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Local and Personal

Wm. Carkhuff, of Galls creek, was here Friday visiting friends.

See the elegant line of valentines at Miss Mary Mee's drug store.

Mrs. Scott Pool, of Eagle Point, was trading with our merchants Friday.

School books and supplies of all grades at Mary A. Mee's drug store.

Mr. White, of California, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. B. F. Peart, of this city.

The basket ball team went to Ashland yesterday to clean up the Ashland team.

Mrs. Mollie White, of Woodville, visited her brother, E. L. Farra, last week.

Mrs. John Turnidge, of the Willamette valley, is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. J. Kelson.

Mrs. Lorena Downing is spending the week with her son, William Downing, at Rock Point.

New desks for the use of the school have been ordered and it is hoped school will open next Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Messner, of Klamath county, are here visiting her mother, Mrs. Stidham, and other relatives.

Mrs. W. H. Norcross was summoned to Ashland Saturday to be at the bedside of her daughter, Miss Eva, who is seriously ill at the Normal.

Miss Witten, of Los Angeles, stopped over here last week to visit her brother, T. M. Witten, while on her return home from a visit at Boise.

The Hazelrigg-Andrews company will present "The Mascot," the funniest opera ever written, at the opera house this evening. Don't fail to see it.

Remember, February 4th will be bargain day for the Portland Journal. Now is the time to order. See Guy Tex, P. M., about it. Subscription price has been reduced.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Obenchain of Klamath Falls, were here this week attending the funeral of Mr. Obenchain's father. Mr. Obenchain is sheriff of Klamath county.

Don't forget the Journal bargain day, February 4th. Leave orders now with Guy Tex. Daily and Sunday Journal one year, \$5.00; daily without Sunday, \$3.75; twice a week, 85 cents.

The M. E. ladies will give an afternoon tea at the home of Mrs. J. H. Gay next Tuesday p. m. from 2:00 to 5:00. Special music and dainty refreshments. All the ladies of the town are invited.

The G. A. R. Post and W. R. C. installed the following officers last Saturday:—Post officers—S. M. Nealon, C.; John Wright, S. V. C.; John Turrill, J. V. C.; H. J. Gardner, Q.; M. Clark, Surgeon; W. P. Twomey, Chaplain; G. H. Perkins, O. D.; J. D. Pankey, O. G. J. W. Hicks, Adj.—W. R. C.—Lizzie Beas, Pres.; Electa Jeffers, S. V. P.; Jennie Twomey, J. V. P.; Maria Purkypile, chaplain; M. E. Fries, Sec'y; Jennie Selby, Clara Gillett, Eliza Hicks Anna Wright, Color Bearers. After the installation an elegant banquet, prepared by the ladies of the Corps, was enjoyed by all present.

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PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF CENTRAL POINT, JACKSON COUNTY, OREGON, BY INITIATIVE PETITION OF THE LEGAL VOTERS THEREOF.

AN ACT
To amend an act, entitled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of Central Point, Jackson County, State of Oregon," filed in the office of the Secretary of State February 25, 1889.

Be it enacted by the people of the Town of Central Point, State of Oregon: Section 1. An Act entitled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of Central Point, Jackson County, State of Oregon," filed in the office of the Secretary of State, February 25, 1889, be and the same is hereby amended so that this Act shall be and constitute the Charter of the said Town of Central Point, which shall read as follows:

ARTICLE I.
Section 1. All that district embraced within the boundary lines described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the northwest corner of the Constant Donation Land Claim No. 56, in Township Thirty-seven (37), South of Range Two (2), West of Willamette Meridian; running thence south 3288.1 feet to the north line of the Angle Donation Land Claim No. 54, same township and range; thence west along the north line of said claim 4841.7 feet to the south line of Pine street; thence north 4401.5 feet; thence east 4841.7 feet; thence south 1113.4 feet to place of beginning, shall be, and the same hereby is, constituted the Town of Central Point, and the present and future residents of said district shall be and are hereby constituted a municipal corporation, by the name of "The Town of Central Point," and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, prosecute and defend, in all courts of justice, and in all actions, suits or proceedings whatsoever; may have and use a common seal, and may alter the same at pleasure; may condemn, purchase, lease, contract for, hold, sell and dispose of any real estate either within or without said district which the exigencies of said municipality may require; may purchase, lease, hold and dispose of any personal property; may construct, repair and maintain a water system or systems for the purpose of extinguishment of fires, street sprinkling and supplying the inhabitants of said town with water for domestic use, irrigation and other purposes. And may make any and all arrangements and ordinances deemed by the town council of said towns pertinent and proper to secure an adequate supply of water for the inhabitants thereof, and for the preservation and purity of such water and the effectiveness of such water system, and all water rights and all property pertaining thereto so purchased, leased or contracted for by said town, shall be, and are hereby vested in said municipality, with right to exact and collect compensation of the users of water from such water system. Said town shall have all the general powers possessed by municipal corporations under the statute laws of this state and at common law, and in addition thereto shall possess all powers hereinafter specifically granted; and all the authority thereof shall have perpetual succession.

