

LOCAL NEWS

Money to loan on improved, revenue producing farms, by the Bank of Jacksonville.

Mrs. A. Rose was a recent visitor at Medford.

Mrs. J. Doan was a Medford visitor Tuesday.

Lewis Ulrich was in Medford on business Tuesday.

Fred Offenbacher was a Jacksonville visitor Friday.

James Garvin of Talent was in Jacksonville Friday.

Ray Venable drove into town from Applegate Friday.

Joe Beaman of Gold Hill was at the court house Friday.

Ed. Day spent New Year's with his friends in this city.

Miss Nell McIntyre spent Monday evening at Medford.

Miles Cantrall of Ruch was a county seat visitor Thursday.

Mrs. Rankin of Applegate is visiting friends at Table Rock.

Ries Chapman made a business trip to Medford Friday afternoon.

C. C. Pursel of Buncom was a New Year's visitor in Jacksonville.

Miss Kate Buckley of Ruch was a recent visitor in Jacksonville.

Hollis Parks of Buncom was in Jacksonville and Medford this week.

Cale Springer returned the middle of the week from a trip to Steamboat.

Dock Danielson of Medford was a Tuesday evening visitor in Jacksonville.

Florence Hall of Little Applegate was in Jacksonville the first of the week.

Elmo Throckmorton of Applegate spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Jacksonville.

Mrs. B. N. Bunch of Medford visited her son, R. A. Bunch and family, Thursday.

Attorney C. L. Reames was transacting business at the court house Thursday.

John A. Perl a prominent undertaker of Medford was a county seat visitor Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Brown, of the U. S. Hotel, spent Wednesday afternoon in Medford.

Mrs. Emma Trason of Thrall, Calif., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Wulf, of Forest creek.

Dave Duncan returned this week from a business (?) trip to Vancouver, B. C.

Attorney E. E. Kelly of Medford was a business visitor at the court house Thursday.

Attorney J. A. Lemery of Ashland was in Jacksonville on professional business Thursday.

Elmo Throckmorton of Applegate attended the Firemen's ball at Orth's hall Tuesday evening.

Benj. M. Collins and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Throckmorton at Ruch, New Years.

T. W. Miles, of the Jackson County Abstract company was in Jacksonville on business Thursday afternoon.

Geo. W. Putnam, editor of the Medford Mail-Tribune, was one of the many visitors in town Thursday.

Mrs. Baute and Gordon Stout of Medford passed through town Thursday enroute to the Baute place.

County Judge-elect F. L. Tou Velle and members of the new county court were at the court house Thursday.

"Curley" Wilson is employed as deputy in the recorder's office during the illness of Recorder Fred L. Colvig.

Charles Farrar of Central Point was one of the out of town people who attended the Firemen's ball New Year's eve.

Sheriff-elect Aug. D. Singler and family moved into the Wilson house Thursday, where they will make their home.

We are pleased to state that George Buckley is able to be about again, after suffering for three months with a broken leg.

James Cantrall, who has been bearing hunting on Little Applegate, returned from that district a few days ago. He reports good success.

Sheriff-elect Singler and Alex Norris returned Tuesday from Salem, where they delivered Mike Spanos and Frank Seymour to the state authorities.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Percy Wells entertained a small party of friends at their residence Saturday evening. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Whittington, Mr. and Mrs. Benj. M. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Hanna.

Bob Emmett and George Cheney, two of three men caught in a box car in the Southern Pacific yards at Ashland Christmas night were given sentences of 30 days each in the county jail in this city for larceny. The 11 captive, a 17-year-old boy, named Fillmore, was given his freedom, as he had none of the stolen property in his possession and both the others declared he had not taken any of the stuff.

Geo. Camo of Medford was in town Tuesday evening.

Wm. Miller of Steamboat was in Jacksonville Monday.

Fred Herron of Ashland was a county seat visitor this week.

Mrs. Melissa Taylor was a Jacksonville visitor Thursday.

O. M. Murphy of Medford is serving on the jury this week.

John Byrne of Watkins was a Jacksonville visitor Thursday.

Mrs. R. B. Dow who has been quite ill is somewhat improved.

Wm. Buck of Calif., is visiting his sister Mrs. James Cantrall.

Walt Dudley of Medford was in Jacksonville Tuesday evening.

Wig. Ashpole of Medford was at the county seat Thursday evening.

