MEXICAN CAPITAL IN IGNORANCE OF FALL OF TORREON

MEXICO CITY, April 8.—For having alluded to Torreon's fall in despatches they have sent to their newspapers, several foreign correspondents were in danger of arrest here today.

President Huerta stuck to the story that the town remains in the federal's hands, and not only insisted that he must not be contradicted directly but was angered even by an indirect reference to its capture by the rebels. The local newspapers had orders to say that General Villa had been routed.

Huerta was not alone in wanting the news suppressed. Bankers and big business men were anxious to keep it from the public until they have had time to unload their doubtful securities and prepare for the confusion they believe will follow when the facts leak out.

TABLE ROCK TABLETS

Wren Byrum is here visiting with his brother, W. R. Byrum.

Sue and Helen Lydiard spent the week end with home folks.

The "Arrow Heads" held their regular meeting Saturday night. After the transaction of business an appropriate program was rendered which was enjoyed by all present.

Rose and John Nealon who are teaching school at Reese creek and Trail respectively, spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

Mrs. Ella Saltmarsh returned Saturday from Applegate where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Venerable.

The Sunday school will give an Easter program next Sunday that promises to be something excellent. Service begins at 10:30 a. m. Everyone invited.

The Needle Craft club met at the Collins home last week. Some of the young men of the neighborhood happened to be there, of course they didn't know the club was going to meet there that night, but the girls say that judging from the way they partook of the refreshments, they knew what was coming.

Mrs. J. C. Pendleton attended a meeting of the board of education at Jacksonville Friday.

The orchardists of Table Rock held a rousing meeting at the school house Thursday evening. The object of the meeting was to discuss the blight situation. Among other things brought out was the fact that there are more than 650 acres in orchard in this little valley bounded on the east by the desert on the north by upper table rock, on the west by lower table rock and on the south by Rogue river. It was the opinion of all present that the orchard inspection as carried on by the present inspectors is a farce, and the only way to eradicate the blight is to do our own inspecting. Accordingly every man pledged himself to start immediately on a thorough inspection of his orchard. Another meeting will be held next hursday evening to report on progress made with the blight and to lay plans for forming an organization.

CENTRAL POINT POINTERS

Mrs. Herman Simpkins has returned from a several week's visit with relatives at Chico, Cal.

T. M. Jones has returned from a trip to Willows, Cal., where he has been holding evangelistic meetings.

Mrs. John Wright is spending a few days with her sister at Rogue River.

Mrs. J. B. Holmes is at Oakland, Ore., this week at the bedside of her daughter, Miss Gladys, who is somewhat better.

Mr. and Mrs. Coffin of Medford spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bender here.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church will give an Easter sale at the Y. M. C. A. Friday afternoon and evening, April 10. There will be on sale aprons, caps, sunbonnets, candies and many other things; also a supper will be served. During the evening a program will be rendered. Please do not forget the date as you cannot afford to miss this.

Rev. and Mrs. McCullough of Medford will begin a series of evangelistic meetings at the Baptist church Monday evening, April 6.

Mrs. J. E. Boswell has moved her milliner shop in Mrs. Whiteside's building.

Many of our citizens spent Saturday in Medford.

Dr. Kettle, who has been here for several months has returned to his home in Portland.

Born to Wm. Hammitt and wife, Monday, March 30, a son.

NEWS FROM ASHLAND AND VICINITY

The Boys' Vocational club is the livest thing in Ashland these days and Prof. Irving E. Vining's skill and ability as a promoter of boy interest and improvement is certainly a revelation as to what can be done in that line. One of the big events of the series was the marathon race Saturday which was witnessed by a large crowd. The groups represented the seniors, juniors and colts. The first was a five mile race and the first prize was captured by Biegel, Burdic second, and Swigart third. Burdic really beat Biegel seven seconds but came in on the sidewalk and did not break the tape as required by the rules. The time was 32 minutes, 4 seconds. The junior cup for 3.45 miles was won by Lynn Slack in 21 minutes, 53 seconds, Brower second, and Martin third. The colt's race of 1.75 miles was wone by Finley High in 10¼ minutes, Jim Blair second, and Amos Chapman third. The five mile race was interrupted by being intercepted by a passing train of cars at a railroad crossing.

The mineral water opened up in the effort to secure an artesian flow of mineral water at the Dodge place has been given the spectroscopic test at the Smith, Emery & Co. laboratory in San Francisco which shows it to contain lithia in considerable quantity and to be heavily mineralized and also to be different from any other spring, being somewhere between the new lithia and the Shepherd waters. The well is down 112 feet and the water flow rose to within nine feet and three inches of the surface of the ground.

