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OUR COUNTY

Correspondents

Jacksonville News.

Miss Mollie Ray was in from Itch Tuesday.

Andy Jeldness has returned from Portland.

Benton Bowers, of Ashland, was in town Monday.

Circuit court convenes on Monday, March 27, 1905.

Horace and James Pelton were in our city Wednesday.

Miss Daisy Wetteter left for Ashland Tuesday morning.

H. E. Ankeny, of Eugene, arrived in Jacksonville this week.

E. B. Hunsley has gone to San Francisco on a short business trip.

P. H. Deiseh and E. M. Wakefield visited the Sterling mine Sunday.

S. P. Robbins and wife visited Ashland friends and relatives Sunday.

Mrs. Pauline Hines and son have returned from a visit at Applegate.

W. E. Thompson, who has been at the Blue Lodge, came in from the mine Wednesday evening.

Miss Mollie Senger, of Ashland, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jas. R. Nell, has returned home.

Rev. F. O'Brien, a missionary of Portland, is holding a series of lectures at the Catholic church this week.

S. J. Day, who has been confined to his home several weeks with a severe illness, was able to come down town this week.

A. O. Froel, who is now teaching in the Jacksonville school, will be principal of the Gold Hill school the ensuing year.

Herman V. Winchell, of Butte, Mont., and Mr. Callahan, of Spokane, both prominent mining men, were here Wednesday.

Chas. Zimmerman, a nephew of O. Hinchbaugh, who has been in Jacksonville several days, left for his home in Indiana Tuesday.

Frank Obenchain came in this week from Bly, Klamath county, after his family, who have been stopping in Jacksonville since last fall.

"That Rascal Pat" will be presented by the Jacksonville high school Saturday night, March 18, 1905. An admission price of 35 cents will be charged.

Frank B. Hale and bride arrived from Eugene Friday. They have taken rooms at the residence of G. P. Briggs, where they will be "at home" to their friends.

W. S. Barnum and wife left for California this week. They will visit their son, John, at San Francisco, and from there go to Los Angeles, thence to Phoenix, Arizona.

John Lyden, who recently moved his restaurant across the street, has his rooms fitted up very nicely. Mrs. Elizabeth Wolf and daughters will soon open a restaurant in the building vacated by Mr. Lyden.

Dr. F. R. Bowersox, in company with Dr. Findley, of Grants Pass, will leave about the first of April for New York, where Mr. Bowersox will enter a medical college for the next three months, to make a special study of surgery.

The members of the Birthday Club gave Mrs. Minnie Obenchain a complete surprise Friday evening, it being the anniversary of her birth. The same club was invited to the home of Mrs. Chas. Prim Tuesday, where a social time was passed, after which delicious refreshments were served.

The county clerk has issued the following marriage licenses: March 8th, John Nelson and Mrs. Anna Lader; March 13th, Jas. W. Peart and Bell Lamar Bennett; March 11th, Vernie Norris and Angie Cortney; March 13th, O. E. McLane and Nora Vaude Walker; March 14th, H. B. Askew and Laura Branton.

Walter, youngest son of the late John Offenbacher, died Sunday, March 12, 1905; aged twenty years. On November 22d last, he was taken to The Dalles, by Dr. J. A. Reuter, to his sanitarium, where he had three operations performed. He seemed to recover from the operation and every hope was entertained for his recovery, until a few days before he died. His remains were brought to Jacksonville Monday. The funeral services took place Tuesday morning, Rev. Robert Ennis, officiating. He is survived by his mother, one sister, Mrs. Emmett O'Brien, and three brothers, John, Fred and Hermann. County Clerk John Orth was a cousin of the deceased.

Table Rock Items.

BY J. C. P.

Born—March 8, 1905, to Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cook, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Byrum and family spent Sunday with Grandpa Pool and family, near Wellen.

G. L. Lawis, the Jacksonville livorist, spent a day at Table Rock last week.

Roy Nichols was up from Gold Ray Wednesday for a load of supplies from the Dr. Ray place.

Mrs. Frierson drove to Eagle Point with Mrs. Bryum Wednesday and had a pleasant little visit with friends.

The Mail subscribers have been disappointed several times lately by not getting their papers on Saturday.

Cully Bailey came out from Medford Sunday and will make Table Rock his headquarters for a short time.

Clarence Gunn came over from Medford Saturday for some horses he has had wintering here.

Eph. Chapman came out from Central Point on his wheel one day last week to visit his folks for a day or two.

Ad. Helms, of Ashland, spent a day on his farms here last week. He expects to make more improvements soon.

Glenn and Earl May drove to Central Point Wednesday for a load of seed grain and other supplies for the Helms' place.

B. R. Porter had to stop his spraying outfit last week, because there was no material to be had for a few days. He expects to be able to start again Wednesday.

Farmers generally are hoping for rain, particularly those who are going to sow alfalfa, as some of the land has been hard to pulverize.

