

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Missie McCully was a visitor in Medford Wednesday.

B. B. Beekman was a business visitor at Medford Wednesday morning.

It is reported that a drilling outfit has been unloaded at Ashland and that prospecting for oil will begin in the near future.

Reports are current that the 7th company now at Ft. Columbia will be divided into a number of detachments and assigned to duty with other organizations at various places.

George Ridd, a recruit at Camp Lewis has been dishonorably discharged from the army and sentenced to hard labor for the rest of his life at the U. S. prison at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Oscar Lewis the accommodating clerk at Ulrich's store is on the sick list.

Mrs. L. J. Combest of Buncom was a visitor in this city Wednesday.

Hugh Combest of Buncom was a business visitor in this city Tuesday and Wednesday.

Roland Mitchell of Buncom was in town Wednesday.

Lester Thompson who is in the naval reserves at Bremerton returned to duty at that place Monday evening after spending a week with his parents in this city.

Elmer Roscoe Lewis of the Applegate valley transacted business in this city Wednesday.

Jose Hartman was a business visitor in Medford Thursday forenoon.

R. S. Bullis of Medford and Miss Jane Fowler of Walla Walla, Wash. were married at the home of the bride's parents, Wednesday, Jan. 2. Mr. Bullis is manager of the S. O. Traction company.

Wood Jeter of Steamboat was a recent visitor in this city.

New Year's Day was very quiet in this city; the bank, postoffice, county offices and stores were all closed and the streets presented a deserted appearance.

The Applegate Lumber company whose logging camp is on Jackson creek, about 2 miles above this city, report that business is good, with plenty of orders in sight. The company is planning an extension of their business this year which will add materially to the payroll as well as the income of the concern.

The local lodge of the Eastern Star installed officers for the ensuing term Thursday night.

Judge and Mrs. F. L. TouVelle returned Tuesday from a Christmas vacation spent with friends in California.

County Superintendent Ager was at Salem Monday and Tuesday, assisting in the grading of teachers' examination papers.

S. S. Bullis, president of the S. O. Traction Co. has returned from a business trip to New York and other eastern points.

J. W. Opp was in town Friday morning.

The friends of Col. J. M. Williams will be glad to learn that he is improving rapidly in health and will be able to return home soon.

During 1917, the fees for hunting licenses in Jackson county was \$1655; fishing licenses \$1595.50 and for combination hunting and fishing \$958. The total amount is considerable less than in former years.

Dan W. Bagshaw of the Naval Reserves at Bremerton navy yard, who spent the holidays with his parents in this city, left Wednesday evening for the north and will report for duty Friday evening. Dan reports that the Jacksonville boys and girls in the service are all well and getting along nicely.

The county court was in session for the transaction of county business Thursday.

Fred C. Hoffman of Thompson creek transacted business in this city Wednesday.

James Buckley of Ruch was a business visitor in this city Wednesday afternoon.

Another auto accident occurred on the Pacific Highway near Central Point Monday night in which two people, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Myers who were walking on the highway were run over and severely injured. Mr. Myers skull being fractured besides other injuries. Mrs. Myers was thrown from the road into a puddle of water from which she was taken in an unconscious condition about half an hour afterwards. The victims were taken to a hospital at Medford where the unfortunate man died from the effect of his injuries. Mrs. Myers is still in a critical condition and up to Thursday night was not aware of her husband's death. The car was driven by A. Conno Fiero.

Al Learned of Applegate transacted business in this city Wednesday.

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

W. E. Phipps of Medford was a business visitor in this city today.

Charles Dunford, Jr. of Buncom was a business visitor in this city Friday.

Posters are out announcing a grand masquerade ball, to be given in Gokisby hall at Buncom, Saturday, January 12.

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

Stephen Kranitz the well known mining man of Sterling was a business visitor in this city Monday.

O. S. Hansen of Applegate was in town Monday with his questionnaire for the county board.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Hansen of Applegate were visitors in this city Monday forenoon.

S. L. Johnston of Thompson creek was a business visitor in this city Monday.

Mrs. Dailey the pioneer mining woman of Southern Oregon, transacted business regarding her mines, in this city, Monday forenoon.

Porter J. Neff of Medford transacted business at the court house Monday forenoon.

Mrs. Ida Wilson was a visitor at Medford Monday afternoon.

Attorney Harry D. Norton of Grants Pass transacted local business in this city Friday forenoon.

Send the Post to your friend in the east or in fact any place. No more appropriate present can be given.

