

OUR COUNTY Correspondents

PHOENIX ITEMS.

(By M. O. C.)

The thermometer ran up to 192 in the shade Saturday, but only for a short time.

If any one wants to see where the Loganberry flourishes just tell them to come out to C. Carey's, where half an acre is in full bearing.

Mrs. Sarah Foriday was taken to the sanitarium at Ashland last Tuesday, where Dr. Sweedenburg will treat her.

Mrs. Helmie, who suffered a fracture of the left hip some time ago, has so far recovered as to be able to be taken to Ashland, where she and her two daughters will camp during Chautauqua.

Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Hargrave were up from Medford Sunday, visiting with Mrs. Hargrave's mother.

Mrs. L. A. Rose went down to Medford the last of the week to visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. Aiken.

Mrs. W. R. Coleman, wife of our county clerk, has been out from Jacksonville visiting for a few days. William Gibbs, who has been visiting with his brother and family for the past month, returned to his home in Santa Cruz, Cal.

A party consisting of Mrs. A. S. Furry, Mrs. T. A. Rose and Mrs. Jessie Bell, nee Oatman, went up on the Siskiyou mountain to visit with Dudley Dollarhide and family. Mr. Dollarhide is a brother of Mrs. Rose.

Mrs. E. Gibbs and her sister, Mrs. Amanda Stedman, are camping at Ashland and attending Chautauqua. Mrs. Stedman is here from California, spending the summer, and is delighted with our climate.

C. E. Tain was down from Talent last Saturday and was a pleasant caller at C. Carey's. Mr. Tain has only lately launched out again on the matrimonial sea.

Henry Helm and wife have returned to their place at Talent. Mr. Helm is busily engaged putting up hay. He informs us that himself and family will start for Klamath county next week, where he will take charge of his brother's threshing machine this summer.

JACKSONVILLE AND VICINITY.

(By An Observer.)

Miss Hazel Raypholtz is spending a few days with Central Point friends.

The Misses Mims of near Gold Hill have been the guests of Mrs. Josephine Russell for some time. Their father recently purchased the Sam McClendon place and put a large acreage of it out to fruit.

Alva Dunford has returned home after a several days' visit with relatives in Grants Pass.

Mr. Osgood's team got to feeling the Fourth of July spirit the other day and took a spin, overturning the load of hay they were hitched to and plowing the loader, Mr. Gall, under it. The driver and team were uninjured, but Mr. Gall, after extracting himself from his uncomfortable position, discovered that he had a badly bruised heel, which will necessitate his being laid up for a few days.

Miss Bessie Payne of Jacksonville spent a couple of days last week visiting her little friend, Maud Raypholtz.

Miss Martha Lawrenz is spending a few days with Mrs. J. H. Beainger.

George Tutler of Griffin Creek was hauling hay from Mrs. Roberts' ranch to Will Warner's home in Oakdale avenue, Medford, one day last week.

Milkcarrier Will Warner had bad luck with his motorcycle one day last week while making his rounds. He punctured a tire and was obliged to leave it on Griffin Creek and secure a horse and buggy to make the return trip to town.

S. Raypholtz' cousin, who has been visiting him for several months, departed for his home in Southern California last Saturday.

CLIFF NEWS.

(By F. N. Whitney.)

This part of the country, isolated as it is from the outside world, did not forget the nation's birthday. Friends and neighbors to the number of 48 or more gathered at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Anderson in the Lake settlement of

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the Christmas lake valley. At noon lunchboxes filled with good things were brought forth and their contents furnished a fine dinner on the hungry ones, for hungry we surely were, as some of us rode a distance of 17 miles over sagebrush roads to help celebrate. While President Roosevelt and President-to-be Taft and other noted men of the nation could not be present on account of pressing business elsewhere, we all had a royal good time, any way. After dinner a nice program was rendered, opening with the national song, "America," followed by recitations and songs. Foot races, jumping and other games were indulged in. It may not be fully realized by those who live in a more densely settled region and with environments far different from us of the almost boundless desert section what it is to us to enjoy these gatherings. Isolated as we are at present, we anticipate that in the near future our desert will "blossom as the rose." When the iron steed and the trolley cars will speed across our cleared and cultivated plains, dotted here and there with pleasant homes, then will our efforts be rewarded.

At the present time we lay claim to having the most remote postoffice from any railroad point, as the United States mail route goes, of any postoffice in the United States. Shanniko, the terminus of the Columbia Southern is our nearest railroad point, where our mail is delivered to stage lines, being 229 miles distant from us.

GRASSHOPPER PEST.

Lee Watkins of Central Point Has a Remedy.

