

PURELY PERSONAL.

L. B. TUCKER, of Gold Hill, was in Medford last week.
Miss OLLIE BRUNK, of Ashland, was visiting in Medford last week.
Attorney C. B. WATSON, of Ashland, was visiting in Medford last week.
Road Master KELLEY came up from Grants Pass Wednesday to visit his family.
Miss MINNIE COLEMAN has gone to her home, near Phoenix, to spend the summer.
Miss NELLIE EWAN, of Ashland, was visiting with Miss Adele Pickel one day last week.
Mrs. WM. HURN and sister, of Portland, were visiting Miss Eva Wilson a few days last week.
THOS. NICHOLS, of Eagle Point, was in Medford last Saturday visiting relatives and doing business.
FRANK JOHNSON was in from Etina this week on business returning with a load of supplies from our merchants.
BENJ. BAKSA, the Etina carpenter and farmer, came over last week and left his name as our subscription book.
Miss ELVA GALLOWAY left yesterday for Boag to spend her vacation with her parents, at their farm home.
Dr. McMEETREY, who has been in Medford for the past few weeks, left Tuesday for his old home in Missouri.
D. T. LAWTON went to Grants Pass Monday evening on a business trip—for the Mitchell, Lewis & Staver company.
Mrs. E. DEPEAT, of Ashland, was visiting with the family of Attorney and Mrs. W. H. Parker and family last week.
Mrs. WM. DYAR, of San Francisco, was visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. A. M. Woodford, and family a few days this week.
Mrs. WM. HANLEY, of Harney county, was visiting in Medford a few days of last week. She returned to her home last Sunday.
J. C. OSBURN, of Turner, Oregon, arrived in Medford this week for a visit with his brother-in-law, Rey. Mayfield and family.
BENJ. HIGHNBOTHAM, foreman of the Squaw Lake Mining company's mine, was in Medford last week laying in supplies for the mine.
County School Superintendent GUS NEWBURY and wife returned Monday from their trip to Portland and other Willamette valley towns.
Miss MOLLIE REAMES, daughter of Merchant A. E. Reames, of Klamath Falls, is in Medford this week visiting with Miss Mabel Kessler.
A. C. SMITH and family on Tuesday moved to the Gray saw-mill, where Mr. Smith will be employed and near which he will take up a homestead.
Miss BESSIE PEED, of Ashland, who has been visiting Merchant Wm. Angle's people for the past week, returned to her home Wednesday.
J. H. HOUSTON, of Klamath Falls, was in Medford last week on business. He will now learn of the doings of Jackson county through THE MAIL.
WALTER LIPPINCOTT, who has been attending the Mt. Angel college this year, returned to Medford Wednesday to spend his vacation with his parents.
Mrs. C. C. BELKNAP and children left this week for their old home in Iowa to visit until fall when they will return to Medford to locate permanently.
Mr. and Mrs. N. R. JOHNSTON left Medford Wednesday for Guthrie, Oklahoma, to which place they were called by the illness of a son. They will be absent but a few weeks.
FRED MILLER returned from Josephine county last Friday, where he has been for the past month in the interest of the Singer Sewing Machine company, of which he is agent.
Wm. ULRICH was down in California this week disposing of the products of the Southern Oregon Pork Packing company—which product is a prime article and always marketable.
ALONZO SLOVER, who has been stopping in Medford for the past year, left for the Willamette valley Tuesday evening. From there he will go to Texas to remain permanently.
Rev. J. A. SLOVER, of Grants Pass, was in Medford this week visiting relatives. The gentleman is canvassing for the sale of that most excellent book work, "Euel's Manual of Self Help."
FRANK CEOL and wife arrived in Medford, from Kansas, last week and from here they went to Butte creek, where they will engage in farming in the Italian district, near Chimney Rock.
J. S. MORGAN returned this week from his two months' stay at his Applegate placer mine. He made a good clean-up—and is well satisfied therewith—because of which his friends rejoice.
Mr. and Mrs. R. J. CAMERON, of Uniontown, came over to Medford last Friday to attend graduating exercises of the Medford high school, in which their son was one of the participants.
WILL RICHARDSON left Medford Sunday for San Diego county, Calif., whither he goes in hopes of recuperating his ill health. His many friends are hoping that the desired results may be his.
Miss EDITH VAN DYKE closed a successful three months' term of school in the Sterling district and has returned to Medford where she has accepted a position as saleswoman in her father's store for the summer.
DILLARD HILL and family left Monday evening for a visit to their old home in Missouri. They will be absent about two months. They deserve a cracking good time—and THE MAIL hopes they'll have it.
A. C. TAYLER went to Tolo with his family Wednesday to inspect the workings of the Tolo mines—and incidentally to add more interesting knowledge to his stock in trade to impart to the Londoners when he arrives there this summer.
R. V. JONES, station agent at Sheridan, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jones, for the last week, left for Tucson, Arizona, last Sunday morning where he has a position offered him as agent at that place. If the climate and coun-

