

OUR COUNTY

Correspondents

Jacksonville News.

Max Muller spent Sunday in Medford.

J. C. Whipp made a trip to Medford Monday.

J. Davis, of Central Point, was in our city Tuesday.

J. W. Osborn, of Woodville, was a visitor here Tuesday.

County Clerk Gus Newbury left for Salem Monday evening.

Misses Josephine and Ella Orth paid a visit to Medford Sunday.

H. S. Reed, of Medford, paid the county seat a visit on Sunday last.

W. McWilliams, of Sacramento, Calif., spent Monday in Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Cantrall arrived here Tuesday from Klamath Falls.

W. E. Williams, of Grants Pass, was a visitor at the county seat Thursday.

W. C. Leever and W. J. Freeman, of Central Point, visited Jacksonville Friday.

A marriage license was issued February 19th to F. G. Allard and Pearl Tice.

George Lyman and George McDonough, of Gold Hill, were in our city Tuesday.

Mr. McDonald, one of Forest creek, a pioneer residents, paid Jacksonville a visit Saturday.

Dr. J. W. Robinson, who has been ill with la grippe, is able to attend to business again.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Winetrou, of Applegate, and J. F. Breeden, of Ruch, were in town Saturday.

Mrs. James Buckley, of Applegate, passed through Jacksonville Tuesday on her way to Medford.

Miss Kate Hoffman has purchased the Jacobs property, on Oregon street, and will soon occupy it.

Superintendent P. H. Daily returned Saturday from Ashland, where he conducted the teachers' examination.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Crump, of Sterling, were in our city Saturday. Mrs. Frank Crump is ill at her home at that place.

Clark Pierson, of Portland, came over from Medford Tuesday to visit Mrs. Chas. A. Moore, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Newbury.

S. Tuttle left Jacksonville Sunday evening for Baker City, upon business connected with mines in which he is interested.

The Christian Endeavorers will give an entertainment, followed by a lunch, on Friday evening, February 22d, in the basement of the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. A. J. Florey has purchased

the large brick house known as the Dowell residence, and is now occupying her new home. This property was at one time one of the most handsome residences in Jacksonville.

Miss Narcissa Colvin has purchased the Clugge property, on Oregon street, opposite J. R. Neil's residence. The place was in care of R. S. Dunlap for many years, but has lately been occupied by Frank Smith. Miss Colvin will soon take possession of her new home.

The citizens of Jacksonville met at the town hall Monday evening for the purpose of nominating city officers. J. C. Whipp was chosen chairman and Henry Doherty secretary of the meeting. The following officers were nominated: Trustees, D. Linn, T. J. Kenney, Chas. Prim, Emil Britt, Henry Wendt; recorder, W. J. Plymale; treasurer, James Cronmiller; marshal, J. C. Murphy; street commissioner, G. S. Epperson.

Miss Carrie Beckman has instituted a reading circle, which will meet semi-monthly at the homes of its members. The circle met for the first time at the residence of C. C. Beckman, on California street, on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Geo. DeBar was appointed reader and Mrs. Susie Neil critic. A sketch of the "Life of Queen Elizabeth" was given for the entertainment of the circle, after which a delicious luncheon was served by the hostess.

Old Soldier's Experience.
M. M. Austin, a civil war veteran, of Winchester, Ind., writes: "My wife was sick a long time in spite of good doctor's treatment, but was wholly cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills, which worked wonders for her health." They always do. Try them. Only 25c at Chas. Strang's drug store.

Table Rock Items.

S. F. Morine and daughter went to town Monday.

Miss Belle Maness, of Central Point, is now making her home at the Pendleton farm.

Verne Pendleton left Tuesday to visit his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Gunn, near Medford.

S. M. Nealon is putting up a neat new fence in front of his farm. There will be several others make new fences this spring.

We are informed that there is soon to be a postoffice at the junction of the Eagle Point and Table Rock road, near the Montgomery place.

Chas. Dickison and father went to town Tuesday. Chas. went for fruit trees to replace some that died in his new orchard. As he was remarkably fortunate in his last year set, he will only have to get a few.