Central Point, Or., June 13.

Dear Sir: I hear some complaints of the grasshoppers as a pest in some parts of the country. We are distressed in our neighborhood, but as yet they have not done much damage, but I wrote to the United States department of agriculture to know if they could cite us a remedy that would enable us to handle or destroy the hopper. L. O. Howard, entomologist and chief of the bureau, sent me circular No. 34, issued April 6, 1907, which reads in part as follows: "Hardly a season passes during which more or less serious outbreaks are not reported in different localities, and the aid of this bureau is frequently invoked in destroying these grasshoppers or otherwise lessening their ravages. Thus during the year 1905 one such outbreak was reported from California, seven from Colorado, one from Idaho, ten from Kansas, three from New Mexico, two from Utah and one from Texas. It is in no wise likely that these numbers indicate more than a minor portion of the destructive outbreaks of these pests that actually occurred over this territory, and the seriousness of some of these outbreaks as indicated by the fact that as many as 12 complaints were received from a single locality. In fact, the probabilities are that, as this agricultural industry increases, the amount of injury inflicted by these insects will greatly increase in future unless measures are taken to control them."

(Poisoned Baits)—After speaking of other remedies, the circular says: "Here again we have an inexpensive practical way of dealing with these grasshoppers, even when, as is frequently the case, they breed in alfalfa fields and the protection, whatever it may be, must be applied there. What has come to be known as the 'griddle mixture' is giving most satisfactory results on the ranches of both the United States and Canada. The mixture is composed of half a barrel of fresh horse droppings, in which is mixed one pound each of salt and Paris Green. If the horse droppings are not fresh the salt is dissolved in water and mixed with the manure and poison. When this mixture is scattered freely about where the grasshoppers are abundant they seem to be attracted to it, for they devour it readily and are poisoned thereby. A case is cited where a field was protected by this mixture being scattered around its borders, while other fields adjoining and not likewise protected was totally destroyed. This griddle mixture now seems preferable to the poisoned bean remedy that has given and still continues to give beneficial results, for it is less expensive than the latter and less likely to poison other animal life.

"Approved by James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, Washington, D. C., February 20, 1907."

If the farmers would co-operate in the use of this mixture they would soon stamp out or control the grasshopper pest. People can save their orchards by placing this mixture freely around trees and along borders leading to orchards. If you will kindly publish the above it may be the means of assisting some farmers or orchardists in the valley and oblige. Respectfully yours,

LEE WATKINS.

P. S.—This circular No. 34 can be had by sending to the United States bureau of agriculture.

ELKS' NEW OFFICERS.

DALLAS, Texas, July 14.—The Elks' convention selected Los Angeles as the convention city for 1909. Russell Holand of Colorado Springs was elected grand exalted ruler without opposition. John D. Shee of Hartford, Conn., was chosen grand catechism leader. Fred E. Robinson was re-elected grand secretary, and Edward Leach of New York was re-elected grand treasurer.

COMMUNICATION.

James F. Coss, Jr., Explains His Side of the Story.

Medford, Or., July 11, 1908.

Editor Medford Morning Mail:

As so much publicity is given to the matter of H. M. Coss in regard to the guardianship of our father, J. F. Coss, Sr., I feel, in justice to myself and my father, I should give the public my side of the case. In the issue of July 9 the article states the charges against me grow out of a family trouble over the custody of our father. I wish to say that this is doing me an injustice of which I have a right to explain to the public. Since my parents came to the home of H. M. Coss, nearly a year ago, I have never tried to entice or influence my father to leave H. M. Coss' home, and did not send a man to accompany my father to Spokane until after I had received a letter from father stating that he had made several attempts to get away from H. M. Coss, and that his son Howard would not let him go. As to the custody of my father, I have no contention; I wish of my father govern my actions. If my father wishes to remain in Medford and the court will protect father's money for father's benefit I have no objection to raise if father wishes to return to my home in Spokane, where he was enjoying his life in peace and comfort, and saying, "I am glad I got away from Medford." It seems cruelly to compel that aged father to have to accept a home not of his choice. I have been accused of trying to get my father's money and state that my financial affairs are in a perfectly solvent condition, as any one can ascertain from the records of Adams and Spokane county, Washington.

Your article states that I sent an agent and clandestinely took the old man away. What legal right had H. M. Coss, without a legal appointment as guardian (which he did not have) to prevent my father going to my home with an escort I sent, when it was my father's wish and at his request. All I ask is justice in this matter to that old father and his wishes respected. He may be feeble in body, but his mind is not half so feeble as those who would judge it so, and his mind is clear, and he knows the difference between kind treatment and ill treatment.

