

NEWS OF THE CITY.

Don't Fool With the Postoffice Boxes. "A practice common at postoffices," says the Eugene Guard, "is for persons who have lock boxes to try their key in other person's boxes to see if it will fit or if the box is locked, very few know that they lay themselves liable to prosecution and fine. This act is a violation of 'Uncle Sam's' postal law, and is punishable as such. A case occurred recently where valuable mail was taken from a box in a postoffice by parties unknown. A young man was arrested for the theft, and although the crime could not be proven, it was shown that he was in the habit of opening boxes without permission, and he was fined \$300 and given one year in the penitentiary." To apply this matter locally let us state, that if someone should "swipe" a retainer of a few thousand dollars from the postoffice lock box of Attorney Hammond, THE MAIL would be arrested for theft and sentenced to a term in the penitentiary of equal length with his natural life, and at the expiration of this term it would be compelled to pay a fine of \$300, and all because that THE MAIL's postoffice key is a counterpart of the one Mr. Hammond carries. On the other hand if THE MAIL was to lose a valuable communication, of nature likened unto the last will and testament of some delinquent subscriber, who, on his death bed became conscience stricken and made amends for his short comings to the extent of said will and testament, and said document was lost we would at once institute proceedings against Attorney Hammond and he would be sentenced to pay a fine of double the value of said will and testament—equal in value to about eight cents and a postage stamp, and to serve a term of twenty days in the Medford sewer—and all because his key combines with the lock on our postoffice box.

The regular subscription price of THE MAIL is \$1.50 a year, and the regular subscription price of the Weekly Oregonian is \$1.50. Any one subscribing for THE MAIL and paying one year in advance can get both THE MAIL and the Weekly Oregonian one year for \$2. All old subscribers paying their subscriptions for one year in advance will be entitled to the same offer.

S. P. Flour Garden at Grants Pass. The Southern Pacific railroad company has men at work preparing grounds for an extensive flour garden near their depot in Grants Pass. While the garden is being made it is made from the soil which it is made from in Jackson county, the work train having hauled several car loads from Woodville. Grown in Jackson county soil there is no question but the flowers will thrive and be an added beauty to the beautiful new depot, but in the vernacular of the small boy "where does Medford get off?" We, however, have a word of assurance from Section Foreman Kelley that if Medford is not treated in like manner this year she will get her quota of this beautifying process another season. It is learned, not officially, that it is the intention of the S. P. company to move their depot at this place to a point a little north of its present site and to the opposite side of the track. If this is done it will be with the object of getting the building to the side of Seventh street instead of in the middle of it as it now stands. There is also a probability of there being a new depot built, in which event the old one will undoubtedly be used as a freight house. Without being considered as taking the attitude of a complainer THE MAIL feels called upon to mention the necessity of a new and much larger building for depot purposes at this place. The greatly increased business of the company demands more room for its own convenience, as well as that of its patrons.

The Picnic Season Will Open Brisk. Oregon May day picnics are always a prime article on the market and never go at a figure less than par. It is probably because of the profusion of beautiful flowers and balmy sunshine. So soon as the first picnic of the season is ripe for the picking the small boy and the small girl, as well as a whole band wagon load of old boys and old girls, are on hand to do the picking. The first real ripe picnic that we have heard of this season will be on May 15th and will be a unit fair between the public schools of Medford and Jacksonville. It will be held at the school house grove, about half way between the above named places. It will be a basket picnic and, of course, the baskets will be well filled. The Medford-Jacksonville shortline will run special trains and will carry passengers out and back from either Medford or Jacksonville for ten cents. While this is to be a school picnic the bars are down to all who wish to attend outside the schools. As a matter of fact, every body is invited. The Medford public school band will be there and will furnish the best music they have in their horns and drums, which is a pretty good article.

If any body was to ask you for the best hat to buy for the money, you couldn't, and be honest to yourself and friends, tell them to buy any other hat than the Stetson—Walters keeps them.

