

Items of Interest From the Rogue River Valley

WATER QUESTION ASHLAND SIZZLES, OVER FILTER PLAN

ASHLAND, Sept. 30—Does the town want to expend \$65,000 on experimentation, without directly increasing the water supply? This is the question at issue here, the contention waxing warm over the problem. The expenditure implies the installation of a filtering system, and incidentally the general installation of meters. A number of these devices have already been placed, but their delicate mechanism is interfered with by the flotsam which comes down the creek at high tide. Not only does second-growth timber, dimension stuff, twigs, leaves and gravel exercise a depressing influence upon the meters, but light sedimentary particles clog the even tenor of their way to such an extent that the city authorities hesitate about making their installation general until obstruction handicaps are disposed of. Manufacturers of course want to install filters, thus leaving the field open to meters, which promoters are sanguine will be have properly, the meter argument being that this restrictive measure will conserve the supply, making the construction of additional intakes up the canyon unnecessary. In other words, they don't give a dam about damming the creek on a colossal scale further up the canyon than where present reservoirs are located, their argument being that a daily supply of 6,000,000 gallons, the present visible flow, is prodigious, and that the restrictive measures recommended will reduce the amount by half, even that amount being abundant. "A water waste survey" is also advocated, by these experts, the expense approximating \$2000. They further argue that Ashland's water rates are ridiculously low, recommending a substantial increase which will act as another deterrent to the use of water here per capita, 1200 gallons, Ashland was quoted as far exceeding towns of many times its size, instances being cited in this connection. A filter system of 3,000,000 gallons capacity per day would cost \$45,000, but the city council hesitates to install it on that basis, preferring to figure on the 6,000,000 gallon estimate, the cost of which would be \$65,000. Another problem arises over incurring this expense without holding a special election. A year or so ago the city voted a \$100,000 bond issue "for the improvement of Ashland's water supply," and the contracting concerns suggest that this sum be applied on a filtering system. A tacit understanding, however, in connection with this bonding measure is that it was to apply specifically for constructing a big reservoir in the canyon, and the council do not feel at liberty to divert the money to filter purposes when they consider it was voted for a reservoir. Hence some further delay is inevitable under the present state of affairs. In the meantime experts will look over the ground further and consult city officials. Estimates on the installation of meters for the water system base \$30,000 as the amount involved. A majority of patrons of the irrigation system on an acreage basis don't want the meter installation, preferring to "let 'er run wide open." Until the advent of fall rains, it is understood the city water will continue to be chlorinated. It often doesn't like the flavor, they can obtain recourse by either running the water through a colander, paring the mineral springs, or lining up at the soft drink establishments where the rearing legend admonishes that "some of our flavoring extracts are artificially colored with benzoate of soda."

It is not a far cry from water to electric light, viewed from the municipal standpoint, and this is a reminder that the estimates for Ashland's illumination for the month of September will call for approximately \$1000 when the city steps up to the captain's office of the California-Oregon Power Co. to settle for that period. The minimum charge is \$600 per month, and ordinarily the town don't use that much, but like some other supplies the price of lighting seems to be going up. Perhaps the municipal plant during the low water season cannot meet customary requisitions in order to help out.

The high school athletic center is the scene of lively practice work now days, due to efforts of a big class to qualify for positions on the football team, the initial game of the season to be played on Klamath Falls grounds, Saturday, Oct. 1. Other contests until the Thanksgiving climax are scheduled as follows:

October 7—Ashland vs. Grants Pass at Grants Pass.

October 15—Ashland vs. Klamath Falls at Ashland.

October 22—Ashland vs. Grants Pass at Ashland.

October 29—Ashland vs. Medford at Ashland.

November 5—Ashland vs. Roseburg at Ashland.

November 24—Ashland vs. Medford at Medford.

Of course the big Thanksgiving holiday game is reserved for a finale with Medford, and the schedule also provides that the event shall occur in that city's territory.

POULTRY FARM TO BE ESTABLISHED VOORHIES SECTION

Mr. W. J. Voorhies, a building a poultry breeding place at Voorhies. Mr. Voorhies expects to raise the poultry of the several breeds. Last week he bought a fine trio of Light Brahmas from Mrs. C. Carey. These birds were of high-scoring strain, the parrot stock having taken several first prizes in the valley poultry shows. Mr. Voorhies set several hundred eggs last week and expects to bring off a good fall batch of chicks.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Sheels have moved their family into Phoenix, for the winter, from their little farm on the east side of Bear creek. The walk from their home to the Phoenix section is a long one and most too hard on the girls.

