

THE MEDFORD MAIL

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MAN WAS BORN TO HUSTLE.

He is of few days; but quite a plenty.

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Twenty-Six New Subs—14 Days.

Since January 6, '95, we have added seventy-six new subscribers to our list. We give below the names received since January 25th—just twenty-six:

- J. W. Dowell, Medford.
- J. W. Wilson, Medford.
- R. R. Guchess, Medford.
- H. E. Hooker, Medford.
- M. H. Gobson, Medford.
- W. L. Esteb, Beagle, Or.
- Ella J. Rivers, Medford.
- Math Demmer, Medford.
- Jas Shields, Wellen, Or.
- John Atterby, Herling, Or.
- Rev. W. C. Jenkins, Medford.
- R. Mac Tavish, Ely, Or.
- Geo. W. Hall, Applegate, Or.
- Thos Pomeroy, Denver, Col.
- J. D. Hudson, Olympia, Wash.
- A. W. Lacy, Soda Springs, Or.
- M. T. Washburn, Phoenix, Or.
- W. L. Patterson, Phoenix, Or.
- Claude White, Eagle Point, Or.
- H. M. Terry, Watts Flats, N. Y.
- John F. Miller, Jacksonville, Or.
- Henry Wilson, Jacksonville, Or.
- W. D. Clumppner, Marshfield, Wis.
- John Curry, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.
- John F. Loosley, Klamath Agency, Or.
- J. S. Pearce & Sons, Jacksonville, Or.

Since the above names were put in type we have received twelve more subscriptions. Names will appear next week.

Mail Subscription Payments.

Beginning January 1, 1895, we have kept a list of all subscription renewals to this paper. We want all persons who pay us money to know just how their accounts stand, and this list is published that those who make payments may be assured that they are properly credited on our books. The date given here represents the date to which the subscription is paid, and if it does not correspond with that given in your receipt, or if your name does not appear in the next list following any payment you have made, please notify this office, and it will be attended to at once.

- Iola Siscook, July 3, '95.
- H. S. Moore, May 25, '95.
- F. Suter, February 3, '95.
- J. Darnell, March 15, '95.
- I. Woolf, January 15, '95.
- B. F. Kepper, July 24, '95.
- W. J. Jones, March 1, '94.
- J. Anglemire, July 8, '95.
- J. C. Elder, January 3, '95.
- Willis Griffin, July 21, '95.
- G. A. Hoyer, January 1, '95.
- D. E. Hill, October 15, '94.
- C. H. Hoxie, January 17, '95.
- W. H. Barr, January 12, '95.
- B. T. Adkins, January 3, '95.
- S. M. Nealon, March 30, '95.
- J. A. Crain, December 17, '95.
- I. W. Thomas, January 1, '95.
- O. B. Bursell, January 18, '95.
- Mat Swanson, January 1, '95.
- Ed Anderson, August 31, '95.
- Wm. Baruum, December 15, '94.
- Alex. Orme, December 29, '95.
- Dr. J. Hinkle, February 3, '94.
- H. W. Lumsden, January 1, '95.
- Mrs. A. H. Jackson, May 17, '95.
- John O'Conder, February 1, '95.
- Robt. Ashworth, January 6, '95.
- W. Anderson, December 15, '94.
- R. H. Whitehead, January 20, '95.
- Thos. B. Stoddard, November 17, '95.
- Mrs. M. A. Stoddard, January 5, '95.

The top side of a cloud is always bright. Medford is on the top cloud of prosperity, and accordingly all things are bright with us.

The Mail and the Weekly Oregonian one year for only \$2. This is a pretty liberal offer, but we will extend it to renewals as well as new subscribers.

That road problem has been settled—by the county court. That body decided a road was not needed—and the remonstrance fellows are well pleased at the outcome.

If you don't want the grip keep your feet dry. If you have the grip don't neglect it. Some people seem to think that the grip is a joke—but these people have never had it.

The case of the Chicago couple who have married each other for the seventh time is exceptional. The average Chicago resident does not wed the same person more than twice, and rarely marries to exceed seven or eight times altogether.

It is more or less interesting to learn that John Bull has prompted Canada to "keep an eye on Alaska." And it ought not to be wholly uninteresting to John Bull to learn that while Canada is watching Alaska Uncle Sam is watching Canada.

"What are the law-makers doing about the repeal of the law that compels the payment of taxes on what one is indebted? The senatorial struggle should not defeat this just piece of legislation."—Eugene Guard.

It's right you are, Ira; and there are plenty of people who will agree with you.

We have three communications this week against the new wagon road proposition and one favorable to the same. This paper is willing that both sides should have a hearing, and now that this has been accomplished, what do you say to calling quits? A little of a good thing is all right, but too much of the same article loses its flavor.

PURELY PERSONAL.

S. S. WILSON returned Sunday evening from his extended visit to Ukiah, Calif.

POLK HULL, than whom there are no squarer men in the county, was at the Hub Tuesday.

