

Local News Notes

Quartz and placer location notices at The News office.

A New Year's resolution—Subscribe for your home paper and pay in advance. Annual clearance sale of odds and ends at your own price at the Gold Hill Furniture Store.

Mrs. Henry Britt is spending the present week with Mrs. E. C. Richards, of Ashland.

Deputy game warden Riley Hammersly was in Gold Hill for several days the present week.

C. W. Martin, of Medford, fraternized with Gold Hill friends the first of the week.

Mrs. Alice B. Morgan, of Medford, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Hodges the first of the week.

Mrs. John B. Hammersly returned on Tuesday from a several days visit with her mother at Grants Pass.

Dr. Clement H. Smith transacted business at Grants Pass Thursday, and found affairs at the busy railroad metropolis to be on the up-grade and still climbing.

For sale:—Wood-sawing outfit almost new with 4 H. P. Stover engine cost \$312. will take \$175.00. —Geo. F. Dyer, 1114-18 North Central Ave., Medford, Or.

That 40 acres, all good land, and all under cultivation, house and out buildings, in Sams Valley, for only \$3000—is a snap for someone. Who wants it? C. S. REDFIELD

Anyone desirous of taking piano or organ instructions, please call on or write John R. Kelsey, who is making arrangements with a teacher from Ashland to start a class in this city.

Mrs. Chas. H. Price is quite seriously ill at her home in this city. Mrs. Mae Avery, of Rogue River, is in attendance as nurse and caretaker during the illness of her friend.

Miss Lula Mackenzie returned on Wednesday to Hugo, after having been the guest of Mrs. Lynn W. Smith for the past week. Mrs. Smith accompanied her departing guest to Grants Pass, where the ladies spent the afternoon with mutual friends.

Miss Bess Garrett, of Ashland, arrived the first of the week to accept a position as pharmacist with the Bowers drug store. Miss Garrett has been employed in this city on several occasions, and has many friends who are well pleased with her return to a permanent position here.

Are you looking for a ranch? If so, you should know about that 130 acre ranch over in Sams Valley that can be had on easy terms for only \$5000.—This is an opportunity of a lifetime. C. S. REDFIELD.

G. W. Albright, who has been visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. H. Moore, during the past several months, departed on Thursday afternoon for San Jose, California, where he will spend the remainder of the winter as the guest of his two sons, who reside in that city. With the approach of spring Mr. Albright will again return to Gold Hill.

George Hall came down from Jacksonville the first of the week, and remained for several days attending to business affairs in and about Gold Hill. In addition to his mining property near Jacksonville, Mr. Hall is a shareowner in the Sardine creek mine, to which he now has several men engaged in constructing a road.

Dr. E. W. Barnes, of North Powder, Union county, arrived in Gold Hill the latter part of last week, and has engaged apartments, intending to remain at least until spring. Mrs. Barnes, who is at present the guest of a son at Redding, Calif., is expected to arrive shortly. Dr. Barnes was driven by the severity of the winters in Union county to seek a milder climate. Southern Oregon, he states, just suits him—and he may decide to remain permanently.

The snowfalls of the past ten days have constituted ideal "tracking" conditions for trappers and hunters, and those who are out for pelts report fur as plentiful and comparatively easy to secure—with top prices offered in the market. Bre'r 'coon, in particular, is leading a troubled life these days. By night he leaves his cottage in a hollow tree and waddles sedately down to the river to fish for crayfish and small trout in the shallows. Shortly before daybreak he returns to retire for the day, leaving a plain trail in the freshly fallen snow. Following this trail for several miles or more the intrepid hunter comes upon his drowsy prey— snugly ensconced in a white oak refuge. It is then but a little matter of an hour and a half with a dull ax to worry down the tree, and dump his 'coonship out to the dogs. Find another 'coon trail and repeat till 5:00 p. m. This is the time honored sport of 'coon hunting, and is recommended to create an appetite that hankers for boot-tops before its unfortunate victim reaches home and fireside again. Up to the present no 'coons have been dragged into town by local hunters, although trappers have been very successful in securing them—Dode Shoemaker gathering in five from one tree recently.

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Found, a daguerrotype in case, owner can have same by calling at this office.

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Six inches of snow over the valley, and thrice that much in the hills, fell yesterday. Added to that remaining from previous flurries, prospects are good for flood waters in the Rogue river with the first rain or sudden change of weather. Should a heavy rain of a few hours duration fall while this snow is yet on, the gulches will gush torrents into the already swollen river until the turbid torrent is swirling tumultuously somewhere near high water mark. Both snow and rain, however, are boons to the placer miners, who now have a sufficiency of water coming down and in sight to insure them a good run.

With Homer Adams, of Rock Point, as leader and first violinist, the Gold Hill orchestra is already possessed of a working membership and reaching out for more recruits. The organization of a local orchestra, like Topsy, "just grew." It had long been a pet project with the musically inclined, and when someone proposed that they get together for more or less tuneful practice the suggestion met with instant approval and the new orchestra came into being. The members and their several stunts are as follows: Homer Adams, violin; Lynn Smith, clarinet; Earl Adams, guitar; Thos. Kirk, violin; Mrs. Dora Eddings, cornet; Jos. Deitrich, cornet; Floyd Eddings, trombone; Dorothy Smith, pianist.

Friends of Charley Champlain are proudly exhibiting future canine champions of the chase, in gangling young pups of the true Russian wolf hound breed. Both sire and dam of the little fellows are said to be imported stock of really royal pedigree, and are owned by Mr. Champlain at his ranch west of this city. Postmaster Hammersly is predicting great futures for the pair given him, while Nori Eddings is backing another attenuated prodigy to become the fastest dog of the litter. These are the first of their breed to be introduced into this section, and with the plenitude of coyotes and jack-rabbits there should be plenty of work for more of the some speedy breed.

