

OUR COUNTY Correspondents

APPELATE ITEMS.

Herbert Elmore was a visitor at Medford one day last week.

J. A. O'Brien made a business trip to Grants Pass Monday.

Mrs. C. J. McLaughlin did shopping at Jacksonville Monday.

John Parnell, the merchant, went to Grants Pass Saturday for a load of merchandise.

Benjamin Harriott was in Medford Monday.

Miss Katie Chapman, the Jacksonville milliner, passed through last week en route to Williams to visit her parents.

George Guly and daughter of Steamboat, were trading with Jacksonville merchants Thursday.

Misses Maud and Alice Parnell have returned from a several week's visit with their sister, Mrs. Bert Cline of Fort Jones, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. O'Brien visited with relatives in Medford two days this week.

Will Johnson and wife of Humboldt, spent Tuesday with the former mother, Mrs. P. Hines of Jacksonville.

Francis Whelstone and wife visited with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cook last week.

Mr. Oki, a real-estate man of Seattle was in this section this week.

A camping party composed of Hon. H. D. Knoll and family, Phil Metcalf and wife and Jas. Watson a month's outing at Cannon Springs.

Mr. Stansell, Deputy County assessor, was in this section Saturday accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Miller of Medford, whom he located on timber claims on Keeler Creek.

School News.

School begins Sept. 9th.

There will be a general meeting of the Medford teachers at the high school building, Saturday, Sept. 7th, at 2:30 p. m. sharp. Assignment of work, discussion of the new texts and the new course of study will take place together with other business of importance. Every teacher is expected to be on hand promptly. Within the time intervening the superintendent will be pleased to meet any of the teachers for the purpose of talking over the work. Office hours each Saturday during August from 10 to 12 at the high school.

Any parent or pupil who wishes information in regard to the work of the school may call at the high school during office hours or appointments may be made by telephone. The superintendent is at the service of all interested in school work for the coming year.

The remodeling of the third floor of the high school building is practically completed. There will be ample room for the business and scientific department. The assembly room will in all probability be entirely inadequate but some arrangement will be made so that the work of the high school can be carried on in comparative comfort until the plans for a suitable high school building can be laid before the voters of the district.

Luthe Ulrich and Maud Philbrook, two Medford teachers, were applicants for certificates at Jacksonville last week.

More Gold in the Hoag District.

Quite a little excitement was caused in Bidwell, Saturday last, by the announcement that a large body of very rich ore had been encountered in a channel on the North Star mining claim. Samples of the ore that were profusely spotted with gold, were exhibited, and those who came down from the claim said there was a good sized ledge of it.

The Bidwell Gold Discovery Mining Company is working six men. They have cut through one ledge that assays \$14 per ton, it is said, and are undoubtedly but a few feet from the second ledge that crops out on the surface. The Turner—Williams people are ground stripping to locate a ledge that they think occurs farther up the hill than the original "find" in which occurs the rich ore. Men are at work opening up the later "find" southeast of the school section. Altogether quite a little work is being done in the Hoag district, and the showing is flattering.—Lakeview Herald.

—Photographs at Singler's Music Store. Open evenings.

When the Hair Falls

Then it's time to act! No time to study, to read, to experiment! You want to save your hair, and save it quickly, too! So make up your mind this very minute that if your hair ever comes out you will use Ayer's Hair Vigor. It makes the scalp healthy. The hair stays in. It cannot do anything else. It's nature's way.

The best kind of a testimonial—
"Sold for over sixty years."
Made by J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.
Sole Agents for the Pacific Coast
S. S. Kneass & Co., San Francisco, Cal.
CHERRY FURNACE

CIRCUS A WORLD OF NOVELTY.

Ringling Bros. Show full of Acts New to America.

In the past twenty years all the American tented shows combined have not produced the variety that are this season to be seen beneath the canvas of Ringling Brothers' circus.

