

## OUR COUNTY

### Correspondents

Jacksonville News.

Marriage license issued Jan. 19 to A. G. Anderson and Miss Ella Meeker.

Miss Agia Cameron spent Tuesday in Jacksonville, the guest of Miss Louise Kubli.

Miss Carrie Beekman has recovered from a seige of la grippe contracted on her return from Portland.

The Misses John, of Josephine county, have returned home after a pleasant visit with friends in this city.

B. E. Haney, of the Stargulch mine, Uniontown district, was here Tuesday, filing mining locations with the county clerk.

J. G. Graham, ex-superintendent of the R. R. V. R. R., arrived from the north a few days since for a brief stay in Jacksonville.

At a special school meeting at Central Point held Jan. 16th, 1897, the district voted a tax of 34 mills, to be levied on assessed property.

Miss Genevieve Reames, who has been the guest of Miss Bernice Cameron, at Uniontown since Saturday, returned home Wednesday.

Jacksonville merchants have been infested during the past ten days with numerous commercial travelers, who are already showing spring importations, and are quite urgent that the merchants place orders at once.

Richard Kingsley, who recently had a dangerous operation performed by valley physicians, has about recovered from the effects, and is on the streets once more. Mr. Kingsley is one of the middle of the road populists.

Miss Shulse, who is attending the Willamette university, will arrive here next week on a visit to her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Shulse. Miss Shulse is said to be a very fine singer and our citizens will have an opportunity of listening to the lady in the near future.

The lady members of Ruth Rebekah lodge No. 4 are making extensive preparations for a calico ball to be given on the 12th of February. They will furnish the supper. The tickets will soon be placed on sale at \$1.50 per couple. The best music the county affords will be procured for the occasion.

By some mistake D. C. Herrin, grand lecturer of the A. O. U. W., was bled to speak at the court house last Wednesday evening, and a large disappointed crowd was the result. The date specified was for Feb. 13 instead of Jan. 13, so our citizens will have the exquisite pleasure of a lecture from the eloquent gentleman during the coming month.

H. R. Henderson, who has been spending the past two months at San Jose and San Francisco, returned Thursday evening accompanied by a friend who will look over the mining resources of Southern Oregon. Mr. Kalfus, Mr. Henderson's partner, stopped off at Montague and went by private conveyance to Horse creek to look after their mining interests.

#### Central Point Items.

Jacob Walsh, of Wellen, was trading here on Tuesday.

Frank Bybee, of Jacksonville, was trading here on Tuesday.

Miss Mary Magruder is spending the week with Medford friends.

S. S. Stevens, of Phoenix, spent a day here the first of the week.

There will be a match game of foot ball here Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. J. O. C. Wimer, of Woodville, spent last week with relatives at this place.

Horace Pelton, one of Sams Valley's rustling young farmers, spent a day here last week.

Albert Clements took Monday's train for Scotts Valley, where he goes to seek employment.

There was a phantom party held at the residence of Carl Rawlings

last Saturday evening in which about twenty couple participated. They report a most enjoyable time.

The town boys organized a foot ball team last Saturday. C. O. Ramsey was elected captain.

Miss Ollie Gordon, who has been quite ill with typhoid fever at the residence of Assessor Grieve for several weeks, is slowly improving.

F. T. Fradenburg has returned from his visit through Texas and Mexico, and has concluded to locate here, having leased the hotel owned by Sims and Carney and will take possession the first of February.

#### Table Rock Items.

Mr. Carlton and son have commenced seeding on the Drum farm.

Hon. S. M. Nealen attended the G. A. R. meeting at Central Point Saturday.

Dr. Kirchessner was called out last week to attend young Mr. Torrey, who is now reported to be improving very fast.

A very promising strata of coal was found at a depth of five feet from the surface, in the Jennings coal mine last week.

Dr. G. B. Cole was telephoned for to attend one of Mrs. Vincent's sons Wednesday—the boy is reported dangerously ill.

It is reported here that a company of outside capitalists have purchased about thirty thousand dollars' worth of land in Sams valley with a view to doing some extensive mining.

