

NEWS OF THE CITY.

Alex. Ireland came in from his Star gulch placer mine, on Applegate on Tuesday of this week and will remain in Medford for a few days. Alex. never comes in from the tall timber on the mountain side but that the newspaper scribe is sure of an item—and almost always a good one—except when our compositors get mixed up on the little dog stories which we sometimes credit to this gentleman. When Mr. Ireland arrived in from the sea of gold and wild animals last Tuesday he had strapped to one of his pack ponies a fine, brown bear which he caused that very morning to lay down by the roadside with a bullet from his rifle. Speaking about bear just reminds us: Last week Mr. Ireland killed three of them and it wasn't an unusually brisk day about the Bruin household, either—he killed seven wild cats. Since the seven of last April Alex. has killed forty-one bear and seventeen panthers, besides this the number of smaller animals is enormous—so much so that he could not think of keeping tally. While it is a positive fact that Mr. Ireland is the best all-around guide, huntsman and scout in Southern Oregon, much of his success in coralling big game is to be credited to his splendidly trained and blooded dogs. One of his dogs, "old Nailer," is an old timer in the bear chase and he isn't afraid to tackle a whole family, and his running mate, "Trailer," is not so slow, himself. Before J. W. Chapman left for his Montana home Tuesday he laid out \$150 in gold and asked Alex. to give him "Nailer" in exchange for it, or \$250 for both dogs, but both offers Mr. Ireland refused. It isn't generally known, but John Redfield's trip to Montana this spring is to be in company with Alex., and the two are going to hunt bear and trap in the Rockies. They expect to leave here about the last of April. Mr. Ireland has but recently received letters from Dr. Patterson and Photographer Beck, the gentlemen who were here last summer from Visalia, Calif., stating that their party of six would be here about July first prepared for a four months' hunt in the mountains. They were out last year with Alex. as captain and they like his ways—and want more of his wilderness guidance.

For the next few weeks we will be almost daily receiving our spring stock of new goods. In the meantime we are selling the stock now on hand at prices that are way down. Only a few more days of these extremely low prices. W. H. Meeker & Co.

Gez, whizz! but how we will bloom out in our new brick buildings this spring. There are three that are assured and two right now that are prospective—with the prospects fair. The third and last one that is assured is a 25x30 foot building to be built by E. J. and G. W. Hallin, on their lot on South D street, where Waschau's jewelry store and Couler's paint shop now stands. The building will be two stories high, and there is a possibility that it will be fifty feet wide instead of twenty-five, as the designs were first prepared, the gentlemen having secured an option on the lot adjoining theirs on the south which is owned by G. Naylor. As might well be supposed Spence Childers is mixed up with the deal. When Spence can't figure someone into a deal it will be one of those days when he sleeps—something he never indulges in. His deals are almost always of profit to all parties and there isn't a kick coming any place. This time he contracts to furnish material and put up this brick and as pay for same he is to receive a deed to forty-eight acres of the John S. Herrin donation claim and twenty acres of timber land on Tollman creek. The first story will be for store purposes but is unlike any other building in the city in that the entrance will be at the side of the front instead of center as is usually the case. This gives room for a large show window and plenty of room left for a stairway. The second story will be made into suites of offices and each of the suites is conveniently and very pleasantly arranged. Architect W. J. Bennett has done some good work in the designing of this building. One of his new features is the entrance at the side of the front, and another is in the window and door casings which will not be there at all but in their stead the walls will be rounded in to meet the window jams, thus doing away with the square turn and presenting a very pretty effect. Work is to commence on the building now very soon.

A farm of 160 acres for rent, or will trade for Medford property, possession given March 1, 1896. For particulars inquire of John Morris, the second hand dealer, Medford, Oregon.

