

OUR COUNTY Correspondents

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS.

(By A. C. Howlett.)

Rev. McKee will preach in the Baptist church next Sunday at the usual time at night.

Mr. Dennis of Ashland was here looking for fat hogs for his meat market in Ashland.

Mr. Cook, another fruit tree man, was here delivering trees to the citizens in this section Monday.

Last week Mr. Adams, the fruit tree man, was here a few days taking orders for shrubbery, flowers and trees.

Scott Bruce, Claud Warmaley and John W. Smith commenced work on a new house for Mr. Cooley, the man who bought the Peter Britt place, above Eagle Point.

There is another change in real estate. B. W. Harnish has bought another tract of land adjoining the one he bought, the old Jo Wilson property, and a water right with it.

J. C. Howlett preached in the Derby schoolhouse on Sunday at 11 a. m. and at Reese creek at 2 p. m. He had good congregations at both services.

Last week the principal of the school was taken sick and had to give up his school for the present, and the school board has secured the services of Professor Narregan to take his place.

George West started last Monday for the state of Washington to spend Christmas with his wife, who is there on account of her health, she having been an invalid for the past four years. Mr. West is one of the forest rangers and has been stationed above Prospect, near Brown's cabin, during the fall and thus far in the winter. He expects to be gone three or four weeks.

Among the recent arrivals at the Sunnyside are: W. C. Schmidt and his son, who were looking over the country; J. T. Summerville, agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance company of New York; H. J. Peterson of Philomath, Or.; Allen Neisach, who was on his way to Trall; W. J. Stover, of Foremer, B. C., on his way to San Diego, Cal., besides several others.

The school district is filling up very rapidly, as they have now 25 names enrolled and three more children have arrived since the census was taken, making 29 in all. They also voted to have a nine-month school taught, beginning about September 1, 1909. The people in the hill districts are waking up to the fact that they have got to have good schools or their children will be taken out and sent to other schools, as they must be educated.

While the Medford Mall correspondent was in the hills last week he stayed over Saturday night with Frank Nell of Derby and attended a special school meeting on Saturday afternoon, which was called for the purpose of levying a special tax for school purposes. They voted a 4-mill tax and arranged to have a porch built on the front of the schoolhouse that was all done by private subscription. Messrs. Edmonson and Caster agreeing to furnish the lumber, John Allen the shakes, Frank Nell the nails and Mr. Riggins to do the carpentering.

There is a large number of fruit trees being put out in this neighborhood this winter. There is a large force of men at work on the old William Ulrich place, another on the old Ashpole place and E. S. Wolfer and Mr. Cooley—the Cooley who bought a small tract of land south of the town—are preparing to fence the tract of land that Rev. Reuter bought of C. H. Pierce & Son, to put that out to trees, and in fact trees

are being planted all around here, and the question is, what are the citizens going to do for hay and grain if all the best land is taken up with fruit?

There has been quite a number of strangers stopping here during the past week from the old states, among whom was Nomand Redick of Brighton, Pa. He is a cousin of Mr. Hawk of the Clarks Creek Lumber company. On Friday of last week our Eagle Point correspondent took him up to the Hawk's mill. Mr. Hawk came here with a load of lumber and pickets for citizens here, and in a short time there will be quite a lot of new fences along the streets.

TABLE ROCK ITEMS.

(By X. Y. Z.)

Pruning is the order of the day among our orchard men.

Mrs. E. H. Davis spent Wednesday in Central Point.

Much anxiety is felt with smallpox cases being so near as Agate.

A good program was given by the literary society Friday evening.

Mr. Garrison and family have moved onto the Finley & Finch property.

It is reported that Mrs. Callie Jones has sold her property to Medford parties.

Work has begun for the Christmas entertainment and tree in the way of soliciting funds and preparing the program.

Mrs. A. P. Frierson and Mrs. J. C. Pendleton visited friends in Medford Thursday and Friday.

Miss Nancy Dugan is making her home with F. A. Green and family for the winter.

Miss Minnie Pankey is staying with her brother, C. A. Pankey, and family for some time.

H. T. Finley spent a few days here last week to oversee the work of setting trees on his property.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barnsburg spent part of last week with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Byrum.

Mrs. R. C. Washburn left Wednesday evening for Portland, where she will spend the next few months with her mother and sister.

Many of the orchardmen here attended the lecture given by Professor O'Gara in Medford Saturday, and felt well repaid for going.

