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OUR COUNTY . . . Correspondents

Communications from our several correspondents must reach this office not later than Wednesday noon to insure publication.

Jacksonville News.

BY S. N. E.

A. M. Martin is in California.

Carl Narregan was in town Tuesday.

Judge Prim was at Phoenix recently.

Al Elmer is again in Jacksonville.

Postmaster Miller was a Medford visitor Tuesday.

Prof. C. F. Shepherd, of Ashland, was here on Thursday.

J. H. Beeman and wife, of Gold Hill, visited here Tuesday.

Raymond Phillips, of Watkins, was in town during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Anderson are now residents of Oakland, Calif.

Dr. C. R. Ray, of Tolo, was in Jacksonville Tuesday on business.

Frances Barnes and Mrs. Gus Newbury were in Medford Saturday.

Hon. Wm. M. Colvig was at Ashland professionally on Saturday last.

Hon. E. V. Carter, of Ashland, was a Jacksonville visitor on Friday.

R. P. Neil, of Ashland, visited his brother, Judge Neil, the forepart of last week.

Zach Cameron, of Uniontown, tarried a few hours in Jacksonville Saturday.

A. R. Dodge and J. H. Rigler, of Medford, were here on business a few days ago.

Miss Maude Prim returned Saturday from a three months' stay in San Francisco.

Mrs. J. Nunan left last week to spend the holidays with her children in San Francisco.

J. True, of Ashland, who served as a juror in the Neilon bond case, has returned home.

The several Sunday schools of our town are busily engaged in preparations for Christmas.

G. S. Butler, of Ashland, ex-county commissioner, was at the county seat the latter part of the week.

Miss Marie Tongue returned to her home at Hillsboro on Saturday after a short visit with her sister, Mrs. A. E. Reames.

The announcement of the death of Mrs. Johanna Houck, of Ashland, was a great shock to her many old-time friends in Jacksonville.

Col. C. A. Cogswell, of Portland, was in attendance at circuit court, acting as council for defendants in the recent Lake County case.

The case of Hanley vs. Kubli will occupy the attention of court this week, Hon. E. B. Watson, of Portland, looking out for the interests of defendant.

The attention of circuit court last week was taken up entirely with the Neilon bond case, the jury bringing in a verdict in favor of plaintiff late Saturday night.

V. W. Maxwell, of Lakeview, a brother-in-law of A. J. Neilon, was in Jacksonville during the trial of Lake County vs. A. J. Neilon, ex-sheriff of Lake County, and his bondsmen.

Marriage licenses: Waldo Bell and Clara Crosby, December 13th; W. P. Thornborough and Mrs. Astha Martin, December 13th; Peter Ingram and Anna DeRoboam, December 16th.

Miss Jo Orth went to Roseburg on Saturday evening's train in response to a telegram announcing the death of Mrs. D. C. McClellan. She was accompanied by Maggie McClellan, a granddaughter of the deceased.

The register at the U. S. Hotel shows the names of the following arrivals: H. T. Jones, Yreka; R. McKinley, Portland; J. J. Bryan, San Francisco; Wm. Bailey, Grants Pass; M. F. Donohue and H. D. Reed, of Gold Hill.

Warren Lodge No. 10. A. F. & A. M., elected the following officers at their last meeting: E. Britt, W. M.; Frank Neil, Sr. D.; Jas. Cronemiller, Jr. D; J. R. Neil, secretary; C. C. Beekman, treasurer; Theo. Cameron, tyler.

Following are the names of the officers who will serve the R. A. M. for the coming year: A. E. Reames, H. P.; Theo. Cameron, K.; W. H. McGowan, S.; D. Linn, C. of H.; C. C. Beekman, R. A. C.; Jas. M. Cronemiller, secretary; C. C. Beekman, treasurer; Frank R. Neil, M. 3rd V.; Emil Britt, M. 2nd V.; Jno. F. Miller, M. 1st V.; R. S. Dunlap, sentinel.

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Rogue River Fishing.