People in the News

Chas. W. Farris, state printer, was arrested at Oklahoma City, Okla., on a warrant charging him with the forgery of state warrants.

Alfred von Kiderlen-Waechter, secretary of state of the German Empire, died Monday at Stuttgart, Germany, of heart disease.

John Schrank, who attempted to assassinate Theodore Roosevelt, is reported to be a model patient at the Oshkosh hospital for the insane.

Jason Brown, 90 years old, son of John Brown, famous as the leader of the raid on Harper's Ferry, W. Va., died at his home in Akron, Ohio.

General Luis Fernandez, who was prominent in General Orozco's army, has surrendered with 200 of his men at Haral, according to official reports.

Thomas L. Cummins, father of Senator Albert B. Cummins, died at his home in Des Moines, Iowa. He was 90 years old and had been ill for more than a year.

William Loeb, Jr., collector of the port of New York, is to resign his \$12,000 position and will accept an administrative position with the Guggenheim mining enterprises and development projects.

Andrew Carnegie's merry Christmas to his friends and relatives cost him \$75,000. This amount of money was sent out in checks especially engraved with a border of holly in amounts ranging from \$50 to \$1000.

The entire estate of the late White law Reid, ambassador to Great Britain, is left unconditionally to his widow. The value of the estate is estimated from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

Commissioner Franklin K. Lane, of California, was elected by the Interstate Commerce commission to serve as its chairman for the year beginning January 13. He succeeded Commissioner Charles A. Prouty.

Ball bonds in the sum of \$240,000 for the release of Olaf A. Tveitmo and Eugene Clancy, the convicted dynamite conspirators sentenced to six years in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., were filed at San Francisco before the United States commissioner.

The body of L. F. Parker, who was drowned in Rogue river near the Illinois, with his 10-year-old son, last May, while the father was taking the boy across the river on a raft to school, was found five miles above Wedderburn, near the Tom Smith ranch Saturday.

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APPOINTMENTS TO CABINET UNDECIDED

Princeton, N. J.—President-elect Wilson has made clear that nobody in the United States knew as yet who was going to be in his cabinet, or what could be the program he would suggest for the next congress. He declared he had not offered a single cabinet portfolio to anyone thus far, and had reached no conclusions as to plans for the extra session.

Mr. Wilson said that, while he had canvassed a variety of subjects and had talked over many names with democratic leaders, he had not given an intimation either as to his selections or his course with respect to legislation. He indicated, however, that he expected the extra session would not be devoted exclusively to tariff making, and said he would specify in a special message some of the subjects upon which he would like legislation.

The President-elect admitted he was finding the task of cabinet making difficult. He said he would delay announcements until he could name his entire cabinet.

British Consul Dead

Portland.—James Laidlaw, British Consul at Portland for the district embracing Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska, and for 42 years a resident of this city, died of peritonitis at St. Vincent's hospital Sunday night, following an illness of ten days.

HOCKIN BOND IS DOUBLED BY COURT

Indianapolis.—Imprisonment of Herbert S. Hockin, secretary-treasurer of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Ironworkers, and one of the 45 defendants, in default of an increased bond which was required by the court "because he had deceived every one," the denouncing by the district attorney of a woman writer in the court room as an "anarchist"; and the repudiation by attorneys for the defense of some of the acts of the defendants, were among sensational incidents at the dynamite conspiracy trial.

The order followed a severe arraignment of Hockin by District Attorney Miller. Miller asked the court to raise the bonds of Hockin and the other six members of the executive board of the ironworkers from \$10,000 to \$20,000. Hockin's bail was raised, and in default he went to jail, but Judge Anderson declined to increase the other bonds.

"The evidence shows that Hockin cannot be trusted at any time, any day, in any road, at any place, or on any proposition," declared Judge Anderson. "Hockin has betrayed every person he has ever associated with and would undoubtedly betray his bondsmen."

The action followed a flood of evidence against Hockin, who was declared to have been in the employ of detectives soon after the Los Angeles Times explosion. He was also accused of having told a witness of overhearing John J. McNamara talk to President Lynch, of the International Typographical Union, about "an explosion on the Pacific Coast."

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SEPARATION IS BEGUN

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New York.—The separation of the Southern Pacific board of directors from the Union Pacific board through the election of eight new members not connected with the Union Pacific, announced here, is the first direct step in the dissolution of the Union Pacific system. The resignation of eight directors to make room for new members removed from the board of the Southern Pacific all its members with the exception of those who were formerly members also of the Union Pacific board.

The new members of the board are representative of the protective committee of the Southern Pacific stockholders. It is understood that Attorney-General Wickersham indicated in his conference with the Harriman line and protective committee representatives that he preferred to carry on negotiations directly with the directors of the Southern Pacific in dealing with any representatives of the Southern Pacific interests.

National Capital Brevities

Major-General Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army, will lead the inaugural parade in connection with the induction into office of President-elect Wilson.

An effort to extend the senate campaign fund investigation to cover the presidential fight of 1912 will be made by Senator Clapp, chairman of the investigating committee.

For the first time in history wireless Christmas greetings were flashed from the Mare Island navy yard at San Francisco to Washington.

The final fight against the so-called "book trust" opened in the supreme court, where a printed argument was filed asking for an injunction against the carrying into effect of agreements between publishers and book sellers, alleged to control the supply and sale of books.

Among the democratic senators who have talked recently with President-elect Wilson, there is considerable talk to the effect that no western candidate for appointment as secretary of the interior will receive serious consideration for that office unless he has the undivided support of the democracy of his state.

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