

## NEWS OF THE CITY.

Capt. W. S. Crowell does not want to be listed in the catalogue as a bugologist, but he has been taking observations out at his Mt. Sunset ranch, the result of which will undoubtedly be of interest to orchardists. Mr. Crowell has demonstrated conclusively, to his own mind, at least, that the San Jose scale does not travel from tree to tree upon the legs of birds, as is generally supposed it does. In proof of this he relates that the scale is found more plentifully upon the sides of the trees from which blow the prevailing winds. On the east side of his ranch are a few apple trees, upon which during spring and summer there was not a scale. In September he found scale on the ends of the limbs on the east side, but none on any other part of the trees. The prevailing winds in the forenoon are from the southeast and east of his place, not a great distance, is an old orchard infected with scale. Another proof of his assertion: On the west side of his ranch is a young orchard. This orchard is thoroughly cleaned every winter. The following fall scale is found on the west and northwest sides of the trees. To the west and northwest of Mr. Crowell's place is an old orchard infected with scale. The prevailing afternoon winds are from the west and northwest. On both the west and east sides of his orchards were found far too many scales to have been brought there by birds. In the center of his orchard there is no scale. Mr. Crowell has also discovered that the scales have a preference for certain varieties of apple trees over others and the Ben Davis trees seem to be the favorites. For example: In one part of his orchard are sandwiched four rows of Jonathan with many rows of Ben Davis on either side. On the Ben Davis trees were found plenty of scale while on the Jonathan there were scarcely none at all. The same condition existed in another part of his orchard where Ben Davis trees were sandwiched with Spitzenburgs—the former considerably infected while upon latter very little scale was found. When pruning this spring Mr. Crowell found several of the Twice Stabbed lady bugs which he put into the orchard several months ago. He put in but one colony of about a dozen but he found several young bugs—proving conclusively that the winters and sprays had not killed them and that they were propagating. The lady bug is a deadly enemy of the San Jose scale.

Mrs. Sears' line of millinery is quite the right article for the ladies of Medford—which fact is proven constantly by the immense amount of spring goods she is selling. See her Easter hats before purchasing elsewhere. Her sailors and sun hats are being disposed of at a lively pace—but she has a large stock and there are enough for all. Her goods are strictly up to date.

The eight or nine-year-old daughter of Mrs. McCabe was run into by a team owned and driven by C. C. Taylor, on Tuesday evening of this week. The little girl was thrown to the ground by the horses' feet and two of the buggy wheels passed over her body. She was immediately taken to Drs. Geary & Pickel's office where an examination was made and fortunately no bones were found to be broken—the injuries only being a few bruises. These were carefully looked after and she is now but little the worse for the accident but it was a narrow escape. When the accident occurred both the girl and Mr. Taylor were looking in an opposite direction and neither knew of the presence of the other until too late to prevent the accident. It was one of those cases where no person was particularly at fault, yet to make amends as far as possible Mr. Taylor has become responsible for the doctor's bill and for medicine used.

Call and examine our stock of ladies' underwear. We are selling ladies' union suits at 35 cents each, ladies' vests with sleeves—good grade—for 20 cents, and the same without sleeves for 8 cents. VanDyke & Co.

Attorney W. H. Parker has been doing a little figuring of late on the tontine form of life insurance and he has it put out that the only way to break even with an insurance company is to loan your money out yourself and steer shy of their policies. Nine years ago he took out a \$1000 policy on an understanding, as he figured it, that when he had paid his yearly assessments for ten successive years he could draw out somewhere near the amount paid in, but instead of that he finds that all he could hope to get out would be something near \$100. In nine years the assessments which he has paid, together with interest on them, amounts to just \$644.11—and the policy is for \$1000. He figures that a man must of necessity die to win and must do this early in the game if he wins very much.

With every can of Bee Hive baking powder you get a cup, saucer, plate, sauce and butter dish—good ware with gilt decorations. One lady bought six cans—to get a full set. The powder is guaranteed to be a good article. G. L. Davis the grocer.