Considerable interest is being taken in the matter of fishing in Rogue river and as a result a petition has been prepared by County Treasurer Miller and Fred Barneburg for presentation to the legislature. It is the desire of the petitioners to have the members from Jackson county introduce a bill at the coming session which will prohibit all use of seines between the hatchery and the mouth of Illinois river. Their contention is that the use of nets has killed off the trout in such numbers that good fishing, such as made Rogue river famous as a trout stream, has been ruined and that unless there is a change in the laws there will not be a trout left in the river. An effort is to be made to have Senator Carter and Representative Olwell and Cantrall meet in Medford and have the entire question explained to them. As an incentive for such a meeting a copy of the petition is being circulated in Medford, Ashland and Jacksonville and according to Mr. Barneburg, is being generally signed on presentation.

On the other hand, John Pankey, who has been fishing as a business, proposes to offset such action by circulating a petition calling for a revision of the law so there will be a closed season of two months. Mr Pankey was in the city the first of the week in the interest of his contention and intends asking for signers the last of the week. He claims there is money to be made in a small way, without any injury resulting to anyone. During the past season he and his associates shipped twenty-one tons of fish for which they received $1200, all of which they put in circulation in Jackson county. In addition to their shipments, they sold some 2,000 pounds of fish at retail throughout the valley. According to the outline of his petition, the regular fishermen are as anxious to protect the game fish as any one and at the same time throw a guard around the other food fish while spawning.

From the present indications the members of the legislature will be fully informed regarding the question before they assemble in Salem.

—J. Williscroft returned this week from a six months' stay in Minnesota and North and South Dakota. He will remain at Eagle Point during the winter. He reports that a number of his friends will be out this way during the winter for the purpose of investing in real estate.

—Claude Hoover, who has been at death's door for the past week, is reported slightly improved as THE MAIL goes to press.

Sudden Death of Mr. John Weeks.

Mr. John Weeks, of the firm of Weeks Bros., Phoenix, Oregon, died very suddenly on Wednesday morning of this week, December 17, 1902. The body was found in about twelve feet of water in the penstock into which the water from the flume flows in reaching the water wheel which operates the mill. The presumption is that the old gentleman, while making a tour of inspection of the mill that morning, either accidently slipped and fell into the water or that he suffered a second paralytic stroke while standing on the edge of the penstock and fell forward. He had gone to the mill but a short time before with his son, Alfred, and, while the son was engaged in business matters in the mill, the old gentleman had walked to the place where he met his death. He was missed about an half hour later, and a search was made, resulting in the finding of his body as above stated. Coroner Pickel was notified and, upon visiting the scene of the accident and hearing the circumstances, decided that an inquest was not necessary.

Mr. Weeks suffered a paralytic stroke last August, and, while he had recovered from its effects to quite an extent, he was still very feeble, and it is more than probable that he, at the time of his death, suffered a second stroke.

Mr. Weeks came to Phoenix with his family in 1891 and established the Weeks Bros. furniture and cabinet manufacturing business, since which time the work of that institution has adorned the homes and stores in nearly every town in Southern Oregon. He was born in England in 1828. In early manhood he took passage in a sailing vessel for Canada, where he engaged in the furniture and undertaking business at Woodstock. On July 8, 1852, he was married to Miss Sarah Lateman, and ten children were born to them. Three of these died in infancy; the remaining seven are Arthur Weeks, of Oakland, Calif., Alfred Weeks, Mrs Eugene Orr, Mrs. W. H. McGowan and Mr. Fred Weeks, of Medford, Mrs. H. P. Hargrave and Miss Gertrude Weeks, of Phoenix.

Last July Mr. and Mrs. Weeks celebrated their golden wedding at the residence of their son-in-law, Dr. H. P. Hargrave. Many friends assembled upon that occasion to celebrate the happy event, and today they mourn the death of one of its principals and give to the widowed wife their heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. Weeks was a noble man. In every act and deed throughout his whole life was embodied the principals of a true and honorable man. He was always active in business affairs—square and honest in all of them. In church and social matters he was always prominent, and the happy smiles and cheering words of "Pap" Weeks are pleasant memories.

Funeral services will be held at the residence in Phoenix Friday at 1:30 p. m., Rev. Clyde officiating. Interment in Odd Fellows' cemetery, Medford.

The Pride of Heroes.

Many soldiers in the last war wrote to say that for scratches, bruises, cuts, wounds, corns, sore feet and stiff joints, Bucklen's Arnica Salve is the best in the world. Same for burns, scalds, boils, ulcers, skin eruptions and piles. It cures or no pay. Only 25c at Chas. Strang's drug store.

