

CORRESPONDENCE

HAMPTON

HAMPTON, Feb. 19.—While in the woods alone last week, J. N. Crow had the misfortune to cut a deep gash two inches long on the instep of his right foot. Mr. Crow rode home, where the wound was dressed as well as possible and though he is resting easy, is not yet able to be about.

A. S. Fogg made a business trip to Prineville the past week.

W. J. Harrison and family, who came here from Kentucky last November, are so well impressed with this country and its future possibilities that they recently bought F. E. Crow's relinquishment and have gone to housekeeping in their new home.

Lewis Miller returned from Bend today with a load of supplies for himself and the Hampton store.

The neighbors are rejoicing with Burr Black over his new well. It is about 25 feet deep and has a good supply of water.

PRINGLE FLATS

PRINGLE FLATS, near Held P. O. Crook county, Feb. 19.—Mr. Hallmeyer is digging a well.

Homesteaders here are nearly all cutting fence posts. It looks as if there will be some "wire pulling" this spring.

C. A. Stevenson has gone to Bend for a load of goods.

There has been no plowing done here yet, but the frost is about all out of the ground.

Fred Hamlin, who lost a cow some three months ago, has got no trace of her yet.

Warren Libbey visited Mr. and Mrs. H. Evans Sunday.

John Schmeier is breaking a couple of fine colts.

Mr. Todd will be going to Bend for supplies next week.

GIST

GIST, Feb. 25.—The program supper given by the Gist Grange Friday evening was a decided success and was attended by a large number.

Miss May Wilson, who has just closed a term of school at Upper Rye Grass, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Della Nichols.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Arnold have left for their home near Cloverdale.

Lester and Vern Gist and wives have moved to the old Gist place.

W. F. Fryrear of Cloverdale was a business visitor in the neighborhood Saturday.

F. M. McCuller, who has been assisting F. E. Dayton in the lumber business, has returned home.

John Strahm had the misfortune to badly sprain an ankle while hauling wood.

J. B. Nichols of Laidlaw was a Gist visitor Saturday.

The school program rendered in memory of Washington's birthday was a splendid success and did credit to both teacher and pupils.

F. W. Leverenz made a business trip to Prineville Friday.

CRESCENT

CRESCENT, Feb. 26.—The Commercial Club held an enthusiastic meeting in Keiser's Hall Saturday night. The occasion was the annual election of officers for the ensuing year. Charlie Thomas, vice president, called the meeting to order, and the election resulted as follows: Charlie Thomas, president; F. M. Cleaves, vice president; E. G. Rourke,

secretary; O. W. Gardner, treasurer, and Ed Santry, Joe L. Ringo and E. D. Tyler, trustees.

Messrs. Santry, Cleaves and Anderson were appointed by the chair as a special committee to confer with L. Hensig of Fort Klamath, who owns and operates telephone systems throughout southern Klamath county into northern California. He has a line completed to Beaver Marsh, to which Crescent desires connection.

The meeting was the most enthusiastic ever held here and the following new members were enrolled: E. D. Tyler, David Lynes, W. O. Harriman, C. G. Bowers, and F. H. Funk. After the meeting a banquet was given in their honor.

E. D. Tyler went to La Pine last week, returning Friday with freight for Rourke's store.

Misses Mae and Dorothy Anderson are visiting friends in La Pine.

Mrs. Joe Ringo and children left via Fort Klamath for Klamath Falls to attend her mother, Mrs. Charles Graves, who is ill.

Earl Hall and William Eder are visiting at the Crescent from Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Jones were in from their ranch west of Odell Butte last week.

Thomas McCord has returned from the mountains where he had a trap line this winter.

Amos Howard and H. D. Burroughs transacted business here the first of the week. The former purchased the fine draught horse and wagon of Ed Santry.

C. A. Paddock and F. X. Dompier were in from Diamond Peak a few days ago. The latter was grieved to learn of the death of his father, his only relative, at Fort Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas have returned after an extended trip by wagon through southern Oregon and northern California for the latter's health, which is much improved. They spent the greater part of the winter in Chico, Cal. Mr. Thomas owns a large feed and livery stable at this place. Frank Hammer was in charge during his absence.

FILMS DON'T EXPLODE

No Danger of Fire in Moving Picture House.

Ever so often someone asks if moving picture films explode. Should a fire occur in a moving picture theater, the reporter always speaks of it as an "explosion of films". You may possibly know that this does not happen, but if you are ignorant of the fact let us assure you. Films burn up, so do newspapers; and like newspapers, they make a quick flash and rapidly consume. If you were coming down Wall Street and saw a newspaper on fire, would you get into or start a panic, would you?

All moving picture theaters are compelled to have asbestos or sheet-iron covered booths. (The Star Theater's booth is lined with asbestos and covered with sheet-iron.) If we are unfortunate enough to have a film catch fire, it will make a quick blaze—just like burning a newspaper—and will become consumed in a minute or two. The fire would cause some smoke and may leave a mark on the sheet-iron covered floor, but the chief damage done will be to our pocketbook. It will cost us \$100 or more, and the only explosion will be when we are BLOWN UP by the film exchange for letting such a thing happen to their film.

