

LOCAL NEWS

A complete line of groceries in all departments—prices the lowest at Taylor-Williams Co. The Peoples Store.

Mrs. Cantrall of Rich was in town Saturday.

Fletcher Linn returned to his home in Portland Thursday.

J. N. Matney of the Applegate was in town Wednesday.

Frank Robison was at Medford Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Amy Dow is reported ill at her home on Sixth street.

Fresh pineapples at Chapman's.

Joseph M. Donahue of Medford was a visitor in this city Saturday.

T. W. Osgood of Medford has been in town several times this week.

Hollis Parks of Buncom was transacting business in this city Wednesday.

Herbert K. Hanna was a business visitor at Medford Tuesday afternoon.

August D. Singler of Medford was looking over the political field here Monday.

E. D. Briggs, Esq. of Ashland transacted legal business at the court house Saturday.

Mrs. Amy Dow visited her mother and other relatives on the Applegate over Sunday.

Fred W. Mears, Esq. of Medford, was transacting business in this city Wednesday.

A representative of Polk's Directory Co. was interviewing the business men here Monday.

G. D. Linn of Eugene was here Sunday attending the funeral of his father who died Friday.

Try Vanilla Root Soda at Chapman's.

Ed. Wendt who is in the Ashland hospital is reported to be in a precarious condition.

Chas. H. Gardner a timber dealer of Roseburg, was a business visitor in this place Tuesday.

Mrs. L. S. Trefren of Grants Pass is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Chas. F. Dunford of this city.

A number of persons from this place attended the boxing exhibition at Medford Tuesday evening.

The latest creations in ladies' misses and children slippers for summer wear at the Peoples Store. Taylor-Williams Co.

John H. Carlin of Medford, republican candidate for the legislature, was looking after his political fences here Monday.

The big fill at the dam on Jackson creek is completed and the riprap on the upper slope is being rapidly placed in position.

Fletcher Linn, president of the Portland Furniture Co., was here several days this week on account of the death of his father, the late David Linn.

Why ask your friends to go on your bond? I can furnish you a surety bond.

D. W. BAGSHAW.

Mr. C. C. Beekman while in the act of stepping off the sidewalk near his bank building Thursday morning slipped and fell receiving several bruises and a general shaking up.

Presbyterian Church: Sunday evening worship at eight o'clock with sermon by the Rev. Paul S. Bandy. Subject, "True Desire." A cordial welcome is extended to all.

A meeting will be held at the City Hall, Monday, May 27, at 2 p. m. to discuss ways and means of decorating graves at the cemetery May 30. All those interested are urged to attend.

Rev. Bunday preached an interesting sermon to a large and appreciative congregation in the Presbyterian church, Sunday evening. He will hold services again to-morrow evening at eight o'clock.

A very interesting entertainment was given at the residence of Mrs. A. Elmer Monday evening in honor of the fifteenth birthday of her daughter, Miss Adarel. A large number of the friends and school mates of the young lady were present and a very enjoyable evening spent.

Work on the water system is almost complete, the last of the mains in the city were laid Wednesday. Many connections with residences in different parts of the town have been made and by the time the plant is finished and accepted most people will be in shape to use the city water.

W. M. Swartzfager and son John, of Steamboat were in town several days this week. Mr. Swartzfager is the owner of a valuable quartz mine in the Steamboat District and expects to erect a mill and other improvements in the near future. Several capitalists have been trying to purchase the property of Mr. Swartzfager and we understand have offered a handsome price for it.

The American Bonding Co. of Baltimore will go on your bond and write burglary insurance.

D. W. BAGSHAW, Agent.

Considerable excitement was caused in our quiet city last night by the attempt of Marshal Jones to arrest a young man for disorderly conduct. The marshal had called several citizens to assist in landing the party in the cooler, several of those so called declined to serve and the man refusing to submit to be incarcerated was turned loose. Much comment favorable and otherwise was heard on the street; some upbidding the marshal and others bitterly denouncing him. Later—it is reported this morning that the party was arrested during the night and will be given a hearing sometime to-day.

Buying a poor article to save money is like stopping the clock to save time. We handle only the best and a big line from which to select. See our goods and prices before going elsewhere. Taylor-Williams Co.

GRAPHITE INDUSTRY IN U. S.

Some Graphite Mined and Considerable Manufactured; but the Greater Part is Imported.

The natural graphite mined and concentrated in the United States is variable in amount, principally because the process of milling flake graphite, the most abundant type of domestic material, is still in an experimental stage. Because of this unreliability of the domestic supply most of the large consumers of graphite prefer to depend for their supply on imported material.

