

OUR COUNTY . . .
Correspondents

Jacksonville News.

J. H. Huffer went to Ashland Wednesday.

O. E. Rose, of Applegate, was in our city last week.

Hon. W. A. Carter, of Gold Hill, was in Jacksonville Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams, of Ashland, were in our city Monday.

Mrs. Anna Dunn went to Medford on Tuesday evening's train.

E. S. Wing, of Sterling precinct, was at the county seat Monday.

Mrs. Laura Pierce, of Medford, was in Jacksonville last week visiting friends.

W. T. York, a real estate agent of Medford, was in Jacksonville Wednesday.

Edward Olwell and his sister, Miss Daisy, of Central Point, were visiting here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bledsoe, of Coos County, arrived in Jacksonville on Wednesday evening's train.

Max Schultz, who formerly resided in this county, arrived here from Washington last week.

The Misses Brown, of Stanford University, and Mr. Archer, of Portland, are visiting in our city.

Miss Dora Reuter and her younger sister went to Medford Tuesday to have some dental work done.

Mrs. Alice Kane, of Ashland, has been visiting her father, A. M. Berry, who has been quite ill.

Mrs. W. B. Moore and son, Stanford, came over from Medford Tuesday to spend several days visiting friends in this city.

Mrs. George Chase, of Klamath County, is paying Mrs. T. J. Kenney a visit. Mrs. Chase formerly lived in Jacksonville.

District Attorney A. E. Reames, who accompanied his sisters, Misses Laura and Lucinda, to San Francisco, has returned home.

D. M. Wilson, estimator and surveyor, is here in the interest of the Michigan Timber Company. The gentleman resides in Salem.

Alex. Martin, who resided for many years in Jacksonville, was in Rogue river valley recently with horses and mules for the government.

Lewis and T. D. Ross drove over from Central Point Tuesday evening. The latter brought his little daughter, Pearl, here for medical treatment.

A party was given last Saturday night at the residence of Mrs. Geo. M. Love, in honor of Miss Alice Bretherton, who has been visiting in our city, the guest of Miss Helen Colvig.

Chas. W. Fields, of the Vermont Marble Co., drove over from Medford Monday, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John F. White. Mr. Fields, in company with his wife, contemplates a tour around the world in the near future.

Jane McCully Cabin, No. 20, Native Daughters of Oregon, will give a camp fire gathering on the night of September 6th, to which all pioneers and native sons and daughters are invited. The following committees have been appointed: Committee on reception—Effe Prim, Josephine Orth, Mollie Barneburg, Genevieve Reames, Iessie McCully, A. E. Reames, Chas. Prim and Dr. J. M. Kesne; committee on refreshments—Effe Prim, Laura Fitch, Flora Wilkinson, Lilly Taylor, Kate Cronemiller, T. J. Kenney and M. M. Taylor; committee on entertainment—Corinne Linn, Ella Lang, Lulu Jones and John T. Miller; committee on decorations—Ella Hanley, Myrtle Woodford, Ella Orth, Daisy Huffer, Amelia Britt, John Orth and Geo. E. Neuber.

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Central Point Items.

Born—Aug. 22, 1900, to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Conley, a daughter.

W. F. Doran left for Henley a few days ago to engage in mining.

Miss Nora Sydow will leave this week for Jacksonville, where she goes to teach in the public school.

Miss Jennie Crippen, who has been visiting relatives and friends in this county left for her home in Tacoma Monday.

G. W. Walker, of Spikenard, came in this week for some fixtures to repair J. B. Welch's engine, which has been disabled, causing the sawmill to be closed for a week.

The soothing and healing properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, its pleasant taste and prompt and permanent cures, have made it a great favorite with the people everywhere. For sale by Chas. Strang, druggist.

Woodville Items.

A number of families have gone from here to the hop yards, near Grants Pass.

W. V. Jones is moving his merchandise back into his own building, formerly occupied by A. R. Merritt.

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E. G. Borden, of this place, received a telegram from San Francisco last week calling him to the bedside of his wife, who was thought to be dying. He left on Wednesday's midnight train. About three weeks ago the lady fell, striking her head in such a manner as to drive a hat pin through her scalp. Although she suffered considerable pain the wound was not considered dangerous, until a few days ago. No word has been received since Mr. Borden left for the city.

