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OUR COUNTY . . . Correspondents

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Jacksonville News.

BY S. N. E.

County Clerk Orth and wife spent Sunday at Colesburg.

Mrs. E. R. Reames is attending Chautauqua at Ashland.

Mrs. J. Russell and Miss Fannie Nunan are at Wagner springs.

Maud Byrne, of Watkins, visited friends in Jacksonville this week.

F. M. Calkins, of Ashland, was a Jacksonville visitor Saturday last.

Rev. S. H. Jones, with his bride, arrived this week from California.

Judge Hale, of Grants Pass, was here professionally one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Wilkinson were in Jacksonville Tuesday afternoon.

Mervena Kenney is visiting the family of Chas. White, in Klamath county.

M. J. Donaldson-Selby, of Sterling, was a visitor in Jacksonville recently.

Ed. Donegan has accepted a clerkship in Cronemiller's establishment.

Prof. A. J. Hanby, of Central Point, was in Jacksonville during the week.

Wm. Bybee, with Mrs. Chas. Prim and family, left Sunday for Bybee springs.

George Birdsey spent Saturday here and was accompanied home by Vance Colvig.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Robinson returned from their wedding trip on Sunday's train.

Misses Kate Plymale and Mattie Perry have been the guests of friends at Watkins.

J. M. Matney, of Central Point, made a brief business trip to our town last Thursday.

R. L. Ish, who has been at the Ish farm for two months past, was here Monday afternoon.

W. C. Leever and W. A. Owens, well-known Central Point people, visited our town Saturday.

Miss Daisy Huffer has returned to Portland to resume her duties at the Good Samaritan hospital.

Mrs. H. E. Ankeny and family arrived Saturday from Eugene, to spend some time at Sterling.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Peterson, who have been spending the winter here, left for the Willamette valley.

Marriage licenses have been issued to J. J. Hansen and Mathilda Olson; Henry Bennet and Mary E. Work.

Mrs. J. N. T. Miller will leave for Oregon City this week to spend the summer with her son, R. A. Miller.

W. J. Plymale took Charles Frank, a feeble minded boy of twelve years from Evans creek, to St. Mary's Home at Beaverton. The boy having no relatives he is

Long Hair

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tan alfalfa seed, for a test, which has done so well that I believe it a surer grower under all conditions than the regular alfalfa we are growing. The yield was immense, standing five feet on Rogue river bottom land without water, and I believe will make better hay than the other. I will save the next crop for seed.

Central Point Items.

The hotel is now closed and John Kearney is looking for a renter.

Mrs. Bunch Walker, of Butte creek, was trading here on Monday.

Russell Moore and wife, of Big Butte, were in after supplies last Saturday.

Miss Gladys Bolle, of Yreka, is paying her aunt Mrs. W. C. Leever, a visit.

J. H. Downing left for Ashland Wednesday, to spend a few days at Chautauqua.

Mrs. Rather Sinclair went to Eagle Point the first of the week to spend a few weeks.

O. M. Baldwin, of Redwood, Minn., is here looking over the country for a location.

Mrs. J. S. Sims and daughter Miss Maud, left for Ashland Tuesday to attend Chautauqua.

Misses Isabelle and Agnes Whiteman, of Berkeley, Calif., are paying friends here a visit.

J. S. Sims is erecting a nice residence at Grants Pass, for Hubbard & Day, contractors.

Van Vliet & Doran, contractors, are erecting a fine residence for Harry Carlton, near Eagle Point.

Mrs. G. W. Jeffers, who has been visiting relatives at Ashland the past week, returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Moorehouse and Bertha Nichols are camping at the Ashland grove, attending Chautauqua.

There will be an ice cream social at the G. A. R. hall Saturday, July 18th, for the benefit of the M. E. church.

J. W. Corum, who has been visiting relatives in Missouri the past two months, returned home a few days ago.

Harry Caton, of Spikenard, came over Sunday and Mrs. Caton, who has been visiting relatives here for some time, accompanied him home.

W. C. Leever had the old rickety building, adjoining the Magruder store, torn down this week, which makes a great improvement to the premises.

Mrs. Effie Brown who has been visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Pleasant, left for her home on Wednesday, her sister, Miss Stella Pleasant, accompanied her as far as Portland.

Robert and Walter Armstrong, of Igerna, Calif., spent a few days visiting their mother Mrs. A. F. Carpenter, last week. Their sister, Miss Emma Armstrong, accompanied them home.

