

PURELY PERSONAL.

WM. DALEY was down from Lake creek Monday.
J. A. WHITMAN is in San Francisco this week upon business.
N. HOSMER, of Belt, was a Hub visitor the first of the week.
G. R. MEYERS was over from Sams Valley Tuesday upon business.
Mrs. T. J. O'HARRA, of Tolo, was visiting her many Medford friends last week.
E. J. HUBBARD, of Grants Pass, was visiting over Sunday with F. A. Bliss and family.
Miss JULIA MARTIN, of Central Point, was doing shopping in Medford last Saturday.
Miss ALICE MATHEWS, of Woodville, was visiting friends in Medford the first of the week.
Mrs. D. C. THOMPSON, who has been stopping with her brother, Attorney G. W. White since last October, left Tuesday for Smith Center, Kansas.
Attorney A. S. HAMMOND is at Portland this week in attendance at the Young Men's State Republican club and also the supreme court at Salem.
ALFRED GORDON came up from Pogeama last week and after a day's visit with his brother, M. H. Gordon, near Medford, he journeyed on to Trail for a visit with two other brothers.
Miss ELLA HANLEY is at Central Point this week arranging for the delivery of seed wheat to her farm, near Jacksonville, which farm she has recently had plowed and is now seeding.
D. PENNINGER, of Central Point, was in the city Wednesday. The gentleman's name is written among our fast increasing list of subscribers. He gets THE MAIL and Enquirer one year for \$1.60.
D. B. REDFIELD was up from Glendale a few days this week visiting his brothers, Sam'l and John, and his sister, Mrs. J. R. Wilson. THE MAIL was accorded a pleasant call from himself and Sam.
E. E. DAY and WM. McMULLEN, the two engravers who were in Medford last week, are old-time Toronto, Canada, acquaintances, of Mr. H. Head, of this city. The gentlemen left Saturday for the south.
LEE FRANKHOUSER came up from Woolfs creek about ten days ago a pretty sick man, but by the tender nursing of his friends, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McKay, he was enabled to return Wednesday of this week.
J. C. RHEINHART, wife and son, of Oakland, California, are stopping at Hotel Nash. Mr. Rheinhart is a mining man of considerable note and has some quite extended interests in the Applegate country and at Gold Hill.
Mrs. SHERMAN ORTEN, nee Carrie Bossum, returned Saturday evening from Sisson, Calif., where her husband has been employed as cook in a hotel. The hotel changed hands and Mr. Orten was "let out." He is now skirmishing in other localities for a position.
Mrs. W. K. INGLEDEU came over from Wimer Tuesday to attend a meeting of Olive Rebekah lodge, of this city, and in which she holds the office of noble grand. She was accompanied by Miss Fannie Dunlap, of Woodville, who is also a member of Olive Rebekah—since Tuesday evening of this week.
S. W. CARREY, of Hornbrook, was in Medford Tuesday, and while here he bought farm implements, seed wheat, hardware, groceries and—gee whiz! he bought pretty nearly everything. Hornbrook is a long ways off, at it is bargains the people want—and gains they get when they come this way.
Mr. and Mrs. GEO. W. SPERRY, recently from Montana, are now making Medford their home. Mr. Sperry is a mining man of many years' experience to his credit and is in this locality looking after the several mining propositions he has about which are now offering themselves as profitable investments.
Col. H. B. SCOTT, of Burlington, Ohio, stopped off in Medford last week for a day's visit with his brother T. S. Scott. The former is Mr. Scott is entitled to a pair of handles to his name—the affix being that of millionaire. As a matter of fact, Mr. Scott don't lack very much of having acquired the same title.
ALEX. IRELAND came in this week for a load of supplies for his mining camp on Star Gulch, a fork of Applegate, near Uniontown. Mr. Ireland has a twenty acre placer proposition that is showing up a good bit of gold dust in return for every day's work. The ground is all new, and he has three men at work—among whom is George Cottrell.
A. S. JOHNSON, of Sterling, was in Medford this week. The gentleman is still anxiously waiting the advent of that Medford-Sterling wagon road—and there are lots more of the boys over that way just as anxious as he is—and we are anxious at this end, too. Just so soon as the weather settles a little effort will again be put forward of the road and it will not be lost sight of until completed.
E. L. BASHFORD returned last week from San Francisco and with him came H. J. Willmott, a brewer, who is now in charge of the brewing department of the Medford brewery. Mr. Willmott comes well recommended as a gentleman who thoroughly understands each and every detail of the brewing business. He is a splendid appearing fellow and we are pleased to mention that his family will be here shortly—and that Medford will be their home for at least several months.
Mr. and Mrs. L. W. BAST arrived in Medford Monday from Los Angeles, Calif. The gentleman is a brick mason and proposes making Medford his future home. He has rented the Ted Howard residence on North F street and is now housekeeping therein. His father-in-law, R. P. Little, of Ashland, will also move to Medford with his family. The latter gentleman has quite extensive mining interests on Coleman creek.
H. J. GORDON was in from Trail last week fixing up final proof matters with THE MAIL—in which matters this office prepares all papers free. Mr. Gordon is now making proof on as fine a homestead as there is laying out of doors in that glorious, fertile, upper Rogue river country. While here he relates that his brother, Uriah Gordon, who lives neighbor to him, made an almost fatal mistake last Sunday morning week, by taking carbolic acid, supposing it to be cough medicine. Dr. Officer, of Eagle Point, was summoned, but ere the doctor could reach their home remedies had been applied and their patient was out of danger.
J. ABRAHAM has packed his stock of gent's furnishing and dry goods and has returned to Roseburg, at which place he will re-open store. Mr. Abraham is one of the finest gentlemen who ever opened business in Medford—no person has license to say one uncomplimentary word against him nor does any one so desire. His inability to build up a good paying trade in Medford can be summed up in a very few words—the field was well supplied in his line. THE MAIL said the same thing when we learned a new store was to open here. Mr. Abraham felt at the time that we were unkind to him, but we were not—we simply stated facts as they then existed and as they still exist. Again we say there is not room for another dry good and clothing store in Medford—at present, at least.

