

LOCAL NEWS

Dick Gaskin was at Medford Thursday. Mrs. Bertha Eckelston returned from Portland Thursday morning on account of the illness of her father, Judge Prim. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Coleman is reported ill at her home on Fourth street. John Tucker of Leona, Oregon, visited his niece, Mrs. Richard Gaskins, Thursday evening and left for his home Friday morning. Have you prepared that new leaf yet? A good resolution for New Year is: "I will subscribe for the Post and will patronize all home institutions during 1918." Mrs. Ellen Kubli of this city is spending the holidays with relatives in Portland. Clarence Burke of the naval reserves at Bremerton, visited friends in this city Thursday evening. John Cantral of Ruch brought in a truck load of beans from his ranch on the Applegate, for which he received a check for \$450. Wm. Fraley, Clyde Smith and Glenn Downing went over to Medford yesterday to enlist in the Marine corps. William McIntire of the Seventh company, stationed at Ft. Columbia, spent Christmas with his parents in this city. Jud Clark and family returned Wednesday from Weed, Cal. where they spent Christmas with relatives. G. P. Wagner of Steamboat, a well known miner and prospector, transacted business in this city Friday afternoon. Jesse M. Taylor and Miss Laura Thomas were married at Ashland, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 23. Rev. Van Scoy performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Anderson attended the Taylor-Thomas wedding at Ashland, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Taylor of Ruch, were recent visitors in this city. Miss Mabel Reeve who has been teaching school near Trail, is visiting relatives in this city. David Brown, a prominent farmer of the Central Point district, was a business visitor in this city Thursday forenoon. Harry Walsh has applied for a chauffeur's license. Frank Gordon of Forest creek transacted business in this city Monday. Col. J. M. Williams who has been ill for several weeks is reported better. Judges Charles Prim is seriously ill at his home in this city. Mrs. G. N. Lewis was a visitor at Medford Thursday. Julian Abbott transacted business at Medford Friday afternoon. James R. Robertson of Ashland transacted business in this city Thursday forenoon. Attorney George W. Trefren of Ashland was a business visitor in this city Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. James A. Robertson and children of Central Point transacted business in this city Thursday morning. H. D. Mills of the Butte Falls Lumber Co. was a recent visitor in this city. Mr. and Mrs. C. Purcell of Buncom were recent visitors in this city. Chris Kerney who has been living near Buncom for several weeks has moved into the small Kenny house opposite the Catholic church. Richard Gaskin and family expect to leave Monday for Weed, Cal., where Mr. Gaskin will be employed in a logging camp. Judge and Mrs. F. L. TouVelle spent Christmas with relatives at San Francisco. Charles Thompson who is employed in the navy yard at Vallejo, Cal., spent Christmas with his parents in this city and returned to his work Thursday. Captain Fenton of the medical corps of the army was in the valley this week trying to enlist physicians and surgeons in the army. It is reported that two doctors of Medford and one of Ashland will enlist. Edward Turrell of Medford and Mabel Owens of Central Point were married by Rev. Harry Tucker Thursday afternoon. Mr. Turrell is a corporal in the Seventh company, now stationed at Ft. Columbia. Dan W. Bagshaw and Lester Thompson of the naval reserves at Bremerton, Wash. are spending the holiday season with their parents in this city. They report that Jewel Bailey, Pauline Greaves, Gretchen Puhl, Albert Mitchell and Merrit Dews, also in the service from this city, are all well and expect to get furloughs for a visit home later. The boys will return to their duties at the navy yard next week.

All work done in 1917 spot cash at W. R. Sparks.

For Sale—Gasoline engine belonging to Basye estate. D. W. Bagshaw.

FOR SALE.—A camera, with tripod, plates and other equipment. Cost \$72. Will sell for \$15. Call at this office.

Glenn Bailey who is serving in the navy at San Francisco left for that city Thursday morning after a week's visit with his parents in this city.

W. D. Yant of Willow Springs was a business visitor in this city today.

J. W. and E. S. Wilson returned Friday morning from Camp Lewis where they spent Christmas with their brother E. W. who is training with the National army. They report that Curly is well and getting along nicely.

Dan W. Bagshaw, Lester Thompson and Julian Abbott attended the Alumni ball at Medford Friday night.

John Dunnington was a visitor at Medford Friday afternoon.

Lewis Ulrich was a visitor at Medford Friday evening.

The Scandinavian Society of Southern Oregon will hold a box social at St. Mark's Hall, Medford, Monday night, December 31.

Attorney H. K. Hanna was a business visitor at Medford today.

Toots Thompson and Mrs. Minnie Kelly and daughter were visitors at Medford Thursday.

Causes of Menstrual Irregularities. Sedentary habits, lack of out-door exercise, indigestion, constipation, rapid liver, worry and anxiety, overeating, staking of food and drink not suited to age and occupation. Correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Tablets and you will soon be well again. For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

18 ARE DEAD IN PITTSBURG WRECK

Trolley Car in Wild Dash Through Tunnel is Torn to Pieces.

