

Will Put on a Fast Train.

The Southern Pacific Company has decided to meet all comers in an open fight for passenger business between San Francisco and Portland.

The Shasta limited will in no wise interfere with the present Oregon express service. It will only make the trip on steamer days, and the rates announced for it will not be good on other trains.

Circumstantial Evidence at Fault.

In the states prison at Stillwater, Minnesota, is published a newspaper, called the Prison Mirror. It is edited and published by inmates of the prison. In it is found the following:

"The injustice of courts is exemplified in the case of Andrew Hudgepath, who was murdered by due process of law at Harrison, Ark., about two years ago. Prejudice and perjury secured his conviction, and Hudgepath was swung from the gallows into eternity protesting his innocence to the last; and that he was innocent was established beyond doubt later on by the return of the man supposed to have been murdered. It would seem that the law which had unjustly taken this man's life had a duty to perform to his family. His widow is now living in an old tent by the roadside a few miles from Wagoner, I. T., where she is struggling to eke out a miserable existence for herself and children among strangers and receiving no assistance from those who were instrumental in depriving her and her children of their natural protector. As the children grow up in poverty and ignorance and hear the story of their father's death from the lips of their mother, will they not harbor thoughts of vengeance and set the law at defiance?"

Circumstantial evidence hung Hudgepath, and it hung an innocent man. For the protection of mankind it is necessary that the courts depend upon circumstantial evidence, and while they may have erred in some cases they are but few compared with those which circumstantial evidence has justly convicted and punished.

Come to School.

There are a number of persons in Medford above the first grade who should be in attendance but for some reason are not.

The school accommodations are not as pleasant as they will be later, but there is room for all and good work is being done by those attending. Valuable time is being lost by those who are out, and when they enter they may not be able to do the work of the grade to which they formerly belonged and so fall behind. Teachers will be pleased to have the patrons of the school visit their rooms any day. Come and see what can be done under adverse circumstances.

G. A. GREGORY

—Rev. Gittins and family arrived in Medford this week and have taken up their residence on North B street.

—Dr. O. F. Demorest is fully equipped to do bridge work. Teeth inserted without plates. Seamless gold or aluminum crowns. Office over Strang's drug store.

Mr. Miller came into this section, says the Kerby Union, last May and located on Soldier Creek where he saw good quartz indications. He had not been there long 'till he struck this big quartz find which he calls the Denver City.

The entire dimensions of the ledge as it appears on the surface, is seventy feet wide and from 250 to 300 feet long. About fourteen feet of this, that is, a fourteen feet vein we might call it, lying in this immense body of quartz is very rich, being free milling ore. Then there is a strip from two to two and one half feet wide that is littered full of gold. This is as rich quartz as I ever saw, in fact it could not be any better unless it was solid gold. I have specimens at this office which are nearly all gold and they were not taken out of the best specimens either. I also saw specimens as large as hen's eggs which seemed to be nearly all gold. Mr. Miller has not prospected it down any depth but from all indications it runs far down into the heart of the mountain. There is enough already in sight to make him a rich man. Other locations have been made immediately tributary to Mr. Miller's Denver City.

The Shell Exploded.

P. S. Enyart met with quite a peculiar accident Monday afternoon which resulted in his having his left hand quite badly injured.

He was in the act of removing the caps from a lot of shotgun shells, and came to one which had been snapped, but did not explode. In some way the shot had been taken out and Mr. Enyart did not notice that the powder and wad still remained in the shell. No sooner did he apply the cap extractor than there was a loud explosion, and as he was holding the shell in his left hand the powder tore the flesh of the inside of his hand in a fearful manner.

Physicians were called and dressed the injured member and the patient is getting along quite nicely. No amputation will be necessary and he will have the use of his hand as good as ever.

Christian Church Services.