Ex-Postmaster J. S. Howard was out at Hon. J. H. Stewart's place last Saturday doing a job of surveying. Mr. Stewart has a 120 acre ranch just six and a half miles directly south of Medford and it was upon this that the surveying was done. On this ranch Mr. Stewart has sixty acres cleared and is preparing to set the entire acreage out in pear trees. The altitude of this ranch is about 1200 feet greater than Medford and because of this Mr. S. selected it for a fruit orchard. While the fruit is a trifle later in these higher altitudes it has been fully demonstrated that the chances for its being caught by late frosts are less. The location is somewhat isolated and is therefore free from a number of trees set on the place which bore some fruit last year. His daughter, Mrs. H. M. Crowell, has an eighty acre orchard adjoining the above place and upon these trees grow some very fine fruit. Mr. Howard relates that Messrs. Carpenter & Allison have purchased forty acres of timber land in that same locality and are now at work clearing the same. Mr. Cottle also owns an eighty acre chunk in the same section and has recently built a new dwelling house, is doing considerable clearing and has a great many trees set out.

Prof. Head will sell new or second hand organs and will take good second hand top buggy as part payment.

The glad wedding bells have again this week sent forth their merry ring. This time a Kerby gentleman slides himself into our city fold and takes away with him one of our splendid young ladies. It was upon Sunday last that Mr. Peter Bauer, of Kerby,

Josephine county, and Miss Genevieve Anderson, of this city, were united in marriage by Rev. C. H. Hoxie, at his residence, south of Medford. Mr. C. M. Parker and Miss Emma Tongue accompanied the contracting parties to the reverend gentleman's residence and were witnesses to the ceremony. After Mr. Hoxie had said the words "until death do us part" and had administered his accustomed admonitions the party returned to the residence of the bride's brother, Mr. Geo. Anderson, in this city, where a splendid dinner had been prepared, and to partake of which a goodly number of the more intimate friends had been invited. After the delicious repast the guests lingered during the afternoon, extended congratulations in great profusion and closed the day by escorting the happy couple to the depot where they took the train for Grants Pass. From this place they took the stage Monday morning for Kerby where Mr. Bauer has a home and where he is superintendent of a large placer mine. He is a fine appearing gentleman and those who know most of him are his most steadfast friends. The bride has been a resident of Medford for several years and has friends on all sides, all of whom are congratulating the groom because of his choice of a helpmate, who, by the way is a most exemplary housekeeper. THE MAIL hopes the shadows of life may never obscure the way to continued sunshine.

If you haven't seen those new worsteds and plaids at W. H. Meeker & Co's., you have missed the largest assortment, best goods and lowest prices ever presented to Rogue river valley buyers.

Medford is to have another manufacturing enterprise. Those two gentlemen, Messrs. W. Vowels and J. M. Fallis, who arrived in Medford last week from Manitoba, did not come here for their health—it is business they're after and business they propose to enter upon, and at once. They propose to graft into this lively little city of ours a pump factory. In this factory they will manufacture wooden pumps and will put them on the market at a reasonable price. They are now looking about the city for suitable business lots upon which to erect buildings and are also negotiating with saw-mill men for the necessary timber for the pumps. These gentlemen were engaged in like business in Manitoba but they didn't just fancy the idea of building pumps that would be required to pump ice about nine months of the year. They are thorough hustlers and they'll undoubtedly make a success of their venture. It is a pleasure to THE MAIL to chronicle the incoming of enterprises of this nature and we are heart in our wish for the advent of more such institutions as the Medford Pump works promises to be. The gentlemen above spoken of have, since this item was put in type, purchased through the agency of C. W. Palm, lots one, two and three in block two Park addition to Medford—for \$200. They have also purchased lumber for a new residence and factory and the first of next week the carpenters will commence work. The property above mentioned is on West seventh street, opposite Attorney Hammond's residence.

A part of our spring dress goods are here and the ladies hereabouts are invited to call and inspect them—as to quality, quantity and price. W. H. Meeker & Co.

The entertainment given by the Woman's Relief Corps Saturday evening was enjoyed by not as many people as the Corps would have liked—especially as the proceeds were for charity. However, the good ladies cleared up \$14, which amount will be given to charity. The program, while not particularly long was made up of many fine features—all of which were fully appreciated. The ladies desire us to thank those who assisted in the exercises, and especially Messrs. Wells & Shearer, who did draying for them and charged nothing for such services. They wish to state further that the money is to be given to those most deserving and not to be distributed among members of the Grand Army. To the ladies who worked so assiduously in preparing the program and attending to all details necessary there is due a whole heap of credit.

C. C. Pletcher, the Medford dentist, will be at Gold Hill on March 2nd, 3rd and 4th, and at Woodville on the 5th, 6th and 7th.

