

LOCAL NEWS

Happy New Year to all. Chester Kubli of Applegate was in town this week. Chauncey Florey was a visitor at Medford Thursday. Charles Gray of Watkins was a recent visitor in this city. Sheriff Singler transacted business at Medford Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gaskin were visitors at Medford today. J. W. Opp of Medford was a business visitor in this city today. Clinton Cook of the Applegate valley was a recent visitor in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wendt spent Christmas with relatives at Applegate. Thursday was President Wilson's birthday. He was 60 years old. Nick Kime of Griffin Creek transacted business in this city Thursday. Joe Johnston, who has been in California several months, has returned. Attorney M. Purdin of Medford transacted business in this city Wednesday. George M. Roberts of Medford transacted legal business in this city Thursday. Eighteen inches of snow is reported near Buncom and three feet at Prospect. It is reported that the Central Point Herald will change managers in a short time. B. R. Cady of Medford was a business visitor in this city Friday afternoon. Mrs. Elizabeth Bender died at her home in Central Point, Dec. 27, aged 84 years. Oliver Harbaugh, the oldest man in Jacksonville, was a business visitor at Medford Thursday. Young folks of this city are having the time of their lives coasting on the surrounding hillsides. Charles Thompson who had been visiting his parents in this city, has returned to Vallejo, Cal. J. B. Coleman, the new county assessor, has moved into the T. J. Kenney house on Fourth street. Five dollar gold pieces made of lead are said to be in circulation in the valley. Better look out for them. B. W. Taleott, a wellknown job printer of Ashland, was a business visitor in this city Thursday afternoon. Harry A. Mears, a pioneer miner of Southern Oregon, died at the county hospital, Monday, aged 65 years. Bill Coleman, former county clerk of this county, who has been working in a cannery in Alaska, is home for the winter. G. W. Ager, the new county school superintendent, has moved into the W. T. Grieve house on California street. The heavy fall of snow near Prospect put the California-Oregon Power Co.'s line out of commission for a few days this week. The cold snap Thursday night froze up the water pipes in a number of the houses, in several instances requiring the services of a plumber. When you are hungry and in Medford, try the rice meals served by Anna Coffman and Anna Hoxie at the Nash Cafeteria. The last overload of machinery for the Applegate Lumber Co.'s sawmill has arrived and construction will be pushed as fast as the weather will permit. My ad says cash for all work: I mean it. When you send for your shoes, send money to pay the repair bill.—Yours truly, W. R. SPARKS. [Adv.] The Phoenix Farm Loan Association held its first directors' meeting Wednesday. The committee of appraisal consists of: T. E. Scantlin, J. A. Gammel and M. J. Norris. John R. Hoffman, of Applegate, was in town Friday, making final proof on his homestead before County Clerk G. A. Gardner. His witnesses were Andrew C. Burger and George C. Hoffman, both of Applegate. The election held in several places in the valley Wednesday, to determine whether or not an irrigation district be formed, resulted in the defeat of the proposition by ten votes. It requires sixty per cent of the votes cast to adopt the proposition. "The New Year Race" will be the morning theme at the Presbyterian church tomorrow, and "The Law vs. Grace" the evening subject. We welcome you to worship with us. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed Jan. 7.—Albert H. Gammons. Louis H. Plymale, aged 40 years, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor, at Medford yesterday afternoon. He was a native of Jackson county, wellknown to many of our readers and lived in Portland for several years, later moving to San Francisco.

Turn over that new leaf. Bob Ray of Ruch was a recent visitor in this city. Howard Whitehead of Salem was in town Thursday. Have you prepared your New Year's resolutions yet? Charles Dunford, Jr. of Buncom was in town this week. A. L. Gregory of Roseburg was a recent visitor in this city. H. K. Hanna was a business visitor at Medford Wednesday. H. B. Stephenson of Watkins was a recent visitor in this city. William Ray of Ruch was a business visitor in this city Thursday afternoon. Dr. O. N. Nelson, the insurance man of Medford, was in this city Wednesday afternoon. R. G. Pettibone, a miner of the Applegate district, transacted business in this city Thursday. Taylor-Williams Co., Lewis Ulrich, and Fred J. Fick each extend greetings to their friends and patrons. County Superintendent of Schools, J. Percy Wells attended the annual convention of Oregon Teachers association at Portland, this week. Marion B. Tryer of Talent and Anna Boosy were married at Medford, Monday, Dec. 25. Rev. P. S. Bandy of Central Point officiated. B. F. Piatt, Esq., of Medford, was in town Wednesday on business which may develop into an international matter. His client is now in Mexico. LOST—Ladies' Elk brooch pin, between Stub Wilson's home and Southern Oregon Traction Co.'s depot in this city. Return to Mrs. J. W. Wilson and receive reward. Mrs. J. W. Wilson entertained Chas. DeForest, owner of the Grants Pass creamery, Miss Ruth Cathers of Grants Pass and Sheriff W. H. Singler at dinner, Christmas day. William Norwood and Ernest Wells were arrested at Medford, Monday, charged with breaking into the Model clothing store and stealing goods. They were given a preliminary examination Tuesday and bound over to the next session of the grand jury.