The article stated that until a few days ago the old man made his home with H. M. Coss. The statement is wrong, as father was living with me from May 1 to July 1, the date we started for Medford, and the residence (as my father told me) with his son, H. M. Coss, was against father's wish for about nine months. All I ask in this matter is that the people will not be hasty in their condemnation of me, and compare my record in Washington with others from that state who are residents of Medford and here in Jackson county, Oregon. Respectfully yours,

J. F. COSS, JR.

A LUMBER TRUST.

Organization of a lumber trust, capitalized at \$300,000,000, is being formed from St. Louis. Contemplating this organization can any one believe that the movement for conservation of our forests was started any too soon? Need anyone wonder whence comes the persistent opposition to government control of forests? Some time ago we reprinted, from a magazine representing the lumber trade, an article advising all who can to build this season. It was pointed out that lumber is now cheaper than for several years, and the editor prophetically declared it is cheaper than it will be in the years to come. True, he gave no intimation of a lumber trust, but we believe his advice was good. It is a good time to build now, this year. The boom will be on again soon and prices of lumber will go higher.

MARRIED.

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Phoenix at the home of N. C. Purkerson, Miss Lola Purkerson and William T. Wilder, both of Phoenix, Or., Rev. F. Home, pastor of Medford Christian church, officiating. The bride wore a beautiful blue silk suit and the groom the conventional black.

After the simple but impressive ceremony the guests and family sat down to a bounteous wedding dinner. Several beautiful presents were given the happy young couple. After spending a month at Crater Lake in sightseeing and recreation Mr. and Mrs. Wilder will move into their beautiful new house in the suburbs of Phoenix, where they will be at home to their many friends.

Klamath Man Patents Device.

On the 23d of last month the United States patent office issued to F. B. Southworth of this city letters patent for a mail bag catching device. In an interview with Mr. Southworth a representative of the Herald ascertained the following facts:

"The device consists of a cast iron hollow tube about nine feet in height, tapering from the base to a revolving cylindrical head. The main feature of the device, aside from the revolving head, is a series of coil springs of different tensions, each spring being placed in a bucket in such a manner that it is protected from more strain than it is intended to stand. To illustrate the advantage here is in placing a bucket for example, in a

1000-pound spring at the top of the

spring tube, next to it and below place a 500-pound spring and below this place another 1000-pound one, each one of them resting in a bucket which is made long enough to close over so as to protect the spring from further strain after its strength has been utilized.

The combined strength of the three springs will be 2500 pounds, while the blow from a 200-pound mail bag delivered from a train going at the rate of 50 or 60 miles an hour will be about 1000 pounds. Should three 200-pound bags be strapped together and delivered to one of the devices they would strike a 3000-pound blow if the train were going at 60 miles an hour. There would be a strain of 2500 pounds on the springs and a 500-pound strain on the buckets enclosing the springs. Had a 100-pound spring and a corresponding bucket been placed in the tube with the others it would have stood the strain without the slightest injury to the weaker spring, each bucket protecting the spring it incloses from being overtaxed.

Mr. Southworth states that the object of the device is to use light springs for light weights, and heavy springs for heavy weights, and by following out this principle he claims that he can stop any weight, regardless of the rate of speed with which the train is moving.—Herald.

BANKS IN GOOD CONDITION.

PORTLAND, July 14.—"We aren't worrying about this elastic currency business," said a national banker this morning. "For the time being the Oregon national banks have dropped the proposition of forming a special clearing house for this district under the terms of the Aldrich-Vreeland law recently passed by congress. There is no need of any action in the northwest, and I doubt very much if we ever shall have to resort to such emergency measures, but at the same time, the matter has not been permanently dropped. Let the other fellows, the New York banks set the pace. They wanted the currency bill passed and now they have got it. Portland and Oregon will do nothing until New York and other eastern cities have devised some standard form of organization, with constitution, by-laws and other details. Then will be time enough for us to form such an association."

"It is not improbable that all the large cities, or, rather, all the large cities, in which the secretary of the treasury has divided the United States will eventually have national clearing house associations, and it is equally probable that a few of them do everything that the public will have left all recollection of their existence. You will notice that where there is a great hub-bub as to currency legislation and its urgent need a few months ago, nothing is heard of it now. New York, I believe, is the only city in the country where the national banks have held meetings to consider any action under the provisions of the act, and in violation of the pending national anti-trust law, they met and named a committee of organization to confer with the secretary of the treasury and other interested parties reported back so far as I have heard."

CLOSING EXERCISES OF THE ASHLAND COMMERCIAL.