Death of Joseph Allen Crain.

One by one the old pioneers of Southern Oregon are slowly passing away, and ere many more years shall have rolled around those of our forefathers will have all passed from our sight and will only be known in history and in the minds of those who knew them and were familiar with the hardships of their early life in this then wild and unsettled country.
The last to close his eyes in that everlasting sleep is Joseph A. Crain, who for over forty years has been a constant resident of Jackson county. His death occurred on Sunday morning, February 1, 1896, after an illness of but a few weeks. He was sixty-four years of age and leaves a sorrowing wife and daughter and a host of relatives and warm friends to mourn his departure from their midst.
Joseph A. Crain was born in Warren county, Ohio, May 14, 1831. When yet young in life he crossed the plains to Oregon and settled at Portland. After a short residence there and in 1852 he was attracted by the favorable reports of the gold mines in this part of the state and decided to come here and cast his lot with those who had come before him. He was quite favorably impressed with this valley and decided to locate. In 1861 he was married to Susannah Wright, prior to which time he had purchased the farm, about a mile and a half west of Medford, where he resided continuously until his death. Three children, two sons and a daughter, were born to them, but the two sons died in infancy, and Amelia May, now the wife of John W. Cox, with her mother, survive him.
He was kind and loving to his family and never let an opportunity pass to do a kind act to one in need.
He served as a volunteer in the Indian war of '55 and '56. For a number of years, before and after the war, he was engaged in packing with a milk train from Crescent City and Yreka to Jacksonville.
He engaged in stock raising soon after his location, and followed it until his death. He worked hard, was careful and upright in his business transactions and by such management he had laid by a goodly amount of this world's goods. He was considered strictly honest and was trusted by all who knew him. He never aspired to any political honors, although he was chosen, in 1876, to represent Jackson county in the Oregon legislature, and while there did his work with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents.
The funeral took place at the farm residence, near Medford, Monday, February 2, the services being conducted by Rev. A. S. Foster, pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, and although the day was an exceedingly cold and disagreeable one the remains were followed to their last resting place, in the Jacksonville cemetery, by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives.
The passing away of an honored and respected pioneer should not be forgotten, and his last resting place neglected as in so many cases is done. We should all have before us the trials and hardships of those who risked their lives and property to come to this coast and make the then unsettled portions of the Union what it now is. We should ever remember that they suffered untold disadvantages and trials in leaving their comfortable homes, bidding farewell to family and friends and departing for the then famous west, knowing full well that the dangers were many and that perhaps they would never reach their destination or be permitted to see again the faces they had left behind and who were so dear to them.
We should erect, in our memories at least, monuments of esteem, honor and respect for their bravery and willingness to cast their lot in this wild and dangerous wilderness, and build up homes which we can now enjoy. In his busy age we too often overlook the past, and in the wild rush for possession of our share of the world's wealth we lose sight of the past and its honored pioneers.

