

OUR COUNTY

Correspondents

Eagle Point Eagles.

BY A. C. HOWLETT.

Miss Birch is here this week, the guest of her sister, Mrs. P. H. Daily.

Charley Thomas went to Talent last week to visit his father, returning Monday.

Mrs. Cochran, who has been out to the ranch visiting her daughter, Mrs. Carney, returned Monday.

John Watkins and Charley Carney assisted your correspondent last Monday in drawing a jury list for the year 1897.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Robinson, who have been living on Big Butte, where he has been working on a ditch for sometime, came out of the mountains last week to visit his parents.

On Tuesday night there was a party at the residence of Geo. Morine, where they pulled taffy, played, danced, ate and talked. It was one of the pleasant little socials on the list.

Social parties and dances seem to be all the go in this part of the country just now. There was a candy pulling at the Pioneer hotel on Monday night of last week—a large crowd being present, who report having had a very pleasant time.

Mrs. Argalee Green, who has been visiting her parents for a few months, returned to her home in Los Angeles, Calif., Monday. Last Sunday afternoon she had a host of callers to say good by to their old neighbor and schoolmate. Her father, J. J. Fryer, is in poor health at present.

On Wednesday night of last week an old gentleman, wife and son stopped at the Eagle hotel on their way to the county seat for the purpose of having the old lady examined for lunacy. I am informed that she has been subject to fits for sometime past and has become quite dangerous, having suicidal propensities. The family presents a distressed appearance.

Now, Mr. Editor, if it will not be out of order I will add a word with regard to writing to a newspaper under a real name and a nom de plume. The question is often asked me how it happens that I get so many items of news, and the answer is—every body knows me and knows that I am a correspondent of THE MAIL and if there is anything going that I cannot get otherwise my numerous friends give it to me either by letter or in person. Whereas if I wrote under a nom de plume they would probably never think of saying anything of the subject. Now, I will suggest that some of your correspondents try it this year and see if they don't find it an improvement. And then people would rather read an article if they know the identity of the author.

New Year's day was duly celebrated by having a match game of football between the Eagle Point team and the Wellen "Fencible," which was one of the most hotly contested games we have ever had. Each party tried their best to win the game—hence they all played their very best. The scores stood thirteen to sixteen in favor of Eagle Point. In the evening the football players gave a grand ball to raise money to pay expenses of the team, which was well attended and dancing continued all night. During the night there was a prize offered for the best lady dancer and the prize, a handsome dress, was awarded to Miss Hure. Then the vote was to be taken for the best ball player by the ladies and by a decisive vote Bent Pool carried off the honors. [Why was he not given a dress pattern like Dick, as well as the lady?]—D.

Asbestos Items.

BY LODIA.

Wm. likely is turning out shingles the wholesale.

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in this vicinity on December 31st.

Mr. and Mrs. Childers made a trip to the valley a few days since.

The new residence of Wm. Forsythe is about completed and will be ready for occupancy in a short time.

Ira Nichols has disposed of his property here, but has concluded to remain among us and will rent a tract of land from H. H. Mitchell.

Christmas in this vicinity was observed by all. All had prepared bounteous Christmas dinners, and at each home the little ones were well remembered by Santa Claus.

A very enjoyable Christmas party was given at the home of Mr. Walker. A Christmas tree well laden with presents was the principal feature of the evening's entertainment.

Mr. Reynolds' children are receiving instructions in music, but the weather has been so stormy of late that their teacher, Miss Lila Sackett, has been unable to keep very regular appointments with them.

Kanes Creek Items.

BY SINE DIE.

Mrs. B. Olson was the guest of Mrs. Geo. Askue one day recently.

Ralph Newman, of Butte creek, was transacting business here last Tuesday.

At this writing we are having a shower of rain, which the miners most greatly need.

Miss Etta Brown, of Willow springs, was visiting friends on the creek several days of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cook, of Galls creek, spent Christmas at the mill, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miles.

Several of the young folks from Kanes creek attended the Gold Hill dance Christmas eve, and report a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Olson, of the mill, spent last Sunday on Sams creek, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Noah.

Cupid is playing havoc in this neighborhood, which will undoubtedly result in several marriages in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swinden spent Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Swinden, of Applegate.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Higinbotham spent last Saturday and Sunday here, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Mardon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wisley, of the mill, gave a Christmas dinner and invited in friends and relatives. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Wisley, Mr. and Mrs. E. Higinbotham, Al. Olson, Bob Goddard, Will Higinbotham, and Geo. Higinbotham. The dinner was excellent and those present enjoyed themselves immensely. All departed hoping to meet again on another happy Christmas.

Table Rock Items.

Happy New Year to all.

Mr. Walker's mother, Mrs. Lowell, left for Central Point Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Childers spent Christmas in Medford. We understand that Mrs. Childers' father is improving.

Mr. Jennings is having bad luck with his cows, having lost several from eating wild parsnips or some other poisonous weed.

Table Rock was blessed with two Christmas trees on Christmas eve. The public tree was well attended and pronounced a success, everyone seeming to enjoy themselves greatly. All those who attended the private tree at Mrs. Dickinson's report an equally pleasant time.

The entertainments given at Table Rock during the last year have demonstrated the fact that there is plenty of material, if rightly handled, to give something pretty nice, and there seems quite a disposition among the people to give several entertainments during the winter and try to add some much needed improvements to our school house.

