

**BRING ON YOUR
YOUR HANDKERCHIEFS**

While standing in the crowd on the Fourth of July, a young man dropped his silk handkerchief and before he could make recovery it was sequestered by a woman who stood behind him. Being, as has been said, young, and also bashful, he didn't have the nerve to demand its return on the spot. Instead he placed the following notice in this paper:

If the woman who came into possession of a white silk handkerchief in the crowd at the foot of A street on the Fourth, claimed it and took it home, will leave it at this office, she will avoid exposure as a thief.

The next morning he heard the front gate click, and going to the door he saw his handkerchief lying on the porch and a small boy fast fading away in the distance. That seemed to settle the Coast Mail as an advertising medium but more evidence was to be forthcoming. In yesterday morning's mail was an envelope addressed to the "Coast Mail Office" and snugly enclosed therein was still another silk handkerchief. Surely an ad that can produce two silk handkerchiefs where only one silk handkerchief existed before is also a benefactor of the race. We rather think this unearned increment falls to the editor of the paper, and we look hopefully for a continuation of the shower of misplaced silk handkerchiefs.

OBITUARY

Miss Minnie Stephens was born on Kentuck slough, Coos county, Oregon, June 26, 1873, and died at San Francisco, California, June 26, 1902.

Deceased had lived most of her life on Coos Bay, and by her amiable traits of mind and character had endeared herself to a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. The funeral service took place Saturday, July 5th, from the M. E. church, Rev. R. C. Lee, Officiating. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful and the attendance of friends and neighbors very large. Deceased leaves a widowed mother, besides several brothers and sisters to mourn her loss.

**TWO LITTLE CHILDREN
PAINFULLY BURNED.**

Little Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kruse, aged about four and a half years, was quite severely burned Sunday and had a narrow escape from a frightful death.

It seems that in company with some other children she had been playing about the yard at the home of her parents in West Marshfield. The little girl ran down on the back steps and it is supposed that the smoldering remnant of a firecracker set fire to her clothing. The other children gave the alarm, and Mrs. Arrington, who was the first to reach the scene, seized the little girl and with great presence of mind smothered the blaze in her clothing and hair by drawing the woolen skirt up and about her head. Mrs. Arrington's hands were quite severely burned. A spot about the size of a hand on the little girl's back was burned, and her hair was singed but no serious results are anticipated.

The little girl of Mr. and Mrs. George Woodward, of South Marshfield, was painfully scalded Sunday afternoon. She had been left sitting on the floor in the kitchen, and for the first time in her existence made a success of creeping. She crept to the stove and just then the kettle began to boil over through the spout. The hot water fell on the child's arm, shoulder and head, and made some very severe burns. Mr. Woodward also received a bad scald on one of his arms in rescuing the little one.

The New Mail Contractor.

J. C. Laird, of Brewster valley, who has the sub-contract for carrying the mail from Sukuma to Empire, was in town Tuesday, and took across the bay a couple of new buckboards for use on the route. He reports that he has vehicles running all the way through and will soon be in a position to handle all the passengers that present themselves and put them through to Roseburg in about eighteen hours from Marshfield.

He contemplates changing his route in a week or so, and coming via Coos City into Marshfield instead of to East Marshfield. To this end, he wants to see a good ferry established at Coos City, and petitions will be circulated asking the county court to grant a franchise for such a ferry. Good ferry facilities at that point would not only be a great convenience to people living in that direction, but would tend to bring travel and trade to Marshfield which now has difficulty getting here.

Mr. Laird reports that the late rains made lots of mud but it is fast drying up again.

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