

OUR COUNTY Correspondents

Jacksonville News.

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John Marsh, the carpenter, who has been quite sick for the past three weeks, is able to be out again.

Miss Bossie Nickell, who has been attending a young ladies' seminary at Tacoma, Wash., for the past six months, returned home Friday.

Mrs. Stella Stratton and Miss Gertrude John, of Williams creek, who have been visiting Mrs. Geo. Hines the past week, left for home Wednesday.

Hon. Theo. Cameron and Max Muller have returned from Portland, where they have been as representatives to the Masonic grand lodge.

L. C. Kane is removing his harness shop to the brick store building formerly occupied by White & Jacobs. His present quarters are too cramped for his business.

A lively and interesting game of base ball was played in Jacksonville Sunday between the Jacksonville and Applegate nines. The Jacksonville nine won by a score of 14 to 13 and one inning to spare.

Miss Winnie Plymale, of Henley, Calif., cousin of W. J. and the late F. M. Plymale, came over on Monday's train for a visit with relatives. She will be the guest of Miss Kate Plymale while in Jacksonville.

Evan Reames, district attorney elect, was chosen first vice president of the Native Sons of Oregon, at the Grand Cabin, in Portland. His picture appeared in the Oregonian, duly labeled—and that is how his friends here knew it to be Evan, and not Sitting Bull or Aguinaldo.

Herman Hunter Magruder, who died from a stroke of paralysis, June 14th, was born in Andrew County, Missouri, Feb. 11, 1839. Mr. Magruder came here in an early day, and merchandised with varied success in several places in the county. He was a singularly reticent man, and it was a rare thing for any one to sufficiency interest him in a subject to draw him out. He was a good citizen and an honest business man.

The Boss candy store received an order from Henley, Calif., the first of the week, for a large invoice of all the modern grades of candy. Mr. Learned says he will have to work early and late and use every available resource to fill the order this week. He has about all he can do, with his present facilities, to meet the local demands, without filling orders from a distance. He thinks he will have to enlarge to keep up with the advance in trade.

The book social at the Presbyterian Church, Friday night, was largely attended and socially was one of the recherche affairs of the season. Ice cream, cake, pretzels and other delicacies were served, and all voted the occasion a grand success. The sum of \$24 was realized, which will go toward refitting and beautifying the inside of the church. A lot of ice cream and confections were left over, which were sold later, and the proceeds added to the \$24.

The graduating exercises at St. Mary's academy, though not largely attended, were pleasant and very entertaining. Measles broke out among the pupils and changed the original program, which was intended to embrace a general entertainment by the school, such as has been customary in former years; but the faculty, by reason of the prevalence of the disease, was unable to give the pupils the necessary training, and rather than not have a perfectly creditable entertainment, with pupils fully prepared for the occasion, they decided to have nothing but graduating exercises, music, essays, etc.

The graduates were Lizzie Gloor, Gertrude McCallan, Luodina Reames and Marie Nickell. Their essays were good and did them much credit.

Geo. and Louis Ross, of Central Point, were on business at the county seat Wednesday. Harry Langell, one of the forest rangers, has gone up Rogue river to prepare quarters for the others, who are soon to follow. Mr. and Mrs. Evan Reames, who have been at Portland in attendance on the Grand Cabins, Native Sons and Daughters, returned home Tuesday.

Geo. Love, who went to Alaska a short time ago, sent his daughter, Agnes, five handsome nuggets from the Ed. Hanley mine. The specimens are smooth and bright and all show heavy wash. The gold resembles that of Jackson creek and is of fine quality. The nuggets weigh \$20.

Alex. Orme has so far recovered from his late severe illness as to be on the streets again. Chas. Prim is still confined to his bed, and is little, if any, better. While his condition is such as not to be considered specially serious or alarming, still he has a type of low fever that is not at all reassuring. He has lots of courage and thinks he will come out all right.

Mr. Barnum is putting in all his spare time refitting and repairing the large engine, so as to have it ready for the big loads that will go to Medford on the Fourth. He is putting in new tubes and giving it a general overhauling. The platform of the tender is being put in new, and the engine will look like a new one when turned loose on the Fourth, and it will have plenty of work to do.

The celebration at Medford on the 4th ought to be the largest ever held in the county. It is seldom there is a celebration in a county as large as this without a number of counter attractions. This year there are none so far as heard from since Ashland decided to celebrate with Medford. Trains will be run all day between Jacksonville and Medford, and everybody apparently is going. If the 4th at Medford is not a red letter day in Southern Oregon it will not be for want of a big crowd.