Kanes Creek Items.

BY SINE DIE.

Mr. Lane was doing business in Gold Hill Monday.

Mrs. Foster, who has been sick, is able to be around again.

Mrs. Ella Roten was doing business in Gold Hill, on Saturday.

Mrs. and Mrs. E. Lemings were pleasant callers at Mr. Swindens recently.

Mrs. Haff, who has been visiting at Grants Pass, returned home Saturday.

Everybody on Kanes Creek have completed haying, the crops being very light.

Mrs. Boggie and children, of Henley, Calif., were over and spent the Fourth with relatives here.

Miss Kate Swinden, who has been visiting her mother, near Grants Pass, has returned to Gold Hill.

Mrs. Carey and daughter, Miss Cassie, of Central Point, were visiting friends in Gold Hill Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Reese, who have been visiting friends and relatives at Los Angeles and San Francisco, have returned home. Mrs. Reese was formerly Mrs. James Birdsey.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Higinbotham, of Big Butte, came down on Friday to visit relatives, returning home on Saturday. They were accompanied by Will Higinbotham and son George, who will spend the summer there.

Beagle Items.

By J. G. MARTIN.

Our section is experiencing hot, dry and cold changes of weather.

J. U. Smith, of Sardinia creek, was in our midst Monday in search of cattle.

Mrs. G. W. Smith started Friday for her home at Red Bluff, California.

Rev. Rosser, of Ashland, tarried with us Friday night, enroute to Trail to meet his regular appointment.

But little grain will be headed and thrashed on Snider and Constant creeks, a falling off of one-half.

D. Amick and A. Houston were trading in Medford Saturday, also Wm. Jones and Jesse Richardson and families, of Beagle.

Mr. Drake, Jr., called recently, en route to his home in the Meadows. He reports his father's family down with the measles.

Little Adessa Stacey is convalescent and her sister, Flora, is prostrated with the same malignant disease—putrid sorethroat.

Mrs. T. H. Brown is afflicted with blood poisoning, resulting from a pin scratch. Dr. Chisholm, of Gold Hill, is in attendance.

Scott and Schultz, the gentleman that bought the old Donegan tract of land bordering on Rogue river, have bought the old Fordyce thrashing machine, they have also purchased a saw-mill and will locate it in the large timber belt, on the river bottom, where they will manufacture lumber for building and fencing purposes.

Opera Under Difficulties.

Signor Arditi tells the following story in his autobiography: "During my first long stay in America our company was announced for one night, during a terribly cold winter, at Washington. Shall I ever forget the bitter cold of that season? It was as though we had suddenly been transported to the arctic regions, and the theater in which we had our performance was as inadequate to cope with the frost as though we had fixed up a summer tent for the purpose."

Norma was the opera, and Grisi, instead of appearing in her traditional white robe with flowing folds, was compelled to come on the stage wearing a huge fur cloak in which she was huddled up almost to her eyes. The house only really rose to the occasion with loud bursts of laughter when Mario made his entrance holding a coachman's umbrella over his head—

he, as Pollio, being confronted by Norma in their tragical meeting—under which prosaic safeguards both artists cowered while singing their grand duo. The roof of the theater had given way under the weight of a heavy fall of snow, and its coating of ice, melting under the heat of the gas, was streaming down on the artists."

Ancient Ideas of Africa.

In medieval times Africa was an unknown continent as well as Asia. Until a few years after the discovery of Columbus no one had sailed around it, and it was quite generally thought, as it had previously been thought in regard to Asia, that the African continent extended on and on indefinitely. It was supposed that far to the south was the zone of heat, in which no human being could live. This was by no means an unreasonable inference to the ancients. They knew that the farther they sailed to the north the colder it grew and that in the extreme north was a region of perpetual ice and snow.

They also knew that the farther they sailed to the south the warmer it grew, and what was more natural for them to suppose that if they went far enough in that direction they would come upon lands that were parched and baked and upon seas that boiled, where nothing could live but salamanders?

He Could Weld an Ax.

