

PURELY PERSONAL.

F. W. GIBBS is at Ashland upon sewing machine business.

ISAAC WRIGHT is up from Yreka, Calif., for a few days' stay.

GEORGE LYNCH and the JOHNSON boys were in from Etna Tuesday.

A. CONNE left Monday for Salt Lake, Utah, at which place his family resides.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. STEVENSON, of Sams Valley, were in Medford upon business Monday.

Mrs. WALTER ANDERSON left Medford Sunday for a month's visit with her parents at Crescent City.

Miss MAUD GALLANT, of Ashland, is visiting in Medford for a few days, the guest of Miss Mamie Nicholson.

Miss ORPHA GRIFFIN returned to her home at Woodville Sunday, after a several weeks' visit with friends on Griffin creek.

Capt. W. S. CROWELL was up at Ashland on Sunday to attend the funeral of the late H. B. Carter, which took place on that day.

Mrs. GEO. SNYDER will leave this evening for a quite lengthy visit with her parents and other relatives at West Chester, Penn.

Attorney W. I. VAWTER left Wednesday evening for Portland, to attend the funeral of Deputy Grand Master A. G. Walling, which took place yesterday.

S. H. HILL, of Fresno, Calif., is here endeavoring to dispose of his property, the Western hotel, which property he is offering at the very low price of \$2000.

Mrs. FRANK BODDY and two children arrived in Medford Tuesday from Seattle and will visit a few months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith.

Mrs. ELIZABETH RAYLE and her nephew, Mr. CONE, of Stockton, Calif., are in Medford visiting relatives. Mrs. Rayle is a sister-in-law of Mrs. R. A. Finney, of this city.

L. BENNETT, returned from Portland Tuesday and with him came Miss MASTISON, a lady who will be companion for Mrs. B. while Mr. B. and M. J. Colby operate their fish trap on Rogue river.

Attorney S. S. PENTZ was called to Grants Pass this week to attend circuit court. He will probably return by Saturday. During his absence Attorney J. H. Whitman has charge of his legal business.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. LANGDON, of Biggs, Calif., arrived in Medford Wednesday and returned to their home the next day, accompanied by their uncle, P. C. Scott, who had recovered sufficiently to warrant his safe travel to Biggs.

J. P. HANSEN, of Eden precinct, left Tuesday for San Francisco. Upon his return he will bring with him his daughter, who has been in that city under surgical treatment for several years, but who now returns to her home fully recovered.

Dr. G. B. COLE returned Sunday from a six weeks' business and pleasure visit to southern California and Mexico. The doctor owns a large ranch in southern California and a good part of his time was given to looking after things connected therewith.

J. P. KESSLER returned Tuesday from a six months' hunting and trapping tour in Coos and Curry counties. He is now stopping with his parents at the Western and exhibited there a fine trophy of his chase, the same being a beautifully mounted deer head.

CHARLIE DAMON returned to Medford Wednesday evening. Since leaving here some several weeks ago he has been doing business as advance agent for the Weber dramatic company. The company made all the towns between here and San Francisco but played to a very poor business.

J. E. HART, of Central Point, was in the metropolis Monday upon business—a part of which was the squaring up of another year's subscription to the family journal. The relating of which latter item calls to mind the fact that a whole lot of our subscribers are right now fixin' themselves in advance on their subscription.

WM. TURNER, a gentleman who now resides on Deer creek, near Grants Pass, was in Medford Tuesday having his eyes treated by Drs. Geary & Pickel. Mr. Turner was one of the early-day residents of Medford, and at that time he owned considerable property in this city, among which was the land upon which now stands the Halley brick block.

Commander General WALKER, of the G. A. R.'s of the United States, accompanied by his chief of staff, passed through Medford Sunday evening, and was met at the depot by a few of the G. A. R. boys of this place, but not so many of them were there as would have been had it been more generally known that these distinguished gentlemen would pass on that date.