Mrs. C. C. Peck of Portland has been in Phoenix visiting her aunt, Mrs. E. E. Ferry. Mrs. Peck left for her home Sunday. It had been twenty-six years since Mrs. Peck has visited the valley and many changes have taken place, in fact she says she could hardly recognize Medford as the same town. Mrs. Peck was formerly Miss Kent, daughter of Tom Kent, of Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Holdridge and Mr. Holdridge's mother, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Holdridge, who are visiting with the several families of the Holdridge's in Talent, made a trip Saturday to Rogue River where they spent the day fishing. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Holdridge came from Sack county, Iowa, and are in love with our valley.

W. E. Anderson of East Eden, who had his ankle badly bent by being thrown down by a calf, is able to be up a little but cannot stand on his foot. It was at first thought that the bones were broken and that the foot would have to be put into a cast.

The Phoenix packing house is closed for this week as the fruit is not ready to gather just yet and most of the growers in this part have not sold their apples yet and will not pack until they find out more about the price of their fruit.

Water was struck in the E. C. Lockwood well Monday evening, and it rose to within five feet of the top. The well is down two hundred and fifty feet. Mr. Lockwood will likely go a little deeper as an artesian flow is almost a surety. Mr. Lockwood is in the artesian belt which extends from Talent north. S. S. Stevens having secured a well of this kind just south of the Lockwood property.

Several newcomers in our community were very much interested in our public market Saturday. The sight of the strawberries in September and October was new to them. Saturday was a good day as an advertisement of the products of our valley, as there was an abundance of all kinds of fruit and vegetables, and in fact it was a good showing of what the farmers can have to sell if they only make the effort.

Mr. Reed and another gentleman, both extensive pear growers from Marysville, Calif., have been at the Southern Oregon Experiment station for several days, and in company with Professor Reimer have been looking at some of our orchards where some of the tests have been made with the different varieties of pears. We are glad to have persons from our sister state come and see for themselves that Oregon can really grow fine fruit.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rolston and Mrs. G. Shearer of Medford, accompanied by Mrs. C. Carey motored out to the Kingsbury Resort Tuesday and were quite surprised to find such a nice dance hall under construction at the Ad Helms place.

Arthur Rose of West Phoenix, was calling at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. M. Rader, Tuesday.

Many of the Phoenix packers went to the Knight Packing house Wednesday as the Bear Creek orchard is not busy for a few days. Miss Marlon Stanciliff is in charge.

Miss Jobe and Miss Bertha Hayman of Fern Valley were pleasant callers in Talent Monday. Miss Jobe now drives her own car.

Phoenix high school class will put on their initiation ceremony Friday evening. There is a good enrollment in the high school grade this year, and it promises to be quite interesting.

TRAIL ITEMS

Glass brothers spent Monday night at Trail on their way to the valley with beef.

R. D. Watson made a trip to Prospect Monday for shake bolts.

Denzel Middlebush arrived home Saturday after an extended visit with relatives at Bend.

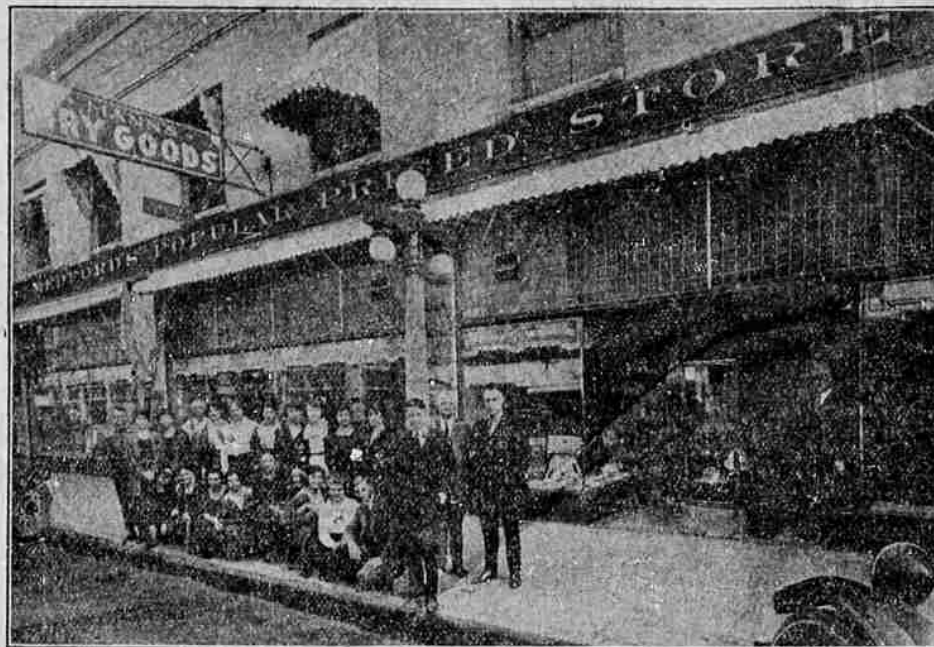
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Middlebush of Prospect, are visiting relatives at Trail this week.