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Killed in a Mine.

J. M. Crawford, a son of Attorney W. Crawford, formerly of this city, was killed in the John Neathammer mine, on Saxe creek, twelve miles from Woodville, on Thursday of last week. Young Crawford and J. Wolfault were working in the mine Thursday night; they had piped out the dirt from under the side of the hill and Mr. Crawford went under the overhanging rocks and dirt to set off a blast. The hill caved and quickly an amount of dirt fell on him. Wolfault not being able to remove the dirt alone went for help to where there were men at a mine near by. When he returned with assistance tons of dirt had fallen on the man; after using the pipe on it for two hours the dirt was removed. Judge Crawford was telephoned for and took his son to Grants Pass Friday. The deceased was a member of the A. O. U. W. and leaves a wife and three children.

In Probate Court.

In probate in the matter of the last will and testimony of E. W. Carver; order admitting will to probate. H. E. Cooper appointed administrator and E. D. Bondary, L. A. Bond and J. A. Anderson appointed appraisers of the estate.
Estate of J. G. Birdsey; order authorizing executor to cancel mortgage.
Estate of G. S. Wood; order to cancel mortgage.

Council Meeting.

The mayor and city council met in regular session upon Tuesday evening of this week. Present Mayor G. H. Haskins; Trustees Lawton, Jones, Starr and Plymale.
The following bills were allowed:
Marion Tryer, 1 days work on ditch, \$ 1.50
F. Hubbard, merchandise, 1.50
E. Amann, street commissioner, 11.00
Eita Collett, nurse for Mrs. Trask, 4.00
W. T. Crane, horse and mule feed, 5.50
W. T. York, recorder's fees and wood, 6.40
D. Cofer, night watch and fees, 16.35
E. W. Carder, engineer salary and misc., 38.25
E. S. Webb, recorder fees to Jan. 17, 5.45
Total, \$ 90.12

Petition of A. T. Drisko, and others, to establish grade and remove obstructions from a designated street in Northwest Medford, presented.
Petition of G. L. Webb, and others, to grade and gravel G street from First to Tenth, presented.
Petition of Paul Demmer, and others, to grade street in Northwest Medford, presented.
Petition of W. S. King, and others, to grade street in Northwest Medford, presented.
Petition of Dr. Kirogessner, and others, asking for sidewalk on north side of Fourth street, from county road to B street, presented.
All the above petitions referred to street committee, composed of Messrs. Starr, Jones and Lawton. Committee will meet in special session at town hall Saturday, tomorrow evening.
Petition of C. W. Boardman and Henry Klippel, and others, touching upon the finances of the town and asking for a re-adjustment of affairs referred to finance committee.
Petition of J. S. Morgan, and others, to abate a nuisance, with a special reference to the packing house presented and referred to health committee.
Petition of B. F. Crouch, and others, to lay pipe on G street from Sixth to Third street. Referred to water committee.
Liquor bond of W. P. H. Legate and J. C. Hall for \$50, Wm. Ulrich and S. Rosenthal sureties, presented and recorder ordered to issue license to same for the unexpired time of Morine & Legate.
Report of Carl T. Jones upon the established grade of North D street, from Sixth to Seventh street, accepted.
Application of E. M. Poe and F. Amann for the position of street commissioner read and upon ballot being taken, three of the councilmen were favorable to Mr. Amann and one to Mr. Poe. Amann elected.
E. W. Carder's services were secured as engineer for one year from date of meeting at \$35 per month for six months and \$50 for six months.
Street commissioner ordered to remove hitching rack from along side of Hubbard Bros' machinery house and place them on the opposite side of Seventh street along side of J. O. Johnson's livery barn.
Ordinance committee instructed to look after sidewalk obstructions.
Water committee instructed to employ Engineer McCarthy, of the S. P. R. R. company, to inspect engine and boiler at water works—provided his fee was not too high.
Report of E. W. Carder as regards repairs necessary on water tank referred to water committee, with power to act.
Motion made and carried that D. Cofer be employed as night watch at a salary of \$25 per month.
Health committee instructed to look up dumping grounds for city.
Recorder instructed to advertise for 100 cords of wood.
Recorder instructed to post notices asking for sealed bids for furnishing lumber for the city. Bids to be in by February 25.