Father Clayborne Neil, head of the Neil family, and one of the old and much respected pioneers of Jackson County, was down from his home above Ashland the last of the week, on a visit to his son, J. R. Neil. Mr. Neil, Mr. Hill and Capt. Thos. Smith held the first democratic primary meeting ever held in the valley outside of Jacksonville, where one was held at the same time. This was early in May, 1854, and was for the purpose of nominating a ticket to be voted for in June following. Old settlers will remember that there was some defect in the election of 1853, after the county was organized in March, and that the election of '54 was to remedy the matter. Mr. Neil was elected a delegate to the first duly authorized and legally constituted political convention ever held in Southern Oregon.

Talent News Items. James Helms started on Tuesday of this week, by team, for Queswell, Linn County. Robert Purves started for Klamath County the first of the week, to seek employment. Marion Sowash and Jesse and Archie Estes are over in Klamath County, working on the big ditch. F. P. Roper, of Talent, has secured the services of his cousin, Fred Roper, as clerk in the store. S. G. Netherland took Tuesday morning's train for Keawick, Calif., where he has employment in the mines. Several of the young men about Talent will start in a few days for Klamath County, where they expect to find employment. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Briner, accompanied by Mrs. Briner's father, of Prineville, Oregon, were at Medford the first of the week. Miss Anna Jeffrey, who has been visiting friends at Yreka, Etna and Sawyers Bar, Calif., for the past month, returned home this week. Central Point Items. Neal Gage, of Beagle precinct, spent Sunday in our city. E. L. Moore made Sams Valley a business trip last Tuesday. Mrs. Emmett Sutton, of Gold Hill, spent a day here last week. Miss Mary Dawson is teaching a successful term of school at Elk creek. L. F. Pate is very low with dropsy at the home of his son-in-law, Mark Welch. Fred Bailey, of Meadows precinct, made this place a business visit on Tuesday. Miss Nora Sydow has been elected to a position in the Jacksonville public school. W. J. Freeman received another carload of farming machinery the first of the week. Mrs. W. T. Leever, an old pioneer

of this valley, is very ill with dropsy at the family home.

Miss Jennie Crispen, of Seattle, is paying her sister, Mrs. L. A. Stocking, of this place, a visit.

Ira Love, of Tolo, is now employed with the bridge carpenters of the Southern Pacific Company, south of Ashland.

S. H. Glass and sons of Sams Valley, purchased a new traction engine of W. J. Freeman this week to be used with their thrasher.

I. J. Carson has been appointed one of the forest rangers for this district and will leave for the vicinity of Prospect in a few days to attend his duties.

Barr's Excursion—To San Francisco will pass through Medford Monday morning, July 2, 1900. Tickets from Medford to San Francisco and return, \$10.50. Parties of ten or more can get a rate of 10 per cent off from Medford to San Francisco and return, thus making a very cheap rate to the city. For tickets or information call on H. L. Gilkey, Medford, or address, C. W. Barr, Lebanon, Ore.

Town Treasurer's Notice. OFFICE OF TOWN TREASURER, MEDFORD, OREGON, June 22, 1900. Notice is hereby given that there are funds in the town treasury for the redemption of all outstanding town warrants protested prior to December 1, 1895. Interest on the same will cease after the above date. CHAS. STRANG, Town Treasurer.

—Don't fail to drop into the piano store, when in town, and see the latest styles in pianos and organs. The latest in organs is the Newman Bros. pipe attachment. Don't fail to hear it. The Cass Piano House will keep everything the latest.

—A Slover, the drayman, get him to do your hauling. Household goods and heavy articles carefully and safely handled. Teams always handy and teamsters courteous.

—In matters of final proof THE MAIL will make out all papers necessary for the commencement of proof free of charge. —New baby carriages and go-carts—see them at I. A. Webb's. —Why don't you drink Hawaiian coffee?

A Trustful Kindergartner. Two little boys from a kindergarten in Boston went into a barber shop to have their hair cut. Two men were there awaiting their turn. An exchange tells a good story of what happened. The barber said to one of the boys: "Run over to the store across the street and see if my assistant is there. Tell him to hurry up and come back, there are four men waiting." The boy went, found the man, and gave the message, except that he said there were two men and two boys waiting. Then he added: "The barber told me to say four men, but I wasn't going to tell a lie for two men." "Why not?" asked the man. "Why," responded the boy, "don't you suppose we have a picture of George Washington over in our kindergarten?" The teacher declares that she shall tell the story of the "cherry tree" with renewed interest and frequency.

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The Sirdar. Kitchener's wonderful industry, his undisturbed patience, his noble perseverance, are qualities too valuable for a man to enjoy in this imperfect world without complementary defects. The general, who never spared himself, cared little for others. He treated all men like machines—from the private soldier, whose salutes he disdainful, to the superior officer he rigidly controlled. The comrade who had served with him and under him for many years in peace and peril was flung aside incontinently as soon as he ceased to be of use. The sirdar only looked to the soldiers who could march and fight. The wounded Egyptian, and latterly the wounded British soldier, did not excite his interest, and of all the departments of his army the one neglected was that concerned with the care of the sick and injured. The stern and unyielding spirit of the commander was communicated to his troops, and the victories which marked the progress of the river war were accompanied by acts of barbarity, not always justified by the harsh customs of savage conflicts or the fierce and treacherous nature of the dervish.—From "The River War," by Winston Churchill.

