

**OUR COUNTY . . .**  
**Correspondents**

Jacksonville News.

Rev. L. P. Desmarais held services in Ashland last Sunday.

Miss Mamie Isaacs, of Medford, visited friends in Jacksonville this week.

Prof. Goble, the optician, was registered at the U. S. hotel from Monday until Thursday of this week.

Clerk Newbury returned Sunday from a brief visit at Portland and Salem.

Chas. Meier, of Footh Creek, spent the week in town under the care of a physician.

Ed. Smith and Robt. G. Smith, of Grants Pass, were here Monday on various missions.

Mrs. Lizzie Kingsbury, of Ashland, transacted business in Jacksonville last Thursday.

Max Muller made a trip to Wimer Saturday to look after the Robinson business, of which Mr. Muller is assignee.

Judge Neil has purchased the property near the court house, consisting of an office and a barn, of W. H. Parker for \$250.

Geo. Neuber received during the week an acetylene plant from San Francisco and now has the Banquet nicely illuminated with gas.

Dr. Chas. Hines was called to Applegate Thursday to attend Fred Bolt, who was suffering from a very sore foot which was poisoned by a gum boot.

The mining fever has become epidemic in Jacksonville and there is a rush for locations. A large number of claims have been recorded of late.

Mrs. Nancy Majors, of Applegate, spent several days here this week, the guest of Mrs. M. Hinkle. Mrs. Majors has made application for a widow's pension.

Wm. S. Barnum, of Medford, has been appointed guardian of his father, Jas. H. Barnum, of Ashland, who is an incompetent. The bonds were placed at \$2000 with Bertha Barnum, G. W. Isaacs and S. W. Spess as sureties.

**Gold Hill Nuggets.**

BY SWAT.

Business growing better.

Health of the community improving.

Gold Hill will put in water works in the spring.

Geo. W. Lance, Sr., went to Medford Wednesday.

J. L. Hammerley was in Jacksonville Tuesday.

There will be a mask ball at this place on the 14th.

Mrs. F. J. Heck, who has been quite ill, is improving.

C. H. Dalrymple made a flying trip to Ashland Monday.

C. Vrooman made a business trip to Jacksonville Tuesday.

Ice a quarter of an inch thick here Wednesday morning.

Oscar Blackburn, of Central Point, was in town Monday.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Rodgers, of Sams Valley.

Rev. Gregory will preach here next Sunday morning and evening.

Miss Sophia Davis is visiting home folks in Willow spring district this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Slever, of Grants Pass, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Muller Sunday.

Some people are not satisfied un-

less they can gossip. How long would rumor live if no one repeated it?

S. Rosenthal was in town Monday inspecting his new store at this place, which, by the way, is one of the finest in Jacksonville County.

"Simple Silas, or the Detective from Plunketville," will be put on the boards at the school house hall on Feb. 3d for the benefit of the school library.

Scout Allison lectured to a fair sized audience here Tuesday. Scout Allison was in the service of Uncle Sam for thirty-two years as scout and interpreter and his knowledge of the true character of the Indian renders him an able speaker on that line.

The Black Gold Channel mine is being worked. Toney Olson works in one of the drifts at this mine and was recently pulling Jack, the mule, up the incline, when Toney became mullish and so did the mule. The rope broke and Toney went over the tressel and was bruised up considerably. The mule—he's all right.

The Seven Day Advents are holding a protracted meeting in the Willow springs school house, near this place. A great deal of interest is being manifested. Chances are that a great many people of this vicinity will be inclined to celebrate Saturday for Sunday in the future, while a great many of this neighborhood will stand firm and not keep either, for fear of making a mistake.

**Table Rock Items.**

Readable items are as scarce these days as the proverbial "hens' teeth."

T. H. Pendleton has retired from active city life and is now rusticated at Table Rock.

Rev. Huff preached to an attentive congregation last Sunday, but did not leave any appointment.

So far our little community has been free from the widespread measles epidemic.

We hear that David Beidler is seriously ill from battling with his old enemy, inflammatory rheumatism.

Messrs. Geo. Justus and Will Pickens remained over night in this neighborhood Saturday, while on their way to Prospect.

L. A. Robertson is hauling hay, and came very near having a complete breakdown Monday afternoon near the Dickison farm.

The pleasant weather lured the farmers into the fields once more, but the blustering weather at this writing bids fair to drive them to their hearthstones again.

Charles Dickison received another thoroughbred Plymouth Rock rooster from Salem last week. This gentleman intends to make a regular business of poultry raising and anyone wishing the pure article of that breed would do well to call on him before buying elsewhere.

The family of E. H. Davis received quite a scare Saturday when their two-year-old baby got hold of a bottle and took quite a dose of anise oil. For some time it was hard work to keep him from going into "the sleep that knows no waking," but the administering of emetics and constant moving brought him out all right and the little fellow thinks he will not try to doctor himself any more.

