

LOCAL NEWS

Pat Swayne of Watkins was a visitor in town this week. Lee Port, the Forest Ranger, has purchased a Maxwell car. Tom Dunnington and wife of Medford were visiting in town Sunday. Miss Monda Helms has returned from a visit with friends at Grants Pass. Miss Anna Bland of Grants Pass has been visiting relatives in Jacksonville. E. L. Jones, a miner of the Blue Ledge district, was in town this week. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jackson of Medford were recent visitors in this city. C. E. Gates, newly elected mayor of Medford, was in town the first of the week. Miss Barneta Johnson of Gold Hill visited friends in this city the first of the week. Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth and Mrs. Marnie Nelson returned from Klamath Falls Sunday. Monday, January 25, is the anniversary of the birth of ex-president William McKinley. William Puhl, who is making quite a success of ranching near Gold Hill was in town Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Brophy of Eugene are visiting friends near this city. They expect to remain several weeks. When you are hungry and in Medford, try the rice meals served by Anna Coffman and Anna Hoxie at the Nash Cafeteria. T. J. Kenney left for Seattle the first of the week. Later he will sail for Cordova, Alaska, where he has a position awaiting him. Guy R. Harper is at Medford this week assisting accountant E. M. Wilson, checking over the benefit assessments levied on city property. C. H. Owen of Talent and W. H. Johnson and R. D. Hines of this city have incorporated the Southern Oregon Fruit Co., with a capital of \$125,000. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Burrell of Alameda, Cal. were looking over the valley this week. They will buy land and locate here permanently if they find something to suit. Fred and Kenneth Puhl have passed the final examination for entrance into the U. S. Navy and have gone to San Francisco, where they will be given the usual training. Tom Kinney, Carl Hammond and Roy Watkins, charged with killing a sow belonging to A. M. Terrill of Lake Creek, were bound over to the grand jury by Justice Taylor at Medford Wednesday. E. G. Harding, arrested by game wardens Driscoll and Walker, charged with having fresh deer meat in his possession, plead guilty, and was fined \$25 and costs by Justice Taylor at Medford Wednesday. Benj. C. Sheldon, one of the Jackson county representatives at Salem, has introduced a bill in the legislature which will cut out the property qualifications required of voters for the election of school directors. Frank Hohart was given twenty-five days in the county jail for jumping a \$10 board bill at Medford. The man was arrested at Grants Pass and then brought to Medford, where a hearing was held before Justice Taylor. The "bone dry" bill as amended by committee of the house, has been made a special order of business for Monday morning. A canvass of the members has been made and it is claimed that the bill will receive more than fifty of the sixty votes in the house. An emergency clause is attached to the bill and it will become effective immediately upon receiving the signature of the governor. The first carload of ore from the Blue Ledge mine left here Wednesday evening but was held up at Medford until Friday before being sent to the smelter. The load weighs about thirty-five tons and was hauled here from the mine in wagons. It is the plan of the management to follow up this shipment with others as soon as the ore can be transported from the mine. When spring opens up it is proposed to supplement the horse teams with a line of auto trucks. Miss Gretchen Puhl gave a party Saturday night in honor of her brothers Fred and Kenneth, who left the first of the week for Portland and San Francisco, where they will go in training for 6 months before joining the navy. Music, both vocal and instrumental was indulged in and refreshments of ice cream and cake served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Langley, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kitto, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wysong, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peachey, Misses Emma Wendt, Alice Hoefs, Lulu Williams, Edith Hoefs, and Messrs G. N. Godward, Dan Bagshaw, George Wendt, Chester Wendt, Fred Puhl, Kenneth Puhl and Herbert Davis and Charlie Porter of Ashland.

C. E. Benedict was a recent visitor at Medford. John Buckley of Rach was in town Wednesday. All work done in 1917 spot cash at W. R. Sparks. Chauncey Florey was a visitor at Medford Thursday. D. H. Cronemiller was a visitor at Medford Wednesday. Dan Moorhead of Watkins was a recent visitor in this city. Edward Smith of Coos Bay is a visitor in the valley this week. Raymond Reter of Medford was in town several days this week. M. P. Olsen of Granada, Calif. was a business visitor in this city Monday. Mrs. D. W. Bagshaw and daughter, Mary, were visitors at Medford, Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Port and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peachey visited relatives at Ashland Sunday. Harry Lewis of this city is meat cutter at the Montague meat market, says the Messenger of that city. Mrs. Margaret Gordon, a pioneer of Southern Oregon, died at her home in Medford, January 22, aged 82 years. She was a native of Pennsylvania and had lived in Jackson county since 1857. Members of the school board assure us that the reports mentioned in our last issue regarding the release of one of the teachers are incorrect; that the release or resignation had not been asked for and that the schools were progressing nicely.