The man Wilson, who was arrested in Medford last week by Constable Randle, of Grants Pass, had a hearing Thursday and he was bound over to await the action of the grand jury. Mention was made of the crime and the parties connected in this paper last week. The Grants Pass Observer says: "The old man seems to be too ignorant to know the gravity of his crime and says the fault was with the little girls." The paper further states that Wilson has also been accused of the murder of Mrs. Purdy whose death occurred some weeks back, she dying from chloroform which had presumably been administered by herself for the toothache." Wilson is sixty-five years old.

Have you seen those elegant designs in cream and corn colored laces and embroideries at our store? They are the very latest in styles and reasonable in prices. VanDyke & Co.

R. W. Gray was in from his Prospect saw-mill the first of the week. He reports everything going along nicely at the mill. He is getting out about 10,000 feet of lumber daily and that the capacity will be increased to 15,000 as soon as the edger is put in operation. He is manufacturing almost everything that is made from lumber, as will be seen by his ad in another column. He has about 800 acres

of splendid timber, embracing sugar and white pine, fir and cedar. Just as soon as the roads will permit he will put teams on the road hauling lumber from the mill to a yard in Medford, which yard is to be established with J. Beck & Co. as agents.

Our large stock of men's fine shoes is selling at unheard of prices—genuine kangaroos that formerly sold at \$5.50 now at \$4.50, and all footwear in like proportion. VanDyke & Co.

Our good friend F. C. Ladd, who is mining on Evans creek, met with an accident last Tuesday week which came near costing him his life. An embankment caved in upon him and buried him in rock and dirt to the shoulders. His face was badly lacerated and for twenty-four hours he was unconscious. Dr. Drake, of Gold Hill, was called and the wounds were dressed and the young man is now getting along all right. Mr. Ladd is one of the best lads that ever showed up on this sphere of ours and his friends are all hoping he will rapidly recover. Our Gold Hill correspondent states that a later report is to the effect that Mr. Ladd is not fully conscious of anything that has passed. It is feared that his mind is unbalanced by the crushing of his head.

Our first shipment of spring dress goods is of the very latest styles and patterns and comprises ducks, dimities, lawns, sateens and worsted spring goods and at surprising low figures. VanDyke & Co.

To-night the Ladies Benevolent society will give a literary and musical entertainment at the opera house. The program is replete in every detail and promises to be one highly pleasing. The introduction of several tableaux will be a very interesting feature while the living picture part of the program is entirely new to a Medford audience and will help materially in making the entertainment pleasing and novel. The entertainment is given for charity and will undoubtedly be more liberally patronized because of this, yet there will be given full value for the admission price, which is—general admission 25 cents; reserved seats 35 cents, on sale at Wolters'.

"Happy Home" clothing—immense big stock arrived this week—we can fit big people and little people. There is nothing quite equal to the "Happy Home" clothing. It is made from the very best material and is sold with a guarantee. W H Meeker & Co.

Someone is getting funny with the bicycle boys. Out on North C street the sidewalk in places have repeatedly been strewn with tacks—all of which omens not good to the pneumatic tires of the several wheels that circle in that direction. The man or boy who does this sort o' thing is filled clear to the neck with cussedness and the country which harbors such as he has no grounds upon which to congratulate. Even had he no regard for the bicyclists he ought to consider the barefooted urchin who is liable to puncture the sole of his foot—and perhaps fatal results follow.

Burns are absolutely painless when DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is promptly applied. This statement is true. A perfect remedy for skin diseases, chapped hands and lips, and never fails to cure piles. Geo. H. Haskins, druggist.

Rev. W. C. Jenkins, having retired from the ministry for a rest from confining study work, has decided to engage in a vocation which will surely give him plenty of out-of-door exercise, and is that of wood-sawing—not however, by hand, but with a portable engine and buzz saw. He has purchased an engine and saw and they will be here next week. He will conduct a wood yard, keeping on hand a good assortment of the different kinds of wood and when the saw is not working in the yard he will do sawing about the city. He has moved to the M. P. Phipps residence.

One hundred dollars forfeit will be paid by the proprietors of Oregon Kidney tea for each and every case of kidney or bladder disease which cannot be cured by its proper use. Sold by Chas. Strang, druggist.