Last Thursday afternoon a merry party of ladies gathered at the home of Mrs. W. R. Byrum and spent several hours busily tacking rags. Of course, there was some conversation and equally, of course, the hostess did not let them depart without serving a bountiful lunch. Any way, the ladies are all saying they would like to go again.

The school house was crowded Sunday forenoon with people anxious to hear a good sermon and they were not disappointed for Rev. Mealey had prepared a treat for his audience, which will be remembered by all as one of the pleasantest meetings we have had.

Death Rate in New York and Chicago

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Trail Creek Commentaries.

BY JULIUS CAESAR.

J. T. Fry and son, Charles, went to Medford last Monday.

Mrs. James Briscoe, of Beagle, visited friends here last week.

Harvey Inlow came over from Ashland last week and remained over till Monday.

Several of our young men intend starting for Weed, Calif., about the 20th of March.

Henry Hill has returned home from Forest creek, where he has been during the winter.

During the recent warm weather the grass has made a fine start and stock is doing well.

Wm. Cushman made a trip to the valley last week. He reports the roads in a very rough condition.

Mr. Gildersleeve, a gentleman from Ashland, is looking at this section of the country, with a view of locating here.

Mr. Tarbell has been conducting a singing school here during the winter. He reports a large attendance and fine progress.

After making a tour of the agricultural sections of the county we are glad to say that there seems to be a larger acreage of grain sown this year than for many years past. Crops look well and the farmers are jubilant.

Trail claims the proud distinction of having a parson that preaches the gospel on Sunday and earns his bread by the sweat of his brow during the week. This man is Rev. Wm. Dennis, a traveling evangelist, who has settled in our midst and is doing much for the betterment of the community.

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Griffin Creek Items.

Chas. Darby is building a new dwelling for E. E. Morrison.

J. P. True left a few days ago for California, to visit relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Shook, of North Dakota, have become residents of Talent.

The literary societies of Independence and Enterprise school districts will engage in a debate at Independence school house, next Saturday evening.

Ruth Kennedy and Rita Andrews had the honor of receiving the medal the second time.

Following is the school report for month ending February 24th: Number of boys enrolled, 28; girls, 32; total 60. Number of days absence—boys, 19; girls, 21; total, 40. Number of times tardy—boys, 3; girls, 5; total, 8. Number of visitors, 21. Number of days taught, 19. Average daily attendance, 40. New pupils, 1. J. A. Bish, principal.

The following pupils received the Selz liberty bell medal at the end of the second term of school: Clifford Davis, 1st grade; Ruth Kennedy, 2d grade; Wesley July, 3d grade; Amos Ostrander, 4th grade; Floyd Land, 5th grade; Lola Jones, 6th grade; Rowe Kennedy, 7th grade; Rita Andrews, 8th grade.

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Phonix Items.

Merchant Dunlap was down from Talent Monday.

Prof. and Mrs. Samuels visited relatives at Central Point Saturday and Sunday.

Prof. J. C. Barnard, of Central Point, passed through our village on his way to Talent Saturday.

There was a little excitement in our town one day last week. Mr. Wilson's team gave a little test of their speed around two or three blocks. The wagon was capsized, but no damage done.

Don't forget the school entertainment Saturday night, March 18th. A good program is being prepared and there will be nothing left undone to make this a success. Come and enjoy yourself.

Wanted.

To exchange \$20,000 Illinois income paying brick hotel and business block, for Oregon real estate or timber lands. Address, ILLINOIS, Care of Mail, 9-4t

Must Make Good.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—According to accounts of a recent cabinet meeting the trials in Portland next June of Senator Mitchell and Representatives Hermann and Williamson, accused of land frauds in Oregon, will determine the fate of E. A. Hitchcock, secretary of the interior, as well as the men accused.

At the meeting Mr. Hitchcock explained what had been done in the way of securing indictments.

"That is all very well," President Roosevelt commented. "But the time is soon coming when you will have to prove the charges you have made against these members of congress. If you fail I shall hold you personally responsible."

"So far as I am concerned, Mr. President, I am confident of being sustained in everything I have done in this matter when the cases come to trial," was Secretary Hitchcock's prompt reply.

F. J. Healey, special prosecutor, who was also present, supported Secretary Hitchcock's assurance. He believes that the trials will sustain the government's contentions in nearly every case.

With results so momentous depending upon the outcome of these trials the entire power of the department of justice and of the interior department will be invoked to secure every possible bit of evidence that can strengthen these cases.

"While the president is eager that no one guilty of fraud upon the government shall escape punishment, he is anxious to see that every man accused has fair play," said a high official.

W. C. T. U. Items.

The Union opened on time at the Christian church March 9th with a good attendance with scripture reading by the president, 91 Psalm, prayers by Mesdames, Hopkins, Vogell, Lozier and Buck, song, "Every Day," minutes of last meeting read. Committee's report showed twelve visits made to the sick with substantial aid and two families reported in destitute circumstances. A letter was read from Mrs. Allen, of Ashland. Mrs. Dodge then read an article in regard to who is responsible for so many of our boys and girls becoming drunks.

