

LOCAL NEWS

The circuit court was in session Friday. Judge Neil was a recent visitor at Medford. Ralph Jennings of Buncum was in town today. J. A. Thorndike was a visitor in Medford Friday. Sheriff Singler made a trip to Murphy this week. Julian Abbott was a business visitor at Mednesday. W. R. Byrum of Table Rock was in town Monday. H. W. Matney of Marphy was in town Monday. A. S. Furry of Phoenix Arizona, was a recent visitor in this city. E. N. Campbell of Talent was at the court house Friday. Fridergar of Medford was a visitor in this city Monday. Henry Holst of Gold Hill was a recent visitor in town. E. D. Stenson transacted business at Medford Tuesday. George Gillett of Murphy was a visitor in this city Monday. Fred Pelouse of Eagle Point was a recent visitor in this city. Marion Bowen attended the Nautical Knot at the Page last night. G. A. Finn of Phoenix Arizona, was looking over the valley this city. Joe McIntire was in Medford Tuesday in consultation with Dr. Thayer. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Herriott of Applegate were visitors in town Monday. Are you a subscriber to the Post? If not, why not? Only \$1.50 per year. Uncle Billy Cameron, of Uniontown was a business visitor in town Saturday. George A. Gardner was a business visitor at Medford Thursday afternoon. Arthur Brown of Medford was in town shaking hands with old acquaintances today. Several auto loads of Grants Pass people attended the Odd Fellows celebration Monday. The Central Point auto line has reduced the fare from that city to Medford to ten cents. "A Nautical Knot" a musical comedy, was produced by the Medford High School at the Page last night. Miss Mary A. Mee and Mrs. Emma B. Hib of Central Point attended the I. O. O. F. celebration in this city Monday. A ball game between two pick-up teams of this city afforded some sport for the fans on the local diamond Sunday afternoon. W. I. Vawter and B. F. Mulkey of Medford delivered interesting addresses at the Odd Fellows celebration in this city Monday. Mrs. C. C. Beekman, Carrie Beekman and Benjamin Beekman who have been spending several weeks in Portland, returned home Thursday morning. Medford Merchants Association has set aside May 8 as "Community Day," a free dinner will be served, the brass band will play, and free movie show will be provided. The Southern Pacific Co., announce that another passenger train will be put on the run between Portland and San Francisco, May 15, in order to handle the travel to the fair. John A. Westerlund has a new remedy for ground squirrels: it consists of a rag saturated with gasoline, push it down into the hole, tramp the hole shut and there you are, likewise the squirrel. Judge TouVelle made a trip to the Siskiyou mountains to inspect some work being done on the Pacific Highway, Wednesday morning. Commissioners Leever and Madden accompanied him. The grammar school baseball team journeyed over to Medford Saturday and were defeated by the Medford second team to the tune of 8 to 2. The boys offer as an excuse that the field was a stream of running water. Richard Thomason who was convicted of a felony in the circuit court and sentenced to the penitentiary some time ago, but was paroled by Governor West, has broken his parole by passing a forged check for \$5.85. He was taken back to Salem this week and will serve his sentence of from 1 to 15 years unless again paroled. In another column the executors of the estate of C. C. Beekman, deceased publish a notice of the voluntary liquidation of the Beekman's Banking house and request that depositors withdraw their deposits without unnecessary delay. Mr. B. B. Beekman was winding up the affairs of the bank, is paying out the deposits in full as fast as they are called for.