We have often heard that surprises never come singly and since last Friday night we are in a mood to fully verify that old adage. In a few words we will try to outline what to your correspondent and family, was one of the greatest, as well as the most pleasant surprise we've experienced during our three years' residence in the Webfoot state. On the evening of the day mentioned, one of the household ventured to answer a gentle(?) rap at the front door, and imagine the surprise when two score of voices rang out a hearty good evening. The visitors were invited to walk in and be seated, but whoever thought of offering seats to such a gathering; after a little studying, apple boxes, coal oil boxes, boards and everything that would make a seat was brought into service. When all were seated and we had time to glance over the faces of those present, it was seen that every family in the neighborhood was represented, the total number of persons present being forty-five. It was soon announced that they had a program all prepared, and no time was lost in presenting what to us was a very choice collection of recitations, dialogues and comic character pieces. This over, the company was divided up into three rooms, and games of every kind were played with hearty enthusiasm until some one was heard to say that they were ready for refreshments, and while the merriment over the manner of selecting partners was at its height, came the second and not the least of surprises; the good people came laden with choice eatables, well knowing that no one could prepare for such a gathering in so short a time; soon everybody was doing ample justice to a spread that would tickle the palate of an epicure. Time sped rapidly 'til nigh the "wee small hours," when our neighbors turned their faces homeward, leaving a happy and appreciative family to wish for many more such jolly meetings with these friends of Table Rock.

#### Griffin Creek Gatherings.

BY PHLOMELA.

C. W. Fraley, of Eden, was visiting here recently.

Rev. Caldwell, of Ashland, will preach here Sunday, the 24th, at 3 p. m.

Mr. Watson, a stepson of Mr. Breazeale, arrived here a short time ago to remain.

It has been whispered that wedding bells will soon ring not a thousand miles distant.

Rev. Caldwell preached here several evenings last week and was greeted by large audiences.

Wm. Griffin, of Josephine county, who was here recently transacting business, has returned home.

J. McPherson and son, Wilmer, have cleared considerable land on the eastern part of their farm, which is quite an improvement.

On Saturday last, J. W. Lawton's home came very nearly being burned. Mrs. Lawton had some clothes hanging near the stove in the kitchen when they caught fire and were soon in flames. As no one was in the room at the time, the fire had made considerable progress, burning the walls and charring the plaster overhead. However, when discovered, the fire was extinguished and no serious damage done.

Last Friday evening the home

of Prof. W. T. Chase was the scene of a festive gathering, the occasion being a party given in honor of Mr. G. N. Chase, of Klamath Falls, a brother of the host. Over thirty invited guests were present and each seemed desirous of having a merry time, which was no difficult matter with such genial and hospitable entertainers as Mr. and Mrs. Chase. Games, music and social converse were indulged in until a late hour when refreshments were served which consisted of a truly delicious repast. Amusements were again indulged in until the small hours of the morning when all departed, feeling the time had passed all too swiftly and voting it one of the most enjoyable events of the new year.

#### Prospect Pointers.

BY A. B. B.

Oscar Blackford is visiting his parents at the Kahler place.

Mr. Bjaaragard is working on another of his fine inlaid pictures.

Stock is doing well in this section, requiring but little feed generally.

Mails arrive a little behind time on account of the condition of the roads.

Mr. Moore, who has been working at Ellis', returned home the other day.

Kitty M. Ellis is making arrangements to do considerable fencing in the spring.

We do not envy the valley people their fog, but we do enjoy the bright sunshine that we get these January days.

G. W. Eaton, the cooper, is making a good lot of barrels this winter. Mr. Buck is employed with him a portion of the time.

Dr. Jones, of Medford, was up here a few days ago to see Mrs. Blackford, who has been quite poorly of late, but is now somewhat improved.

Gray's sawmill is reported to be doing good work under the management of Mr. Hill, who has been making some improvements, and appears to be the right man in the right place.

Gus. Sidle, who is trapping above here in the huckleberry country, was here on the 16th. He reports snow six feet deep on the mountains and sixteen inches at Union creek. Mr. Sidle has caught about thirty martins, up to date. He returned on the 17th to his home on the mountain, carrying with him some needed supplies.

#### Gold Hill Nuggets.

BY MARK BAKER.

G. W. Short, of the Gold Hill mine, is ill this week.

Mr. Shorey, of the Lance mine, was in town Tuesday.

The rain of last Monday night added materially to prospects of the placer miners.

E. W. Starr, of Medford, was in Gold Hill last week fitting up the printing office for Mr. Churchill.

The city marshal is busy at present inspecting flues and putting collars on dogs.

There were several eastern parties here last week negotiating for the purchase of mining property on Kanes creek.

S. A. D. Higgins, of the Medford soda works, was doing business in Grants Pass and Gold Hill the first of the week.

E. E. Miner, of Willow springs, will commence work on his quartz ledges at once. He intends to place them on the market at an early date.

George Gilstrap, of this place, and Miss Lula Greninger, of Evans creek, were married at Albany, Oregon, on Monday, January 17th, by Judge Powell.

The council at its last session passed an ordinance forbidding parties allowing rubbish and garbage to collect on their property or streets and alleys adjoining such property.