Mrs. and Mrs. Miles Cantrall visited Mr. and Mrs. Dow Wednesday.

John Opp of Medford was a business visitor in Jacksonville Tuesday.

J. A. Brigman of Seattle was a business visitor in Jacksonville Thursday.

Mrs. C. D. Stout and daughter, Miss Ora, were at Butte Falls Thursday.

Benton Poole of Applegate was in Jacksonville the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tuttle of Illinois valley visited Jacksonville friends this week.

Tom Pankey of Sams Valley was one of the jurymen at the court house this week.

Gus Newbury of Medford transacted professional business at the court Friday.

T. W. Osgood, county surveyor-elect was at the court house on business Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Gilson of Sterling transacted business in Jacksonville recently.

E. W. Wall of Medford called on Jacksonville relatives and friends Thursday.

Prosecuting Attorney B. F. Mulkey was in attendance at circuit court Thursday.

C. S. Sanderson of Central Point was at the court house on business Thursday.

Harry Hicks of the Medford Mail-Tribune was a Jacksonville visitor Thursday.

Circuit court, which adjourned for the holidays, resumed its labors Thursday morning.

Attorney R. R. McCabe of Medford was at the court house on professional business Thursday.

Chester Calvert of Woodville was a recent guest at the home of his aunt, Mrs. W. C. Deneff.

Miss Flossie Dunford visited Mrs. Josh Sawyer at Medford for two or three days this week.

Miss Kate Witherspoon of the Deer creek country was the guest of Jacksonville friends this week.

Con Loeber of Central Point a member of the new county court, was at the court house Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Whittington spent New Year's day with E. C. Hogsett and family at Medford.

A. B. Cornell of Grants Pass, agent for the Oregon Life Insurance Co., was in Jacksonville Tuesday.

J. N. Pace, superintendent of the county poor farm had business before the county court this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ulrich were dinner guests of Misses Ona and Eva Humphrey New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Grieves and Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Florey attended the New Year's ball at Eagle Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. M. Cronemiller spent New Year's day at Medford, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Perl.

Mr. Wilson, who recently experted the county's books in the city for the purpose of making a report to the county court.

Mrs. C. L. Grant, who formerly conducted a restaurant in this city, was visiting Jacksonville friends the beginning of the week.

H. O. Burgess of Medford who was recently selected by Sheriff-elect Singler to assist in the sheriff's office, was at the county seat Thursday.

"Curley" Wilson attended the basketball game at Medford Wednesday afternoon and visited his baseball team mate Don Rader, of the Pendleton team.

Mrs. S. J. Day was visiting at Portland and Willamette valley points for the past three months returned to her home in this city Thursday morning.

Sidney Abbott, Alfred Norris, Wm. and Mike Broad, who spent Christmas week with relatives in this city, returned to Weed, Cal., Sunday where they have employment.

Fit Case Examined.

"When father was sick about six years ago he read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Tablets in the papers that fit his case exactly," writes Miss Margaret Campbell of Ft. Smith, Ark. "She purchased a box of them and he has not been sick since. My sister had stomach trouble and was also benefited by them." For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

Mrs. Fred J. Fick visited Ashland friends this week.

D. H. Cronemiller spent Sunday afternoon at Medford.

C. E. Lane of Medford was at the court house this week.

Freddie Collins spent the week with friends at Applegate.

Jos. Hogland of Central Point was at the court house Thursday.

Attorney Porter J. Neff of Medford was a county seat visitor Thursday.

Attorney H. A. Canady of Medford was a county seat visitor Thursday.

Jerome Myers arrived in Jacksonville the middle of the week from Washington and is visiting at the home of his cousin, Mrs. D. W. Bagshaw.

We are pleased to note that County Recorder Fred L. Colvig, who has been seriously ill for the past three weeks, is much improved in health.

School Superintendent J. Percy Wells left for Salem Sunday evening where he will attend a convention of the county school superintendents of the state.

Their many friends will regret to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Hal Harrington have removed to Medford, where Hal has built up a flourishing vacuum cleaning business.

Ed. Hoek, who has been employed in the assessor's office expects to leave shortly for Montana, where he will accept a government position, under the forestry department.

Attorney W. P. Mealey of Medford was at the court house on business Thursday. Mr. Mealey had been retained to defend Bert Cummings, charged with white slavery.

The old county court met this week for its last regular session. No business outside of routine matters was transacted, the court leaving the levy of the 1913 tax to the new members.

