

ASHLAND AND VICINITY

The Northwestern National Insurance Co. of Milwaukee, Wis., through its adjusters, has settled the loss on the Allen block fire at \$4029.20. This is on the building only, as Mrs. Allen carried no insurance on apartment furniture and fixtures in the second story. Repair work is already going ahead, Morse & Weisenburger having the contract for carpentering and plastering.

Mrs. Inez Sonnichsen died at Fort Jones, Cal., December 16. Her body was brought here for burial in Har-gadine cemetery, and funeral services were held at Sidek's chapel Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. P. K. Hammond. The deceased's maiden name was Potter, and she was a native of Jackson county, well known to a large number of Ashland people.

Siskiyou Chapter, No. 21, Royal Arch Masons, will elect officers on Thursday evening of this week, December 21.

Efforts will be made to form a Rod and Gun club here at a mass meeting to be held on Thursday evening at the city hall. It is taken for granted that such an organization will prove a factor in helping to close the Rogue river to commercial fishing, a measure which sportsmen are all interested. C. M. Thomas of Medford, representative-elect to the legislature, will address the meeting.

L. O. Van Wagon is one of the latest resignations among the various mineral springs bureaus. His title was "superintendent of motive power which animates the pumps," for which he received \$90 per month, furnishing an auto for the daily trips to and fro. He is filling a temporary assignment in the fire department, where the city furnishes motive power.

The Southern Pacific has applied to the state public service commission for permission to reduce the rate on canned goods in carload lots to 20 cents per 100 pounds from Ashland to Portland and intermediate points, it having been represented to the railroad company that various canneries in the valley are holding shipments pending readjustment of rates.

Miss Esther Whitte is home for the holidays from the school of art in San Francisco which she has been attending for some time past.

Miss Bertha Elison of the Union school at McCloud, Cal., will be home this week for a month's vacation. Among the school's activities in which she has participated with her fellow teachers has been a literary and social entertainment, the proceeds of which go towards purchasing a piano for the school. At this event Superintendent Parker of Yreka gave an address.

"Facts and Fancies of a Colored Courtship" is the title of a play on the melodramatic order which has been written by Rev. M. C. Reed of this city. It has been passed by the Talent board of censors and its initial staging will take place at the high school building in that city on Thursday evening, December 21, for the joint benefit of the Hikers' club and the Epworth league, in its laudable enterprise of purchasing a piano. The cast is mainly composed of Talent young people, the two exceptions being Miss Gertrude Barber and Geo. Watson of this city, who are lending a skillful and helping hand in behalf of the dramatic venture. After a run of one consecutive night at Talent, the play will undoubtedly be introduced at other centers throughout the valley. A number are planning to go from here to witness the initial presentation.

Numerous friends of J. E. Fuller of this city, who was operated on recently for cataract, one eye being affected, will be pleased to learn that his prospects for unimpaired vision are greatly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Disney have bought the Victor Payne place, two miles east of town. The purchase includes ten acres well improved, on which there is a modern cottage equipped with every requisite. The Payne family are now residents of Oklahoma. The new purchasers are in possession, the deal having been negotiated by the Beaver Realty Co. Mr. Disney is a carrauter in the employ of the Southern Pacific.

Suggestions in general indicate that central should be notified first in case of a burglary, instead of hunting up police members, in order to turn in an emergent S. O. S. call.

Donations for the needy, to be distributed by the Sunshine society at Christmas, are requested to be left at the Temple of Truth, on Saturday, December 23, in order that the service may be rendered by Christmas day.

Lieutenant James Moore, former Ashland high school graduate, and son of Mrs. S. B. Evans, now in the naval service, is stationed for the present at the navy yard in Charleston, S. C., where he has been detailed to install comprehensive systems of electrical apparatus in connection with government work.

Representatives from the public schools in attendance upon sessions of the State Teachers' association at Portland next week, will include Su-

perintendent Briscoe, who is vice-president of the organization and will represent also the Schoolmasters' club of Jackson and Josephine counties; F. E. Moore, principal of the senior high school, who has a place on the program connected with the history division; and Miss Gertrude Engle, principal of the junior high school, who will represent the city schools collectively.

Malta Commandery, No. 4, Knights Templar, will install officers on Wednesday evening, December 20.

Acorn Circle, Women of Woodcraft, will hold a business and social meeting Saturday evening, December 23.

Bert R. Greer has been in San Francisco this week on a mission connected with the installation of a new sanitarium here.