Section 2. The common council may provide, by ordinance, for dividing the town into wards for election and other purposes and each ward shall be represented by an equal number of councilmen, who shall be residents of the ward they represent; Provided, that no such division of the town into wards shall be made until the town shall have attained a population of one thousand inhabitants, as shown by the state or federal census next preceding an annual election

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N. Jerry, the well known promoter of mines, left Tuesday morning for Indianapolis, Ind., and other eastern points, where he goes on business connected with the mineral development of the Central Point and Willow Springs district.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. William Pankey arrived from Klamath county Tuesday morning to attend the funeral of the ladies' father, Bartlett Obenchain. Maldoren Obenchain, of Oakland, eldest son of the deceased, also arrived on the same train.

The school board has received prompt payment in full of the insurance policies carried on the school house, amounting to \$10,000. The Oregon Fire Relief paid their loss of \$4000 within a week and the remaining \$6000 in a company represented by J. H. Gay has also been adjusted.

Geo. P. Mims is setting 70 acres of his farm north of town to apples, pears and peaches, about equally divided. Mr. Mims and his son broke the record Monday by digging the holes and setting 200 trees in 9 hours. His family will arrive from Idaho in the Spring to make their home here.

Woodmen and Royal Neighbors Install

The local camp Modern Woodmen of America and their auxiliary organization, the Royal Neighbors, held a joint installation last Saturday evening in their hall, in the opera house building, at which time officers were installed for the coming year, an elegant banquet disposed of and a most pleasant social evening was enjoyed. The following officers were installed by the Woodmen: Consul, J. E. Boswell; Adviser, Wayne Leever; Banker, I. C. Robnett; Clerk, A. J. Hanby; Escort, D. C. Grim; Sentry, G. G. Selby; Watchman, Clarence Pankey; Physician, Dr. J. L. Rawhouser; Manager, W. C. Leever.

Officers of the Royal Neighbors are: Oracle, Mrs. Bertha Bursell; Vice-Oracle, Mrs. Stella Fox; Recorder, Mrs. Lettie Gregory; Chancellor, Mrs. Selby; Marshal, Mrs. Isabelle Leever; Receiver, Zena Grisham; Inner Sentinel, Laura Gaim; Outer Sentinel, Emma Bebb; Manager, Mary Mee; Installing Officer, Cora Hoagland; Ceremonial Officer, Edna Robnett.

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Snowy Butte Orchard Wins Cup.

H. T. Pankey, superintendent of the Snowy Butte orchard, adjoining this town, returned from Portland Monday morning, bringing with him the elegant cup awarded to the Snowy Butte orchard for the best display of Winter Nellis pears at the recent meeting of the State Horticultural Society. The fact that this cup was the only one captured by Rogue River Valley orchardists at this meeting and that it is by far the handsomest and most costly of any awarded there, is particularly gratifying to Mr. Pankey, as well as to Mr. Hopkins, the owner. The cup, a large and handsome one, bears the following inscription: "Oregon State Horticultural Society, 1908. First Prize, Winter Nellis Pears. Won by F. H. Hopkins." The cup was furnished to the Society for award to the successful Winter Nellis competitor by the Schmidt Lithograph Co., of Portland.

Oregon Editors Meet.

At the meeting of the Oregon Press Association held in Portland last Friday and Saturday the association was reorganized and the name changed to State Editorial Association of Oregon. The following new officers were elected: President, J. S. Dellinger, Daily Astorian, Astoria; Vice-President, Geo. Putnam, Daily Tribune, Medford; Corresponding secretary, A. D. Moe, Glacier, Hood River; Recording secretary, A. Scibird, Republican, Union; Treasurer, Miss Frances Gotshall, Portland; Trustees, Geo. B. Small, Democrat, Baker City; C. E. Fisher, Guard, Eugene; C. L. Ireland, Observer, Moro.

The new officers are all wide awake newspaper men and it is the intention to make the reorganized association a power for progress in the newspaper field of Oregon.

Regarding Fire Protection.