Big Mining Deal Closed.

One of the largest mining deals consummated this winter was closed Tuesday when New York parties secured a group of mines on Forest creek for $30,000, of which $10,000 was paid down. The deal includes the Broad & Reid property known as the Oregon Belle mine and part of the Sturgis claims. W. L. Ireland, of Grants Pass, was the principal promoter and represented the eastern parties. The new company will go ahead with the extraction of ore and make many improvements around the property.

Taken Up—

At my place two miles northeast of Phoenix, one black mare, six or seven years old; branded on left shoulder with left-hand "R." Parties owning same please call and pay expenses and take animal. — H. P. ANDERSON,
50-2t Phoenix, Ore.

Fruit Trees for Sale.

We have a splendid stock of fruit trees for sale at our nursery, one-half mile west from Talent. The apple varieties are Newtown Pippins, Spitzenburgs and Jonathans—these for commercial orchards. We have other varieties for family orchards. We also have a variety of pear trees.

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Public School Notes.

The schools will close Wednesday, December 24th, for the Christmas vacation and take up again Monday, January 5, 1903.

Christmas exercises in the different departments December 24, at 2 o'clock. Following are the programs:

PRIMARY AND FIRST GRADE.

Christmas Carol.....School
Santa Claus.....Leonard Childs
Miss Muffett.....Mabel Kelsay
Guess.....Cleo Hunt, Nellie Corum
What the Stockings Say.....Edgar Owen
Tale of the Christmas Sock.....By the Boys
Grandma's Girl.....Eunice Edwards
I'm Going Back to Grandma's.....Gordon Burnett
When Santa Claus Comes.....Ethel Smith
'Leven Little Fellows.....
Paul Russell, Lloyd Johnson, Ray Helms, Diamond Flynn, Walter Brown, Robert Lindley, Leslie Plymale, Clark Collins, Houston Ling, Delbert Gorsline, Everett Johnson.
Song and Acrostic, "Christmas Stockings".....
Eugene Narregan, Jessie Martin, Homer Elwood, Ethel Calkins, Ruth Norris, Fred Loy, Lula Clark, Hattie Gorsline, Ethel Smith, Leonard Childs.
A Christmas Tree.....Lois Snell
The Old Haymow.....Dolph Phipps
How Santa Claus Comes.....Herman Crowell

SECOND GRADE.

Song, "Looking for Santa Claus,".....School
Recitation, "Christmas Wishes,".....Mary Hanley
Recitation, "Christmas Story,".....Olive Jones
Concert Recitation, "The Kitten's Fright,".....
Song, "Christmas Cradle Song,".....School
Recitation, "If Santa Claus Was Pa,".....Roland Kelley
Recitation, "A Christmas Tree,".....Howard Shearer
Song, "Busy Workers,".....Girls
"Christmas Dinner".....Eight Boys
Recitation, "Through Starlit Sky,".....Charles Tryer
Recitation.....Mary Jane Edwards
Song, "Tale of the Three Christmas Socks,".....Twelve Boys
Recitation, "The Old Year,".....Marguerite Clemens

THIRD GRADE.

Christmas Time Has Come.....Harry Shoults
Mother Goose and Santa Claus.....Dora Brumble
Mother's Story of Christmas.....Bessie Jordan
Around the Christmas Tree.....Mary Stevenson
Song.....Harry Porter
Santa Claus' Letter.....Ruth Woodford
Christmas Stockings.....Mollie Merriman
Secrets.....Grace Mitchell
The Mouse in the Wall.....Edna Tryer
Christmas Story.....Merle Kellogg
Merry Christmas.....Rowland Beecraft
Christmas Bells.....Eva Goode
Christmas Eve.....Dottie Shoults

FOURTH GRADE.

Holly Branches.....Genevieve Wortman
When Christmas Comes.....Ivy Boeck
Story.....Jeunesse Butler
Story.....Otis Garrett
Recitation.....Maud Jones
Violin Solo.....Bertina Boffa
A Letter from Santa Claus.....Lynden Pentz
A Little Boy's Thoughts of Christmas.....Merrill Brumble
Song.....Roy McGee
Instrumental Solo.....Jeunesse Butler
The First Christmas.....Grace Dent
Empty Stockings.....Sebton Hill
Christmas Carol.....Jessie Lewis

SIXTH GRADE.