Isaac R. McKinney, a respected citizen of this place, was found dead at his home last Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. He had been an invalid for a number of years, but just previous to his death had been stronger than usual. He resided by himself and had died, it is supposed, about a half an hour before he was found by Mr. Stevens, an intimate friend. Deceased was born in Indiana sixty years ago and served three years in the Union army. He leaves no relatives except a brother in Iowa, who has been informed of the sad occurrence.

THE CROWD-SLIPPED.

And Dropped Right into the Trap the Smooth Corn Saver FAKER Had Made.

The portly man with the bulging overcoat pockets began to lose his center of gravity gradually at the corner of Fifteenth street and New York avenue, says the Washington Post. One foot slipped from beneath him on the icy pavement, and by the time he had reestablished connections with the bricks with that one the other shot out from under him. Then they both began to execute a quick and devilish shuttle dance. The man's arms flew out, and he seemed to be making a wild but futile effort to pull slices out of the nippy atmosphere. Then he simply sat right down, without any superfluous ceremony or hubbub whatsoever. Of course all the men within a radius of 80 feet adjusted their hands to their sides and ha-ha-ed joyously. There is only one thing on earth that tickles a man's fellowmen more than to see him drop kerflop on an icy pavement—it tickles 'em more if he happens to have a bottle of bug juice in his rear pocket.

This portly man with the bulging overcoat pockets looked around him in a dazed sort of way, as if he were endeavoring to study the thing out. Meanwhile the dozen or 15 men who were waiting for cars just lay back and hollered. The portly man made no effort to rise, and the longer he sat there, looking mystified, the funnier it seemed to the merry gang around. Finally they began to close in on him.

"Made you see constellations, hey?" asked one of them, laughing uproariously at his own humor.

"Just taking a little rest, I s'pose?" inquired another.

"Got a job melting the ice, eh?" asked another.

By this time there were about 20 men standing in a circle around the portly man who had so suddenly taken a sitting posture. Then the portly man, without rising from his sitting position, reached into his overcoat pocket and brought out a small square package.

"Gentlemen," said he, in a tone of a man who knew just exactly what he had to say by heart, "I have taken this somewhat unusual method to attract your attention to the merits of this new brand of mentholated, carbonized de-gum-jiggered corn salve that I am selling at the almost insanely low price of a quarter a box, money refunded if you don't find instant relief, and—"

Most of the crowd fell back and disappeared, but five of them thought he had earned their quarter and bought corn salve.

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Olof Olsson is now station agent while I. J. Purkeypile is taking a vacation.

Prof. Stocking returned home this week from an extended visit in Tacoma, Wash.

H. C. Baker and family will leave for California this week to seek a new location.

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Plague in Great Britain.

New York, Aug. 29.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

While India is suffering from one of the worst outbreaks of cholera ever recorded, so that people are dying at the rate of 7000 a week, Great Britain is alarmed by the prospect of an epidemic of bubonic plague within her own boundaries. The medical authorities at Glasgow have already had several cases under their observation. On Monday a child sickened and died within 48 hours from an illness which was at first thought to be pneumonia, but, after a minute examination by the hospital authorities, was pronounced plague.

Another death has occurred, and 10 families were removed to a reception house for patients suffering from this disease, which the municipality has hastily established.

GLASGOW, Aug. 29.—Two girls and a boy, members of isolated families, have fallen victims of the bubonic plague, though the medical authorities assert that the attacks are less virulent than in the cases which have already proved fatal. In the event of a further spread of the disease, Glasgow shipping will be quarantined.

A Russian law, which went into effect January 1 last, declares the following list of weights and measures: The basis of Russian weights is the pound, which is practically of the same value as the English pound.

The basis of the Russian long measure is an arshine, equal to 28 English inches.

The fundamental measure of time is "sutki" (day and night), consisting of 24 hours, according to the average time of the sun. An hour contains 60 minutes; a minute, 60 seconds. The hours are counted in St. Petersburg according to data of the Nicolas Principal observatory at Pulkova; in other localities, according to their geographical longitude.

