BY A. C. HOWLETT.

J. W. Conner has erected a tent on the Sunny Side of Eagle Point and opened a photograph gallery.

Miss Edna Whitney, of Flounce Rock, who has been the guests of Mrs. Wm. Von der Hellen for a few days, was a pleasant caller at the Sunny Side last Sunday.

I unintentionally emitted to state in my last that C. B. Gay had sold his billiard saloon and stock to T. Watkins and Mr. Gay has gone to Central Point to Hvo.

Miss Beulah Kincaid, who ims been engaged teaching school on Poormans rocek, has been so unwell that she was collect to remain at home with her parents some time after the holidays. She returned to her school last Monday moraing.

Last fail when our merchants had such piles of cedar posts stacked up, the remark was made that they had enough to last for two years, but now it begins to look as though there will not be enough to last until the roads get dry enough to havi out another supply.

Notwithstanding the extra dry fall and winter, so far ithe stock on the range is looking fine and the appearance now is that there will be another surplus of hay on band in the spring. This is the Italy of Oregon and Oregon is the Italy of the United States.

Messrs. Jackson, Grover and Dale commenced to make a preliminary survey for a ditch to supply the south side of Butte creek with water for ir-rigating purposes. They think they can run the water high enough to go twenty feet higher than the old Ellis ditch.

There will be an entertainment given here next Saturday (tomorrow) night. A fine play, acted by adults entirely, the proceeds to be applied to pay the balance on the organ for the school and if there is anything left to go toward buying a flag for the school house.

I should have remarked in my last that that article in The Mail with regard to 2a railread from Medford to bee Bar created quite a sensation in the Sterling mine and in fact all through the Applegate country. For a railread tapping that region would open up a vast section of farming and mineral land and be the means of bringing a large amount of wealth into circulation.

W. W. Parker and wife came out from Big Butte last Friday and on Saturday went to Medford and from thore Mr. Parker went to Jackson-ville to meet Superintendent P. H. Dailey and Ira Tungate, to arbitrate a dispute between the Sugar Pine and Mt. Pitt school districts, over the bundary lines. Ernest Smith, son of Prof. E. E. Smith, accompanied them as far as Medford and took the train for Ashland.

Our school is constantly filling up and last Monday the principal's room was so crowded that there was not a vacant seat and he had to surrender his chair for the accommodation of one of the pupils and now the talk is that we will have to finish up the upper room and employ another teacher for next year. That will necessitate levying a special tax for school purposes, a subject that is being agitated to some extent in our town. Arrangements have already been made to order more seats and desks. There are now nearly one hundred children on the school register and when we have our church building finished, so that when strangers write and ask about our schools and churches, we can say truthfully that we have as good a school as there is in the county and a neat church to worship in, they will not hesitate and say that they do not want to settle where the people have so little energy that they will not live where there is no church and poor schools. The time is near at hand when the old moss-backs who are afraid of a school tax will be delegated to the rear and more enterprising ones placed in position to transact the business of the district. Our school is constantly filling up

Lake Creek Items.

W. D. Wilkins visited Brownsboro and Eagle Point oone day last week. Wm. Martin visited W. T. Kinney of North Butte, one day last week.

The Xmas tree given by Mrs. J. N. Miller, of South Fork, for her relatives, was largely attended by them. all.

at the home of your correspondent. A few of the neighbors were present A splendid musical and social enter tainment was given and a bountiful supper was served.

The snow is about eighteen inches deep at the McCallister springs. The



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cures! Ask your doctor if he doesn't use it for coughs, colds, bronchitis, and all throat and lung troubles.

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logging is fine at the McCallister Spring Sawmill Co. The mill will put out a fine lot of lumber. Wishing to serve the people with the finest grade Correspondents of lumber ever put on the market in these parts, we most respectfully so-likelt your orders. We will give you prompt service.

The stock is looking fine in these parts. The abundance of snow in the mountains insures good crops all kinds and a splendid range. T efforts of the Southern Pacific to put Messrs, Stepps and Isiler, two of the proprietors of the Round Top ill, came out last Monday on their ay to Medford on business. general improvements and mill facilities will prove a great esource to the people of the remote districts.

