

OUR COUNTY . . . Correspondents

Jacksonville News.

Miss Emma Reed is attending the state normal school at Monmouth.

Marriage license was issued Jan. 2, to Wm. E. Denny and Miss Florence N. Smith.

Miss Mollie John, of Williams creek, is making her numerous friends here a visit.

Miss Ella Hanley, of Medford, spent several days in town this week attending lodge socials.

During the year 1896 there were 116 marriages in Jackson county, again of twelve over the preceding year.

John A. Griffin and wife, of Klamath county were the guests of Recorder W. E. Anderson and wife, during the week.

Judge Hanna, Wm. Colvig and Miss Kate Lemberger were at Grants Pass the first of the week on circuit court business.

Mrs. B. H. James and younger daughter, of Portland, who have been visiting Mrs. F. R. Neil for a fortnight, returned home on Monday's overland.

Mr. Wagner, an elderly gentleman living on Forrest creek, died at that place on Monday. He was a father of Mrs. J. Atterbury.

Richard Johnson, who has been visiting relatives in the Willamette valley for several months, has returned to Jacksonville.

The creditors of the firm of Jones & Otten, of Woodville, met at Jacksonville during the week and elected Wm. Colvig assignee, vice Theo. Cameron.

Mrs. Pengra and daughter, Miss Hattie, who have been spending the past month here for the benefit of the daughters' health, left Saturday for Arizona, the physicians having warned them of symptoms of consumption.

Rev. Dawson, the Episcopal minister at Grants Pass, came up Monday to fill his monthly appointment but kindly consented to postpone the meeting owing to the revival services being held at the M. E. church, by Rev. Shulse.

C. C. Beekman returned home Sunday from a business trip to Portland. He was accompanied on his return by his daughter, Miss Carrie, who had recently returned from an extended tour of eighteen months throughout Europe in company with a party of Portland excursionists.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings of last week the O. E. S., Workmen, D. of H. and I. O. O. F. lodges installed newly elected officers and after each a fine lunch was spread, concluding with a social dance. The week was a most enjoyable one and everyone fortunate enough to receive an invitation to the festivities, considered themselves especially favored.

Articles incorporating the Southern Oregon Fair association have been filed in the clerk's office. The capital stock is \$5000, and the incorporators are A. S. Bliton, J. A. Whitman, I. L. Hamilton and J. W. Lawton. The stock is divided in 600 shares at \$10 a share. The principal office is at Medford. The object is to own and erect speed track, fair buildings, etc.

Past Grand Master Colvig and Mrs. J. F. White installed the officers of their respective lodges: Banner lodge, No. 23. A. O. U. W.—J. F. White, M. W.; J. A. Wilson, foreman; M. M. Taylor, overseer; L. L. Jacobs, recorder; I. M. Muller, financier; J. M. Cronmiller, rec.; E. E. Smith, guide; Fred Luy, I. W.; A. Schmidt, O. W. At the same time Madrona lodge, No. 12, D. of H. installed their officers. Mrs. L. L. Jacobs, P. C. of H.; Mrs. C. Prim, C. of H.; Mrs. J. A. Wilson, L. of H.; Mrs. J. W. Plymale, recorder; Mrs. P. P. Prim, financier; Mrs. Theo. Cameron, rec.; Miss Birdie Schmidt, L. U.; J. A. Wilson, I. W.; J. F. White, O. W. At the

A Lost Voice.

Advertising will do a great many things, but it won't bring about the return of a lost voice. The best thing to do is to begin, at once, the use of the sovereign cure for all affections of the throat and lungs—Bronchitis, Asthma, Croup, Whooping Cough, etc. It has a reputation of fifty years of cures, and is known the world over as

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conclusion of the ceremonies a very elaborate supper was served in the banquet room. A large crowd was present and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present.

Gold Hill Nuggets.

BY MARK BAKER.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Derby went to Medford Tuesday.

Miss Anna Wilson, of Rock Point, is attending school here.

Dr. Patterson, of Central Point, made this place a professional call one day last week.

Maud Houck returned to Jacksonville Sunday to resume her studies in St. Mary's academy.

