

LOCAL NEWS

Snow, to the depth of about 2 inches, fell Wednesday morning but melted almost as rapidly as it fell.

R. N. Stanfield of Stanfield, candidate for U. S. Senator was in town Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Kate Hoffman who has been ill for several weeks is reported better.

Cliff Dunnington left Friday morning on a business trip to Portland and vicinity.

Rev. A. H. Gammons was a recent visitor at Medford.

A number of persons from this city attended the Valentine dance at Eagle Point Thursday night.

Mrs. J. M. Williams and daughter, Miss Lulu, visited Mr. Williams at the Medford sanitarium Sunday.

Miss Issie McCully was a visitor at Medford Sunday.

Judge F. L. TouVelle who is supporting one of the war orphans in France, received a nice letter from the mother of orphan, Monday. The letter was written in French language and showed a deep spirit of thankfulness for the aid rendered by the genial judge.

It is reported that a party of boys returning from Medford about 8 o'clock Tuesday evening saw the lights of an aircraft of some kind almost directly overhead.

Pat Swayne, the Watkins cattleman, was a business visitor in this city Thursday.

W. A. Hanna of Medford was a visitor in this city Tuesday.

Sam Sandry of the Blue Ledge mine was a recent visitor in this city.

Mrs. E. S. Wilson who had her tonsils removed Wednesday is getting along nicely.

S. S. Bullis of the S. O. Traction company returned Thursday morning from a trip to New York and other eastern points.

Jewell Bailey of this city who is in the naval reserves at Bremerton navy yard, was married at Bremerton, Saturday February 9th, to Ruel Rian, a member of the U. S. Marine Corps, now stationed at Bremerton. The Post joins with the many friends of the bride in wishing the young couple a long and happy married life.

Among the recent new subscribers to the Post were Mrs. Flora Pinney and C. E. Holloper.

It is reported that 150 pounds of dynamite have been stolen from the cement plant at Gold Hill.

Charles Mitchell who is in the Marine corps at Mare Island, Cal., left Tuesday for his station, after spending a ten days furlough with relatives in this city.

The registration of alien Germans closed Wednesday night. Only one was registered here.

Clarence Reames who has been U. S. District Attorney at Portland, has accepted appointment as assistant to the Attorney General of the U. S. The new position carries a salary of \$7,200 per year.

Elmer Floyd Terrill of Oregon City has succeeded Ben Sheldon as night editor of the Medford Sun. Mr. Sheldon has been engaged to conduct the campaign for the Ashland Normal School.

Eight school boys at Griffin creek have organized a "corn club" and will endeavor to show the farmers of Rogue River valley that corn growing is worthy of more attention than it now receives. The project is planned on the lines proposed by the O. A. C.

Mrs. Henrietta Hunter died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. B. Orr, at Medford, Tuesday, aged about 96 years. Funeral was held Friday.

A. K. Earhart of Rogue River was a recent visitor in this city.

Victor Patton and Felix Cimborski of this city left Tuesday for Weed, Cal., where they have secured employment in a logging camp.

Development work on the Copper King mine was begun Monday.

The rains all this week is worth thousands of dollars to the farmers and fruitgrowers of the valley.

Supt. V. Melo Hillis of the Medford schools, has tendered his resignation, to take effect June 30. Luck of harmony with the school board is assigned as the reason for the resignation.

Word was received Wednesday night of the death of Charles Jones, Jr. at a San Francisco hospital, from injuries received when he fell from his train near Cottonwood, a few days ago. He was a grandson of Mrs. Martha Jones, and a nephew of M. D. Jones of this place. Mr. Jones was born and raised to young manhood at Little Applegate, and was about 30 years old. For several years he has been a railroad man, and was a conductor on a Southern Pacific freight car when he met his death. Besides his father, two brothers and two sisters and other relatives, he leaves a wife and three small children.

Thursday was Valentine Day.

If you are not on our subscription list call or phone your order.

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

Flo Thompson, Mrs. Minnie Kelly, Mary Bagshaw, and Ora Goldsby were visitors in Medford Saturday night.