Mrs. J. Reter was in Medford Tuesday. You can find a Notary Public at this office. Fred Kelly of Buncum was in town Monday. A. T. Lundgren was at Medford Tuesday. Gus Newbury was a recent visitor in this city. Henry Dox was a recent visitor in Medford. Prof. F. S. Collins was in this city Wednesday. Flo Thompson was a recent visitor in Medford. Denver Marsh was a recent visitor at Medford. Miss Incey of Medford visited in this city Monday. John Offenbacher of Applegate was in town Monday. Chris Ulrich was at Medford Wednesday afternoon. J. C. Buehler of Star Guch was in town Wednesday. Hattie Allen of Eugene visited friends here today. All work must be spot cash at W. R. Sparks in 1915. Wesley Judy of Ashland was a recent visitor in town. John Norris of Milvale Orchards was in town Wednesday. Jim Cantrall was a business visitor at Medford Monday. Charles Dunford Jr. was in from Buncum Wednesday. Gertrude Dunnington was a visitor at Medford Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ulrich were recent visitors in Medford. Chauncey Florey was a business visitor at Medford Tuesday. Alice and Josephine Hoefs were recent visitors in Medford. George Buckley of Ruch was a visitor in this city Wednesday. Assessor W. F. Griev was a business visitor at Prospect Tuesday. J. C. Pendleton of Table Rock was a recent visitor in this city. John Flynn a prospector of Steamboat was in town several days this week. Josephine Hoefs and Denver Marsh made a fishing trip up L. th. Applegate Sunday. Get your stationery printed at this office. Our work is guaranteed and our prices are right. FOR RENT—The Norling house, on Oregon street. Apply to D. W. Bagshaw, this office. Attorney Geo. W. Trefren of Ashland attended the Odd Fellows celebration in this city Monday. John W. Pernoll, postmaster and merchant at Applegate was a business visitor in this city Monday and Tuesday. Hugh Elliott who formerly conducted a blacksmith shop in this city, attended the Odd Fellows celebration here Monday. Misses Flora Thompson, Gertrude Dunnington, Mary Bagshaw and Cliff Dunnington were visitors in Medford Tuesday night. George Hoffman a farmer of Thompson creek and former resident of this city was shaking hands with friends here several days this week. The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hansen who resides next door to this office, was injured by being caught in an electric washer Wednesday. NOTICE—Will the person who borrowed a spring tooth harrow and a disc harrow belonging to E. E. Oman, sometime last year, please return the same to the premises from which same were taken and notify this office.—D. W. Bagshaw. According to a report given out by the census department at Washington the cost per capita of county government for Jackson county for the year 1913, was \$3.23 which is \$1.60 less than the general average for the state. The lowest was Had River county, where the cost was \$7.55 per capita, and the highest was Klamath county with a cost of \$27.77 for each person. Grand Master Galloway visited the local Odd Fellows Saturday night. An open meeting was held which was attended by members of the Subordinate lodge, the Encampment and the Rebekah lodge and a few invited guests. An interesting address, showing the objects and purposes of the order was delivered by the visiting official. Judge Galloway resides at Salem and is Judge of the Circuit Court for Third District. The card club was entertained Friday night by Jewell Bailey. Those present were: Misses Eva Couch, Mary Bagshaw, Pauline Greaves, Marie Obenchain, Emma Wendt, Albe Morgan, Faye Launsbach, Lula Williams and Louise Ensel and Messrs Dave Cronemiller, Lou Baker, Toots Thompson, Dan Bagshaw, Julian Abbott, Raymond Reter, Fred Collins, Chet Wendt, Norman Crommy, Rowell Hines and Alfred Norris.

