

COUNTY NEWS

E. P. Bower came down from Elliott creek last Tuesday on a business visit.

Contractor Veghte is pushing work as rapidly as possible on the new hospital building at the county poor farm between Talent and Phoenix, and the construction work is well under way. A water supply for the hospital is now being investigated, which it is thought can be installed at small cost from a spring upon the place.

The latest improvement in the telephone is described as follows: You can now call and be called and no one know it. When in possession of the line service is secret and no curious maiden can listen or angry father interfere when you are talking to your best girl. If the line is busy when the patron calls you either hang up or lay down the receiver and not interfere with the connection of the line. When the line is released you will be automatically called and if more than one receiver is down you will be called as the number may appear to Central. The new fangled phone will cost at present about \$25.

Henry Pernoll, the buttermilk boy from the Applegate, almost shut out the San Francisco Seals in a game at Portland, last Saturday, and caused the sporting writers on the metropolitan dailies to "sit up and take notice." The final score was 2 to 1 in favor of Portland, and had it not been for a bit of wildness on the part of the kid pitcher in the third, the Seals would have been shut out. The game was one of the fastest played at Portland this year.

Have you seen the new comet? To do so, you must arise about 3 o'clock in the morning. This new comet has a fiery tail and blazes high in the eastern heavens from 3 o'clock until day-break. This marvel of the starry canopy may be plainly discerned by any beholder. There is but one tail to this comet and that, as is the case with all such well-behaved heavenly voyagers, is turned from the sun. The length of the comet and its tail seems to be about that distance which lies between the two end stars of the bowl of the Great Dipper.

The S. P. Company has lately begun the try-out of a new plan to rid their trains of the hob nuisance. About 100 or more men in its employ have been scattered along their line over a district running from Oaklaed to the Siskiyou and it is the duty of these men to prevent Weary Willie from stealing rides on the company's train. While the plan is new it seems to be working more effectively than anything tried yet.

A. V. Stubenrauch of the Bureau of Plant Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture, is in California for the purpose of introducing the pre-cooling method of preparing fruit for long shipments. Instead of sending them out partially green, they will be allowed to ripen and then placed in cold storage where the temperature is reduced to 35 degrees. After five or six days they are then placed aboard the cars and sent to their destination. It is claimed by Stubenrauch that fruit will arrive at New York or any Eastern point in better condition than if they were picked green and forwarded in the regular refrigerator cars. In this way better prices can be secured

by the growers. This fall Stubenrauch will place the government system of pre-cooling on a commercial basis in Southern California for the purpose of handling the orange crop. Until a year ago he was a member of the faculty of the University of California and for some time conducted experiments along the line of pre-cooling fruit and grapes. He has been most successful in the undertaking.

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