Mrs. Roy Vaughn and little son Donald are visiting the parental home on Elk creek.

Lowell Ash and Geo. Fisher spent the past week with the former's father, E. E. Ash at his lookout at Sugar Pine.

Mrs. Sandy of Elk creek, returned home Friday after a few days shopping in Medford.

Mann's Big Department Store, One of Medford's Most Progressive Firms, Celebrates 11th Anniversary Tomorrow



The Mann's Department store, one of the largest of its kind in southern Oregon, is celebrating its eleventh birthday tomorrow by launching an anniversary sale which will continue for the remainder of the month. The growth of this establishment has been remarkable during the last few years having started in 1911 when John C. Mann arrived here from St. Paul, Minnesota and opened his store with four clerks and a limited stock of merchandise in a section of the same building he now occupies. Mann's store now has approximately 8000 square feet of floor space, twenty-four

clerks and a complete men's furnishing department in connection with its women's section. It handles an enormous volume of business annually in local and mail order trade and, according to Mr. Mann, its last year's business showed a marked gain over that of any previous year.

Mann's store has become a household word among many southern Oregon and northern California people and the slogan of this store, "the best goods for the price, no matter what the price," is known throughout this section. The success of the Mann's Department store may be attributed to its well selected stocks, its sound business principles, the courtesy of its clerks, the excellent service and fair treatment it always affords its patrons and the liberal use of printers ink.

John C. Mann, the owner of Mann's store, is an ardent booster for Medford and a strong believer in its future possibilities. He has been active in civic and educational movements as well as prominent in business circles since his arrival here and the success of his store is an example of his ability and progressiveness.

BROWNSBORO NEWS

Lloyd Tucker drives the butcher wagon to Medford three times a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The Hulse family went to the circus, taking with them Mrs. Bowls, Mrs. Hessler and Miss Kahl.

Mrs. Bowls from Lake Creek, spent the week end at the home of Mrs. Hessler.

Our school has organized a Friday afternoon sewing club. Those who belong are: Gladys Cowden, Mary Stanley and Viola Hoagland.

A manual training class has also been started. Those enlisted are: Eldred Monia, Edward Stanley and Raymond Hoagland.

S. L. Hoagland got a shot at a coyote among his sheep Friday.

Harry Carlton moved his six room house several hundred yards with a Ford tractor last week.

Mrs. Monia and son Vernon took the former's daughter, Velda, to Butte Falls Sunday. Miss Monia who attends high school there, spent the week end at home.

The Butte Creek orchard people started picking fruit Monday.

R. N. Hulse took a second load of hogs to Medford Monday which he sold to local butchers.

Albert Hoagland who returned from the Ashland hospital a few weeks ago is getting along nicely.

W. N. Staub went to Medford Saturday. While there he took in the circus.

Mr. and Mrs. Kent Ballard spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Staub. They motored up from California.

The people living on the old Oben-chain road are having trouble getting water. J. D. Henry has to haul water for his cows. Several of the gardens have dried up.

A number of gardens around Brownsboro have been damaged by the frost.

This is a busy season for the farmers since nearly all of them are cutting their corn.

THOMPSON CREEK

Mrs. John Bingham and daughter Miss Alice motored to the Redland Farm last Friday to get grapes.

Frank and Clifton Kendall attended Sells-Floto circus in Medford last Saturday.

Miss Viola Hogan who is teaching school in the Howard Addition, visited her father, M. D. Hogan, over Sunday.

