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## NEWS NOTES.

The demand for snake poison by medical men in Australia has created the new profession of snake-catching and the collection of their venom. It is a very profitable profession, snake venom being quoted in Sydney at \$28,000 per pound troy, or \$5 per grain.

That British Consular reports on the recent earthquakes in the Vilayet of Van confirm previous advices that 23 villages were affected, and some were completely destroyed. Seven hundred and eighty-five lives are known to have been lost, and it is feared that all the killed in the outlying districts have not yet been enumerated.

An official dispatch to the war office from Bobble says that Haji Mohammed Ben Abdellah, the Mad Mulah of Somaliland, has with his whole force made a flank march to Nogal by way of Damot, and is now going to Halin, with the intention of communication from Bobble to Berbera. He has more than 6000 mounted men. The British are strengthening their posts as far as possible.

The ruins of a large city have been discovered in a remote part of the state of Puebla, by Francisco Rodrigue, an archeologist, who has just made a report of his find to the government authorities at Mexico City, Mex. The city contains large pyramids and extensive fortifications. It is situated in the midst of a dense forest, and a large amount of excavation will be necessary to learn its true extent and importance.

For thirty-four years Samuel D. Houston lived in Elizabeth, N. J. He paid his bills, was a church deacon, and was respected by all his neighbors. Friday Houston, a gray-haired man, bent with age, stood a convicted felon before Judge Newburger, in general sessions, having stolen more than \$26000 from his employers, who were old time friends. Houston is a descendant of the famous Sam Houston of Texas. "I am guilty," he said to Judge Newburger; drink and high living are responsible for my downfall."

Flood conditions prevail throughout northern and central New Mexico. The Rio Grande is flooding the lowlands and settlers are taking to the high ground for safety. The bridge at Barrance was swept away. No train from the East has entered the city for the past seventy-two hours. The Santa Fe railway had to suspend track-laying, as the water on the Estancia plains is even with the top of the grade. Rain is still falling, and this, with the melting snow, will cause a further rise of the Rio Grande, Chama Pecos and other rivers.

Through a series of investigations, Dr. Joel Stebbins, Fellow of the Lick Observatory, has made the remarkable discovery that the variable star Omicron Ceti, which has been known to vary at uncertain intervals since 1596, is at present undergoing extraordinary fluctuations, and a variation in brightness of at least 2000 times its ordinary intensity. This discovery is of unusual value to the astronomical world, from the fact that the scientists had believed the star to be inert. A bulletin announcing the discovery has just been issued from the University.

E. C. Gaddis, of Roseburg, is in Medford this week looking after the Medford creamery business, while his brother, C. E. Gaddis is at Roseburg attending to business matters there. Mrs. L. E. Shea, of Glendale, spent a few hours in Medford Wednesday on her way home from attending the commencement exercises at the St. Mary's Academy, at Jacksonville. She was accompanied by Miss Bessie Clough and Irene Plotner, of Glendale, who have been attending the Academy during the past year.—Medford Mail.

Judge Hamilton is a very close observer. While court was in session the other day and a jury trial was on it was observed by the judge that one of the jurors did not take much interest in the case, in fact he was too sleepy through an "anesthetic" to hold his head up. The judge called a halt in the proceedings and said, "I observe that juror is too sleepy to serve on the jury and he is excused." As the juror left the box the judge asked, "Are you impeached for the term?" the juror replied "yes" whereupon the court granted him permanent leave of absence and by this time he is no doubt duly awake.—Eugene Register.

## THE SOUTHERN CARNIVAL CO.

The Old Plantation is one of the funniest and best attractions with the carnival which will appear here next week. In the Old Plantation you will see the original southern darkey in his funny sayings, songs and dances. The darkey



laughing from the time you enter until you leave. Roseburg, week commencing Monday, June 22.

### Hoots From the Oakland Owl.

Miss Edna Harvey, of English Settlement, visited Oakland friends during the week.

Mrs. J. R. Medley and daughters Lelia and Opal have returned from Wolf Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Archambeau, of Eugene, are visiting Oakland relatives and friends.

J. A. Underwood was the guest of Uncle George Shambrook at Umpqua Ferry, yesterday.

Bert Norris was elected clerk of the Nonpareil school district Monday. No directors were elected.

Miss Lulu Hawn, of Oakland is visiting her grand-parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Thompson, of Coles Valley.

Monday afternoon W. A. McCarty was elected clerk, and W. H. Moore, director of Chesaweth Park school district.

Mesdames Dr. Little, J. W. Beardorf, Oscar Edwards, C. H. Medley, and D. E. Vernon attended the Carnival at Grants Pass.

Florence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hamilton, died on Sunday, June 14, 1903, at the home of her parents 3 1/2 miles west of Oakland.

At the district school meeting Monday afternoon E. H. Pinkston was elected a director for three years, succeeded A. F. Brown, and C. W. Vail district clerk.

Wednesday evening E. G. Young & Co., shipped one car of horses, one of cattle and one of sheep to Portland. J. H. Grubbe and A. J. Dear shipped a car of sheep.