J. Sharp was a recent visitor at Medford. Rev. Offenbacher of Ruch was in town Tuesday. Did Santa Claus bring you something nice? All work done in 1917 spot cash at W. R. Sparks. Frank Cameron of Uniontown was in town Tuesday.

Big Time Planned for Merchants in February

Portland, Dec. 29.—February 19 to 24 will be merchant's week in Portland. During the first three days will be held the Eleventh Annual Convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants Association, which, aside from snappy business meetings and competitive talks on business conditions by merchants and lady visitors, will include original entertainments, sight seeing tours, theater parties, etc., to be provided by the convention Entertainment Committee. Reduced rates of a fare and one third have been named on all railroad lines in Oregon, Washington and Idaho and elaborate plans have been made for a meeting of the merchants of Washington and Idaho on Feb. 22, 23 and 24. During these dates style shows, stock keeping and window decorating exhibits, pure food shows, etc., will be staged for the benefit of visitors. All merchants of the northwest are cordially invited to participate in business and celebrations of the week. It isn't necessary that a merchant be a member of any particular Association, the fact of his being a merchant giving full evidence of his eligibility.

Sand Season Holiday Feast

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 25.—A wind storm marred the Christmas celebration in the army camps in this district today, blowing sand over the Christmas dinners at noon in the mess houses and prevented many of the band concerts and outdoor celebrations from being held.

Holiday Greeting: At This Joyous Season our Thoughts go out to thank you for your Good Will the past year-- to wish you prosperity in your undertakings-- peace for your pathway, friends for your fireside and the Merriest Christmas and Happiest New Year you ever had. We feel assured that we can serve you better the coming year than we have done in the past. We propose adding largely to our present stock of Hardware and other lines and believe that we can please you in quality of goods at reasonable prices. We thank you for your patronage during the year now closing and ask for a continuance of the same during 1917. Yours truly, FRED J. FICK. Jacksonville - - - Oregon

CITY DRUG & GIFT STORE Fine Christmas Novelties! suitable for gifts for young and old. Purses, Box stationery, Toilet articles, Xmas and New Year's cards, Perfumery, Books, etc. Call and see our stock. Holiday Greetings to All. J. W. Robinson, M. D., Proprietor Jacksonville - Oregon.

Try the POST for neatly printed Butter Wrappers

Chopin and the Children. A chronicle of the life of Chopin, the great pianist, tells the following anecdote: On one occasion the pupils in his father's school, freed temporarily from the restraint of the elder Chopin, arranged to have some fun with their tutor. When the commotion was at its height Chopin entered and set himself to quell it. He told the boys that if they would remain quiet he would play for them. He darkened the room and started his improvisation, telling the skylarkers a romantic story of a band of robbers who approached a house, mounted by ladders to the windows, but were frightened away by a noise within. They fled into a dark wood, where they fell asleep under a starry sky. Chopin by this time was playing more and more softly, as if seeking to lull the robbers in the wood and incidentally the children in the schoolroom to rest. When he had satisfied himself that his hearers had actually fallen asleep Chopin crept from the room and brought his parents to look at them. He turned up the lights, and the boys slept on until he resettled himself at the piano and struck a thrilling chord, at which they all awakened with a start.

Presidential Candidates. Both political parties have a habit of selecting comparatively poor men for president. In this generation there has not been a rich presidential candidate—at least not rich as defined by the American lexicon. Roosevelt is the richest Republican who was ever president or Republican nominee for a sojourn in the White House. Wilson, Taft, McKinley, Cleveland, Harrison, Garfield, Grant, Arthur, Hayes, Johnson and Lincoln were not rich. Nor were the nominees, including Bryan, Blaine and Hancock, possessed of great fortunes. Samuel J. Tilden, however, was an exception to the general rule. He was a millionaire and was much the wealthiest nominee of either party since before the civil war. In fact, he was the richest man who ever ran for president with any hope of getting the office.

Washington was a rich man for his day, but his wealth was far less than that possessed by Tilden.—Girard in Philadelphia Ledger.