Fred Ruch was a business visitor in Grants Pass one day last week.

Some of the people on Thompson creek met at Mrs. Pauline Elmore's last Friday evening to practice singing for Sunday school. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams and family, Mrs. Fred Ruch, Mr. and Mrs. Will Jordan, Miss Irma and Fremont Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Elmore and family, Mrs. Pauline, Misses Grace, Lizzie, Dorothy and Joe Elmore. Lunch of sandwiches, cake and coffee was served.

Cyril Atkins who is attending high school in Medford, visited his grandfather, M. D. Hogan of the Shamrock ranch over Sunday.

Marion Bingham motored to Grants Pass last Monday.

George Carey of Sacramento, Cal., and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parker of Gold Hill visited Mr. and Mrs. Will

Jordan Monday and Tuesday. Mrs. Parker and George Carey are relatives of Mrs. Jordan.

Mrs. Will Jordan visited her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Pittcock on Tuesday and Wednesday.

M. D. Hogan of the Shamrock ranch attended the Sells-Floto circus in Medford last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Grove were in Grants Pass on business Wednesday. A. Borde of Jacksonville, was at Anderson Mee's Tuesday.

JACKSONVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gillette and daughter, Mrs. Pearl Shaw, former residents of our city were spending the week end with Miss Mary Hurst.

Geo. E. Sneathly who has been confined to his home for several days is much improved and now at his place of business.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barneburg of Ashland were transacting business and visiting relatives in our city on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Numan and son returned home last week after spending two months at Prospect.

Among those from Jacksonville attending the Elks picnic Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Cronemiller, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Numan, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Hanna and Lewis Ulrich and family.

Mrs. M. L. Nelson spent last week at the home of Mrs. W. Blidde of Medford.

T. M. Dews of the Upper Applegate, spent Wednesday in our city transacting business.

William and Ralph Jennings passed through town on Monday in company with their guest, Mrs. Nancy Finley of Seattle.

Mrs. James O'Brien returned to her home on Monday after spending three weeks visiting her daughter, Mrs. Everett Miller at Joseph, Oregon.

Jack Reter returned to his home on Thursday evening, having been employed at Crater Lake during the summer.

Miss Isa McCully entertained Mrs. Dora Harbaugh and John Renault, Jr., at dinner on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Polly spent Monday visiting relatives in our city.

Mrs. C. Ulrich and Mrs. G. R. Chapman spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. J. F. Buckley near Ruch.

Miss Bernice Reter was the guest of Miss Zeda Singler on Monday evening and attended the K. C. dance at Medford.

Mrs. Fred Mears of the Medford Red Cross made a business trip to Jacksonville Tuesday morning.

J. A. Marsh suffered quite a painful accident on Monday cutting his hip. Dr. Thayer is in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Moore of Central Point spent Tuesday at the Britt home. George Merritt spent Wednesday afternoon in Medford.

Miss Mollie Britt is spending a few days visiting Ashland friends.

Mrs. J. W. Robinson was shopping in Medford on Wednesday.

J. M. Rader of Phoenix was transacting business at the county seat one day this week.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Robinson and E. L. Touville and wife were picnicking on the Skislyous on Sunday.

Mrs. Ernest Foreman was a Medford visitor on Wednesday.

Tom Dunnation, Ernest Langley and E. H. Helms were among the many transacting business in Medford one day this week.

EVANS AND MAYS CREEK

May's Creek school opened Sept. 12, with eighteen pupils enrolled with no absentees or tardiness yet.

Mr. Richman and son have been very busy butchering.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smith were visitors at the Richman home Friday.

Donald Dimmick motored to town on business Saturday.

Grace Carter is away attending high school.

Alice Dennis has been visiting at Mrs. McConville's home last week.

Mr. Eubanks of Wimer has a very sick horse but is better today.

Mrs. Vera Richman motored to Stanton, her grandmother Mrs. Caldwell, her brother Jack, Mrs. Spencer and grandson to the Medford circus.

The crops on May's creek have been very good this year.

Mrs. Minthorn attended the circus at Medford.

E. L. Orr motored to town on business Saturday.

ROGUE RIVER

Fourteen ladies of the Civic Improvement club gathered at the home of Mrs. Minthorn, Friday, Sept. 23, in time for a delicious luncheon served by the hostess after which the roll was called, each member responding by giving the most interesting fact about their own home town.