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NAVAL DISTINCTIONS. Differences Between Ships of War Mentioned in the Norwegian Register. A battleship is an armored vessel of comparatively low speed, carrying heavy guns, and intended to fight with other vessels of her class. A cruiser is a swift vessel, sometimes armored, sometimes not, carrying guns of a medium size, intended to act as an scout and to destroy and run away. It occupies to the battleship the same relation that cavalry does to artillery and infantry in an army. An armored cruiser carries armor over its vital points—machinery. A protected cruiser has a protected deck and very light armor. An unprotected warship has neither armor nor protective deck. A torpedo boat is a very swift unarmored vessel, carrying light guns, whose offensive arm is the torpedo. The torpedo boat destroyer is simply a larger and swifter torpedo boat. The largest war vessel afloat are of 14,900 tons displacement. Ships have been built that have defied any storm they have met, but it is conceivable that a storm might rage that would destroy any vessel. The best coal procurable is used on war vessels. No particular kind has the call.

—With the new facilities that B. N. Butler put in his shop, he turns out as good work in repairing watches and jewelry as any one in Southern Oregon.

It is stated that the fruit crop is very large in the Snake river basin, especially in Oregon, and also in Eastern Washington.

Just now is the time for securing trigs containing the brown spotted scales infested with the parasite, the conyzae.

The Marysville cannery will begin on apricots about June 15. It is expected to make a very large pack of peaches, and there will doubtless be a long run.

Canners have fixed no price for apricots in the Santa Clara valley, but the disposition among growers appears to be to get at least \$40 per ton, or dry.

The Japanese strawberry growers at Florin are endeavoring to combine on the price of strawberries for the Sacramento market.

The beet crop in the Polje valley is in fine condition. The American Beet Sugar factory will establish a large stockyard at Oxnard to make a market for the pulp from that factory.

The northern rangers are said to be much improved by the destruction of the great bands of coyotes which formerly roamed over them. They have been barreled and exported to Europe.

The university regent has voted to employ a professor of dairying in the university. It is understood that President Wheeler has secured a good man for the position, but the name has not been announced.

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The Sirdar. Kitchener's wonderful industry, his undisturbed patience, his noble perseverance, are qualities too valuable for a man to enjoy in this imperfect world without complementary defects. The general, who never spared himself, cared little for others. He treated all men like machines—from the private soldier, whose salutes he disdainful, to the superior officer he rigidly controlled. The comrade who had served with him and under him for many years in peace and peril was flung aside incontinently as soon as he ceased to be of use. The sirdar only looked to the soldiers who could march and fight. The wounded Egyptian, and latterly the wounded British soldier, did not excite his interest, and of all the departments of his army the one neglected was that concerned with the care of the sick and injured. The stern and unyielding spirit of the commander was communicated to his troops, and the victories which marked the progress of the river war were accompanied by acts of barbarity, not always justified by the harsh customs of savage conflicts or the fierce and treacherous nature of the dervish.—From "The River War," by Winston Churchill.

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NAVAL DISTINCTIONS. Differences Between Ships of War Mentioned in the Norwegian Register. A battleship is an armored vessel of comparatively low speed, carrying heavy guns, and intended to fight with other vessels of her class. A cruiser is a swift vessel, sometimes armored, sometimes not, carrying guns of a medium size, intended to act as an scout and to destroy and run away. It occupies to the battleship the same relation that cavalry does to artillery and infantry in an army. An armored cruiser carries armor over its vital points—machinery. A protected cruiser has a protected deck and very light armor. An unprotected warship has neither armor nor protective deck. A torpedo boat is a very swift unarmored vessel, carrying light guns, whose offensive arm is the torpedo. The torpedo boat destroyer is simply a larger and swifter torpedo boat. The largest war vessel afloat are of 14,900 tons displacement. Ships have been built that have defied any storm they have met, but it is conceivable that a storm might rage that would destroy any vessel. The best coal procurable is used on war vessels. No particular kind has the call.

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It is stated that the fruit crop is very large in the Snake river basin, especially in Oregon, and also in Eastern Washington.

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The Marysville cannery will begin on apricots about June 15. It is expected to make a very large pack of peaches, and there will doubtless be a long run.

Canners have fixed no price for apricots in the Santa Clara valley, but the disposition among growers appears to be to get at least \$40 per ton, or dry.

The Japanese strawberry growers at Florin are endeavoring to combine on the price of strawberries for the Sacramento market.