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OUR COUNTY

Correspondents

Jacksonville News.

Hon. W. M. Colvig is at Grants Pass.

Miss Ella Young spent Christmas in Medford.

Circuit court was adjourned until today (Friday).

Mrs. J. A. Wilson was a Medford visitor on Thursday.

H. D. Kubli was in town Friday attending Masonic lodge.

M. F. Andrews, of Vallejo, Calif., spent Thursday in Jacksonville.

Mrs. L. L. Jacobs, of Medford, paid Jacksonville a visit Saturday.

Leo Ulrich, of Medford, is the guest of his cousin, Chris Kenney.

Miss Jo Orth attended the funeral of Mrs. M. Sismore at Sams Valley Monday.

Mrs. E. E. Washburn was the guest of Ashland friends during the holidays.

Miss Maggie McClellan, of Roseburg, is spending the holidays with relatives here.

We were glad to see Mrs. J. C. Whipp, of Ashland, on our streets last Sunday.

Conductor Barnum, of the Medford-Jacksonville railroad, is in San Francisco.

The venerable mother of the late Geo. Hines died at Forest Grove on December 27th.

Miss Gertrude McCallen, of Ashland, is visiting Miss Helen M. Colvig, of this city.

A. Fetsch, the popular tailor of Grants Pass, was in Jacksonville Monday upon business.

E. L. Jones and W. E. Thompson, of Spokane, Wash., were in Jacksonville recently.

Rev. S. H. Jones held services at the Presbyterian Church in Medford last Sunday morning.

Rev. S. H. Jones, of this city, was the guest of J. C. Whipp and family, of Ashland, Christmas.

Misses Lucinda and Laura Reames spent Friday with their sister, Mrs. John F. White, of Medford.

Mesdames T. M. Prim and M. J. Canning are domiciled at the St. Nicholas, San Francisco, for the winter.

We hear that Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Howland will become residents of Grants Pass the early part of the new year.

L. Cain, our enterprising saddler, presented each of our public school teachers with a new whip as a Christmas gift.

J. W. Gregory, of Ashland, W. R. Nipper, of Grants Pass, and J. F. Russell, of Climax, were registered at the hotels during the week.

Herbert McCarthy and Ed Dunnington took W. L. Veach, sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the penitentiary, to Salem Monday.

H. E. Judge and family, formerly of Jacksonville, but of late years residents of Ashland, have gone to San Francisco to make their future home.

Masters Don and Vance Colvig, accompanied by Geo. Birdsey, are spending their vacation with their grandmother, Mrs. C. Birdsey, near Woodville.

Chas. Moore, a Portland attorney,

ney, is spending the holidays here with his wife, Mrs. Moore has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. Newbury, this winter.

The county clerk has issued marriage licenses to the following: Henry Walters and Ora M. Ford, Geo. Alford and Amanda Payne, Gerald Peckins and Ida Blodgett.

T. J. Kenney, Chas. Nickell, E. E. Washburn, Henry Orth, Ernest Elmer, Rose Buckley and Emma Ulrich are the Jacksonville people who are among the excursionists to San Francisco.

One of the most successful events of the week was the "American Beauty" party given by Miss Helen Colvig on Tuesday evening. This is one of a series of original and unique parties given by Miss Colvig this winter, and was a very pretty affair. Music, games and dancing was the order of the evening. Dainty refreshments were served. It was past midnight when the merry crowd dispersed—one and all voting the American Beauty a success. Those present were Misses Laura and Lucinda Reames, Sophia Muller, Marie Nickell, Gertrude McCallen, Messrs. P. Donegan, Louis Ulrich, Chas. Nunan and Irwin Eckelson.

The Masonic rooms were a scene of brilliancy last Thursday evening, the occasion being the installation by Past W. M. Dora Harbaugh of the officers elected for the coming year in the Eastern Star Chapter, viz: W. M. Emma Helms; W. P. Jas. Cronemiller; assistant M. Annie Britt; sec'y, Corinne Linn; treasurer, Mary Miller; conductress, Daisy Huffer; assistant conductress, Beulah Neil; chaplain, R. S. Dunlap; marshal, F. M. Love; organist, Florence DeBar; warden, Elizabeth Cronemiller; sentinel, Amelia Elmer. Past Marshal Anna Beach presented the five rays of the star for installation. They were Adah, Frances Barnes; Ruth, Edith Priest; Esther, Mollie Cameron; Martha, Ollie Huffer; Electa, Hattie Thrasher. A short program followed and a delicious supper was served, after which dancing was the order of the evening.

CHRISTMAS IN JACKSONVILLE.

Christmas eve was appropriately observed at the Methodist Church with a short program by the Sunday school children, after which a Christmas tree made the hearts of the children glad.