LECTURE ON THE SOUTH.

A true picture of life in the South in the olden days, before and after the war, was given by Miss Belle Kearney, in her lecture in the lyceum course Monday night. Miss Kearney is a most interesting talker, full of enthusiasm, and with a strong voice presents her address in a forceful manner. She told of the days of slavery, of the awful period of reconstruction following the war, touched on the race problem and prohibition and ended with a plea for woman suffrage.

DEALING IN STOCKS.

Know What You Are Buying Before Investing Your Money.

We hear of fortunes quickly made in Wall street, of miners who have accumulated enormous wealth by a lucky strike, of inventors that have made inventors rich. But how many of these instances are there? Just a few, while countless thousands and hundreds of thousands have lost everything in unsuccessful ventures.

The prosperous, successful man or woman in the one who buys with knowledge of what he or she is buying, whether it be a piece of beef, a dozen of eggs, a horse, a house or stocks and bonds.

Money has been made in Wall street and will continue to be made. Those who buy stocks when they sell low and sell them when they advance must make money. The operation is no different from buying a house or a farm at a bargain and selling it at a profit. But one should exercise just as much care in one transaction as in the other.

Have nothing to do with those who offer glittering opportunities to get rich quickly. This will save your money. It may sound very nice to say that one owns a thousand shares of a gold, silver or copper mine with a par value of \$10,000 and that cost the holder only \$50 or \$100. But what use is such a certificate unless it has real value? Better put the \$50 or \$100 in one share of a dividend paying stock and be satisfied with moderate returns and a moderate profit on any advance the stock may enjoy—Leslie's.

EAGLES IN COMBAT.

Fury of the Belligerent Birds in Their Duel in the Air.

An old time observer in Maryland says that the Eastern Shore eagles fly faster, remain in their lofty flight longer and descend from it to the earth with more velocity than any other created thing with wings. He also says that the fierceness of the eagles and the tenacity and power of clutch they can put into their immense talons are beyond belief, and he cites as an instance of it a fight between two of the big birds that he once saw.

Just what incited the two eagles to the combat this spectator of the fight did not know, but they came together high in the air. A long time the two fierce birds fought with beak and talon and wing, rushing upon one another, delivering their blows and retreating for advantage in a new attack. Then at last they clinched and fought at close quarters.

In that position they came plunging to the earth, but neither made any effort to stay the fall, so desperately intent was each on the savage battle. They struck together in the freshly turned furrow of a plowed field, and the impact failed to separate them or to cause an instant's delay in the fight, and the coming on the scene of a man with a club, with which he at once took part in the battle, did not distract their attention from one another, and the man killed them both. Their talons were buried so deeply in each other's flesh that to separate the two belligerent eagles it was necessary to cut off their legs.—New York Sun.

Married Young to Beat Smallpox.

When I was a lad the number of people whose faces were pitted with smallpox was legion. "Blind from smallpox" was on the card worn by most of the unfortunate street beggars who had lost their sight.

The anxiety of parents to have their daughters married at an age which would now be considered almost scandalously immature was one by-product of the frequency and severity of smallpox. If a girl's face were marred her prospects of matrimony were, of course, impaired, and the ambition of mothers—so common was smallpox—was to see their daughters safely married before they caught the disease.—From Walter Gilbey's "Recollections of Seventy Years" in Nineteenth Century.

What Life Is.

Nothing is of real value in the world except people. Never hurt a person by a wrong thought or by word or by act. Never hurt each other. Then go on a big discovering expedition and find each other. Never say, "That person has nothing in him." For that only means that you haven't found it yet. Then, last of all, never think you are the only person. You are just a part of "each other." You are not somebody and the rest of us everybody else. We are each other. Life is each otherness, not everybody-ness.—St. Nicholas.

The Hornbill.

The hornbill, a bird which is widely distributed in India, the Malay archipelago and Africa, has a very loud note. Its call has been described as between the shriek of a locomotive and the bray of a donkey and can be heard a distance of about a couple of miles.

Twisted.

Hicks—I hear that Brown's speech at the club dinner last night was quite funny. Wicks—The opening sentence was—very! He rose and said, "While I was sitting on my thought a chair struck me." Everybody roared.—Boston Transcript.

Company.

A crowd is not company. Faces are but a gallery of pictures where there is no love, and talk but a tinkling cymbal.—Francis Bacon.

When men are pure, laws are useless; when men are corrupt, laws are broken.—Dizrael.

ROYLAT.

(This poem is contributed by a settler at Rolyat P. O. in Hampton Valley, 70 miles southeast of Bend.)

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Forlorn,

Could win some maiden fair and true

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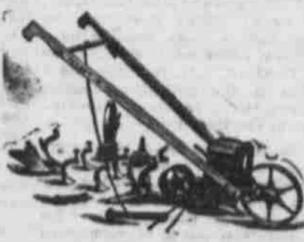
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