J. C. P.

**Lake Creek Items.**

BY BUNGLERER.

A. Wyland was the guest of G. W. Nichols and J. H. Tyrrell last week.

Mr. Combest and son, of Brownsboro, are clearing land for W. H. Bradshaw.

Misses Annie Griasom and Agnes Peil were visitors at J. Anderson's last Sunday.

We are having fine weather here. It seems more like spring than winter and stock are doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Parker, of Sisson, Calif., are visiting Mrs. P.'s parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Randles, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Randles are at Eagle Point attending at the bedside of Mrs. R.'s father, who is dangerously ill, having had a stroke of paralysis.

Last Saturday the men of Upper and South Butte turned out and worked on the grade leading to the new bridge and it is now passable but very muddy.

Walter Charley was the guest of his uncle, Clay Charley, of Brownsboro, last week. He says that the snow at their place has nearly all disappeared, which is something unusual there as it is high up in the mountains and the snow falls deep.

**Griffin Creek Gatherings.**

BY BRIDGET.

Mrs. Hover spent Sunday with Mrs. Fry.

Mrs. Birch, Mrs. Kime and Mrs. Elba Hamlin and children, were

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Miss Rumina Beazale was home on a visit Sunday.

Miss Lulu Spencer spent Sunday with Miss Nettie Soliss.

Mr. Hover is the owner of new wagon which he recently purchased.

A. W. Hamlin, of Eden, has purchased a good milch cow of J. P. True.

Mrs. D. B. Soliss was a pleasant caller at Mrs. Henry Griffin's recently.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Bellinger were pleasant callers at J. P. True's last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. True were visitors at E. L. Redpath's and Chas. Gutches' Sunday.

S. Randles, of Lake Creek, was visiting with his daughter, Mrs. Eva True, a few days last week.

Charlie True, who has been confined to his room for several weeks with rheumatism, is able to be about again.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Parker and little daughter, Jennie, of Sisson, Calif., were visiting Mrs. P.'s sister, Mrs. Frank True, a few days last week.

At the Enterprise school house on Friday evening, Feb. 10th, there will be an entertainment given by George W. Mockwitz and his daughter, Bessie. There will be a varied assortment of stereopticon views, lecture on Spain, the Italian explorer, and Christopher Columbus, showing in vivid pictures the shameful treatment accorded him by King Ferdinand of Spain. There will be funny pictures and real side-splitters. The bill states that little Bessie is a child prodigy and patriot who stirs the hearts of multitudes and amazes them with her silver tongued oratory. Bessie is but seven years old, a child wonder of phenomenal memory. She recites long poems and speeches without an error. Let all who can, come to the entertainment and hear little Bessie. Admission, adults 25 cents; children 10 cents. Doors open at 7:30.

**Forest Creek News.**

BY OPERA.

Wm. Bostwick is putting in his crop.

Miss Grace Pearce was visiting at the hydraulic mine one day last week.

Bert Coffman has become a partner with Mr. Hansen in his mine on the right hand fork.

A. W. Sturges has been operating his plant with quite a large force of men and doing good work of late.

Mrs. Wm. Bostwick and her mother, Mrs. Snyder, of Wagner creek, were visiting with Mrs. Arm-priest one day last week.

Hydraulic miners were somewhat rushed here for a while on account of having too much water and were compelled to work day and night.

Mark Wingham and the Pence boys must be taking out a lot of quartz from their lead, if we are to judge by the heavy blasting that has been going on against the hill of late.

Jas. Arm-priest, of this place, will soon be delivering books—"United States in War With Spain," and other books. He has sent an order of thirty-eight books to his company which are due now any time.

John Wingham, he who holds the pipe and giant at the Knapp &

Dugan mine on Upper Forest creek, informs us that they have just completed a large reservoir which will hold nearly twice as much water as the old ones. This will enable them to turn on larger heads in the future, having more pressure.

**Central Point Items.**

Jesse Hamrick has been very ill the last week.

Dr. Hinkle has a large assortment of valentines of all kinds.

Mrs. E. C. Sherman, of Ashland, is paying relatives of this place a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Holmes spent a few days with relatives here last week.

Mrs. Frances Baer has sold her property on Pine street, to J. H. Messner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Brown, of Gold Hill precinct, were trading here last Saturday.

Elder A. J. Hanby preached to a large congregation last Sunday at the Baptist Church.

W. T. Leever, a prominent citizen of this place, made a business trip to Medford last week.

Elder Gregory is holding a protracted meeting at the M. E. Church this week which is well attended.

The dramatic entertainment that was given last Saturday evening was well attended. The neat sum of \$51.50 was realized for the benefit of the Degree of Honor lodge.