Dr. C. Hartley, dentistry, painless filling and extracting, bleeding gums and pyorrhea, M. F. & H. Bldg. Medford, Ore. Adv.

Peter Fick was a recent visitor at Medford.

Miss Lulu Williams was a visitor at Medford Tuesday afternoon.

A tire bender, a tire shrinker, some hammers, tongs and a few other tools, belonging to the Basye estate remain in the shop and will be sold at a bargain. D. W. Bagshaw, Adm.

Potatoes are now recognized by the government food commission as a substitute for wheat flour and when buying flour you can purchase it in place of other substitutes, two pounds of potatoes with each pound of flour.

Gus Moser of Portland, candidate for governor, was in town Thursday shaking hands with the dear people.

H. K. Hanna was a business visitor at Medford Tuesday afternoon.

A number of persons from this city attended the "Lincoln Day" banquet at Medford Tuesday evening.

The management of the Blue Ledge mine has been granted permission to install a large truck scale at the loading platform near the west end of California street.

The City Council has ordered the abatement of several nuisances along Jackson creek, above the city water dam.

Fred J. Fick was a business visitor at Medford Friday afternoon.

Harry Loy and Bob Finney are working at the Blue Ledge mine.

The grand jury will be in session Monday.

A number of Ashland Masses came over Thursday evening to attend the meeting of the Royal Arch chapter held that evening.

John G. Dunnington left Thursday morning on a trip to California points.

Mrs. J. M. Dewa who recently underwent an operation at Medford, has returned to her home in this city and is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Fred Loy of Weller visited friends in this city several days this week.

Mrs. and Mrs. Wm. H. Johnson were visitors at Medford Friday afternoon.

Next Tuesday, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, on the premises, the administrator of the Basye estate will sell the property at the corner of California and Fourth streets. The sale will be at public auction. Here is a bargain for someone.

Mrs. Della Dunnington and daughter Margaret visited relatives on Williams creek this week.

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

All work done in 1913 spot cash at W. R. Sparks.

Ora Goldsby was a visitor at Medford Thursday afternoon.

E. Foreman transacted business at Medford Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Rose Singler was a recent visitor at Medford.

If you have a news item of interest send or bring it to us, our readers will appreciate it.

Electric Sparks

(From "Off Our Wireless")

John Lind of Minnesota heads the new advisory council, and a further depletion of the nation's stock of silver is in prospect.

Not the least of the advantages of the thrift stamp habit is that it keeps one always in such a state of financial desolation that one never has a rainy day for riotous living.

Socialism would be a murder resulting without its thimble of "proletariat" and "bourgeois." But where would the propaganda be without its catch phrases?

Perhaps there will be a United States of Russia before long, like the United States of America and the United States of South Africa.

President Wilson is accused by the German press of being "bruta"—probably because he wants to prevent Germany from devouring small nations.

Those more or less excellent people who want an inconceivable peace are the exact mental replicas of the fellow who cut off the pap's tail an inch at a time in order to be humane.

A number of old railroad men are discovering that they have a great deal to learn about the railroad business.

Lemire and Trotzky may yet envy Nicholas Romanoff his quiet and comparatively comfortable finish.

As the New York Evening Post suggests, even a rubber stamp cannot make an experienced egg young, but there is much in the power of suggestion.

Knowing that the way of the transgressor is hard, beer is trying to get itself recognized as a soft drink.

If it came to a choice we should cut out all the musical comedies and other necessities rather than lose the war to Germany.

What Modern Guns Do for the Schmitz American makes an interesting calculation on the force of explosives in the largest German guns. Their 330 centimeter sixteen inch gun represents on firing a force of 300,000,000 foot pounds, equal to the impact that would result from the fall of a block of granite thirty feet long, thirty feet wide and twenty feet thick, dropped from a height of 110 feet. The 355 centimeter twelve inch Krupp gun fires a projectile weighing 445 kilograms, 981 pounds, which leaves a barrel with a velocity of 2,500 feet a second. Its maximum range is twenty kilometers, or about twelve and a half miles, and the shot covers this distance in ninety-five seconds. If one of these guns is fired in a due north and south direction the projectile will deviate a distance of 190 meters or 525 feet, from its true direction owing to the revolution of the earth.

