

LOCAL NEWS

George Gardner was a visitor in Medford Thursday. Chester Kubli of Applegate was in this city Thursday. Lula Williams is reported to be ill at her home in this city. Sidney Abbott is spending a few days with his parents in this city. Judge and Mrs. F. L. TonVelle were visitors at Eagle Point Sunday. Robert Peachey attended the basketball games at Medford Thursday night.

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Wait until St. Patrick's Day and see what this means. Shorty Garnett of Medford broke his right arm while cranking an auto Wednesday. Gus Newbury of Medford transacted business at the court house Friday forenoon. Miss Jessie Williams of Dunsmuir, Cal. visited friends near this city first of the week. W. N. Offutt has gone to Granada, Cal. where he has a job in the erection of some new buildings. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cox are at Shelton, Washington, where Mr. Cox is employed in a logging camp. The bank and the offices at the court house were closed Thursday in observance of Washington's birthday. W. R. McLeod of Prospect was in town several days this week. He was one of the grand jurors in the circuit court.

A special state election will be held June 4. Minnie Kelly was over from Medford Sunday. Pat Swayne of Watkins was in town this week. Up to date business men use printed stationery. All work done in 1917 spot cash at W. R. Sparks. C. Collings of Watkins was in town first of the week. Are you a subscriber to the Post? If not, why not? Chauncey Florey was a visitor at Medford Thursday. Anna Coffman of Medford was a recent visitor in town. Dan Baker of Steamboat was a recent visitor in town. Fred Off-nbacher of Applegate was a recent visitor in town. M. F. Thompson, an Alaska mining man was in town Wednesday. Lyle Purdin of Medford was a visitor in this city Tuesday evening. Appropriations made by the legislature of this state total \$6,319,034. Mrs. Alpha Hartman was a visitor at Medford Thursday afternoon. District Attorney Roberts of Medford transacted business in town Wednesday. Mrs. Ed Wendt who underwent an operation Monday is reported to be improving. Throw away that rubber stamp and get printed stationery at this office. Work right, prices right. The Jacksonville Basketball team won the game at Eagle Point Saturday night by a score of 26-15. The family of Prof. Godward of the public schools arrived Saturday and will reside here for the present. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Stansell and Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Florey attended a dance at Eagle Point Saturday night. When you are hungry and in Medford, try the rice meals served by Anna Coffman and Anna Hoxie at the Nash Cafeteria. [A1v] B. H. Dyer, the new editor of the Central Point Herald was in town Wednesday and made this office a pleasant call. Mr. Dyer seems full of vim and enthusiasm and will doubtless put some life into the Herald—something which it has lacked lately. In another column of this paper appears a resolution of the council calling the regular municipal election, to be held March 6, for the election of two councilmen, a recorder and a treasurer. The mayor and two councilmen hold office for another year.

Beautiful Snow this week. Raymond Bullis of the Sterling mine was in town this week. Fred J. Fick was a business visitor at Medford Friday forenoon. John A. Waite of Squaw Lake was a business visitor in town this week. Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hines have moved into the Collins house south of this office. Miss Linnie Hanscome of Talent is working in the office of County Assessor Coleman. Rowell D. Hines of the Bank of Jacksonville was a business visitor at Medford Friday. M. D. Jones who is employed at the Sterling mine spent several days this week with his family in this city. Howard Dunlap and Gay Spencer indicted by the grand jury for stealing copper wire, plead guilty and were fined \$25 and costs. J. L. Coburn of Grants Pass transacted business in this city Friday. Mr. Coburn is deputy county clerk of Josephine county. The basketball teams of the local high school will go to Central Point this evening for a game with the teams of that burg. Mrs. Emma Coppage of Medford who was indicted by the grand jury for attempting to bribe an officer, plead guilty and was fined. The Southern Oregon Traction people have been in trouble all week on the line between this city and Medford, cars have been running late and in several instances trips have been omitted. Omar Milligan who lives near Central Point, accidentally shot himself with a 12 gauge shot gun Monday afternoon. The wound is serious but not necessarily dangerous unless blood poisoning results. Two Indian children, Silas Leatherwood and Lela McKay have been adopted by Mr. and Mrs. William Barkley of this city. The names of the children have been changed by the court to that of their adopted parents. The basketball game at Medford last night was won by the Medford boys by the close score of 20 to 17. The Medford girls won from Central Point by a score of 11 to 8. A good sized crowd was present and both games were lively contests. J. W. Sweeney, contractor for the construction of the Pacific highway over the Siskiyou has recovered judgment against Jackson County for the sum of \$73,262.25, together with interest amounting to nearly \$8,000. The case was tried before Judge Davis in Multnomah court. The county will appeal to the supreme court at once.