Ten a. m., Sunday school lesson—"Ruth's Choice;" 11 a. m., sermon—"The Reward of an Unselfish Soul;" 3 p. m., Junior Endeavor—"Juggernaut and his Worship;" 6:30 p. m., the 21st anniversary of the Christian Woman's Board of Mission. The following is the program:

Bible Reading... Mrs. H. L. Miser Prayers... J. A. Webb State Development... Mrs. G. T. Jones Brother and Sister Mitchell, India Missions... Mrs. J. K. Darnell Our China Missions... Mrs. H. S. Webb Miss Kinsbury and our India Orphans, Mrs. G. L. Webb Poem... Miss Olive Butler Mountain... Mrs. E. H. Fisher Thanksgiving and praise by all members. Short historical sketches of our U. S. M. work and collection for their work. Special music. All are invited.

A Highway Bicycle Track.

Geo. M. Miller has a model of a bicycle track which he is confident if put into use would be of great benefit to the bicycling fraternity. The track is five feet wide, and is built on a frame which is eight feet high and sets on top of the ground. A railing is also built on each side of the track to prevent cyclists from running off. The track can be built for six dollars per hundred feet, including material, labor and everything. The merits which Mr. Miller claims for it are that cyclists can attain a high rate of speed on it without danger of collision or great fatigue, and that it can be traveled as well in the wet season as in the dry. The track is to be built with an established grade and will be raised high enough at county roads to pass over them.

HEW TO THE LINE—

Let the Chips Fall Where they Lay.

As an individual member of the people's party, and as a citizen in common with my fellows of Jackson county, I take this my first opportunity to denounce the late act of our county clerk in voting with our county judge to reduce the just railroad assessment, made by our efficient and honest assessor, Geo. A. Jackson.

This infamous act comes to me like a clap of thunder from a clear sky, for I confided in "Nate" with that trust that binds brother to brother.

N. A. Jacobs has, as an official, trampled upon the fundamental principle of the party that trusted and elected him, and therefore, he cannot longer feel that he is a servant of that party which has ever proclaimed "equal rights to all and special privileges to none," railroads not excepted. Brothers, let us stand for our just principles and denounce corruption whether in or out of our party.

SAM'L DANIELSON.

W. C. T. U. Called Convention.

A called convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Jackson county, will be held at Phoenix, Saturday, October 19th, beginning at 9:30 a. m. and lasting one day. All members are requested to attend.

Mrs. D. E. HYDE, President. Mrs. ROSE DEGRUIT, Secretary.

County Commissioners' Court.

Reports of treasurer filed and approved. Report of sheriff continued. Petition for road by A. J. Florey et al, registered for the reason, it was not properly presented.

Hospital report filed and approved. Bids for running R. R. ferry for one year considered, contract awarded John Watkins, he being the lowest bidder—his bid was \$174 with a bond of \$500.

Petition of J. E. Stieckel, et al, asking for the removal of R. R. Ferry—continued until next term.

Contract and bond of Emil DeRoosam, examined and approved. Application for damage of Whitman road, O. Bursell, W. T. Moore and W. J. Gregory appointed viewers to assess damages to meet Oct. 25, '96, at the office of N. A. Jacobs and qualify—and proceed to view and assess damages—further course continued until next term. Assessment roll accepted and approved.

Griffin Creek Gatherings.

BY OCCASIONAL. Miss Bertha McPherson, of this place is attending the Medford public school.

Mr. and Mrs. King, of Medford, were guests of Mr. Murphy and wife here Sunday.

Wm. Eggers, of Medford, made a business visit to Crooked creek Tuesday morning.

Mr. Colking and family, were out from Medford Sunday, visiting with G. W. Bashford's family.

E. L. Griffin is assisting in hauling rock to Medford, to be used on the foundation of the new school house.

Miss Georgia Spencer, the MEDFORD MAIL reporter, came out from town and Sunday here with her parents.

Rev. Brower preached an interesting sermon here to the people last Sunday morning, also in the evening at 1 o'clock.

