

## Local and Personal.

Dr. Allin, dentist, Cooper Building Independence Oregon. Both phones. 19-1f.

C. V. Clodfelter of Jefferson was in town a day or so, during the first of the week.

William Addison of Independence, a former resident of this place visited old friends here last Friday.

Mrs. George Muscott went to Dallas Tuesday to visit for a couple of days with friends and relatives.

Rodney Courter and wife of this place received a visit from Mr. Courter's parents of Dallas, who came over to see their new grand-daughter.

For Sale—California Medicated Soap. Excellent for all skin diseases, also for shampooing the hair. Mrs. J. W. Richardson Sr., Monmouth St., Independence, Or.

T. A. Riggs and wife came down from Portland last Saturday and remained several days visiting friends and getting their household goods ready for shipment. Mr. Riggs had business interests to look after also.

J. H. Hawley and wife visited friends at Stayton last week returning home Saturday. Mr. H. talked with most of the leading citizens in regard to the State Normal school proposition that came up from here and found a good healthy sentiment favorable to the proposition.

A couple were recently married. The ceremony over, the wife began to weep copiously. "What's the matter?" asked the new husband. "I never told you that I don't know how to cook," sobbed the bride. "Don't fret" said he, "I'll not have anything to cook; I'm an editor."

A fire that damaged seven tons of baled hay was started on the Amanzo Thomas place Tuesday afternoon. Joe Schrock was at work with his baler and one of the men at work went behind the pile of bales to light his pipe and shortly afterwards flames broke out on that side of the pile. The fire was confined to the pile by prompt work of the men and a serious loss prevented. The loss is estimated at \$100.—Amity Standard.

Will Christensen, son of G. G. Christensen met with an accident while in town Saturday. He had quite a load and started home. The team became frightened at the noise caused by the rattle of part of a windmill on the load and ran, tipped the wagon over and broke loose, running around town and finally running into Mrs. Emily Nichol's picket tearing it down. One horse became entangled in the harness and fell. They were then caught and loosened. Mr. Christensen escaped with a broken bone in one of his hands.—McMinnville Reporter.

Than Henderson, one of Sheridan's young inventive geniuses, and if he don't make a successful flying machine it will be because he doesn't attempt it. One of his inventions was the making of a wood saw from a cream separator. His latest and most successful machine was perfected this week in the shape of a combined automobile and traction engine. This was made from a common four-wheel truck with harvest-drive-wheel behind and propelled by a gasoline engine, and seems to get over the ground with the best of them. A wood saw is attached, and both business and pleasure may be developed, and all from a little thinking and skillful execution.—Sheridan Sun.

The immense power plant being constructed at Martin's rapids, on the McKenzie, will not only be furnishing electric lighting to a number of valley towns in the near future, but will eventually, be operating an electric railroad out of Eugene and across the mountains, east, with the possibility of sending electric cars speeding back and forth between this city and the Coos Bay metropolist.—Eugene Register.

### Planting Trout

Sumpter, Ore., Aug. 1—Eight cans of young trout were received here last evening from the United States hatchery at Ontario. They arrived on a special train in charge of H. J. Reilly of this city, and were distributed at different points near Sumpter. A portion was planted in Fruit Creek just above the Columbia mine, and others will be placed in Downey Lake and McCullough's Fork, a tributary of Powder River. Fish planted last year in this section have done so well that quite an interest has been manifested this season by local fishermen in having a larger number distributed than ever before.

### Grasshopper Harvest

Longmont, Colo., Aug. 1—J. O. V. Wise, a farmer living near here, claims to have broken all records for a grasshopper harvest when, after three days' work, he had garnered 125 bushels of hoppers. He used oil to kill them. Wise says he will dry the grasshoppers and feed them to his chickens next winter.

### The Vale Oil Field

The drills are all at work. The Malheur is down about 1800 feet and working at drilling; the Mammouth is down 1250 feet setting casing and have the water shut out of the well; the Eastern Oregon has commenced going down again and are now about 900 feet, two shifts put on the work; the Columbia is down something like 1000 feet and has double shift at work.

A large tract of land was set aside as oil land by the government last week.—Oregon Oriano.

### He Was Going Some

A guest in a Cincinnati hotel was shot and killed. The negro porter who heard the shooting was a witness at the trial.

"How many shots did you hear?" asked the lawyer.

"Two shots, sah," he replied.

"How far apart were they?"

"Bout like dis way," explained the negro, clapping his hands with an interval of about a second between them.

"Where were you when the first shot was fired?"

"Shinin' a gemman's shoe in de basement of de hotel."

"Where were you when the second shot was fired?"

"Ah was passin' de Big Fo' depot."—Herald and Presbyter.

### Spelling Backward.

Some persons find amusement in spelling words backward when reading newspapers and signs, and interesting discoveries are made.

Perhaps at the head of the long list stands the name of a New Yorker—Leon Noel—which is exactly the same either way it is spelled. Other orthographical curiosities which spell without change when reversed are Anna, Hannab, Otto, noon and very many others. But the dazzling star in this odd galaxy is a word of seven letters, and it may be the longest one in the language, that spells the same forward or backward. That word is reviver.—New York Press.



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