CORRESPONDENCE.

Leland Siftings.

We hear of a rich quartz strike on Coyote creek.

W. H. Hampton is engaged in surveying quartz ledges on Mount Reuben. He is doing quite extensive work on that mountain.

Mr. Rutherford from Lower Grave creek, came up from the Gray mine where he is engaged for the winter. He says that mine is fixed up in good shape with good prospects, also a good channel that bids fair to be a good paying mine.

We are having fine weather with an occasional shower. Stock is doing well on the range; the miners have plenty of water; farmers are plowing; grass is growing nicely, and with plenty of work, with good prices, we are a busy, contented and happy people.

Geo. Strong and Walter Ray have a wood contract of the Railroad Co. of putting wood on the Tunnel 9 spur. There is plenty of wood in this vicinity yet; so times will be good in Leland next year; as we have two large stores to furnish supplies for everybody, there will be no need of shipping supplies to Leland.

The Vulcan miners are erecting a mill on their quartz property. They are late in getting it, as the roads are very bad. The company engaged, as they thought, teams enough to haul the mill to Placer, but changed their minds and kept employing more teams until 12 horses were hitched to the heavy load, and they were two days on the road out at last account. The expense will be large in delivering the plant. We always find it advisable to make hay while the sun shines, or in other words, do our heavy hauling when the roads are dry.

Mr. Cloce from Minnesota has come to Tunnel 9 to live with his son, who is engaged in retimbering the tunnel. People are leaving the cold countries as fast as circumstances will permit.

Wide Awake.

East Provolt Items.

Ed Lewman was at Bridge Point Thursday.

Amos Shrimp was at Missouri Flat Thursday.

Alex Watts was at Grants Pass Thursday.

Amos Cook of Applegate was at Provolt Friday.

C. Lewis of Williams was at Medford Saturday.

Herb Sandries of Gold Hill was at Provolt Saturday.

Oscar Knox was at Bridge Point, Applegate Monday.

Will Messinger of New Hope was at Provolt Monday.

Fred Benedict of Bridge Point was at Provolt Thursday.

Willie Farris of Appleagte is at G. W. Meeks this week.

Zeb Hyde of Laurel Grove was at Bridge Point Saturday.

Clarence Sam Carter of Murphy was at Williams the past week.

Ina Lavrich of Provolt was a visitor to Grants Pass Tuesday.

Mars Baldwin of Provolt was at Grants Pass Wednesday on business.

George Fields of Provolt was at Grants Pass this week visiting relatives.

John Bailey and wife of Williams were visiting relatives at Provolt Friday.

Frank Knight of Provolt is visiting relatives at Bridge Point, Applegate this week.

Otis Hall of Provolt, who has been in Cal., the past year returned Monday last.

Wm. Sonson and wife of Provolt were at Grants Pass last week with a load of chickens.

Wm. Jones of Provolt was on Humbug Wednesday gathering a load of apples for home use.

J. T. Layton was at Williams this week on business and looking after mining property also.

J. Varison of Williams is making good roads. He has had men at work for two months hauling gravel.

Fred Knox of Laurel Grove was on Thompson creek Monday looking after cattle they have up there feeding this winter for Sweetland.

West Provolt Items.

The dance given at the public hall Thursday night was a grand success and supper was well served.

There will be a Christmas tree at the South Methodist church at Baltimore Christmas eve. All are invited to come.

The hop men of this locality are cleaning their yards and making ready for their work as usual, while the weather is good. They discovered that hops want to be worked early in the spring. It is not good to cut the vines too late on account of bleeding, which makes the vines rot. If they don't rot they will be sickly and won't produce like the ones cut early.

A number of the farmers of this section of Oregon have experimented in vegetable raising and found that potatoes are the surest crop that can be raised on Applegate, and Williams Creek. The soil seems to be a potato producer. We have the largest crop this year that has been produced for a long time. The corn crop was very good considering everything.

Jolly Joke.

Wilderville Notes.

Bee Bull is around again after a few days illness.

F. V. Stevenson and family have moved into their new house.

Miss Ethel Robinson was on the sick list the first of the week.

Dick Lindsay and family are improving after several weeks of sickness.

Superintendent Lincoln Savage visited at Wilderville the first of the week.

Married—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hocking, near Wilderville, Nov. 26, 1903, Leopold Sams and Miss Martha Hocking. The bride and groom have a host of friends who wish them joy.

Jas. Hocking, Jr. has returned home from his visit to Forest Grove, Ore., where he spent the past two weeks.

Williams Items.