CHARLEY LAWRENCE came in last week from his mine, near Steamboat, and remained until Monday of this week. He reports everything all right at the mine and that now pretty soon he will commence gathering up the gold dust. He says if the gold is not in paying quantities he will forthwith convert his claim into a hay farm or bee ranch—for either of which it is adapted.

Mrs. W. E. BUTLER arrived in Medford Tuesday. She was met at the train with carriage by her husband and driven to their new home in East Medford. Mrs. Butler is from Junction City and this is her first visit to Medford. She was married to Mr. Butler at that place a couple of months ago, but owing to the illness of her father she could not accompany her husband home at that time.

GILBERT OLSEN came up from Yreka Monday and on Tuesday started for his homestead near Prospect to remain a few days—and visit Stockton, the printer ranchman. Mr. Olsen is mining near Yreka, but he does not for any great length of time lose sight of his valuable homestead, up Rogue river way—which is unquestionably a good one, but none too good for as square a lad as is our good friend Gilbert.

IRA PURDIN left Thursday for Sisson, Calif., where he expects to procure employment in a box factory. Ira has grown into a healthy, husky lad and is

capable of taking the big end of a man's work any place, and aside from this he is a genial sort of a fellow and makes friends every place he goes. THE MAIL is under obligations to him for many courtesies shown while he was clerk in the Medford postoffice. His sister, Miss Iva, will take his position in the office.

Mrs. D. BROOKS and Mrs. O. L. DAVIS were at Wellen this week, having been called there by the serious illness of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Eli Hogan. Mrs. Hogan was taken ill last Wednesday with pneumonia and on Friday Dr. Jones was sent for. During Saturday and Sunday the lady was very low and her chances for recovery were not many. She is now much improved and will undoubtedly be all right again in a short time.

F. E. SHOVE, of Franklin, Oregon, is in Medford for a quite lengthy visit with his nephew, A. C. Taylor, and family. Mr. Taylor has not seen his uncle for thirty years—hence it can be safely guessed that the meeting was very glad one. Mr. Shove is the possessor of a considerable amount of land in Manitoba, North Dakota and Colorado, but all these have little attraction for him now that he has seen Southern Oregon. He says he will now give his attention to interesting his friends in the Rogue river valley country.

Architect W. J. BENNETT returned Saturday from his trip to Sisson. He reports having secured a good bit of work in his line and has the promise of more. He is now getting out plans for a barber shop and grocery building for H. Rostell and also a store building for Jeweler L. Mugler. In the absence of brick he is using lava rock, which rock is found in great quantities near the town. When taken from the quarries the rock is soft and can be easily cut with an ax, but exposure to the elements hardens it—like flint. This is laid in the walls when first taken from the quarries and in cement and clay. Mr. Bennett has the promise also of the architectural work on a large hotel which is soon to be built. He also secured a hotel and a couple of store buildings at Etna, a small town thirty-five miles off the railroad from the railroad from Gazelle. The monthly pay roll of Sisson, he states, is \$48,000.

Gold Hill Items.

BY WILL

C. C. McClenden was in town Thursday.

Dr. Kirchgessner was in town a few days since.

E. Ray has gone to Josephine county on business.

Mrs. Sizemore was in town trade-day this week.

H. Bailey, of Sams Valley, was in Gold Hill Saturday.

Tyson Beall, of Central Point, was in Gold Hill Sunday.

George Lyman is home from his Josephine mines on a visit.

Wm. Dowden, of Sams Valley, was in Gold Hill Tuesday.

John Clements and son, Albert, are building a bridge in Sams valley.

Mrs. James Birdsey is very ill. Dr. Jones, of Medford, is her physician.

A. J. Messner has started a millinery store in connection with his shop.

Horace Pelton and John McClenden were in town on business Wednesday.

Mr. Richards attended the democratic convention at Jacksonville Saturday.

Mr. Galvin, the head man of this division of the railroad, was in town Tuesday.

Work has begun on the streets and we expect to have them in nice order soon.

Mr. McInnes, of San Francisco, who has been with friends here, returned to the city Tuesday.

