

"OPENING DAY"---FLAG PRESENTATION.

The "Opening Day" of Medford's new public school building took place at one o'clock last Saturday afternoon. The day was a bad one for outdoor exercises, but notwithstanding this fact fully one thousand persons gathered to inspect the new building. It had been previously arranged to present the school with a flag at this time, and Attorney L. A. Esteb was introduced and delivered an address appropriate to the occasion--which appears elsewhere in this issue--and at 1:30 o'clock the flag was raised upon the new flagstaff which had been planted for the especial use of the new flag. The address of Mr. Esteb was replied to by Jacob Edwards, a pupil of the public school, and he, in a very able manner, accepted the flag, on behalf of the school. After the exercises had closed the doors of the new building were thrown open and the hundreds who had gathered were invited to inspect the new building. Teachers and pupils were present to show visitors through the house and point out its completeness and stability.

As had been previously announced this was set aside as "Book Day" and quite a number of valuable books were presented to the school as a beginning of a public school library. The day's exercises were completed at the opera house in the evening, when the program as published was carried out.

The address of L. A. Esteb on presentation of the flag, was as follows:

ADDRESS OF MR. ESTEB
Pupils of the public school, the citizens of Medford, the lovers of liberty and free institutions, have joined you today in the opening exercises of this your temple of learning; and as a part of the program, through me their humble representative, are about to perform an act that should fill all our hearts with joy, and cause our bosoms to swell with emotions of patriotism, pleasure and pride. Before performing the duty assigned to me, let us first render a votive homage to God, that the spirit of peace, storm brightened, still shines from our national zenith; that plenty and prosperity are abroad in his beautiful land of ours; that the flag of our country the emblem of liberty, still proudly waves, "O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave." This beautiful structure, the home of knowledge and wisdom, the birth place of true and perfect manhood and womanhood, has been erected for your use and advancement, and through you, and the generations to follow, for the advancement and perpetuation of American institutions; and these inalienable rights so dear to every lover of freedom--"Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

My young friends, we are here today to give you an object lesson of love and devotion to our beloved country and our country's flag. We want you to feel and know that you are the pride of the parents and friends who mingle with you in this throng. They cling around you with their love and affections like ivy around the oak, and as they look into your sparkling eyes and bright young faces aglow with joy and happiness, they see their future hopes and the hope and destiny of this fair free land. You are soon to take upon your young shoulders the burdens and responsibilities of life, now borne by them, and they are now performing for you the same natural duty their forefathers performed, by making it possible for you to prepare yourselves for the rough, rugged pathway of life, so you will be able to take their places in the ranks of your country's workers, educated in the history, custom and manners; as devoted Americans, permeated with the true principles of patriotism, for your country and your country's flag. You are surrounded with advantages and opportunities they did not enjoy. That little red school house that adorns yonder liberty pole, that emblem of the present, that relic and monument of our past glory, speaks volumes in its silence and offers a love inspiring contrast to this beautiful structure, in the shadow of which we now stand. But in this electrical age greater advantages are required, for greater questions and mightier problems must be settled and solved by you and the generations of the future, than have been settled and solved by the generations in the past. Already "dark clouds" that may be filled with tears of blood" appear on our horizon, and it is but few short steps from this "school house playground" to those dizzy activities, where you will be surrounded by the whirling eddies of mighty events. A few short years at most and you must buckle on the

armor of manhood and womanhood and pass out through wide open doors of the future, into the "arena of life's great battle." Few if any of the dear old faces that surround you here will be with you then. Most if not all these eyes that now look upon you with pleasure and pride will be closed forever in that last long sleep. But if you fulfill their expectations, if you are true to your trust, they will be with you still.

"A garden within you, whose memory strays,
Evermore with faint steps down blossoming ways."

This building, so long as it stands, that flag, so long as it floats, will tell you of their love and devotion, while you will be a living monument to their memory, and the memory of the long list of martyrs who by their exemplary lives "teach you how to live, and show you how to die." The sublime lives and the wise sayings of these great and good men, who have passed over to the great beyond, tell us that "knowledge is power," and that the public schools of this country are the bulwark of American liberty. Let me here impress upon your minds and memory, that so long as that glorious flag floats, public schools will exist; and just so long as the sons and daughters of America are educated in the public schools, patriotism will live, and liberty and free institutions will be perpetuated. But when the sons and daughters of America cease to be educated in the public schools, when they drink deep from the fountains of learning polluted with anarchy, treason and rebellion, patriotism and the love for country will die; that dear old banner will be trailed in the dust; the temple of liberty that now stands in its undiminished glory will crumble and fall; your country will no longer have a place among the nations of the earth, and the children of freemen, bound with the cruel shackles of slavery, will retrograde into the gloom of superstition, ignorance and despair. It is, therefore, the duty of every lover of liberty to see that this flag of our country floats above every public school building throughout the length and breadth of our land. "Patriotism" should be instilled into young hearts, and with the sacred words of "mother," "home" and "heaven" they should be taught that the stars and stripes are the symbol of all that make a free and happy home for us.