Song, "Hark, 'Tis the Bells,".....School
Recitation, "The Night after Christmas,".....Angie Purdin
Essay, "Christmas,".....Mary Calkins
Recitation, "Just before Christmas,".....Harry Childs
Song, "On This Glorious Christmas Morn,".....Bessie Ferguson
Recitation, "Christmas Eve's Snowflakes,".....Fay Sears
Reading, "Annie's and Willie's Prayer,".....Ethel Jordan
Recitation, "Alaska's Christmas Candles,".....Bessie Macauley
Quotations....Tom Flynn, Dennison Lawton, Rob Hughes, Percy Talent, Irma Noble, Genevieve Kiernan.
Christmas Play, "The Toy's Rebellion." Characters: Noah, Vernon Vawter; first French doll, Bessie Ferguson; wax doll, Ethel Jordan; rag doll, Grace Dickison; scrap-book fairy, Bessie Macauley; sailor boy, Halbert Deuel; second French doll, Nellie Morey; tin soldier, Sterling Rothermel; Dinah, Myrtle Loar; jumping jack, Harry Childs; walking doll, Teddy Hodges; Kris Kringle, Herbert Brumble; first child, Fay Sears; second child, Hazel Davis; third child, Mary Calkins; fourth child, Ethel Owens; fifth child, Bertha Daily; sixth child, Earl Armstrong.
Paper, Sixth Grade Oregonian.....Hazel Davis
Song, "Christmas Bells,".....School

SEVENTH GRADE.

Quotations, Edna Danielson, Violet Stewart, Effie Phipps Lillie Grissom, Elmer Walden, Stella McGee, Darragh Earhart, Frank Miller.
Select Reading.....Eugene Barr
Essay, "Christmas,".....Claud Davison
Recitation.....Gladys Curry
Essay.....Julia Dodge
Recitation.....Ray Young
Chorus....Gladys Curry, Gladys Heard, Mabel Wilson, Jr., Mabel Wilson, Sr., Mabel Coss, Blanche Merriman, Elvira Hibbard.
Adjective Letter.....Alfred Flynn
Essay.....Barbara Goodwyn
Conundrums.....Fannie Whitman
Recitation.....Johnnie Pickens
Paper, Christmas Times.....Kellie Jackson

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—Some of the school children have a habit of running to cross in front of moving trains whenever they happen along. An example of their action was given Wednesday when the southbound passenger train came in an hour late. Several of the smaller boys started to run across the track in front of the engine and for an instant it looked as though some of them would be killed. Shouts from bystanders stopped some of them in time to save their lives. Parents should warn their children not to attempt to cross in front of rapidly moving trains.

—Antone Hogan confronted Recorder Toft Sunday morning with a charge of drunk and disorderly against him. Antone concluded the allegation was correct and handed over $12 for his freedom. James Riley was up the same morning to tell his honor how he got drunk. It cost him $10 to explain, but as James did not have the X he is holding down a cot in the city jail and will remain there for a period of ten days to think over how it might have been.

—The Baptist Sunday school Christmas exercises will be held in the church next Wednesday, Christmas eve. A short musical and literary program has been arranged for the children before the distribution of presents from the tree

—Died—Geo. J. Farnsworth, at Stockton, Calif., on Wednesday, December 17th, aged forty-three years and one month.

Mrs. E. C. Wells, Mrs. W. F. Hunter and Mrs. W. H. Stickel were Gold Hill ladies in Medford Wednesday.

Lawrence Cardwell and A. J. Oleson, two of Gold Hill's merchants, were here Wednesday on business.

Wm. Angle was a passenger for Ashland Wednesday.

Notice.

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—The management of the Nash hotel would like to know the whereabouts of an individual calling himself Onley Hargraves. The party passed a check purported to be signed by C. S. Marsden and drawn on the First National Bank of Ashland Wednesday the check was returned as "no funds and party not known." The amount was for $8.50 and he claimed it had been paid to him for labor performed. A canvass of the majority of the business places of the city failed to reveal any other work of a similar character, but "Onley" has left the country and merchants along the railroad north of here should be on the lookout for him. He is described as six feet tall, dark complected, and inclined to stutter. Keeps himself neatly dressed and is a good talker.

Samuel McClendon came up from Gold Hill with Dr. James Braden Wednesday. They were accompanied by L. F. Jordan, superintendent of the Yellow Jacket mine.

