgh Dispatch. **Royalty at the Camera.**

When the princess of Wales visits the photographer she usually arranges that her sitting shall take place in the morning. A special studio is set apart for the princess and other members of the royal family. It is approached by a private door, which leads to an ante-room provided with easy chairs and a plentiful supply of illustrated papers. A small chamber is fitted up as a dressing-room, and here is to be found a maid from Marlborough house, who has preceded her royal mistress with a dressing case containing brushes and other toilet accessories. The princess having discussed the position in which she is to be taken, arranges herself, and the operation proceeds. It is etiquette on these occasions for the photographer to address any remarks he may have to make to the lady-in-waiting in attendance, who in turn addresses the princess, who replies through her also; but it is needless to say that etiquette is dispensed with in the princess in many cases.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Thought of the Wrong Machine.

Inability to recall names causes embarrassment sometimes. There is a Boston society woman who cannot remember names, neither can her daughter. One day, according to the reporter of the story, they met a Mrs. Howe, and afterwards said to each other: "Now, we shall be continually seeing her, so do let us try to recall her name." "I know what we can do," remarked the daughter. "Howe invented the sewing machine, didn't he? Well, just think of machines and we'll be sure to get her name." The two ladies went to a five o'clock a few days afterward, and Mrs. Howe was there. Up sailed the mother with her sweetest smile and exclaimed: "My dear Mrs. Singer, how delighted I am to see you again." Soon afterward the daughter appeared and with equal charm of manner exclaimed: "My dear Mrs. Wilcox, how are you?"—Boston Home Journal.

FARMERS...



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