For almost nine years the present publisher of the Post has boosted Jacksonville and its institutions and now it is time to ask the people of the city to boost the Post—a little at least. Under the present high prices of stock, etc. we need the subscription of every family in the town and the family needs the paper. Are you going to help?

Miss Emma Armstrong of Medford visited friends in this city Friday.

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

The city council held its regular monthly session Wednesday evening, the only business transacted being the usual routine work. Bills for salaries labor and supplies were considered and ordered paid. Cemetery conditions were discussed and referred to the proper committee. The recorder was instructed to order couplings for fire hose.

Mrs. Mary Kline of Talent spent Christmas with friends in this city.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Robinson entertained a few friends at dinner at the Hotel Medford, Tuesday.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY TRADE.

181 A. on Pacific Highway between Eugene and Cottage Grove, close to store, P. O., 2 room school, Ry station, High school, church etc. 80 A. plow land, lots of piling timber near switch. 2 sets good buildings, fruit trees, rich soil, pure soft spring water piped to buildings. Fenced hog and goat tight. An ideal home. Want good hay and grain farm in dry climate to same value. Price \$21000.00 clear. Or will sell 1/4 down and 2 years on bal.—Owner, B. Johnston, Sagarinaw, Oregon.

Thomas Edmeades of Medford, aged 92 years, was found dead in the lot adjoining his home, Friday morning. He was a native of England and leaves two sons and one daughter.

Mrs. Kate Hoffman and Miss Carrie Beckman were visitors at Medford Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Smith of Klamath Falls are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thompson of this city. Mr. Smith is a brother of Mrs. Thompson.

DEFECTS IN "CANNED" SONGS

Vocalists Do Not Break Down on Top Notes and No One Shouts "Amen," Comments Countryman.

He was a plain, old-fashioned countryman "without no frills," as he often proudly boasted. He lamented the passing of the old cottage organ, earbobs and coal oil lamps and contended that persons in these days are not nearly as happy as those of a half century ago. The other day he came into town from his country home nearby, relates an exchange, and stopping at his daughter-in-law with music on the phonograph. Knowing his fondness for old religious music, the daughter-in-law put on the records containing old-time hymns sung by the world's great artists of song.

The old man was plainly thrilled and sat in rapt attention as he heard his old favorites sung with such sympathy and meaning as he never had heard them sung in real life. At the conclusion of what she called her "sacred concert," the young woman asked, "Well, father, weren't those old hymns sung as beautifully as you have ever heard them in the old days?" "Emmy, they mightn't be so bad," he reluctantly conceded, "if that Madam Human Shank or whatever you call her, had only broke down on the top notes like they used to in church, most always, and somebody'd only said 'Amen' right out loud when they got through singin'."

WEEKLY DATA ON MORTALITY

Statistics of Principal Cities Now Issued Regularly by the United States Census Bureau.

A weekly circular giving the mortality statistics of the principal cities of the United States is now issued regularly by the United States census bureau, says the Scientific American. It gives the total number of deaths reported (stillbirths excluded), the death rate per thousand, number of deaths of infants under one year of age, and the proportion of infant deaths to total deaths.

The cities for which data are given include one-fifth the population of the country. Thus the circular is a fairly accurate index to the state of the nation's health. Its uses are manifold. It will show local health authorities how their home towns stand in comparison with other towns in respect to mortality and when a town has a bad record the publicity given to the fact should spur the authorities to seek the cause and remove it. Insurance companies will find the reports of interest. The circular is issued in Washington every Tuesday, and is distributed free of charge.

Positive Signs. Even some public signs come direct to the point. They do not waste any time in wondering how the reader will feel about it. In a garage is posted: "Don't smoke around the tank. If your life isn't worth anything, gasoline is!"



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It is said that rainy breezes, soft skies, mellow sunshine, or the light of the moon, constitute a fitting background for love making. I was not smug amid any such surroundings. Helen captured me in midwinter.

Helen and I were skating. A broad stretch of ice, smoothed as glass by before us. The morning was bright; the sun glistened on the frosty scene; the air was full of ozone. Occasionally we would skate over a place where the ice was thin and we would hear that crackling beneath us that I have always loved. This sound and the ozone of a frosty morning are far more delicious to me than the song of the birds and the fragrance of roses in June.

Helen's eyes were as bright as the sunlight on the ice; and her cheeks had been painted vermilion by Jack Frost. We were skating along with something of a roll. Helen's hands in her fur muff, and the long hairs of her tippli caressing her cheeks. How I envied her that tippli. She began to talk about the various marriage customs of different countries. When a girl discusses love and marriage the fellow she is with had better be on his guard. It indicates what she is thinking about.

