

GOLD HILL BREVITIES.

(The News.)

Miss Nina Carter has returned from her visit to Seattle and other northern points.

John H. McClellan and family arrived in Gold Hill Wednesday from Coquille, on a visit to relatives and friends.

Sheriff Jones and County Clerk Coleman were in Gold Hill the first of the week, returning from a business trip to Wimer.

Prof. A. J. Hamby, the newly elected principal of the Gold Hill schools, is here looking over the scene of his future duties.

Roy Haekett, assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Grants Pass, spent Sunday in Gold Hill, visiting friends.

W. A. Carter of Portland was in Gold Hill several days this week on business and greeting his old friends of which he has many here.

Andrew Jennings and S. C. McClellan, with their families, left on Wednesday for the headwaters of Evans creek on an outing. They will be gone ten days or more.

William Pauley, the jeweler, fell from the top of the new building he is having erected Tuesday evening and sustained some severe bruises and was quite badly shaken up. Fortunately no bones were broken and he is recovering rapidly.

Deputy Fruit Inspector Aitken has been making a thorough canvass of the orchards of the northern end of

the county lately and has found several of them in very bad shape. Measures have been taken, however, to remedy the evil, although some of the older orchards may have to be taken up entirely.

The Gold Hill Lumber company is putting a lot of lumber into its yards in Gold Hill and have now nearly half a million feet of fine clear fir and pine lumber ready for the market. This includes all classes of lumber from rough up to the high grades. The mill on Sardine creek is cutting right along and the logging railway, something unique in its way, is working to the satisfaction of its owners. The company is also supplying cedar posts for the local demand and the demand at this time is nearly equal to the supply.

George McClellan and C. M. Oxley left this week for the coast country, looking up a few mining prospects in that section.

During the past week the Gold Hill hotel kitchen has been presided over in person by Mrs. Jones, owing to the difficulty experienced in securing reliable help. The boarders are hoping that either there will be no new cook, or if there is, the new one can cook like Mrs. Jones.

Henry Cloek, who left here some 14 years ago, and has had a varied experience in several sections of the world since, returned to Gold Hill Wednesday. It's a cinch that if a man has once experienced the climate and environments of Southern Oregon he never stays away, al-

though Mr. Cloek's absence has been much longer than the average.

An informal farewell party was held Wednesday evening at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Kelsay, in honor of Miss Johnson of White Rock, S. D., and Miss Anderson of St. Paul, Minn. A number of the many friends the young ladies have made during their sojourn here were present and an enjoyable time was had until the arrival of the north-bound train, upon which the two young ladies took their departure for Seattle and thence home. Miss Anderson will return in the fall, however, having accepted a position as teacher in one of the Jackson county schools.

Y. M. C. A. REPORTS FROM AMERICA THE BEST

BARMEN-ELBERFELT, Germany, Aug. 2.—The world's conference of Young Men's Christian Associations yesterday was devoted to reports from all nations. That of the United States evoked the greatest enthusiasm.

Their report shows that there are 1913 organizations, 446,000 members and \$50,000,000 of Y. M. C. A. property in that country. The figures for the entire world are 7823 organizations, 821,000 members and \$60,000,000 in property.

The Kaiser telegraphed: "The blessings of God on the conference. Work for the welfare of the rising generation."

Wanted All Three Wishes.

An Irish legend has it that a good fairy once visited an old couple and promised them that any three wishes they would make would be granted. After racking their brains for some time in an endeavor to discover what they desired most the couple decided to visit the county fair to see if something there would suggest what they wanted. They did so, and, after rambling around all day and not seeing anything that exactly suited them, toward evening they found themselves before a display of kitchen utensils. Among them was a soup ladle, cheap, but likely to appeal to a woman, so the old woman in an absent moment said, "Oh, I wish I had one of those," and immediately she had it. The old man was so enraged because his wife had thoughtlessly thrown away one valuable wish that he retorted, "I wish that was stuck down your throat," and immediately this was done. Thereupon he was at once sorry at what he wished, and the only thing left to do was to wish the ladle out again. So all three wishes went for naught.

How Snakes Get Over Ground.

Although the snake appears to have no legs or feet, it may be said to be practically supplied with upward of a hundred pairs of them. In fact, each joint of the backbone bears a pair of ribs, which are mobile and have their points attached to the inner surface of one of the large transverse, platelike scales which clothe the undersurface of the body. Thus by the movements of the ribs attached to it each plate can be drawn forward and its margin applied to the ground. By the successive application of these multitudinous plates the body can be drawn forward in a straight line without its being thrown into undulations from side to side. But rapid movements are also effected by such undulations, and serpents can by pressure and appropriate muscular action climb trees and sometimes spring forward. They also swim easily by lateral flexures, but no serpents advance by vertical bendings of the body, though they are so often drawn in such an attitude.

Bolivia's Electrical Storms.

