

Scotts Valley News.

Thrashing is about over in our valley. Misses Lola and Emma Applegate, were visiting friends and relatives in Roseburg, last week.

We are sorry to say that Mr. Greenhorn is quite sick.

Mrs. Louis Yarbrough made a business trip to Yoncalla, Tuesday.

Miss Ruth Turpin, was visiting friends in Duck Egg, last Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Brown and sister, Mrs. Wilson, were visiting Mrs. Joseph Turpin, Tuesday.

Mr. Clarence Smith was smiling on friends, last Sunday.

Mr. Fred Applegate made a business trip to Eugene, last Saturday.

Mr. Geo. Wilson, has got our fall term of school.

Mr. Charley Turpin and family, of Winchester, were visiting relatives and friends in our vicinity, last week.

BILL DAD, THE SCRIBER.

Gardiner Gazette News.

Peter Nelson and family are camping on the beach this week.

Dr. John Patterson was called to Scottsburg on a professional visit early this week.

Surveyor Byars has completed his work here and gone to Port Orford to do some government surveying.

M. L. Tower and party, who have just finished the government survey of the lower Umpqua and bar, returned to Coos Bay, Wednesday.

Roy Applegate with his wife, mother and sister from Drain arrived on last Wednesday's boat from Scottsburg and are now camping at the seaside.

Prof. Will Paterson of Eastern Oregon who has been visiting friends and relatives in the white city the past month, left for Portland via Drain last Monday.

The Hon. Binger Hermann is making a personal inspection of the rivers, bays and bars in this district this week.

The work of erecting Wm. J. Kelliher's new sawmill on Billie Creek near Drain commenced last week. The lumber will be flomed to Drain 6 miles distant.

On account of the delay in receiving the cylinder for the Steamer Eva, the Juno has been pressed into double service, during the past two weeks.

Willie Jewett who has spent the summer with his father and mother in Gardiner returned last Monday to San Francisco where he will attend school.

Mrs. Fred Perkins returned last week from an extended visit to relatives at Tacoma and Edison, Washington.

Mrs. Chas. Perkins and son Floyd returned from a weeks visit to relatives on Coos river last Wednesday.

Hansbrough on Arboriculture

Hon. James M. Hansbrough, joint representative for Jackson and Douglas counties in the Oregon Legislature, is ubiquitous as well as versatile. While his friends in Southern Oregon supposed him to be enjoying himself at Newport or hobnobbing with political cronies in Portland, during his recent vacation, he was, according to the Los Angeles Herald of recent date, really in Southern California, enlightening the inhabitants of that sunny clime on the benefits of arboriculture, as the following from that paper goes to show:

"J. M. Hansbrough, an official of the Southern Pacific Railroad company for its lines in Oregon and a member of the legislature of that state, passed through the city yesterday on his way to Avalon. Mr. Hansbrough is a brother of the senator United States, senator for North Dakota and has long had arboriculture as a fad. He stated yesterday that the long effort of arboriculturists to interest the railroad companies to improving their right of way has at last borne fruit, and that the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul road has been the first to adopt the plans of the national society.

"This plan is to plant and grow catalpa trees along railroad and telegraph lines. By planting these trees, the society argues, the lines not only will be beautified, but after a few years the trees will supply all the ties needed. Mr. Hansbrough asserts that the trees will attain the right size for telegraph poles in sixteen years, and at that age and size will furnish five railway cross ties to a trunk.

"Upon almost every railway right of way may be grown 640 trees to each mile of track, omitting the island line of curves. It is planned to plant one row of trees on each side of the track, the trees one rod apart. In sixteen years this will provide 3000 ties, being enough to relay the mile of track.

"Since the catalpa renews itself from the stump when cut, and the young shoots grow very rapidly with the well established roots to support the new growth, the trees would be permanent and fully able to supply all requirements

for ties, fence posts, telegraph poles and lumber.

By cutting a portion of the trees each year, the avenue of trees would remain unbroken. Mr. Hansbrough became enthusiastic as he explained the advantage of the avenue of trees, some of them thousands of miles long."

It Grows on Dry Land.

Colonel R. C. Judson, industrial agent of the O. R. & N., gets highly satisfactory reports from his "dry land alfalfa." Last Spring Colonel Judson sent out a large number of packets containing a new species of alfalfa seed to live stock growers and farmers on the line of the O. R. & N. "When the alfalfa grows to be six inches high," he wrote, "let me know and I'll tell you what to do next." In all, 87 small plots of ground were sown with the seed. Thirty-seven of the recipients of the seed have responded and in each case the alfalfa has thrived luxuriantly. Colonel Judson is confident that the 50 other sowings have done likewise, provided his directions were observed.

"I think we are justified in concluding" he remarked last night, "that we have a species of alfalfa that will grow in the driest of soils and produce large quantities of feed. Of course, the summer is not ended yet, but from all I have seen and heard our alfalfa will do all we hoped for and more.