At the Presbyterian Church a merry throng was present at the interesting exercises. The usual Christmas tree, loaded with all the good things small folk delight in, was there in all its old-time glory. A short program was rendered, of which a charming violin solo by Mary DeBar, recitations by Lela Prim, Ruth Peter and Charles Thompson, and vocal solos by Misses Krause, Prim and Priest were the most noticeable features. Santa Claus, in the person of Chris Kenney, made his appearance and distributed the presents to the expectant children.

St. Mary's academy celebrated Christmas night by greeting its pupils and friends with a pleasing program rendered by the students of that institution. A tree weighted down with ware that belongs essentially to Christmas was exposed to the view of the delighted audience as a finale to the enjoyable evening spent at the convent.

NEW YEARS HAL-MARQUE.

The Native Sons have reason to congratulate themselves upon the grand success of their masked ball New Years eve. More than forty maskers took part in the grand scene, while every available space was thronged with spectators. Over 200 tickets were sold. Prof. Boffa's orchestra of Medford had charge of the musical part of the program to the delight of all. The supper by the Native Daughters was one of the features of the evening, and is another scene in favor of the Daughters as caterers. The judges, Mrs. Heard, Mrs. Pierce and Horace Mann, of Medford, Mrs. K. Kubli, of Jacksonville, and C. S. Moore, of Portland, awarded the prizes as follows: Handsomest gentleman's costume—"Romeo," Louis Ulrich; handsome lady's costume—"Rose," Oral Jones; best sustained character gentleman—"Dutchman," Harry Helms; best sustained lady character—"Butterfly," Margaret Krause; best cake walk among the maskers, Addie Skoeters—"Forest Maiden," J. S. Wright—"Spanish Sailor," best cake walk for children, Leona Ulrich and Newcome Harrison, of Medford; best cake walk over sixteen, Marie Nickell and Pat Donegan, Jr. Nearly 200 tickets were

sold. Following is a list of the maskers and the characters they represented:

Bertha Orino	Scotch Lassie
Mrs. Geo. Neuber	Scotch Laddie
Fin Eaton	Hard Times
Kate Broad	Hard Times
Emma Kashaider	Maid of the Woods
May Davis	Sunrise
Ora Wilson	Moonlight
Frank Kashaider	Dutchman
Harry Helms	Butterfly
Maggie Krause	Uncle Sam
Chris Kenney	Colonial Costume
John P. Miller	Colonial Costume
Nora Baker	Domino
Sylvia Hazel	Domino
Carrie Tice	Domino
Addie Skoeters	Forest Maiden
Ira Cook	Rainbow
Oscar Lewis	Arabian
J. S. Wright	Spanish Sailor
W. M. Deniff	Knight of the 17th Century
Jas Cronemiller	Uncle Sam
Ella Ganyaw	Cuban Girl
Mrs. A. M. Wilson	Domino
Emma Helms	Mother Hubbard
Oral Jones	Rose
C. Spencer	Moor Woman
G. M. Fisk	Glow
R. H. Spencer	Irishman
M. T. Andrews	Quartermaster, U. S. N.
Carrie Dyar	Philippine Belle
Edith Priest	Sunflower
Jim Eaton	Jacksonville Football Player
Mrs. Broad	Country Cousin
Mrs. Ulrich	Country Cousin
Sam Deftobam	Geo. Washington
Sam Foose	French Soldier
Helen Colvig	Football Player
Lewis Ulrich	Romeo
Dora Margreiter	Gypsy
Anna Margreiter	Gypsy

Table Rock Items.

Roy Nichols has gone to Brownsboro to work on the big ditch.

Harold Rodenburger, of Willow Springs, has decided to make Table Rock his home for a while.

Some little plowing has been done lately but the ground is a little too frosty in spots to do good work.

Miss McIntire is taking her vacation in Medford with relatives, and will not open school again for another week.

Quite a number of Table Rock people attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Sismore at Sams Valley Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Gunn visited relatives and friends here the first of the week and also attended Mrs. Sismore's funeral.

Marion Nealon came over from Willow Springs and spent a jolly Christmas with his father's family. Too far between visits, Marion.

Your correspondent and family spent a most enjoyable Christmas at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Gunn, three miles south of Medford.

Mrs. Williams and her mother, Mrs. Merriman, late of Bisbee, Arizona, are spending the holiday season with Mrs. Pendleton and Mrs. Frieron. Mrs. Williams, who, by the way, is quite an artist, is spending all the sunny hours painting a large picture of Table Rock.

Though we were not able to attend the Christmas tree here we are told that everything passed off with splendid success and everybody had a good time, and was just as happy as all should be on that occasion. Table Rockers never do things by halves when they undertake anything of this kind.