Attorney A. E. Reames of Medford, who is representing the plaintiffs in a number of damage suits against Twohy Bros., litigation resulting from the accident at the rock quarry some months ago, was looking after his clients interests at the court house Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Foster of Medford and Misses Anna and Marion B. Towne of Phoenix, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Taylor New Year's day. Miss Marion Towne is well known here, being employed for a considerable time as deputy in the clerk's office.

GRANTS PASS WANTS RY.

Puts up \$10,000 to Start Work on Road at Once.

The Grants Pass city council, anticipating an early disposal of the Pacific-Interior railroad bonds have paved the way for immediate construction work, by putting the \$200,000 special bond issue on the market, and providing for a cash fund from other sources with which to pay bills for labor while the bonds are being floated.

The resolution passed by the council authorized the city auditor to advertise the bonds for 15 days, and to ask bids covering an issue to run for 30 years with the privilege of retiring them at the end of 20, and also for the same issue to run 20 years with the privilege of retirement at the end of five years. The bonds are to bear five per cent interest, and are not to be sold at less than par.

To provide for the immediate future the council created a fund in which it will place \$10,000 cash to be used to pay for labor at once, this \$10,000 to be returned as soon as the proceeds from the bond sale are available.

Following the action of the council in providing the way for immediate work, Dr. Reddy and the directors and engineering force made plans to have construction commence at once. To that end Engineer Harmon took the field on New Year's day, and is establishing some of the grade stakes that had become obliterated along the Draper survey.—Tribune.

Firemen's Annual Ball.

Members of Jacksonville Engine Company No. 1 held their annual ball at Orth's Hall, Tuesday night. The Firemen's ball has always been one of the big society events in years past and the one given Tuesday night was no exception, being well attended not only by our citizens, but by a number of out of town people. At a late hour the pleasure of the affair was considerably marred by the actions of a number of young Medfordites who indulged in considerable horseplay and general "roughhouse" tactics, the exhibition proving very distasteful to all but themselves.

The local fire company is deserving of the good will and patronage of our people, who, we feel sure, will not hold the boys responsible for the misbehavior of a party of irresponsible "smart alecks."

A Mystery

By F. A. MITCHEL

Herman Beck was a guide in the Swiss Alps. Old Gottlieb Swinger, the cheesemaker, had a very pretty daughter, Anna, whom Herman wished to marry, but her father would not consent. "I have nothing but a few cheese presses," he said to her, "a dozen goats and the chalet over our heads. I can consequently give you no dowry. Herman has nothing except what he can earn guiding tourists. Instead of having a son-in-law to relieve me of providing for one of my children I shall likely in time have grandchildren on my hands, for Herman is liable at any time to slide down to his death with an avalanche or fall over a precipice."

Anna gave this reply of her father to Herman, who cast his eyes thoughtfully up the mountain side, then said: "Tell your father that whether I marry you or do not marry you I will provide for you."

When Anna told her father that he exclaimed: "Herman is a fool. He dreams dreams as high up in the clouds as the peaks he climbs. How could he provide for you?"

The girl made no reply to this, for she did not know what Herman meant. She knew that he was full of strange ideas, and she was impressed with the sad but resolute expression on his face when he spoke the words that she had repeated to her father. However, there was nothing to be done in the matter, for she had no idea of disobeying her father by marrying Herman.

One day an English gentleman engaged Herman to make an ascent with him. The two started out together, and when they got up to where the climbing was dangerous Herman united them by a rope. While moving along over a narrow path with a precipice on one side the tourist slipped and fell on a side of the divide which was but some twenty feet above a ledge. The shock, however, caused Herman to lose his balance, and he fell on the other side and hung over the precipice. His ax slipped from his hands, and he heard it strike far below. Fortunately, the rope held, but Herman knew that would not long bear the strain and any rubbing against the sharp rocks on the edge of the divide would surely cause it to break. For this reason he could not use it to climb up on, and, having no ax, he could not cut steps in the ice. He called out to the tourist:

"We cannot remain long in this position, for as soon as night comes and the temperature falls we will freeze. If I cut the rope you will fall on the ledge and can descend the mountain. I would like to sell you my life for money. It will enable you to live."