Last Thursday Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Medynski gave a very pleasant party in honor of their daughter's—Miss Etta's—eighteenth birthday. Delicious refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening of merry chat and parlor games made up the program. Both Mrs. Medynski and Miss Etta are entertainers who understand well the requirements of hostess to guests and nothing was left undone that would add pleasure to their coming—and, while we are mentioning the party it will not do to miss Mr. Medynski, who is royalty itself as host. Those present were Misses Mollie Barneburg, Mamie Isaacs, Clara Skeel, Fannie Haskins, Pearl and Jennie Hibbard, and Messrs. J. E. Enyart, J. A. Whitman, Elmer Bashford, John VanDyke, Bruce Skeel and Robert Lawton.

Quick in effect, heals and leaves no scar. Burning, scaly, skin eruption quickly cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel salve. Applied to burns, scalds, old sores. It is magical in effect. Always cures piles. Geo. H. Haskins.

The first of March George Howard will sever his connection with the Medford postoffice, after which date he will fall into line as clerk in J. S. Howard's general store. During the last three years THE MAIL has been accorded many little courtesies at the hands of Mr. Howard—all of which we are now and always have been most grateful. There are many small services which a postoffice employee can extend to patrons of the office which are in no way a violation of the postal laws, and which do not interfere with the privacy of the office or the rights of others. George was always filled to the brim with these little acts and the people appreciated them.

Mrs. L. J. Sears, the leading and fashionable millinery, is inviting the ladies of this locality and other localities, to call upon her in her new, beautiful rooms—just south of the archway in Webb's Racket store.

J. C. Blaisdell, who lives near Medford, has asked us to state that Mr. J. E. Tuft, whose report we printed last week, is considerably at sea in his conclusions as to the worth of Arizona as an agricultural country, particu-

larly that part of the state known as the Salt river country. Mr. Blaisdell relates that the very finest of fruit grows there and that the farmers are not subjects dependent upon the will of the canal company but instead must depend upon the volume of water which nature supplies—be that great or small. The gentleman, however, admits that the temperature is somewhat heated at times.

Our cotton suitings for ladies' spring wear are positively beautiful and the quality is guaranteed all right. W. H. Meeker & Co.

There is some deep lamenting in Crit. Tollman's household. His black bear dog, which is the veteran Bruin enemy of the valley, came in contact with a bear on Wagner creek this week and he killed the bear, and is himself a few shades better than dead. The bear was one of the largest ever captured in this locality. Mr. Tollman has but recently received two Cuban blood hounds which animals he will train for bear hunting. Speaking of bears, bear dogs and Crit. Tollman reminds us that we haven't heard of John Griffin for nigh onto several months.

Don't invite disappointment by experimenting. Depend upon One Minute Cough Cure and you have immediate relief. It cures croup. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. Geo. H. Haskins.

F. M. Sams, he who arrived in Medford a few weeks ago from Iowa, has leased the Capt. A. C. Smith property, three-fourths of a mile east of Phoenix, and last week moved thereto with his family. Mr. Sams is a gentleman possessed with propensities that are made up of hustle and good business and there isn't a shadow of a doubt but that success will be his. If he likes the country he will buy a ranch another spring. His brother-in-law, D. H. Wiles, is also here and will make his home at the Phoenix ranch.

A well filled, well made—and home made cigar is unquestionably the one you are looking for. Ask your dealers for an "Artistic"—for 10 cents—manufactured by the Medford cigar factory.

The new Presbyterian church is now assured. A contract for its construction was let to Contractor N. B. Bradbury last Saturday evening and work will be commenced next Monday. The main building will be 36x42 feet in size, with an ell 14x30 feet at the front and an alcove 5x28 at the rear. It will be 20 feet to the eaves with a tower 64 feet high. It will be brick veneered and will cost completed about \$1900. G. W. Priddy will do the brick work and plastering, and the job is to be completed by May first.

One hundred good envelopes with your name and address neatly printed on them—we furnish the envelopes and do the printing, all for 75 cents.

A party of emigrants arrived in Medford Tuesday, direct from Germany. The party was made up of the mother and five or six children and they were met at the depot by the father. An oculatory exhibition was made to quite an extent on the depot platform and little regard was given the propriety of such a reception. THE MAIL is waging good money that there will never be divorce proceedings instituted in that family.