Much-needed repairs are being made in the road below I. B. McDonald's. The work is being done by A. W. Reid, T. Y. Chamberlain and Mr. Chapman.

KANE'S CREEK ITEMS.

Mr. Huff and daughter were Gold Hill visitors last Sunday.

Mrs. Snider of Gold Hill was a guest of Mrs. Miner on Sunday.

Mr. Thompson has finished setting his 40-acre tract to fruit, mostly apples.

Mr. Hudson of Prospect spent several days as the guest of our teacher, Mr. Miller.

Edd Swinden of Medford was doing business in this neighborhood one day recently.

Nellie Stineburg and children attended the dance Saturday night at Fold and report a fine time.

John McConchie of New Mexico arrived here a few days ago and is at present the guest of his mother, Mrs. Householder.

Mrs. Humphrey has returned home to Blackwell after spending several days as guest of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Stineburg, of this place.

"Joe," the butcher, of Toio, was in this neighborhood one day recently, settling up with his old customers. Joe said he had quit the business.

Charley Householder has returned home from Douglas county, where he has been all summer at work. He will now commence burning lime for his father, Ike Householder, of Upper Kane's creek.

Mr. Cook of Galls creek was here last Sunday looking for Mr. Steelman, who so mysteriously disappeared from home last Saturday morning. Searching parties have been busy looking, but nothing has been seen or heard of him up to Monday.

WRESTLING MATCHES.

W. H. West, of Medford, Has Some More Engagements.

Last night word was received in Medford to the effect that "Strangler" Smith of Portland would wrestle W. H. West of this city here on the night of December 23 for a purse of \$250. Alton E. J. O'Connell, the wrestling instructor of the Multnomah Athletic club, agrees to wrestle West in case he defeats Smith.

For several weeks Mr. West has been trying to get a match on with O'Connell, but the Multnomah man appeared to be fighting shy of West and his record. At first he objected to wrestling for a purse of \$250, but wanted a guarantee of that amount, win or lose. Then he wanted West to meet him at his weight, or near that; then again, he wanted West to agree to throw him three times in one hour.

Evidently the "Strangler" was not so particular as to details, and in conversation with West over the telephone last night, readily agreed for a match. He named the date of December 22 and was perfectly willing to have the same in this city, although all the recent wrestling matches in Portland have been drawing large houses.

Although O'Connell is the man West is after, he is willing to take on Smith first. The latter has a reputation all over the United States and Canada and only recently made a good showing at Portland. West is also well known in the wrestling world and is confident that he can beat Smith.

Both the men will go into training at once and from all indications the match will be one well worth seeing. It will take place at the Medford Opera house.

FRUIT TREE SPRAYING.

H. G. Sampson of Grants Pass Got Large Order Yesterday.

H. G. Sampson, the manager of the Grants Pass Canning company, was in Medford yesterday in the interest of the spray which that company has placed on the market. It is a lime and sulphur solution which has proved to be very valuable to the orchardists who have used it, and has been highly recommended by the men who are looking after the fruit interests in the valley.

The spray which is handled by Mr. Sampson, in connection with the company he represents, is handled by John D. Otwell in this city. Yesterday Mr. Otwell ordered a carload of the spray from Mr. Sampson.

BLACK SPOTS ON PORK.

The Oregon Agricultural College Has Issued Press Bulletin on Subject.

During the butchering season of the year the experiment station frequently receives specimens of pork that present an unmarketable appearance. The rind, or skin, taken from the abdominal region and inside of the legs, is found to be dotted with black wart-like growths of various sizes, ranging from that of a pinhead to a hazel nut. Many of these spots in the early stages contain a small amount of pus, and by careful examination a small mite will be found buried deeply in the skin. The mite causing these pustules and subsequent black spots is known as demodex folliculorum var suis, a very large name for such a small mite that may be seen only by the aid of a magnifying glass.

Just when the mite attacks the hog is not well known, and as it burrows deeply into the skin, treatment or the use of insecticides is of little value; besides there is no indication of its presence until the time of butchering, when the damage is already done.

These blackened spots, although unsightly, do not injure the meat for food, and they may be completely removed with the skin.

E. F. PERNOT.

Corvallis, Or., Dec. 7, 1908.

Wants Standard Bushel.