The new ads this week are those of Cranfill & Hutchison, telling of "a well beaten path"—to their general store; Mesdames Losher & Norris have "Easter Hats" printed in bold type. They are also telling of other millinery goods which they have but recently received. Hubbard Bros., have an air motor which they are talking so to the farmers about; R. W. Gray is advertising the products of his Prospect saw-mill. J. C. Gilchrist has a pretty good picture of his draft stallion, "Bold Monarch"—on the last page.

Good income property, valued at \$3000, in Missouri, for sale or trade for property in Rogue river valley. A bargain for someone. Enquire at this office.

A. G. Johnston, who formerly lived at Eagle Point, but who is now at Bandon, this state, writes, enclosing a subscription price for THE MAIL and stating that he has steady employment in a woolen mill, but gets not very big wages. It is at Bandon, which is right at the coast, that the thermometer registered on the 24th day of March, just passed, in the same notch it did the 4th day of July. There is but one season of the year over there and you can call that season either winter or summer.

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.

Little Victor Eggers, the six-year-old son of Contractor J. A. Eggers, met with quite a serious mishap last Friday evening. He was playing up stairs at his home and in some of his boy plays he fell over the bannister and landed on the floor below, and in such a manner as to break his left forearm. Drs. Geary & Pickel were summoned and reduced the fracture and the little fellow is doing nicely. The wonder is that the fall was not more serious.

Those blazer suits at Meeker & Co.'s, are selling with a swiftness that speaks volumes for their quality and price.

Just an even dozen bobos were unloaded from the north bound freight train Saturday night. Marshal Colfer bunched the crowd and marched them out of town in the direction which the wild geese flies at this season of the year. The professional Weary Willie is very like these winged bipeds—northern move in the spring-time,

southern when the snowflakes gather in the fall.

DeWitt's Sarsaparilla is prepared for cleaning the blood. It builds up and strengthens constitution impaired by disease. Geo. H. Haskins.

J. H. Baird has sold an interest in his Tolo mine, to J. Anton Muller, of Tacoma, and the new partner will have charge of the mine work, while Mr. Baird will divide his time between Tacoma and the mine. Mr. Baird left yesterday for a month's stay at Tacoma. It was only last week that a \$129 nugget was picked up at this mine.

It's all the same, a slight cold, congested lungs or severe coughs. One Minute Cough Cure banishes them. Geo. H. Haskins.

Mrs. Martha Pelton, wife of Geo. E. Pelton, of this city, who has been very ill for the past several months, died at the residence of her father, Thos. Robinson, on Thursday of last week. Mrs. Pelton was only about twenty-two years of age. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Foster. On Friday of last week, Interment was made in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

Our stock of ladies' and children's hose is the best in the market and the prices lower than the lowest. VanDyke & Co.

The severe frost of Monday night sort o' rounded up the early fruit blooms in a manner not most pleasing. Peaches, apricots and almonds were injured materially—in some localities worse than others—but apples, pears and prunes are reported, by Orchardist J. H. Stewart, to be injured but very little if any.

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

Rev. Eli Fisher gave a free lecture at Gold Hill on the evening of March 31, by invitation. A large audience was present and the best of attention given. His theme was: "A. P. A. Principles Stated and Defended." The previous evening Rev. Desmarais lectured at the same place and he also to a large audience.

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

The Medford Grocery company has bloomed out with a brand, spanking new delivery wagon, with canvas covering and mountain scenery and lettering all over it. Prof. Rigby is the gentleman who did the painting—and did a good job Merchant A. M. Woodford also has a new delivery wagon.

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 especial attention.

L. W. Bast is making a crowning success of his tomatos business. He sells out his entire stock every day. So much of a success is the venture proving in Medford that he is now at work putting up another wagon—the new outfit for use in Grants Pass and to be in charge of his father-in-law.

Before making your spring dress good purchases call and examine our stock. We can save you money. VanDyke & Co.

Street Commissioner Amann has had teams at work this week grading the county road, near Dr. Kirchgesner's and Mr. Markley's places. He has also had teams at work plowing gravel out in Mingus' grove, which gravel is to be placed on the Jacksonville road leading west from Medford.

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

A meeting of the executive committee of the Medford Crater Lake club is called for next Monday night, at 7:30 o'clock, at THE MAIL office.

The president of the club desires that all members of the committee be present as there will be important business to transact.