Two Men Who Think as One. In his book, "Contemporary French Dramatists," Barrett H. Clark, writing of the famous collaborators, Piers and Callavet, quotes the latter in describing how their work is done: "Our system of collaboration works so well that I am really unable to say which part of a play is my own and which my partner's. In fact, we talk a plot over, one of us rejecting an idea the other arguing in its favor. It is curious, but often one of these discussions ends by my accepting my confere's proposal and rejecting my own while he does the same with mine. When we come to the dialogue we talk it to each other. Thus it is made, no written. We have come now, partly as a result of our constant working together, partly as a result of our common tastes, to think as well as write as a single being."

First Great American Painter. The first portrait painter of the United States to win general fame was Thomas Sully, who was born in 1783. One of the first celebrated American historical paintings, "Washington Crossing the Delaware," was the product of his genius. Sully established himself in Richmond as a portrait painter in 1805, but soon removed to New York and in 1810 to Philadelphia, which city was afterward his home.

In addition to "Washington Crossing the Delaware," his famous historical paintings include "The Capture of Major Andre" and "Miranda." As a portrait painter his most notable subjects were Thomas Jefferson, Lafayette, James Madison, John Marshall, Fanny Kemble and Queen Victoria. He visited England to paint the girl queen in her coronation robes. Sully lived to an advanced age, dying in Philadelphia in 1872.

Lowering the Topmast. Lord Chelmsford once related that a friend of his at the bar was engaged in a nautical case, in which it appeared that a vessel, in a severe gale of wind, had been thrown upon her beam ends. The barrister, who appears to have had a smattering of nautical matters, asked a sailor who was in the witness box how it was they did not lower the topmast, upon which the witness replied, with a sneer, "if you knew as much of the sea as I do you would know that that is not an easy matter in a gale of wind." This incident led the counsel to turn his attention to the subject, in consequence of which he invented an apparatus for lowering topmasts, for which he obtained a patent and earned upward of £20,000 by his invention. — London Globe.

LIGHTS OF SHINAGAWA BAY

Physical Phenomena in Japanese Waters Said to Have Been Caused by Countless Animalcules.

Strange lights hover over the waters of Japan at various places. The burning spring that appears at intervals of several years in one of the landlocked bays is a natural phenomenon that has attracted the attention of the scientific world. A new and curious spectacle made its appearance in Shinagawa bay recently, when a myriad of pale-green lights shone in the placid waters and attracted thousands of spectators to the shore, East and West News states.

The savants of Japan are giving much attention to this curious freak of nature. One college professor likened the exhibition to the luminous lights of the coast of Chikusen and Chikugo in Kyushu. The latter lights, however, are of a yellow-red, orange color, whereas those in Shinagawa bay were pale green.

Doctor Kishigami of the college of agriculture in the Tokyo imperial university collected a quantity of water from the bay. He has declared that the light is caused by countless animalcules. He describes these insects as gymnopygus, belonging to the class flagellata. Each measures one twelve-hundredth of an inch and has an alimentary canal. These insects must have been always present in the waters of that bay, but an excess of vegetable matter in the water so fattened and stimulated the animalcule that they became unusually luminous. The learned professor cites the appearance of the same phenomenon at Hamburg in 1830, since which time no record exists of its recurrence until lately. The insects live at the bottom of the sea and come to the surface on rare occasions for oxygen.

GOOD OF COMPANY MANNERS

Obviate Arguments, Harsh Language, Criticisms and Other Features in Ordinary Home Life.

There isn't any trouble in the home when there is company in the house. Everything runs smoothly, as a rule, avers the Columbus Dispatch. The children are better behaved, regardless of what mother says about it; father is more patient. There is no quarrelling among the children—when there is company. Everything is cleaner, and more orderly, and voices are lowered, and correct language is used.

Which is to say, wouldn't it be a blessed good thing to have "company manners" in the home all the time? To have the breakfast pass off as quietly; to have as little harsh language; to do away with the usual family criticisms—wouldn't it be glorious if we used "company manners" whether there is company present or not?