Miss Hattie Eaton, the Galls creek teacher, spent Saturday and Sunday with Gold Hill friends.

A number of strangers were in town Tuesday and attended the political meeting in the evening.

Mr. McDougal, late of Oregon City, has opened a barber shop in the Victoria house, on Wall street.

The Black Gold Channel mines are reported unsafe to work in and nearly all the men have stopped work.

S. S. Pentz, the democratic nominee for district attorney, spoke to a large crowd at the hall Tuesday evening.

Sardine and Gold Hill played base ball a few days ago. The score stood 28 to 17 in favor of Sardine.

Mr. Rells, the democratic nominee for constable, refuses the position and has resigned in favor of Frank Parker.

The school was in charge of Mrs. Cardwell and Miss E. L. Benson during the absence of Prof. Freeman this week.

A number of citizens signed a petition asking that D street be turned into a county road. The petition was granted.

Mr. Bolrath made an invoice of the Marksberry & Co's. store this week, as the partnership of Marksberry, McKnight & Goldworthy has dissolved.

Tom Fredenburg, with five assistance, gave an entertainment Friday evening in the Bailey hall. There was a very small audience and the next day Mr. F. and company returned to Grants Pass.

HYPNOTISM IN COURT.

They Use It in Their Intrigues—Learned Men Pronounce Opinion.

An interesting case was recently brought before the criminal court of Munich. A Polish adventurer named Lubetz-Czyuski had appeared in Dresden as a professional hypnotizer. Dresden has many rich people who have nothing special to keep them employed, and the man with the unpronounceable name found plenty of faithful followers. Among these was a lady of good family, beautiful and rich. The "professor" declared his love to her, she accepted him, and there under ordinary circumstances would have been an end to the matter. Unfortunately, however, Czyuski had already a wife, and he tried to get out of the difficulty by a sham marriage, asking his new spouse to keep their union secret. But the high-born lady's relatives got wind of the affair and had the adventurer arrested, accusing him of having hypnotized his victim. Half a dozen learned men, says the Echo, Berlin, were summoned from as many universities to decide whether it was possible to influence a person to such an extent that all resistance is impossible. The jury failed to be convinced that such is the case. The charge against Czyuski, of having made the lady subservient to him without her consent, was dismissed, but he was convicted of disorderly conduct and of criminal acts against the public morality and sentenced to three years' imprisonment, with five years' loss of civic honors. The Nation, Berlin, says: "I do not believe that hypnotic influence is irresistible. When we see the exhibitions of professional hypnotizers we are led to think that they command obedience. If a hypnotized person is told: 'You are a dog,' he will begin to bark and crawl on all fours. But I believe that all such people are only somewhat stupid individuals who follow no other influence than the wish to appear interesting or to please—for some reason or other—the hypnotizer. I have often discovered proofs of this. One man, for instance, was told that in a certain place there was a wall too high for him to jump over. He went to this place and began to jump, but he always jumped—backward! None of the great scientists who interest themselves in hypnotism have ever declared that they themselves could be influenced. It is impossible with a person feeling his responsibility, and neither judge nor jury could be influenced."

NORTHERN WITCHES.

In Modern Times Belief in Them Has Been Quite Common.

So lately as the middle of this century a girl of Louisville, near Wick, was accused of being in league with the "poopers of mischief," and a remedy akin to that recently practiced with such tragic results in Ireland was devised. She was placed in a basket, lined with shavings of wood, which was then hung over a fire. The issue in this case was not fatal, but the folk averred that she was not "half so witch-like" after she had been singed. A hag of the northern isles was at times thought to be metamorphosed into a porpoise, and in fair weather she would dive under and overturn a fishing boat, against whose skipper she bore a grudge. On one occasion she was made to place her hand on the bodies of several men who had met their death in such a way, and, in the words of the old chronicler, one "bled at the collar bone," another "in the hands and fingers, gushing out blood thairat, to the great admiration of the beholders and revelation of the judgment of the Almighty."