O. O. Kincaid, who has been employed in a bank at La Grande the past few years, arrived here last Thursday, having been called home by the serious illness of his mother.

Mrs. Hockenjos and family visited Jacksonville friends last Sunday.

Miss Rose Fielder has returned to Medford after a short visit with friends here.

Mrs. Loudon, of Applegate, is attending at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Kincaid.

Last Saturday evening prayer meeting was held at the home of Miss Stanley, who has been ill for a long time.

Mrs. Pendleton and mother and Mr. and Mrs. Gunn were pleasant callers at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Norcross last Wednesday.

Rev. and Mrs. Gregory are the possessors of a new piano. Mrs. Gregory is a fine musician and will be greatly appreciated by our musical circle.

Our ladies have long felt the need of a first-class millinery store and they will be pleased to learn that Mrs. E. Pleasants, an experienced milliner, will open a millinery parlor here about March 1st, where an up-to-date stock of goods can be found.

There is a great demand for fruit trees even this early in the season and the Central Point nursery is receiving orders daily from all sec-

tions. Several large orders have been shipped this week and the prospect is that sales will be even larger than last year.

That Central Point believes in aiding the efforts of the A. O. U. W. lodge was clearly demonstrated last Saturday night by the crowded house that greeted the participants in the drama, "Simple Silas." Much credit is due those taking part in the different acts and should this home troop favor us with another entertainment they are sure to meet with a hearty reception.

No doubt there will be a lively contest in the coming school election when a successor to J. Clements will be chosen. Although it is over a month until election we hear a number of names of prominent citizens being mentioned. It is to be hoped that a public spirited candidate will be elected—a man who will work in every way for the best interests of our public schools.

The death of Miss Ida Cox casts a gloom over our town and especially our young people, among whom she was a great favorite and a friend. It is said that "Death loves a shining mark," and it has proved wonderfully true in this instance. The esteem in which she was held was testified by the great number in attendance at the Central Point cemetery, where the mortal remains of Miss Ida Cox were laid at rest.

At the urgent call of the friends of the volunteers who died at Manila during the late war, the government has made provision for the return of the remains to their native soil for reburial. Depot Quartermaster Charles F. Long, of San Francisco, in a recent communication says that on the last transport, which left San Francisco for Manila on the 25th of January, there were sent a reliable undertaker and assistants, with suitable caskets provided by the government, who will, upon arrival at Manila, under the direction of the chief quartermaster at that

point, disinter the remains of deceased officers and soldiers and send them by the first returning transport to this country. The most expert undertakers and assistants possible to obtain have been secured to accomplish this object with the least delay practicable. Upon arrival of the remains in San Francisco, notification will be given by telegraph, and they will be immediately sent by express to their homes.

**Had Just Been "Advertised."**

A small boy not many miles from Chicago was baptized into one of the Protestant churches of the city. He was intensely interested in the ceremonies attending the sacrament and watched every detail with eagerness and appreciation. He noted the attire of the clergyman and the robes of his godfather and godmother. When he could be answered the questions asked himself and when the minister addressed his sponsors he nodded his head in conformity with their replies. When the ceremony was concluded he was eagerly anxious to get home to his mother to impart his exciting experiences of the morning. He rushed upstairs on reaching the house and burst in upon his mother breathlessly. "Oh, mamma, mamma!" he exclaimed, joyously, "I belong to God now. I've just been advertised."—Chicago Times-Herald.

**Must Be a Mistake.**

He—Where ignorance is bliss, you know, 'tis folly to be wise.  
She—I know the poet says so, but still you don't seem to be of a happy disposition.—Chicago Evening News.

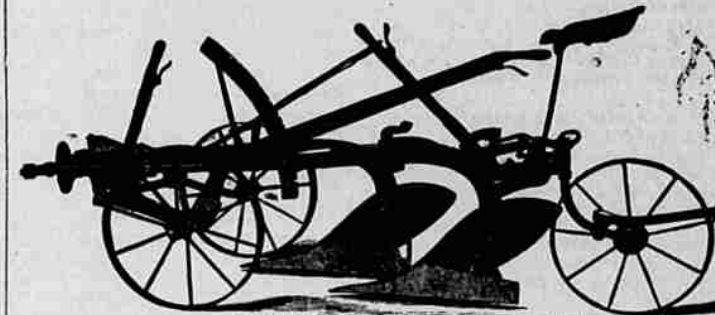
**Notice of Final Settlement.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned executor of the last will and testament of Eliza Bell, deceased, has filed in the county court of Jackson County, State of Oregon, his final account and petition for discharge and that by order of said court, Tuesday, the seventh day of March, A. D. 1900, at ten o'clock a. m., has been appointed for the hearing thereof.  
And all persons interested are hereby notified to appear and file in said court their objections to said final account on or before said date.  
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