"When freedom from her mountain heights
Unfurled her banner to the air,
She tore the azure robes of night,
And set the stars of glory there."

And since that time it has been the beacon light that has led brave men through the dark night of slavery and oppression, out into the sunlight of victory, liberty, peace, and prosperity. And today through the kindness of Providence, we have with us a remnant of such heroes. Men, who in their young manhood, at their country's call, left home and loved ones, and to the sweet strains of martial music, followed that flag through the din and smoke of the battlefield. There they stand, a color guard for "old glory," upon this occasion of pleasure and peace. Their heads are now white with the frost of time; their eyes have lost their lustre; and their cheeks their wonted bloom, but their love is still as pure and young for that flag as it was the day they placed their young lives on the altar of their country. Pure as the day they heard the "God bless you" of that gray haired father, as they marched away. Warm as it was at that moment of tender realities when they received a mother's farewell kiss and felt her dear arms entwined around them, strong as it was the day they faced the flying messenger of death, and stood on that famous field surrounded by the dying and the dead and looked into the faces of the fair haired comrades, that fell fighting by their side in defense of their country and that old flag. Thank God that they are with us today to help teach the lesson of liberty and the love of country. May they be spared to us many years; may the closing days of their lives be filled with sunshine, plenty and peace, and "may their lives grow the nobler as they near the sea. God bless the memory of all the heroic dead; gentle be the rains on famous fields of battle; bright be the spot, and calm the resting place of all the brave and the true. In the name of your country, in the memory of patriots, living or dead, and as a gift from the loyal citizens of Medford, accept that flag of your country. Let it float there, where your eyes can look upon it--at morning, at noon and at night. "Hail it at the twilight's last gleaming;" look for it at the dawn's early light, and let it be an object lesson and a beacon light, in every storm that threatens to engulf you or your country. It

will protect you, as it has us in the exercise of all civil and religious liberty; it will sow the seed of patriotism in your hearts that will ripen into a "golden harvest." It will plant the sweet rose of a country's love in your bright young lives, to grow, blossom and bless the world. Accept then this precious gift, love it, live by it, yes, if necessity demands, die by it. My duty is done. Farewell, may the lamp of wisdom light your footsteps through this life; and may God and his infinite mercy, guide, guard and protect us all.

The reply made in acceptance of the flag made by Jake Edwards, one of the members of the public school, was a meritorious effort. Following is

THE REPLY
Citizens of Medford, I, as a representative of the Medford public school, acknowledge the favor and extend to you our sincere thanks for the presentation of this flag.

In accepting this flag we realize and appreciate the interest you take in our education. It is a symbol of the flag our forefathers fought and suffered to win. It has won a favored spot in our hearts and in our minds; we love to have it wave over us as we pursue the work that is to fit us for the battle of life. In accepting this flag we also realize that our instructors are patriotic citizens, that the support of the nation, which now rests on their shoulders, will soon rest on ours.

To be good citizens we must have a deep love for our country. The sight of this our country's flag instantly arouses in our minds patriotic thoughts. We are proud to have a banner that has won distinction in all the nations of the earth. We are proud to have a banner in which one of thoughtful mind can read our country's motives.

The red, the white and the blue--these colors were not chosen merely because they are bright and beautiful, but each of them represent some of the characteristics of our great nation. The red denotes defiance and strength; the white, peace and purity, while the blue signifies unswerving fidelity. When we behold the red, white and blue and understand their meaning, we feel that we are raised to a higher, a greater and a nobler plain of being. May we ever remain the loyal sons and daughters of free and liberty loving America.

Another Clubbing Offer.

By special arrangement we can furnish THE MAIL and Popular Science (their ad appears elsewhere in this paper) each one year for \$2.00 in advance. Popular Science will be of interest to all who have neither the time nor the inclination to read the heavier scientific publications. Popular Science treats of scientific subjects in a popular way. Sample copies may be seen at THE MAIL office.

The George Wilkes Family.

A correspondent of the Chicago "Heraldman" has completed and forwarded to that journal the following interesting statistics about the famous George Wilkes family of trotters; and if many of them are not particularly new, we have never seen them embodied in better form, and believe the whole summary will prove valuable for preservation and reference.

Twenty-two of the sixty pacers in the 2:10 list are descendants of George Wilkes.