The Howl is Here, All Right. We said a few weeks ago that there would be howl coming from residents of south street unless certain portions of that street were graded. That howl is howling sure enough, but it is not the one we expected. Instead of the people complaining of insufficient improvements they are complaining of too

much of the alleged good article. A little improvement is all good enough, but too much of it is just a little worse than not enough. Some of the people owning property on this street are compelled to fill the street to the extent of five feet while others, in order to reach the established grade, will have to go something like three feet below the present level of the street. This will, of course, make a better looking street but it will work a hardship upon some of the property owners. The highest fill will be in front of Messrs. Silinger's and Brook's property and will be five feet. Dr. Price will have a three foot fill. The deepest cut will be three feet and will be between Druggist Strang's and H. U. Lumsden's property.

Messrs. Gibbs & Wheeler, the photographers, are now prepared to execute the best of work in any and all lines of photographing. Their cabinet photos, as well as all outside work, such as buildings, orchards, stock, etc., is a prime article—and while the work is especially good the prices are exceedingly low and within the reach of all,—hard time prices for flash time work. Located on North D street, near Mrs. Brou's residence, Medford, Oregon.

A "Hoss" on Someone. A man who will "swipe" a sack of potatoes at this season of the year can hardly be considered as lost entirely in the depths of sin. But what is bothering J. R. Erford and John Curry is which one is going to "stand good" for the potatoes. In a few lines it is like this: Rev. Kendall orders potatoes sent to his place—Mr. Erford puts them up and locates the reverend gentleman's place of abode, marks them "Rogue River Valley Railroad"—Curry comes along with his delivery wagon and takes them to the railroad company's depot—someone who has a hanker for potatoes comes that way and "swipes" them, together with an ax which Mr. Kendall had put in the sack. Mr. Erford has promised the thief to say nothing about the potatoes if he (the thief) will slip up to his place some dark night, when there isn't anybody looking, and push the blade of the ax under his (Erford's) door and leave it there.

A First-Class Cess Pool. A cess pool of the first class is the one thing more than another that this city doesn't want lurking round within her limits, but we've got one, just the same. Down near Mr. Vandyle's residence and near the railroad track, on the east side, is a hole filled with very green tinted water, dead hens, old cans, last year's cats and a general collection of debris of like nature. The hole in which is all this truck is perhaps a couple hundred feet long by fifteen or twenty feet wide and six or eight feet deep, and was made by the railroad company removing gravel therefrom. There are four or five feet of water in it and the stroma which arises therefrom, and is waft by the morning breeze to the hearthstones of that immediate locality, is anything but a pleasant morsel to sandwich, with hot cakes and coffee. Besides being decidedly unpleasant it is alfred unhealthy.

Working men! Have you heard about these new overshirts at The Fair? They are the cheapest and best in town and don't need to be re-tailed.

What a Snap For the Ten Folks. Up in Alaska they don't have any millinery stores. That is, we presume they don't, from the fact that a lady residing there has sent to Medford for her new spring hat. They either don't have any dealers in this line of goods or Mrs. Sears, the lady who received the order, has a reputation in her line of business which reaches far beyond our state's border. What a snap for the men folks a country without millinery stores would be. There is some little satisfaction, however, to the male population of Alaska to know that the seasons hurry the women to keep up. If she should happen to neglect the purchase of her new summer hat by one day she would have to trim it with fur and wear it with ear mufflers for the next nine months. One month comprises spring, summer and fall and the other eleven are just plain winter.

New Freight Rates on the Shortline. Commencing April 1st a new freight schedule went into effect on the Medford-Jacksonville shortline. Here are the new rates:

Table with columns for 'WEST BOUND' and 'EAST BOUND' rates, listing various goods and their corresponding prices.

The above rates apply to hay, grain, wood, lumber, lath, shingles, flour, sugar, mill feed, vegetables, fruit, general hardware, iron and coal. Other commodities at special rates. Powder and other explosives, double rates, to be shipped by freight train only at stated times.

