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RAILROAD RUMORS.

ACCORDING to the Sunday Examiner there is soon to be something doing in local railway circles. The article practically states that the indications are strong that the California Northwestern will not be paralled by the Santa Fe, but that arrangements will probably be made for closing the gap between the Santa Fe's line in Humboldt and the local road, with a trackage agreement satisfactory to both companies. We are unable to either verify or disprove the report, but it is generally believed that the connecting link between the two roads will be built in the near future. It is also reported that whether the local road is paralled by another steam road or not Ukiah will soon have another railroad. This is based on the belief that the Santa Rosa electric road will be extended at least this far. The more railroads the better; we will welcome them all as competition means cheaper transportation for our products.

THE POULTRY BUSINESS.

There seems to be quite an activity in the chicken business in this valley and a number of people are getting ready to try their success with incubators and brooders. We understand that the climate and other conditions in this section are even better suited to this business than that of some of the wellknown poultry towns south of us. There appears no reason in the world why Ukiah should not enter this profitable industry and do well. The poultry and dairying towns are said to be the best towns in the country. This is due to the fact that the producer receives the proceeds of the sale of his products during the whole year and is not compelled to wait until after his yearly harvest as is the case with other products.

THE Mendocino State hospital is a source of considerable revenue to this city, not only because of the supplies that are purchased for that institution, but on account of the money spent here by the several hundred employees. Why would it not be a good idea for our citizens to show their appreciation of this by insisting upon having a good road built from this city to that institution? That piece of road comes in for more travel than any other in this district and a great number of people will be benefitted by its improvement.

W. A. ROBERTS, the new proprietor of the Willits News, has decided to run his paper as a semi-weekly and the paper came to hand this week in its new form, all home print and full of news. Mr. Roberts is an experienced newspaper man and possesses the energy to make the venture a success. We congratulate the people of Willits upon having such an enterprising newspaper man in their midst and trust they will lend their aid in making the venture all that could be desired.

UKIAH is growing rapidly and many improvements are being made in municipal affairs to keep up with the times. The streets are being numbered; sidewalk and street grades are to be established; a wide avenue is to be opened to the depot, and many other improvements are in sight. Our streets, however, still remain in the muddy condition in which they were twenty years ago. Is it not about time that something substantial in street building was attempted?

Consumption Claims a Victim

F. H. Vaughan died in Eldorado county yesterday where he had gone in hopes of improving his health. The deceased was a victim of consumption and had been suffering for several years. He was at one time in business in this city and made many friends by his upright business methods. Later he moved to Fort Bragg where his health broke down. He was a member of Ukiah Lodge No. 174, I. O. O. F., and had long been a member of the Baptist church. Beside a wife and daughter, his mother and a sister, Mrs. Huff, reside in this city.

Weather Clerk Takes Vacation

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—That my various friends may not be disappointed you might announce that owing to recent illness I find the duties of weather clerk etc. too strenuous and have concluded to take a short vacation, hoping to return soon in condition to take control again.

Judges Change Places

Judge White left for Santa Rosa yesterday where he will hold court for Judge Burnett. Judge Burnett will hold court this morning in this city at which time a demurrer will be argued in a case in which Judge White is disqualified.

The Street Numbers.

In the system being used in this city each block is designated as 100. This makes the finding of numbers easy as each block is indicated by the number of hundreds represented. Each 200 foot block will have eight numbers on a street. Perkins and State streets are taken as the division lines and the numbers will start from them and will be north, south, east or west according to the directions from these starting points. For example, 316 west Smith street would be the last house on the third block on Smith street west of State street.

Her Last Dance.

Mrs. E. B. Gibson gave a dance last Saturday night at the Ukiah opera house which she states will be the last one to be given by her. The affair was well attended and the dancers were served with light refreshments. Some very pleasing numbers were added to the program by Simpson's orchestra. For several years Mrs. Gibson has furnished the music for the Saturday night dances and the lovers of terpsichorean pleasures are emphatic in their statement that her music is unexcelled.

An Official Visit.

District Deputy Grand Matron Chapman paid her official visit to Ukiah yesterday. She arrived at 10 o'clock, No. 43, O. E. S., Monday evening. After the customary ceremonial remarks she retired to the banquet room and accepted the report of the committee on refreshments.