L. McDANIELS, of Grants Pass, came up Monday for a visit with J. D. Stevens and family.

A. T. DRISKO left Sunday evening for a four weeks' visit to several Willamette valley points.

Rev. E. S. CRAVEN was at Grants Pass Monday in attendance upon a meeting of the Ministerial Association.

SIKES WARDEN, of Fort Klamath, was on Sunday evening's train bound for Portland on a two weeks' business trip.

J. H. BUTLER, the painter, has leased a part of the Grossman residence, on Sixth street, and has moved his family thereto.

LEE MINKLER and LESTER HIGH, of Ashland, were in Medford Sunday exchanging kindly greetings with their many acquaintances.

Capt. J. T. C. NASH arrived in Medford yesterday. Ditto Hon. A. M. Crawford. Now keep your eye on Hotel Nash, nee Medford.

Mrs. W. L. GRINNELL, of Portland, is in Medford visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Galloway. The lady will remain several weeks.

Miss CORA BROWN, of Eagle Point, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. Holmes at Central Point, came by Monday's train on a visit to Miss May Isaacs.

J. A. BRADBURY and sister, Miss PEARL, of Beatrice, Nebraska, arrived in Medford last Saturday and will make their home in this city with Rev. Eli Fisher. Mr. B. is a signwriter and painter.

Mrs. C. D. KELLOGG left Tuesday evening for Portland, at which place her husband is now employed, and where they expect to make their home. Mrs. A. A. Kellogg, their mother, will occupy their pretty B street residence in Medford.

Mrs. S. A. CARLTON came down from her farm home, near Brownsboro, this week for a visit with her sister, Mrs. F. M. Plymale. Tuesday both Mrs. Carlton and Mrs. Plymale went up Ashland and Talent way for a couple or three days' visit with their friends thereabouts.

HARRY BLAISDELL, of Portland, who came here about a month ago, and went into the mining business, has sent for his family, who will probably locate here, and make a pleasing accession to Medford's society. His family has arrived and is now stopping with J. McPherson's people, out on Griffin creek.

JAS. HORTON, recently from Albany, formerly from Colorado, arrived in this garden country of ours last week, and is now looking up a mining proposition. He is not only a miner but as well has an eye for the beauty and plumpness of the cereals grown hereabouts—noticeable our corn product, of which samples were immediately dispatched to his ex-prairie home.

C. A. D. BURNETT, of Brownsboro, was in Medford Saturday and Sunday. While here he took time to tell us of the arrival at his house, about three weeks ago, of a fine large girl baby. He also remarked that he was selling lots of his patent fence, and further, that he had just constructed a rock picker that would startle the world when he placed it on the market.

HARVEY MACK, of the Ager-Lake-view stage line, arrived last Friday on a visit to old friends in this county. He was accompanied by Dan Driscoll, the Bonanza, Klamath county, merchant, who was married at Jacksonville Sunday morning to Miss Grace Kuhn, when the happy couple took the immediate train for Marysville, Cal., where they go on an extended visit to the groom's parents, whom he has not seen in ten years.

A. J. FREDENBERG returned Saturday evening from his quite extended visit to several California points. When he left here he was bent upon seeking a better location for his business—but he sought in vain for that ideal spot, and returns with the avowed intention of anchoring a solid base right in this metropolis of ours. Among other places that he visited was Red Bluff, which is a pretty good sized city, but he relates that there is more business done right here in this city than there.

Mr. F. and Jack are going to get in now and manufacture a goodly amount of their celebrated—and economical—picket fences and are going to offer it at a reduced price—to make business.

Died—Fred Wright.

An unpleasant duty devolved upon us this week—that of chronicling the death of Mr. Fred Wright, which occurred in this city on Sunday, February 3, 1895.

Deceased was the son of our townspeople, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Wright, and while he had lived in this city but about three months, all who knew him were his fast friends. He was born in Walworth county, Wisconsin, February 1, 1867. He came to Oregon a couple of years ago and has since resided in the state. Last summer he taught school on Grave creek, but his health, which had been poor for some time, compelled him to give up this his chosen profession, and he joined his parents at this place to await the end, which could not be long in coming—his malady being consumption. Deceased was an exceptionally bright young man and had not that dread destroyer fastened its fangs about him, his would have been a brilliant career.

Funeral services were held at the family residence, corner D and Sixth streets, on Tuesday of this week, services conducted by Rev. John L. Jones. Interment was made in Odd Fellows cemetery.

For Sale or Rent.

A five-acre tract, house and barn; one-quarter mile from school house.

J. S. HOWARD.

SHALL WE, OR SHALL WE NOT?

Talk of County Seat Removal—Medford Offers a New Court House.

A Subscription Paper Now Being Circulated, with Good Results.