Edgar Miller and wife have arrived from Randsburg, California, and will visit Oakland relatives a few weeks. Mr. Miller expects to go to the Bohemia mines in a few days.

Mrs. Matilda F. Page, widow of the late Rev. G. F. Page, and mother of Dr. Page of Oakland, died at her home at Leadvale, Tennessee, at 7 o'clock, June 18th, 1903, at the age of 87 years.

J. J. Brown and Mr. Thompson, the saw mill man near Yoncalla were in the city Wednesday evening. Mr. Brown visited the local Odd Fellows' lodge and gave the boys a very interesting talk.

Phil Beckley passed the junior course of examination before the state board of pharmacy at Portland. Mr. Beckley is one of Oakland's brightest young men, and it is safe to say always succeeds in every undertaking.

Rev. W. S. Smith has returned from Coos Bay, where he has been laboring as Sunday School Missionary. He will remain until after the Fourth of July, when, accompanied by his family, he will go to Bandon and remain most of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Shambrook, of Umpqua Ferry, will soon go to Deschutes, Crook county, where they will remain several months. Mr. Sham-

brook will return in prune drying time and Mrs. Shambrook will perhaps return later in the fall.

Mrs. T. G. Ruth and children went to Oregon City Saturday, where Mr. Ruth is foreman of the Oregon City Cowrier.

Mrs. A. J. Grubbe returned from Beekway the first of the week, where she has been at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Rev. A. B. Mott, the past few days. Mrs. Mott is suffering with a cancer and we regret to state there is little hope of recovery.

The school directors have employed the following teachers: Principal, J. H. Cochran; seventh and eighth grades, Z. N. Agee; fifth and sixth grades, R. N. Dunham, of Myrtle Creek; third and fourth grades, Miss Bessie Powell; primary department, Miss Jessie Ohmart.

Virgil Conn, formerly a salesman for the late Sol Abraham, and A. F. Brown in Oakland, but now a leading merchant at Paisley, passed through the city Sunday afternoon enroute home from Portland where he traveled with the caravan over the burning sands of Arabia with the nobles of Al Kader Temple Order of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Conn says Hon. P. Coshov is a careful camel driver.—Then he ought to be a good mule driver.—Ed.

At the school meeting Monday afternoon Hon. A. F. Stearns called for an opinion of the patrons relative to employing Professor Agee for another term. Several expressed themselves highly pleased with the school and did not favor any changes. They were willing to let good enough alone. If there was any opposition to retaining the present corps of teachers no expression to this effect was made. Oakland has one of the best public schools in the state and we believe all the teachers employed last term should be retained.

### Glendale News Notes.

Editor Shutt has gone to Heppner for a brief visit.

H. A. Woodford, one of Galesville's prominent citizens, was in town one day this week.

Mr. John Scott, an old miner, who has been mining in the Wolf Creek section since '51, was in town, Monday, on business. He still owns some valuable property in that district.

Our new cornet band is learning very rapidly under the efficient instruction of Ed Throne. By July 4th no doubt they will be able to toot music that will make the hair stand on your head—or worse.

Mrs. A. E. Clough, of Canyonville, visited her relatives in Glendale and on Cow creek, this week. She is a sister of Mrs. L. Shea, Mrs. Langenberg and Mrs. Dewey. Her young daughter, Bessie, and niece, Irene Plotner, have just returned from Jacksonville, where

they had been attending St. Mary's academy.

D. E. Johnson, salesman for H. G. Sonnemann, was a business visitor to Roseburg Monday. Mr. Johnson has just received the sad news of the serious illness of his aged father, who resides at Abilene, Kansas.

Chas. T. Nail, E. D. Mallery and Robert Anderson are able to be out again, after raslin' messes for several days. Several children in town have measles, in a mild form. It is thought the epidemic has about run its course here.

E. M. Shutt, Sheriff of Morrow county, who resides at Heppner, lost his home, but his family escaped with their lives. He is a brother of the editor of the News. J. A. Jenkins, of Glendale, had relatives who were living at Heppner, drowned.

At a regular annual school meeting held in Glendale last Monday, Ambrose Marshall was re-elected school director, for three years, by a large majority, and W. D. Smith, re-elected clerk, by acclamation. A 4-mill tax was voted, for the purpose of furnishing the new schoolhouse, paying teachers, etc.

J. D. Johnson arrived here from the East, the first of the week, to prove up on his timber claim. He will return, at once, to his home in Erie, Penn., where he and his father own one of the largest sash and door factories in that state. They expect to install a large lumbering plant in Glendale, within the next two months.

H. G. Sonnemann's magnificent new dwelling house, which is rapidly nearing completion, under the excellent workmanship of S. E. Miller and Geo. M. Grant, is one of the prettiest, best-arranged and most convenient residences in Southern Oregon, and would be a credit to any large city.

Miss Nora Miser, who has been visiting here for some time, with her sister, Mrs. J. L. Winchell, expects to leave within the next few days for San Francisco, where the family will make their future home. Mr. and Mrs. Winchell's bright little son, Joseph, expects to accompany his aunt to her new home, for a few months' visit in the city.

