

**FOR THREE YEARS GIRL HAS REFUSED TO SPEAK**

ELKWOOD, Ind., May 16.—Two miles northeast of Orestes live Mr. and Mrs. George Goslin, whose 14-year-old daughter, Dale, has subsisted for three years on liquid food, and during that time has not spoken a word or uttered a sound.

When Dale was 11 years old she caught a severe cold while attending school, and her throat became affected. Her voice gradually sank to a whisper and finally disappeared. Meantime she was fed on liquid food and apparently the cold left her, but she has not spoken since and absolutely refuses to partake of any foods that require mastication before being swallowed.

Her health is not affected. She is well developed for a girl of her age, weighing 110 pounds, and is remarkably pretty. When spoken to she hears what is said to her and if pleased she acknowledges it with a nod of the head or a smile, but while she has been examined by surgeons and specialists in throat and vocal affections, who state that there is absolutely nothing the matter with the girl, nothing will induce her to speak or partake of anything to eat but liquid food.

Entreaties, cajoling and even force have been tried, but without avail. The father has spent hundreds of dollars trying to get his daughter to talk, but she will not utter a sound or give the least intimation that she desires to converse with her parents or friends.

The father has been advised to place the girl in some institution where it is believed that the formation of new friends and strange surroundings will induce her to talk again.

**LONG-LOST CHILD RESTORED TO PARENTS**

OAKLAND, Cal., May 16.—Judge Waste in Oakland yesterday awarded the custody of Alvin Smith Eaton, 9 years of age, to his parents, Jacob H. and Bertha Lesser. The action marks a romantic story of the "long lost child found" which was exploited in San Francisco last week when the parents obtained the custody of the child upon a writ of habeas corpus. According to the testimony adduced by Judge Waste, Mrs. Lesser became ill immediately after her marriage and circumstances forced her to place the child in an orphan asylum. When she was in a position to take it again it was discovered that a Mrs. Rose Eaton had adopted it. For several years a search was instituted for it, but without success.

During this period Mrs. Eaton was divorced and within the last few months became acquainted with Mrs. Lesser. In a womanly exchange of confidences Mrs. Lesser told of her missing child and Mrs. Eaton related how she had adopted a boy out of the orphanage. The relationship of the child was finally established and Mrs. Eaton did not contest the adoption proceedings.

**MRS. GUNNESS FORMERLY ROPE DANCER AT FAIRS**

CHRISTIANA, May 16.—Mrs. Bella Gunness, the central figure in the La Porte, Ind., murder mystery, details of which have been received here, is remembered in Christiana as a girl, assisting her father, Petters Paulsen, a traveling conjuror and magician, who gave performances in all the fairs in Norway. She performed as a rope dancer and often was seen in short skirts and fleshings, half freed before the tent, extending an invitation to the public to step inside. Her three sisters and brother also took part in the show. The father made enough money eventually to retire to a small property near Trondhjen. Mrs. Gunness has many relatives in Norway.

**"A Half Hour in Heaven."**

Two special addresses will be given at the Christian church Sunday, May 17, one at 11 a. m. and the other at 8 p. m. At the morning hour the minister will preach a sermon especially to the grown-up people, our older boys and girls, on the theme, "A Half Hour in Heaven." The main thoughts will be: Heaven, where is it? What is it? Who may go there? Shall we know each other there? Come and hear this message.

At the evening worship the address will conclude the series of popular evening sermons on "Christian Union." Two have been given and the third will be given Sunday night. The subject, "The Glory of a United Church," will be the best of the series. This will deal with a very interesting phase of the question of christian union. Let every one who can come to both these services. A cordial welcome awaits you at all of our services. Marion F. Horn, minister.

**NEW TRAIN SCHEDULE GREAT BOON TO VALLEY**

The new schedule of the Southern Pacific will give the Rogue River valley the best service it has ever had, says the Oregonian. Train No. 13 will leave Grants Pass at 1:55 p. m., Medford at 3:20 p. m., and arrive at Ashland at 4 p. m. Train No. 14 will leave Ashland at 9:20 a. m., arriving at Medford at 9:49 a. m. and Grants Pass at 10:57 a. m. This will give those desiring to do business in Grants Pass almost three hours and in Medford five hours and a half. This will allow sufficient time to do business at Jacksonville, the county seat of Jackson county, close connections being made at Medford with the Rogue River valley railway for Jacksonville. Under the present schedule complaints have been made by the residents of the Rogue River valley that trains 15 and 13 were run too close together, he revised schedule will give them an ideal service.