A Challenge.

To any Republican in Jackson county, Oregon—Challenge to debate on the following question, to-wit: "RESOLVED, That the republican party is responsible for the hard times."
I will speak 45 minutes on the affirmative side and then give the negative one hour. I will then take 14 minutes to close. One debate to be given in each of the towns of the county, and one in each precinct outside of the towns, said debates to be conducted according to parliamentary rules.
JONATHAN TRESSLER, Medford, Oregon.
Sam Brown Thought to be Dead.

Sam Brown, who was to have been hanged at Roseburg last Friday has been given up for drowned. The pursuing party tracked him up to the Coquille river, found where he had rolled a log into the river, and found the log on the banks of the stream some distance below. The theory of the officials is that Brown attempted to navigate the log, but fell off and was drowned. Acting upon this theory the pursuit was abandoned, and the pursuing party began dragging the river for the body. Many think he crossed the river safely and is being shielded by friends on the other side.
Rev. A. J. Shorey was up from the Lance mine, near Bolt, Sunday. He reports the development work at the mine progressing as fast as could be expected, and thinks the company's prospects are quite flattering.
Wm. Warnstaff, recently of Astoria, but formerly of Idaho, is stopping in this part of the mining district of Southern Oregon—with a view to a permanent stay. It was 'way back in '44 that Mr. Warnstaff did mining in the Sterling district—not far from where is now the famous Ankney mine. In those days all was pan washing and ground sluicing, but despite these inconveniences Mr. W. left there in '58 with \$9000 in gold in his pocket as a result of his labor.

THE MAFIA OF ITALY.

Origin of the Blood-Stained Society—The Massacre of Palermo.
Crime-stained as it is to-day, and ghastly with murder every step of its tortuous, secret career, the Mafia of Italy sprang into being from an inspiration of patriotism, but its very birth was heralded by a libation of blood.
The Mafia society is over six hundred years old, having its origin at the revolt of Palermo, which took place during an Easter ceremonial in the suburbs of that city, in the year 1282. A beautiful young girl and her betrothed, in accordance with the quaint and primitive customs of that people, approached the Church of the Holy Ghost to be united in marriage at its altar, and while the lover sought the padre in the little room at the rear of the building his bride paused upon the threshold.
As she stood there a drunken sergeant of the French garrison, named Druet, strode up behind her, threw his arm about her waist and kissed her. With a cry of horror she tore herself from his grasp and turned to fly, but the heel of her slipper caught in the coping of the stone pavement and she fell, striking her head against a sharp projection of the cornice.
At that instant the returning lover's eyes fell upon her prostrate form, and with the savage fury of a wild beast he threw himself upon Druet, bore him to the earth, and drove his stiletto to the wretch's heart, crying: "Morte alla Francia!" ("Death to the French!")
There was a moment's pause of silence, and then that maddened cry became the roar of infuriated thousands. It swelled and deepened; it took more solemn meaning—it became nationalized—and then burst forth: "Morte alla Francia Italia a noi!" ("Death to the French is Italy's cry!")
For seventy-two hours armed bands, headed by the father and betrothed of the hapless girl, hunted down the French.
But retribution was to come after this carnival of blood, and in dread of the vengeance of the French nation these unhappy people formed themselves into secret organizations with the password and name of the society made up of the initial letters of the words which compose that fateful death cry, thus forming Mafia.
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The Medford Nursery

Fruit trees, small fruits, ornamental shrubs, rosebushes and Monterey cypress are my specialties. Pacific prune trees from 25 to 50c each. Tenant prune and the very hardy Ellison peach at 25c. I expect to continue in the nursery business for many years and to plant more seed next year than ever before....
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Moments of Leisure

Making bread is hard work—so hard, in fact, that all bakers employ men to do it. Yet there are hundreds of women who perform all this labor themselves. They forego many pleasures and never have "a moment to sit down."
They have an idea that to bake their own bread means economy, but there never was a bigger mistake....
Housewives who buy bread of me not only save a little on each loaf, but they have moments of leisure like the lady in the above picture.

