

ALTON SCHOLARS WRITE TO MEDFORD

Pupils in Illinois School Given Practical Course in Correspondence—Fourteen-Year-Old Girl Is Best Letter-Writer in Eighth Grade.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 6.—Professor H. T. McBrea, principal of the eighth grade of the Lincoln school at Alton, Ill., has announced that his pupils would be given a practical course in letter-writing, consisting of actual correspondence with the pupils of the Medford (Or.) school, and other schools in distant parts of the country.

After reading letters written by his 144 pupils on topics of their own choosing, Professor McBrea has decided that Leila Bauer, aged 14, is the best letter-writer. Her letter will be sent to the prize letter-writer of the Medford school, whose letter to the Alton pupils was read. Leila's letter contains a description of Alton, mention of the Piasa bird and the cliffs of that name, an account of the daily work of pupils in her grade.

"Letter-writing is becoming a lost art," said Professor McBrea. "A number of teachers throughout the country are trying to revive interest in the art."

OREGON POTATOES INVADE MARKETS OF MINNESOTA

The latest issue of the Chicago Packer contains a dispatch from Minneapolis to the effect that shipments of Oregon potatoes have invaded that market and are being sold at a profit, owing to the high prices quoted on Minnesota stock. Nothing is known here of any shipments from Oregon to Minnesota, and it is presumed the story refers to some small lots shipped from Eastern Oregon, probably on consignment. With the prevailing freight rate it is impossible to ship valley potatoes so far east and make a profit.

The onion market continues quiet, but firm. Some business at \$2.40 was reported. A number of cars have been shipped south in the last few days, but they were onions purchased previously. Prices are well maintained at San Francisco, but the northern markets have sufficient stock to last until Bermuda arrive.

MAKES PAINT FROM SENNA IN COTTAGE GROVE WELL

Ellis Simmons of Cottage Grove, Or., who has made several valuable mineral finds in the mountains of Lane county, has samples of sienna mineral paint, the product of a Cottage Grove mill, that gets its supply of raw material from a vein located by Mr. Simmons in that vicinity some years ago. While digging a well near Cottage Grove 12 years ago Mr. Simmons discovered the deposit of sienna, which is now being converted into merchantable mineral paint by the mills of the Sienna Mineral Paint company. The company manufactures half a dozen different shades of yellow sienna paint, all of which are said to be equal to the best grade of sienna imported from southern Europe.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

United States to Katie Lindley, south 1/2 of southeast 1/4 of section 30, township 33, range 2 E. Patent Belle Fairchild to Belle Nichell, 20 acres in section 5, township 39, range 1 E. Joseph Taylor to Harry T. Findley, 46.38 acres in township 37, range 2 W. Susan A. Ellis to W. M. Foley, 199.78 acres in section 30, township 38, range 3 E. A. R. Gregory to M. J. Young, lot 6, Nob Hill Addition, Ashland 10 J. D. McNabb to C. J. Olsen, 10 acres in section 5, township 39, range 1 E. United States to Edwin P. Graham, 160 acres in section 18, township 33, range 3 E. Mrs. E. C. Duncan to G. N. Bashford, land in township 38, range 1 W. Sheriff of Jackson county to G. W. Bashford, 102.96 acres in township 38, range 1 W., and property in Medford Thomas B. Rock to Mrs. Lucy J. Smith, 160 acres in section 8, township 29, range 4 W.

BULL PERRINE SIGNS AS PACIFIC COAST UMPIRE

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6.—Fred Perrine, known to the many thousands of fans on the circuit of the Pacific Coast Baseball league as "Bull," will handle the umpiring along with Umpire Jack O'Connell this season. Perrine and J. Cal Ewing, president of the league, met for a final pow-wow this afternoon and when the session was ended, Bull had affixed his signature to the contract which Ewing handed him, and the deal was closed.

Ewing had his choice between Perrine and Jack McCarthy. It was simply a question of terms, both men bidding out for higher salaries than the head of the league saw his way clear to pay. The matter hung fire for three weeks, and a sort of fit of desperation fell true to his word, sent for Perrine.

AMUSEMENTS.

"The Black Crook."