Central Point, Jan. 20.—(To the Editor.)—The school house fire suggests a proposition which, to my mind, looks feasible for fire protection in Central Point. If a system of cisterns were dug where you have an underground supply of water, as you have in Central Point, cistern-like wells could be arranged, say at every other street crossing, making them large enough at the bottom so that they would not readily pump dry, but carrying a ready supply of water, then you would only need about 300 feet of hose to reach any fire within range of the cisterns; then get a gasoline engine, from 5 to 10 horse power with a good rotary pump, and have a man to look after the engine to see that it is always in running order to start promptly, and you could have a volunteer fire department and your engine would have "steam up" with two turns of the crank, with full force of water flowing, and a dozen men could quickly pull the engine to any fire in town. I think this would make a good and not expensive fire system and could be made ready in short order without expensive water works and piping. Many large cities have a system of cisterns, but generally have to pump the water into them to have it ready for use. You have a blanket of water under Central Point and all that is necessary is to give it a chance to accumulate for immediate use. I submit this plan to your readers for what it is worth.

C. E. VELIN.

Table Rock Takes the Cake.

S. K. Adams, of Table Rock, was in town Saturday and while here called at this office and left a strawberry plant which he took from his garden the day before. The plant has several green berries growing on it and which will be ripe before Washington's birthday. If there is any other section in Oregon that can compare with Table Rock let it be known and we will be willing to give credit to the same.

or by census specially taken by order of the common council at least sixty days prior to such annual election.

ARTICLE II.
Section 1. The elective officers of said town shall be a mayor, a recorder, a treasurer and five councilmen who shall be residents and legal voters in said town, and the mayor and councilmen must also be freeholders in said town.

Section 2. The term of the elective officers shall begin on the first day of April following an annual election, and the term of office for the mayor, treasurer and recorder shall be one year, and the councilmen two years, unless elected to fill a vacancy. In such case the term of office shall expire at the end of the year for which they are appointed or elected.

ARTICLE III.
Section 1. The mayor and a majority of the councilmen shall constitute a quorum, and in them shall be vested the government of the town, the right to control, manage, lease, alienate or otherwise dispose of any property belonging to the said town, to contract for, purchase and lease any property for said town, shall be vested in said council, except as otherwise in this charter provided.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the council to meet in common council at least once in each month, and have special meetings whenever deemed necessary; to fix the times and places of their regular meetings; to devise and adopt all such measures, regulations and ordinances as will conduce to the security, tranquility, cleanliness, improvement and ornament of the town, and the health, prosperity and moral elevation of the inhabitants thereof. And manage the finances and public expenditures of the town economically, fairly and honestly, and perform such other duties as naturally devolve upon a municipal council, and such as are hereinbefore and hereinafter imposed upon them.

ARTICLE IV.
Section 1. Within thirty days and not less than ten days prior to the

Recent Deaths.

Obenchain.

Bartlett Obenchain, one of the most highly respected pioneer residents of Southern Oregon, passed quietly away at his late residence in this town Sunday evening at the ripe old age of 80 years, three months and 27 days.

Deceased was a native of Virginia, having been born in that state September 22, 1827. Early in life he emigrated to Iowa, when that state was on the far western frontier of civilization, and there, in 1850, he was married to Miss Nancy Morse, who is a cousin of Prof. S. B. Morse, inventor of the telegraph. In 1861 they crossed the plains to California, where they spent the winter, and the following Spring they came to this valley, which has since been their home.

He is survived by one brother, John Obenchain, of Big Butte, Oregon; a widow, Mrs. Nancy Obenchain, of this place, and three sons and five daughters, as follows: Mrs. Alice Lindsay, Mrs. Jenny Wilson, Silas Obenchain and Mrs. Nannie Pankey, of Klamath County; M. M. Obenchain, of Oakland, California; Mrs. Sarah Pankey, of Central Point; Mrs. Minnie Peninger, of Gold Hill, and George Obenchain, who resides on the old homestead near Central Point.

Deceased was for many years a member of the M. E. church, and as a citizen and neighbor he was held in high esteem by all.

The funeral was held from the residence Tuesday morning, interment being in the Jacksonville cemetery.

Elliott.

Merritt Elliott, a respected resident of this town, passed away last Saturday evening after a short acute illness. Although almost a lifelong invalid and many times brought almost to death's door, his end was unexpected to many friends and acquaintances who had greeted him on the street but a few days before.

Deceased was a native of Winnebago county, Ill., being born there December 6, 1845, and was aged 62 years, one month and 13 days at the time of his death. When but a boy of 16 years he responded to his country's call and enlisted in Co. A, 12th Ill. cavalry, serving three years to the close of the war. The arduous duties of that strenuous time wrecked his health and the remainder of his life was largely one of illness and suffering.