"They have some funny customs in Russia concerning betrothals," she said. "One is that if a girl loves a man she goes to his house and remains there till he asks her to marry him. If he declines to do so her relations consider themselves insulted, and punish him accordingly."

"That's very queer, isn't it?" "In another part of Russia where there are several unmarried and unprovided for girls, they make a sort of raffle and dispose of them by lot."

"That's better." "In Lapland," Helen continued, "they have a different way still. When a man wants a girl, without speaking to her he goes to her parents and asks for her. If they consent they inform her that she has had an offer. Possibly she may not know her suitor, may never have seen him. There is a feast at the end of which the race takes place between the suitor and the girl he wants. If she accepts him she permits herself to be caught; if not, she won't let him catch her."

"That beats all the other plans, doesn't it? I saw nothing out before me over the stretch of ice on which there was not the slightest flaw; 'It's mighty cold in Lapland; don't they do it on skates?'"

"I suppose so." I cast a glance aside at Helen. She said not a word further but I saw challenge in her eye. We skated on in silence. Presently we passed over thin ice; the crackling stimulated me; made me reckless; I have always prided myself on going into matters with coolness and deliberation; a woman has the faculty of taking that out of a man if she chooses. Helen, the frosty scene, the ozone in the air, the crackling ice stole away my brains.

"Do you see that point up there and the little landing for boats extending into the ice?" I asked.

"Yes," replied Helen in a low voice. She knew what was coming just as well as the spider knows what will happen when he sees the fly put his foot on the web.

"I think I can give you forty strokes and beat you to that landing." "I don't think you can," said Helen under her breath.

"Suppose we try. You skate on until you have taken forty strokes, then stop. When you hear me say 'go' the race begins."

"Very well." She skated on leisurely while I counted the forty strokes. When the number was completed I called her to stop.

She took ten more strokes. I wondered if she had it, because a woman must take every advantage of a man she can. Perhaps after all she intended to beat me if she could. The true answer was that she wanted me to think that she was going to do her best. But that solution I did not think of then.

She looked back at me, then ahead, then turned again.

"It's fully a mile to the goal, I need more handikap."

"Very well make it a hundred strokes."

She took the hundred strokes and since I saw that she was going to take as many more as she liked I gave the signal, and the race was on.

Helen did her best on the start. I had all I could do to make any lessening of the handikap for the first quarter of a mile. The second quarter was not much better for me. The third quarter Helen began to lag. At the beginning of the fourth she made a spurt, but I did the same and in the middle of this quarter I was not more than a hundred feet behind her. When we were within fifty feet of the goal she seemed to be giving out. I dashed forward, she staggered and was about to fall when I caught her in my arms.

She lay quiet except for the panting induced by the exercise. I took a dozen kisses—and well, the rest of the story is simply the beginning of the Lapland custom, wherein the suitor goes to papa and has it out with him in the usual conventional way.

SORCERERS BURNED AT STAKE

Custom of an Early Age When Thousands of Unfortunate Students Were Put to Death.

Alchemists often believed that by leop thought they could find a way to turn base metals into gold, but alchemy itself was much deeper and broader than this, according to a writer. It was supposed at this time that there were seven heavenly bodies—the sun, moon, Mars, Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn—and seven metals—gold, silver, iron, mercury, copper, tin and lead. There were also seven days in a week and seven colors in a rainbow. There were twelve signs in the zodiac, twelve months in the year, twelve precious stones, and twelve parts to the body. It seemed to the alchemists that there must be some hidden connection between these things of nature, and in trying to find it they spent much time in watching the sky and in bending over their crucibles and retorts.

During an age when superstition was rife such nocturnal activities could not fail to arouse suspicion, and to be accused of being a sorcerer was generally followed by burning at the stake. Many thousands of such unfortunate students were put to death during these dark centuries, but in spite of the dangers men secretly studied alchemy.

RUSSIAN NAMES WERE EASY

Pronunciation Not to Be Compared With Talk Between Baby and Parrot, Proud Parent Boasts.

Reference at a social session was made to lingual dexterity when Congressman John M. Evans of Montana, said he was reminded of a little incident along that line.

Down at the cigar store one night the regulars were talking about the war and remarking how it gave one something worse than face ache to pronounce the Russian names that appear in the news.

"Those Russian names are nothing," remarked a man named Johnson, with an expansive smile. "You just ought to hear what I stank up against in my own home every day of my life."