The Martin brothers left here last Saturday for Squaw Lake to continue mining in that region.

Cap. Price, superintendent of the Black Channel mine, on Foots creek, was here last Friday. He reports work progressing slowly, owing to lack of water.

Prof. Parker reports the total enrollment of our public school over one hundred with an average attendance of eighty. This speaks favorably for the educational spirit of Gold Hill.

Mr. R. Roland, superintendent of the Rogue River Water & Mining company, returned from his home in California, where he has been spending the holidays with his family.

J. E. DeBoy has sold his stock of drugs to E. J. Eastman, and will devote his entire time to the hotel. Mr. Eastman moved the goods to J. W. Marksbury's store, and is now prepared to serve the public.

Geo. Gilstrap, better known as "Casey," intends leaving here for Albany, where he will enter the barber business. We are sorry to lose him, but his friends all join in wishing him the best of success.

J. W. Northop, president of the Rogue River Water & Mining company, returned to town Sunday. We hope the work on the big ditch and dam will prove satisfactory and pushed rapidly forward. Such enterprises, not only benefit those in the vicinity of the works, but all parts of the valley.

F. K. Churchill arrived from Salem Monday with a printing plant and household effects and will begin publishing the Gold Hill News at once. He expects to have the first issue out on January 22d. The gentleman has made a wise selection in coming to Gold Hill and we appreciate having secured another enterprising firm of wide-awake business men.

Table Rock Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Fields arrived from Applegate last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kellogg spent two days in Medford last week.

Miss Allie Moore, who has been sick for a long time is said to be improving.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Davis has been quite ill but at last reports was improving.

Dr. Patterson made a couple of professional visits to our side last week. We are glad to report no serious illness, however.

Messrs. Jennings and Morine made a two days' trip over the valley last week. They visited Medford, Ashland and Jacksonville.

Mrs. Law has been quite ill for several days but is much better now. She is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Nealon.

Messrs. Kellogg and Barneburg are seeding now, Adams, and Gunn, ditto, but most of our farmers are waiting for drying weather as the land is too wet to cultivate.

Miss Carter, late from San Francisco, begun a private school in the school house Monday. Miss Carter is making her home with her old California friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings.

This fog is bad enough when one can stay at home, but when we have to travel through both fog and mud—excuse us; but as snow is falling at this writing we hope for a change for the better.

W. R. Dickson and son Charlie, are busy clearing up a piece of willow land on their farm. When finished all the place will be ready for cultivation. Mr. D. knows what it takes to make farming profitable and is going ahead in a determined manner.

Mrs. B. Vincent will soon start on a canvassing tour and proposes to work over a great portion of Southern Oregon during the spring and summer. Mrs. Vincent is quite an old lady but has all the courage of her youth and certainly deserves credit in her efforts.

For pain in the chest a piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on over the seat of the pain, and another on the back between the shoulders, will afford prompt relief. This is especially valuable in cases where the pain is caused by a cold and there is a tendency toward pneumonia. For sale by Geo. H. Haskins.

Roxy Ann Rockets.

BY ROXY.

Wheat in this part of the valley is looking well.

Mrs. W. P. Dodge, who has been quite ill for some time, is much improved.

Clarence Peterson, of Iowa, is visiting his relatives, M. Svendsen and family.

Mr. Nute gave a social dance Friday evening and a good time was had by all.

Our esteemed farmer, W. P. Dodge, is putting in a large crop of wheat this winter.

There was a party at M. Svendsen's Monday night and from all accounts a fine time was had.

Henry Hansen is clearing out considerable ground this winter and improving his farm in general.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Damon, of Medford, have been visiting Mrs. D's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Dodge.

Central Point Items.

Fred Brown, of Gold Hill precinct, spent Friday in our city.

Frank Bybee, of Jacksonville, was in our city last Sunday.

R. T. Newman, of Eagle Point, spent Saturday in this city on business.

Born—Jan. 8, 1897, to Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Sutton, in Gold Hill precinct, a daughter.

Mrs. Wm. Holmes and children are visiting with relatives at Eagle Point this week.