President Smith of the State Horticultural association made a lengthy address at a recent session in which he outlined the work of the meeting and urged the necessity of having legislation passed in regard to the standard bushel measure for apple boxes. Although the State Society of Horticulture had already passed a resolution urging the passage of the laws for a standard bushel, the Winchester bushel containing 2150 cubic inches, President Smith urged that the same resolution be passed by the Northwest Fruitgrowers' association and that the growers themselves urge upon the representatives in congress to have the measure established, and not the measure which was introduced in congress some time ago, establishing a standard measure for apples of a bushel containing 2564 cubic inches.

AGREED ON CITY BONDS

The following telegram has been received by W. I. Vawter from the John Nuveen banking firm of Chicago, in reference to the water-works bonds:

"Chicago, Ill., Dec. 12.—W. I. Vawter, Medford, Or.: In an undelivered telegram which we are compelled to ignore, Recorder attempts making of conditions and threatens to make a resale of bonds. Have your bank attorney stand ready to block any move for such resale and violation of our contract. We personally assure you that we will pay par and accrued interest on all remaining bonds, as we subsequently agreed, but we do object to the recorder making unauthorized terms and conditions, and if he does not waive right to collect accrued interest on bonds previously delivered, why should he object to our not waiving our rights for all of the interest under our contract with the city? Kindly inform Mayor Reddy of our position and state that we look to him as mayor to prevent the recorder sending up unauthorized telegrams, making threats and his own conditions, not authorized by mayor or city council."

To this Mr. Vawter sent the following reply:

"Medford, Or., Dec. 14.—John Nuveen & Co., Chicago, Ill.: Think you can expect from the council and the mayor absolute fairness in matter of bond issue. Council was led to believe from ordinances requesting bids that all propositions included payment of earned interest. This you have agreed to pay and feel sure that so long as you comply with those terms no differences need arise of any kind or character."

"W. I. VAWTER."

MAIL FROM GRANTS PASS.

Butcher There Lost a Turkey and He Wants Police to Find It.

According to a letter received yesterday by Chief of Police Shearer, J. H. Abif, a butcher doing business at Grants Pass, was hornsoggled out of a turkey a short time ago, and he demands that the turkey be returned or that the man who secured it "be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law." Mr. Abif either wants his turkey or he wants satisfaction.

The letter states that "it weighs 225 pounds," which the police think is a pretty good weight for a turkey, even if it was born and brought up in such a nice, healthy place as Grants Pass. However, it may be that the butcher meant that the man who got away with the turkey weighed that. Then again he fails to state if the thief weighed that amount before or after eating the turkey.

The case appeared to be so serious that the whole police force of the city is hunting night and day for signs of a man with a turkey, inside or out.

WEDS HIS STEPMOTHER.

Chicago Man Advised Her to Get a Divorce From His Father.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 14.—When Walter Soldan visited his father, whom he did not know was his father until eight years ago, he courted his stepmother, and advised her to secure a divorce that they might wed. The stepmother, in love with her stepson, agreed upon the separation and subsequent marriage. After marriage came complications, matrimonial and legal.

First Soldan's stepmother became his wife while his true father was living. Then his brother became his stepson. This strange puzzle of relationship and how to address his family mystified Soldan. Something in the household where the majority were brother and son at the same time bothered him, for he refused to support his wife, once his mother.

Not only did Soldan refuse to support her, but he took her clothing. Mrs. Soldan could not leave the house unless Walter came home.

The whole question of relationship was discovered in a hearing before Judge Neelen in the district court today. Soldan had been arrested for abandonment. While he pondered what relation he was to his father, Mrs. Soldan gave lessons on the zither. When zither lessons were scarce bread and water was the bill of fare at home.

During the coming year Soldan will have an opportunity to solve the little matrimonial puzzle "who is your relation?" for he will spend the time in the house of correction.

NEW TWO-CENT STAMPS.

The 1908 One-Cent Series Also Being Issued from Frisco Office.

The 2-cent stamps of the new series of 1908 will soon be furnished in sheets as well as in books.

The 1-cent stamps of the new series are ready for issue in books. The rate of postage on second-class matter addressed for delivery in Canada will be 1 cent for each four ounces or fraction of four ounces, calculated on the weight of each package and prepaid by means of postage stamps affixed.

Santa Claus Says—



If ever a man has trials—real old-fashioned tribulations—I do. Ought not to, I suppose, but here I am—just one person—with an iron-clad, copper-riveted contract to make millions of people perfectly happy, and do it all between 12 o'clock Christmas Eve and 5 o'clock Christmas morning.