Electric Sparks (From our Wireless) Doubtless the best remedy for evil politics is a citizenry trained to vote regularly. Mexico is respectfully reminded that a time will come when patience ceases to be a virtue. Man's delight at the thought of soon being able to shed his waistcoat is tempered by the prospective shortage of five pockets. Philadelphia justifies its title of "The City of Brotherly Love" by ignoring the war long enough to seek the Olympic games for 1916. Still, the children of Neptune would better be careful playing at marbles with unexploded mines that come down. President Wilson's cabinet hangs together. Grape juice must have great powers as a solvent of personalities and a harmonizer. If the first robin would cultivate an appetite for the first fly arrangements might be made to subsidize the excellent bird. Many satisfactory substitutes for war supplies being evolved, but none has yet evolved a really satisfactory food substitute. We can't add anything to the front of "superdreadnoughts," so we must now invent "superdreadnought destroyers." Progressives have discovered that the easiest way to win an election is to discover a "superbureaucratic tidal wave" and ride it. Judging from the firm notes already written, should Villa fire into Brownsville, Texas again, we'll retaliate by moving Brownsville entirely out of range. The note which Turkey has been receiving is proving to have been a very bad thing for a sick man. Revelations made in the courts should warn young women to be especially distrustful of spring protestations and promises. As the sultan of Turkey told Mr. Swing, the American correspondent at the Dardanelles, "one must work if one's fate is to be good." Benjamin Franklin could hardly have improved upon that bit of wisdom. Chicagoans take the banner for independent voting. It is a trade that voters should work at conscientiously every election day. It took the twentieth century to bring about an estrangement between those ancient and powerful allies, Mars and Bacchus. A cripple has running expenses the same as other people. When a man has a wife he always knows what to do with his money. COURT HOUSE NEWS Items of Interest to Jackson County NEW CASES A. W. Thomas vs C. L. Cunningham and F. W. Moore Action to recover money. Complaint filed. Medford Grocery Co. vs J. L. Thorn-dyke, action for money. Complaint filed. C. J. Nunan vs Jacob Knutzen and Leona Knutzen, suit for foreclosure mortgage. Complaint filed. CIRCUIT COURT Rogue River Fruit & Produce association vs Gillen-Chambers Co., demurrer to amend complaint. George W. Dwinell vs William S. Dwinell et al. Proof of publication, order of reference report of referee. Bank of Jacksonville vs Trail Lumber Co., cost bill filed. Gold Hill Bank vs Edward J. Ede, answer of Charles Eriwin. Kenneth B. Barnett vs O. R. Chaffee et al. Notice and affidavit. COUNTY COURT Estate of Kelly Field, citation. Estate of William Cochran, petition order. Guardianship of Robbin F. Taylor, Beulah J. Taylor petition for sale of real property. Notice to Public Please do not ask for credit at my place of business, as I have started on a strictly cash basis. All those knowing the names indebted to me please settle. W. R. Sparks Happiness. "What is your idea of happiness?" asked the unsophisticated youth. "Being next in a crowded barber shop," replied the Miami-burg sage.—Dayton Herald. Pirates. "Father, are all the pirates dead?" "No, my son. They now run the coast checking privileges at the hotels and restaurants."—Towso Topics.