The arenas of Europe were searched last winter for new talent and a company of over 200 foreign performers have been brought to America for the first time to add entirely new and great specialties to the program of this year's big organization. From France have come three great families of acrobats—the Legaris, the Mar-nello-Marites, who while turning somersaults and doing leaps and handspins, play on Swiss bells; the famous DeKocks, and the Patty brothers, who walk on their heads; Daisy Hodgins, the greatest of all women backback riders; Riebonno and his marvelous trained horses; the Borealis acrobats and the five Bendinis, equestrians from London are the Holloways, who perform wonderful feats on a high wire, and the Clarks, the great riders; the Shah of Persia has released his court acrobats, the Mirza Golems, while from Spain have come Mazno, the celebrated clown, the Alvarez family of acrobats, and the Tereodora, who present a laugh provoking bull-fighting specialty.

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The free street parade is much longer and better than ever, with novelty in every foot of it; the management is much improved by the addition of new specialties of the animal world, and the new spectacle which begins the regular program is in keeping with the rest of the show.

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What Esnah's Father Did.

By HAROLD CHRISTY.

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"I may have saved your life," declared Aviee earnestly.

"What's life when your boots are muddy and no chance to get them cleaned?" scoffed Ned Hastings. "I'd rather take chances on walking under a ladder than going out in the muddy street to escape the hoodoo."

"I think you're horrid," pouted Aviee. "Next time I shall let you go under the ladder if you want to, but don't blame me for what happens."

"Next time you'll do just the same," he declared, with a laugh. "I never saw any one quite so superstitious in my life."

"You must have spilled salt," said Aviee dolorously, "and you never threw any over your left shoulder. I just know that there is going to be a quarrel."

"Not unless we meet with more ladders over the sidewalk," he laughed, "or some other of your numerous signs of evil luck."

It was a tactful remark well qualified to fulfill Aviee's prophecy, but at that moment the girl darted forward and picked something from the sidewalk.

"It's the best kind of luck to find money on a Monday," she declared. "It means that you will gain all the week."

"It's good luck to find a pocketbook on the 1st of April," he scoffed. "It means you will be fooled for a year."

It was fortunate for Hastings that the girl did not hear him. Superstition was a dangerous subject between them. Hastings would not confess to his few little superstitions and was intolerant of her lore of signs and omens. Once she had declined his offer of marriage because he spoke on one of her unlucky days, and when he had again put his fate to the test on a day guaranteed by the almanacs to be

most lucky she had recalled the complete lack of a change of fortune though not of letter being a change for worse and not for better and had said "No." Though her heart cried "Yes."

Just now she was too busy examining the contents of the pocketbook to give heed to his flings. There were two five-dollar bills, a two and two ones. The rest of the bulk was made up of papers covered with strange characters that neither could make out.

There was not a scrap of paper to show the name of the owner.

"Maybe they are charms," said Aviee in an awed voice.

"It's not Hebrew," said the more practical Hastings. "It may be Arabic. I saw some writing once that looked like that."

"We must advertise it," she announced. "It belongs to some mystic, and there is no telling what may happen."

"He should be clever enough to find it himself if he is a wonder worker," scoffed Hastings. "I'll bet he sells rugs from house to house or noogah from a stand."

Aviee frowned at his levity, and until they reached home she could talk of nothing but the pocketbook and its mysterious owner. As they parted at the foot of the steps Hastings caught her hand.

"You won't forget that we are going to the boat club reception tonight?" he begged. "Don't get so completely wrapped up in your magi that you forget me."

"I'll be ready," she assured him, with sudden penitence. "I will be ready at 8. Will that be time enough?"

"Just right," he agreed. "I'll be here on the moment."

He turned away and went off up the street. This was the first reception given by his boat club in its new house, and it was the event of the year to its members. For three months they had been preparing for it, and Hastings was all excitement.

He was at the house five minutes before 8 with a huge bouquet, but his face fell when Aviee came into the room in the same cloth dress she had worn that afternoon.

"I didn't forget," she cried as she noted the disappointment in his face, "but I must go downtown first. I am in such terrible danger, Ned."

"What is the matter?" he cried in alarm, forgetting the reception for a moment. For answer she held out a paper.

"Let me read this," she commanded. "Listen: 'Esnah, son of Hamid, lost his pocketbook. If the finder does not return the same, Esnah, son of Hamid, will do even as did his father before him.'"