Queer and racy are the tales told of the skill of the Maine shipbuilders in the use of the adz and broadax. One old time yarn is of a carpenter who applied very drunk at a shipyard for employment. In the foreman set him to give a proof of his skill by hewing out a wooden bolt with no chopping block but a stone. The carpenter accomplished his difficult task without marring the keen edge of the broadax and showed the foreman a neatly made bolt. Then he brought the ax down with a terrific blow that shattered its edge upon the stone. "I can hew faster on your chopping block," he bragged, "but I'll be blamed if I can make the ax stick in it when I get through." The story runs that the foreman lost no time in employing such a workman.

How the Patent Office Was Saved. When in the war of 1812 the British, who had taken Washington, trained their guns upon the patent office. Dr. Thornton, throwing himself directly before the guns, cried:

"Are you Englishmen or Goths and Vandals? This is the patent office—a depository of the ingenuity and inventions of the American nation, in which the whole civilized world is interested. Would you destroy it? Then let the charge pass through my body."

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A Queer Legend of Tamed Men.

When a native Hollander wants to show his hatred for an Englishman he simply refers to him as a "steert man"—in other words, "the man with a tail." The legend says that Thomas a Becket cursed the Kentish men who spitefully cut off the tail of his horse while he was riding the animal through the country, and that the entire generation of Kent which followed wore tails like those of horses. John Bale, Edward VI's bishop of Ossory, mentions the legend, but gives some variations as to the cause of the ignominious punishment. He says John Capgrave and Alexander of Essex say that "for eastynge fyste tayles at St. Augustine Dorsetshire men had tayles ever after that."

But Polydorus applies it to Kentish men at Stroud, by Rochester, "for cutting off Thomas Becket's horse's tail." One account says that only those living in Kent at the time of the curse were "afflicted with large, drooping tayles, like brutes; their posterity being not so affected."

Decline of the Essay.

Why do we no longer find in these magazines the long essays that were the backbone of the old style periodicals? Is it because there are now-days no men who like to and are able to take their pens in hand and ramble on and on aimlessly over hill and dale, with many a leisurely pause and occasional airy flights? Is it because the editors can find no writers who are surcharged with views on all sorts of abstract subjects and could be moved to impart those views at length to the readers of magazines? Certainly not. Almost every man who writes at all would like to write essays—long essays. But the wise editors won't have them any more, because the people won't read them and won't even take magazines that get the reputation of harboring them. If an editor craves a small circulation in this day let him gather the essayists about him and freely turn them loose upon his pages—Success.

About Magnets.

Magnets are frequently made in the form of a horseshoe or letter U, but a horseshoe magnet is really nothing more than a bar magnet bent. As both poles will attract iron it is apparently twice as strong as when in the bar form. A piece of iron laid across the poles is attracted by both of them. In this case the poles act on opposite ends of the iron and do not destroy each other's effects, for each pole magnetizes the portion of the iron opposite it. The iron therefore becomes a strong magnet with its north pole touching the south pole of the horseshoe magnet and its south pole touching the north pole. This is popularly called a "keeper," because it "keeps," or preserves, the strength of the magnet, which becomes much weaker when the keeper is left off.—St. Nicholas.

The Mattress.

Some one has been hunting up the history of the mattress. Its beginning was the collection of rags, husks or reeds which were bound together and thrown down anywhere to form a resting place for the hinds and serfs of the rich. It is suggested that their names of shakedown and makeshift were derived originally from the Arabic word "matrah." In the middle ages feather beds found favor with the wealthy and the mattress was not used by them. Inventories of estates owned by the American colonists show that mattresses were then worth \$200 each, being made of hair. In England mattresses of rabbits' fur were once used and vegetable fibers of various kinds have served their turn.

False Hair in Elizabeth's Time.

Queen Elizabeth had eighty wigs in her collection, and her cousin, Mary, queen of Scots, had "as many as a hundred," and among the incongruous presents made her while confined a prisoner in gloomy Lochleven, previous to her being beheaded, wigs were numerous. Gentlemen who particularly wished to please their lady friends presented them with wigs of the latest shade of hair and newest style of coiffuring. Fancy a gentleman of today presenting his sweetheart the last idea in back hair!

Bamboo Opals.

Bamboo opals are peculiar gems which are sometimes found in the stem of the bamboo. This gem is very rare from the fact that not one in a thousand bamboo stems contains it. These vegetable growths are called tabour by the Filipinos. Some of them are so similar—that is, they exhibit so perfectly the characteristics of the opal—that even experts frequently fail to distinguish them from the real gem.

Why He Applauded.

"Are you fond of music?" asked a stranger of the young man at the concert who was applauding vigorously after a pretty girl had sung a song in a very painful way.