Out to Repel a Night Attack BY OSCAR COX In the early part of the German invasion of Belgium, when the French were gathering near the border, there was one fortification on the line of French defenses somewhat separated from the rest. The colonel commanding, expecting an attack at any moment, arranged for the discharge of every gun on the outer perimeter at once by means of electricity. The electric key was set up in the quarters of Major Moynoux, who was intrusted with its guardianship, that the guns might be fired at the approach of the enemy and might not be fired prematurely. The commandant, Colonel Du Pierris, was a nervous little man whose principal military maxim was getting ahead of the enemy. He was sufficiently educated as a soldier to know that a favorite trait for surprise in war is 2 o'clock in the morning, when the party to be attacked is wrapped in slumber. Anticipating that the works intrusted to his care might be stormed at that hour, he had arranged a method by which such a terrific onslaught of shot and shell should be poured upon an attacking force as to cause it to recoil, thereby giving time for the gathering of its defenders, who would be roused by the simultaneous firing of so many guns. Liege had been captured by the Germans before they were sweeping through Belgium. Colonel Du Pierris was very nervous. He had his pockets out some distance from the fort, but an enemy stealthily advancing may seize a pocket before he can give an alarm, and the colonel was relying principally on his firing device. "One night the colonel turned in so apprehensive of attack that he did not get to sleep till after midnight. Just before dawn he was awakened by a din that could have been caused only by the firing of many cannon. Starting up he hurried on his outer clothing, and buckling on his sword ran out on to the open space behind the guns, ready to command in the defense. He was met by hundreds of his men, some of whom were taking position at the pieces, some were hurrying for ammunition, while others were forming in line behind the works. The breeches of the outer tier of guns that had been fired were opened and shells put in some, solid shot in others. As to the inner guns, they were already loaded. In a few minutes the activity ceased, and all stood ready for the coming fray. The colonel, surrounded by his staff, stood on one of the parapets, peering down into the darkness, endeavoring to catch sight of the enemy. The strain on the men waiting for an attack is hard to bear. Once in the fray action takes the place of suspense, and the latent bulldog in a man's nature enables him not only to bear up, but often perform deeds that are accounted heroic by others. In the present case this strain was prolonged. Ample time elapsed for the garrison to take position, reload the empty pieces and collect ammunition where it was needed. And yet no enemy appeared. "Captain Le Fevre," said the colonel, "go down there and see what trickery the enemy are up to or whether they have been so discouraged at the reception they have received that they have withdrawn." The captain saluted, jumped down from the parapet and disappeared in the darkness. The minutes, which seemed hours to the colonel, ticked slowly by, yet there was no sound from beyond the works. Too impatient to stand still, he walked back and forth within a dozen paces, stopping often to listen and expecting every minute to be greeted by a shower of missiles. "Lieutenant Morant," he said presently, "go after Captain Le Fevre and see what has become of him. He may have been taken in by a lurking enemy." Down dropped Lieutenant Morant, and he, too, disappeared in the darkness. He had scarcely gone when Captain Le Fevre returned out of breath and reported that he had sent a skirmish line out some distance and had not heard a shot. It was not possible that an enemy could be near the fort. A suspicion that there had been some mistake about the firing of the guns entered the colonel's brain. "How far has the skirmish line advanced?" he asked. "Quite far enough to demonstrate that no enemy could have been seen from our works," was the response. "Where is Major Moynoux?" asked the colonel. Then, without waiting for a reply, he turned and stalked off toward the major's quarters. He found that officer engaged in a work that, considering the occasion, was trying to the colonel's temper. The keeper of the firing key was engaged in chasing a rat around the apartment, striking it with his sword. "Major!" thundered the colonel. "Colonel!" responded the major, pausing from the chase. "Who fired the guns?" "That rat. He jumped on the electric key." The men were returned to their stumps, and in another ten minutes the fort was again silent. What passed between the colonel and the major is not known. But certain it is that Major Moynoux was relieved from the charge of the firing room, and a rat trap was placed there near the key.

Weather Report. Following is the report of U. S. Volunteer Cooperative Observer, E. Britt, Jacksonville, for month of March, Latitude 42 deg. 18. min. north; longitude 123 deg. 5 min. west.

Date	Maximum	Minimum	Precipitation
1	46	33	
2	54	29	
3	56	32	
4	43	38	.13
5	50	28	
6	57	38	
7	60	30	
8	62	29	
9	49	40	.10
10	54	39	.15
11	53	42	
12	57	42	
13	54	44	.17
14	66	46	
15	64	38	
16	65	38	
17	66	40	
18	59	30	
19	69	31	
20	80	41	
21	79	39	
22	76	40	
23	75	43	
24	71	47	
25	56	30	
26	59	41	.07
27	63	46	
28	58	45	.41
29	53	41	
30	62	41	.25
31	60	38	.03

Temperature—mean max. 61; mean min. 37.70; mean 49.26. Max. 80 on 20, Minimum, 28, on 5th. Greatest daily range, 40. Total precipitation 1.31 inches. Greatest in 24 hours, 0.41 in., on 28. Number of days with .01 inch or more precipitation, 8, clear, 15; partly cloudy, 6; cloudy, 10. Precipitation for season, 14.58 Precipitation for last season 18.6 E. BRITT, Cooperative Observer

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