Just received. Oliver black land plows. Something new. Best out. Kame & Gilkey.

Messrs. I. Woolf, J. R. Hardin and Ernest Langley were over near Sterling the fore part of this week and procured a ninety-two foot flag pole for the new school grounds. The pole was ninety-six feet in length when they started upon their return with it but it wouldn't fit the crooks in the road and it was necessary to remove four feet, however, what is left is long—and for procuring it due credit is given the gentlemen.

One farm wagon, one hack and one set team harness, for sale cheap by F. G. Shearer, Medford. I also have grain hay for sale.

J. C. Gage has a sorghum mill and he wants to put it up right here in this town of ours, and will so locate provided some of the people will chip in a few dollars and help him buy a little land upon which to place his plant. The gentleman has a good outfit and the article he produces is prime. He wants to supply the local market with sorghum but is not now in shape financially to arrange to do so.

Rolled barley for sale, rolled on "smooth rolls." Custom rolling done on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Medford Brewery and Ice Works.

Attorney W. S. Crowell is out at his Mt. Sunset ranch this week assisting his son in tree trimming operations. H. M. Crowell, he who is the son, is mighty particular who does the browsing 'round among his trees and as W. S. quite fits the place the two are accordingly hooked in team harness each spring—and the reputation of this beautiful and profitable ranch is preserved.

The "Home Industry" cigar is manufactured by a home institution. It is a good article—guaranteed first-class—ask your dealers for this brand.

L. E. Settles, he who purchased an acre of land from Mr. Spense a few months ago, has Carpenters Brand and Campbell at work this week building a little dwelling house upon the land, which dwelling will be enlarged upon later. THE MAIL likes right well to see these people fitting up little homes of their own—it denotes general prosperity and a disposition to anchor here permanently.

It is not only so, it must be so, One Minute cough cure acts quickly, and that's what makes it go. Geo. Haskins.

The annual school meeting of Medford district is called for next Monday, March 2, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing one director, for a term of three years, one clerk for a term of one year, and for the transaction of such other business as properly comes before such meetings. A large attendance is urged. The meeting will be held in the new school building.

I have 250 tiers of 16 and 18 inch slab stove wood which I will sell for 50 cents per tier—at Taylor's saw mill. R. M. Barker.

J. G. VanDyke & Co. have an ad this week in which they announce that their clearance sale closes tomorrow—Saturday, but state that exceptionally good bargains can be secured even after that date. G. L. Webb, the

Racket man, also has a changed ad in which he is talking of new goods and house cleaning time.

Parties having property in Medford or in Jackson county to trade for property in Washington, call on, or address W. T. York, Medford.

The dance given by the Woodruff sisters last Friday evening was not very largely attended, owing undoubtedly to the fact that amusements were unusually plentiful last week. Those who attended, however, report a very pleasant evening, and regret, with the managers, the light attendance.

Oregon Kidney Tea is pleasant to the taste and the most effective blood purifier known. Sold by Charles Straug, druggist.

Williams creek was the scene a few days ago of quite a disastrous conflagration in which the Hoxie saw-mill was burned. There were about 100,000 feet of lumber in the yard but this was saved. It was in this mill that last fall a workman was killed by being cut to pieces with a saw.

Oregon Kidney Tea has a direct and powerful influence on the blood. Sold by Chas. Straug, druggist.

Contractor L. M. Lyon commenced work this week on the thirty foot extension to the Weeks Bros., and McGowan sales room, on West Seventh street. Mr. Lyon has recently purchased fifty or sixty thousand feet of lumber from the Jos. Crain estate and is now hauling it to Medford.

Milk cows for sale. I wish to quit dairying and have 14 head of choice cows to sell. Polk Hull, Spikenard, Oregon.

Milton Maule has improved the appearance of his South B street property to a considerable extent by placing a new picket fence on three sides of it. There is a spirit of improvement on almost every corner this spring—and Mr. Maule is one of the foremost in this line.

You may believe it or not, but it's the beautiful truth that the "Racket" has the best and cheapest hosiery in town.

Messrs. Butler & Green, the painters, have opened a paint shop in what use to be the Lawton harness shop. They are doing a good bit of carriage painting these days—and doing a good job on every vehicle their brush comes in contact with—good, honest work.