As the students of an institution of this nature need not enter at any set time or finish at a definite date, nearly all the graduates had accepted situations and gone before July 1. Those who were here were granted their diplomas and diplomas were forwarded to the others.

The following were the graduates: Shorthand department, Lydia Cannon, Agnes Williams and Nettie B. Grow; commercial department, Ross McCleod, Edward Price, Mark Bundy, Vesta Crawford, Raleigh Crawford, Ruby Winter, Pearl Winter, Frank S. Moore, Elva McFarland, Kate Masters, Willara Rittner, Vilbur Porter and Earl Veight; combined course, Lela Greenwood.

During the last year 65 students were enrolled and for several months the accommodations were insufficient. As the school has outgrown the rooms now occupied, new quarters have been secured in the Swedenburg block to meet the growing demands of the institution. This will double the present capacity and will be unsurpassed in every way that will add to the comfort or convenience of the students.

Two Women Drown.

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 12.—In the presence of hundreds of bathers at English bay today, Mrs. A. S. Shepherd of Calgary, who, with her husband, were on their honeymoon, and her companion, Miss Florine Anderson, were drowned. The young women were wading at low tide and got in a hole. Several men tried to save them, and one of them, Dr. R. G. Reed, came nearly drowning in his efforts.

Bodies Recovered.

HANNA, Wyo., July 13.—The eastern slope of the Union Pacific coal mine No. 1, in which two disasters occurred March 20, has been opened for a distance of 100 feet and work of cleaning out the debris is progressing. After several days workmen will proceed further into the mine. The body of Electrician Armstrong, who after the first explosion went into the mine to repair the lights for rescuers, and who was buried by the second explosion, was recovered today. There are 57 bodies in the mine.

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Defense Beats.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., July 13.—The defense rested today in the case of Steve Adams, charged with the murder of Arthur Collins, mine superintendent, after producing eight witnesses who testified that Adams was playing cards at Mrs. Mennan's boarding-house at Ophir on the night that Collins was shot in Telluride and was still there when the man brought the news of the murder.

The prosecution announced it would close rebuttal evidence by noon tomorrow and the case will probably go to the jury Wednesday.

Over Thirty-Five Years.

In 1872 there was a great deal of diarrhea, dysentery and cholera infantum. It was at this time that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was first brought into use. It proved more successful than any other remedy or treatment and has for 35 years maintained that record. From a small beginning its sale and use has extended to every part of the United States and to many foreign countries. Nine druggists out of ten will recommend it when their opinion is asked, although they have other medicines that pay them a greater profit. It can always be depended upon, even in the most severe and dangerous cases. For sale by Charles Strang.

FOUR ARE KILLED.

DENVER, Colo., July 11.—Stopping from the Colorado Southern track to avoid a train, four of the bridgebuilding department of that line were struck and instantly killed by a swiftly running train on the Denver & Interurban electric line at Semper, nine miles north of Denver. Their bodies were horribly mangled.

Gold Hill Park.

The question of building a park along Main street has been agitated for some time and the matter is now being taken up with the railroad company to secure dirt with which to make the fill. The company will do much toward helping a town that shows a willingness to help themselves, and as soon as the proper plans are formulated for the making of the fill the matter will be placed before the railroad authorities for their approval and support. It is at present intended to make the bank along the street even and to fill in, making it a gradual slope to the railroad track, and then to plant clover and trees. When completed it would be a very pretty stretch of street and would attract the attention of everybody who passes through Gold Hill on every train. Superintendent L. R. Fields has expressed his willingness to help our town, and he is anxious to see our citizens start a campaign of municipal improvement at once, and the first request that he has made is to have those unsightly warehouses that now face the railroad track adorned with a new coat of paint. It would not require much money to accomplish this and the owners of these buildings should be perfectly willing to do so. So now it is up to the boosters of Gold Hill to get busy and see that all of these things are accomplished while they are possible.—Gold Hill News.

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ONLY TEN YEARS OLD BUT STEALS BUGGY.

Albany, Or., July 13.—Though but ten years old, George Ballard is in the Linn County jail, charged with stealing a horse and buggy, owned by D. Townes, from this city on the night of July 4. This afternoon the lad confessed his guilt.

Cloudburst at Heppner.

PENDLETON, Or., July 13.—A cloudburst in the vicinity of Heppner today flooded Dry Canyon and sent water pouring down it 12 feet deep. The water swept down the street instead of following the river channel through Heppner, flooding the lower stories of houses in the upper end of the town to a depth of two feet. The powerhouse was put out of business and the damage could not be repaired for 24 hours. No lives were lost and no serious damage done.