Little Zora Griffin is placed under the care of Dr. Pickett again, something being the trouble with her knee, which prevents her from walking.

J. P. True still continues to make improvements on his place. This time, being in the shape of a new woodshed. Just give him time and he will have one of the model homes in the Rogue River valley.

(Remainder of communication will appear next week.)

The Ladies' Home Journal Invests.

What is generally conceded in Philadelphia to be one of the most desirable building sites in the city has just been purchased by The Ladies Home Journal. The property is located at Sixth and Walnut streets, which means that it fronts on two of the most beautiful squares in Philadelphia, the famous Independence Square on the east and Washington Square on the south. The land acquired includes five properties. On May 1st, next, the houses thereon will be torn down to make room for a building costing \$250,000, to be solely owned and exclusively occupied by the Journal. The building will require two years in its construction.

County Expenditures.

The following are the bills allowed and warrants ordered drawn at the last session of the Board of Supervisors:

Table listing various county expenditures including items like 'A. J. Florey, sprakes, road Dist. No. 32', 'Henry Klippel, lumber', 'John Clements, labor on bridges', etc., with corresponding amounts.

Real Estate Transfers.

Table listing real estate transfers including names like 'Mary A. Gould to William Lyttleton', 'E. V. Farner, administrator of estate of', etc., with details of the property and amounts.

PURELY PERSONAL.

FRANCIS M. TUNGATE came over from Big Butte last Saturday to make proof on his homestead.

S. S. COOPER has moved from Phoenix to Lake creek, where he will reside during the coming winter.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. STEVENSON were in from Sams Valley this week visiting their many friends and relatives and doing trading.

J. J. FRYER was over from Eagle Point Monday—and paid his respects to THE MAIL—likewise his superintendant for another year.

Dr. W. W. STANFIELD, of Eagle Point, was a caller at THE MAIL shop this week. The gentleman is thinking of moving to Medford for permanent residence.

Mr. and Mrs. C. DAVIS, of Tacoma, Wash., arrived in Medford yesterday and will visit for a few months with their sons, A. A. and E. H. Davis, and their families.

Mrs. W. T. MOORE and son BERT were over from Bedford, Klamath county, last week purchasing a supply of hardware, apples, groceries and general merchandise.

B. S. WEBB and Dr. B. F. ADKINS and their families started out Tuesday morning for Ranchero where they will hunt and picnic until they get their fill of both these sports.

Merchant S. ROSENTHAL left for Klamath Falls this week with a large load of merchandise for his store at that place. He is reported to be doing a splendid business over at the falls.

Jos. DOWDEN was up from Gold Hill Monday upon business. The gentleman was a pleasant caller at THE MAIL shop—where a pleasant little talk was had upon matters and things touching upon the general outlook.

C. J. WALL left Friday of last week for Honolulu, where he will remain during the winter, but will probably return again next season. Mr. Wall has been stopping up at Prospect with R. W. Gray, who is a relative.

JOHN SWENNING left for his home at Panama, Iowa, Monday evening. Mr. Sw. is a son of our good farmer friend, Paul Swenning and has been visiting here for a couple or three months—these visits are regularly credited to the gentleman—each year.

Mrs. M. W. MAGOON left this city Monday for St. Paul, Minnesota, where she will remain till after the holidays when she will leave for her home at Lincoln, Nebraska. The lady has visited Medford upon several occasions and upon each of these here impressions become more favorable.

MISS MAYSIE FOSTER, of this city, commenced school at the Ashland State Normal Monday. Aside from the regular course the young lady will take a course in music. Miss Foster was one of Medford's brightest high school graduates last spring and there is no doubt but that she will acquire herself equally as meritorious in her new field.

E. S. WRIGHT and W. A. EGGERS arrived in Medford Monday from Hayes, Washington. Mr. Eggers is a son of the popular contractor and builder, J. A. Eggers, of this city, and will remain here for a time without date. Mr. Wright has traded for a farm at Bonanza, Klamath county, and left immediately for that locality.