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PERSONALLY

Rev. Crook visited Willits last week.

Miss Louise Ames spent Monday in Cloverdale.

Mrs. H. J. Waugh is suffering from a bad cold this week.

F. O. Strong, the Calpella merchant, was in town Monday.

Homer Robinson was over from Boonville this week.

The swellest furniture in town at Hutchison & Roeder's.

Judge Mannon visited Willits last week on legal business.

H. B. Smith spent the first of the week in San Francisco.

H. H. Beard was down from Covelo Monday on a business visit.

Mrs. B. C. Suit presented her husband with a fine baby this week.

Attorney C. C. Crawford, of Lakeport, visited Willits last Saturday.

Marvin Laughlin's new residence in north addition is nearly completed.

Miss Bessie Howard is quite ill at the home of her parents in this city.

The Preston residence on Park street is being enlarged and beautified.

Salsig post office has been established on the Greenwood-Philo stage road.

George Hood, a prosperous sheep-raiser, of Fountain, spent Monday in town.

There is talk of establishing a bank at Point Arena with a capital stock of \$25,000.

Carpets? Hutchison & Roeder have the prettiest designs ever shown in town.

Fred Chalfant spent a few days at Willits last week visiting Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Chalfant.

C. M. Walker, of Point Arena, was over this week to prove up on his homestead entry.

J. W. Preston made a short visit to San Francisco last week to consult an eminent optician.

A very interesting communication from Comfort arrived this week too late for publication.

See those beautiful mouldings at Hutchison & Roeder's before you have that picture framed.

Joe Thomas disposed of his residence in Wagenseller addition this week to Mr. Howell.

Attorney Con H. Goldberg, of Covelo, was a passenger on the south bound train Monday.

Mack Howard reports that his two daughters are just recovering from attacks of pneumonia.

Miss Host Congrove, of the Cecilia is improving as rapidly as possible after his recent accident.

Mrs. Capell, of Willits, is a guest at Witter springs and hopes to benefit her health by the change.

Mrs. Likely is having a neat cottage built on the lot she recently purchased from Mrs. Stout.

Don't forget the new milliner store. All new goods. Latest styles. Meyer's building, No. 210 1/2 south State st.

William Peery, the real estate man, sold a tract of land in Coyote valley to Charles Smith during the week.

N. A. Barnett, manager of the co-operative store at Potter valley, was down on a business visit Saturday.

Dr. Burke and wife were up from Burke's Saturday and paid a visit to Dr. Burke's father in Bachelor valley.

Zach Bartlett was in from his ranch Tuesday and reports four of his children down with the whooping cough.

You will need new lace curtains before long. The line carried by Hutchison & Roeder is unsurpassed.

Tom Chase, vaquero on the Van Arsdale ranch and a noted bear hunter, was down from Walker valley Tuesday.

O. J. Simonson, of the firm of Simonson & McElroy of Willits, visited San Francisco last week to purchase new stock.

Oscar Brown was over from the coast this week visiting with his brother, Steward Brown, of the county hospital.

C. L. Kendall and Miss Ada Cain were married at the residence of the bride's parents at Manchester last Thursday.

Mrs. H. Barker, of Hopland, and Rev. J. E. Hood, of Berkeley, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Duncan this week.

O. W. Getchell and A. B. Kendall were over from the coast this week on business connected with the Shepherd estate.

Miss Birdie Mooney, the popular cashier at the City of Ukiah, is spending a weeks vacation visiting relatives at Petaluma.

Mrs. Ellege has moved into her new residence on school street. The house is a very pretty one and was built by Fred Jasper.

Cloverdale Olive Oil can be had at J. R. Mathews' Pharmacy at the same price as at Cloverdale, therefore you will save the freight.

The Press force acknowledge the receipt of some very nice ice cream from Lennox & Toles, of the Eagle restaurant, this week.

A. B. McClure, the popular clerk of J. H. Barker & Co's hardware store, has been ill this week and unable to attend to business duties.

Dr. Linquest died yesterday morning. The deceased had practiced medicine in this city about ten years ago and had returned to this city some few days ago in hopes of benefiting his health.