Stairs Waste Effort. Elevators and other conveyances utilized ordinarily for handling materials may be used also in conserving the strength and increasing the efficiency of the workpeople. It is nothing less than stupid to make tired employees climb down several flights of stairs at the end of a long day's work when there are elevators available and even more stupid to make those people climb up the stairs in the morning, using unnecessarily a large amount of energy which might otherwise help to tide them over the critical fatigue point during the day. It would be part of wisdom to install elevators merely for use of the workers, even if they were of no use for handling materials. Some of the best recently constructed mills have installed escalators for this purpose.—Engineering Magazine.

The Hundred Years' War. The origin of the Hundred Years' war was the king of England's claim to the crown of France. Philip of France left three sons, all of whom died without issue, and the nearest male heirs were Edward III, who was the nephew of the three sons, and Philip de Valois, who was their cousin. The law in Edward's claim is the Salic law, which passed over women, and Edward owed his blood relationship to his mother. Edward claimed that, though Salic law applied to his mother, being a woman, it could not apply to him, being a man. On this dispute began the war that lasted nearly a century, ending with the many victories of Joan of Arc, which crushed the English authority in France.

Bigger Game. Booth Tarkington, while in New York recently, was discussing the subject of debt with a playwright friend known for impudicousness. "About \$1,200 would see me clear of debt," said the playwright. "And I tell you, Tark, if I ever get out of debt once I'll never get \$1,200 in the hole again. It will be \$12,000 next time. No more piker games for me."—New York Globe.

Salesmanship. The mere selling of an article is not always proof of good salesmanship. One observer declares, "If a customer is persuaded into buying something she does not want she will not come back." The best salesmanship is that which looks to the future—in other words, which is based on the sound policy of honesty.—Youth's Companion.

London's Electric Service. London has the most complicated electric service in the world, it is asserted, being dependent upon seventy generating stations, under seven different authorities, these delivering energy generated at thirty-two different voltages and ten different frequencies.

No Clew. "Is the new bookkeeper married?" "I dunno. He's one of them close mouthed fellows. If he has any trouble he keeps it to himself."—London Telegraph.

Savage Advice. Ella—What would you advise me to do with my voice, love? Lily—Oh, when the man comes round you might have it tuned!

Measure your mind's height by the shade it casts.—Browning.

He Made It "Wa." It was the night of Lincoln's first election, and the little frame home of the Lincolns in Springfield, Ill., was filled with friends and relatives, all eager for some news of the election results. The reports for awhile had been coming in early and favorable, but after awhile they began to be less promising. Mrs. Lincoln had been by her husband's side all day. He now insisted that she retire. The crowd gradually began to dwindle. Then came the news that New York had been carried, followed immediately by the report that Lincoln had carried the country. The rest of the story would be better told by the great man himself. "When there was no longer any doubt or reason for doubt," he related afterward, "I went up to my bedroom and found my wife asleep. I gently touched her shoulder and said, 'Mary?' She made no answer. I spoke again, a little louder, saying, 'Mary, Mary, we are elected!'"—Brooklyn Eagle.

Slang at Annapolis. For certain slang expressions used by cadets I am indebted to a member of the corps. From this future admiral I learn that a "bird" or "wazzo" is a man or boy; that a "pap sheet" is a report covering delinquencies and that to "hit the pap" is to be reported for delinquency; that "steam" is marine engineering and to be "bilged for juice" is to fail in examinations in electrical engineering; to get an "unsat" or unsatisfactory mark, or even a "zip" or "swabo," which is a zero. Cadets do not escort girls to dances, but "drag" them; a girl is a "drag," and a "heavy drag" or "brick" is an unattractive girl who must be taken to a dance. A "sleuth" or "Jimmylegs" is a night watchman, and to be "ragged" is to be caught. Mess hall waiters are sometimes called "mokes," while at other times the names of certain exalted dignitaries of the navy department or of the academy are applied to them.—Julian Street in Collier's Weekly.

Why We Walk in Our Sleep. Roughly speaking, the mind is divided into two parts. One controls the actions of which we are conscious and the other those which we do unconsciously. In the latter class are such things as walking and breathing. So that the second part of the mind works as well whether its owner is asleep or awake. When the body or the other part of the mind is tired to the point of exhaustion or is harried by pain the second part is liable to be unduly active. Then it is that we are most likely to walk or talk in our sleep and have "nightmares." And because the acutely conscious part of the mind is dormant and not subject to fears the sleep walker frequently traverses dangerous places unhurt.—Denver News.