**GAMBLING AND PROHIBITION TWO ISSUES IN LOUISIANA**

BATON ROUGE, La., May 16.—Trach gambling, prohibition and cotton futures are the three big issues in sight before the opening of the legislature here tomorrow. Probably the hardest fight will be made to abolish racetrack gambling. The chances for state-wide prohibition

**BUTTE FALLS ITEMS.**

Mrs. May Telfer and husband have taken rooms at the Iowa camp for the season.

A large sum of money was taken the the Iowa camp to pay off the hands during the past week.

Asa Hubbard of Olsen mill is in Medford. He says that he met Mr. Ditsworth, who had been to Butte Falls and that Mr. Ditsworth did not have vocabulary enough to express his opinion of the roads.

Edgar Hafer, accompanied by a party of four other gentlemen, drove to the Iowa camp on Monday and inspected conditions, returning to Medford Tuesday noon.

Mrs. Frank Netherland, who has been visiting with her children and relatives at Talent, has returned to the Falls. She also visited Frank's mother in Medford.

The Castor mill is to be rebuilt and work will soon begin in cutting out ties for the electric road now being surveyed.

Baker Bros., from Michigan, are working at the Falls and helping on the new railroad line.

Duff Karnes has purchased of Edward A. Reinicke a fine residence lot in Butte Falls. Mr. Karnes is a large investor in town lots and has great faith in the future of this section.

Scott Claspel and wife have gone to Medford. Mr. Claspel will bring back a large load of store supplies, as trade is rapidly increasing.

Wes Green was at the Iowa camp during the week and reports matters going along nicely.

Complaint has been made of misbehavior in public gatherings and suggestion is made that this conduct cease or steps will have to be taken to prevent it. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Mr. Howland of Medford was here lately looking over the ground preparatory to purchasing residence lots for a summer home.

Revs. Williams and Shields of Medford addressed a large audience in Albert hall Thursday night, in the interests of the anti-saloon league. The speeches were illustrated by stereopticon views.

There is much satisfaction expressed that our townsmen will vote for a fine public school building of four rooms with modern appointments.

There is a fine quarry of building rock on Ben Fredenburg's ranch which will be serviceable in erecting stone fronts, as our town advances in wealth and population.

**JACKSONVILLE ITEMS.**

Mrs. E. T. Furness, who has been visiting friends living here, returned to her home at Leland one day this week.

William Campbell and family have come down from the Blue Lodge and are visiting here for the present.

J. W. Opp and family are among those who went from here to witness the arrival of the fleet.

Gus Newbury and son Donald have returned from San Francisco after an absence of about a week.

Mrs. Jay C. Sexton was a Medford visitor one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Haney, who have been receiving treatment at the Ashland hospital are much improved, we are pleased to state.

**MARRIED.**

RINGER-WRIGHT—In Eagle Point, on May 9, 1908, by Rev. A. C. Howlett, James Ringer and Mrs. Mary A. Wright.

MAXWELL-LODER—At Summerland, May 7, 1908, James Maxwell and Mrs. Anna Loder of Medford.

**BORN.**

ORTH—In Medford, May 12, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. John S. Orth, a daughter.

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**REPUBLICAN TICKET.**  
Election June 1, 1908.  
For United States Senator—H. M. Calk.  
For Representative in Congress—William C. Hawley.  
For Food and Dairy Commissioner—J. W. Bailey.  
For Supreme Judge—Robert S. Bean.  
For Railroad Commissioner—T. K. Campbell.  
For Prosecuting Attorney, Jackson and Josephine Counties—B. P. Mulkey.  
For Joint Representative, Jackson and Douglas Counties—J. A. Bachman.  
For Representatives—J. L. Hammersley, H. D. Kubli.  
For County Judge—G. W. Dunn.  
For County Commissioner—James Greaves.  
For County Sheriff—D. H. Jackson.  
For County Clerk—W. R. Coleman.  
For County Recorder—R. T. Barnett.  
For County Assessor—W. T. Grieve.  
For County Treasurer—J. M. Cronmiller.  
For County School Superintendent—J. Percy Wells.  
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