Chester Kubl'of Applegate was in town Friday. Dan Ryan of Steamboat was a visitor in town this week. Leon Hanna transacted business at Medford Wednesday. Harry D. Mills of Butte Falls was a recent visitor in this city. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bowen were visitors at Medford Wednesday. County Clerk Gardner was a business visitor at Medford Wednesday. Oliver Harbough transacted business at Medford Wednesday. Harley Hall of Medford was a business visitor in this city Wednesday. A. T. Lundgren of Watkins is spending a few days in this city attending to business affairs and visiting friends. James Thomason of Ashland was sentenced Friday to serve thirty days in the county jail for killing deer out of season. The Ashland Normal School building may soon be used for a Training School, a bill to that effect having been introduced in the legislature Thursday. We note with pleasure that a considerable improvement has been made in the Central Point Herald, in both typographical appearance and quantity of news matter. Keep it up brother. A team of horses, belonging to a man from Gold Hill, ran away, Friday morning, completely wrecking the buggy to which they had been hitched. The team had been left standing on the street and took advantage of the driver's absence to create a little excitement of its own.

Steadily the roads that lead to success in literature are being made easier. A good many people who would like to write fiction, but have shrunk from the labor of finding equivalents for "said," will welcome a list of substitutes for the necessary little word published in the Boston Writer. There are no less than 250 fairly satisfactory variations, from "acceded" to "yowled." The printer at the bar no longer need say that he is innocent. He can babble it or bawl it or blurt it or breathe it, to use but one letter of the alphabet. The vindictive district attorney can bark his questions, the lawyer for the defense can boom his objections, the spectators may either bristle their indignation or blubber their sympathy. But the merit of such a list is not simply that it facilitates the management of dialogue. A thorough study of the 255 substitutes for "said" will easily suggest the plot and the characterization that must precede dialogue. The letter C in itself is a compendium of plot and a gallery of portraits. Given somebody who chafes, another who chuckles, another who coos, another who croons, another who challenges, another who confesses and minor characters who cry, croak, commune and cut in, and it is plain that we have a scenario almost ready made.—New York Post.

Following is the story of the first edition of Fitzgerald's celebrated translation of Omar Khayyam: The book was issued anonymously and found no buyers. Accordingly the author went to Bernard Quaritch's shop, dropped a heavy parcel of 200 copies of the "Rubaiyat" and said, "Quaritch, I make you a present of these books." The famous bookseller offered them first at half a crown, then at a shilling, and, again descending, at sixpence, but no buyers came. In despair he reduced the book to a penny and put copies into a box outside his door with a ticket, "All these are I penny each." At that price the pamphlet moved. In a few weeks the lot was sold, and in this way one of the finest gems of English literature was dispersed among a not over-discerning public. The legend has it that Dante Gabriel Rossetti, Swinburne and Burton were among those who discovered the "hidden treasure in the penny box." Years passed, and the once despised volume rose in the market, and in 1893 Quaritch bought it for £21 a copy which forty years before he had sold for a penny.—London Spectator.

SUGAR BEET INDUSTRY NEEDS DISEASE CONTROL

Crops In Colorado Damaged Nearly Million Dollars By Disease Pests

Covallia, Jan. 25.—With one sugar beet factory in successful operation in southern Oregon and a very general feeling that the industry may well be extended, growers are quite naturally anxious to receive protection from plant diseases that have seriously handicapped and almost wrecked the industry in other states as can be had by careful and systematic precautions. They are looking to the State Experiment Station which is well equipped at the present time with men to carry on the research work but sadly lacking in money since the working appropriations were cut off by the legislature. Oregon growers have called attention to the fact that in Colorado in 1915 the loss due to sugar beet disease was \$880,000. Quite naturally they are anxious to avoid a loss of this nature, since the only hope of establishing a permanent and successful industry in the sugar beet business lies in eliminating all unfavorable elements possible and bringing all existing agencies into reasonable support of the new undertaking.

Uses Aeroplane Engine In His Fishing Boat

Roseburg Jan. 24.—Hugh Pearson, a Winchester fisherman, has purchased an aero engine for trolling. This device uses a small airplane propeller for motive power, causing less disturbance in the water than either oars or screw propeller.

Recall Measure Passes Senate

Salem, Jan. 24.—The efforts of O. M. Plummer, school director of Portland, to stay the passage of Senator Eddy's senate bill No. 95 providing for the recall of school directors in districts of the first class, were unsuccessful this morning and the measure passed the senate by a vote of 21 to 9. "When the recall method was adopted by the people the school directors were not taken into consideration. This seems an unimportant position," said Senator Eddy, "but it is not. When directors are found incompetent they should be recalled the same as other officials who fail properly to perform their duties." According to the bill a recall can be demanded after a petition signed by legal voters representing 25 per cent of the children of the district is presented to the school clerk.

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Notice To Creditors

In the matter of the estate of Olaf Rye Bjerregaard, deceased Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Geo. R. Lindley, has been duly appointed executor of the estate of Olaf Rye Bjerregaard, deceased, and notice is hereby given that any and all persons having claims against said estate may present them with the proper vouchers, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, which first publication is on the 27th, day of January, A. D. 1917, to the said executor at his office in the Jackson County Bank, in the city of Medford, or at the office of his attorney, H. A. Canada, at 216 East Main Street, Medford, Jackson County, Oregon. Dated January 27th, A. D. 1917. GEO. R. LINLEY, Executor.