Ten of the thirty-three trotters in the 2:10 list are descendants of George Wilkes.

Twenty-seven of the sixty-five two year olds to beat 2:30 in 1894 are descendants of George Wilkes.

Ten of the thirty-three year-olds that went in the 2:20 list in 1894 are descendants of George Wilkes.

Ten of the seventeen four-year-olds that went in the 2:15 list in 1894 are descendants of George Wilkes.

Twenty-nine of the seventy-seven trotters that have records of 2:12 or better are descendants of George Wilkes.

Three of the six pacers that have records of 2:04 and better are descendants of George Wilkes.

Twenty-one of the fifty-six sires that have five or more new comers in the 2:30 list in 1894 are descendants of George Wilkes.

Twelve of the twenty sires whose get have won over \$50,000 in three years are descendants of George Wilkes.

Two thousand two hundred and sixty of the 2:30 list are descendants of George Wilkes.

J. E. Hill's "Tokio" stallion is a great grand son of George Wilkes. Tokio will stand for the season of '96 at D. R. Hill's place, Medford, Oregon.

Agents Wanted...

In Douglas, Josephine and Jackson counties, immediately, two or three energetic men in each of the foregoing counties to sell the world renowned...

Excelsior Safety Burners

Which gives out a beautiful gas light at one's own fireside, with brilliancy and economy combined.

Here is a chance for the right man to make from \$50 to \$100 per month.

As delays are dangerous you had better apply for an agency immediately. Will guarantee work all the year to a good man, as we will have other articles to sell.

Address:

S. H. JACKSON,
Dist. Agent
Hotel Van Houten, Roseburg, Ore.

County Expenditures.	
The following bills were allowed by the county court at their March session:	
John Watkins, ferryman.....	14 50
Owen Keegan, janitor's salary.....	29 00
S. Patterson, sheriff and deputy salary.....	338 33
G. Rawlings, recorder's salary.....	116 07
N. A. Jacobs, clerk and deputy's salary.....	257 10
S. DeLoeban, keeping hospital.....	643 00
S. Patterson, board and washing for prisoners.....	23 14
Cost of viewing road in dist No 35.....	17 00
Teachers' examination, February.....	81 00
J. Nunan, rope and coal oil for court house.....	4 40
J. R. Neil, for telegraphing.....	1 00
L. L. Jacobs, blanks for treasurer's office.....	3 35
Printing and stationery for county officers.....	95 90
Bounty on panther scalps.....	7 50
John Clements, for bridge material and labor.....	15 00
Olson Bros., lumber.....	6 44
Glass & Prudhomme for tax receipts and delinquent.....	17 25
Indigent allowance for February.....	31 00
A. J. Flory, supplies for McAllister family.....	10 70
Reames, White & Co., supplies for Johnson family.....	9 10
Cronemiller & Love, supplies for Mrs. Henry Johnson.....	10 50
Repairing Rogue river ferry.....	38 85
K. K. Schell, supplies for jet powder and caps for road work.....	8 10
Case, state against Labourdette et al.....	9 50
A. H. Hols, team for grand jury in Sept and two teams in Dec.....	4 50
J. H. Messner, bridge wrench and bolts for Evans creek.....	9 00
Mrs. Ella Handley, allowance reduced from \$12 to \$5.....	3 00
G. W. Smith, special constable.....	47 50
E. J. Kaiser, for printing tax schedules for assessors.....	17 30
James A. Wilson, postage stamps for county officers.....	1 00
T. J. Kenney, supplies for A. Hatch.....	10 00
S. Furry, county commissioner.....	11 60
W. H. Bradshaw.....	

Mothers

Anxiously watch declining health of their daughters. So many are cut off by consumption in early years that there is real cause for anxiety. In the early stages, when not beyond the reach of medicine, Hood's Sarsaparilla will restore the quality and quantity of the blood and thus give good health. Read the following letter:

"It is but just to write about my daughter Cora, aged 19. She was completely run down, declining, had that tired feeling, and friends said she would not live over three months. She had a bad

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists, \$1. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Hood's Pills are purely vegetable, reliable and beneficial.



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



THE CRATER...

DROP IN FOR YOU Candy and Cigars

D. I. Waldrop, Prop'r.

Seventh street, opposite Hotel Nash.

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

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

The Medford Populist Club.

Following is the program for Saturday night, March 14th, 7:30 sharp.

Harmonica..... J. R. Hardin
Music..... J. W. Miller
Fifteen minutes speech, "Why the Republicans are Responsible for the Hard Times"..... J. Treasurer
Accordeon..... O. Holman
Speech, "The Currency Question".....
Harmonica..... A. S. Barnes, of Ashland.
A good time. Everybody come.