Born—November 27, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Hoxie, a son.

Carl Marvin of the Pass took in the Thanksgiving ball.

Mr. and Mrs Fields have moved into their new home on the creek.

Johnny Herriott of Applegate was on the creek Sunday visiting his brother.

Mrs. R. E Pierce spent Thanksgiving with her mother, Mrs. R. Bigelow.

Miss L. Bolt who has been working at Mr. Cockerline's, returned home last week.

Miss Lizzie Lewman, who was visiting at Mrs. Davidson's returned home last Monday.

The Bone of Contention will soon be running again, after being closed down for one year.

The Thanksgiving ball was a grand success. A large crowd was out, and a very enjoyable time was had by all present.

There is going to be a turkey shooting match on the creek during the holidays. Anyone wishing to contest for one of these gobblers better be practicing some, for there is nothing slow about our young men.

TO IMPROVE CRATER LAKE

Supt. Arant Makes a Number of Recommendations.

W. F. Arant, superintendent of Crater Lake National Park, in his annual report has made several recommendations to the secretary of the interior as to improvements that ought to be made in the Park during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904, as follows:

1st. To put the road from the south line of the park to Anna Creek, a distance of eight miles, in good condition.

2d. To construct a bridge over White Horse Creek and make other necessary improvements in the road.

3d. To make a change in the road from about 3½ miles west of the summit of the mountain in the park to Anna Creek bridge, which would eliminate from the road a high hill, which is on either side, one of the steepest and hardest hills on any road in Southern Oregon.

4th. To complete the road from Anna Creek bridge to the rim of the crater, two miles of which has been constructed.

5th. To improve the trail leading from the summit of the crater to the water's edge and also to stretch a cable along the trail to aid persons in making the trip and to lessen the danger.

6th. To place a strong, iron railing along the outer edge of Victor rock to provide against accident, as nearly every visitor goes here for a good view of the lake and surrounding country.

7th. To engage two patrolmen for the park from June 15 to October 15, each year.

8th. To provide a small, strong house on the rim of the crater and provide with register and other supplies necessary for the registration of visitors to the park.

9th. Also for a register and a water proof metal case to be placed on Wizard Island.

10th. To establish a house or station in the park, also a small stable and tool house.

11th. For the salary of the superintendent and for the keeping of an additional horse for use in the park.

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BIDS WANTED FOR SCHOOL BONDS.

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned up to four o'clock p. m. of December 15th, 1903, for the sale of $10,000 of bonds of School District Number 7 of Josephine County, Oregon. Purpose of issue to pay for brick school building. Rate of interest five per cent payable semi-annually, May 1, and November 1. Bonds dated November 1, 1903, and due November, 1, 1923, directors reserving the right to pay at any time after 10 years from date. Principal and interest payable at the office of the county treasurer at Grants Pass, Oregon, or in New York city per agreement with purchaser. Total bonded indebtedness including this issue $20,000; assessed valuation 1902, $450,000, present assessment $600,000; actual valuation $1,500,000. Population of district about 4500. Number of scholars in district 1027.

Bonds authorized by a vote of the qualified electors of said district at an election held September 28, 1903, and approved by Hon. W. C. Hale, attorney. Issued under authority sec. 3289 H. & C. code of Oregon, approved February 12, 1903.

A deposit of five per cent of the bonds must accompany each bid before it will be considered, said amount to apply as part of purchase price if accepted or returned to bidder if his bid be rejected

The right reserved to reject any and all bids.

J. T. TAYLOR,
Treasurer of Josephine County, Oregon.

PROTECT THEIR ROADS.

European Countries Know the Value of Wide Tires.

European countries have long discarded narrow tires in order to preserve and build their highways, and also because it is an economy in the use of the vehicle and the weight that a horse is able to draw, says the Good Roads Magazine. Wide tires are not only lighter in their draft than narrower ones under nearly all conditions, but they roll the roads smooth instead of cutting them to pieces. A four inch tire on a wagon carrying a heavy load is a road builder.

In France every freight and market wagon is a roadmaker. The tires are from three to ten inches in width, usu-

A NARROW TIRE ROAD.

ally from four to six inches. Most loads are carried on two wheeled carts with a single horse, the loads weighing over two tons. With the new four wheeled vehicles used in France the tires are rarely less than six inches in width and the rear axle about fourteen inches longer than the fore axle, so that the rear or hind wheels run about one inch outside of the level rolled by the front wheels.