Driving In Team Harness. Chas. Dunham has taken a position in the Jackson County bank and will, for a time without date, assist Cashier Egan in the multifarious duties connected with that institution. The two will hook up well in double harness and will do good work in their respective positions. Mr. Dunham will have charge of the insurance department connected with the bank, and will, under the efficient tutorage of Mr. Egan, acquire a knowledge of business which will be of much profit to himself as well as to the bank. Both these gentlemen are thoroughly reliable and very accommodating, and the bank's patrons may expect a continued courteous treatment.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair. DR. PRICE'S Cream Baking Powder. The only Pure Cream of Tartar Powder—No Ammonia; No Alum. Used in Millions of Homes—40 Years the Standard.

Highly of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report. Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

Royal Baking Powder advertisement with logo and text: ABSOLUTELY PURE

Bicycles, Spring and the Young Man. In the spring-time when the gardens and meadows are aglow with blue and red the young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of bicycles, and it is painful to observe him crash ker-plunk into an evening post in his endeavor to break a wheel to drive in his single harness. Medford sidewalks are this early in the season being bespattered with gore from the proboscis of the amateur bicyclist, who rides not wisely but too wabbly. The latest victim to the bicycle craze in Medford is I. A. Mounce, the Seventh street confectioner. He rides bravely, if not safely—as all bystanders near the post-office will vouchsafe when they recall his collision with awning posts and the sidewalk one day last week.

You will be wanting some crockery, perhaps, this spring. Baby has probably broken a number of pieces during the winter; perhaps your kitchen help and the policeman have been working up a trade for the crockeryman—in any case you can get full sets or odd pieces of almost any quality or style at Walters, the grocer.

Compliments of Dr. E. B. Pickel. THE MAIL is in receipt of the program of commencement exercises of the college of Physicians and Surgeons, of Chicago, and of which our good friend, Dr. Pickel, is a member on the college roll. The exercises were held on Tuesday of this week, immediately following which Mr. and Mrs. Pickel left for Medford. The programs are as finely gotten up as any we have seen and if the work at the college comes as near the line of perfection in the practice of the science of medicine and surgery as did the printer in producing the program, there has been some bright young minds and skillful hands turned loose from this establishment.

Groceries must be fresh to be palatable. I will pay a premium for any musty or shelf-worn articles found on my shelves. This, however, is through no fault of mine—the people won't let me keep them long enough to get musty. Walters the grocer.

How John Made a Fortune. John Hardin is a barber, and a miner as well. It was related to us this week that John made a little fortune when engaged in barbering. He being a miner knew that there was gold in the whiskers of nearly every man he shaved, as all were miners, and he had an interest in the Orl grocery, sends for his family and must have a place to domicile them. There is no kick coming but Pete declares it "dogged hard luck."

You will find a fine assortment of Parasols and Umbrellas, cheaper than the cheapest at Angle & Plymale's.

Bonded His Mining Property. Dr. Hazden was in Medford last Saturday. The gentleman, we learn, has bonded his three quartz ledges, together with all mining machinery, located near Gold Hill, to eastern capitalists for a term of years. The doctor expects to leave soon for Indiana where he will remain some little time. The new men will at once put the property in operation.

Clothing! Clothing! The latest in spring and summer suits just arrived at Angle & Plymale's.

The Wind Blew Box Cars. There was a rip-roaring snow and wind storm in North Dakota a couple of weeks ago. One of the incidents of the wind's frolics was the blowing of a box car forty-five miles. It got loose somehow at Alto Junction, on the Great Northern railroad, and before it could be stopped the wind had driven it over the rails to Moorhead, a distance of forty-five miles.

Straw Hats! Fifty dozen of all styles and grades just received at Angle & Plymale's.

Five Applicants for Pensions. The board of pension examining surgeons met in Medford Wednesday week and examined five applicants for pensions. The applicants reside at Grants Pass and other localities of the valley, but according to rulings of the department their names cannot be made known until the result of the examination is given out from the pension bureau at Washington.