Rev. Chas. Hoxie preached to a large congregation at the M. E. church in this city last Sunday.

Miss Ollie Gordon, who has been very ill with typhoid fever for several weeks, is now improving under the treatment of Dr. Geary.

A Year of 13 Months.

The following is from the Scientific American; It is suggested that on January 1, 1900, a new division of the year into 13 months be instituted. If such a division were made, the first 12 months would have 28 days or four weeks each and the new month 29 days to make 365, and 30 in leap years. After a few days there would be no need to refer to calendars, as the same day of the week would have the same date through the year. If January 1st were say Monday, every Monday would be the 1st, 8th, 15th and 22d; every Tuesday the 2d, 9th, 16th and 23d, and so on through the year. The changes of the moon would be on about the same dates through the year, and many calculations, like interests, dates of maturing notes, Easter and many other important dates would be simplified. Although the present generation would have to figure new dates for birthdays, and all legal holidays except New Year would be on different dates, yet the gain would be more than the loss as that would be permanent and the objections trifling.

GEOLOGICAL PUZZLE IN OHIO.

Pebbles in Thousands of Tons Found Far from Any Similar Deposit.

A few miles east of Youngstown, O., in the township of Coitsville, which makes the northeast corner of Mahoning county, is a freak of nature of an entirely exceptional character, says the Pittsburgh Dispatch. Rising above an otherwise rather level surrounding is an irregular elevation composed almost wholly of smooth, white pebbles, such as one sees in the sand pumpings after torpedoing "pebble rock" and which may also be seen conglomerated in some localities where certain rock strata are exposed. The peculiar bank under consideration consists of several acres, with the highest point perhaps ten or twelve feet high and gradually thinning out into the common plain. There is nothing anywhere in the region to suggest anything of the kind, no trail of such material to show where it came from, but when the thin soil is removed it is simply one mass of these peculiar and evidently water-worn stones, ranging in size from a common pea to a marble. The deposit must amount to tens of thousands of tons. It would be most interesting to have an explanation of this pebble bank from some of the authorities on geology, on the accepted hypotheses of glaciation. It would indeed be worth listening to have it explained how this mass was slowly shoveled perhaps two thousand or three thousand miles, dumped bodily in Coitsville, without a trail of detritus by which it could be traced to its lair. The surrounding region is singularly free of this kind of material, and how came so large a quantity of this rock so rarely seen in strata, all smoothed and polished off into these myriads of pebbles, to be resting here? Without a doubt these little white pebbles are eloquent with a marvelous history, both as to origin and method of transportation, but who is it that is equipped to discern "the still small voice" that comes through the interminable ages, and to give us the interpretation?

Unlike Him.

Cora—I was so surprised when Mr. de Jinks called to pay the compliments of the season.

Merritt—No wonder. That's the only thing I ever knew him to pay—Judge.

Insult to Injury.

Thistlewood—Did he say anything to you when he handed you the bill?

Impecune—Yes; wished me a happy New Year.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

—Miss Flora (in a pair of stupendous sleeves)—"How do I look, Ned?" Ned (rapturously)—"You're simply unapproachable."—Boston Transcript.

—Thomas told the mass meeting that he was a self-made man. "Very noble of him to take the whole blame upon himself, wasn't it?"—St. Louis Mirror.

—No Interference.—Burglar—"Don't make a fuss, now!" Householder—"Help yourself! Haven't you heard of the new idea of insurance against burglary? I'm insured."—Brooklyn Life.

—Spratts—"Miss Elder is much older than I thought." Hunker—"Impossible." Spratts—"Well, I asked her if she had ever read Esop's Fables, and she said she read them when they first came out."—Tit-Bits.

—Hungry Higgins—"I don't believe I could walk a mile a day without a drink, could you?" Weary Watkins—"No, I couldn't walk a mile without a drink, though I could walk ten miles to get one. Queer, ain't it?"—Indianapolis Journal.

—"If you're a good boy—" the parent began. But the young man interrupted: "Excuse me, but I know what you are going to say. I have a new proposition to offer. If you are real kind to me, I'll let you take me to the circus instead of Uncle Richard, or Aunt Jane, or the gentleman who lives next door."—Washington Star.