POISONED ARROWS.

Their Use In Warfare Dates Back to Prechiatoric Ages.

The use of poisoned arrows in primi-tive warfare is undoubtedly of very ancient origin. The custom is men

tioned by Strabo, Pliny and Aristotle all of whom agree that it was well known in both prehistoric Europe and Asta. In later times the Celus and Gauls envenomed their arrow and spear shafts with the julces of the heliebore, and the American and Aus-

trailan savages with serpent venon and virus from decaying fiesh. The very earliest mention of the Scythians refers to them as 'u people who prepare arrow poison by mixing serpent venom with the virus of putric blood serum." At the time of the dis-covery of America the Indians were as well skilled in the science of preparing arrow poison as the Scythians or any other early tribe of Direpean or Asi-atic people. The favorite mode as atic people. The favorite mode as practiced by the American aborigineswas to kill some wild antimal a deer
or buffalo preferred, remove its liver
and cause a heavily cavenomed reptile to strike its fangs into it until the
meat turned green with poison. If one
serpent did not supply chough, otherswere obtained, and the work of cheaging the servers. were obtained, and the work of energing the creatures and enusing them to strike the liver was kept up until the desired results were obtained. One large liver thus prepared would furnish polson enough to coat the shafts of 10,000 arrows. The Smithsonian institute has hundreds of these poisoned arrows by microscope showing that most of the microscope showing that most of them have been poleoned with rattle

A CITY OF MUD.

Poculiarities of Yead, Its People and Its Houses.

"One of the most extraordinary cities in the world is Yezd, in central Per-sia," writes a traveler, "It is situated in the midst of a vast salt desert which stretches for hundreds of miles in all stretches for hundreds of miles in all directions. The nearest inhabited place of any size is Ispahan, and that is 200 miles away. The inhabitants of Yezd who have been away from Yezd during their lives number perhaps two or three soura, and the bulk of these have not extended their travels farther than to Shiras or Kirman in the one direct to Shiras or Kirman in the one direction or to Ispahen in the other. Yet between 50,000 and 60,000 people make the piace their home. For ninety-nine out of every hundred of these the great outside world has absolutely no exist-

ence at all.

"Yead is a city made almost entirely
of mod. Not only are the houses built
of this material, but the very furniture, the fire puns, the barrels for grain,
the children's toys, the bread recepticles, even the beds, are simply mud
molded into a rough form and dried in
the sun.

the sun.
"In the Yezd shops the goods, mostly mud, are displayed on tiers of mud lodges, and there is a mud room be-hind. The bakers' ovens are of mud, down to the very doors. Many of the Yexils even eat mud and develop an unwholesome muddy complexion in

Society Note.



Kinney and Wilkins families, of North Butte, got up a fine Xmas tree the house of Laundry's on the

All Allke.
"Do you really believe, George, that
Mrs. Frills thinks her buby is as nice

"What is it?"
"I am just listening to Mrs. Frills asking the same question of her husband."—New Orleans Times-Democrat

The Dhebur Luke. A British government engineer fiving in Bombay asserts that India has the arccost artificial fresh water reservoir in the world. He says that in the na-tive state of Udaipur, in Rajputana, some thirty miles south of the city of Udaipur, is the great Jaisamand, the Dheber lake. The dain of this lake was built some 200 years ago by the Maharana Jai Singh. It covers an area of between twenty-one and twenty-five square miles. Its depth at the dam is ninety feet, and its expectly is esti-mated at 153,000,000,000 gallons.

inte bishop of Alabama, was remarka-ble at once for his ploty and his bu-mor. When some one asked him selemor. When some one asked him why it was that the pictures and figures of men angels as well as female angels were represented without beards the Makey replied promptly that it seemed be easy enough to make angels out f women, but that men could only of into heaven by a "close shave,"---tichmond Times-Dispatch.

THE FLYING FROG.

A Four Winged Reptile That Inhab-its Tropical Africa.