Have you seen our new bicycle shoes? They are the best in the market. Try a pair. VanDyke & Co.

S. L. Bennett, in fording Bear creek with a team and wagon Monday morning, near his place, came near getting into quicksand sufficient in depth to swamp his team. One of his horses came near drowning and the wagon was something off a wreck when it was extricated.

Ladies, have you seen those elegant hair ornaments, belt buckles, shirtwaist sets, cuff buttons, etc., at the Racket?

Contractor J. A. Eggers completed

Merchant Deuel's fine barn last Saturday—and it's a beauty on all sides. Mr. Deuel now has contractors at work on estimates for his new house, which, if built on the same grand scale as the barn, will be one of the very best in Medford.

D. Brooks is ready to sell manufacturer's rights as well as sub-irrigating pipe.

The entertainment given at the Baptist church last Friday evening was not as largely attended as those most interested would have liked, yet those who did attend were given good value for their money. The program was a very complete one and was well carried out.

Oregon Kidney tea cures constipation. Sold by Chas. Strang, druggist.

Messrs. Hansen & Mickey are hauling dirt this week and grading a bicycle training track for J. A. Whitman. The track is being built west and south of Mr. Whitman's warehouse and will be for the use especially by those learning to ride a wheel.

Oregon Kidney tea relieves nervousness. Sold by Chas. Strang, druggist.

Photographer Mackey has been fitting his studio up anew this spring. He has put down new carpets and rugs, while beautiful chenille curtains have been added to the parlor draperies. There isn't anything too fine for Mackey's patrons.

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

Perry Stewart, the lumber yard man, will have on hand a large supply of screen doors now pretty soon. He is also expecting, within a few days, a carload of moulding, windows and doors—to replenish his present stock.

Easter hats—Mrs. Sears—at the Racket.

J. W. Robinson, the Wimer merchant, was down this way Monday, and

had with him a gold nugget the size of a hen egg. This was taken from his own mine and the pick-up is nothing especially unusual.

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

Rev. J. E. Faustett arrived from Jackson county last week. Mr. Faustett is well pleased with Lakeview, and has succeeded in securing a class in shorthand.—Lake County Examiner.

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

W. H. Meeker & Co. are buying considerable mohair these times, and they are ready to receive all that comes and pay the highest possible market price for it.

The finest wool and cotton, blankets ever brought to Medford—from 75 cents up, at Angle & Plymire's.

Dentist O. F. Demorest will make good rubber plates from \$5 to \$10. Gold crowns \$5. Porcelain crown \$2.50. I make all my gold crowns. Opera block, Medford, Oregon.

Ladies' spring and summer capes at Meeker & Co's.

F. M. Baker, the photographer, has added several new scenes to his studio parlors—all of which tend to make his place more beautiful and attractive.

You can save money by buying your boots and shoes of VanDyke & Co.

J. W. Carter's family arrived in Medford Sunday from Cottage Grove and they are now at the Barker saw-mill, in which mill Mr. Carter is employed.

Great reduction in all lines of foot-wear at VanDyke & Co's.

Contractor Bradbury has the roof nearly on the new Presbyterian church and Wednesday morning Mr. Priddy commenced the brick veneering.

Twenty-five yards of gingham for \$1. W. H. Meeker & Co.

C. W. Milton is grading down his lots, corner D and Eighth streets, preparatory to erecting a brick block thereon sometime in the future.

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

Report has it that C. B. Rostel will build a two story brick building on his lot on South D streets, the building to be 23x60.

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

The time of payment of taxes has been extended until next Monday, April 6th.

Demorest, the dentist—opera block, Medford.

Mrs. Isaac Wright is reported to be quite ill at her residence on North D street.

Ten bars of soap for 25 cents, at G. L. Davis.

Farmer J. N. Woody, we regret to learn, is quite seriously ill with rheumatism.

Beautiful Easter hats—Mrs. Sears.

J. H. Stewart made his first shipment of pie-plant to Portland Wednesday.

House to rent, W. T. York.

Ladies' white chamois gloves—size to fit all hands. W H Meeker & Co.

Crane & Childers will move into their new livery stables next Monday.

Commissioners' court will be in session next week.

### A \$9000 Attachment.