A host of stories tell of northern witches who have given diseases to horses, oxen and flocks of moorland sheep. Herdsmen to this day distrust unknown persons who touch the food of their kye, lest it be poisoned. In Shetland the cat or vaneja is regarded as an animal which brings good luck; if she is seen to run toward the boat's mast there is sure to be a good catch. In Chaitness, on the contrary, witches frequently appear in the form of cats. A carpenter of Scrabster in the olden times was systematically robbed of his meal and cakes. He thought it "cu'na be cannie," and one night as he watched he saw a number of cats devouring his property. In a trice he cut off the right leg of one of them, whereupon they made their escape with a rapidity which confirmed his former suspicions. Shortly afterward an old woman, who had always been looked upon with disfavour, was found dead in her lone cottage, bereft of her right leg.—Scottish Review.

THE HABIT OF NAIL-BITING.

It is a Mark of Degeneration of the Nervous System.

There has just been issued from the Paris press a brochure which is creating a large amount of interest in French medical circles, both on account of its originality and the experimental results which it embodies. It is from the pen of Dr. Edgar Berillon, so well known in the surgical world by reason of his prominent connection with the dead Charcot in the latter's hypnotic experiments, and at present Secretaire General de la Societe d'Hypnologie et de Psychologie of Paris and medical inspector of the state lunatic asylums. The work is a scientific treatise on onychophagia, or fingernail biting, and contains the results of a series of observations in the public and private schools of France, and extending through a period of more than seven years. At the congress of the French Association for the Advancement of Sciences, held at Nancy in 1886, Berillon first announced his observations on the habit of nail-biting, and since that time has been in almost continuous experiment. In his thoroughly scientific treatment of what the world has never before considered worthy of prolonged or special study Berillon has arrived at results really remarkable. His experiments lead him to pronounce the habit far more widespread and pernicious than others promptly treated, and force him to conclude that, if not a disease itself, it is an unfailing mark of incipient degeneration of the nervous system, which, unrecognized, may be productive of the most evil results.

CERTAIN BIRDS NOT INJURIOUS.

Popular Fallacies Regarding Some of the Feathered Tribe Dissipated.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam, chief of the division of ornithology of the agricultural department, has been for several years engaged in examining and analyzing the contents of the stomachs of birds, showing in several notable instances that popular ideas regarding the injurious effects of certain birds were wholly mistaken and that they have been the victims of an unjust persecution. This has been found to be especially the case with hawks and owls, for the slaughter of which many states give bounties. Pennsylvania in two years gave over \$100,000 in hawk and owl bounties. Examinations of the stomachs of these birds prove conclusively that 95 per cent. of their food was field mice, grasshoppers, crickets, etc., which were infinitely more injurious to farm crops than they. The crow also is not so black as he has been painted by the farmers. The charges against the crow were that he ate corn and destroyed the eggs of poultry and wild birds. Examinations of their stomachs showed they eat noxious insects and other animals, and that, although 25 per cent. of their food is corn, it is mostly waste corn, picked up in the fall and winter. They also eat ants, beetles, caterpillars, bugs, flies, etc., which do much damage. In the case of the king-bird, killed by the farmer under the impression that it eats bees, it was found that he ate only drones and robber-flies, which themselves feed on bees, and which destroy more bees in one day than the king-bird does in a year. The king-bird, therefore, is to be encouraged rather than slaughtered. The cuckoo also are found to be very useful birds in this country, doing much good in the destruction of insects.

A NEW, BISMARCK STORY.

How He Played the Part of a Pretty Girl's Cousin Long Ago.

In Gothenburg, Sweden, lives an old woman who, when young and comely, passed much of her time with titled relatives in Rome and Vienna. Fifty-six years ago she visited Rome. In November she returned to Gothenburg by way of Berlin, which, although a tiny capital in those days, passed as one of the lions of central Europe. She knew nobody in Berlin, but the relatives she had been with in Rome had a cousin in the university, who was informed by letter that the young woman was coming and he must meet her and show her the sights.

