

CORRESPONDENCE

Stafford.
Stafford, Jan. 31.—We are enjoying the very best of winter weather, plowing and seeding is being pushed along. Frogs are croaking, swallows have been seen around the barn, pussy willows are bursting their buds, the pink blossom shows itself on the hazel brush, some roses are budding, grass and weeds look green again and without consulting the almanac one would think spring was almost upon us.
 J. P. Gage has removed one of the cherry trees, set out by Mrs. Corby in the early 50's. For years it has been a landmark that will linger long in the memory of most of us. The tree was sixteen inches in diameter, 30 feet high and its branches had spread twenty feet in all directions from the stump. Fourteen people have been known to have been picking fruit simultaneously while standing on a single branch. Over twenty bushels of fruit has been picked from it in a single season. There is still a larger one left from which 2100 pounds of fruit was gathered last season.
 A new attraction at John Mosers. They keep him close indoors. It's a boy and looks quite like its Pa.
 John Aden smiles as he thinks of his little baby girl, born the 25th.

Highland.
HIGHLAND, Jan. 30.—Farmers are putting in their time plowing and sowing grain.
 Mrs. C. E. Martin is on the sick list.
 Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Miller were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. Gard Sunday. Joe Fellows has moved on the Horner place.
 John Shockley is sick.
 Marina Harrington and daughter Iva are visiting in Oregon City this week.
 J. W. Jones has purchased a planer for his saw mill.
 Mrs. Frank Welsh was the guest of Mrs. Lay Friday.
 Henry Miller, of Marion county, was visiting friends here last week.
 Mrs. George Kirk, of the city, was visiting relatives here last week.

Marquam.
MARQUAM, Jan. 29.—Born, To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jackson, a boy.
 Miss Lily Bentley, has an attack of la grippe.
 Mr. Wallace and Ed. Albright are putting new fences around their places.
 The health of this place has improved during the last week.
 The school has been nearly broken up by sickness.

Eagle Creek.
EAGLE CREEK, Jan. 30.—The farmers of the hill section around Eagle Creek have been very busy plowing for the last few days; preparing for spring crops.
 The Maccaebes, of Eagle Creek gave a social hop at Wilburn's hall Friday night. There was a large attendance and all seemed to enjoy themselves.
 Mr. Hoffmister made a business trip to Portland last week.
 Jesse Douglass left home Friday for Wasco county where he is going to work for his brothers, who is running a large wheat farm.
 Mr. Cahill, our singing teacher, has four classes now so he is kept quite busy.
 Elders Morehouse and Lewis held services at Dover yesterday. Several from Eagle Creek attended the service.
 James DeShazer and family, of Dover, were the guests of J. W. Douglass and wife, yesterday.
 H. F. Gibson and wife went to George yesterday to visit friends.
 Miss Cora Gibson, accompanied by Henry Udell, went to Springwater to visit her sister, Mrs. John Reed.
 Albert Douglass and Edward Chapman expect to return to eastern Oregon next week.

Canby News.
CANBY, Jan. 31.—The 4-year-old son of Morely Mack and wife died Monday. Mike Huiras and wife also lost their 6-months old son on the same day.
 Grandpa Mack, who has been ill for sometime, is gradually improving.
 The Canby Independent has changed hands and is now owned by J. D. Stevens, who will run it as a middle-of-the-road populist paper. Many republicans here regret the change.
 The entertainment given by the New Era Dramatic company on Monday evening was a grand success. They played to the largest crowd ever seen in a Canby hall. The entertainment closed with a good, old-fashioned dance, which lasted till daylight.

Boring.
 Everybody is complaining with the grip. All are improving, however.
 Farmers are nearly through with their plowing and are only waiting for old Sol to dry things up so they can put in their crops.
 Considerable excitement has been caused in this and neighboring precincts on account of a railroad rumor. It is claimed that the O. R. & N. contemplates building a branch line from Fairview, providing the people will give it the right-of-way and ten per cent. of the capital it will take to build it. As a

result some parties have been canvassing several precincts with petitions trying to induce the people to give either money, muscle or the right-of-way through their respective farms. The scribe has been listening for several days past for a locomotive whistle.
 Rev. Aaron Preston is building a nice frame house. Prosperity evidently has not slighted this community.
 Mr. Vetsch bought a fine team a few days ago.

Bedland.
 Tomorrow is ground hog's day and it looks as if there is not much show of his seeing his shadow.
 The pupils of Dist. No. 75, rendered an excellent program Friday, Jan. 20th, that being the end of the 4 months school. Following is the program:
 Song by school; recitation, A. Bellshaw, Robert Shults; recitation, Bellshaw, Wm. Stone, Chas. Steibrity, Mary Kamischer; select readings, Carl Berkeley and Fred Peeren. Following the program was a debate. Question—"Resolved that fire is more destructive than water." Affirmative, Geo. Hicindbothem, Harry Mosher and Fred Berkeley. Negative, G. Beymer, Oswald Beymer and Bert Hart. The judges were, H. F. Wilcox, Maude Sten- and Abe Kamischer, who rendered their decision in favor of the negative.
 The singing school, conducted by Chas. Ruthford, is doing nicely. All are invited to come.
 The M. E. Church of this place is to have a new pastor in the near future. They are holding protracted prayer meeting at present, much interest being manifested.
 Mrs. J. M. Beymer is quite sick with lagrip at present.
 Spring plowing has already begun. Chas. Shumway and wife, of Logan, spent Sunday visiting his parents at this place.
 J. Murdoch and wife of Macksburg, spent several days the past week visiting Mr. B. Allen.
 It is reported that D. Evans saw a large panther near the old Cutting mill, while coming from Oregon City.
 W. D. Billsaw intends moving east in a short time.