### Myrtle Creek News Notes.

J. A. Rice shipped a car load of shingles to Medford last week.

F. H. Fawcett, of Greenback, was visiting in this vicinity Tuesday.

Messrs. John McKane and Lige Hatfield visited and took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Drake last Saturday.

Contractor Jennie has a crew of bridge builders at work putting in a new bridge over the North Myrtle near the oil well.

Ethel Gabbert, a sister of Mrs. W. Kramer and Fred Gabbert, arrived in town Monday, and will live here this summer.

Rev. Fitch and Rev. J. C. Cook, were out on their ranches building cabins and getting ready to engage in farming or something.

It will be pleasant news to the friends of Mrs. A. W. Cotton to know that she is now well enough to walk without the aid of others.

Charles Potts is back in Myrtle Creek again, and his friends are pleased to meet him. He is feeling pretty good for a person who has been in the hospital for so long.

The Little Chieftain Mining company are well pleased with the result of their last shipment of ore. The mines are a good paying proposition, and yet there is better ore in sight.

A drove of several hundred cattle, belonging to Schiller B. Hermann, of Myrtle Point, was driven through town Monday. They are being taken out to Klamath Falls country to graze during the summer.

There was a very light crowd out to the annual school election Monday. Harry Miller was elected director for three years, Mrs. Jennie Gabbert was re-installed in the clerk's office and a tax levy of three mills was voted to pay off the present school indebtedness.

The most recent assays of the ore taken out of the Hall mine give a showing of \$416.14 of gold and \$29.75 of silver to the ton in the best grade ore and \$75.23 of gold and \$3.50 of silver in the second grade ore. Ore is being hauled from the mine now and by Monday Uncle John Hall expects to have a car

loaded with ten tons of the second grade and five tons of the finest. He will take it South. Mrs. Hall will very probably accompany her husband and enjoy a pleasant trip.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Shiria entertained quite a number of their friends last Saturday evening at their home on Oak street. The party was given in honor of Mr. Joseph N. Shiria, a brother of A. E. The evening was very pleasantly passed with games of progressive whist, music and dancing.

The Myrtle Creek W. O. W. Camp and Ladies Circle of W. O. W. observed their annual decoration rites last Sunday. About thirty of the members met at lodge room and marched to the cemetery where they decorated the graves of the departed members and friends, and listened to the camp ritual.

Uncle John S. Rice celebrated his 74th birthday last Monday. Mr. Rice is one of Oregon's pioneers and has done a great part in the work of opening a wilderness to civilization, but he has turned the hard work over to younger energy, and he and Mrs. Rice are now taking life easy in one of the most pleasant homes in Myrtle Creek.

### Drain Nonpareil News.

Wm. Stark, of Elkton, was in Drain, Wednesday.

Prof. and Mrs. A. N. Orcutt went to Oakland the latter part of last week.

Mrs. H. J. Ritchey, of Anlauf, was a business visitor in Drain, Wednesday.

A daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Woods, of Anlauf, May 31.

Mrs. T. J. Redford was a Drain visitor, Monday, and rode the L. O. T. M. goat that evening.

Mrs. Robt. Allen spent a few days in Yoncalla, this week, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hulke.

We are glad to see Mr. Abe Mattoon out on the streets, shaking hands with friends, after his long illness.

Mr. J. M. Stark, of Elkton, returned from Portland, on Sunday morning's overland, and departed for his home the following day.

M. M. Claphaw, of Claphaw Bros Creamery Co., at Yoncalla, was a business visitor in our town, Monday. He reports the creamery business as prospering.

Perry Ritchey, of Anlauf, recently had the misfortune to get his right arm between the cogs of a feed cutter. It is still quite sore and lame, but otherwise is doing nicely.

Mrs. F. M. Spencer returned to her home in Gardiner, Wednesday. She was accompanied by Mrs. Shelley and Harry Black, who will visit relatives and friends there.

Mrs. Laura Mack, wife of Arthur Mack, and a daughter of Darius Wells, died very suddenly, at Elkton, on June 16, 1903. She leaves a little child, besides her husband and other relatives, to mourn her loss.

W. A. Perkins and Benton Mires, of Drain, bought Stong's mill yesterday. Messrs. Perkins and Mires say they will run steadily, sawing lumber, and shipping. We hope Mr. Stong and family will stay amongst us.—Anlauf Cor., June 13.

### Fatal Accident in Phoenix.

A sad accident occurred on a farm of R. R. Moore, of Phoenix, Wednesday by which Gus Moore aged about twenty-two years lost his life and Will Roberts was quite seriously injured.

They were employed in raising the timber for a barn, and were engaged in putting the last bent in place, when the stake holding the derrick ropes, pulled out and let the heavy timbers fall back upon the two young men. The plate struck young Moore across the body, inflicting internal injuries. Roberts was badly bruised about the legs and body, but no bones were broken.

The accident occurred about 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and Moore lived until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, suffering intensely, in spite of all that could be done for him.—Medford Mail.

Mrs. Walter Morian left Sunday to join her husband at Spokane, who is running on a road out of that city. Her mother Mrs. Van Vranken accompanied her as far as Portland.—Junction City Times.