—Wise Man—"I don't see how you got your daughter to give up bloomers." "I told her they were not becoming." "And did she believe it?" "Not when I told her, but afterward I got her dearest girl friend to tell her that she looked too lovely for anything in them." "And then?" "Why, then she naturally believed me."—Chicago Evening Post.

—"You may now bring up the captive," said the cannibal chief. "Sire," answered the minion, "he seems to be completely used up this morning." "Well, if he is," said the savage potentate, with irritation, "some one else has been to the pantry. I remember distinctly that there were at least three ribs over from last night." He angrily called for a jam.—N. Y. Tribune.

TO MEND KITCHEN UTENSILS.

A Few Useful Hints to Amateurs in Tinkering.

It sometimes happens that a granite saucepan or chafing dish gets a fall, and in this fall a bit of the granite enamel is loosened and finally peels off. The dish is of little value, for a hole will soon ensue. Granite is supposed to be unbreakable, but we have proved that it can be mended. If the granite is not weakened all around the hole a copper rivet, such as are used by harness-makers, may be used to fill up the break. There are different sizes of the rivets—they come with a small head, something like carpet tacks. The rivet proper is slipped through the hole in the granite and then over the end that passes through is slipped a copper washer (which comes with the rivet), then with a few taps of a tack hammer the rivet is flattened down on the washer. This effectually mends the break in the granite and makes it practically as good as new.

If only a very small hole is found a bit of copper wire is used to mend it. The wire is slipped through the hole, after being cut the right length, and then with a tack hammer it is flattened on both sides of the granite vessel which is being operated upon.

The process is so simple that even a woman who is doing "light housekeeping" need not fear to undertake it, providing she can strike a straight blow with a hammer, which women are not supposed to be capable of doing. Though it may be among the new women there may be found a few who can do this. The only thing to be avoided is striking promiscuously upon the granite surface, and so scaling more of the enamel off. The mending is almost as simple as the old method of putting a rag into a hole to mend it.

It once happened that a high wind played havoc with a paper tub, and, after rolling it around promiscuously, it threw it against a stone and virtually wrecked it forever. It also happened that the tub belonged to a woman who had some original ideas, and she straightway went to work to demonstrate that although vented it was not wholly beyond repair.

She secured some putty and put it over the hole and smoothed it down carefully until it was about the same thickness of the paper mache itself, of which the tub was made. In case of an article needed for such use it might be well to paint it all over and then it might be decorated if desired. I have seen this paperware decorated with nasturtiums, and it really looked pretty. An occasional coat of paint would do a good deal toward making such utensils lasting.—Cleveland Leader.

NUTRIMENT IN FOOD.

The consumption of mutton is similar to that of beef, and it is about equal in nutritive value to beef. Lamb is about the same.

Smoked ham is one of the most wholesome forms of meat. Ham is more digestible when boiled and served sliced thin and cold.

Veal is less nutritive, possesses more waste and less fat than beef. In Germany it is considered as excellent as beef and is prescribed for invalids, but in England and America it is thought harmful for persons with weak digestions.

Beef is the most nutritious of all animal foods and can be eaten longer continuously than any other kind of meat, resembling rice and bread in this respect. Fresh beef is almost completely digested, more completely than milk is by an adult.

Poultry is good flesh-forming food. Fish is like poultry in its large amount of water and small supply of fat. There is nothing to show that fish is a brain food except that the small amount of fat makes it a suitable diet for persons of sedentary habits.

HINTS FOR HOT WEATHER.

An alcoholic bath often cures cholera infantum when nothing else will. Saturate a flannel cloth with alcohol and bind it around the child's bowels.

It is said that a napkin wet with ice water laid across the eyes will induce sleep even in the most aggravated case of insomnia during these warm nights.

If the hands are stained with berries, or from planting the various summer vegetables, rub them thoroughly with ripe tomatoes before using soap, or anything that will set the stain.