And—if I disappoint anybody—bang!—off goes a piece of my reputation. Got to be a mind reader, too. Well—it's up to me—allright—got to stop thinking and go to work.

Yes,—but Santa Claus CAN be helped. YOU can save him a lot of worry an' trouble, by coming here—right away—and selecting some of the gifts you want your friends to have.

"HERE" is the best kind of a Christmas store—just filled (every nook and corner of it) with beautiful gifts—and with every member of our selling force really eager to help you solve the Christmas problems.

Better come right away!

HERE IS OUR LIST

Check off the items you think you would like and come and examine them. You'll see right away that we save you money. You would save money to buy here at our regular prices in most cases.

THE CHRISTMAS SALE

will surprise you greatly.

Ladies' Suits

Every Suit on sale and the entire stock has been divided into four lots:

Suits worth to \$25.00

\$14.50

Suits worth to \$35.00

\$21.50

Suits worth to \$50.00

\$31.75

Suits worth to \$75.00

\$41.25

PILLOW TOPS

Regular 35c to \$2.00 grades

28c to \$1.60

Ladies' Coats

Every Coat in the store is on sale and you'll miss a bargain if you fail to buy here.

Coats worth to \$9.00

\$5.29

Coats worth to \$14.50

\$9.28

Coats worth to \$24.00

\$16.69

Coats worth to \$30.00

\$19.98

SILK RIBBONS

Fancies 5c to \$1.00

Plain Colors—all widths—1c and to 50c

Ladies' Skirts

Buy her a Skirt for Xmas—no better time to save than now.

Skirts worth to \$4.50

\$2.98

Skirts worth to \$8.00

\$5.00

Skirts worth to \$11.00

\$7.00

Skirts worth to \$13.50

\$9.89

LADIES' NECKWEAR

Tailored Collars \$2.50 to 25c

Chiffon and Ruching Collars—many styles—\$5.00 to 25c

Raincoats

Either Silk or Wool—a nice assortment—all sizes.

\$5.00 to \$40.00

WAIST PATTERNS

Special values at

\$4.00 to \$7.50

Handkerchiefs

See the booth

Thousands for men, women, boys and girls; regular 5c to \$5.00 values for 4c and along to \$4.00

Xmas Linens

All yard goods, Towels, Napkins, Etc., to go during Xmas sale at

ONE-FIFTH OFF

Blankets

Regular \$2.00 to \$10.00 sellers for

\$1.60 and to \$8.47

GIFT GLOVES

Always acceptable as a gift—bought here they'll be right.

\$1.00 and to \$4.00

Fancy Aprons

The finest assortment ever shown in Medford and you can save

JUST ONE-FIFTH

Xmas Hosiery

Not many fancy Hosiery, but a lot of the good, durable kind for ladies and children—special

10c to \$1.25

Leather Goods

Bags, Collar Cases, Suitcases, Hand-Satchels, Etc., Etc., in a very large assortment. Everyone on sale at reduced prices.

21c and up to \$11.47

VEILS AND VEILING

Buy here a Veil of beautiful style, you can save

ONE-FIFTH

DRESS GOODS

A Dress Pattern is always an acceptable present. All Dress Goods reduced in price.

17c and to \$1.98

BABY'S GIFT

Baby Booties.....\$1.25 to 10c
Baby Saques.....\$2.00 to 25c
Baby Hoods.....\$2.00 to 25c
Baby Sweaters.....\$2.50 to 35c
Baby Leggings.....\$1.00 to 25c
Baby Toques.....\$2.00 to 25c
Baby Shawls and Hoods.....\$1.50
Baby Mittens.....50c to 10c

FANCY DOILIES

10c to \$5.00

FANCY BOXES

with Gloves, Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Collars, Etc., Etc. Prices Reasonable

WOOL SHAWLS

Special Prices

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Finest assortment of both long and short sleeves, Taffeta, Messalines, wool and net, in cream, black and almost all shades. Every Waist reduced

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CHILDREN'S COATS

Reduced One-fifth

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A very large assortment

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and one thing in our store that make useful, suitable Christmas gifts.

RAZORS, SHAVING SETS, POCKET KNIVES, CARVERS, SHEARS, GUNS, RODS, REELS and all kinds of Sporting Goods

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All make good presents, but if you want to make your wife real happy buy her a

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