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Advertised Letter List. Following is the list of letters remaining unclaimed for in the Grants Pass post-office, Saturday, Feb. 25, 1901: LADIES

Savage, Mrs. James, GENTLEMEN Conner, M. A., Cawborn, E. J., Jones, R. W., Mahen, S. B., Stull, E. J., Smith, Sam., Vanners, J. F., Clemens, J. H., Carris, F. W., Hastings, R. W., Nelson, F. W., Strew, Moses, Taylor, Chas., C. E. HAMMON, Postmaster.

Leland Sitings. We are having fine, balmy weather. April weather could not be better for farmers and stockmen.

We have had a recent rain that brought plenty of water to the miners. As I am interested in the miners welfare I must always speak a word in their behalf, for the bulk of my trade comes directly from the miners. This has been an average year for the placer miners.

The Greenback quartz mine is working a big force of men taking out rock enough to keep the mill running all the time. They will soon erect a new mill for their other quartz mines. They have two other ledges on the extension of the famous Greenback tunnels.

Mr. McIntosh is now ready to resume work on his quartz mine. He has a good ledge but like many other miners lacks the necessary equipments to work his property.

We are needing a smelter in this vicinity, which would encourage many more developments in mining property.

The Copper Stain ledge is erecting steam hoisting works. They have plenty of good rock. We understand that one of the largest stockholders has lately died but we hope that will not conflict with the working of the mine.

Col. Blaisdell, of McNair Flat is building a 12 mile ditch to bring water on his placer ground which is extensive and rich. Business with us has been quiet since our last writing. The short line is about completed and next week the rails will be laid to Kinneyville.

We understand G. W. Chapin has had a slight touch of the gout but at last accounts he was getting better. In Memory.

(Written in memory of little Ruby Bailey who died at Kerby on Feb. 14 1901.)

Another little lamb has gone, To dwell with him who gave; Another little darling babe, Is sheltered in the grave.

God needed one more angel child, Amidst his shining band, And so he bent with loving care, And clasped little Ruby's hand.

Freedom darling thou has left us, Left us, now for ever more, Until once again we meet thee, On that bright golden shore.

Lonely the home and sad the hours Since "Our Ruby" dear has flown, But oh! a brighter home than ours In heaven is now thy own.

The little chair is empty now, The little clothes laid by, A mother's hope, a father's joy, In death's cold arms doth lie— Go little pilgrim, to thy home, On thy bright heavenly shore, We miss thee now, but soon will come Where thou hast gone before. A FRIEND.

For Sale: FOR SALE—Twenty five acres one and one-half miles east of Grants Pass on Rogue river, partly cleared, small orchard, price \$2000 half cash, also fifty one acre of what is known as the Hyde place, price \$500, half cash. For additional information address, CUBBY BROS., La Grande, Oregon

CHRISTMAS TIME IN ALASKA.

Mrs. Young Writes of the Conditions which Prevail During the Winter in our Northern Land.

SAXMAN, Alaska, Feb. 12, 1901.

Dear readers of the COURIER—I wrote a letter about Christmas time, and as it failed to reach you I will endeavor to write another. The most important events in our town, if such they might be termed, occur about the time of the holidays, as at the time most or all of the natives have gathered here.

The spirit of Christmas is manifested in Alaska as well as in the states and the stores presented a brilliant array of toys and tempting things. The Indians are not slow in purchasing nice or costly presents for their friends. We had a Christmas tree for the natives, full of bright and pretty presents, which gladdened many a heart; mostly the gifts of kindly disposed people in the states. It was surprising to see how well they did all dressed, for a semi-civilized race. We heard no sound of sleigh bells, as we have no horses; neither had any snow. The common impression seems to be that all of Alaska is a cold frozen region, especially during the winter months. We have had but four or five snow storms, and the most that fell any one time did not exceed four or five inches, which was mostly melted off in a day or two by a warm rain. The freezing cold weather has not exceeded three weeks.

We cannot write you this winter about "polatiches" and dances, for the reason that the majority of our natives have embraced the faith of the Salvation Army, in which they are just as zealous as formerly when engaged in their heathen customs. They hold meetings every evening and four on Sunday, besides attending the various services which are held by the Presbyterian Missionary. Nothing has ever had such an influence over them for good. None of the members ever get intoxicated, and none use tobacco. The excitement accompanying the services is well suited to their excitable natures. Two of our pupils were married, Indian fashion, on New Year's eve. The father would not allow her to be married like white people, because the groom had paid only \$250 for her and he expects a greater remuneration. If they were lawfully married the young man might take advantage of his father-in-law.

A short time ago a young man residing in Saxman, a graduate of Carlisle, Pa. school married a girl who lived at Ketchikan. After two weeks she decided she did not love him and returned home. All his pleadings for her to return to him were in vain, so he betook himself to an Indian doctor to learn some means of fascinating her. The doctor told him to eat nothing for three days, and drink nothing but salt water, and sleep at night under the house in which she was living. For this valuable information he paid the sum of \$20. He carried out the instructions to a letter, and when he returned to Saxman he looked as though he had passed through a severe illness, but it was all in vain.

The mild weather has made the winter more favorable than usual to the natives for hunting, so more than half of them have already left town and will not return until the last of June. Some of them procure skins and furs to the value of four or five hundred and sometimes as high as a thousand dollars apiece. They smoke and dry a great deal of venison during this time. About the fifth of July the company or companies for whom they are going to fish come with a steam launch towing, sometimes, as many as thirty canoes and boats. The fishing season lasts about three months, one individual earning sometimes as high as one thousand dollars.

Your readers may be curious to know what prices rule for commodities here. The boom prices that prevailed for a time have created the impression that the cost of living in any part of Alaska is very high. Our local merchants can supply most any thing from a clothes pin to a totem pole. The prices, especially of provisions, compare quite favorably with those in the states.

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