Better dig out that ground hog. Dr. Cameron of Ruch was in town today. John Graves of Salmon Bar Cal. was a recent visitor in town. M. A. Watkins of Watkins, was a recent visitor in this city. Sam Richardson of Medford transacted business in this city Tuesday. Sheriff Jennings was a business visitor at Medford Thursday afternoon. Uncle Billy Cameron of Uniontown was a recent business visitor in this city. A number of persons from this city attended the mask dance at Bancroft Saturday night. Mary Bagshaw, Cliff Dunnington, Pete Ora, and Toots Thompson were visitors in Medford Sunday afternoon. Farmers, fruitgrowers and placer miners are wearing pleased smiles this week on account of the recent snowfall. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Crane of Central Point will establish a country store on Thompson creek about two miles southwest of Applegate postoffice, early in March. Curious Death Custom in Fiji. The Fijians believe that in case a marriageable youth or maiden dies without having gone through with the elaborate nuptial knot tying ceremony of the islands his or her soul is doomed to wander about forever in an intermediate region between heaven and hell. When any one dies—man, woman or child—a whale's tooth is placed in the hand of the corpse, the missile to be thrown at the tree which stands as a guidepost to point out the road that leads to heaven and the one that leads to hell.—London Mail. It Was Going Too. Bill—Where are you off to? Jill—I'm going downtown to the jeweler's. "What for?" "To have my watch fixed." "Isn't your watch going?" "Sure! I'm taking it along with me."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Preparing For Patches. When making kitchen aprons leave the strings longer and wider than is necessary, then when a patch is needed cut off a piece of the apron string for this purpose. This is better than using a new piece, as the string has faded with the apron.—Mothers' Magazine. How Wood Shrinks. Students in the college of forestry at the University of Washington have proved by experiment that a cord of full length wood when sawed and repled in the ordinary stack shrinks on an average 24.76 per cent. As dealers buy wood in full lengths and usually measure it for delivery before sawing it, they are often accused of giving short measure. A "cord" is the standard measurement of wood, and it is defined as 125 cubic feet of wood, measured by a pile four feet high and eight feet wide of logs four feet long. The discrepancy between the cord as bought by the dealer and as delivered to the customer, according to Professor Hugo Winkler, dean of the college, is not entirely explained by the sawdust. When wood is piled up in four foot lengths there are many spaces between sticks, caused by knots and curvatures. These spaces are eliminated when the wood is cut up small. Ancestry of Modern Dogs. According to Charles R. Eastman, writing in the Museum Journal, our modern dogs have a varied ancestry, some being descended from Asiatic and some from African species. The spitz in all its varieties is a domesticated jackal. The mastiff and St. Bernard and their kind are descended through the molossus of the Romans from a huge, wolflike creature that was already domesticated by the Assyro-Babylonians 3,000 years before our era. The Russian borzoi and the Sicilian hound had their origin in the Cretan hound, which is still common in Crete, and it and its cousin, the Ibaiza hound of the Balearic Islands, came from the ancient Ethiopian hound, which was a domesticated wolf. The collie or shepherd dog seems to come down direct from a small wild dog of the paleolithic period. Here's a Tip About Hotel Guests. In the American Magazine a writer says: "Here's a funny thing, by the way, that I've noticed about hotel guests: You leave a soiled towel in a room and the guest will probably complain, but you can leave a bucket of paint and a paper hanger's scaffold in the hallway and compel the guest to crawl under a stepladder to get to his room and he will put up with it cheerfully, because he knows you are painting or papering by way of making an improvement and he is in sympathy with that. It doesn't cost much to make over a carpet so that a bare spot in front of the dresser will be eliminated, but such little details are a vast help in making a hotel prosper."

