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Holiday Jingles.

BY J. S. H.

Our High School Prep looks wonderful wise, And tells all there is in the book. But I'll give him a pain or to his great surprise That I am not so green as I look.

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Will keep you posted on passing events. We don't claim to publish the "only newspaper" in southern Oregon, but we are not far from the head of the class when it comes to "the best"

JACKSON COUNTY.

A glee club has been organized at the Ashland Normal by Misses Weber and Silsby.

J. R. Quigley, late of Central City, Colo., has purchased a one-fourth interest in the Ashland Manufacturing Co.

Martin McDonough, of Tolo, and Mrs. Etta Heiss, of Central Point, were married on Thursday, of last week, at Jacksonville by Judge Dunn.

The tunnel at the Golden Spike mine, near Ashland, is now in 670 feet, a shaft is being sunk from the Shorty-Hope mine to connect with this tunnel.

A. E. Reames, of Jacksonville, has secured a judgment for \$3296 against J. E. Hunt, of Portland, on account of a gas plant purchased from the latter which proved worthless.

Madame Jusaschek, the famous actress, who recently died, presented a Shakespearean drama at Ashland twenty years ago, in what is now the basement of a second hand store, but at that time Ashland's leading opera house.

T. J. O'Hara has filed a suit to recover \$22,500 against the Condor Water & Power Co., for damages alleged to have been sustained by the overflow of the waters of Rogue river on the plaintiff's lands, caused by the dam at Gold Ray.

Judge Hanna, on Tuesday of this week, rendered a decision in the Ashland sewer assessment case against the city, in effect annulling the ordinance providing an assessment on contiguous property for sewer purposes.

A mass convention at Ashland last Tuesday nominated a ticket for municipal officers, making two full tickets in the field and giving promise of a lively contest.

Second Trial in Progress.

The second trial in the land fraud cases in which Marie Ware and H. G. McKinley are principal defendants opened Tuesday, in Judge Bellinger's court at Portland.

The motion for a new trial in the former cases was over ruled by Judge Bellinger, and the petition for arrest of judgment was denied.

The court held that there might be many agreements to defraud proved, because there had been many agreements made.

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One of the new appliances in this mill, which will be watched with interest by mining men, is the two Fender circular concentrating tables installed.

and are expected to solve the problem of saving all the gold to a great extent. Capt. Fender, the inventor of the contrivance, is now here and will superintend the starting of the concentrators.

The motive power for the machinery is electricity, furnished by the Condor Water & Power Co., from their plant at Gold Ray, and consists of three motors.

The plant will also be lighted from the same source.

Water for the mill is brought from Jackson creek through a flume eight by ten inches square and 7400 feet long.

The ore is carried to the mill from the mine in cars operated by gravity, and this is dumped into the two ore bins of 200 tons capacity each, from whence it is delivered to the ore crusher and there to the stamps.

The mill, when completed, will be one of the most up-to-date plants in Southern Oregon, and will help development of our mineral resources wonderfully.

School Notes.

The high school literary society have commenced work for the year with the following officers: President, Bess Earhart; vice-president, Guy Mickey; secretary, Wilson Wait; treasurer, Sadie Van Dyke; censor, Ethel Curry; editor, Maude O'Brien; organist, Alice Street; sergeant, Cliff Beckett.

11th Grade Rhetoric—BESS EARHART.

On Monday morning on entering the school room, a familiar sound was missing, the room looked vacant, empty. Something certainly was missing. For a few minutes you can hardly tell what is wrong; but on looking to see how long you have to gossip before school takes up, you find the missing object to be none other than the old school clock.

Many were the causes given for its stopping. Some one said, Lewis Hartberg had looked at it several minutes at a stretch last Friday; another said it had stopped when Professor last heard the physics class.

Do you see what time it is? This was what greeted my ears when I came down stairs one morning ready for school. Glancing at the clock I saw it was fifteen minutes to nine.

Why I was late—Grace Lawton. Do you see what time it is? This was what greeted my ears when I came down stairs one morning ready for school.

J. R. Recommends "Shore Acres."

To the Patrons of the Wilson Opera House. It affords me pleasure to announce the positive engagement for one performance at the opera house on Friday evening, December 23d, of James A. Herse's famous comedy drama, "Shore Acres."

Respectfully yours, J. R. WILSON.

STREET ECHOES

Opinions of Some of Our Citizens—Serious and Otherwise.

J. R. Erford:—"We have moved to Canton, Illinois. Please change address of Mail."

Frank Hall:—"Yes, I'm in the photograph business by myself now. I have quit the partnership business. It didn't seem to work right some way. I have my studio opposite the postoffice fitted up in good shape and have settled down for the winter."