Have you seen those nobby hats at Muller's? If not, you should before purchasing elsewhere.

Rumors of Fire. A loud shout of "fire" met the ears of early pedestrians on the streets of Medford Tuesday morning, and from a chimney on Hotel Medford came great volumes of smoke and flames of fire. It proved to be nothing more than the burning out of the chimney but the rooms through which the chimney traversed were filled with smoke and considerable heat.

A. W. Bish will receive fresh fish Tuesday and Friday of each week—near the postoffice, Medford.

Sixty-Eight Ounces of Gold. W. H. Rhoten and A. W. Sturgis are placer mining up on Jacksons creek and are meeting with success in big chunks. Last week they took out sixty-eight ounces of clear gold from their flume, as a result of a two months' run. They have not made their clean-up yet, nor will they do so as long as the water supply holds out, but when they do rich returns are expected.

E. H. Davis, proprietor of the Medford drug line, has four foot and tier wood always on hand.

"Rosy" New Salesman. Mort Foster has accepted a position as salesman in S. Rosenthal's clothing establishment. Mr. Foster is an old hand at the business and the manner in which he has rearranged the goods in the several departments tell of his

ability to handle the articles, while his earnest efforts to please both proprietor and patrons is noticeable at every turn.

Chase combination dental plates made with gold and aluminum roofs. Filling inserted in porcelain teeth to perfect appearance, at Dr. O. F. Demore's dental parlors, Medford.

Going to Live in the City. Spence Childers, Jr., has purchased the Legate residence property on North C street, from B. S. Webb and will soon move in from his Table Rock ranch. The price paid was \$1000. His sons will remain on the farm and care for the stock. Mr. Childers is a mason by trade and moves to the city to be in closer proximity with his work.

The Racket has received its first shipment of spring millinery. If you WANT bargains you can be accommodated.

Will Build a 6000 Bushel Granary. Contractor E. W. Starr this week closed a contract with Mrs. Ish whereby he is to build for her a granary, 24x30 feet in size, which, when completed will hold 6000 bushels of grain. The building will consume 25,000 feet of lumber in its construction. Work on the building will be commenced about May 1st.

I can fit you out in anything you may need in men's furnishing goods or groceries—L. M. Muller.

Met and Elected Officers. Last Saturday the stockholders of the Hammersley Mining company met in Medford and elected officers as follows: President, Lionel R. Webster; Vice president, George Hammersley; Secretary and treasurer, Austin S. Hammond; General manager, Riley Hammersley.

Long waisted, glove fitting, P. N. corset, always on hand at Angle & Plymale's.

There will be Music in the Air. About May first the public school band proposes giving a concert at the opera house. This will be their first annual musicale and the program will be replete with the choicest music which can be procured. It will be a great treat and none ought to miss attending.

The largest stock of lace in the city—at the Racket Store, all cheaper than ever.

Everything in a Name. The sign, "Fine Toilet Soap, five cents," has been hung on the wall. The ladies came and went each day but bought no soap at all. The sign was changed, "Complexion Soap, Price fifty cents per cake." The dealer in the next two weeks a fortune small did make.

Go to the Medford shaving parlors for a first-class shave, W. L. Townsend, proprietor.

Fixing up their Church. The Episcopal people of Medford have been making many improvements about their little church on Seventh street, all of which are noticeable, commendable and complimentary are the remarks being made by passers-by.

The Stetson hat is the acknowledged king of men's head gear—Walters, the grocer, keeps them.

Try This on Your Horses. To prevent a sore back on your saddle horse, loosen the girths and leave the saddle in place until the horse cools, or for about half an hour.—Farm Journal.

Wanted:—To exchange a Wheeler & Wilson sewing machine for a milch cow. C. P. Buck, Medford.

Is Still Quite Ill. Otis Hubbard has been ill for nearly four weeks with typhoid fever and is not as yet in a much improved condition.