Letter List.
 The following is the list of letters remaining in the postoffice at Oregon City, Oregon, on February 1, 1899:
WOMENS' LIST.
 Miller, Florence Bird, Bert
 Criswell, R B-2 Elliott, E C
 Beaton, D C
MEN'S LIST.
 Haycox, Wm Philips, Will
 Goos, Emil Salvage, J E
 Criswell, Robt Sikes, Mr
 Melby, Wm Winters, W S
 Moore, Wm Willard, Jno
 Osterholz, F J Vinton, Chas W
GEO. F. HORTON, P M.

During the month of January 86 deeds, 47 mortgages and 56 releases of mortgages were filed in the county recorder's office. During January, 1898, 73 deeds, 47 mortgages and 42 releases of mortgages were filed. There is a marked increase in the number of real estate transfers for this month, the majority of the sales being farm property and small tracts. Another indication of improved conditions is the unusual number of releases of mortgages filed at the beginning of the new year. The receipts for the month in the recorder's office were \$193.95, and in the clerk's office \$171.
Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know It.
 There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it,—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney poison in the blood is liable to attack the vital organs, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell. Then the richness of the blood—the albumen—leaks out and the sufferer has Bright's Disease, the worst form of kidney trouble. Kidney trouble can be detected although it be slow and deceptive. First, by analysis of the urine; second, by the simple test of setting the urine aside in a glass or bottle for twenty-four hours, when a cloudy or brick dust settling indicates it.
 It was for just such troubles that in His infinite power and goodness the Great Physician caused Swamp-Root to grow for the benefit of suffering mankind, leaving it for his servant, Dr. Kilmer, the great kidney and bladder specialist to discover it and make it known to the world. Its wonderful efficacy in promptly curing the most distressing cases is truly marvelous. You may have a sample bottle of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy, by mail free.
 Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention this paper. Druggists, in fifty-cent or dollar sizes.

John Zumwalt, jr., by his attorney, W. C. Johnson, has filed a petition asking to be appointed administrator of the estate of John Zumwalt, sr. An order was issued in accordance with the petition and an order made to appoint appraisers.

New arrival of ready made dress skirts from \$1.00 to \$3.00 at the Racket Store.

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An Honest Medicine for La Grippe.
 George W. Waitt of South Gardiner, Me., says: "I have had the worst cough, cold, chills and grip and have taken lots of trash of no account but profit to the vendor. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the only thing that has done any good whatever. I have used one 50-cent bottle and the chills, cold and grip have all left me. I congratulate the manufacturers of an honest medicine." For sale by Geo. A. Harding.
 "The Right of Way" is an amusing story in the Argonaut of February 6th, telling how a wily railroad agent procured a right of way for his company through a stubborn rancher's land. He staked his mule against his pick of any hundred acres on the ranch that the animal could beat the Overland Limited in a race of a little over a mile. The mule won the race—The whole secret of which, with the love-story it entails, is divulged in a well-told tale.
 A petition has been filled in the probate court asking for the appointment of Elizabeth Chase as guardian of the persons and property of her parents, Silas and Abigail Shay, of Sandy, aged 89 and 87 years, respectively.

ARMY'S BEST SHOT.
 New Adjutant General of Porto Rico Is a Pistol Expert.
 Lieutenant Colonel William P. Hall, who has been appointed adjutant general of Porto Rico, has been attached to the regular army for a number of years and was recently adjutant general of the department of the gulf with his station in Atlanta. Colonel Hall has the reputation of being the best pistol shot in the army. He has taken numerous prizes in contests while on duty in western states and on account of his acknowledged skill has been excluded from competition for several years, which is a more pronounced recognition of his prowess than the testimony of all his medals.
 As adjutant general of Porto Rico he will rank second to the officer in com-



LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM P. HALL of that department. He takes his family with him and expects to establish a permanent residence in San Juan or as permanent as one as an army officer can ever hope to have.
 Colonel Hall is succeeded in Atlanta by Major H. T. Allen, who was a first lieutenant in the regular cavalry when the McKinley administration began. He was soon after appointed military attache to the American legation in Berlin. At the beginning of the war with Spain Major Allen was promoted to captain of the Sixth cavalry, made a major of volunteers and was ordered from Berlin to Santiago, where he took command of a troop of the Sixth cavalry. At the present time he still holds the post of military attache, and it is probable that his appointment as adjutant general of the department of the gulf is only a temporary one. Major Allen while in Germany made a close study of German tactics and is the author of a treatise on that important subject.
 Mrs. J. M. Bull, wife of the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Worthington, Minn., supplied the pulpit on a recent Sunday in the absence of her husband.
 First housekeeping furnishings are no longer complete without praphaelite photographs of the works of Rossetti and Burne-Jones to decorate the walls.

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