It would be an awful strain for a while, to be sure. The whole family is under a strain when there's company in the house. But the general effect would justify the strain. There would come a time when it wouldn't be any strain at all; it would become a habit. Table manners would be improved, conversation would be more rational, criticism would be less bitter, dispositions would mature with the sweetness of ripened fruit that has grown in the sunlight.

Banish Idleness.

Idleness, rather than the love of money, is the root of all evil, and uncheerfulness is one of the shoots from the root, asserts the Los Angeles Times. There is no such thing as idleness in nature. The worlds that glitter in the arch of the heavens are ever moving. The moon never stays in one place. The restless sea moans in and over the harbor bar. The rivers gurgle and splash as they journey to the sea. The trees change their costume twice a year and grow a little every hour of every day in the year. The birds never roost at noonday, and man is the only animal who oversleeps himself. "A contented mind is a continual feast," and the worker, whether he labors with brain or brawn, who finds delight in his work, who sings as he cheerfully lifts the hammer or laughs as he pens the thought that comes to him, is happy and content.

Early California History.

The first white man to visit San Francisco bay were of the expedition of Portola, a Spanish adventurer who became the first governor of California. Portola himself was not a member of the party which, 148 years ago gazed upon the site of San Francisco and Oakland. The honor of discovery belongs to Father Juan Crespi and Sergeant Ortega, Gaspar de Portola, "captain of dragoons and governor of the Californias," probably never saw the bay, but his name is perpetuated as the discoverer by the annual Portola festivals in San Francisco. Sir Francis Drake came near discovering the bay in 1578, when he landed at a point 30 miles to the northwest.

Rainbow Never Shows Complete Circle

A rainbow never shows a complete circle, but at the most only a semi-circle, unless the observer happens to be at a great elevation, as in a balloon, when more than half a circle can be seen, but never an entire one. Halos and rainbows also differ in the size of the circles or semicircles that they exhibit. The radius of a halo is about 22 degrees and that of a rainbow about 42 degrees. Other arches and circles are sometimes seen outside of both the rainbow and the halo, but the odd given are for the principal, or primary, phenomenon.

At The Churches

PRESBYTERIAN

Albert H. Gammons, 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 house of the Lord."—Ps. 122:1.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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

Advertisement for jewelry repair and watchmaking services. Highest quality, jewelry repairing, diamond setting, watch repairing, etc. Martin J. Reddy, 212 E. Main St., Medford, Oregon.

Advertisement for Polk's Oregon and Washington Business Directory. A directory of every city, town and village, giving descriptive notes of each place, including population, telephone, electric and lighting plants, and other business information.

Asks Fund for Paying Damages

Washington, Feb. 11—Legislation to reimburse French citizens for damages resulting from operations of American troops was asked of congress today by the war department.

In a letter to Chairman Chamberlain of the senate military committee, Secretary Baker said General Pershing reported that "inability to pay claims for injuries due to accidents caused by government motor vehicles and other causes result in much hardship and injustice to the French people and seriously hurt the reputation of the American army in France in comparison with the British forces."

Will Use No Tobacco During War

Eugene, Or., Feb. 12—Four Eugene business men who are known to be users of the "weed," last night at a meeting of a war savings stamp club of which they are members, signed a pledge to abstain from the use of tobacco during the war except on "very special occasions" when they may smoke with the unanimous consent of the four. The penalty for violating the pledge is the purchase of a \$5 savings stamp for each of the three other signers.

Advertisement for D. Swift & Co. Patent Lawyers, 303 Seventh St., Washington, D. C.

Southern Oregon Traction Company Time Table No. 5.

Effective August 23d, 1917

Leave Jacksonville. 7:30 a. m. daily except Sunday 7:50 a. m. Sunday only 8:30 a. m. daily except Sunday 9:00 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 5:00 p. m. daily

From Riverside Avenue. 10:20 p. m. daily except Sat. & Sun. 11:00 p. m. Saturday & Sunday only. (Note 1) Runs to Medford depot and wait until 5:50 p. m. before going to East end of line. (Note 2) Runs to Medford depot only unless carrying passengers for beyond.

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