R. B. Porter and family, recently from Burns, eastern Oregon, have purchased the Chas. Dickson farm and moved onto the same last week. We are glad to welcome this family into our neighborhood and sincerely hope that they will never regret having come here to locate. There are two young ladies and two boys in the family, which will swell the circle of young people.

J. C. P.

Central Point Items.

Isaac Kent made Ashland a business trip this week.

F. X. Musty of Trail creek was trading here on Monday.

Frank Mee and bride, of Grants Pass, spent Sunday in our city.

Mrs. Maria Purkeypile has been very ill with tonsillitis the past week.

There will be revival meetings at the Baptist Church each evening next week.

Freeman and Hughes have just finished boxing two carloads of dried prunes.

There was a large attendance at the masquerade on Christmas and all had an enjoyable time.

Mrs. Isaac Kent is at Phoenix nursing Mrs. A. C. Parker who is very ill at the family home.

Wm. Watkins, who has been spending the past several months in southern California returned home this week.

W. H. Norcross presented his wife with an \$800 Steinway piano

for a Christmas present, of which she is very proud.

Miss Mary A. Mee attended the wedding of her brother, Frank Mee, who was married to Mrs. Jennie Cary at Grants Pass on Tuesday.

The Best Prescription for Malaria Chills and Fever is a bottle of GUY'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure, no pay. Price 25 cents.

Gold Hill Items.

BY SPECTATOR.

C. Vroman is having a store building erected on the corner of Second and F streets.

Mrs. Ivan Humason and daughter, Hildreth, are visiting in Portland during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hammersly and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Carter arrived Wednesday morning from Salem.

E. G. Perham's large and commodious cottage on C street is nearly completed and will soon be ready for occupancy.

The Gold Hill Senior Whist Club met and reorganized last Tuesday evening and will have their meeting next Thursday evening at Mrs. P. M. Decum's residence.

Among the excursionists who left this place last week for San Francisco were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Landrith, Mrs. A. M. Cowgill and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Beman.

John Donegan is taking a well-earned vacation at his mine on Fdotts creek. He has been continuously employed at Kellogg & Darling's stables for the last two and one-half years.

The funeral ceremony of the late Mrs. Sismore was largely attended from this place and surrounding country last Monday. Interment was made in the family burying ground in Sams Valley.

Fitzgibbons & Stansill are having this week some very fine ore from the Dixie Queen treated at Houck's mill. Those who have recently visited the mine say there are many thousands of dollars worth of ore in sight.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Reames gave a New Year's whist party to their friends last Tuesday evening, which was enjoyably spent until after the old year was rung out by the several bells in town. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Reames, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kellogg, Mrs. P. M. Decum, Misses Humason, Bolt and Marhofer, and Messrs. Humason, Hollowell and Yantis.

Stop the Blight

It is a sad thing to see fine fruit trees spoiled by the blight. You can always tell them from the rest. They never do well afterwards but stay small and ickly.

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LOYAL LITTLE AMERICAN.

Youthful Traveler's Enthusiasm Upon His Return from a Trip to Europe.

A teacher who spent her vacation abroad tells the following story:

One of her fellow passengers on the steamer that brought her home was a little boy about ten years old. As the steamer approached New York the child grew exultantly happy and every little while he would say: "We're almost home now." He talked of the various objects they passed as though he were really quite at home. Finally the teacher said: "Do you live in New York?"

"No," answered he. "I live in St. Paul, Minn."

Miss L. remarked: "St. Paul? You are still a long way from home."

"This is just as good as home," said the loyal little fellow, "it's America."

The young traveler's patriotism so pleased the Columbus lady that she asked him about his travels and learned why he was so glad to see America, says the Presbyterian. He had been in Europe over six months, a part of which time had been spent in school in Sweden. He had seen much that was interesting in the different European countries, but was as pleased as he could possibly be on once more seeing his native land and stoutly declared that America was "the best country in the world."

Incident of Modern French Duel.

A story which is going the rounds of the European press illustrates the absurdities of the French duel. Two men of Paris arranged to fight a duel at Calais. They were highly pleased—at least one of them was—at the prospect, for it meant public proclamation of their bravery at the cost of only a scratch or two and, what was more serious, a few coppers for coffee. But one of the duellists, as it turned out, really wanted to kill and he killed, for he had made up his mind to commit suicide. On learning this the other man fainted and had to be carried off to bed. This seemed to be a great disappointment to the one with suicidal intentions, and after vainly trying to pick a quarrel with his second he went and drowned himself.

LITTLE CLASSICS.

He thought as a sage, though he felt as a man.—Beattie.

Though authority be a stubborn bear, it is often led by the nose with gold.—Shakespeare.

Young men think old men fools; but old men know young men are fools.—George Chapman.