A subscription paper being circulated in any community naturally creates just a little excitement and more or less comment, but there are subscription papers occasionally which do circulate, which cause just a little more excitement than some others, and such a one was gyrating about Medford this week, and the reading, in plain, every-day common sense English, was like this:

"We, the undersigned citizens of Jackson county, believing that the time has arrived when some legislation should be had to remove the county seat to a more convenient locality, and believing that the town of Medford answers that requirement more than any other, we hereby signify our willingness to subscribe the amount set opposite our names toward building a court house at that place, if such change can be effected at an early date."

The paper bearing the above agreement was taken around among a few of our business men on Monday of this week and in less than two hours' time thirteen names appeared thereon for \$500 each, and one for \$600, making a total of \$7100. During this brief canvass there were many who expressed a willingness to subscribe a lesser amount than \$500, but as it was especially desired that \$10,000 or \$12,000 be subscribed in amounts of \$500 each, the acceptance of these lesser amounts was deferred until the larger ones were all gathered in. A point especially flattering to the proposition is that the gentlemen whose names appear on the paper could easily pay ten times the amount subscribed—and undoubtedly would contribute more than they already have rather than see the proposition made a failure.

The proposition may be a bluff, but if it is it has been a long time brewing. It has been talked, not alone among our townspeople, but by many in the country, for several months. It may possibly be that the issue taken by Jacksonville parties relative to railroad matters has hastened its coming to the surface. But be this as it may, an expression is being offered and without a doubt will be followed to an issue of either success or failure.

The "absurdity" of removing the county seat from Jacksonville to Medford has not presented itself to any fair minded man in the county. Ask anyone regarding the matter and you will be told that it is only a question of time when such a thing will be brought about. That Medford is more centrally located than any other point in the county is very convincingly true; that more people trade here than at any other town in the county is also true, and that the convenience to be derived from being able to do your business with the county officials in the same town in which you do your trading is no less an important factor.

THE MAIL has been asked repeatedly to agitate this removal proposition, but we have declined to have anything to do with the matter, basing our position upon the grounds that not until such time when the people of Medford could say to the taxpayers of this county: "Gentlemen, we will build you a court house if you will give us the county seat," would we favor the removal. We will not, now nor never, support any measure that will take one cent from the purse of a taxpayer of this county and put it into new county buildings to replace those now in use. If the people of Jackson county don't want Medford to have the county seat, after she has promised that the removal shall cost them nothing, then THE MAIL proposes that it be left right where it is. Medford's interests are our interests, but we are not so clannish as to make the county's interests subservient to our own or those of the town in which we live.

The question at hand is not a complicated one, neither will it be expensive to the county. It can be disposed of as easily as was originated and as effectually as though it had never been. A vote of the people of the county will settle it. If the projectors of the proposition decide to ask the legislature to pass an act enabling a vote to be taken, they will not ask that a special election be called, but instead that a vote be taken at the next general

election—thus no extra expense is incurred.

Another point: A bill is now before the Oregon legislature, asking to have established an insane asylum in Southern Oregon, and an appropriation of \$100,000 is also asked for its construction and maintenance. If Medford will build a new court house for Jackson county, would it not be possible for the county to sell the present court house to the state, for an asylum? Let us presume that this could be done; let us presume that Jackson county could sell the court house to the state of Oregon for say \$25,000 or \$30,000—that would be quite a hole in the present county indebtedness, would it not? Whatever turn is made, let it be so made that the present county debt may be lessened rather than increased.

Are Now Doing Business.

The Medford brewery has commenced its season's work of manufacturing beer. A MAIL reporter went down brewery way Monday—it was not beer he was after, but he was thirsty for more items—and found that which he sought. He found the proprietor, G. W. Bashford, and his son Elmer working just as hard as the regular help. He also found S. C. Willmott, the brewer, a very clever gentleman, and willing to devote a few minutes of his time to so menial a subject as a newspaper reporter. We wrote quite at length upon this brewery subject some several months ago, when the plant was owned by Johnson, McCarthy & Johnson, hence we will not go into details upon the same subject again. Among the new things added to the institution by Mr. Bashford is a large vat, or tub, in which will be kept an article known to imbibers of the stimulant as "pale beer." The fermenting cellar was filled with large tubs and these filled with beer in the first stage of fermentation. We expect it was getting the right kind of a grip on the ferment process, but we don't know positively, as we did not sample it—it wasn't ripe for sampling, as enough stages had not yet been passed. The malt room is a new feature to this institution. It is 24x70 feet in size and has a capacity of forty bushels of barley each day. We were shown the whole process of malting—from the time the hard berry takes its first bath, through the sprouting stage, the drier and back again to the upper dock when the sprouts are removed and it is ready for the brew vats. We had now seen all the new features and with a kind word to the gentlemanly Mr. Willmott for courtesies shown us we slid away. We have neglected to mention, however, that the ice plant, under Elmer's sole superintendency, will begin its work of manufacturing ice within a very few weeks. It is started thus early in the season that a reserve supply may be "laid in" for emergencies and times of rush during the torrid tempered months of mid-summer.

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