COMMITTEE.

--Bellinger & Co. are in the field for your work in the dry line. All work done with dispatch and care. Every line of work given special attention

...THE MEDFORD...

Law, Claims and Collection Bureau

Special attention given to business of non-residents.

American and European correspondents.

Inclose stamp for inquiries.

S. S. PENTZ,
Attorney and Counsellor.

MEDFORD, OREGON

Flining Locations.

John C. Williams and Joseph Wholen located 1000 inches of water in the Evans creek district, February 26.

Joseph Owen on January 30 located the Condemne Mine mining claim in Galle creek mining district.

A Long located 300 inches of the water in Star gulch, February 27.

John F. Watts located 80 inches of water to be taken from out the south side of Evans creek near Bybee's Sulphur springs, February 28.

T. J. Hougham located the Deer Horn Mine mining claim in Gold Hill district, February 28.

J. H. Andrews located the Christina mining claim, February 1.

C. L. Carr and J. N. T. Miller located the Ben Johnson and Ivanhoe Group mining claim, February 25.

Henry Brownworth located 500 inches of water taken from the left hand fork of Pleasant creek, February 28.

Henry Brownworth located 500 inches of water from the right hand fork of Pleasant creek, February 28.

--THE MAIL and Cincinnati Enquirer one year for \$1.00 is one of our best clubbing propositions.

--Seed wheat for sale--the Australian Club.--By Scott Griffin, Tolo, Or.

THE "FAIR" STORE...

J. Merley, Prop'r

We sell goods as low as the lowest. Call and see our stock and get our prices.....

We solicit your patronage and acquaintance....

C street
Medford, Ore.

DENTISTRY...

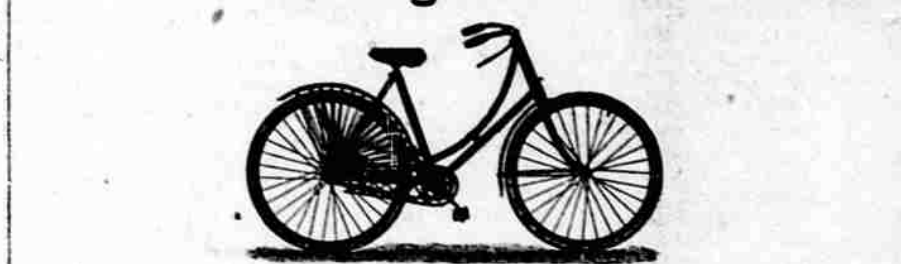
C. C. PLETCHER, of Medford, is doing first-class dentistry at prices that all can afford. For filling material I use Gold, Silver and Porcelain as permanent and cement and Gutta-percha as temporary. I extract teeth practically without pain. In crown and bridge work I guarantee entire satisfaction. Teeth in rubber at the following prices: Single set, fair, \$5; good, \$8; best, \$10. Full set, fair, \$10; good, \$15; best, \$20. C. C. PLETCHER, D. D. S., Medford, Ore.

Sub-Irrigation...

See Brooks the Tinner for Particulars

HERE YOU ARE

The Magnificent 1896 TRIBUNE.



Built on sound mechanical principles. No nonsense. No experiments. Constructed to last a lifetime. Beautifully finished. If you want the best Bicycle made this is the wheel. We don't ask you to take our word for it. See what the Scientific American has to say about them in their issue of January 4th. They know a few things about mechanics, we believe.

Send for Catalogue. Agents wanted in all unoccupied territory

Baker & Hamilton, Sacramento, California

Sole Pacific Coast Agents

Agents also for the great Winton Machine, Featherstone & Co.'s lines of high grades (prices \$40, \$50, \$60 and \$75) Morgan & Wright's tires and supplies, Anglo-American Cycle Fitting Company, etc., and largest stock of Bicycle sundries and supplies on the Pacific coast. Dealers, write us for prices.....

...THE... Jack Morris...

THE SECOND HAND MAN

Wants to see you at his new store, one door south of the old stand. A large stock of furniture, stoves, dishes and lamps, also a new line of matting. Horses, harness and wagons for sale.

Located on West side of railroad track, near Western Hotel, Medford, Ore.

TAYLER

...The Foot Fitter

Seventh street, MEDFORD, OREGON

"Tokio," "20th Century" and the "New Razor Toe" are the latest styles in ladies' button and lace boots and Oxford ties...

Our stock of mens' and boys' medium and fine shoes is very complete with more coming. Boot and shoe repairing a specialty. All the latest improved machinery and only the best of oak leather used.



Superior Photos!

And you will get them. He guarantees his work

MEDFORD, OREGON...