A STOLEN GEM

By ALAN HINSDALE. When Edward Worthington, millionaire and globe trotter, was in India he bought a large ruby, not knowing its value. When Worthington reached London he submitted his purchase to a precious stone expert, and the report was surprising. "It is a pigeon blood red ruby almost perfect in color and transparency and worth anywhere from a hundred to a hundred and fifty thousand dollars." It was evident from this that the ruby had been stolen, and Worthington would have liked to return it to its owner; but, in the first place, he did not know who was the owner, and, in the second, he was obliged to sail without delay for America. On the steamer coming over he carried his ruby on his person by day, pinning it in his inner vest pocket, folding the vest carefully and putting it under his pillow at night. One afternoon, having spent the day on deck, he went to his stateroom, and, having put his key in the lock and taken it out, he noticed a bit of something white on it. Examining it thoroughly, he found the substance to be wax. Worthington pondered long as to his discovery, for he suspected at once that some one was in possession of the secret of his having the ruby. He had told no one of his purchase, and no one had seen it except the London gem expert. How, then, could any one know that it was in his possession? He did not care to part with the jewel by having it stolen from him. The price he had paid for it, the fact that he had unwittingly bought a stolen property and that he was desirous of returning it to its owner constrained him to be on his guard with it. It occurred to him to turn it over for safe keeping to the purser of the ship, but that officer would ask him its value, and he did not wish to impart this to any one. Fearing that if he kept it on his person he would be murdered for his possession, he concluded to hide it. Going to the ship's carpenter, he borrowed a few tools and, returning to his stateroom, took up a board in the floor, placed the ruby, wrapped in cotton, in the cavity and replaced the board. Returning the tools, he borrowed some varnish and revarnished the disturbed place. While doing this work he made sure that no one was in any of the adjoining staterooms. Having thus put the gem where he was sure it would be safe, he felt easier, though he was careful not to go to lonely parts of the ship and barricaded his stateroom door at night, for he thought one who was after the ruby might think it was kept on his person. At the end of the voyage while the ship was being docked Worthington removed the board under which he had placed his gem and was thunder-struck to see the place empty. He was more discomfited at not being able to return it to its owner than at the loss of the price he had paid for it. But what engaged his whole attention was how could the thief have known where he had hidden it. He thought of calling for a search of all on board, but abandoned the idea as futile. There seemed nothing to do but pocket the loss and think no more about it. The morning after Worthington's arrival at his home in New York he was told that a visitor wished to see him. The person proved to be of dark color and a cast of features common in India. He was well dressed and appeared to be an upper caste. Advancing to Worthington, he handed him a check for \$10,000. "Mr. Worthington," he said, "a ruby was recently stolen from the rajah of Rinpure, in India, by one of his servants and sold to you for the amount of this check. The thief was arrested, confessed and told what he had done with the gem, which is one of the rarest in the world. His highness the rajah directed me to follow you and recover the gem. I did as he commanded and have it in my possession." "But why," asked Worthington, "did you not tell me that the ruby had been stolen and ask me to return it?" "Firstly, I could only compel you. Secondly, I did not know whether you would surrender it or what terms you would make." "But you would have had the law," said Worthington. "Yes, but you western people have a saying, 'Possession is nine points in the law.' We Indians have something much better than the law. We are adepts in secret methods." "I shall certainly not dispute that," said Worthington. "Now that the matter is finished I wish you would tell me why you think it necessary to return me the price I paid for the gem." "His highness has many English and American friends and does not wish to do an injustice." "Lastly, will you tell me how you recovered the ruby?" "I came over in the same ship with you. I took an impression with wax of your lock, from which I made a key. Soon after you left your room, where you had hidden the jewel, I entered it. I smelled varnish. I knew at once what that meant. It was but a few minutes before I found a freshly varnished board. To remove it was very easy. You western people in such matters are as children in the hands of us orientals."

Notice To Creditors.

In the Matter of the estate of Anna Smith, deceased. Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned Thora Smith has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of Anna Smith, deceased, by the County Court of Jackson County, State of Oregon, and that letters of administration have been duly issued to her as such administratrix. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified to the undersigned administratrix at her residence in Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, the date of the first publication of this notice is the 24th day of February 1917. THORA SMITH, Administratrix.

Notice of Hearing

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, IN AND FOR JACKSON COUNTY. In the matter of the estate of William Greenfield, Deceased. Notice is hereby given all parties interested in the above entitled matter that the undersigned has filed his final account therein and that in pursuance of an order made and entered therein by the County Judge of said county the hearing upon said account and application for discharge has been set and will be had at the County Court Room in said County, on the 2nd day of April 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, when and where all such parties may appear and show cause, if any, why said account should not be allowed and the prayer of said application granted. G. C. McALLISTER, Administrator of the Estate of William Greenfield, deceased.

A Simple Lesson In Arithmetic



If you SPEND YOUR MONEY out of town, And your neighbor spends HIS MONEY out of town, And EVERYBODY spends his money out of town, What will become of this town? THINK IT OVER. TRADE AT HOME

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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, et 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.

Blossom Time in the Golden State

A friend just back from Southern California says: "The weather was fine, in fact too warm for heavy clothes. Many were bathing at the beaches. Oranges were ripe in the valleys, while the mountains nearby were covered with snow." With warm sunny weather it will not be long before the blossoms on the trees will be everywhere announcing that spring-time is here.

Take a vacation trip now where life is different; where climate surroundings and amusements are out of the ordinary. Spend a different February.

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