Hastings smiled.

"Where is the danger?" he demanded.

"He says," she went on, "three days will be allowed, and this is Saturday's

paper. That means that unless he gets it tonight he will—oh! I don't know what he will do. That is what makes it so terrible."

"And you mean to say that he has frightened you into taking the pocket-book back tonight. Give it to me, and I will take it over in the morning. I'll take chances on the cure."

"But he says 'the finder,'" she persisted. "I'm the finder. We must go at once, Ned."

For a moment disappointment and impatience struggled with love. Then the saving sense of humor came to his relief, and he threw back his head and laughed.

"Get your things on," he said when his laughter died, "and we will hunt up this scroacher of the pleasant promises. Perhaps we can get to the reception before it closes anyway."

They found the address with some difficulty. It was a curio shop in the foreign quarter, and through the jumble of rugs, Turkish slippers and hookahs in the window Esnah, the son of Hamid, could be seen pulling away at his cigar.

He came forward politely as they entered, turning to Hastings for information as to his wants. Aviee pressed eagerly forward.

"Are you Esnah, son of Hamid?" she demanded. "Are you the man who lost the purse?"

"I am he," said the Egyptian, with a flash of his white teeth beneath the black mustache.

Aviee's face fell. She had anticipated a man wrapped in mystic robes sitting over a brazier on which bubbled a caldron. He was a very ordinary shopkeeper without even a fee to lend local color.

"There were in the purse \$14 and some most important papers. It was of red leather, with a strap," he went on.

"This must be yours," she said as she passed over the purse.

"I am most obliged," said Esnah, sharply scrutinizing the couple. He could see that a money reward was not sought. "May I offer the lady a slight souvenir token of appreciation of her goodness?"

"Have you a lucky charm?" she asked, turning from the gay scuffs he was fingering.

Esnah smiled and went to the rear of the store, where the safe stood. It was not the first time a charm had been requested. He drew from a drawer an odd looking stone. It was one of many that came from Germany and cost \$8 a gross, but Aviee received it reverently and tucked it into her pocketbook with elaborate care.

Esnah stood politely in the attitude of one whose business is concluded and who waits only to be dismissed. But Aviee was not through. She wandered about the store looking at the stock and making a few small purchases to justify her curiosity until at last she gained courage.

"Please," she said softly. Esnah was all attention.

"I want to know," she went on hurriedly, "what your father did to the thief who took his pocketbook and did not return it?"

"My father was Hamid, son of Akkar," began the Egyptian. "To the merchants of Alexandria he was well known. One day in the market place he lost his wallet. For three days he told his loss, and then on the third day—"

"Yes?" Aviee was almost leaning over the counter.

"On the third day," repeated Esnah, "he decided that he would see his pocketbook no more, so he went and bought another."

"Ned," said Aviee softly as they came in sight of her home, "if you promise never to tell—"

"I won't rub it in," he promised.

"Then I'll marry you if you still want me. I guess I'm cured of superstition."

Seeing the Point.

The following story is told of a Philadelphia millionaire who has been dead some years: A young man came to him one day and asked pecuniary aid to start him in business.

"Do you drink?" asked the millionaire.

"Once in awhile."

"Stop it. Stop it for a year and then come and see me."

The young man broke off the habit at once and at the end of the year came to see the millionaire again.

"Do you smoke?" asked the successful man.

"Now and then."

"Stop it. Stop it for a year and then come and see me again."

The young man went home and broke away from this habit. It took him some time, but finally he worried through the year and presented himself again.

"Do you chew?" asked the philanthropist.

"Yes, I do," was the desperate reply.

"Stop it. Stop it for a year and then come and see me again."

The young man stopped chewing, but he never went back again. When asked by his anxious friends why he never called on the millionaire again, he replied that he knew exactly what the man was driving at. "He had told me that now that I have stopped drinking and smoking and chewing I must have saved enough to start myself in business—and I have."

THE TREE DOCTOR.

His Method of Treating a Trunk That Is Decaying.

When a tree doctor treats a decayed