Attorney Purdin:—"Yes, my leg is getting along first rate; but pretty slowly. Say, I never appreciated those funny pictures about that mule, whose name is 'Maud,' until I got mixed up with that broncho's heels. It will be sometime before I'll fool around any more light-beeled equines."

C. G. Johnson:—"Yes, I have returned to Medford, after a couple of months' stay in Ashland. I went there with a view to the improvement of my own and my wife's health, and incidentally my financial condition. I'm not saying anything against Ashland, its a nice town, but neither one of the three purposes mentioned above were realized. Fact is, Mrs. Johnson couldn't live there, that was all there was about it, so I came back to this old town, and I'm going to stay."

Ed. Russ:—"A couple of weeks ago you published an article which was in substance that if orchardists were to take extra care of a rabbit and rub their young fruit trees with them, they would be no longer troubled with those pesky little rabbits gnawing the bark from the trees. Father tried that plan several years ago and while it may have kept the rabbits away the remedy brought a horde of squirrels and these ate the bark from the trees as badly as the rabbits ever did. As between the two father and I decided it was a 'toss up' and came to the conclusion that we might as well economize on labor and let the rabbits have the trees."

Package Shower.

Last Saturday afternoon Mrs. Edith Butler gave Miss Florence Toft a package shower. The reception rooms were attractively decorated with vines and flowers.

The scheme of the shower was quite unique. After all the guests had arrived and were spending the time chatting, a messenger knocked and delivered a package for the guest of honor. This was no sooner opened and admired, until another came and so on, the process being repeated until she was surrounded with presents, consisting of linens, chinaware and dainty pieces of needle work.

Refreshments were served, after which each girl wrote her sympathy to the groom.

Those present were: Mesdames H. Pelton, Minnie Van Dyke, Chas. Talant, B. N. Butler; Misses Francis Haskins, Helen Wait, Julia Fielder, Lizzie Ferguson, May Merriman, Gertrude Wilson, Florence Toft and May Phipps.

Miss Florence was always a favorite among her girl acquaintances and in bidding her good by there were many expressions of regret—because of her departure from among them—all interlined, however, with an honest, earnest hope that her portion of life's prosperity and happiness might be dealt with a lavish hand.

Southern Oregon Mines.

The Southern Oregon placer miners are about all ready for the season's run as soon as sufficient water is available.

The famous Henry Wines placer mines on Jump-off-Joe will be operated this season by two giants, a No. 2, to work on the bank and a No. 1, to take care of the tailings.

of Gold Hill, one of the best paying properties in that camp, was on Monday last sold by its owners, Dr. James Braden and John D. Graham, of New York parties, for \$14,000. The new owners have possession and will push development work to a finish under E. W. Liljegan, the local manager, with his office in Gold Hill and who is one of the best mining men in the country.

Archie Tycoer, a miner of many years experience, has a placer mine located upon the extreme summit of the ridge between Sucker creek and Althouse, which is reputed to be one of the richest of the smaller propositions in the country. Being so near the top of the mountain, the water supply is necessarily limited and it is only in the wettest part of the rainy season that the ground can be worked to advantage.

Farewell and Shower.

Last Friday evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cartwright, in West Medford, was the scene of one of the prettiest and most enjoyable events given during the season. The occasion was a farewell party in honor of Miss Florence Toft, who left Sunday morning for Los Angeles, where she will make her home in the future, and where she was married on Wednesday to L. H. Davis.

Although the parties interested in the Blue Ledge copper mines are not saying much, they are still "going on steadily, and the more the mines are developed the more encouraging is the outlook. That Blue Ledge will bear watching. It is a big thing in itself and when it is opened up will mean big things for Jackson county in particular and Southern Oregon in general.

Newtown Trees for Sale.

I have a goodly number of Newtown apple trees for sale. These are all good, hardy trees, and of good size. They are at my home just north of Medford.

L. E. HOOVER.

STOCK BREEDERS ASSOCIATION.

Saturday afternoon the Rogue River Valley Stock Breeders' Association was formed, with the following officers:

Dr. E. B. Pickel, president; J. W. Lawton, secretary; C. O. Ragsdale, treasurer; J. C. Pendleton, S. L. Bennett, M. L. Pellett, J. H. Carlton, B. F. Hemstreet, directors.

The object of the formation of the association was the purchase of the black Percheron stallion Farcor (55,797) 40,037 American registry, from McLaughlin Bros., of Columbus, Ohio. The horse has been here for the past several weeks in charge of D. E. Rachtford, who has been endeavoring to form an organization of the citizens of the valley for his purchase.