The diseases of the mind are more destructive and in greater number than those of the body.—Cicero.

Of the animals which fly in the air, walk on the ground, or swim in the sea, the most foolish is man.—Boileau.

My living in Yorkshire was so far out of the way that it was actually 12 miles from a lemon.—Sydney Smith.

Those passionate persons who carry their hearts in their mouths are rather to be pitied than feared. Their threatenings serve no other purpose than to forearm him that is threatened.—Fuller.

OF INTEREST TO LABOR.

The servant girls of Watertown, N. Y., have formed a union and will demand a work day of 12 hours a day and four and five dollars a week.

A reduction of the hours of labor from twelve to eight hours per day for engineers employed in all Kansas City breweries has been effected.

A furniture firm of San Francisco has recently voluntarily reduced the hours of labor from nine to eight hours, and at the same time granted an advance in wages from \$2.75 to \$3 a day.

The men employed in the Muren coal mines, near Belleville, Ill., quit work because they claim the mules used to draw the cars of coal in the mines are not properly fed, and for this reason they are unable to draw the loads expected of them.

TO ESTABLISH AIRSHIP LINE.

Company in Texas Prepares to Launch Its First Aerial Passenger Craft.

The first airship to be built by the Custard Airship company at its factory at Elmore, Tex., will be completed in a few days and launched on

its initial trip. This company was organized several months ago with a capital stock of \$100,000. It is composed of W. D. Custard, the inventor, and a number of prominent business men, who closely investigated the working model of the new aerial vehicle and pronounced it practicable.

The company endeavored to manufacture machines in time to establish a line of them to ply between New York and Paris during the progress of the exposition at the French capital, but their construction was delayed, and it will be several months before regular lines of airships will be established between the principal cities of this country, should the one which is to be launched next week prove the success that is claimed for it.

The complete machine weighs 230 pounds and it has a capacity of from three to five people. Its maximum speed is expected to be 100 miles per hour. The first trip will be from Elmore to Waco, a distance of 20 miles.

The recent publication in several daily papers that Nellie Prettyhair,

Coincidence a quarter-breed Indian girl, had been

in Name, left \$1,000,000 by

John Dillon, a rich ranchman, for having

saved his life from drowning in the

Grand river, near Claremore, I. T.,

four years ago, develops a remarkable

coincidence, says the St. Louis Republic.

In this city lives Mrs. John Mar-

quette, aged 39, a half-breed Indian

woman. Her husband is a half-breed

Canadian, and they are very poor.

Mrs. Marquette's maiden name was

Annie Nadeau, and she is descended

from the Pottawatomie "Leannow"

tribe of Pokagon. She was born at

Bertrand, Mich., in May, 1870. She

was called "Nellie Prettyhair," on ac-

count of the beauty of her hair. She

was in the Indian territory about 1890.

Standing one day on the bank of the

South Canadian river, between Lex-

ington and Purcell, she saw a man

attempting to cross with a wagon and

team. Team and wagon were sinking

in a quicksand when she came to the

man's assistance and helped him out.

He thanked her and went away. She

did not know his name, and never saw

or heard of him since. The Nellie

Prettyhair enjoying Dillon's fortune

under the name of Annie Trueheart

Dillon, as required by Dillon's will,

tented with her Cherokee parents on

the Grande river, near Claremore.

Four years ago, when aged 16, she saw

a man struggling helplessly in the

swollen waters. Riding in on her

pony she saved his life. He did not

thank her, but died three months

later and left \$1,000,000 in gratitude.

It is reported that she is engaged to

Dillon's bitterest enemy in life—John

Liger, a cowboy, who tried several

times to kill Dillon. If Annie weds

him, relatives threaten to break the

will. Mrs. Marquette has employed

attorneys to investigate the case and

to learn if the man whose life she

saved was Dillon.

A Chicago school has lately fur-

nished a very pretty instance of

A Child's Re- childish resource-

Sourcefulness. Some peo-

ple having com-

plained of a dog which had no home

and no visible means of support, a

policeman was detailed to shoot the

animal. When he appeared near the

schoolhouse with his revolver, one of

the little girls asked him what he was

going to do. He told her, and she

begged him not to shoot the animal.

"But I must," he said, "for he hasn't

any license." "We'll get him a license

if you won't shoot him," said the lit-

tle girl, and so the policeman granted

a few days' respite. The little girl

interested eight or ten of her friends,

arranged for a "show," consisting of

speeches, recitations and music, to be

given by themselves, and persuaded

their teacher to announce it, with its

charitable object. They cleared

enough money to raise the dog from

a condition of vagrancy to a position

of affluence and independence. They

paid his license fee, bought him a

new collar, and were even able to de-

posit a small sum with the butcher

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