The Union talked for sometime on this subject, deciding that in Medford we have from good authority that Vawter placed all the power in the hands of seven men who favor the saloons against hundreds of voters (mothers do not count) being the immediate cause. Running open saloons on Sunday against all law; also running open saloons in Medford, which the people voted dry. Mrs. Hopkins said that most all the young people who were brought under the direct influence of the W. C. T. U., when she was young, are living temperate and industrious lives. Mrs. May Cox, the past president of the W. C. T. U., of Medford, gave a good talk, which was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Burchell favored the meeting with a solo, "Save the Boys," which was sung with much feeling. The meeting was dismissed by Mrs. Burchell to meet at the Christian church, March 16th. All come, there is plenty of room.

Ladies' Aid at Eagle Point.

I thought perhaps a few more items from our Aid might be of interest to some one. Last Wednesday we met at the pleasant home of Grandma Hekathorn and its usual quietude was broken by the murmur of fifteen voices, ladies of the Aid most all, engaged in making useful articles for our sale. We have received scraps from California, Washington and all over Oregon, and Saturday we received a lovely opera shawl from Mrs. Winer, of Salem, a sister of Mrs. Owings, and have promises of other donations from a distance, all thankfully received.

The interest seems to be growing in our Aid and our afternoons are looked forward to with pleasure. We have such good social times and knowing we are working in such a noble cause it makes work seem a pleasure.

We seem to have the good will and support of most every one in Eagle Point and have been invited to most every house in town. We are waiting patiently for the railroad to be permanently located, so we can secure a lot in the central part of town, so that our church will be easy of access to all.

Aid will meet this week on Wednesday at 2 p. m., at Mrs. Wm. Abbott's.

State Papers Granted.

Among those successful in securing state life diplomas from the state board of education were the following from Jackson county: Minnie Hockenoy, of Medford; Mrs. P. H. Daily, of Jacksonville; Mary Fosby, of Ashland. Those securing state certificates were: Elizabeth C. Gibson, Central Point, and Olive E. Huffer, Medford.

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Final Order of President.

"Go to the very bottom; spare no man who is guilty, but injure none who is innocent."

This in effect was President Roosevelt's last word to District Attorney Healey, as the prosecutor of the Oregon land fraud cases was leaving the White House after a final conference.

By special invitation of the president, Mr. Healey, Special Agent Burns, Secretary Hitchcock and Attorney-General Moody took luncheon at the White House and again and for the last time prior to the trials went over the Oregon situation, reviewing what has already been accomplished and what will be in the near future. The president was fully advised of what he may expect when the Federal grand jury reassembles in April and was told just what results the government expects when those many cases are brought to trial during the coming summer.

The government considers that it has a "perfect case" against Senator Mitchell, but the case against Hermann in Oregon is not considered so strong, owing to the lack of evidence that he ever received money from anyone connected with the land frauds while he was a public official.

The case against Representative Williamson stands somewhat similar. It is stated, however, that there will be another large batch of indictments when Mr. Healey gets back to Portland but that the grand jury would probably clean up its land business in about a week, as its programme is already mapped out; it is known in advance who will be indicted and what the indictments will be, as most of the evidence was procured before the jury took a recess. Who is to be indicted could not be ascertained.

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Precedent Guides Dunbar.

In his determination not to audit claims for expenses of the normal schools in the absence of an available appropriation, Secretary of State Dunbar is guided largely by precedent and by the opinion of the state board of tax levy.

Though the laws creating the normal schools authorize the boards of regents to employ teachers, etc., it has always been the accepted ruling that this authority depends upon and is limited by an appropriation.

In 1897, when the legislature failed to organize, Secretary of State Kincaid refused to audit claims from the normal schools, and no suit was brought against him to compel him to pass upon the claims presented. The normals were conducted without any aid whatever from the state, until the special session of 1898, when the legislature appropriated money to pay the expenses incurred during the time when no appropriation was available.

The reform, mute and blind schools have been considered state institutions in a different sense from the normal schools, because the pupils or inmates are kept by the state and are in effect wards of the state.

The state law upon the subject of apportionment of state taxes requires the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer in January of each year to estimate the expense to which the state will be subject under existing laws during the ensuing year. It has been the practice not to include normal schools in this estimate until appropriations have been made. In pursuance of that custom the board did not make any estimate for normal schools in January, 1905, and the revenue raised this year includes nothing for normals.

Because the law has always been construed by state officials as not authorizing expenditures for the normals unless appropriations have been made therefor, and such construction was acquiesced in by the normal school people in 1897-98, Secretary of State Dunbar will not audit claims for these institutions if the appropriation bill should be held up by the referendum petitions, unless he is ordered to do so by the judicial department of the state government.

Taken Up Notice.

There came into my enclosure, on Butte creek, east of Bybee bridge, about the 23d of February, 1905, one black barrow hog; both ears marked. Owner please call, prove property, pay charges and take it away.

H. L. NEWSTROM.