In Germany the law prescribes that all the wagons drawing heavy loads, such as coal, brick, earth, stone, etc., must have tires at least four inches wide. It is worse than useless to create expensive and valuable highways to have them only cut to pieces by the use of narrow tires as now used for the hauling of heavy loads in this country. When an expensive highway has been created it must be taken care of, and methods heretofore permitted must be changed in order to help maintain it. Wide tires are of the greatest value in preserving ordinary dirt roads.

FOR GOOD ROADS.

The Advantages of State Aid in Highway Improvement.

When Mr. Brownlow of Tennessee introduced a bill in congress appropriating $20,000,000 as a fund for national aid to road improvement in the United States a good many people were startled at the size of the figures. The amount, however, seems very small compared with the sum that a single state now proposes to raise and spend. The New York legislature has adopted a constitutional amendment proposing to raise and spend $5,000,000 annually for ten years, or $50,000,000 in all. This amendment must pass the legislature again in 1905, and then it will go before the people for ratification or rejection. It can reasonably be expected that the measure will meet with popular favor. The people of New York have given the principle of state aid a thorough trial, and the results have been highly satisfactory.

One of the objections most loudly urged against both state and national aid is that it will encourage local communities to neglect the improvement of their roads and depend on the state and the federal government to do the work for them. But this objection has proved to be purely imaginary. In no place where state aid has been tried has any such result appeared. On the contrary, aid from the state treasury only stimulates local self help. It arouses warm competition among the counties and townships to secure a share of the state aid funds. Instead of sitting down and folding their hands, as predicted, the local communities are raising a great deal more money under the stimulus of state aid than they did before.

Good Roads In Maine.

It is stated that Maine for the first time leads the United States as a granite producing state. The greatest increase for the year 1901 over that of 1900 was in limestone. One of the chief factors of the industry during the year was the increased value of crushed stone, which covers granite, limestone and sandstone. This is attributed largely to the increase in building better roads.

Rural Delivery Notes

Applicants for the position of rural carriers are subjected to an examination in respect to their qualifications for the service and the esteem in which they are held by the inhabitants along the routes. Seventeen to fifty-five is the age limit except in the case of war veterans who are physically competent to do the work.

A member of congress, speaking of the rural free delivery not long ago, said that were the service a dead loss financially to the post office department he would be in favor of meeting the loss out of the public treasury because of the educational benefits already shown.

Rural free delivery is becoming a potent factor in the construction of good roads and their proper maintenance. A good rural service means good roads, and as the people insist upon the former they must eventually obtain the latter.

ROMANCE OF 17th CENTURY.

New Light on the Story of Hon. John Smith and His Marriage to Miss Pocahontas.

One of the most thrilling scenes in the early days of our country was that in which figured Hon. John H. Smith, formerly of England, and Miss Pocahontas, the charming and vivacious daughter of Col. Powhatan, writes W. D. Nesbit, in the Baltimore American.

This happened along in the first part of the seventeenth century, before the street cars began running to Powhatan.

In fact, it has been stated that Pocahontas was the first fare that was ever collected on that line, but you know how it is about distance lending enchantment to the view, and maybe Pocahontas was not so fair after all.

It happened that Mr. Smith was out doing a few deeds that would serve to enliven the pages of the ten-cent novels when some of Col. Powhatah's braves gathered him in.

He was taken before Col. Powhatan, who coldly asked him what he was doing over in that ward.

Smith came back with some saucy retort or other, and the upshot was that he was confined in the calaboose.

Powhatan merrily said to him that it was well that his captors were not cannibals or they would make Indian meal of him.

However, that is mere airy persiflage, so to speak, and has no place in a real-for-sure historical novel.

It so chanced that while Smith was confined in prison Miss Pocahontas came around one day to see if there were any murderers or horse thieves to whom she might carry flowers or jelly.

Unfortunately, they were just out of murderers and horse thieves that morning, and she had to content herself with listening to the long, sad story of Smith's past life. For hours he held her spellbound with his stirring recital of things he had seen and done.

Little Pocahontas began to think he was almost as interesting as a murderer could well be, and naturally she was rather perturbed when a great big Indian came in and said that Smith was wanted at the captain's office. He went on to say that it was the intention of Powhatan to have Smith turned over to the ministrations of the court executioner.

In those days there was no fun in being executed.

The papers did not send two or three reporters around to find out what the condemned man had eaten for breakfast and to write sad and thrilling things about his last words.

Nor were there any extras issued to tell the waiting public about the execution.

No, indeed. They simply took the person who formed the center of attraction for the time being to a convenient spot, and the court executioner applied a club to his head until his thought had all leaked out and his imagination collided with his appetite. Then the executioner cashed his voucher and the festivities were at end.