Men's summer underwear from 25 cents up. Ladies' summer underwear from 7 cents up.—The Racket.

LAND FOR SALE. At 60 per cent of actual value. Six-hundred acres of land situated on Rogue river bottom, and creeks and up land adjacent, three and one half miles north of Central Point—suitable for grain, fruit or stock; good fence and buildings—controls extensive range adjoining. Will sell at any part or very liberal terms. Intending purchasers will do well to examine this property before buying elsewhere. Call at premises or address the undersigned at Central Point.

W. B. KINCAID. Misses' and children's Leghorn Hats—35 cents, at Mrs. C. W. Palm's.

Notice to P. P. Clubs. A meeting of the County Central Committee will be held in Medford, Saturday, April 14, 1894, at 1 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of making preparations for the coming campaign. The chairman of the executive committee of each club being a member of the County Central Committee, are earnestly requested to be in attendance; also each member of the County Executive Committee, as a matter of great importance will come before said County Committee at that time. By order of the County Executive Committee. E. P. HAMMOND, Chairman.

The Judge Knew Smith, the Jeweler. "Say, Judge, who is this Edward Smith, the new Watchmaker, that I hear all the boys talking so much about that has just located at Medford?"

"Why, don't you know him? He is the oldest son of Henry Smith, the old Medford storekeeper, where Mr. and Mrs. Crandall have carried on a large and successful business for years past, and he is now located in his father's old store on Front street. Your fine Watches are perfectly safe in his hands—just as much so as if you placed them in the Jackson County Bank vault."

Rehearsal Second Social. Tuesday evening a few less than fifty of our folks, Old Fellows and their families met at Lodge hall and enjoyed another of their very pleasant socials. The program was made up of recitations, solos, quartettes and instrumental music, all of which was well rendered and fully appreciated. The attendance was hardly as large as the first social given, due probably to the fact that these bright spring days are days of much work and less of pleasure.

Notice to Bridge Builders. SEALED proposals will be received at the office of the County Clerk of Jackson County, Oregon, until April 21, 1894. At 12 o'clock noon of said day. Such proposals to be for repairing the Central Point Bridge, across Bear creek, in accordance with the plans and specifications now on file in the office of the County Clerk. Such proposals to be accompanied by a bond in the sum of Two Hundred (\$200) dollars. Condition that the bidder will repair said bridge according to the plans and specifications thereof, and for the amount named in his proposal. Cash will be paid for the work. The County Clerk reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. Dated April 15, 1894. MAX MULLER, County Clerk.

16 Boils at Once. Hood's Sarsaparilla Purifies the Blood and Restores Health.



"C. E. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.: "About four years ago my wife was troubled with salt rheum. Although we tried nearly everything it got worse instead of better and hardly she died. Finally she commenced to use Hood's Sarsaparilla and when she had taken two bottles her rheum was entirely healed and she has not since been troubled. In December, 1892, my neck was covered with boils of a Scrofulous Nature. There were sixteen of them at once and as soon as they healed others would break out. My neck finally became covered with ridges and Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures. I then commenced taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, and after taking four bottles the boils had all healed and the scars had disappeared. I recommended Hood's Sarsaparilla to all suffering from any disorder of the blood." F. W. BROWELL, Winnet, North Dakota.

Hood's Pills are not easily, yet promptly act on the bowels, on the liver and bowels.

TULA-WATER gives a complexion. The brilliancy it imparts is marvelous. By its use the complexion becomes TAN, FRECKLES, PIMPLES, BLACKHEAD, LIVER SPOTS, ETC. Hood's Sarsaparilla will give you an appearance of elegance and refinement. Tula Water combines every element of beauty, purity and wholesomeness as ever. For sale by druggists.

PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT. CONDUCTED BY N. L. NARREGAN.