Oregon Kidney Tea thoroughly purges the system from all impurities. Sold by Chas. Straug, druggist.

H. G. Shearer has this week erected a new barn on his recent east-side real estate purchase and has lumber on the ground for his new dwelling, which will be commenced now pretty soon. Messrs. Butler, Barrett & Stewart are doing the carpenter work.

Thousands of trees for sale by J. S. Hagey, East Medford. A little money buys them.

Both Mrs. F. Sutter and her daughter, Miss Edith M. Day, we regret to learn have been quite seriously ill at San Francisco. At one time so ill that their lives were despaired of. At present they are somewhat improved.

Do your lands need irrigating? See Brooks, the Medford tinner—he is in the SUB-IRRIGATING business.

The farmers have been pretty busy the past few weeks putting in their crops, which work is fairly well along, but the orchardists have but just nicely started their spring work, which at the present is that of pruning and spraying.

My prices for cabinet photos still continue at \$1.50 and \$2.00 per dozen. F. M. Baker, B street.

Miss Annie P. Woodruff has a final proof notice elsewhere in this paper. The lady is proving up on one of those very valuable quarter sections of land up Prospect way. THE MAIL makes out application papers free of charge.

The best trees are the cheapest trees. We have the best. J. S. Hagey, East Medford.

E. N. Warner has taken a position in Lumsden & Berlin's grocery store for a few weeks—perhaps permanently. Mr. Warner is a fine gentleman any place you put him and is quite at home behind the counter.

Fruit-tree spray—ready cooked and prepared for use. For sale by Frank Olwell, Central Point, Oregon.

Merchant W. H. Meeker was taken ill last Saturday with a severe attack of rheumatism, since which time he has been confined to his room. He is improving, however, and will probably be about again in a few days.

Excelsior Dye works, Medford—clothes cleaned, dyed and repaired.

Pretty nearly everybody is saying some complimentary word for Postmaster Purdin's new office, which, by-the-way, is all right—looks first-rate and is convenient to both patrons and officials.

Seed wheat for sale—the Australian Club.—By Scott Griffin, Toio, Or.

F. W. Wait is at work on some very beautiful cut stone copings for G. W. Bashford's cemetery lot. The work thus far completed is a pretty good article, especially the lettering.

Bottom onion sets for sale. G. A. Hover, on the Geary farm, Griffin creek.

Attorney L. A. Esteb is doing a good business with his collection agency, a branch of business which he established several weeks ago. He attends to collections both foreign and local.

All kinds of wood for sale, Bellinger & Co., the draymen.

Merchant H. U. Lumsden and Landlord Hamilton have presented each of their good wives with a bicycle—the same being the Deere wheel and sold by J. A. Whitman.

Demorest, the dentist—opera block, Medford.

The brick work on the Crane & Childers livery stable was commenced this week. Architect Bennet has the plans completed—and the stable is all right, and a beauty.

Councilman J. W. Lawton is out at his Griffin creek ranch putting in his crops. He expects in about two weeks to move his family to the farm for a few months.

That heavy rain fall of Tuesday night did a power heap o' good to the grain which had been sown during the month.

The Good Templars, of Medford, will give an oyster supper at the opera

NEW GOODS...

Received "RACKET" at the...

From the least to the greatest articles carried by this establishment....

House cleaning time, with all its joys has budded once more. You need new curtains and you can get nice Lace Curtain Net and Scrim; also table linen and oil cloth...

Then when you get through house cleaning you can "put on scollops" for very little money if you buy your embroidery and laces of us. When you are passing come in, any way, and extend your hand and receive a pair of gloves or mitts at any price. Remember, this is the Cheapest store in Medford. Now located on Main street..

See the black and white "Racket" sign G. L. WEBB, Proprietor

house next Wednesday evening, March 4th.

Rumor has it that Capt. Nash will erect another brick building on his vacant lot adjoining his hotel block.

C. W. Palm sold this week twenty-six acres of the old McAndrews place, north of Medford, to J. T. Holand.

Dr. E. B. Pickel is making some several improvements about his South B street residence this week.

The city council will meet in regular monthly session next Tuesday evening.

Orin Davis has had built an addition to his South C street residence.