"The Black Crook" is to be the attraction at the Medford Opera House, Thursday, March 12. This announcement 40 years ago would have been sufficient to create a stir in theater-going circles, greater than the coming of any of the most popular stars of the present day, for at one time "The Black Crook" was the most widely-talked-about, the most thoroughly advertised play of its day. As a spectacle, and an interesting melodrama, it commanded attention from the critics and on account of its spectacular nature it was attacked by the seasonal clergy, less liberal than they are today, which latter fact gave it perhaps more prominence and popularity than it would otherwise have enjoyed. Consequently it had a "run" in New York City that has scarcely been equaled in modern times. In the present production, Messrs. Miller and Plaha have retained many of the old features which made the "Crook" so popular, but have added many new ones as well. So great was the success of the revival of this never-ending extravaganza last season under this management that it has been decided to continue it indefinitely. Many changes from last year have been made and almost an entirely new dress has been given it as far as scenery and costumes are concerned. Several new musical numbers have also been added.

The Faits Made Good.

Faits the Great and company opened a three-night engagement at the Opera House last night to a very good house, and surely made good in all they advertise to do. There was quite a number of young men upon the stage to investigate the many strange and seemingly impossible feats, and all came away none the wiser. It matters not whether you are a believer in psychic laws or not—the things given there would make the most skeptical person believe that there is some hidden force that will respond to the mental efforts of the professor.

The moving pictures were very fine, the illustrated song well rendered by George Congable, and the views of the destruction of San Francisco were the best yet given here, and were so thoroughly explained that one would think they were there.

The class of young men that came upon the stage to try the tests in suggestion, which is commonly called hypnotism, created more amusement than anything seen here for a long time. The professor is certainly a wonder in his chosen profession.

There will be an entire change of programme tonight along the same lines.

This afternoon at 2:30 Professor Faits hypnotized a lady in the window of the Medford Pharmacy, where she will remain till the opening of the opera-house doors tonight, when she will be carried and placed upon the stage, to be awakened at the opening of the performance.

The Faits will give a matinee at 2:30 tomorrow (Saturday) for the benefit of many who cannot attend the evening performances. The prices to matinee will be 15 cents to children and 25 cents to adults. No seats reserved at matinee; first come, first served.

COMMISSIONER'S COURT.

County court met Wednesday, March 4, when the following business was transacted:

Tax receipt for south 1/2 of southwest 1/4 and southwest 1/4 of southeast 1/4 of section 21, township 33, range 4 W., cancelled.

Ordered that warrant for \$6.93 be drawn in favor of Elizabeth Bresse on account of double assessment.

Ordered that warrants for \$27.50 and \$20.50 be drawn in favor of George R. King on account of double assessments.

Treasurer ordered to return to administrator of the estate of Charles P. Fink all personal effects found on body of deceased at time of inquest.

In matter of road petitioned for by H. S. Lynch et al., Frank A. Grisey, Jack True and Fred Rapp appointed viewers.

County hospital report for February filed.

LEGISLATORS WANT AN INCREASE IN SALARIES

SALEM, Or., March 6.—Among other questions upon which the people of Oregon will vote at the coming June election is that of increasing the compensation of members of the legislature from \$120 to \$100 for the session. Assuming that regular sessions will consist of 40 days, as in the past, the increase is from \$3 per day to \$10 per day. This amendment was proposed by the last legislators and has not yet received much attention from the general public.

The measure submitted is an amendment to section 29 of article 4 of the constitution, though by the legislature described the section as 28. In preparing the ballot title Attorney General Crawford mentioned this manifest error, so that it cannot be said afterward that there was any misunderstanding as to the section affected. Whether the vote will throw doubt upon the validity of the amendment if adopted is a purely legal question, probably made less serious by reason of the fact that the ballot will show the number of the section intended to be

Section 29 as it now stands provides that the members of the legislature shall receive for their services "a sum not exceeding \$3 a day from the commencement of the session; but such pay shall not exceed in the aggregate \$120 for per diem allowance for any one session. When convened in extra session by the governor, they shall receive \$3 per day; but no extra session

shall continue for a longer period than 20 days. They shall also receive \$3 for every 20 miles they shall travel in going to and returning from their place of meeting on the most usual route. The presiding officers of the assembly shall, by virtue of their office, receive an additional compensation equal to two-thirds of their per diem allowance as members."

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