At The Churches

PRESBYTERIAN Albert H. Gammons, Minister Sunday Services regularly as follows: 10:00 A. M. Sabbath School Classes for all ages. 11:00 A. M. Morning worship, with sermon. 6:45 P. M. Christian Endeavor Prayer 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 house of the Lord.—Ps. 122:1. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE Services held every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in I. O. O. F. Hall. Everybody welcome.

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Wonderful Carving

Dr. Peter Oliver, who lived in England during the early part of the eighteenth century, tells of seeing a carved cherry stone which would be a wonder even in this age of fine tools and fine workmanship. The stone was one from a common cherry, and upon it were carved the heads of 124 popes, kings, queens, emperors, saints, etc. Small as they must necessarily have been, it is announced on the authority of Professor Oliver that with a good glass the heads of the popes and kings could readily be distinguished from those of the queens and saints by their neters and crowns. The gentleman who brought this little wonder to England purchased it in Prussia, allowing the original owner \$5,000 for his treasure. Think of it—\$25,000 for a cherry seed!

Something In This

"You women are always spending money for preparations to make yourselves better looking," growled Mr. Twobble. "I guess that's true, my dear," replied Mrs. Twobble sweetly. "Now, you hardly ever see a man doing that."

Old Time Prices

When we are told that 100 years ago a dollar bought ten dozen eggs or three bushels of potatoes we picture to ourselves a perfect state of society. Then we learn that the same dollar paid a man for two days' hard work on the farm, and we realize that the former generation had its own problems.—Youth's Companion.

Great Coal Seam

Beneath the city of Sydney, New South Wales, is a vast coal seam which extends 100 miles north and the same distance in a westerly and southerly direction. The seam varies from four to thirty feet, and the depth runs from the surface outcrop to 2,000 feet deep.

More Advanced

Helter—Have you a book called "How to Acquire a Good Carriage"? Clerk—No, sir, but here is "Seven Ways to Obtain an Automobile."—Toledo Blade.

An Artist

Sue—You said you were going to marry an artist, and now you're engaged to a dentist. Flo—Well, isn't he an artist? He draws from real life.

Both Alike

Friend—Honestly, old chap, I can't make anything out of your poems. Poet—That's my trouble too.—Boston Globe.

Those Youngsters!

Little Bobby—Don't you want to take me to the toboggan slide with you some day, Mr. Jinks? Mr. Jinks—I never go to any toboggan slide, Bobby; never saw a toboggan. Bobby in trill nonplused—That's funny. I heard pa say something about your going down hill at a furious rate.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

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Not a Dancer

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Publicity Work

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Handicapped

"Why don't you look around for work?" "Can't; I've got a stiff neck."—Exchange.

We reduce life to the pettiness of our daily living. We should exalt our living to the grandeur of life.—Phillips Brooks.

Located the Bodies

As a means of locating the bodies of four United States soldiers who were accidentally drowned in the Rio Grande recently an unusual experiment was tried and proved successful. A hat was thrown into the water at the point where the men had last been seen and was followed downstream until, after traveling about five miles from the scene of the accident, it came to an eddy where it moved about slowly for some time. This gave the searchers what they thought might be a clew, and, following a practice frequently used in searching for bodies, a charge of dynamite was exploded at the point where the progress of the hat had ceased. Immediately the bodies came to the surface.

The explanation of the experiment is that the Rio Grande in this region is tortuous and has many eddies. The searchers rightly assumed that the bodies would be carried downstream until they came to an eddy, which in this instance was indicated by the retarded progress of the hat.—St. Louis Republic.

Our First National Road

The first of our great national roads was the Cumberland road, which ran from the Potomac to the Mississippi. Starting from Cumberland, Md., it ran west through Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois to its terminal point at the Mississippi opposite St. Louis. It was built by the United States government under the supervision of the war department. In order to secure funds for the constant repairs necessary congress passed a bill in 1822 ordering the establishment of turnpikes, with gates and tolls, but President Monroe vetoed the bill on the ground that congress had no power to pass such a sweeping measure of internal improvement. Two years later he signed a somewhat similar bill, and the road received the needed appropriation. The last appropriation was made by congress in 1844. Parts of the old road are still in use.

Europe's Longest Dam

The largest dam in Europe is in Spain and is the result of American engineering. It is built across the chasm through which the Noguera Palaresa river flows and is situated near the old fortified town of Talam. Abutting on almost perpendicular cliffs, the dam is constructed of concrete and measures 330 feet in height and 700 feet in length. It forms an artificial lake fifteen miles long and nearly four miles wide. Its object is twofold—production of electric power and for irrigation. The cement used in the construction of the dam was made on the spot from limestone and marl found within a short distance and transported by a temporary railroad.

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