Pittsburg, Dec. 25.—Two of the passengers who were injured when a Knoxville street car was torn to pieces after a wild dash through the South Hills tunnel late yesterday, died in hospitals this morning, bringing the total deaths to 18. Eighty-two other persons were in hospitals, some of them so badly hurt they were not expected to live through the day. Among the dead were 11 women, nine of whom were mothers.

Investigations had not determined the cause of the accident.

Douglas County Men Ask Exemptions

Roseburg, Or., Dec. 27.—Returns from 250 first questionnaires in this county indicate that almost every man has asked for exemption or deferred classification on one ground or another. While claims of dependency are most frequent, agricultural claims will probably cause the most difficult part of the classification. This task falls on the district board at Eugene. The larger portion of the single men without some kind of a claim have joined either the army or the navy, the navy having been the favorite branch of the service here, at least among the men who drew numbers less than 500.

My Secret

By WARNER MILLER

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Annie Clark was fifteen years old when I first saw her, a rosy-cheeked, laughing girl who had never known misfortune. We were fisher folk, and sailors and lived under the canopy of heaven; used to the breaking of the waves on the beach, which at times lulled us to slumber and at times merged with the roar of the tempest. I was thirty years old then and when I saw Annie racing over the sands or climbing the dunes, her hair streaming behind her, in the wind, I felt then in comparison with her I was a hundred. At any rate I knew that to her I was an old man while to me she was a child. The day would soon come when some youngster would carry her off and I left in a world that would be dreary without her. But still she romped and pulled about, when the water was calm, in her boat, and with bare feet ran on the sand of a windy day like a bird. "Of tenpest-loving kind. Thus bending up against the wind," and no wooer came. The only claim I had on her was when she would sit beside me on the end of the dock under which the waves were rolling and I would tell her stories. Then came a sailor lad still in his teens and he and Annie came together with a snap like two magnetized metals. How I envied that boy. He was a handsome fellow, and in his sailor togs, a unique costume unlike any other. I thought it no wonder that Annie should find a mate in him. Annie's father and I were chums, he being but a few years older than I and one day he said to me: "Tom, d'ye mind this young Crocker boy, taken up to my Annie?" The devil tempted me to say he's no good. "T'would be a pity for Annie to throw herself away on such as he. If I had said that Jim Clark would have sent him away without Annie. But I braced myself and said, "He's a likely chap, and I believe would go aloft to furl a sail in a hurricane as quick as any man."

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Honest. "I know he's honest." "What makes you think so?" "He's always willing to give his note for any money that he borrows."

Drop In And Order That Stationery

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HAVE A LESSON IN FRENCH

Family and Friends of Young Indianapolis Officer Learn the Meaning of "Sans Origin."

The son of a prominent Indianapolis business man recently received a commission and was called for service in France, relates the Indianapolis News. The family and many friends of the young lieutenant were anxious to learn of his safe trip across, and the father received many inquiries about his son's welfare during the weeks of silence following his departure.

Finally a cablegram was received and the word was passed around that the soldier boy had landed safely. Someone thoughtfully inquired just where the cablegram came from, and a close inspection of the message revealed what was thought to be either the port of landing or the headquarters of American troops. It was written plainly enough, across the top of the message—"San Sorigin." Speculation was rife; office associates brought out atlases; maps and encyclopedias were consulted to find out, if possible, whether the young officer was near the scene of activities, at a port, or in the south of France. Finally someone with a knowledge of French spoiled all the fun by informing the "user group" that "Sans origin" was the French equivalent to "somewhere," or, literally, without origin. The cable operator who had copied the message had merely divided the letters in the two words at the wrong place.

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At The Churches

PRESBYTERIAN. Albert H. Gammans, Minister. Sunday Services regularly as follows: 10:30 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 the house of the Lord.—Ps. 122:1.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Services held every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in L. O. O. F. Hall. Everybody welcome.

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Only 2 Days For Christmas In St. Helens Industries

St. Helens, Or., Dec. 24.—Following the request of government authorities, the mills and shippers in St. Helens will remain closed only two days for the Christmas holidays. The Milton Creek Logging company closed Saturday night and will not resume operations until the first of the year, although a considerable force will be engaged doing necessary work in changing tracks and logging equipment so that operations can be promptly resumed January 2.

Ripe Tomatoes, Roses and Sweet Peas At Hood River

Hood River, Or., Dec. 24.—Mrs. W. A. Isenberg, who resides west of this city, reports that she served on her table last week ripe tomatoes pulled from vines that are still growing luxuriantly in a backyard war garden. The vines were protected from the frosts that prevailed during November by overhanging eaves of the Isenberg home. Numerous local families are daily plucking bouquets of roses, and in protected places sweet peas are continuing to blossom.

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