Owing to the peculiar topographical formation of Bolivia, electric and other phenomena are of constant occurrence, the principal zone where such disturbances take place being the Altiplano, or grand plateau. As the atmosphere is heavily charged with electricity both in summer and winter, dry or electric storms are of frequent occurrence both on the plateau and in the valleys. Before the rainy season sets in electrical accumulation becomes considerable on the plateau region, its most violent manifestations taking place toward the eastern section of the tablelands. An electrical storm in these regions is always a most imposing spectacle, as the tremendous force of the wind, almost equal to a hurricane, and the heavy electrical accumulation in the clouds produce terrible atmospheric explosions and violent detonations, while the surface of the ground sparkles and crackles.

Vacation by Think.

Make a compact with your soul to take a vacation and the way is simple. There are portions of your time over which you have control. Probably your evenings and your Sundays are your own. Set apart a month or so. Eliminate the self assigned tasks for those hours out of business and give yourself up to the pursuit of pleasure. Get others to join you. Call a vacation club. Adopt a real vacation spirit and go in for a good time. Resolve never to speak of work out of business hours, but to fill to the full that time which is your own with recreations which most appeal to you. Did you ever sing? Sing now. Did you ever paint? Paint now. Remember nature's gifts to you and find occasion to praise nature within as well as without.—Exchange.

He Got It Wrong.

A lady while going downstairs to dinner had the misfortune to step slightly on the dress of a lady in front of her. The man on whose arm the former was leaning said aloud, rudely, so that the couple in front might hear: "Always getting in the way, like Balaam's ass." Upon which the lady whose gown had been trodden on, turning round, replied with a sweet smile: "Pardon me! It was the angel who stood in the way and the ass which spoke."—Tit-Bits.

Touching.

Jack—That young Simperly seems such a fragile fellow I should hesitate to touch him for fear he would break. Sam—He wouldn't hesitate about touching you if he was broke.—London Telegraph.

Why Women Are Like Tugboats.

Biggs—Why are the tugs on the Wisconsin river like the co-eds who walk up and down State street? Muggs—And the answer is? Biggs—Some toe out and some toe in.—Wisconsin Sphinx.

The Seven Wise Men of Greece.

The seven wise men of Greece were Thales of Miletus, Pericles of Corinth, Cleobulus of Lyndus, Chilon of Lacedaemon, Solon of Athens, Bias of Prienne and Pittacus of Mitylene. Some fishermen of Miletus sold a draft of fishes to a bystander. When the net was drawn in it contained a golden tripod, and the purchaser claimed it was his, while the fishermen contended that they sold only the fish that might be in the net. The dispute was referred to the oracle of Delphi, who awarded the tripod to the wisest man in Greece. Thereupon it was taken to Thales, who declined it and suggested that it be given to Bias. He in turn refused to accept it, and thus it was successively declined by all the seven, and they were thereafter known as the seven wise men of Greece.

The Number 4.

There are four cardinal points, four winds, four quarters of the moon, four seasons, four rules of arithmetic, four suits of cards, four quarters to the hour, four legs for furniture, most animals go on four legs, the dead are placed between four planks, the prisoners between four walls. We have four incisor and four canine teeth, and our forks have four prongs. All animals when butchered are cut into four quarters. The violin, greatest of all string instruments, has but four strings. Four of a kind is a pretty good hand at poker, even if they are only fours.—Exchange.

Dressed For the Part.

"What subject have you taken for your address at the Civic club?" "Woman's moral obligations as a citizen." "What a lovely subject! And what are you going to wear?" "That new gown I brought home with me from Paris. And just think! I had it so cleverly packed in with my old clothes that the customs house inspector never discovered it was there."—Baltimore American.

An Explanation.

"How in blazes did the compositor happen to head my foreign travel letter with the words 'Foreign Drive'?" "I don't know. Perhaps he read it."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Sponges are great germ collectors. They should be scalded out thoroughly every little while.

The Tiger's Skin.

Whether its color helps the tiger in its furtive life or not, it is a royal livery that it wears. The "spoil of lions," but for their manes, have not much majesty. A cowhide may be handsomer. But a throne can ask no more sumptuous trapping than a tiger's skin, and if a jury were to be impaled to select the noblest looking animal now in the zoological gardens the verdict would almost infallibly be unanimous in favor of the Siberian tiger. It is difficult to imagine anything more beautiful, more full of dignity and of the simple grace of strength than one of these gorgeous, deep furred brutes.—London Times.

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Attention, Pioneers.

The 33d annual reunion of the Pioneer society of Southern Oregon will be held at Ashland, Or., on Thursday, the 26th day of August, 1909. We hope to have the pleasure of greeting you on that occasion, together with your family and friends. It is desirable that the annual reunions of the society be perpetuated. Professor B. F. Mulkey has agreed to deliver the address to the pioneers and their friends at that time. Come and bring your badges with you. Respectfully yours,
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