

Debinger Gap items.

Dr. E. Kirchgessner made a trip to Central Point last Tuesday to meet his wife who has just returned from a visit at Portland.

Mrs. Mary F. Gage, with her son Norman, made a trip to Sams Valley last Thursday, where they purchased some stock turkeys from Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones.

Dr. Kirchgessner made a professional trip to Central Point and Medford last Friday and Saturday.

One of the main topics which the farmers of this part of the country talk about at the present time is the exceptionally good weather.

Miss Eva M. Hall, who has been teaching the Central school just below Trail, stopped at the Debinger Gap ranch Thursday evening on her way to her home at Table Rock where she will spend the holiday vacation between Christmas and New Year.

School closed December 19th at the Mountain District, No. 35, where Miss Grace Colby has taught a very successful term of three months.

Mrs. William Jones and her daughter Gene came home from Prospect last Friday where they have been for several months. They have had charge of the Prospect Hotel.

The Antioch school closed last Friday December 22nd, where Miss Alberta Sey, our progressive young school teacher, has taught an entirely satisfactory term of school.

The Christmas tree and program arranged by Miss Alberta Stacy at the Antioch school house was an entire success. There was lots of nice presents given and the program, a very fine arrangement, was as follows:

- Song.....By the School Recitation.....Viola Chapman Recitation.....Carl Bigham Song.....By the Primary Class Dialogue.....Scene on a Railway Recitation.....Ruth Grey Recitation.....Fred Clarke Song.....If The Man in The Moon Was a Coon Recitation.....Harold Gray Recitation.....Victor Chapman Song, Swing My Baby.....By Little Girls Recitation, The Shepherd.....By Three Boys of the Primary Class Recitation.....Myrtle Chapman Song, In the Land of the Buffalo.....Mary, Martha and Norman Gage Song, Mendle o'ns Spring Song.....Mary, Martha and Norman Gage Dialogue.....Mind Your Own Business Instrumental Music.....Claude Chapman Recitation.....Mollie Thornborne Christmas Spirits.....By Ten Girls

Miss Alberta Stacy has been teaching a total number of 37 pupils. She will take the examination for a life diploma next spring.

A Leap Year dance will be given at Charlie Senter's (former Prof. Harggan place) three and one-half miles north of Sams Valley postoffice, Monday evening, January 1. The ladies will have charge of the hall and the dance and will buy the tickets and pay for the music, while the men are all requested to bring their part of the supper. The men will also be subject to a fine of ten cents each if caught in any of the following unladylike acts: Smoking in the ball room, chewing gum in the ball room, walking across the floor alone or sitting in the room with their legs crossed. In other words the men must act more like ladies than gentlemen and the ladies must act more like gentlemen than ladies. Music will be furnished by the Debinger Gap orchestra. Everybody is invited to attend and have a good time.

The road has been completed leading up on the west side to the Opal Point Bridge across Rogue River at the Riverside Ranch. Bird Johnston had charge of the work, and it is reported that he has done a good piece of work considering the conditions he had to work under. Those who donated work for the building of the road were: Ira J. Dodge, Bird Johnston, Ed. Foster, Dr. E. Kirchgessner, Elee Rainey, Perry Foster and William Houston.

The new bridge is a very beautiful steel structure, and is said to be the longest bridge in Jackson county, as it is 910 feet total length, and is 18 feet wide. It is a 250 foot span between the two main cement piers on each side of the river, and is 20 feet above the low water mark. It is situated in a very beautiful and also a rather historic place, as there was a large Indian battle fought at the point of rocks, where the bridge is built to the land on the west side. Some of the "old timers" that were in the battle are still living here in the valley.

Dr. Emil Kirchgessner made a professional trip to Medford last Wednesday in his automobile. Dr. Kirchgessner was the first person to cross the

The old "Thorough Brace" hack which was owned by the late J. P. Gage and left as a relic to his wife and family, was taken from the shed where it has been standing for several years, a few days before Thanksgiving and used as a means of conveyance for the family to the Thanksgiving dance at the Riverside Ranch. The old hack was shipped into this valley by the government in the early part of the 70's to be used as an ambulance during the Modoc war to remove the dead and wounded soldiers from the battle fields.

After the war it was used as a stage coach between Fort Klamath and Jacksonville for several years and later on the line between Redding, Cal., and Roseburg, Oregon. Mr. Gage himself driving it most of the time.

The old Thorough Brace was finally bought in 1883 by Mr. J. C. Gage, who owned it ever since, and it is safe to say that it has done more traveling and running over rough roads than any other vehicle in the Rogue River valley.

Table Rock.

The Christmas Tree entertainment held in the school house Christmas Eve, fully sustained the reputation Table Rock has established for making such affairs a success.