In 1911 the quantity of graphite imported into the United States for consumption was 20,702 short tons, valued at \$1,495,723. In contrast to this the total domestic production was 3,618 short tons of natural graphite, valued at \$288,465, and 5,082 short tons of manufactured graphite, valued at \$664,000.

The great bulk of the graphite imported into the United States comes from the island of Ceylon, and the United States has for many years been the principal market for this Ceylon product. Considerable amounts of graphite are also imported into the United States from Mexico and within the last few years graphite from Chosen (Korea) has entered the market.—U. S. Geo. Survey.

AGRICULTURAL FAIRS

The County Fair Potent Factor As Developer of Northwest.

"Do not overlook the county fairs. They form the pivot in the development of the Northwestern states agriculturally. They are the great clearing houses for the big land products and live stock shows as well as all state fairs."

This is the keynote which Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway has sounded and which will be taken up with a vim when the Northwest Development League meets in Seattle in June. Among the benefits to be derived from the county fairs of the seven Northwestern states, Mr. Hill sums up epigrammatically, as follows:

1. "They start many persons exhibiting who would never think of making exhibits at the state fair."

2. "They bring the fair sufficiently near so that all may attend."

3. "They educate the farmers in attendance along the lines of their own greatest needs."

4. "They stimulate effort in the direction of highest efficiency."

5. "They tend greatly to the building up of the State Fair, both in regard to attendance and exhibits. Because of these benefits the small fair is well worthy of the support of the state and of all actively engaged in business in the communities in which they are held." Mr. Hill further says:

"One reason why many farmers do not exhibit at a state or other large fair is the apparent hopelessness of ever winning a prize, because of the extent of the competition, coming as it does from so wide an area, but when the area is limited as it would be in the case of a county fair or even of a fair more local than a county fair, the farmer feels that he is competing against one of his own class, and, therefore, when he is the possessor of a product that he believes to be superior; he is encouraged to exhibit the same. This he can do with little or no expense in placing the article on exhibition, hence if he does not win he does not feel the pinch of financial loss as he would had he exhibited at the State Fair. In this way hundreds and thousands would be led to exhibit who never would have done so but for the opportunity to exhibit at the small fair."

"The location of the smaller fair makes it easily possible for many a farmer to attend, who may not be able,

in the meantime, to afford the expense incurred in journeying to the State Fair and of maintenance while there. Such men are content in the absence of the smaller fair to stay at home and therefore they miss the benefits in educational lines that fairs furnish so effectively by way of ocular demonstration. He is encouraged to go to the smaller fair because he knows many of his acquaintances will be there whom he can meet and he has friends in the town who are glad to care for him, it may be, during his stay at the fair."

MARRIED

INMAN-CALHOUN—At Medford, Oregon, Thursday May 16, 1912, by Weston F. Shields: J. Hosea Inman and Grace M. Calhoun.

KELLER-FIFE—On the S. P. train near Gold Hill, Oregon, Sunday May 19, 1912, by Rev. Weston F. Shields; Will Edward Keller of El Paso, Texas, and Helen Mary Fife of Jackson County, Oregon.

PRICE-LEISMEISTER—At the court house in Jacksonville, Oregon, Monday May 20, 1912, by Judge J. R. Neil, Hugh Price and Celia Leismeister.

COLORS OF THE RAINBOW.

They Vary According to the Size of the Raindrops.

Violet, indigo blue, green, yellow, orange, red—the colors of the rainbow. Any child knows that, and the high school pupil can refer to a half a dozen textbooks to prove it. It is true, however, of only a very few rainbows, as C. Fitzhugh Talman demonstrates in the Scientific American.

The colors of rainbows vary with their width, and their width varies with the size of the raindrops, big drops producing narrow bows with bright, clearly defined colors, small drops producing wide bows with pale colors.

Here are the colors as generally seen:

(1) When the raindrops average one millimeter in diameter, violet, light blue, bluish green, green, yellow, orange, light red, dark red; (2) when the drops average three-tenths of a millimeter in diameter, violet, light blue, bluish green, green, yellow, orange; (3) when the drops average one-tenth of a millimeter, very pale violet, violet, whitish blue, whitish green, whitish yellow, pale yellow; (4) when the drops average one-twentieth of a millimeter (fog), white tinged with violet, bright white, white tinged with yellow, very pale yellow.

SIGNAL MESSAGES.

Beacon Fires Were First Used, and Then Came Semaphores.