The curiosity of tropical Africa is the wonderful flying frog, first described by Bishoff of the equatorial African expedition, which returned to Europs in the fail of 1894. This oddity of the reptile family is about the size of a common builfrog and resembles other members of the order of batrachians momors of the order of containing in everything but its feet, each of which is righted and enormously enlarged, so much so as to form sphendid substitutes for true wings. The creature has five toes on each of the other two, which makes four separate mem-branes on each of his hind feet and three on each fore foot, or fourteen in all. In his description of it Bishoff says, "Each leg terminates in a sort of

says, "Each leg terminates in a sort of fan, and with these the little reptile paddles the air like a locust or like a partially fielded bird testing its pin-lons for the first time."

Although somewhat awkward in its flight, the winged frog can dart through the air at a speed of about ten yards per second and can keep itself going forward at that rate for from to its fifteen seconds. The average distance covered by these sparts of grasshopper-like flight is from 75 to 125 yards, but Bishoff mentions instances where the Bishoff mentions instances where the flying frog cleared sandy stretches 20, yards in width.

A PAIR OF RUBBERS.

Wenr Them During Thunderstorms if You Peer Lightning. The one thing which a woman most dreads—barring, of course, a mouse and being out of style—is a thunder shower. Many most estimable wo men of character and force who can lead great crusades and revolutionise sockety go all to pieces at a clap of thunder, and a good many men, too for that matter.

for that matter.

It is not agreeable to be struck by lightning. Nor is it at all necessary. There is a sure preventive—as sure as it is simple, inexpensive and always accessible—a pair of rubbers. If a woman will simply put on a pair of rubbers when the lightning begins to final and the thunder to rour and will study on the floor so that she touches nothing else she will be as safe as if she were scaled in a glass enge.

Rubber is a nonconductor of elec-tricity, and if the lightning has to go through a sheet of rubber to get at you it will leave you alone and take some thing else. In other words, when you have on a pair of rubbers and are not in contact with anything you are per

in contact with anything you are per-fectly insulated.

This is not a theory merely. It is a fact proved by innumerable experi-cation. A pair of rubbers has saved many a life in a thunderstorm.

THE HOMER OF PORTUGAL

Camoons, the Gifted and Unfortunat Author of "The Lusiad." "The Lusiad" is one of the nobles records ever written of national glory and success. Camoons, its gifted an thor, determined to do for Portugal what Homer had done for Greece. The what Homer had done for Greece. The great poem was written in the six-teenth century, which has been called the heroic age of Portogal, and its main feature is the rounding of the Cape of Good Hope by Vasco da Gama, while a most interesting episodo is the crowning after death of Inex de Cas-tro as green of Portogal. "The Line the as queen of Portugal. "The Lu-siad" took its name from Lusius, who was said to have founded Lisbon.

Its author was born about 1520, and his career, which began brilliantly, was blighted by the death of a broken heart of the lady of his love, for whose sake he was banished from the land. He wrote "The Lusiad" in his banish-ment and was recalled in 1071, losing on the way all his property except his poem. Pensioned at first by the king, this great epic poet of Portugal died in great poverty in 1570, when his patron was also dead.

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Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

THE MISFIT.

Perhaps the pessimist may serve Some useful purpose in his way, But what it is I can't observe. Thoush it may be as plain as day Or as a great big four horse dray. His services I do not prize. No matter what his friends may say, His brightest act is when he dies.

Give me instead the cheer up man, Who has a smile for every one. Who carries up his sleeve a plan. That pans out plain and harmless fun. That follow weights a full sized ton. Who homest, hearty laughter wakes. He takes the bread cart and the burn. The bakery and all the cakes.

The possimist looks out on life,
And everything seems wrong to him;
The future holds but care and strife,
With trouble hanging on each limb.
And, if he should get in the swim,
Its fears he is as all missit.
Though Fortune bright her lamp may
trim.

trim. He knows there is a string to it.

Let us be joyful on our way;
The way is rough enough at best.
Force things a trille to be say
And give our gloomy lamps a rest.
Let's manfully pull down our vest
And say the best is sure to come;
See just ahead a rosy west,
Although our luck is on the burn.

Escape Through Science.