"What's that?" demanded one of the regulars, amazedly. "Do you mean that you have somebody in your family who can put a kink in those Russian syllable twists?"

"Well, I should say that I have," rejoined Johnson. "You should come around some time and hear the baby and the parrot when they get to talking together."

Africa Second Largest.

Africa is the second largest of the continental divisions of the earth, containing 11,432,000 square miles. Europe contains 3,671,004; Asia, 17,470,280; North America, 7,116,000; South America, 7,344,000. At the outbreak of the present war, August, 1914, European states had established protectorates over it. By agreement, Great Britain controlled about 3,700,000 square miles; France, 4,422,000; Germany, 831,000; Belgium, 900,000; Portugal, 704,000; Spain, 592,000, with native ownership ignored everywhere. These areas of control have undergone material changes since the war began and no doubt will be further changed at its conclusion. The different areas have been held and governed as colonies, the only politics being a contest among the nations to obtain and hold as much as possible. It has been what might be called in common phrase "a grab game" on a large scale, with a content as the spillo.

Death to the Puppies.

The details of the snatching from this life of four brindle Boston bulls in the prime of their puppyhood were recited when a woman reviewed her married life in the court of domestic relations in New York. "Only last week," she said, "our bulldog, Ida, had a family that would have been worth \$200 if it had grown. My husband went to a veterinarian and the doctor told him if they wouldn't take milk out of a saucer to put some milk in his own mouth, but a nipple in his mouth and feed them that way, just like dog fanciers do. At first he didn't even want to do it."

"Well," said the court, "and what has that to do with the case?" "Because when he did do it, I tell you, the dogs died."

Profits in Shipbuilding.

The sale of the schooner Glynn, the first ocean commerce carrier built south of Newport News since the war began, has brought out facts, says the Manufacturers' Record, showing the remarkable profits to be made from shipbuilding and the operation of freight ships under war conditions. The company made a profit of 25 per cent on the building of the vessel; her purchaser, James S. Bradley, Jr., received \$52,000 freight for the voyage to Italy with naval stores and then sold her to French interests for \$90,000. After deducting \$21,500 for insurance, outfitting and provisioning and the salaries and wages, the Glynn netted him \$45,500 in six months.

Making Mineral Wool.

An American firm operating in Australia has started works near Melbourne for turning the local basalt into "mineral wool" for use as an insulator in packing machinery and ice chests and as a substitute for asbestos, according to the Scientific American. The basalt is melted down with a proportion of freestone and limestone and then steam, at an immense pressure, is forced through the fluid. The liquid rock, thus aerated, flies into the air and falls in flakes on the floor.

At The Churches

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10:00 A. M. Sabbath School Classes for all ages.
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60 Below Zero at Dawson Results in Pneumonia Epidemic.

Dawson, Y. T., Jan. 1—Dawson's thermometers have registered between 50 and 60 below zero for the past month and an epidemic of pneumonia and colds is sweeping the town. All the hospitals are crowded. Eighteen deaths have occurred during the cold spell and no funerals are possible until the weather moderates. The latest deaths include George Henley, former city librarian; Peter Broucha, a pioneer of the Cariboo section, and John Nicholas a mining promoter.
One day during the cold spell thermometers dropped to 86 below at the mouth of the Pelly river, about 150 miles up the Yukon river from here. At White Horse, the head of navigation on the Yukon, it was 72 below.

The British once took Jerusalem to turn it over to the Turks; they are doing better now and turning the Turks out.

Even the Austrians denounce the Bulgarians for their atrocities. It seems that there still are some things that are horrible enough to shock the Huns.

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7:50 a. m. Sunday only
8:30 a. m. daily except Sunday
8:50 a. m. Sunday only
10:30 a. m. daily except Sunday
11:30 a. m. daily except Sunday
2:00 p. m. daily
3:00 p. m. daily
4:30 p. m. daily
5:00 p. m. daily (Note 1)
7:15 p. m. daily (Note 2)

Leave Medford.
8:00 a. m. daily except Sunday
8:30 a. m. Sunday only
9:00 a. m. daily except Sunday
11:00 a. m. daily
12:00 Noon-daily except Sunday
2:30 p. m. daily
3:30 p. m. daily
4:30 p. m. daily
6:00 p. m. daily
From Riverside Avenue.
10:30 p. m. daily except Sat. & Sun.
11:00 p. m. Saturday & Sunday only.
(Note 1) Runs to Medford depot and waits until 5:50 p. m. before going to East end of Fre.
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