

Possibly About You

J F Wesely returned Monday evening from a short business trip to Portland.

D W Rumbaugh, county fruit inspector, was over from Albany on business Monday.

For bargains in ranches and city property see or write R A Scott, Scio, Oregon. 221f

Co. Surveyor Geddes was over from Albany Monday doing some surveying for private parties.

Arthur Shelton went to Portland last week on a short business and pleasure trip.

The streets of Albany have been decorated with evergreen for the Poultry Show and the holiday season and the High School Band is giving street concerts in the interest of the "Do your Christmas shopping early" movement.

Albany Associated Charities is finding many cases that need attention. One boy walked in through the snow with holes in his shoes to secure a new pair. Clothing is being collected to distribute among the poor and every effort is being made to keep the indigent families supplied with food.

The different Linn County towns are being closely scanned since the Rev G H Young pastor of the Baptist church of Albany announced that he had been called over long distance from a near by town and requested to secure a wife for a lonely bachelor. A number of theories have been advanced but no definite conclusion has been reached. In the mean time Dr Young is religiously attempting to carry out the Bachelors request.

RT Smith, who has been away several months, arrived here last week on Wednesday evening, expecting to visit until after the holidays at the home of his sister, Mrs Adams. He went from here to El Paso, Texas, but for the past few months has been engaged on rail road bridge construction work in Montana. His brother, Ed Habberland who lives over in the Coos Bay country, also arrived here on a visit the same evening.

When the German Chancellor goes to talking about "humanity" keep a sharp lookout for submarines and zeppelins.

Although free trade is no longer an issue the British blockade is doing its best to make it one.

THOMAS CREEK JOTTINGS

Mack Vaughn of Pendleton is visiting friends and relatives here this week. He reports everyone in a prosperous condition in the eastern Oregon country.

Mrs Clyde Rodgers and Mrs John Calavan spent Sunday with Mrs C C Burmester.

C C Burmester was a business visitor at Scio Saturday.

S B Cole went to Stayton Monday where he met Mrs Cole who returned home with him. She is spending a few days at her daughter's, Mrs R C Pepperling.

Carl Smith was the lucky fellow in drawing the 7-pound box of candy at the Jordan store.

Mrs R C Pepperling received the news Saturday of a new girl born to Mr and Mrs Curtis Cole of Mt Pleasant.

Jordan has been quite a busy place of late, especially one day each week, as there was a telephone meeting last Saturday, the week before a road meeting, and previous to that was the presidential election. Can't say of what nature the next one will be.

Ralph Cole, who is attending high school in Stayton, spent the week end at home.

Stellmacher and Shimanek started up their sawmill Monday with the intention of operating it all winter.

Isaac Burton is on the sick list this week with the grippe.

Geo Rodgers was called to Brownsville last week by the illness of his father. He returned Wednesday and states that his father was some better.

Mrs James Platt is on the sick list with a severe cold and la grippe.

CHATTER BOX

Electric Sparks

Nothing is quite so trying as suspense, is there?

What would the haters do without elections?

California would have made up its mercurial mind more quickly if either of the contstants had been a native son.

Mr. Hughes may derive some comfort from having thought for a number of hours that he was the "next president."

Tammany need expect no favors of the white house, having failed to "deliver the goods."

German soldiers now wear helmets without spikes, but this is not necessarily a sign of increasing pacifism.

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the cook by providing a suitable bird for Christmas.

America's stand has been for peace, complicated with an extensive manufacture of arms and ammunition.

HANDS OF THE CLOCK.

Why They Should Be More Conspicuous Than They Usually Are.

Clock faces in relation to the reading of time have afforded an object of much careful study and some curious results have been obtained. After a most careful investigation of clock faces and figures had been made, the conclusion arrived at was that blocks in place of the usual figures would answer every purpose and that few persons would discover the difference. The hour marks on the great dial are marked by a character which appears like a thickened capital I. They are sufficiently distinct, and no one appears to notice the departure from ordinary practice. Here the investigations stopped.

The fault of great clocks is a basic one. The face is not what enables us to read the time, but the hands. If the hands can be seen the face is of comparatively little use except for minute subdivisions of time. Since it is the hands alone by which we are able to read the time, and as the hands without figures (or even without a dial) will indicate a fair time reading, it should be those which should receive the greatest attention and they should be as plain as possible instead of being (as they usually are) an inconspicuous feature of the timepiece.