Drift From Country to City. Some further statistics as to the drift of population in this country from the country to the city were presented in a recent census bureau report. Figures show that this drift has now covered a period of a century and a quarter, or from 1790 to the present time, 1790 being the year in which the first census of population was taken. Since that time the drift has been practically uninterrupted. In 1790 cities were extremely rare in this country. Only one had a population of more than 50,000. This was New York city, which had at that time 33,151 inhabitants. Next came Philadelphia with 28,500, and then Boston with 18,720. In the entire country there were only 3,929,214 people.—Literary Digest.

English Parliaments. During Queen Victoria's reign eight parliaments lasted over five years and two over six years. The property qualifications considerably restrict the right of suffrage, and only about one-sixth of the people are voters. All clergymen of the Church of England, ministers of the Church of Scotland and Roman Catholic clergymen are disqualified from sitting as members of the house of commons. This provision applies only to the clergy.

Package For Henry. "Yes, Henry and I certainly possess similar tastes!" exclaimed the adoring bride. "We are surely interested in the same things!" "Yes," agreed Henry's mother-in-law grimly, "you certainly are. You care more for dear Henry than for any one else in the world, and so does he!"—New York Times.

Inconsistent. "And you won't buy that antique chair I got from you ten years ago?" "No; it would be of little use to me in its present condition."

"What do you mean? It's more antique than ever now."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Attention Wanted. Little Lydia had been given a new ring for her birthday, which none of the guests at the dinner table had noticed. Finally, being unable to stand the obscurity any longer, she remarked, "Oh, dear, I'm so warm in my new ring!"—Exchange.

Trifle Slow. "Does your husband never offer to help you with the dishes?" "Frequently, about the time I am ready to hang up the dishpan."—Kansas City Journal.

Legis. Shrew (contemptuously)—What would you have been if it weren't for my money? Shrewd—A bachelor.—Stanford Chiropract.

The essential thing is not knowledge but character.—Le Conte.

At The Churches PRESBYTERIAN Albert H. Gammons, Minister. Sunday Services regularly as follows: 10:30 A. M. Sabbath School. Classes for all ages. 11:30 A. M. Morning worship, with sermon. 6:15 P. M. Christian Endeavor P.ayer meeting. 7:30 P. M. Evening worship, with sermon. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30. Everyone welcome to these meetings. "I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the the house of the Lord."—Ps. 122:3. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE Services held every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in I. O. O. F. Hall. Everybody welcome.

Salt Lake's Bomb Mystery Unsolved

Salt Lake City, Dec. 27.—Although the entire forces of the sheriff, chief of police, and United States marshal have worked unceasingly, no clew has been obtained to the person or persons who planted a bomb at the home of Governor Spry Sunday night. Rewards of \$1000 have been offered for the arrest and conviction of the bomb planters. Six suspects were released after they had established alibis.

New Coins to Circulate

Washington, Dec. 27.—The new silver half-dollar coins will be placed in circulation January 2, and the new silver quarters two weeks later.

CAPTURE OF TORREON BY VILLA CONFIRMED

Bandit Chief Now Reported Moving Eastward To Monterey San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 25.—A message confirming the report of the capture of Torreon by Villa forces was received today by General Funston from Brigadier General George Bell, commanding American forces at El Paso. After his successful attack against the Coahuila stronghold, Villa is reported to have gone east to attack Monterey. A report was received here today by an American known to be close to Villa that he had captured San Pedro de las Colinas, northeast of Torreon, yesterday. Villa was said to have captured 1100 de facto troops when he took this town, which was the birthplace of Francisco I. Madero. Carranza officials claim to have no information about taking of this town.

150,000 Acres Of Land To Be Open For Grazing

Bend, Dec. 27.—Plans for the development of the Deschutes national forest, which will result in the opening up of approximately 150,000 acres of grazing land, are being formulated by Superintendent Hastings, in charge of forestry affairs here, contingent on the appropriation of \$20,000 for use in his territory by the next congress. The tract under consideration for improvement is in the Fort Rock valley, in the southern part of the national forest, and is at present unavailable for grazing because of the lack of water. Mr. Hastings' plan includes the sinking of ten artesian wells.

Head of Thresherman's Association Is Dead

Roseburg, Dec. 27.—R. N. Morris, a native of Albany, died yesterday on his ranch in Looking Glass. He was president of the threshermen's association. Mrs. G. M. Greer, of Portland, and Harland and Morris Morris, who live at the family home, survive.

PURE BRED HOGS BRING BIG PRICE TO GROWER

Hood River, Dec. 28.—The record price for hogs was received last week by Peter H. Mohr, of the east side district, who shipped to Portland two pure bred Chester White hogs, and received a check for \$96.04.

DEO FOR SORE, SWOLLEN, TIRED FEET Dennis Eucalyptus Ointment AT ALL DRUG STORES TUBES 25C JARS 50C