A. J. SWEENEY returned Tuesday from Tollman springs, at which place himself and family have been staying for the past few months. The gentleman's health has been greatly improved by his stay at the springs—which news will be pleasant for his friends to receive. The family did not return but will do so pretty soon.

Hon. A. J. GALLOWAY left Medford Monday evening for Portland and Sound points. After a visit to these places he will return to his home at Chicago. The gentleman was accompanied from Medford by his brother, our good townsman, G. W. Galloway, who will visit these northern points with him. G. W. will be absent about a month.

BUD PENWELL and A. J. MESSNER were up from Gold Hill Monday. Bud is engaged in doing carpenter work and is at present making ready to begin work on a new 24x40 foot print shop for Editor Roberts and his Miner. Mr. Messner, who is the Gold Hill tailor, is also about ready to commence the construction of a 22x26 foot building—two and a half stories high.

Mr. and Mrs. L. WATKINS, of Cripple Creek, Colorado, are among the latest arrivals in this city—dating their coming from last Saturday. Mr. W. is in quest of a small fruit and agricultural farm which he desires to rent for a while and if the country is to his liking he will purchase a farm. These are apparently very fine people and THE MAIL hopes they will decide upon a permanent stay.

H. H. BERNHARD, S. PATTERSON and C. O. CROFTON, of Bonanza, Klamath county, Mrs. MARY M. CROFTON, of Klamath Falls, and J. B. GIFFITH, of Bedford, Klamath county, were all in Medford Monday purchasing their winter supplies—which amounted to figures in dollars and cents equal to about \$600. These people are all prosperous ranchers and their coming dates even with about twice each year.

C. MORRIS, of Seattle, Washington, was in Medford last week arranging for a permanent location in this city. The gentleman's wife and his household effects are now at Grants Pass, but they will be in Medford soon. Mr. M. having found things to his liking here. Mr. Morris is a gentleman over eighty years of age and is seeking a pleasant place to spend his declining years. Later—they arrived Monday and are now occupying rooms in the Halley block.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. GRIGSBY, of Klamath Falls, were in Medford last Saturday. These people come over every fall and purchase their winter supplies—and there do be big wagon loads of 'em, too. Just so sure as these people come just so sure are we of getting a renewal to THE MAIL. The family read the invitations extended them by our advertisers and know where to deal when they get here. They are good, honest people and their visits cannot be too frequent to suit us—in a social and business way.

Uncle Dick Revels in Grandeur.

On Wednesday of last week I had business that called me to Taylor's saw mill, on the head of Dry creek. I went the route that I traveled twelve years ago and—what a change! Then I could ride any where I wanted to, unless hindered by the thickets of the chaparral and oak grubs, but I had not proceeded far before I discovered I was lost, so far as roads were that concerned. The whole country had changed and instead of riding through an unsettled tract of country I found myself surrounded by some of as fine farms as one could desire to see and the stubble fields and large barns showed conclusively that the land was productive, and the corn and squashes made me think of the rich bottom lands around Medford. I met quite a number of men and women, for I had to enquire the way, and as usual, I spoke of THE MAIL and found that they had no use for an agent in that part of the country, for they all read the paper every week, and three different persons to whom I introduced myself remarked that they knew me, for they read my writing every week in THE MEDFORD MAIL. Well, after opening nineteen gates and passing through a continuous string of farms and orchards, looking at a number of lots of fine hogs, I reached the saw mill at noon. The mill is the property of W. W. Taylor, but has been leased by R. M. Barker. They are turning out a fine lot of lumber and still complain they can not supply the demand, and the most of it goes to Medford. Returning in the afternoon I passed along the south and west side of Roxy Ann, where I used to ride at pleasure. I found that the country had changed and where, a few years ago, the coyote ran undisturbed, now there are fine farms and orchards, and I thought to myself that at the present rate of clearing

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