Wilson, The Baker

East Side FLOURING MILL...
On and after January 25th, the East Side Flouring Mills will be prepared to exchange fine flour for grain. Am now ready to grind Graham, corn meal and chop feed.
Mill located one-half mile East of Bear creek bridge
Medford, Oregon.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder
ABSOLUTELY PURE

Five Millions for a Husband.
When Lady Margaret Grosvenor, third surviving daughter of the duke of Westminster, gave her hand to Prince Adolphus of Teck, the other day, says the Philadelphia Times, her father gave with it a marriage portion of five million dollars. The bride, the daughter of probably the richest man in the world, is rather a good-looking girl whose personality, to say nothing of such a fabulous dot, would seem to entitle her to something better in the way of a husband than the impecunious young lancer whose name she now bears. The prince is an officer in the seventeenth lancers, the full uniform of which regiment he wore when married. The wedding presents numbered about five hundred, and included enough jewelry to start a store. The newly wedded pair will in future be known as "their serene highnesses the prince and princess of Teck."
—Legal Blanks for sale at this office

Little Slaves in England.
"Does slavery survive in England?" asks the London Christian World, and this is the answer: "After reading Saturday's 'special' number of the 'Schoolmaster' on the subject of 'Half-timers,' we find it difficult to answer that question in the negative. An inspector writes: 'I examined a child who rose at 5:30, worked at a mill, and then walked a couple of miles to examination. Another girl of eleven rose soon after 5 a. m. and walked through the frost and snow nearly two miles to the mill. Work commenced at 6 and continued till 8:30, when there was an interval for breakfast—the child not leaving the mill. At 9 work again till 12:30—six hours in all—and then dinner at the mill. At 1:30 the child trudged off to school.' How many British children are liable to this sort of experience? Not less than 170,000! Shame on us!" Such facts are a shame indeed, to any civilized, not to say Christian community.

The Secret of Good Crops.

The model farmer is not content to use the antiquated tools and methods of his fathers. In this age of keen competition, the farmer who wishes to prosper, needs and gets the most improved farming implements; and by reading the best agricultural literature, he keeps in touch with the spirit of progress that pervades our farming communities. He is particular, also, in regard to the kind of seed he plants and the manner of planting it. The seeds must be of highest fertility and grown from the highest cultivated and most profitable varieties of stock. The great seed firm of D. M. Ferry & Co., Detroit, Mich., fully appreciate this fact, as is attested by their progressive business methods and the quality of the seed which they supply farmers and gardeners through the dealers all over the country. The reliability and fertility of their seeds are proverbial and the largest seed business in the world has been created by their sale. In evidence of this firm's knowledge of the wants and requirements of planters, large and small, is Ferry's Seed Annual for 1896. This book is of the greatest value to farmers and gardeners—a veritable encyclopedia of planting and farming knowledge. It contains more useful and practical information than many text books that are sold for a dollar or more, yet it will be mailed free to any one sending his name and address on a postal card to the firm.



THE CRATER...

DROP IN FOR YOUR Candy and Cigars
D. I. Waldrop, Prop'r.
Seventh street, opposite Hotel Nash.

Administratrix's Notice.

In the County Court of the county of Jackson, State of Oregon.
In the matter of estate of Spencer Childers, Senior, deceased.
NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been, by the county court of Jackson County, State of Oregon, appointed Administratrix of the estate of Spencer Childers, Senior, deceased, and all persons owing said estate are hereby notified to pay to the undersigned at once the amount due from them to said estate and all persons having claims against the estate of said Spencer Childers, Senior, deceased, are hereby notified and requested to present them with proper vouchers, within six (6) months from the date of this notice, to the undersigned at the late residence of said deceased in the town of Medford, Jackson County, State of Oregon.
Dated at Medford, Oregon, this thirtieth day of January, A. D. 1896.
MARY M. CHILDERS, Administratrix of the estate of Spencer Childers, Senior, deceased.

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On C street, first door south of Jackson County Bank, and aim to do a general business in our line. We will also buy.....
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