Gold Hill has a foot ball team that is made up of gentlemen who are not featherweights, in fact they are each and every one stalwart, husky, and muscular. The combined weight of the eleven who are mixed up with the team is 2106 pounds—an average weight of 191 pounds. The names and weights of each are here given: Mark Hubbard, 225; Tom Hammersly, 200; Chas. Saunders, 197; Al. Lewis, 195; Frank Parker, 191; John Nysewarner, 190; Alex. Carter, 190; Chas. Mear, 182; John Harvey, 181; Day Parker, 180; Albert Beidler, 175. The above gentlemen constitute those with which the Eagle Point team will do battle on the 30th inst. A glimpse of our boys while at practice, and realizing their enormous weight, is sufficient to warrant our populace in saying that our seekers after the gold ore will return home after their game overflowing with glory, having taught their veteran competitors that it is not profitable to combat against a hardy mining fraternity.

#### Lake Creek Items.

BY HUMBLE BEE.

Henry Peck and family contemplated moving to Medford soon.

Dick Slinger and wife were visiting relatives and friends on south Butte last week.

Stock is doing fine in this section of the country, and very little feeding is being done as yet.

Jack Nichols and Joseph Rader made another trip to the head of the valley recently, for the purpose of gathering cattle.

W. H. Bradshaw has returned home after quite a lengthy stay in Jacksonville, where he has been attending commissioners' court.

G. S. Butler, F. Spencer, E. McAllister and B. Scribner, of Ashland, J. Cox, of Medford, F. Tice and son, of Dry creek, and E. Beeson, of Talent, were riding in this part of the country last week, gathering cattle.

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.

#### AN ELABORATE MOSAIC.

Executed for a Beautiful Palace in Vienna.

The British vice-consul in Venice in his last report says that mosaics still continue in great demand there, says the London Times. A well-known company executed last year a splendid mosaic for a palace now in course of construction in Vienna. It measures 1,000 square feet and is copied from cartoons by the painter, Edward Weith. It represents the five parts of the world. Europe stands in the center of the frieze, represented by the symbolic figures of its various nations, having on one side the emblems of industry and trade and at the top the emblem of the flying genius of light. On the right are the figures of Asia, India, China and Japan, with their rajahs, mandarins and the allegorical chrysanthemum. Next follows Africa, with camel-drivers, palm trees and other African symbols; on the left, America and Australia, with natives on horseback and on foot, foliage and other emblems.

All this variety of types, from the fair Circassian down to the negro, and the display of costumes, from the most decorative to the simplest, have enabled the painter to arrange 24 figures with great delicacy of color and in an artistic manner. Over these figures, which rest on an ornamental base, a blue sky reflects all around its light so as to unite all the tints of the mosaic and to give the whole a harmony of effect which is said to be most delightful to the eye. The same company is executing another important mosaic for the apse of the Guards' chapel at the Wellington barracks in London from cartoons.

#### KEPT AHEAD OF THE BULLETS.

ASTOUNDING SWIFTNES OF FOOT SHOWN BY A GEORGIA RAZOR-BACK.

Col. Taylor Jenkins, who lives a few miles north of Blakely, is known throughout that section as one of the most truthful men in it. At least, so says the Early County Times. Recently, while Mr. Jenkins was out hunting, his dogs began barking at something in a large hollow log. It was a wild hog. He took the hog home and dropped it in his cornfield. It is there now. A few weeks ago Mr. Jenkins went out to kill it, thinking he could easily do so with his snoring rifle. He searched about till he "jumped" it. Down a corn row it went like lightning. He leveled his rifle and "cut down" on it, but never touched a hair. He "jumped" it again and shot again, but no hog. Again and again he "jumped" it and shot at it, with the same result. He began to wonder what could be the matter. The corn rows were as straight as moonshine whisky and his gun true as the third party to Tom Watson, yet he couldn't. To shoot at the hog as it ran off down the corn rows was just like shooting at it standing, so far as getting a "bead on it" was concerned. To make sure that he didn't "wobble" off the hog he put up a small target and "cracked down" at it five times, then took his ax and chopped in and found five balls all in one hole in the middle of the spot. That settled it—that the fault was not in him or the gun, but the hog had outrun the bullets.

#### LONDON DOGS OUT CALLING.

THEIR CARDS GO UP WITH THOSE OF THEIR MISTRESSES.

It appears, from an article in the Figaro by M. Paul Megnin, that in London at the present time it is not only the fashion for a lady to provide her lapdog with a little wardrobe and even a handkerchief, but to have visiting cards made for it, too. When a fashionable lady pays a visit, taking her lapdog with her, she sends up the dog's card along with her own.

M. Megnin says he was visiting the editor of one of the leading sporting papers in London, when the servant brought in two cards, one that of a lady and the other as follows:

MRS. PRIVOLITY.  
Collie.

Asked if he knew the name on the card, M. Megnin said he presumed it was some dog fancier. He was greatly surprised to see a lady come in, accompanied by a handsome collie.