"Not particularly," replied the young man frankly, "but I am extremely fond of the musician."

A Deadly Spirit.

Featherstone—Do you believe in ghosts? Travers—Well, for years I have been living in a haunted house. Featherstone—You don't tell me! Who is it haunted by? Travers—By my tailor.

The Dictionary Habit.

Friend—What queer language you husband uses! He pronounces every word half a dozen different ways. Wife—Yes, he has half a dozen different dictionaries.

We are inclined to believe in those whom we do not know because they have never deceived us.—Johnson.

Sources of Color.

An interesting enumeration has been published in a technical journal of the sources of color. From this it appears that the cochineal insects furnish the gorgeous carmine, crimson, scarlet, and purple lakes; the cuttlefish gives sepia—that is, the inky fluid which the fish discharges in order to render the water opaque when attacked; the Indian yellow comes from the camel, ivory chips produce the ivory black and boneblack, the exquisite Prussian blue comes from fusing horse hoofs and other refuse animal matter with impure potassium carbonate, various lakes are derived from roots, barks and gums; blue black comes from the charcoal of the vine stock, turkey red is made from the madder plant, which grows in Hindustan; the yellow sap of a Siamese tree produces gamboge, raw sienna is the natural earth from the neighborhood of Siena, Italy; raw umber is an earth found near Umbria, India ink is made from burned camphor, mastic is made from the gum of the mastic tree, which grows in the Grecian archipelago; bluish is the soot of wood ashes; very little real ultramarine, obtained from the precious lapis lazuli, is found in the market.

Cutting Off the Nose For Punishment. Ramees II. of Egypt cut off the nose of any person convicted of treason or arson. Actianes, another Egyptian ruler, punished robbers in the same way. After each nose had been amputated back even with the "bridge" the culprit was sent to a colony of noxious felons, the place of banishment being known as Rhinocorum, from the nature of the punishment its colonists had undergone.

In England in 1671 Lord Coventry, then "great keeper of the British seal," had his nose cut off by order of the king because he had dared to ask some questions about an actress then playing at Drury Lane theater.

A conscript who protested openly that he had been enrolled in the army of Frederick the Great in a fraudulent manner had his nose amputated by order of that sovereign, who spoke of the punishment as an "indelible mark on the front side of the face."

The Impossible.

The Duke of Wellington wanted a certain piece of work done and instructed an officer of the Royal engineers to do it. After examination the officer informed the duke that it was impossible.

The duke sent for another officer, a much younger man and attached to another division of the army. This officer did what the duke required.

The next morning there appeared in the "orders of the day" the following epigrammatic note: "He who in war fails to do what he undertakes may always plead accident, which invariably attends military affairs; but he who declares a thing to be impossible which is subsequently accomplished registers his own incapacity."

Most Expensive Tree in the World. Probably the most expensive tree in the world is in the City of London, on the corner of Cheapside and Wood Street, about midway between the Bank of England and St. Paul's. It is an enormous oak, and is said to be 100 years old. It is protected by a clause in the deed of the property which forbids destruction of tree or branches. Architects were compelled to plan a rather peculiar building to avoid the branches. There it stands in the corner of one of the busiest streets in London, occupying ground of enormous value—and positively the only tree in the City of London outside of the parks.

Wrong Foot Out of Bed.

About half the world puts the wrong foot out of bed in the morning. But which is the wrong foot? It is a superstition as old as the hills that if the left foot touches the floor first you will have bad luck that day. Probably multitudes of men avoid this by sleeping on the right side of the bed, so that in rising the right foot naturally comes first in contact with the floor. It is said to be a fact that most people lie on their right side because of the prevalent notion that the heart has freer action.—New York Press.

When Romans Kissed.

Rowena, the beautiful daughter of the Saxon Hengist, is credited with having introduced kissing into the British Islands. The Romans had a really delightful word for a kiss—osculum, which came from os, the mouth, and meant a little mouth, a sweet mouth. "Give me a sweet little mouth" would be the phrase used when a good little Roman boy asked his mother for a kiss.

The First Allusion to the Horse.

In that portion of Genesis which tells the story of Joseph, the famine, etc., we find the first historical allusion to the horse, and farther on in holy writ we read of the horses of the great and wise Solomon, which numbered 40,000—that is, if the 40,000 stalls for horses are to be taken as a criterion.

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