Business matters concerning the public library of Rogue River were discussed and plans made for future work. The next meeting will be held at the library.

Mr. and Mrs. Mikache of Ashland were Sunday visitors with their daughter, Miss Gertrude Mikache.

Howard Lowd of Stockton, Calif., spent a few days visiting with his folks last week.

The Odd Fellows and the Rebekahs of Rogue River, will give another social dance Friday evening, Sept. 30th at the lodge hall.

The Sunday school of the Presbyterian church will hold a box social Friday evening, Sept. 30th.

ANTIOCH ITEMS

Mr. Copely left this week to work on the highway below Grants Pass.

Hayden Howard was up from Nevada to visit his sister, Mrs. Copely and then went on to Portland to visit other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Norris and family of Medford, were visiting friends at Beagle Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Carter of Gold Hill, were up to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rodgers Sunday.

Mrs. R. E. Moore of Central Point is staying with home folks for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rodgers were out from Medford Sunday to visit friends.

Mrs. Theo. Glass is still staying with her sister who is improving, at Bend, Klamath county.

Mrs. J. Richardson, Judge Gardner and wife and Sanford Richardson were out to their old home place in Beagle Sunday.

CENTRAL POINT BOYS AND GIRLS LEAVE FOR SCHOOL

Mrs. John E. Ross left the first of the week for Portland where she will join her daughter, Miss Edith, who will arrive there from Canada where she has been visiting relatives for the past six weeks very soon. Mrs. Ross and Miss Edith will spend the next year in the Oregon metropolis, thereby enabling the popular young Central Point Miss to complete her business course at Behnke Walker business college. The many friends of Mrs. Ross and daughter here will greatly miss them during their absence, but wish them the greatest of success and happiness during their stay in the Rose City.

Clifford Hatfield, who spent several days here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hatfield and his many friends recently, has returned to his work as druggist in one of the leading drug stores in Seattle.

I. F. Williams, accompanied by his wife and daughters arrived here from Portland Sunday morning in which city he has been under the care of a specialist for the past fortnight. The many friends of Mr. Williams and family here were greatly pleased to note the improved condition of Mr. Williams' health, and look forward now to a speedy recovery.

Mrs. George Wright of Merrill, Klamath county, is the guest this week of her sister, Alva Williams and family here this week. Mrs. Wright formerly resided here and has many friends in the city who are greatly pleased to have her among them again.

Among the students from Central Point who recently left for college are the Misses Helen Norriss and Christina Heckman who will attend the University of Oregon at Eugene, Miss Edith Ross, who will study at the leading business college of Portland, Misses June Dunlap and Thelma Elstad who will complete courses at the Oregon State Teachers college, Misses Irma Hamerick and Ethel Wilcox who take up Christian work at the Los Angeles Bible Institute, Mr. George Myers, Berthold Rostel and Frank Dean will represent Central Point at O. A. C. Andrew Johnson will complete a teachers course at the Oregon state normal school and Veral Walker will take up christian service work at the Los Angeles Bible Institute.

Miss Arlene Hay, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hay of this city begin her initial term of school in the Brophy district, near Derby, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Edwards of Grants Pass visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Holmes here during the past week.

The public health committee in this community held their regular bi-monthly meeting at the home of Miss Mildred Carlton, vice president in this district recently. All members were present and also the county health nurse, Miss Marie Faldine was there. Miss Faldine has recently returned from the Oregon Public Health conference in Portland where all delegates were given the benefits of methods used and results obtained by other workers in their work. Miss Faldine related many instances of her own infant and child welfare work and of her visits in schools and homes where she has given actual care to the sick and instruction in hygiene and sanitation to people in their homes. People little realize how great the need is of such work as Miss Faldine does in this county to relieve suffering and instruct people in the right way of living to make them stronger and healthier. The work that she has done and the little children that she has been able to relieve from suffering and the homes that she has been able to make more healthy and sanitary are commendable and people should awake to the importance of this greatest of all work and support in abundance should be given this guardian of our health in all work that she may do.

Miss Mary Collins of Table Rock, who for the past several weeks has been very ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ed Vincent, of this city is reported better at this writing. This bit of good news will be pleasing to the many friends of the prominent young Table Rock Miss, and her complete recovery is hoped for very soon so that her pleasant company will brighten her young friends' pleasure assemblings soon once more.