M. Megnin went to a stationer's shop and ordered 100 cards for his little dog. He was again surprised to find that the stationer had some ready printed, neatly packed in pretty little card cases.

#### CLAIRVOYANCE ASTOUNDING.

Revelations Which Made One Woman Believe in the Supernatural.

Two women with a bag of broken candy and another with peanuts between sat opposite the writer in a street car the other day. One of them had just had a "wonderful experience" and was relating it to her companion in a voice loud enough to be heard by everyone in the car.

"I don't care how much mud folks want to fling at fortune-tellers and clairvoyants. I know that some of 'em are genuine. I've just come from one an' the things she told me fairly took my breath away."

"Do tell me about it."

"An', mind you, she never laid eyes on me until to-day, an' she told me things no livin' human could of told her!"

"What did she tell you?"

"Well, she first went off into a trance and she looked and groaned so awful I was scared at first, but she told me to be calm. Then she said: 'You are married, aren't you?' Now, how'd she know I was married? But of course I told her I was. Then she says: 'You have children, haven't you?' Now, how did she know that?"

"It was wonderful."

"I should say so. Then she up an' says: 'Your husband is a laboring man, isn't he?' Now, how'd she know he wasn't a clerk or a doctor or mebbe a bank president? I told her Jim was a laboring man an' she says: 'He does not know that you have come here to-day, an' he doesn't know a thing about it, but how'd she know that?'"

"Sure enough."

"Then she says: 'You have an enemy; a tall, dark-eyed woman, and I know exactly whom she meant. And,' she says, 'your husband is a man who would rather be away from home than to home.' Now, how did she know that 'bout Jim? For he is always on the go somewhere. B'longs to six lodges an' all that, an' I jaw him good for it. But how did she know but he was a regular home grumpy?"

"That's so."

"Then she says: 'You are fond of going to the theater an' readin' novels,' and I am. You give me a bag o' candy an' a good, excitin' novel an' let me go to see a real stirrin' drummy like 'The Two Orphans,' an' I'm happy, but how did she know that? Then she told me to beware of a small, blue-eyed woman, an' I know exactly who she meant. She said I'd be married twice, an' my next husband would be rollin' in wealth."

in I'd drive my own carriage yet. It was just wonderful the things she told me."

"I should say so."

"I'll admit that I've been taken in once or twice by those sham clairvoyants, but I didn't begrudge this one a penny of the two dollars I paid her, for she was genuine. But Jim'd make an awful fuss if he knew I'd spent two dollars that way, an' I wouldn't dare tell him about my second husband. He ain't what you might call one of the jealous kind, but I don't think he'd like it. It was a wonderful experience."

—Detroit Free Press.

#### MULES FOR FARMING.

Continuous Work Seems to Be a Daily Advantage to Them.

There is much unnecessary prejudice against the mule. It exists among those people who have had little or no experience with this creature. He is not an extravagant eater, in the first place. His preference is rather for the cheaper provender and a very moderate quantity of corn and oats. He is built for work, in that his looks do not suggest any aristocratic tendencies. Under sensible handling he is trained to work in much less time than the average horse.

He has a "mind of his own," and will not always hurry on short notice; but he is willing to plod along steadily early and late, and thus accomplishes more in a day of heavy work than the average horse team. No animal endures drudgery so well. Continuous work seems to be a daily advantage. When worked steadily a mule team is very reliable in every essential requirement. A "level head" and more than "horse sense" is characteristic of this faithful brute. With many years' experience with them on a farm the writer would prefer that on a farm of a quarter section, or more than three-fourths of the teams should be mules.

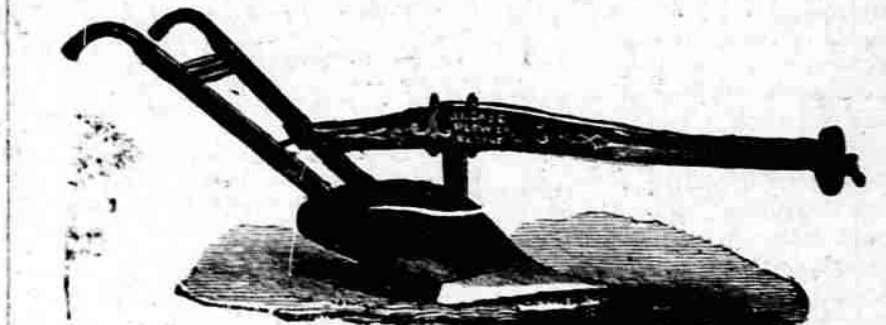
With the great glut in the horse market in recent years it would certainly be advantageous to the general breeding interest if more of the horse stock be bred to produce mules for the next two years or more.

We may be sure that the mules will not multiply themselves as another generation of horses may do.

It's worth thinking about seriously.

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