John Morris is moving to his new store room this week.

Among the Churches.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Services at the usual hours. 10 a. m. awarding of banner to class for best attendance. 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. preaching. Morning theme, "A Turning Point." Evening theme, "Jesus, Savior." Junior meeting at 3 p. m. The Christian endeavor will meet in union with the endeavor of the Presbyterian church, by invitation, at 5:45 p. m.; all interested note the change. 7 p. m. committees parliament, and song service by Choral Union. The people welcome. Strangers in the city are invited to come and worship with us. At the close of the evening service the annual collection will be taken for foreign missions.

The roll call meeting at the Christian church last Sunday was responded to in person or by letter by about 90 per cent and, withal, was a very pleasant gathering.

A social is being arranged for under the auspices of the Choral Union of the Christian church, to be given at the opera house at an early date, March 8th. An excellent program will be rendered and light refreshments served and a general good time for social enjoyment.

NOTICE TO ENDEAVORERS.

There will be a union Endeavor meeting of the Endeavor societies of the Christian and Presbyterian churches held next Sunday at 5:45 p. m., at the M. E. church, South. The young people are especially invited to attend. By order of committee.

M. B. CLARK, chairman.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

There will be the usual services at the M. E. church, South, next Sunday, morning and evening.

J. A. CRUTCHFIELD, P. C.

Doctor Danielson.

Office in Halley block over postoffice. Chronic diseases, and diseases of women and children a specialty.

Legal blanks at THE MAIL office.

Jackson County Teachers.

SECOND GRADE.—Edith Van Dyke, Louise Ganiere, Kattie Kirklin, Andrew Jackson Allen, Lillie Temple, James Stewart, Lella Anderson, Mattie Carter.

THIRD GRADE.—William V. Cowan, W. D. Cofer, Olah Mickey, Cora Koonz, Nora Sydow, Emma Reed, Lulu Newton, Maude Downing, Harriett Minthorn, Lizzie Stidham.

The above is a list of successful applicants for teacher's certificates at the February examination 1896.

GUS NEWBURY, County School Supt.

NEW AMONG NATIONS.

Facts about the Azores, to which Portugal has Granted Autonomy.

Portugal has recognized the American principle of local self-government in granting autonomy to the Azores, and that interesting little community of rather less than three hundred thousand people will soon be legislating for itself, doubtless at Angra, the almost unknown capital of the group. The independent blue flag, with the white hawk and the nine stars, displayed by the islanders of San Miguel when the good news came from Lisbon, contains a sort of brief history of the group. It tells there are nine islands sown thick in the blue midocean, and that the emblematic hawk reminds the world that the name Acor, Portuguese for hawk, was conferred on the islands because of the great number of those birds found there by the navigator sent out from Portugal to take possession of the group. One story of that quest is that Vanderberg, a Dutch merchant, being driven out of his course, chanced upon the islands, and reported them when he touched at Lisbon. Another is that Dom Henry of Portugal, having an old map upon which the islands were laid down, dispatched Gonzalo Velho Cabral to search for them. At any rate, the navigator reached the islands in 1432, the very date ascribed to Vanderberg's adventure, and twelve years later took possession of San Miguel. All the nine islands had been rediscovered by 1437, and colonization soon began.

Mules for Sale. I have a fine team of mules which I will sell very reasonable. They are eight years old and weigh a little better than 1150 pounds. Call at Medford Meat Market. G. R. PELTON

THE MAIL and Cincinnati Enquirer

one year for \$1.50 is one of our best clubbing propositions.

Legal blanks at THE MAIL office.

Advertisement for Wolters, The Plain Grocer. Includes text: 'A Blow at Prices...', 'Our prices on Groceries during the winter were as low as we thought they could be sold with anything like a fair profit, but now as spring draws near we find that prices the coming season will probably be a little lower than last, and my customers will get the benefit of the reduction. In the past it has been my aim to deal squarely with all—believing that a pleased customer was a good advertisement. If you were not my customer in '95 now is the time to turn over a new leaf and trade with me in '96.' and 'A Woman's Aim... Above everything else is to be able to prepare a good meal, but to do this she must have first-class groceries. I wish to inform the ladies of Medford and vicinity that my goods are the best that money can buy. They are always fresh—and the prices are all right.'