The Englishman would not at first consent to any such plan, asserting that he would blame himself and be blamed for accepting his life on such terms. But Herman told him that the small strands that composed the rope were gradually giving way and it would soon break, so the tourist finally said that he would accede to Herman's terms, though he could not see how the latter could be benefited by money after his death. Then Herman told him it was to be paid to Anna, the daughter of old Gottlieb, the cheesemaker in the valley.

"I will give her," said the tourist. "Half of what I possess, or \$10,000."

"She will not know what to do with so much," said Herman, "but you can settle that with her father."

The tourist heard nothing more from Herman. Some minutes passed, awful minutes, during which the Englishman knew that a soul was preparing for death. The surrounding mountains seemed a part of eternity, the silence that of infinite space. Then suddenly he dropped, landing on the ledge below.

For awhile his mind was so filled with the terrible fate of his guide that he could think of nothing else. Then realizing that he must save himself in order to keep his part of the contract he had made, he got up and, walking along the ledge, found a place some distance below where he could regain the path by which he and his guide had ascended. Night came on, and he lost his way. He would have sunk down in the snow and permitted the cold to end his life had he not been buoyed by a desire to pay the money he had promised. Indeed, when he thought that he must live under the cloud of his guide's death and his own safety he would have preferred to die. He stopped to rest and was getting drowsy when he saw a light in a chalet window some distance below. Rising, he struggled on and when a door was opened to him fell on the floor insensible.

The next day he descended into the valley and appeared at the Gottlieb home. When Anna saw him come it alone and looking haggard she knew her lover had perished and swooned.

The tourist told them that Herman had gone down into a precipice, then without further explanation, called for a notary and executed papers transferring to Anna Gottlieb property in England worth \$50,000.

"I wonder," said the awe-stricken cheesemaker, "how Herman knew that the opportunity would occur for him to make this provision for my daughter?"

Herman Beck was the only person who could throw any light on this and since he was dead it must remain a secret.

Why They Like Iodoform.

"Train robbers, burglars, safe blowers, holdup men and, in fact, nearly all that class of professional criminals who resort to deeds of violence are greatly addicted to the use of Iodoform," said a former California sheriff.

"These fellows after committing some crime besprinkle their clothing liberally with the loud smelling fluid. They also pour it on their guns and knives and the tools of their trade. The reason is that they often make hurried flights in which they are not infrequently trailed with bloodhounds. There is nothing a bloodhound hates worse than the scent of Iodoform, and it has been repeatedly the cause of the dog abandoning pursuit of a fugitive malefactor. Knowing this, the crooks are liberal buyers of an article that may tend to cause their freedom from capture."

Solar Freak.

"Leap year is so called because the earth goes round the sun for three years, but in the fourth year it leaps over it," wrote a very youthful student in an examination paper.

Teddy Wondered.

Teddy—Dad, what are ancestors? Father—Well, I'm one of yours. Your granddad is another. Teddy—Oh, but why is it that folk brag about them?

Luck and Pluck.

Griggs—I should say that the two keys to success are luck and pluck. Briggs—Certainly—luck in finding some one to pluck!

Inside Information.

"Silk stockings must be very cheap in America. Nowhere in the world do women's slim and simple ankles gleam in lustrous silk as they do here."

The speaker was an English actor. He continued:

"A married man told me the other day that, going into one of your department stores, he said to a floor-walker:

"I'm looking for something pretty in silk stockings."

"The floorwalker smiled and, with a gesture, embraced the long rows of counters, with their charming sales-women."

"That remark," he said, "describes, I believe, practically every one of our young ladies!"—New York Tribune.

Plea For Trick Animals.

No dog or horse or cat ever finds it according to its nature to jump through flaming hoops, roll barrels, walk a tight rope or do scores of other things. It is forced to do by trainers. The lump of sugar or the bit of meat given deceives no one who knows anything about animals. Refusal to applaud, persuading children not to attend these exhibitions because of the cruelty that is behind them, influencing dogs' friends against the whole scheme of making money through trick animals—these are some of the ways in which we may help.—Our Dumb Animals.

Osulation Conjugation.

Sam Slick once said that kisses were, like creation, made out of nothing and very good, and another American writer thus conjugated the verb "to kiss."

"Kiss, to kiss; rebuss, to kiss again; pluribus, to kiss without regard to numbers; syllabus, to kiss the hands instead of the lips; blunderbuss, to kiss the wrong person; erubus, to kiss in the dark; omnibus, to kiss every one in the room."

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