The high school will introduce three new courses, including elementary electricity, Spanish and public speaking. The latter will be open only to seniors and will be installed the next semester. These advantages are to be made available to the student body without increasing the number of instructors, consequently there will be no addition to the expense rate.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church met on Wednesday afternoon this week with Mrs. Walter Powell, Iowa street.

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS

John W. Smith, our school clerk, reports this season 105 children in this district.

There was a carload of pulverized came out to our road supervisor, Ed Dutton, the first of the week, to be distributed among the different road districts around here.

Fred Danlap of Derby passed through here Thursday on his way to Medford.

A. M. Tyrrell of Lake Creek brought out a load of hogs and while here gave me a subscription to the Weekly Mail Tribune for his father, J. H. Tyrrell.

Charley Vatche of Ashland spent the night with us the first of the week. He had been up to his old ranch on Rogue river that he sold to a man by the name of Anderson some time ago, to look after some horses that he still has on the place.

Earl Eucker of Brownsboro was doing business with the Eagle Point Hardware Co. Thursday.

Susan Hart came out and took the train Thursday for Medford.

Delwin Curry of Butte Falls spent Thursday night with us.

C. E. Bellows and wife were in town Thursday and took a small load of lumber out to the Reese creek school house.

Herman Meyer, Jr. of Lake Creek brought out a load of hogs for the Central Point market Thursday.

Since my last report, J. H. Tyrrell of Lake Creek has paid up on the D. M. T. and paid for a year's subscription to the W. M. T.

Thomas Todd of Trail has renewed his subscription to the D. M. T., and E. Hurd of Eagle Point has paid up his subscription to the D. M. T.

Fred Thomson of the firm of Thomson Bros., our Lake Creek merchants, passed through town Thursday on his way to Medford.

Friday noon, J. Percy Wells of Jacksonville and Miss Helen M. Cowgill came in for dinner. Mr. Wells is our county school superintendent and Miss Cowgill is traveling in the interest of the O. A. C. in the work connected with the industrial clubs of the various schools. She gave a lecture, accompanied by stereopticon views of the O. A. C. with its various and varied surroundings, and then branched off on the work proper of the members of the different industrial clubs throughout the state, giving photos of many of the winners of prizes in the different branches taken by the members. She devoted a good portion of her lecture to those who had tried their hand at corn raising, and then illustrated the best way to dispose of the corn after it was raised by showing four pigs, all the same age, but of altogether different sizes, showing the advantage of systematic feeding. She then gave a lecture on the culinary art, impressing on the minds of the children the importance of systematic work in that line. And in speaking in that line, there were

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two in our school who won out in the contest last season, Aden Hazelton, who won out on raising corn, and went to the state fair, and Miss Joyce von der Heilen, who won the honor of being among the best in the culinary department. She won out in cake baking, but as there were but four could go to the state fair, two boys and two girls, she failed to go on the trip to Salem, but secured the pin showing that she was among the prizewinners. Miss Cowgill is a very fluent talker, articulates distinctly and has a fine voice, speaks loud enough to be understood all over the house and has the faculty of interesting and holding the attention of every one in the room. After she had concluded her lecture, Professor Patterson gave us an illustrated lecture on Alaska, simply trying his hand in the line of practice, as he is a novice in that line, but the exhibition was very good. At the close of the afternoon exercises Superintendent Wells returned home and Mrs. Patterson and Miss Cowgill came to the Sunnyside for supper, and there they met Thomas Starvo, Sr. After supper they all three started for Brownsboro, where they were to give another illustrated lecture. The people of Brownsboro had arranged to have a box social at the same time, and after the social a dance, but I have not been able to learn much about what went on there, as the two young men who came in from there, my informant, seemed to know but little about what went on, except the dance, and of course they report favorably of that.

Since my last report, Fred McPherson, Mrs. Swanson and Henry Meyer have brought in several dozen chickens to our railroad agent, Amos Ayres, and I have the promise of a statement of the amount of the value of the poultry that has been shipped from here this fall. It will surprise some of those who think that Eagle Point and the surrounding country are but a mere speck in Oregon.

G. S. Stevenson, who has been living on what has been known as the Heath place, just above Brownsboro, has moved to Sacramento.

Thomas Stanley and bride returned Saturday from California, where they have been spending their honeymoon.

Marsh Garrett, Guy Holman, Mike Sidley of Lake Creek and W. W. Taylor of Eagle Point were here on Saturday for dinner.

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