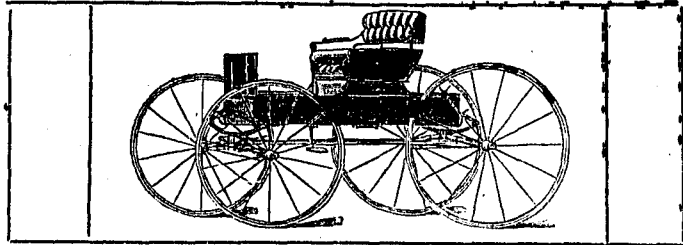
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Hopland School Column

HENRY BROOKES, EDITOR.

On two mornings of this week we spent our fifteen minutes for opening exercises in talking about the whale, the giant of creation. Many interesting facts were brought out. On Tuesday morning we spent the time in singing, Mrs. Demotte acting as organist. We expect to have singing two mornings each week hereafter, except during examinations.

Mr. Parsons, the gentleman who took the photographs of the school building and grounds, brought some of the pictures to the school last week to let the pupils and teachers see them. Everybody thought the pictures were very good, and he was surrounded by anxious groups during the whole recess period.

Mrs. H. Baske and her granddaughter, Neva Duncan, were visiting the school this week. They spent their time in the primary room, but promised to call another day and visit the upper room. Miss Duncan was a pupil in the old school building some years past.

Some of the boys have rather odd names for their tops, such as broom sticks, beany, red head, jumping jack, and other pet names. Every boy plays tops now, whether big or little.

One of the fifth grade boys, Archie Lockart, has left school to begin work in the hop fields. He took away his books one evening two weeks ago intending to quit school but the rain kept him out of the fields so he came back to remain until last Friday. We are sorry to see him quit.

The enrollment in the lower room is now 71, which brings the total enrollment for both rooms to 111 at present. The trustees hope to be able to employ three teachers next year, which will make conditions much better.

Carl Gilger was absent a couple of days last week on account of sickness but all the sick folks are at school again this week. Some of them had quite a tussle with what some people call the "janders." How do you say it?

Examinations began on Thursday morning but we don't know yet whether everybody made an average of 100 per cent or not. We might make a guess, however.

Mrs. Green had a dispute with Poundmaster Parrish last week which resulted in his having that lady charged with an assault with a deadly weapon. The suit was dismissed however, and the pound man got the dog.

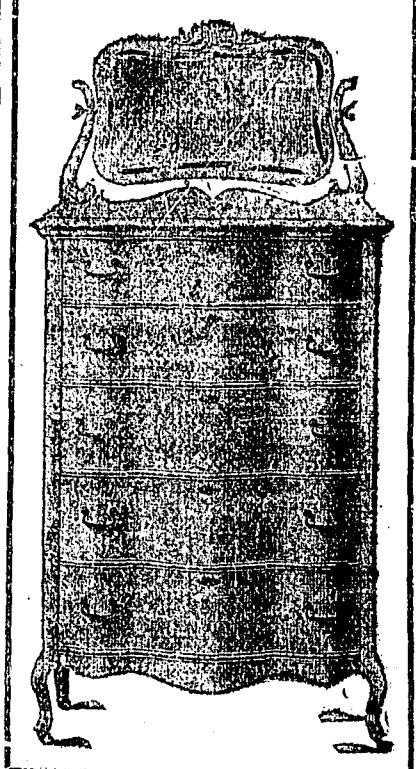
Joe Rushing has purchased the interest of F. C. Jackson in the Windsor hotel at Fort Bragg and will conduct that popular caravansary in future. Mr. Rushing is a well known hotel man and was recently associated with Robert Kerr in the South Side hotel at Albion.

H. Stevens Ehrmann, who for several weeks has been attending to the editorial duties on the Dispatch, left yesterday for his home at Cloverdale. Mr. Ehrmann has been suffering with his ears for some time past and will visit San Francisco to consult a specialist in the near future. He will devote his attention to his extensive orange growing interests at Cloverdale.

Lieut-Colonel Lochwitzki, formerly of the Russian army, has been secured to deliver a lecture during teacher's institute on his experience in Russia, through the efforts of Principal Flowers of the grammar school. Details will appear next week. The proceeds will go towards establishing a manual training department in the local grammar school.

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