—Christmas fruit cakes at Wilson's Vienna bakery.

—Married—In Medford by Rev. W.B. Moore, Tuesday, December 16, Miss Anna DeRoboam and Peter Ingram, both of Jacksonville.

George R. Hammersly, formerly of the Gold Hill News, came up from Gold Hill Wednesday to participate in the G. A. R. camp fire in the evening.

—Lunches served at all hours at the Vienna bakery.

R. D. Rouse left for Ashland Wednesday, accompanied by Mrs. Rouse and son. They will be gone several days.

G. W. Kincaid, of Tolo, one of the witnesses in the Ray vs. Griffin case, was in the city the first of the week.

Among the Churches.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Subject at 7:30 p. m., "A History of Life." The church is looking, with expectation of good, for the coming of Rev. A. M. Petty and wife on January 4th. Rev. Geo. Varney, general missionary, says of them: "The board of managers, through its executive committee, has most heartily endorsed Rev. A. M. Petty and recommend him to the churches of Oregon." Mrs. Petty, who is a skillful musician, will travel with her husband to help in the work. An opportunity is thus afforded the Oregon churches of securing evangelistic help of the first order and at such a time in the year as they may desire.

PHOENIX CHURCH.

Christmas exercises will be held in the Presbyterian Church on Sabbath forenoon, 21st inst. All cordially invited. WM. CLYDE,

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

There will be preaching services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday, morning and evening.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Next Sunday at 10:30 Rev. J. D. Murphy will hold services in the Catholic Church.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

Services as usual next Sunday morning and evening.

Ashland's Election.

Ashland's election took place on Tuesday of this week. There were 707 votes polled, 300 of these in the first ward.

McGrath, a license man, was elected councilman in the first ward; Applegate, another license man, in the second ward; and Rhinehart, another license man, in the third ward. This gives the city three license councilmen and three antis.

D. B. Provost, a license man, was elected mayor by a majority of forty-five over S. H. Holt, the anti candidate.

The election makes Ashland a license town for the coming year.

Death of Frank N. Peil.

Frank Noble Peil, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Peil, living east of Medford, died Wednesday, December 17, 1902, aged ten years, eight months and twenty days. He had been ill since Sunday with spinal meningitis. Funeral services will be held at the family residence on Friday at 11 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Peil have the heartfelt sympathy of their host of friends in this their hour of sad bereavement.

—Geo. K. Rogers, state deputy of the Woodmen of the World, was in town and visited the local camp last night. He is en route to Ashland where a joint initiation of sivty-five candidates for Phoenix and Ashland camps will be held Saturday evening. A banquet is to follow the initiation. The railroad has made special rates of one and one-third fare round trip for the occasion.

The Bondsmen Lost.

Lake county won its suit against the bondsmen of ex-Sheriff A. J. Neilon and secured a verdict against the defendants for $6,439 and interest. This case came before Judge Hanna upon a change of venue from Lake county and occupied the attention of the court for three days last week. District Attorney Reames represented Lake county and A. S. Hammond of Grants Pass and C. A. Coggswell of Portland appeared for the defendants. One of the main features during the trial was the effort in behalf of defendants to shut out the records of the sheriff's office as incompetent, but after hearing the argument on both sides and looking into the matter himself, Judge Hanna decided that the records were sufficiently clear to warrant their acceptance as evidence.

The allegations set up in the complaint were that Neilon, while sheriff of Lake county in 1898 to 1900, appropriated funds belonging to the county to his own use and that he had been convicted upon the charge and had been sentenced to the penitentiary. As a consequence of that conviction his bondsmen, A. McCallen, of Ashland, J. Frankl, J. Jammerthal and J. E. Barnard of Lakeview, should be compelled to make his shortage good. It was contended by defendants that they could not have a fair trial in Lake county and that contention was sustained, causing the case to come before Judge Hanna in Jackson county.

The jury that brought in the verdict was composed of the following citizens of this county: Jack True, J. F. Brown, W. Kincaid, Geo. Hoffman, Sam Murray, L. L. Jacobs, C. W. Palm, E. G. Roberts, A. C. Spencer, Frank Centers, and A. C. Hubbard.

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Advertised Letter List.

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Grimns, T A	Stewart, Frank
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