"I arrived with my chaperone and maids," wrote the old woman to a Gothenburg newspaper three weeks ago, "and was welcomed by my German cousin, as I had come to call him. He was very hearty in his manner. He was a tall muscular young fellow, with a big mustache and peculiar, penetrating eyes. He seemed almost uncanny to me, yet was a delightful companion.

"For three days the young man was my constant companion. To be sure he could speak no Swedish; but his French was perfect. I never had such a devoted cavalier. I was proud enough of my German cousin. Only too soon came the day when I must say good-by to him in Berlin.

"My cousin," he said, as he shook my hand in parting, "I have a word to say to you. It is merely—well, cousin, I am not your cousin at all. My friend, who is the real cousin you sought, was so busy preparing for his examination that he begged me to act in his stead during your visit. My name is Otto von Bismarck."

"I looked at him in dumb astonishment as the carriage was driven away. My adventure was over.

"Nearly forty years passed. The obscure Bismarck had become a prince and had laid his hands on the crowns and nations of Europe. I came to Berlin again, and sent my card with a few written words to the prince. An hour later I received an invitation and went to the chancellor's palace. The prince remembered me perfectly, and we soon were deep in conversation.

"I have you to thank," he said, "for my only views of Berlin's art galleries and museums. Since we parted I never found time to visit them again."

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

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Central Point Items.

James Hopwood is now employed in his mine, on Grave creek.

Mrs. Kenney and family have become residents of Phoenix.

Mrs. Kate Bradley spent a day in Medford last week.

Dr. J. Hinkle made Jacksonville a business trip on Monday.

Miss Strang, of Medford, was visiting friends here last week.

W. E. Coul, of Jacksonville, spent a day here last week.

Mrs. Robert Dean, of Grants Pass, is paying relatives here a visit.

L. C. Rodenburger made a business trip to Medford on Tuesday.

P. O. Applegate spent a couple of days at Jacksonville last week.

Fred Hogg, of Ashland, was visiting old friends here during the week.

Prof. M. E. Rigby, of Medford, made this city a business trip Monday.

Geo. Merriman and M. L. Alford, of Medford, were in the city on Sunday.

Misses Bertha and Nora Rowland, of Medford, spent a day of last week with relatives here.

Chas. Peninger, of Woodlawn, Calif., who has been visiting his parents, returned home a few days ago.

Mrs. Wm. Holmes is making her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown, of Eagle Point, a visit this week.

Dr. Hinkle has two men employed on his North Star ledge taking out ore. They have struck a four foot vein that prospects rich.

FIRESIDE FRAGMENTS.

—Frosted Glass.—A solution of sulphate of magnesia, mixed with gum in hot water, and put on the glass with a brush; or a mixture of Epsom salts and beer—two ounces of the former to a half teacupful of the latter. Apply with a bit of muslin.

—Cocoanut Drops.—Grate a cocoanut and weigh it, then add half the weight of powdered sugar and the white of one egg beaten to a stiff froth. Stir the ingredients together, then drop the mixture with a dessert spoon upon buttered white paper or tin sheets and sift sugar over them. Bake in a slow oven 15 minutes.—Western Rural.



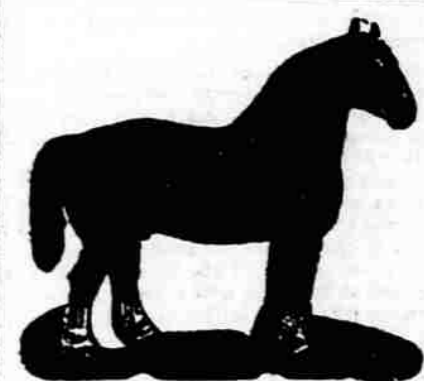
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The most wonderful summer drink that ever quenched the thirst of man or sweetened the lips of woman. It is the mingled essences of the most delicious tropical fruits. In it you will find the sunshine and shadow that chased each other over the billowy fields; the breath of June, the carol of the lark, the dew of night, the wealth of summer and autumn's rich content, all golden with the imprisoned light. Drink it and you will hear the voice of men and maidens singing.