The Swiss watchmakers have given this subject some study, and they frequently put on their watches hands of a sort to make the reading of time both certain and easy. As an experiment a clock with a ten inch dial of a deep blue color was made.

Out of a sheet of aluminium a pair of hands were cut, after an enlarged pattern made from the hands on a Swiss watch. When these hands were in place one saw the time at a glance, even in the half light of evening. Indeed, when the face becomes lost in the dusk the hour and minute could be observed by the position of the hands. The hour hand is short and broad, so broad at the widest point as to make the distinction between the two exceedingly plain. The minute hand, tapering more gradually, is long, but has sufficient width to make it readily visible. With such hands and a plain face showing only dots for the hours it would be possible to read the time, in most cases to the minute, without any difficulty.—Scientific American.

Fully Qualified.

The story is told of a man who by some unaccountable blunder by the appointing authority was made judge of a minor court. He could neither read nor write, but that did not give him any uneasiness, although it aroused some fears in the breast of his wife.

"What are you going to do when there's any reading or writing comes into cases?" she timidly inquired.

"The folks that bring the readin' will read it, and the folks that want the writin' will write it," calmly replied his honor, "or if they can't I shall commit 'em. All I've got to attend to, Hitty, is the judgin', and I can do that as quick as anybody."

An Elusive Water Lily.

The water lily of the Amazon has very elusive habits. The buds open twice, the first time just a chink at the tip in the early sunrise hours, a sort of premonitory symptom. On the following evening it spreads its four sepals with such alacrity that you can see them move. But the big white bud among them remains unchanged until 4 o'clock in the morning, when it hurriedly spreads its blossom wide open, remaining in this condition only half an hour. Within the hour it has nearly closed, and by another hour and a half the entire flower has been drawn under water by the coiling of the stalk.

Headless Butterflies.

To the butterfly, unlike most creatures, the head seems to be not indispensable. Reporting some experiments to the French Academy of Sciences, Professor Vianney of the Lyons university stated that a number of insect larvae were carefully beheaded and that in spite of this they went through the usual stages of metamorphosis. Caterpillars of the genus bombyx became mature butterflies, with fine colored, streaked wings. They were little troubled by their headless condition and lived for a considerable time.

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Commencing Wednesday, December 20, 1916, at 9:00 o'clock a. m. and continuing until Saturday, December 23, 1916, at 4:00 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday Forenoon.

U. S. History, Writing, Penmanship, Music, Drawing.

Wednesday Afternoon.

Physiology, Reading, Manual Training, Composition, Domestic Science, Methods in Reading, Course of Study, for Drawing, Methods in Arithmetic.

Thursday Forenoon.

Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography, Mechanical Drawing, Domestic Art, Course of Study for Domestic Art.

Thursday Afternoon.

Grammar, Geography, Stenography, American Literature, Physics, Typewriting, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate.

Friday Forenoon.

Theory and Practice, Orthography, Physical Geography, English Literature, Chemistry, Physical Culture.

Friday Afternoon.

School law, Geology, Algebra, Civil Government.

Saturday Forenoon.

Geometry, Botany.

Saturday Afternoon.

General History, Bookkeeping.
W. L. Jackson,
County School Supt.

Boy's Essay on Editors

A country schoolboy was told to write an essay on editors, says an exchange, and this is the result:

"Don't know how newspapers came to be in the world. I don't think the good Lord does, for he aint got nothing to say about an editor in the bible. I think the editor is one of the missing links you read about and stayed in the bushes until after the flood and then came out and wrote the thing up and has been here ever since. I don't think he ever died. I never seen a dead one and never heard of one getting licked.

"If a doctor makes a mistake he buries it, and the people dassent say nothing."

"When an editor makes a mistake there is big swearing and a big fuss, but if a doctor makes a mistake there is a funeral, cut flowers and perfect silence.

"A doctor can use a word a yard long without anybody knowing what it is, but if an editor uses one he has to spell it.

"If a doctor goes to see another man's wife he charges for it, but if an editor goes he gets a charge of buckshot.

"Any old college can make a doctor but an editor has to be born."

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Portland, Oregon

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