Our people subscribed liberally, the committees in charge worked faithfully and the results they achieved won praise from all who attended. The house was crowded by nearly all of our own residents and many from our neighboring school of Agate and vicinity.

The literary part of the program was in charge of Prof. Davis and the manner in which it was carried out reflects with credit on the Prof. and all those who had a part in it.

Our good friend Santa Claus forgot no one. He had presents for young and old. The audience carried home enough candy, nuts, raisins and oranges to stock a confectionery store.

Mr. E. W. Carlton has gone East to visit relatives in New Jersey.

Miss Eva Hall came down from her school in the Central district to spend the holidays with her parents.

Miss Mae Nealon, who is attending the Agricultural College at Corvallis, is home to spend the vacation.

Ren Byrum took in the Christmas tree, and is visiting his brother and family.

Mrs. Lee Vincent entertained her niece, Miss Eva Middlebush, of Trail last week.

Mr. Patch last week shipped 75 nice fat turkeys to San Francisco.

Table Rock can furnish the luxuries of life as well as the necessities.

Mr. G. E. Walling, who recently purchased the Mears orchard, has taken possession, and with his family is occupying the fine, costly and unique cottage erected by Mr. Mears, the former owner of the property.

Bad Mix-Up.

An Ashland editor, who was full of hard cider, got a sale bill and a marriage mixed. The description ran as follows:

William Smith, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Smith, was disposed of at public auction to Lucy Anderson, on my farm one mile east of here in the presence of about seventy guests, including the following, to wit: 2 mules, 12 head of cattle. Rev. Jackson tied the nuptial knot averaging 1250 pounds on the hoof. The beautiful home was tastefully decorated in 1 clam spade, 1 sulky rake, 1 feed grinder, 1 set of double harness, nearly new; just before the ceremony was pronounced Mendelssohn's inspiring wedding march was softly rendered by one milk cow, one Jersey cow, to be fresh next April carrying a bunch of flowers in her hand and looking charming in a gown made of light spring wagon, box of apples, six stacks of hay, one grind stone mousline de soie trimmed with about 100 bushels of spuds.

The groom is well known and a popular young man and has always stood well among society circles of 12 Berkshire hogs, while the bride is an accomplished school teacher of a splendid drove of Boland Chinas. Pedigree if desired.

Among the beautiful presents were two sets of silverware, 1 spring harrow, 1 wheelbarrow, 1 go-cart and other articles too numerous to mention. The bridal couple left yesterday for an extended trip. Terms, 12 months time to responsible parties, others spot cash. Lunch will be served at the stable. After this Mr. and Mrs. Smith will go to housekeeping in a cozy home on the corner of Mill & Dr. R. L. Grandby, auctioneer.

Among the Schools.

The schools of Supervisory District No. 2 which began September 4th have all been visited the third time, except Peyton, Prospect and Nye. Those beginning later in the same months have all been visited twice except Asbestos.

The last schools to be visited by the supervisor were Sams Valley, Pankey, Savage Creek, Woodville, Scott, Wimmer and Mays Creek. All of these schools continue throughout the winter.

The Scott school deserves special mention for attendance, no pupil having been tardy during the term and seven of the thirteen enrolled have not missed a day.

A few school boards are planning to have a meeting with the teacher each month during the winter. This plan was discussed and recommended by the school boards' convention at Medford this fall. If followed up it will prove very helpful.

Mr. Henry has been traveling on foot most of the time recently and has made some interesting "hikes," one of which was over the mountain from

May's Creek to Gold Hill. He says the trip is worth the venture. A small band of deer, pheasants, quail, silver gray squirrel and signs of cougar were features of interest.

Monday of this week Mr. Henry attended a supervisors' meeting at Jacksonville and Wednesday and Thursday was also spent at Jacksonville, assisting in the superintendent's office during the teachers' examination and preparing data for future use, from the court house records. Next week he goes to Portland to attend the State Teachers' association and also a special meeting of the school supervisors of the state.

Hand painted gifts at the Pasadena Show. 35136

Davis, the Dentist. Why? Because his work is right. 34 tf

Mrs. R. L. Wilson, of Beall lane, spent Tuesday evening in Medford the guest of the Greater Medford club.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Herring went to Medford Tuesday evening to attend a reception given by the Greater Medford club.

Buffed It Out.

The stories of the embarrassment of unsophisticated diners when faced by highly sophisticated menu cards are endless and usually amusing. A man whose career had confined his knowledge of things to eat to such standard products as ham and eggs and pork and beans found himself among a company who ordered intelligently from an extensive bill of fare. It contained so many classified dishes as to make a fair sized book, the pages of which he pawed aimlessly and in dismay. The waiter, who needed only his order slip and pen in hand. The delay was noticeable and irritating to the unskilled diner, and finally he pointed blindly to the middle of a page with his finger.