For measuring surfaces square measures are used. For measuring the surface of land the desiatina (two and a fraction acres) is equal to 2,400 square sagues.

Cubic long measures serve for measuring the volume of bodies.

For measuring the volume of dry substances, chetverts (about five bushels) are used.

For measuring the volume of liquids the vedro (about two gallons) and its subdivisions are used.

The international meter and kilogram and their subdivisions may be used in the empire in bargains, contracts, estimates, etc., on the mutual consent of the parties interested.—Detroit Free Press.

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TROUBLE IN CHINA.

Delayed advices to Reuter, dated Peking, August 14, reiterate the statements regarding the treachery of the Chinese on the night before the relief.

They had informed the members of the legations that orders had been issued to cease firing. This was followed by a desperate attack, and it was only the welcome sound of the cannon of the relieving force in the morning that renewed the courage of the foreigners. The correspondent adds: "The Chinese admit having lost 3900 in the various attacks upon the legations. Our rations dwindled to one pound a day, consisting of horseflesh and rice. When the American detachment attacked, the whole Chinese force concentrated against them, leaving the Sha-Ho gate unwatched, whereupon the British entered there without the loss of a man."

LONDON, August 25.—The Peking correspondent of the Times, wiring last Saturday, says:

"Peking is now entirely under foreign control. Looting is progressing systematically. The French and Russian flags are flying over the best portion of the imperial domain, where it is believed the imperial treasure is buried."

"The forbidden city is respected by international agreement, though any punishment will be ineffective unless it is occupied. The Japanese have seized 500,000 taels of silver."

"The empress dowager, the emperor, Prince Tuan and all the high officers have escaped to Tai Yuen Fu, in the province of Shansi, from which point they proceeded to Sian Fu. There is no governor."

General Gassio, the commander of the British forces at Peking, telegraphing from that place August 16, via Chefoo, August 23, gives of how he is disposing of his troops here. He says the British losses were extremely small; announces that he is very short of food; that he was arranging for convoys and that he hoped to assault the imperial city that day, when the men had been fed. The general also says the good spirits and endurance of the troops were beyond praise and refers to the extremely arduous march owing to the heat and heavy roads.

PEKING, August 19 (via Taku, August 24).—Armed Chinese are reported to the southward and westward. A well-intrenched force has been located by the Bengal Lancers in a village four miles to the southwest. It is believed that the best Chinese leaders are in command. Detachments of the allied

forces were out today reconnoitering and looting. The imperial city and the forbidden city are under close guard by the international authorities.

This morning a thanksgiving service was attended by the members of the British and American legations, the missionaries and the marines.

LONDON, August 27.—The latest news from Peking indicates that the situation there is unchanged. The imperial city is still invested, but has not yet been occupied. The allies, when the last message left, were still refraining from aggressive action, pending instructions from their governments.

An attack from 80,000 Boxers was anticipated, and to meet this the whole American force and the British Artillery, according to a dispatch to the Morning Post from Peking, dated August 18, was moved to the outer city wall. The Boxers were reported coming from the south.

WASHINGTON, August 26.—Late in the day a dispatch was received at the Japanese legation from the foreign office of Japan conveying the latest and most authentic information of the situation in and around Peking. In a measure the advices were of a reassuring nature as they indicated that the Chinese had rallied their forces and were preparing for an attack upon the allies in Peking.

According to a dispatch from Hongkong, dated August 24, turbulent mobs are devastating portions of the provinces of Fu Kien and Kiang Su. It is added that a mandarin with 300 Chinese soldiers left Amoy August 23 to restore order. Japanese bluecoats were landed at Amoy August 23. Marines from the French cruiser Comet have cleared the streets of Swatow and freed the besieged priests.

Monday a terrific windstorm struck Shoboygan, Wis., completely wrecking eight large buildings, and 200 small houses were blown down. The loss will amount to \$300,000.



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Interesting Particulars of the Work and Expense of Paying Uncle Sam's Soldiers—Deposits with Paymasters.