Consequently little Pocahontas was tremulous with suppressed excitement when they put Mr. Smith on the block and parted his hair in the middle to give the executioner a fair sight at his think-center. Col. Powhatan was standing in a good spot to view the proceedings. Had kodaks been invented he would have had his hand inside his coat, but as it was, he simply let his hands hang at the end of his arms.

Just as the executioner was about to drive Smith's eyebrows into his vest pockets Pocahontas made a wild rush from the parquet seats and threw herself across the manly form of Smith. Pocahontas was a cornfed bud of society, too, and would have made a penny-in-the-slot weighing machine look like a whirligig. The feelings of Smith may readily be imagined. She rumpled the curl of his hair and smashed his ruffled collar beyond redemption. Smith tried to speak—he wanted to urge her to shift a little, for she was grinding his collar button into the tickish spot at the top of the breast bone, but she exclaimed:

"Say not a word, my hero!"

Having no breath left with which to say the word, Smith refrained from speech.

Turning to her stern old father, Pocahontas begged him to spare the poor man.

Powhatan nodded assent and the executioner went sadly away. Smith rose to his feet and took Pocahontas by the hand, advancing to the center of the stage to respond to the curtain call.

There are many other stories told of Mr. Smith. He told most of them himself. But we should draw the great moral lesson from this one that goo-goo eyes are sometimes as useful in real life as in song.

Subsidence of Texas Oil Wells.

Oil has now ceased to flow spontaneously from the wells of Beaumont, but the refiners are not thereby in any way disturbed. There is plenty of oil left in the fields, but it will not be necessary to force it from the ground. The startling flow of oil which greeted the man who made the first strike was due primarily to the enormous pressure of the gas confined in the same subterranean chamber with the oil. Since the chamber was penetrated the gas began to escape and the flow of oil to subside. Instead of natural gas pressure it will now be necessary to use artificial air pressure.—Scientific American.

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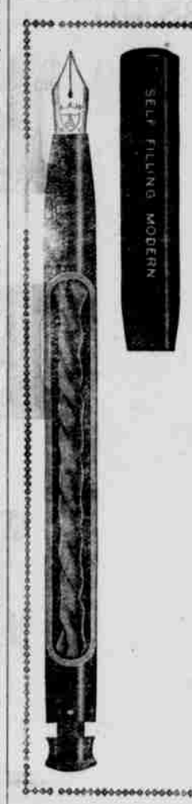

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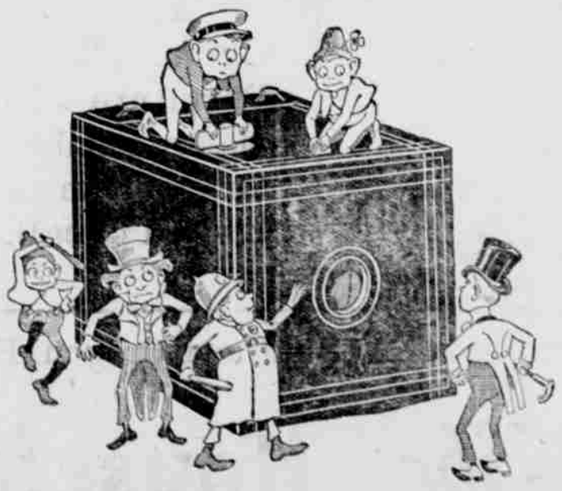

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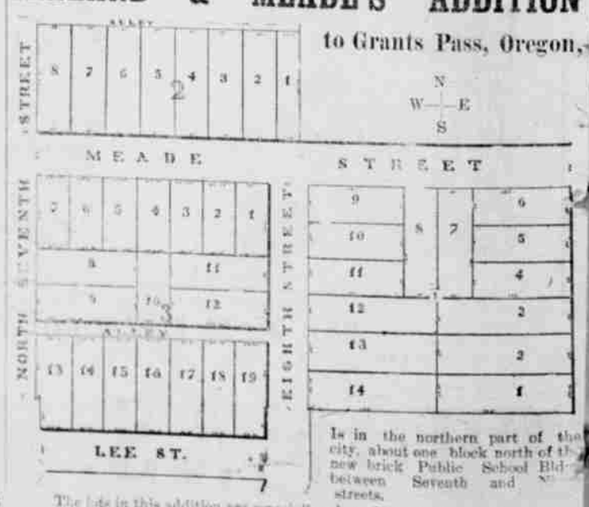

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