Report for the month ending March 23, 1894. First Grade—M. M. Coleman, Teacher. No. enrolled 108; number belonging 98; daily attendance 90. Second Grade—Josie Benson, Teacher. No. enrolled 58; number belonging 52; daily attendance 50. Third Grade—Ellen Bursell, Teacher. No. enrolled 54; number belonging 43; daily attendance 41. Fourth Grade—Minnie Workman, Teacher. No. enrolled 54; number belonging 42; daily attendance 39. Fifth and Sixth Grades—A. J. Pickle, Teacher. No. enrolled 63; number belonging 51; daily attendance 49. Seventh, Eighth and High School. No. enrolled 144; number belonging 104; daily attendance 100; new pupils 22; re-enrolled 2. Total enrollment 473; daily attendance 354; number days taught 20. School closes May 15th.

The P. S. band are preparing for their first annual concert, promise the people a rare musical treat. Grace Foster has a seven months school. Miss Ellen Benson begins her school April 1st.

Entered the Race Single Handed. J. W. Hoekersmith, of Medford, on Monday filed his certificate of nomination, signed by fifty individual electors, for the office of sheriff and his acceptance of the same, with the clerk of Jackson county.

Quicksand is a Treacherous Article. Ted Howard while riding across Bear creek at the McAdams ford, Tuesday, came near being out just the value of a good horse. His horse encountered a bed of quicksand from which it was unable to extricate itself. A team of horses was procured, a rope fastened around the almost entirely submerged animal and it was pulled out, and found uninjured. The horse was in the water and sand about four hours.

Five acres of land set out to prunes, for sale. Enquire at the Owl grocery.

City Council Doings. The Medford city council met in regular session last Tuesday evening. The principal business transacted was the letting of contract to Frank Wait for putting in culvert at corner of C and Eighth streets, price to be paid, \$138. An ordinance was passed amending street ordinance in such manner as to require a certain depth of gravel on all graded streets. In the matter of adjusting water rates, same carried over until future meeting. Mr. Flynn's proposition regarding improvements in city water supply was carried over until special meeting of board which is called for to-morrow, Saturday, night.

New and second hand stoves for sale at the Second Hand Store.

How to Build Up Our Town. Making it a place of beauty and attractive to new comers. Set out flowers and shrubs, cover your houses with vines and buy them from the Medford Green House. You will find prices low and plants sure to grow, as they are home grown, with vitality unimpaired by packing and a large journey, besides keeping the money at home, which is sure to be circulated again among you. Choice roses a specialty—strong plants, 5 cents; two-year-old for immediate effect, 15 cents. House plants in varieties at comparatively low prices. Choice varieties of Asters, \$1.00 per hundred. Vegetable plants now ready. All are invited to call and see for themselves.

Seed corn for sale, by P. W. O'well—corn is two years old.

I have bargains in ladies' gowns and children's headwear. G. L. Webb.

Meeting of Presbytery. The Presbytery of Southern Oregon will meet at Grants Pass next Tuesday, at 7:30 p. m. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. Alex. S. Foster, who is the retiring moderator.

Dissolution of Partnership. Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing and doing business in the town of Medford, under the firm name and style of Morris & Legate, is by mutual consent this day dissolved. All accounts due said firm are payable to John Morris and all accounts owed by the firm are to be paid by said Morris. Dated at Medford this 26th day of March, 1894. JOHN MORRIS, W. P. H. LEGATE.

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WALTERS. THE COMFORTS OF HOME. Are never quite complete unless your larder is supplied with the best and freshest of Groceries. A Happy Household. Is one that is well fed. No Housewife Can prepare a palatable meal if she has not good material with which to work. Walters, the Grocer, supplies these articles. A Well Attired Gentleman is always pleasing to look upon. For a very little money Walters can fit you out to fill the bill. HIS STETSON HATS. Are beauties. WALTERS, The Grocer.

H. M. BALL, Pres. CAPITAL \$1,000,000. W. E. COUL, Sec'y and Superintendent. Tacoma, Washington.

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