J. C. P.

Prospect Pointers.

BY YOUNG.

Stan. Aiken visited Medford the first of last week.

Ren Green spent the holidays with friends at Grants Pass.

Snow fell to a considerable depth in this region on the last day of the old year.

Our road supervisor has been out inspecting the condition of the roads in this section, during the past few days.

Christmas was observed in a very joyful manner at Prospect. A Christmas tree and other amusements were enjoyed by our people.

Mrs. Blackford is reported quite ill, but hopes for speedy recovery and is entertained by her many friends and neighbors in this section.

Fred Strope, one of the enterpris-

ing young men of this section, spent Christmas with friends in the valley—near Medford. Mr. Strope will leave in a short time for Shasta county, Calif., where he has a farm.

Big Sticky Items.

BY BILL NYE'S BROTHER.

W. W. Gregory visited with Central Point friends for a few days last week.

Mrs. Geo. Cliff, of Phoenix, spent several days recently with relatives on Butte creek.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Smith, of Medford, Sundayed with their parents on Big Sticky.

E. G. Roberts and his sister, Nellie, made a business trip to Central Point on Tuesday.

Mrs. A. L. Gall, of Sams Valley, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vanhardenberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Smith and baby, of Sams Valley, spent a few days last week at W. T. Moore's.

Mrs. Wm. Owens, of Antelope, has been spending a few days with her son, James Owens, of Dry creek.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Moore entertained a large number of guests on Christmas, in a very hospitable manner.

Miss Anna Carney, who has been ill for some time, is spending a few weeks in Medford for the benefit of medical treatment.

We are sorry to state that Eddie, youngest son of D. Cingcade, has been quite ill for several days and unable to attend school.

Miss Leona Montgomery, who is attending St. Marys academy in Jacksonville, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Montgomery, of Big Sticky.

Another one of those Arctic owls has been captured. Last Saturday several boys were hunting and Louis Smith succeeded in breaking the owl's wing and securing it alive, and now has it in a cage at his home.

The dance at J. W. Smith's New Year's night was a complete success. A good many from Medford were in attendance and a very pleasant time was had. Mrs. Smith furnished an excellent supper. Dancing was kept up until daylight when all went home tired, but well pleased with the night's enjoyment.

Trail Creek Items.

BY FOUR.

The weather is fine. Stock is doing fine in this section this winter.

Mrs. Emma Sherman is suffering from a severe accident. One day last week while making some syrup candy she scalded her arm and one side of her face severely.

There was a very pleasant time enjoyed at the residence of Mr. Robt. Trimball on Christmas night. The neighbors all met and enjoyed themselves in dancing and playing games until the wee sma' hours of the day. A delicious basket supper was served at midnight.

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Election of Officers.

W. H. Harrison Post, No. 67, G. A. R., located at Central Point, elected the following officers at their regular meeting held Dec. 19, 1896: S. M. Nealon, post commander; W. T. Leever, S. V. C.; John Wright, J. V. C.; Merritt Elliot, adjt.; J. M. Gibson, Q. M.; Job Pankey, surg.; Nathan Siddham, chap.; W. H. Patrick, O. D.; Booth Lee, O. G.

The post meets on the third Saturday of each month at 2 o'clock, p. m. Installation of officers will be held on January 16th, at 11 o'clock a. m.

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The White Feather.

The story runs that, during a war between the backwoods settlers of North America and the natives, a Quaker feasted the enemy and placed a white feather over the door of his house as a sign of amity. The token was respected. Hence the phrase: "Showing the white feather," which has come to mean cowardice.

A Tool for Thieves.

Thieves are using a contrivance looking like an ordinary walking stick, but which is so arranged that by pressing a spring at the handle the ferrule will spread apart and form a sort of spring clip that will take hold of anything that is within reach. The thing is called "the continental lifting stick."

Bottled Up!

It certainly is disheartening to a patient to find that the treatment he is given for a disease is more disastrous than the disease itself. Such is the case, however, with the usual treatment given for diseases of the blood.

Notwithstanding the great progress made in many branches of medicine, the doctors have failed absolutely to find a successful treatment for blood poison, and the many diseases having their origin in the blood. They give but one kind of medicine, they know but one treatment, and whether in the form of powder, pill or liquid, the doctor's prescription is always the same—potash or mercury.

Too much cannot be said of the harmful and disastrous effects of these drugs. The doctors are unable to rid the system of the poison, and direct their efforts toward covering up the symptoms from view. There is but one effect to be obtained from potash and mercury—they bottle up the poison and dry it up in the system, but it must be remembered that they dry up the marrow in the bones at the same time, gradually consuming the vitality. Those disgusting copper-colored blotches are but indications of worse results to follow. No sooner has the system taken on the full effects of this powerful drug than that suppleness and elasticity of the joints gives way to a stiffness, followed by the racking pains of rheumatism. The form grad-



ually bends, the bones ache, while decrepitude and helplessness prematurely take possession of the body. Under this treatment, it is but a short step from vigor and health to a pair of crutches. With this wreck of the system often comes falling of the hair and eyebrows, loss of finger nails, and decay of the bones—a condition most horrible. This is no overdrawn picture, for the world to-day is full of these hobbling mercurial wrecks.

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