After coming to manhood he removed to Oregon and resided for some time in the Willamette valley and later in Gilliam county, where he was one of the first settlers. His health failing there he removed to Texas, but in 1888 he returned to Oregon, settling in Central Point, where he has since resided. He was twice married, the first wife being Miss Alice Stevenson, and after her demise he was married to Miss Malissa Kelson, who survives him. Four children also survive him, as follows: Mrs. T. M. Jones, Mrs. J. P. Hoagland and Miss Mildred Elliott, of Central Point, and J. P. Elliott, of Tacoma, Washington.

He was a consistent member of the Church of God, or Restitutionists, and was held in high esteem by all as a good citizen and neighbor and a Christian gentleman. He was a member of the local Post of the Grand Army of the Republic and his former comrades-in-arms conducted the funeral, which was held Tuesday afternoon from the residence, interment being in the Central Point cemetery.

Business Pointers.

See the fine line of watches and jewelry at the Central Point Pharmacy.

When you are in Medford drop in at "Weary's" for good liquors, cool beer and a good lunch. 21tf

I have on hand a car load of first-class blacksmith coal and am prepared to supply the trade in that line.—W. E. Price, Central Point. 21tf

Wood is the same as money this year so you had better see W. C. Leever about a Cole's Airtight Heater. Save their cost in one season. 24tf

"Better than Shingles or Tin"—Rex Flintkote roofing is better than either shingles or tin. In fact, it is the best house covering made. If you are building be sure and investigate "Flintkote" before contracting for your roofing. For sale by W. C. Leever. 50tf

Bad Stomach Trouble Cured.

Having been sick for the past two years with a bad stomach trouble, a friend gave me a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They did me so much good that I bought a bottle of them and have used twelve bottles in all. Today I am well of a bad stomach trouble.—MRS. JOHN LOWE, Cooper, Maine. These tablets are for sale by Mary A. Mee.

CENTRAL POINT

is the center of one of the best

ORCHARD DISTRICTS

in the Rogue River Valley and realizing the importance of being in close touch with the situation the

ROGUE RIVER LAND COMPANY

has installed a branch office at Central Point, in the Herald office, with Mr W. E. Kahler, a native-born citizen of the valley, and a gentleman who has given much thought and study to the orchards of the valley, in charge.

Call on him for reliable information regarding the merits of any lands in the valley and especially of the orchard lands near Central Point and you will get the best lands in the valley if you invest.

THE NEW YEAR 1908

Finds us still doing business at the Old Stand.

Altho' our stock shows the effect of the Holiday rush, we are not "closing out at less than cost," but we are still giving our customers rattling good everyday bargains.

OUR PLAN.

No occasional "cut rate" sales with inflated prices the rest of the year, but just common, every day BARGAINS.

That's why our business and crowd of customers continues to grow.

Cranfill & Robnett.

Central Point State Bank

Central Point, Ore.

TRANSACTS A GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS

DIRECTORS—J. W. Merritt, President; W. C. Leever, Vice-President; T. M. Witten, Cashier; I. C. Robnett, W. J. Freeman.

Your Patronage is Respectfully Solicited.

second Monday in March of each year the town council shall order an annual election and appoint three judges of election, two of whom shall act as clerks of election; of which election and appointment notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper, published in the town, or by conspicuously posting notices within the corporate limits not less than ten days prior to the election, which notice shall specify the place and time of holding the election and the officers to be filled; provided that in case the town be divided into wards there shall be appointed three judges of election for each ward and a notice of election shall be posted in each ward.

Section 2. The annual election shall be held on the second Monday in March of each year and shall be conducted according to the laws of the State of Oregon so far as practicable.

Section 3. All persons to be voted for at any election shall, not less than five days before such election, file with the recorder of said town a certificate of nomination by some political or mass convention, or a petition of nomination by not less than ten legal voters of said town with the candidate's acceptance of such nomination; and thereupon the recorder shall enter the name of the candidate on the ticket to be voted at the next following election and not otherwise. And the recorder shall have proper poll books, tally sheets, ballots and sample ballots printed and turn over the same to the judges of election prior to the opening of the polls on the day of election, the expense of which shall be borne by said town.

Section 4. The polls shall be open from 9 o'clock in the forenoon till 9 o'clock in the afternoon, and all male persons who are qualified electors under the State of Oregon and have resided thirty days in the town and ten days in the precinct or ward immediately preceding the election, shall be entitled to vote, and if the town be divided into wards they shall vote in their respective wards at such election.

Section 5. In case any judge or clerk of election, appointed by the council, shall be absent at the time of opening the polls, the electors present may appoint some qualified person or persons to fill such vacancy, but all

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