"The best time for growing is in the spring, on land that has been plowed the preceding autumn. For the sake of experiment, we have sown the soil in the autumn, in January, February, March, and April. The April-sown alfalfa turned out the best of any."

Near The Dalles is a 20-acre tract of the alfalfa, the ground of which gets so dry that heretofore all vegetation has turned brown. But already the owner has mowed off 35 tons, and will yet cut another crop this year. A number of hogs have been feeding on the tract for some time.—Oregonian.

About the Telephone Line.

Anlauf, Or., Aug. 26, 1903.

EDITOR PLAINDEALER: Either by jest or meanness I notice that some one has given you the item that the telephone was open to Elkton from Drain. The same is false. The wire was shipped Aug 7th from Kokomo, Ind., some 3000 pounds, and ought to be here in a few days, freight and goods paid. J. E. Baker is getting out poles near Elkton and E. I. Lane near Drain. I shall soon peg where post holes are to be dug, and I am glad of rain as I can get along faster. I have material of all kinds on hand to run to Scottsburg except wire, and I have made preliminary arrangements with the Pacific States Telephone Co. to exchange and lease their phones. I will as soon as the coast line is finished build a private line from the Drain depot to the residence of J. O. Johnson near Leona, for his own use and for his railroad business; and may, if encouraged run a phone to Leona, Chas. M. Henderer's, Anlauf, and Perkins & Mires saw mill.

Kindly publish this to let truth prevail and I am glad to say the company owes no one a cent.

JAS. A. STEERLING.

No Circus in This.

And now Salem is in the throes of a circus carnival of crime and some of the reports published are exceedingly fishy. One report says: "On Friday evening of last week Rev. and Mrs. William Short, who reside in York Park addition to this city, just as they were retiring for the night were startled by some object striking the house, about 10:30 o'clock, and upon making an investigation they found their daughter, Miss Beatrice Short, lying in the back yard bound and gagged and apparently almost exhausted from the exposure and plight in which she was found. She was taken into the house and resuscitated and when she had recovered her senses she told her parents of how she had been waylaid on her way home from the city, attacked by what she supposed were two women, bound, gagged and chloroformed and robbed of her money, about \$33.65. She could give no account of the occurrence from the time she was attacked until she was found by her parents nor no description of her assailants. This is the substance of the story as told by the girl and her parents.

The police, that is the Chief, was informed of the affair on the following morning, but the matter was kept secret until yesterday in the hopes of gaining some clue to the perpetrators. An air of mystery overhangs the whole affair, but the police feel confident that they will ferret it out in the course of time."

When fish climb to the top of a canebreak and attach themselves by the gill to save fishers from telling yarns about the catch, the above story will be verified.

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The Hills of California.

The rural comedy, "The Hills of California" will be given for the first time in this city tonight. The play and supporting Company come highly recommended by the press where ever they have played. Mr. Bacon who heads the Company, is by no means a stranger to the amusement loving public of Roseburg. His reputation as a comedian has long been established. He has had San Francisco laughing for the past three years, where he has been the principal comedian at the Atcazar Theater. Such a record as this is almost unknown to the drama.

"The Hills of California" is a play full of heart interest and consistent comedy. As one of the critics said of Mr. Bacon's performance of Uncle Amos Hill, "You laugh with me one minute, and the next you are in tears." The characters throughout the play are all interesting, there is nothing on the order of "When Ruben comes to town," or the man with "A little bunch of whiskers on his chin."

Miss Sinclair plays the part of the Captain of the Salvation Army, and this is the only drama known to the stage that treats the Salvation Army seriously. When she disposes of her war cries, there is hardly a night goes by that money is not thrown to her so great is the sympathy for her.

Gus Tate and Miss Slosson, the greatest ragtime duo, will be very much in evidence with their double specialties. The California quartette will contribute to the evenings entertainment with a number of the latest songs.

Prices lower floor 50 & 75 cents, and gallery 25 & 35 cents.

At New York a negro named Cody has successfully jumped from the structure of the new bridge being erected over East river, known as the Williamsburg bridge. It was a drop of 147 feet. He was picked up by a row boat and recovered consciousness an hour later. His body was protected from injury by padding. Cody jumped from the Brooklyn bridge one year ago.

A most interesting article in the Women's Home Companion for September is that descriptive of "Radium," the most wonderful substance in the world. The article is by Waldemar B. Kaempfert, of The Scientific American.

A New York clergyman has evolved the theory that the "problem" is to be solved by making the idle negroes work. He has discovered that the negroes are the grass-hoppers and the whites the ants of the human tribe, and that the light-hearted creatures dance and play all summer and expect the whites to support them, voluntarily or involuntarily, in winter. The clergyman sees no justice in that sort of thing and advocates compulsory labor for the darkies. The howl from New England has not got here yet, but it is coming.—Mobile Register.

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