Miss Nellie McIntyre, a young woman of Independence, Polk county, who worked a few days at Granite City hospital, cashed two checks aggregating $25 with the First National bank purporting to have a deposit in a Portland bank. There being "no funds" in the Portland bank officers arrested her at Grants Pass and she was placed in the Ashland city jail, pending further investigation and efforts being made by her folks to replace the money. It is believed she became stranded and made an effort to get home and refund the money.

Miss Christine B. Beaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beaver of Ashland, and Bert G. Harr of Watkins were married at the bride's home in Ashland Sunday, Rev. W. T. Van Scoy officiating.

Dr. Fletcher Homan, president of Willamette University, visited Ashland Monday and Tuesday.

Bert Gale, formerly a blacksmith of Ashland died at Yakima, Wash., March 30th.

FLOUNCE ROCK FRILLS

Miss Enid Peelor of Butte Falls has finished a very successful and satisfactory term of school in Flounce Rock district No. 28. She returned home Sunday, her father coming after her. The people of this community are sorry to see her leave.

J. F. Dittsworth, Sr., made a trip to Derby Tuesday.

We have been enjoying four or five days of much needed rain. Everybody is feeling better now.

Mr. Koenig, who has been helping R. B. Vincent put in his crop, returned to his home Friday.

Eddie Higinbotham and family have been visiting relatives in this community.

We were sorry to learn of the deaths of Mr. Swihart, Sr., and Grandma Allen of Derby last week. The relatives have our sympathy in their bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Higinbotham were visitors at the home of T. M. Peelor last Friday.

We are glad to hear that Violet Vaughn is recovering from the measles.

Protracted meetings are to begin Tuesday night, April 7. It was to have begun Monday night, March 30, but was postponed. Everybody invited to attend these meetings at Laurelhurst schoolhouse.

There are to be two or three sermons and a basket dinner Easter Sunday at Laurelhurst schoolhouse. All are cordially invited.

The barn raising at R. B. Vaughn's last Monday was well attended. Everyone worked faithfully and enjoyed themselves. They also enjoyed a bountiful dinner served by Mrs. Vaughn, assisted by Mrs. Carl Richardson and Hazel Dittsworth.

J. H. Erskine made a business trip to Prospect last Thursday.

Mrs. Florey and two sons of Eagle Point returned home Tuesday after several days' visit with relatives.

Mr. Phipps and Mr. Nye are spending a week at Mr. Phipps' place putting in their crops. Mrs. Phipps is with them.

BUTTE FALLS BUBBLES.

Dr. Emerson made a business trip to Medford Thursday.

Dr. Grover and wife are visiting in Butte Falls at present.

Grandpa and Grandma Jones are spending this week with their son Lew here.

Mr. Cadzow has an assortment of ladies' and children's hats.

Agnes Allen is visiting at present with her folks near Derby.

Mrs. Stewart's brother, Mr. Walker of California, arrived Thursday to make her a visit and to inspect our real estate.

Grandpa Zevilheart of Derby was buried at the cemetary Thursday.

Enid Peelor is home after having fininshed a successful term of school in the Flounce Rock district.

Mrs. Howard Fox and Miss Gertrude Abbott were up from their home near Derby Thursday.

The new minister was expected to arrive Saturday, but he was delayed and will not be here till Tuesday.

Grandma Allen died at the home of her son, John, Friday. She was 92 years old and leaves many friends besides her relatives who mourn her loss.

C. H. Peelor visited a few days last week with his brother, T. M., of near Prospect.

The children are going to gather flowers to decorate the assembly hall and the Presbyterian church for the Easter services.

The Juniors are very anxious for Easter Sunday to be a nice warm, sunshiny day so they can have their picnic. The Junior members now number 24.

WILLOW SPRINGS TWIGLETS

R. W. Elden was transacting business in Grants Pass last week.

Leslie Davis is confined to his home by severe illness.

To the ineffectual poor the evils of frenzied finance are peculiarly repugnant.

Earl Heft and family moved to the H. M. Porter residence on Scenic Avenue.

Mrs. J. G. Stewart of Medford visited Mrs. R. W. Elden Monday and Tuesday.

Some people regret that they are not understood; others that they are.

F. M. Palmer and wife drove to Medford Monday afternoon.

Mrs. H. M. Porter returned to her home in Gold Hill last Sunday.

Preachers are never good critics. Neither are critics.

H. W. Miles and family formerly of Willow Springs returned to his orchard home after spending several years in California.

Mrs. Hahri and Mrs. R. W. Elden were shopping in Medford on Monday.

Several families of Willow Springs spent Sunday in the vicinity of the Rogue River picnic grounds.

Experience is a dear school, but fools can learn in no other.

Miss Blanche McKee entertained a number of her friends at a birthday party. Numerous games were enjoyed and dainty refreshments were served.