The hard rains of Thursday and Friday put Rogue river on the war path, and Saturday night it recorded its highest notch since '94. On this side of Bybee bridge it would swim a horse. Considerable damage was done to some of the fences on the bottom, but the loss to any one man is not enough to be serious.

J. C. P.

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Gold Hill Items.

BY SPECTATOR.

J. L. Hamersley returned from Salem Tuesday.

Bert Kellogg was in town Sunday and left Monday for Grants Pass, where he has a position.

Ed Bolt and Tom Jones left Sunday for the O'Brien placer mine, on Jump off Joe, where they have been employed during the past winter.

Jas. Starns has sold his east side store building property to Jos. Vose and will leave soon for Klamath County to engage in the stock business.

Mrs. Chas. Stacey, of Sams Valley, visited relatives here Wednesday and left Thursday for Grants Pass to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Kellogg.

A number of cases of the mumps are reported here in town. J. McClendon, Rufus McKinney and other are confined to their rooms with the troublesome disease.

J. W. Marksherry, of Ashland, who represents the Watkins Medicine Co., was in town Saturday and Sunday and left for Sams Valley Monday. Jim is always a welcome visitor in Gold Hill.

G. W. Bogg, the mining man of Seattle, left for the North last Saturday. While here he inspected and bonded quite a number of mines in this vicinity. He will return the coming week with a crowd of investors who will buy most of the mines he has bonded.

T. C. Massie, of Seattle, the best known mining expert of the coast, returned from the North, Wednesday, accompanied by Mark Whalm of Seattle, Jos. McKee, T. J. Richards and Mr. Wright, of Portland. Messrs. McKee and Richards were here several weeks ago and pur-

chased the Grand Centre quartz mine on Foothills creek, owned by the Anderson Bros., paying \$5000 for the mine. They are putting a force of men to work in the mine, and are inspecting and buying other properties.

C. Vroman has sold the major part of his Sardine creek farm to J. O. Smith, the sawmill man, who intends to go into the cattle business quite extensively. The portion Mr. Smith purchased, containing about 200 acres, is mostly in alfalfa and is covered by an irrigating ditch which furnishes a good supply of water all summer. The balance of the farm Mr. Vroman's son, E. E. Vroman purchased; also the placer mine and mining ditches etc., adjoining the farm.

Ex-Postmaster Carl Phelps is doing a large business in dealing in mining propositions. He made the sale of the Grand Centre mine and many other undeveloped propositions in this vicinity. Investors have begun to realize the real value of Southern Oregon mines. Many mining men from Montana, Colorado and coast points have inspected the mines here during the past winter and there surely will be a rush of hundreds of them here in early spring to invest in quartz mines. The exhibits of the Bill Nye mine at the Spokane exposition last fall did wonders in advertising the mineral wealth of Southern Oregon. Mining men are wonderfully astonished when they find that we have scores of Bill Nye mines within a radius of a few miles of Gold Hill.

News of the Mines.

Work on the Yellow Jacket mine, in the Blackwell district, will soon be resumed.

Ore assaying \$12 a ton has been reached on the Blackjack mine on Galice creek.

Charles and Alfred Anderson have sold their Foothills creek quartz mine to Joseph McGee and Mr. Richards, of Portland.

Work on the Gold Standard mine, on Galls creek, has been delayed for a while, owing to the deep snow, which interfered with active operations.

A strike of a fine body of ore in the Breeden mine, reported, which is said to be the best yet uncovered on that property. A good sized crew is being employed on the property.

A rich strike has been made on the Lucky Hill ledge, on Sardine creek. This mine is owned by J. G. Agner, who recently purchased the Lucky Hill mine in the Gold Hill district.

On most of the placer mines in the county work is being pushed to a good advantage, with prospects that a great deal of bedrock will be cleaned off. The recent rainfall and melting snow is very helpful to the miners, who have been bothered a great deal by the recent freezes.