The great expense of maintaining our army on a war footing is set forth in detail in the annual report of Gen. A. E. Bates, paymaster general of the army. During the past fiscal year there was expended on account of pay of the army the sum of \$91,955,345, a net increase of \$56,721,723, as compared with similar expenditures during the preceding fiscal year. The principal items of expenditure were as follows:

Pay of the regular army, \$34,141,225; pay of United States volunteers, \$35,877,178; extra pay to volunteers, war with Spain, \$1,443,933; on account of disbandment of the Cuban army, \$905,100; extra pay to regular army, war with Spain, \$302,593; mileage to officers, \$403,174; extra mileage to officers, national defense, \$177,640.

The army called into service by the president under the act of April 22 and May 11, 1898, aggregated, volunteers and regulars, over 280,000 men. Gen. Bates says these soldiers have been regularly paid, either monthly or bi-monthly, during their term of service, and, in addition, the volunteers, excepting those on duty in the Philippines, have been mustered out of service and received their final pay.

"The work of the pay department," says Gen. Bates, "from the commencement of the Spanish-American war to its close, and during the continuance of hostilities in the Philippines in suppression of insurrection, has been phenomenally laborious and exacting, but the officers of this department have met every requirement of duty with zeal and promptitude and to the satisfaction of the army."

"A state of war has not been permitted to interfere with the regularity of the monthly payments, except in the Philippines, where bi-monthly payments have been preferred.

"It is gratifying to this department to be able to state that the peculiar difficulties, best known to the mustering officer and the paymaster, attendant upon the muster out (between September 5, 1898, and the 22d of June, 1899) of over 200,000 volunteer troops, have been overcome with surprising facility and the day of their discharge has been the day of their payment.

The paymaster general says that some of the volunteer paymasters, while evincing great zeal and intelligence, have been too old to withstand the hardships of military service, and he says that "under no circumstances should men be appointed to this office who are more than 40 years of age, nor until they have passed an examination as to their physical, moral and mental fitness for the position."

According to the report, the regular troops have continued to make large deposits with the army paymasters and the volunteers have also availed themselves of the privilege very extensively. The soldiers' deposits during the past fiscal year amounted to \$1,490,762, more than double the amount deposited the previous year, when the deposits were greater than

ever before in the history of the army. The paymaster general recommends that congress be urged to increase the pay now received by paymasters' clerks, ten per cent, for every five years of service, until it reaches \$1,800 a year, and he also recommends legislation authorizing the retirement of clerks on half pay after 30 years' continuous service.

In a chapter in regard to the clerical force of the pay department, Gen. Bates says:

"Too much cannot be said regarding the zeal and intelligence of the regular trained force of clerks in this office. No enlisted men or commissioned officers of the army have shown more patriotic zeal for the accomplishment of the duties imposed upon them than these old tried servants of the government. The work of these men is such that only trained clerks are of great value, and I earnestly recommend that the rules of the civil service be applied to the clerks in the paymaster general's office, and that they be strictly adhered to. Changes in the clerical force for any reason except to increase efficiency, and that upon the recommendation of the paymaster general, should never be made."—Washington Star

United States in 1895 is reviewed in a report of the geological survey compiled by Expert Joseph D. Weeks. The total value was \$13,066,650, against \$13,254,400 in 1894. The value of the product consumed was \$7,920,187, and \$9,768,820 was the value of coal and wood displaced by gas. The total pipe laid was 43,820,241 feet, and producing wells opened 3,826. The value of the consumption during 1894-95 was greatest in 1888, when it was \$22,029,875. From then to 1891 the decrease was rapid, and in the last four years there has been a gradual decline. The most notable feature of the year was the decreasing pressure in all of the natural gas fields of the country. The life of the wells also has been greatly reduced.

DON'T BE DUPED

There have been placed upon the market several cheap reprints of an obsolete edition of "Webster's Dictionary." They are being offered under various names at a low price.

By dry goods dealers, grocers, agents, etc., and in a few instances as a premium for subscriptions to papers. Announcements of these comparatively

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Reprint Dictionaries, phototype copies of a book of over fifty years ago, which in its day was sold for about \$5.00, and which was much superior in paper, print, and binding to these imitations, being then a work of some merit instead of one

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