Science comes along, adjusts its spectacles, and in a soloma voice tells the people of Porto Rico that what alls them is that they have been bitten by the lazy microbe

That being the ease, there is no an eason for being impatient with then



for never doing today what they can put off till tomorrow than there is for scoiding a man because he has rheuma-

Of course the doctors are right, and it is a great comfort to a lazy man to know that it isn't his fault, but while they are about it why not carry the thing a little farther and discover the lie-in-bed microbe for the man who can think of several things he would rather

think of several things he would rather do than got up in the morning?

Also, if the doctors want to be real elever and earn the everlasting gratitude of mankind, they should unlimber their microscopes and discover a germ that makes men want to stay out until early in the morning. There is a great field in this direction if it is properly

Has Him Beat. No doubt the man behind the gun When he reports speaks louder, But, oh, he can't make hevoe like The girl behind the powder!

"He is trying to bring Shakespeare up to date."

"I suppose he will have Shylock run a life insurance company.

Simple. "How do they foretell wenther?"
"They don't."



The life insurance agent
Is ready to shed tears
Because your loved ones may be left
Hard up in tender years.
What really causes him to fret
Is the per cent he wants to get.

While in a general way you are sup-posed to know that all men are llars, you can't excuse those of them who are bunglers.

Some men claim to love their work. Of course there are all kinds of freaks at large in the world.

It used to be considered a compliment to call a man honest, but in these days it is not regarded as polite to throw a man's poverty up to him.

Beauty doctors have reason to believe that a woman will believe any-filing that a man with whiskers tells

Some mules know more than some men, but still they do not consider that any reason why they should be elected

If you leave a thing to be done by others they are liable to do you while they are doing it.

Dr. Syntax.

On the English coast, at Land's End, there stands a curiously formed bowi-der with a profile resembling that of a human face. It is supposed that once fool.—Pielding, the rocky head was held proudly erect and could look out over the bine sea. but during some period of disturbance the huge bowlder was thrown forward, so that now the foreboad of the man rests against a neighboring rock. All these rugged and massive pieces bor-dering the coast are fine granite. Lo-cally the curious bowkler is known as

Dr. Syntax.

FOREIGN ETIQUETTE.

Same Things Harmless Here Would Be Bud Ferm Abroad.

There are some points of foreign ett-querie which are absolutely inexplica-ble to the British mind, and, indeed, it is very doubtful whether the mittons it which they are neculiar can themselve. which they are peculiar can themselves offer any explanation, Why, for in-stance, is it but form if you visit a Frenchman in his own room to bay your hat on the bed? The fact remains your int to universally considered the worst of manners. Again, in Germany, if you are walk

Again, in Germany, if you are walking in the garden with a lady and it occurs to yen to pick a flower for het acceptance, be careful to pinck also a leaf or two to indic the nosegay complete. Failure to do so is an insult, for which you may possibly be called a account by her hearest male relative. If you are mexpectedly asked to stay to a meal in an Englishman's house you would not think twice of using his hairbrackes nor he of lending them. But in Hungary such a thing is impossible. To ask for the loan of a hair brush in a Hungarian house is an unispeakable barbarism, and if it were not known that you errod from sheer ignorance would bring down upon you a most insulting response or possibly a challenge.—London Mall,

MARINE LEAPERS.

The Tunn Is the Most Graceful of th

Jumpers of the Scn.

Many of the inhabitants of the s are good jumpers and some have be come famous. Among them should be mentioned the tarpon or silver king, a huge fish with scales that gleam like silver, which constitutes the famous game fish of Florida. The leaps of this beautiful creature are often astonishing. Several years ago a steamer warushing down the St. Johns river. The captain was sitting on the fore deck leaning against the pilot house, wher suidenly there rose in the air a beauti-ful shining iish four feet in length. It came on like an arrow and landed !

came on like an arrow and landed in the lap of the captain as nearly as though it had been placed there. In the Paclife waters the tuna, an ally of the horse mackerel, is noted for its leaps, Sometimes a school sweeps up the coast and the powerfu-ish, often weighing 800 pounds, are seen in the air in every direction. They see like an arrow, tun gracefully five are like an arrow, turn gracefully five or six feer in the air and come down keeping the water for acres in a foam and if not the greatest jumpers they are certainly the most graceful of the leapers of the sea.