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Mingled with laughter of children. For years this liquid joy has been within the happy states of oak, longing to touch the lips of man. This delicious drink can only be found at...

THE CRATER...



BOLD MONARCH

An imported Clydesdale stallion, will make the season of 1896 at the following places: Central Point, Monday and Tuesday; Medford, Wednesday and Thursday; Bybee Bridge, Friday and Saturday of each week, at the following rates for service: Single service, \$5; season, \$10; to insure, \$12.50. Persons having mares will miss a good chance by not breeding to the above named horse. Will take a limited supply of hay, grain, potatoes or pork in exchange at market price. Our motto is live and let live. I make this offer so as to reach every one who may want to raise a colt. Examine this horse before you look elsewhere. For any information regarding name, address, C. C. GILCHRIST, Manager, Central Point, Oregon.

County Treasurer's Ninth Notice.

OFFICE OF COUNTY TREASURER OF JACKSON COUNTY, OREGON, JACKSONVILLE, ORE., MAY 1ST, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that there are funds in the county treasury for the redemption of all outstanding county warrants protested from March 21st, 1895, to July 25th, 1895. Interest on the same will cease after the above date.

M. R. WELCH, County Treasurer. By L. L. JACOBS, Deputy.

THIS SPACE RESERVED for A BUSY WOMAN

Ad will appear next week.

Just to say—

Viavi is King

Mrs. James Riley.

Bank

President Isaac Lewis of Sabina, Ohio, is highly respected all through that section. He has lived in Clinton Co. 75 years, and has been president of the Sabina Bank 20 years. He gladly testifies to the merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and what he says is worthy attention. All brain workers find Hood's Sarsaparilla peculiarly adapted to their needs. It makes pure, rich, red blood, and from this comes nerve, mental, bodily and digestive strength.

"I am glad to say that Hood's Sarsaparilla is a very good medicine, especially as a blood purifier. It has done me good many times. For several years I suffered greatly with pains of

Neuralgia

in one eye and about my temples, especially at night when I had been having a hard day of physical and mental labor. I took many remedies, but found help only in Hood's Sarsaparilla which cured me of rheumatism, neuralgia and headache. Hood's Sarsaparilla has proved itself a true friend. I also take Hood's Pills to keep my bowels regular, and like the pills very much." ISAAC LEWIS, Sabina, Ohio.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. \$1. Prepared only by C. L. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. are prompt, efficient, and cost Hood's Pills may be had in 25 cent.

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And you will get them. He guarantees his work.

MISTLETOE..

This Standard bred Trotting Stallion will stand for the season of 1896, at the barn known as the G. L. Davis stable, Medford....

MISTLETOE

Is a dark bay; weighs 1200 pounds; black above knees and hocks; foaled at Springfield, Ill., Sept. 6, 1886.

PEDIGREE:—Sired by Raymond, son of Soorates, 4-year-old record 1:34, and sire of Soorates, roan gelding, 2:27, by Ryedyk's Hambletonian, sire of Dexter, 2:17, Nettie, 2:18, Orange Girl, 2:20, Gazelle, 2:21, Jay Gould, 2:21, and thirty-two others with records of 2:30 or better. First dam, May Alexander, by Herr Alexander, son of Mambrino Pilot, 1:27, and sire of Hannis, 2:17, Mambrino Gift, 2:20, Emulus, 2:25, David Wallace, 2:28, and Morning, 2:30; son of Mambrino Chief, sire of Lady Thorn, 2:18. Second dam, Old Fly, by Banner Chief, sire of the dam of Corban's Bashow, 2:26, of Mambrano Chief.

TERMS. SEASON, \$15

Due at end of season or when mare is disposed of or removed from the neighborhood. Care will be taken to prevent accidents but I will not be responsible should any occur.

SPENCER CHILDERS, Owner

S. BRADBURY, Manager.