The shaft in the Ashland mine will soon attain the 700-foot level. Some very rich ore was tapped in a drift on the 600-foot level. A full crew is being employed sinking on the main shaft and drifting on both sides sufficiently to develop the mine and block out the ore bodies.

It is reported that the Dixie Queen mine, on which there was some kind of an option, has been sold for a big price. Late developments in this mine have disclosed some exceptionally good rock. The owner is a Mr. Fitzgibbon, who recently came to this county. The Dixie Queen mine is located on Foothills creek.

Central Point Items.

Dr. Hinkle has just received a fine line of stationery.

J. W. Marksherry, of Ashland, spent Tuesday in our city.

B. W. Dean, of Port Orford, is visiting relatives at this place.

Mrs. Cryderman, of Tolo, is very ill. Dr. Cole is in attendance.

Horace Pelton, of Sams Valley, spent Tuesday night in our city.

Joseph Downing, of Gold Hill, is visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. J. C. Gregory is suffering from a severe attack of heart trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Elliott made a business trip to Medford Wednesday.

Mrs. S. W. McClendon is spending the week with relatives at Ashland.

J. B. Welch, of Spikenard, was trading with our merchants last Tuesday.

Mr. Maak, recently from Albany, has leased the hotel and has opened it for business.

Mrs. L. D. Hitch, of Tolo, has been quite ill the past two weeks. Dr. Shearer, of Medford, is the attending physician.

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LETTER FROM FROZEN ALASKA

A Correspondent Tells of the Customs of the Alaskan Miner—His Habitations, Vocations and Chances for Success—71 Degrees below Zero

Mr. S. S. Halsted, who left Fort Klamath last summer for Alaska, has favored THE MAIL with the following very interesting letter. The gentleman seems to fully understand the salient points which interest outside readers, and he tells them in an easy, self-explaining manner:

BONANZA, Yukon Territory, January 26, 1901.

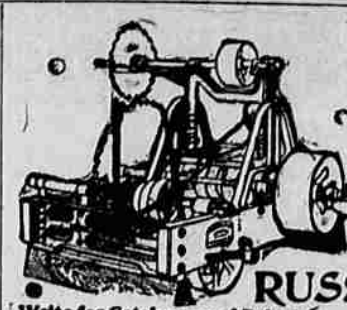
DEAR EDITOR AND READERS:—Six months having elapsed since my departure from Oregon, I will now attempt to comply with your request to write.

Leaving Seattle on the evening of the 28th of July, the swift-flying steamship Humboldt brought us to Skaguay on the morning of August 1st. Here at the depot was a great rush for tickets. The train which was to carry us 110 miles over the new road to White Horse was long delayed by the inspection of dutiable goods, of the large amount of baggage which the passengers carried. Another delay was made at Bennett, where duty is collected.

At White Horse, where we arrived late in the evening of August 1st, were several boats ready to take passengers to Dawson. Taking passage on the Ora, we landed in Dawson two days later, making the journey from Seattle in six days.

As a summer pleasure trip, from Seattle to Skaguay is most delightful. The water was still as that of a mill-pond; the weather as pleasant as one could wish; the scenery, romantic and picturesque. The other portion of the journey from Skaguay to Dawson was not so pleasant, owing to some extent to the continuous rainfall which accompanied us.

The Klondike, in summer, with its herbs, grasses and flowers, with the temperature up to eighty-five degrees, with its extremely long days—which at their greatest length continue the entire twenty-four hours—with its army of men scattered along the various creeks utilizing the time while the sun shines,



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presents a striking contrast to the Klondike in winter, when the temperature is fifty degrees below zero; when all is covered with snow; when the days are so very short and the sun, except in favored places, is entirely invisible; when work is largely suspended, and the country wears a desolate countenance. The life of the Klondike miner is not altogether an enviable one. He lives in a small cabin about 12 by 15 feet, built of spruce logs and moss. He no longer subsists on bacon and beans, which in '98 were his chief articles of diet, but thanks for the late transportation facilities, he has canned goods of every conceivable description.