Monkey With Spectacles, In the Breslau Zoological garden there is a spider monkey which was operated upon for cataract and now wears glasses. For more than a year after it was received at the zoo it was very bealthy and lively; then it became very quiet, consed to play and crouched in a corner. It was examined and found to be suffering from cataract, ac was immediately taken to the eye hos-pital and operated upon. In less than a month it was fitted with a pair of spectacles, which it wears with becom-ing gravity.

the Chart Fletches

Curtous, but True.
Although difficult to believe, it is novertheless true that the death of two half sisters, the daughters of the same father, occurred 170 years apart. The grandfather of the British minister, Charles James Fox, Sir Stephen Fox, married in 1654 and had a daughter born to him in 1655 who died in the course of the same year. He had several other children who grow up and married, but all of them died be-fore the father and without issue. Sir Stephen, not wishing his large fortune to full into the hands of distant relatives, married again at a very advanced age, and his youngest daughter was born in 1727. She reached the age of ninety-eight years and died in 1825—that is, 170 years after the death of her

A Trivial Matter.
The first slice of goose had been cut, and the minister of the Zion church looked at it with as keen anticipation as was displayed in the faces around

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

If a girl is a peach, don't be surprised to find that she has a heart of stone.

If you think it is impossible to do two things at once, just watch a woman talk and chew gum at the same time.

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"Dat's as fine a goose as I ever saw," Brudder Williams," be said to his bost.

"Where did you get such a fine one?"

"Well, now, Mistah Ruwley," said the curver of the goose, with a suddem access of dignity, "when you preach a special good sermon I never axes you where you get it. Seems to me dat's a triv'al matter, anyway."

Getting Posted.
William (a five-year-old)—Mamma, is
it the divorces that always gets the allmony? His Mother-Yes, dear, as a rule. William—Well, which is the di-vorcee, the man or the lady? His Mamme—Why, what questions to ask: What do you want to know for? William—Cause me and Sadio are playing divorce, and I am trying to make her give me the allmony.-Brooklyn

An Impossible Imitation.
The irritable employer turned to his typewriter with a sudden snari.

"Why don't you write it just as I say it?" he demanded.
"Because my typewsiter hasn't the caturrh," size quietly responded.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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An Old English Law. An act of parliament, passed in the reign of George III, and which is still ling the Hilbertain tendency when exreign of George III, and which is start in force, exempts members of the year manry from the ballot for the militin good sense, tells this anecdote:

An Irish divine, preaching against when in uniform without paying and also relieves them from the tax on powder for the hair. Such privileges were highly valued in 1804, when the act was passed; but, as yeomen are not now liable for the militia ballot, as toll bars have been abolished and as hair powder is no longer in request. these favors have ceased to have

practical value. Nevertheless, they still exist.—London Mall.

A Humble Archbishop. Willogbs, a famous archbishop of Mentz, rose to that elevated position from the very lowest ranks. He was the son of a poor carter, but was never ashmed of his parentage. He not only caused the following inscription to be placed conspicuously in his palace, "Willegis, remember thy parentage," but had the wheels of a cart hung up in the Cathedral of Mentz. Prom that time to this the arms of the see have

borne the figure of a cart wheel.

The Word "Covey."

Long custom has practically limited
the word "covey" to association with the partridge, although it has always been used with grouse and ptarmigan. Beanmont and Pietcher, however, spoke of "cavey of fiddlers" and Thack erny of a "covey of trumps." The word means properly a brood, hatching, com-ing through the French "couver," to sit (of a ben bird), from the Latin "en-bara," to reclins, whence "incubate" also spring.

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the rice of swearing and denouncing its prevalence in a certain town, said in the height of declamation: "Even the little children that can

neither speak nor walk run about the streets blaspheming."

George-You are not calling on Miss Received any more, ch? Jack-No; I get disgusted. She has such a coarse laugh. George-I never noticed that. Jack You would if you'd been within bearing when I proposed to her.-New York Wonkly.

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