"Give me some of that," he said.

The waiter looked over his shoulder and remarked:

"That's mayonnaise dressing, sir."

"I know it. I can read."

"But," apologetically, "what will you have it on, sir?"

"On a plate, you bonehead. Do you feed your customers in troughs here?" -Chicago Post.

Prayer in an East Indian Court.

The noon hour struck, tolled by the rail gong at the treasury door, and in a moment all things came to a stand still. The Mohammedan lawyers, the village Moslems jostling about the court, even Mozuffer Khan with his guardian policeman, all reverently withdrew. A moment later they reappeared on the wide concrete veranda outside the window at my left. There they laid down their prayer mats, and standing first with devoutly bowed heads and hands folded, they murmured the noon prayers of the prophet's religion; then knelt, still praying, and made obeisance, prostrating themselves before Allah the merciful, the compassionate. The reverence of their devotion was perfect and wholly free from the self-conscious shameness that I should have felt, supposing that I, the magistrate, had suspended court to pray there in public. -Charles Johnston in Atlantic.

The Russian Amsterdam.

St. Petersburg is one of the few great cities which have been made and not born. During his residence in Holland Peter the Great was so impressed by Amsterdam, perched upon the waters, that he determined to abandon Moscow and build a new capital which should have canals for streets. In his campaign against Sweden in 1702 he noted an island situated in the mid stream of the Neva. "Here is my Russian Amsterdam!" he exclaimed and immediately began the building of a city there. The site was a marsh in summer and a frozen morass in winter. Two miserable huts were the only buildings. The erection of the citadel, a great fort in the shape of a hexagon, with a tower 300 feet high, on the north bank of the Neva was his first care. The cottage in which Peter lived while laying out the city still exists.

The Horrors of Thirst.

There is no horror like the horror of thirst--no physical suffering comparable to it. A traveler over the desert in Egypt describes a man who had lost his way, wandered about for days without water and finally came staggering into his camp. The man's eyes were bloodshot, his lips swollen to twice their natural size; his tongue, blue, parched and swollen, hung out of his mouth. To allow such a man to drink water at will would be like pumping cold water into a red-hot steam boiler. It would kill him. This man required to be held forcibly by four men in his eagerness to get at drinking water, while a fifth man allowed a few drops to trickle down the throat of the sufferer at long intervals. He had to be cooled off little by little, like an overheated boiler.

The Color Cure.

To cure smallpox was apparently a very simple matter in the good old times. John of Gaddeston, court doctor to Edward II., has recorded that he got rid of the disease by the simple expedient of wrapping his patients in red cloth. "Let scarlet red be taken," he says, "and let him who is suffering smallpox be entirely wrapped in it or in some other red cloth. I did this when the son of the illustrious king of England suffered from smallpox. I took care that all about his bed should be red, and that cure succeeded very well." -London Tatler.

Among the Churches.

PRESBYTERIAN Rev. J. P. Hearst, Ph. D., pastor. Sunday school, 10:30 a. m.; preaching service, 11:30 a. m., each Sunday, in A. O. U. W. hall, corner Second and Pine streets. All are invited to attend these services.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL. Rev. Horace N. Aldrich, pastor. Sunday School 10:30 a. m., preaching at 11:30; Junior League at 3:00 p. m., Epworth League devotional service 6:45 p. m.; preaching service 7:30, each Sunday. Prayer meeting Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

Morning theme for next Sunday: "This One Thing I Do." (A New Year's sermon.) Evening subject for next Sunday: "Our Life Book."

BAPTIST. Rev. R. B. Shoun, pastor. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m.; morning service at 11:30; evening service at 7:30 each Sunday. -Prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

Morning subject for next Sunday: "The Old Year and the New." Evening subject for next Sunday: "A Good Resolution." Annual business meeting and roll call of the church will be held Monday, January 1, 1912, at 2:30 p. m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH W. Austin Crane, pastor. Bible School, 9:45 a. m.; W. E. Alexander, Supt; preaching 11:30 a. m.; Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m.; preaching 7:30 p. m., each Sunday.

Morning subject for next Sunday: "Launch Out in the Deep."

This will be a special service for aged persons. Carriages will call at the homes of all such before service and take them back after service. Leave name with Mr. Cooper, at Faber's store or drop a card to the minister and carriage will call.

Evening subject for next Sunday: "The Old and New Time."

Special music - O. M. Garvin, choir leader.

SCIENTIST.

Christian Science services are held every Sunday morning at 11:00 in the church edifice, on West Pine street (west of S. P. depot). Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. All interested are cordially invited to attend these services. Subject for next Sunday morning: "Christian Science."

Y. M. C. A.

Regular service for men and boys at 8:00 p. m. each Sunday. All men and boys are cordially invited to attend.

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