The church people of the city of Central Point extended to the faculty of the Central Point schools a reception at the Brick church here Thursday evening. A large crowd was present and a general getting acquainted and handshaking time was much in vogue. A short program was one of the diversions of the evening, and delicious refreshments too had a prominent place in the evening's pleasure. It has been many years since a reception was given the teachers of the schools here, and there were many parents in former years who didn't know or perhaps had never seen the teacher who daily instructed their children. To do the best work in the schools it is necessary that the parent help the instructor and the instructor in turn, understand and help the parent. If the parents and teachers are never brought together, difficulties often arise that would have never

THURSDAY CLUB OF WILLOW SPRINGS MEET RICHMOND'S

The Willow Springs Thursday club will meet with Mrs. Clyde Richmond next Thursday afternoon. The president, Mrs. Roy Nichols, has called a meeting of the club officers, on Friday afternoon of this week at her home to arrange for the programs for the coming year.

The J. W. Birkholz family with the R. W. Elden family and Miss Rose Jones enjoyed a pleasant motor trip to Grants Pass Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Nichols went to Glendale Friday to spend a week with their son George and family. They motored up with Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cook of Medford.

A school meeting was held at the home of Mrs. C. Richmond Tuesday evening, at which was compiled the budget for the coming school year.

A. V. Carlson is building a house and wire enclosure for pigeons for L. A. Salade, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wood, who have been visiting at the Clyde Richmond home, left Sunday morning for their home in Independence.

APPLEGATE

Frank Woodridge, who superintended the roundup at Grants Pass during the fair week, is again back at Applegate.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wickstone and family returned home this week from a tour to Crescent City. They had a fine time.

John Huener of Jacksonville is a visitor at Al Learned's on Thompson creek.

Mrs. Annie Knutzen, Miss Bessie Cooper and Mrs. Lester Layton motored to Grants Pass Friday evening and attended the Christian Science lecture.

Mr. and Mrs. Quar motored to Medford Sunday evening.

Clifford Cowan, Lester Hill and Emery Stone, all of Provoit have been working at Finley Brothers helping fill the silo.

Several farmers in the valley got their third crop of hay wet. The warm sunshine which followed has dried it out however.

The barn and silo of Clinton Cook burned down last night.

Rev. George N. Edwards of Walla Walla, Wash., gave a talk at the Applegate school house Tuesday.

George Carl who was visiting his brother, Wm. Carl, left for California Sunday.

Cyril Atkins, formerly of the A. V. H. S. visited Miss Audrey Layton Friday. He is going to school in Medford. Walter Miller, O. E. Rose and J. C. Grubb started on a hunt in the hills Friday.

Miss Rhodel and her friend were visitors at Miss Rose's home Sunday.

arisen had there been an understanding between the family and school. For this reason it is a good thing for the school and family to be brought together by means of receptions, parent-teacher gatherings, etc., and the gathering last night was especially satisfying because at the beginning of the new school year it enabled the people to get acquainted with those most important of people, the real guardians of our republic.

The community was grieved last week to hear the news of the very serious and critical illness of Mr. J. B. Holmes, well known and prominent resident of this place. For several days during the past week Mr. Holmes' death was expected hourly, and no hope was held for his recovery. At this writing, however, his condition is reported as much improved and it is thought that his complete recovery will be only a matter of time. This will be good news to the many friends of the good man and his family here and the wishes of the populace is that he will regain full health and strength in a very short time.

Mrs. V. D. Brophy and daughter Barbaralane were summoned here the latter part of the week from Fish Lake at which place they have been spending the summer, to be in attendance at the bedside of the father of the former Mr. J. B. Holmes who has been very ill.

Mrs. Bennett and son, Stuart MacDonald, of Rancheria, were guests during the week of Mr. and Mrs. William Jones of this city.

William Leigh Greenleaf, prominent comedian and impersonator and especially gifted interpreter of Shakespearean parts entertained a good sized audience at Central hall here Thursday evening. Mr. Greenleaf, known over the United States as one of the cleverest impersonators of his day, was presented here under the auspices of the Central Point high school. Several years ago the popular reader was superintendent of schools here and is well and favorably known. His entertainment was greatly appreciated by all.

Mrs. R. A. Alderson (nee Audrey Holmes) of Independence, Ore., arrived here the latter part of the week to be at the bedside of her father, Mr. J. B. Holmes, who has been dangerously and critically ill for some time past.