Signal fire telegraphing, with its very limited scope of information contained, seems to have been about the only means of communicating quickly across distances until relatively modern times.

It was not until the days of the French revolution that any material improvement over the beacon fire telegraph developed. Three brothers named Chappe devised the semaphore telegraph. This system got into active operation in 1794, and the first real message ever spelled out and telegraphed across country was in that year, and the text was as follows: "Conde is taken from the Austrians." The same day the national convention, sitting in Paris, sent back the following reply to the army: "The army of the north deserves the gratitude of the country."

The semaphore operators attained a speed of three letters a minute in fine weather, with an average of one a minute over long distances. This made necessary the invention of condensed codes, which came into fashion.—New York Telephone Review.

Nerve Rewarded.

"Now, Billy," said the young man's father, "I've found a fine job for you—a job which will, if you attend strictly to business, give you a splendid chance to rise."

"What is the nature of the job?"

"You've seen some of the big buildings in course of construction, haven't you?"

"Yes."

"Have you ever noticed how the great iron beams are lifted in their places?"

"Sure."

"Well, a friend of mine, who is a contractor, has agreed to use you as they are hoisted. I told him about the splendid nerve you had exhibited in sitting around and permitting me to support you, and he agreed that you would be just the man for the job."—Chicago Record-Herald.

His Profession.

Mr. Justice Lawrence was once passing sentence on a man, and in the course of his preliminary remarks he referred to him as "a professional burglar."

The prisoner raised loud protests from the dock.

"Here," he exclaimed, "I dunno wot you mean by callin' me a professional burglar. I've only done it once before, an' I've bin nabbed both times."

Mr. Justice Lawrence beamed upon him.

"Oh, I did not mean to say," he remarked in his most suave manner, "that you had been very successful in your profession."—London Answers.

We should believe only in deeds. Words go for nothing everywhere.—Kojas.

BOGUS GEMS.

Imitation Diamonds of Paste Are the Best Counterfeits.

It is always wise when buying a white topaz to purchase it from a reliable dealer, inasmuch as rock crystal and even lead glass are often sold under that name.

Colorless beryl yields a very brilliant and diamond-like stone when properly cut. Indeed, many gems and even phenacite and rock crystal often passed in former days as diamonds, even under the scrutiny of experts, such exact tests as refraction and specific gravity being unknown until comparatively recent years.

No imitation of the diamond, however, is so brilliant as a skillfully cut piece of the kind of lead glass known in the trade as "paste." The play of color in these counterfeits is often very beautiful, but the glass "diamond" possesses no luster, this term being applied to the light reflected from the top surfaces of a gem. The flashes of light and color that give brilliancy come from the interior, being thrown from the rear surfaces of the stone.

The glass diamond is soft and is attacked, chemically by a number of things with which it comes in contact by wear, for both of which reasons it soon becomes dulled.—Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post.

He Spoke to Her.

A Virginia farmer was driving a refractory cow down the road one morning. The cow and the driver came to a crossroad. The man wanted the cow to go straight ahead, but the cow picked out the crossroad. A negro was coming along the crossroad.

"Hald her off! Hald her off!" yelled the driver.

The negro jumped about the road and waved his arms. The cow proceeded calmly on her way.

"Hald her off! Hald her off, nigger!" yelled the driver.

"Is a-tryin' ter?" replied the negro.

"Speak to her! Speak to her and she'll stop!"

"Good mawnin', cow—good mawnin'!" said the negro politely.—Saturday Evening Post.

When You Crack Your Hat.

If you are ever unfortunate enough to smash a new derby hat, so that it cracks and in spite of vigorous rubbing and brushing refuses to resume its pristine smoothness of surface, try the simple expedient of holding a lighted match inside the hat close to the broken spot. By the time the match has half burned out you will find that the hat has become soft. If you will then brush it vigorously with a stiff brush for a moment it will regain its former smoothness and look as if nothing had ever marred its surface.—New York Sun.

Married the Family.

When Lafcadio Hearn married his Japanese wife all his wife's family accompanied him to his new quarters. He mentions that he had nine lives dependent upon him—wife, wife's mother, wife's father, wife's adopted mother, wife's father's father, then servants and a Buddhist student. This wouldn't do in England, but it is nothing in Japan.—"Lafcadio Hearn—His Life and Work," by Nina B. Kennard.

What, indeed?

Tess—I thing Belle acted rather shabbily in breaking her engagement to Jack Huggard. Jess—Well, he broke his arm. Tess—But, good gracious—Jess—Yes, good gracious! What use is a dance with a broken arm?—Philadelphia Press.

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