Following is a list of the members of the association: E. B. Pickel, J. W. Lawton, R. B. Lawton, L. L. Hamilton, R. T. Lawton, S. L. Bennett, J. M. Keene, Thos. McAndrew, T. L. Taylor, M. L. Pellett, W. G. Knips, Harry Pellett, I. B. Macdonald, G. W. Stevens, J. F. Reddy, C. C. Ragsdale, B. R. Porter, G. C. Culy, J. H. Carlton, T. P. Young, J. C. Pendleton, Joshua Patterson, B. F. Hemstreet, J. F. Kelly.

Married—Murphy—Whetstone.

On Sunday, December 11, 1904, the marriage of Mr. L. A. Murphy, Jr., and Miss Allie Whetstone took place at the hour of 10 a. m., at the Baptist parsonage, in Medford, Rev. Frederick W. Carens officiating.

After the ceremony the bridal party adjourned to the residence of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Murphy, in Northwest Medford, where at about the noon hour a sumptuous dinner was served. As well as being a wedding dinner this was also a reunion repeat, at which there were present the seven sons of Mr. and Mrs. Murphy, four of whom are married, and the families of whom were also present.

The groom is a son of our good townspeople, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Murphy, and is a young man of good habits; is industrious and a very fine gentleman generally. The bride is the youngest child and only daughter of Mrs. Elmira Whetstone. She is a lady of most excellent qualities; refined and handsome and will surely such a wife for the happy groom as he truly deserves.

City Council Proceedings.

The special session of the city council—adjourned from Friday evening, owing to the absence of a quorum—

was held at the city hall Monday night.

Present—Mayor Pickel, Councilmen Luy, Scott, Kelly, Wilson.

An ordinance was passed granting the Medford Commercial Club a special rate of 5 cents per Kilo-Watt hour on lights. This action was taken, as stated in the ordinance, in view of the fact that the club was organized for public benefit and not for private gain, and that its operation would be for the good of the city and the community at large.

Two sidewalk resolutions were passed. One requiring the construction of a walk on the north side of Third street, from C to G streets, and the other requiring a walk on the west side of J street, from 5th to 4th street and west along the north side of 4th street for a distance of 87 feet.

An order was made calling a municipal election, to take place on the second Tuesday in January, 1905—January 10, 1905, for the election of a city treasurer, city recorder, one councilman in the first ward for a period of two years; two councilmen in the second ward, one for one year and one for two years; one councilman in the third ward for two years. The voting places are: The city hall for the first ward, the Wilson building on South C street for the second ward and Perry's warehouse for the third ward. The following judges and clerks were appointed: Wm. Angle, judge; Frank Jordan, J. W. Lawton, clerks; 2d ward—J. R. Wilson, judge; H. G. Wortman, E. W. Wait, clerks; 3d ward—A. Z. Sears, judge; W. T. York, F. M. Stewart, clerks.

Sam Jones on the Election.

Rev. Sam Jones, the evangelist, sometimes talks politics. We take it for granted that he voted for Mr. Parker in the recent election, but he is neither soured nor in despair over the result. In a letter to the Atlanta Journal he takes a hopeful view of the situation, saying among other things: "After all, an election is but an expression of the choice of the people, and the majority in this country rules, although Teddy got about a two-thirds majority. I have met no one who had on mourning, or seemed to be in sackcloth and ashes. Ten-cent cotton 'soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our cares.' The South is financially and commercially 'in the saddle,' and although we lost politically, we are ahead in a thousand ways. Cotton to burn, corn to sell, sorghum and hay to let, debts paid and money in the bank. We have got a heap to shout over. We can thank God and take courage. Georgia and every Southern state has as good a president as Pennsylvania, or New York, or Michigan."—New Orleans Christian Advocate.

The Georgia Harper Company.

The Georgia Harper Co. has been playing to good houses at the Wilson opera house during the week, and the audiences generally have been pleased. Monday night, "The Power of Love" was produced, and Tuesday "The Two Orphans" was the bill. Wednesday night Miss Harper appeared in her favorite role, "Camille," and her rendition of the character of "Les dames aux Camellias" was all that has been claimed for it.

Quarterly Meeting.

The Free Methodists will hold their third quarterly meeting at their hall in West Medford, beginning on Thursday evening, December 15th, and continuing to Sunday. The evening services will begin at 7:30 p. m. Love feast Sunday at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 11 o'clock, followed by the sacrament of the Lord's supper.

All are cordially invited. W. E. GOODE, Pastor.

For Sale.

Short horn cow, fresh. Good milk. Enquire of M. Dillon, two miles east of Medford. 51-2t.