With flour at \$6 per sack, sugar fourteen cents per pound, eggs seventy-five cents per dozen, beef from forty to sixty cents per pound and potatoes twelve cents per pound in Dawson City, the miner in the Klondike has plenty to eat. He is a hard worker, often depriving himself of sufficient time for his meals.

He came to the country at the time of the big rush in '98. Upon his arrival he did not find things as he had expected—for which disappointment he still treasures up curses against several Seattle and San Francisco newspapers. Being a practical man he adapts himself to his surroundings and determines to make a "stake" before returning. For a time he writes letters to relatives and friends, but owing to the imperfections existing in the Yukon Postal system, he receives little or nothing in return. Although strong and enduring, the hardships and privations encountered on the trail, together with subsequent rough life in Klondike, have made furrows across his youthful brow and turned his hair prematurely gray. He never speaks of Klondike as his home but regards it more as a prison which he will leave in the not far distant future.

If he is a claim owner, he looks happy as he thinks of his prosperity. If he is a common laborer he enjoys life most when he works hardest and hope to stay with his "job." His amusements are few and expensive. The latter is a painful realization to him whenever he thinks of dance halls and gambling tables. He is not a devout man and scarcely knows there are churches in the country.

As wages here are on the decline the laborer often contemplates seeking newer fields. Wages differ widely on different creeks. On Eldorado it is said some claims pay as high as \$8 per day and board. In other places less than \$4.50 per day and board is paid. Here on Chuchaco Hill seventy-five cents per hour without board is paid. Clear creek, which empties into the Stewart about 100 miles from the mouth of the latter, was the scene of a stampede during the latter part of last September. At present there are 700 claims recorded. Excitable claim owners are confident they have found another Klondike, and another Dawson City will spring up at the mouth of Clear creek. Encouraging reports come in from Jack Wade and Koyukuk. Tanana has been on the boom all winter and many are contemplating a rush to Copper river at an early date.

The gold fields of this frozen north embrace a great scope of country which is thoroughly prospected only in a very few places. What rich discoveries will yet be made, what great developments are to take place, are matters of mere conjecture. It is perhaps highly probable that the Klondike shall be known in the future as a quartz mining region, though quartz mining at present has scarcely be-

gun. Gold is not the only source of wealth this cold country affords. There is known to be a rich copper lode extending from White Horse across the country to Tanana. An abundance of coal of good quality has been found in the immediate vicinity of White Horse.

White Horse by reason of its location, being the terminus of the Yukon and White Pass railroad and being at the head of navigation on Yukon waters, also the nearest point from the copper belt, bids fair to become a place of importance. Capital has already turned in this direction. Millions of dollars have been invested in the copper region. A recent shipment of copper ore to Tacoma smelters as a test, was made with the most satisfactory results.

As every one knows, the greatest drawback to this country is its climate. The present winter began on the 1st of October. The snow which fell on the night following never disappeared. The last mail received in Dawson before the freezeup was on October 21st. The next that arrived came over the ice on November 14th. The winter so far, except during a few days, has not been a disagreeable one. On November 5th the temperature was thirty-five degrees below zero; November 10th, forty degrees; November 20th, fifty degrees; December 7th, fifty-six degrees; January 15th, sixty-four degrees; January 16th, sixty-eight degrees; January 23d, sixty degrees above zero. Previous to this year, the lowest recorded in the country since the founding of Dawson City was fifty-seven degrees below. So January 15th and 16th of this year are to be known as record-breakers. At Grand Forks on Bonanza on January 16th the temperature was seventy-one degrees below. Most men continued work through this severest weather. A freighter was frozen to death on the road between Grand Forks and Dawson on January 15th.

Covered sleighs heated by stoves and drawn by four horses now carry passengers and mail over the ice between White Horse and Dawson. To persons seeking information with the idea of coming to the Klondike for employment, would say the country contains many idle men, and has ever since my arrival. Generally speaking, the individual who is not doing well in the states, will not do well here; and he who is doing well away from Klondike should be contented where he is.

S. S. HALSTED.

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