If the flies prove troublesome about the gilt frames, and other gilt ornaments that are uncovered at this season, boil four or five onions in a pint of water and apply it with a soft brush.

Keep a little camphor at hand these hot days and if the head becomes uncomfortably warm bathe it with a teaspoonful in two ounces of water. This drives back the blood and averts sunstroke.

Chloroform is an excellent summer drink; it is admirable for purifying the blood, for removing pimples and whitening the complexion, and has also a good repute as a sleep-inducing draught.

A victim of hay fever says that he has found a solution of olive oil and camphor very effective. Prepare it by gently warming some olive oil and a small lump of camphor together for a long time, until thoroughly mixed. Apply it by oiling the inside of the lower part of the nostrils.

Don't let the little ones suffer with toothache during these warm nights, when it is so difficult to sleep under the best conditions. Teach them to chew cinnamon bark when a troublesome tooth threatens to ache. This destroys the sensibility of the nerve, supercedes the pain very quickly, and is most pleasant to the taste, besides having no injurious effect on the teeth.

OUR TWO LANGUAGES.

One Used in Conversation, the Other in Written English.

A writer in the Educational Review prefaces an article on English literature in the college by the declaration: "It is now, I think, generally admitted that the first principle of rhetoric is, write as you speak. The pedantic, declamatory, Latinized diction that prevailed in literary circles a hundred years ago is no longer the standard king's English. In order to write well,

it is necessary first to speak well—that is, to speak naturally, correctly and strongly."

This is a clever and cunning, as well as complete begging of the whole question. The assumption that we, English and Americans, speak as we write, and that the ordinary rules of rhetoric and grammar run through and underlie oral, as well as written language is an assumption which cannot be verified by evidence. The man who says "don't" and "can't" and "isn't" and who talks about "him and me" when he means "he and I," or who says "done" for "did" or "saw" for "saw," can take his pen or pencil in hand and write English which is unexceptionable from the standpoint of person, mood or tense, the fact being that written language is a refinement and, possibly, an improvement on spoken language, but at the same time as different from it as the dialect of Yorkshire from that of Cornwall, or the talk of Yankee from the patois of the uplands of North Carolina or the lowlands of Louisiana.

The writer of the article in question has fallen into the rhetorical error of, as the vernacular has it, putting the cart before the horse. Every written language, protected and fenced in as it may be by rhetorical fences and hedges, each of which is bristling with rules and safeguarded by exceptions to those rules, is only a development from a spoken language, and whether it be an improvement or not is an open question. At all events it must be apparent to every student of language or philology that we have, at least in English, two separate and distinct languages, and that if we should attempt to follow the dictum of the writer in the Educational Review, and write as we speak, our contributions to current literature would be speedily sidetracked into the editor's waste-paper basket. It might be better for the genius of the English language, and for the preservation of its integrity, that we should speak as we write, but to adopt the converse proposition and write as we speak seems the very climax of absurdity to those who know and appreciate the distinction between English "as she is wrote" and "as she is spoke."

Has a Past.

"She is a woman with a past, you say?"

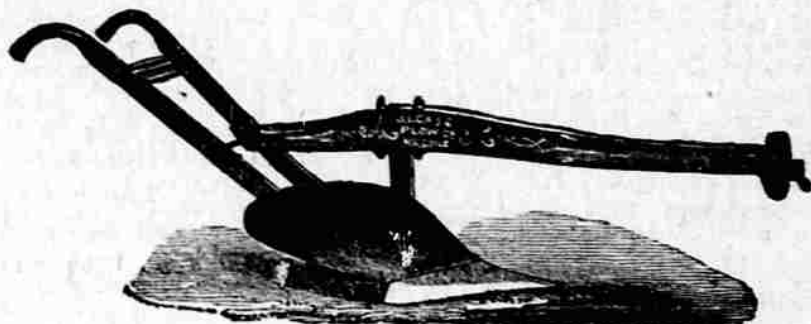
"Yes; the men have all passed by her."—Buffalo News.

Science of Beauty.

"What! Do you practice physics and chemistry here at home?"

"Nonsense! That is my wife's toilet table!"—Buffalo Blotter.

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