W. A. Thompson entertained at dinner on Tuesday as guests Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Pickard, Mrs. D. M. McNasser and the Misses Pickard and McNasser.

Girls who interest men are invariably regarded with grave suspicion by girls who do not interest men.

Another interesting Parent-Teachers' club meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Sam Anderson on Saturday, April 4, 1914. A very instructive article on the care of measles and a communtcation from the state organization was greatly enjoyed by all present. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. The annual election of officers will occur at the next meeting of the club at the home of Mrs. Julius Burkholz on the first Saturday in May.

Do not forget Grange Saturday night.

BEAGLE BEAGLETS

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Sturgess were over from the Meadows Tuesday and had some notarial work done.

Bill Cottrell was in the Medford country recently looking after some cattle purchased by the Cottrell Bros.

Denny Zimmerlee of Trail passed through here Thursday en route to the Evans creek mines.

Mr. Brown, solicitor for the Mail Tribune, made the rounds of this section last week and reports splendid success. Every family should have a daily paper and the Tribune is worthy of your patronage.

Dave Cottrell came over from the Meadows Wednesday to make use of the telephone.

Mrs. Lizzie McCreight was laid up several days the past week because of a bruised hand.

Now, my dear bachelor friend, don't be discouraged and feel forlorn; there's another chance left for you. Just plead with her like this: "Darling, I am growing old, but my teeth are good as new; I've just got them from the store—let me show them now to you; and my hair which once was thin turning rapidly to gray, now is soft and black and curling—have you seen my new topee? And my bow legs you remember, once so crooked, long and slim, through the art of my good tailor, now look straight and plump and trim; and my weary, stooping shoulders, evidence of lack of grit, now are square and broad and ample—bless my tailor for the fit.

A suitable reward is offered for anybody furnishing information concerning the whereabouts of Commissioner Joe Smith. Last heard from, he was superintending the building of a county road past his Rogue river ranch.

Here's our compliments to the courtesy of the split log drag.

D. B. Russell is circulating the W. C. Hawley petition.

C. F. Case and Florence Walker of the Antioch district made us a call Friday, the former having some notarial work done and the latter to register.

Supervisor Peterson was here on Thursday looking after the welfare of the school and was the guest of Professor Sweet over night. He reported Miss Shoults as getitng along nicely with the school work. He is planning a school rally to be held the latter part of the month at this place, details of which will be given fully later.

We've heard of people picking oranges from a tree in bloom for another crop, but it never occurred to us that we would ever have the pleasure of picking apples, and splendid ones, too, from a tree in full bloom the first of April. Such were the compliments of some Ben Davis trees on the Sweet ranch, April 1. Old Oregon is good enough for me, and then some.

Sam Walker and wife of Asbestos were over Sunday, guests of Florence Walker and family.

Miss Shoults was entertained at the Sweet home Saturday and Sunday and also took in the entertainment at the Antioch schoolhouse on Saturday night.

The dance at Walker's Saturday night was one of the best of the season, although only a small crowd was in attendance.

"Bob" De Armon is grubbing out his apple orchard. High taxes and low prices for apples.

The school entertainment given at the Antioch schoolhouse Saturday night was a splendid success and was heartily enjoyed by all present. Miss Eulia Houston has been in charge of the school the past year and we are pleased to know her work has been pleasingly successful. We extend our hearty congratulations and bid her God-speed along the pedagogical way.

The residents of the Antioch district were thrown into excitement and pandemonium the latter part of last week when Road Supervisor W. C. Chapman and Jess Glass became entangled in a controversy over the moving of a fence about two feet on the Jess Glass corners. There seemed to be no reason for hurry in moving said fence, as the grade and ditches have been constructed for some years, but authority must not be questioned when the Beagle supervisor expounds the law, and thus the trouble which culminated in considerable excitement over two feet of earth, worth about two cents in copper. To think of the absurdity of a petty official's inviting or daring anyone into the public highway to fight is decidedly nauseating, but to be accommodated and then get cold feet is more than ridiculous. We sincerely hope Commissioner Smith will see that his supervisor does not suffer another relapse of spontaneous combustion during the rest of the year. To receive an appointment against the wishes of 99 per cent of the people in the district ought to be sufficiently quieting without further opiates, but the following may help some: "One-half the art of speaking is in knowing when to stop, for 'tis worse than folly climbing when once you reach the top. A good sermon oft is wasted in being long-drawn-out, for the hearer, when exhausted, forgets what it's about. The barking dog will seldom bite, or so it has been said, and barking men oft eat their words, then soak their wooden head. The curtain lecture madame gives when hubby comes in late to be effective must be short and also very straight. 'Twill prove of little value, too, its lessons he can't keep, unless she gets the last word in before he falls to sleep."