try suits him he will accept the position but if not he will return and again assume his duties at Sheridan.
E. A. LONG came over from Hornbrook last week to secure a carpenter to assist him in the erection of a large two story hotel at that place—he having been awarded the contract for the same. Mr. Long was formerly a resident of Medford.
Miss VIOLA BRANDON, who has been teaching in our public school for the past two years, returned to her home in Halsey, this state, last Monday evening. She has made a host of friends during her stay here, who regret to see her leave.
Dr. T. GARTE, of Iowa, stopped over in Medford one day last week on his return home from attendance to the National Medical association at Portland to visit with the family of B. N. Butler, who are old-time friends and were neighbors in Iowa.
C. E. KNOTTS was in from his Butte creek fishing camp Wednesday. He had with him several hundred pounds of fish which found ready market. He will run the camp during the summer season and will make weekly trips to every town in the valley.
JOHNNY CURRY was down from the R. W. Gray saw mill Monday with lumber. Johnny isn't looking the dude, not a little bit—but there is a look of hardiness that is not lost sight of—neither are his whiskers out of sight to any degree noticeable.
G. W. EATON, formerly in the copper business at Prospect, but later a resident of Lyonsville, Calif., arrived in Medford Sunday and on Tuesday left for Prospect, where he expects to take up a homestead and do cooping. He may possibly establish a cooper shop in Medford.
Dr. W. S. JONES and Painter J. H. BUTLER and their families will leave tomorrow for a couple or three weeks' stay over in the Jenny creek country. During the doctor's absence Dr. G. B. Cole will have charge of his office and will look after his patients.
Dr. E. KIRCHGESSNER returned Saturday from Portland, where he had been attending the National Eclectic Medical association. He reports that the convention was a success from start to finish. He was one of the active participants in the convention work.
A. REDALL, of Ripon, Wis., who is making an extended tour of all the western states, stopped over at Medford for a couple of days last week to visit Mrs. Ella J. Cole and family, who are old-time acquaintances. He is a very pleasant and entertaining gentleman to meet.
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. POOL, of Olney, Klamath county, formerly of Jackson county, came over from their new home this week for a short stay with their friends hereabouts. Mrs. P. is not enjoying the best of health and will remain in the valley a few days and receive medical attendance.
JOHNNY WILLIAMS and A. REYNOLDS, who have been stopping at Tolman springs for the past two weeks, for the benefit of Mr. Reynolds' health, returned Sunday evening. We are glad to learn that Mr. Reynolds is much improved and that he will soon be able to attend to his duties again.
WARREN CAMERON, one of the Medford school graduating class, returned to his home on Applegate last Monday to spend his vacation. He will probably go to Lincoln, Nebraska, this fall to attend one of the high schools in that city. Warren is a bright young man and will, if THE MAIL knows what it is guessing about, be one of the most brilliant lights in the arena of eminent men.
F. B. COPENSHIRE and G. B. CARRIER, two young men from South Bend, Wash., were in Medford last week looking for a business location. They are making a tour of the Pacific coast on bicycles, and are selling cigars—from a cigar factory. They were joined at Ashland by G. R. Rodgers, of Grants Pass, and the three will travel together during the summer, returning this fall and locate either at Ashland or Medford.
PERRY ELLIS, the Prospect photographer, was in the metropolis last week exhibiting some of his excellent views of the fine scenery of the upper Rogue river country. The gentleman has some most excellent views of the magnificent scenery along the Rogue river—and of these he has a large supply with which to supply the visiting Mazamas. There is, without a doubt, no more beautiful scenery any place in Oregon than is found along the Rogue river and nearly all these points of interest will be pointed out to the Mazamas in their trip from Medford to Crater lake in August.
Cashier J. E. ENYART returned Tuesday from Spokane, Washington, at which place he took part in the annual shoot of the Pacific Coast Gun club. There were seventy-five contestants for the various trophies and prizes and in all this crowd Mr. Enyart stood seventh in the general average. He won several prizes, varying in value from \$5 to \$100, the greater number of which he disposed of for a cash consideration before leaving Spokane. The weather was extremely warm and the sun very bright which latter was a great impediment to Mr. Enyart's usual good shooting, he not being accustomed to being out of door. The globe trophy which Mr. Enyart held last year went to Spokane parties this year. The next tournament will be held at Anaconda, Montana.
Deafness Cannot be Cured.
By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.
We will give one hundred dollars for any case of deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Dr. J. C. Cabott's cure sent for circulars, free. Sold by druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.
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Graduating Exercises.

Our public schools have closed. After nine months of diligent work, work that has been wrought with obstacles at almost every turn, because of inadequate school room, work that has been marred by barriers that seemed almost insurmountable, and work that has required a strong will to accomplish, eight of our boys and girls have demonstrated that anyone, no matter what obstacles fall in their pathway, may, if he have a strong arm, a clear head and a determined and honest purpose, rise with the aid of our public schools until he stands foremost in the honor and confidence of his fellowmen. We are proud of our school. Schools in every age of the world have been the chief factor in man's onward march in civilization. Blessings everywhere follow its advancing footsteps. It travels over no blood stained fields to accomplish its noble ends. It brings man into harmonious and friendly intercourse. It brings men together. Wherever we go, whether at home or abroad, it is the schools that control the great interests of the world and make the affairs of man mighty. That is why we are proud of our school; that is the reason that no effort should be spared to encourage the coming generation to arm themselves with the weapon that rules the universe. It is needless for us to dwell upon the history of our Medford public schools during the past year. Suffice it to say that, notwithstanding the adverse circumstances under which the pupils and teachers have labored, they have, with never faltering determination, surmounted the difficulties that blocked the pathway and are now entitled to their well-earned vacation, and to the teachers is due the deepest gratitude of those whom they have so diligently served during the year just past. As an evidence of the great interest felt in our schools it is only necessary to say that over seven hundred people, the largest crowd ever gathered in the Medford opera house, congregated there last Friday evening to witness the graduating exercises of those who reached the goal. The stage was gaily decorated and lavishly strewn with choice roses. When the hall had been packed to its utmost capacity and the standing room had all been appropriated, the Medford school band opened the exercises of the evening by an overture, "The Nugget Nell." Then the curtain was drawn, revealing the graduating class seated in a semi-circle on the stage. The exercises, proper, were opened by a touching prayer by Rev. Wood which was followed by the class song, "At the Threshold," by the class of '06, followed by Miss Zoë Bruns, who, in her pleasing and charming manner, interested the audience on the subject: "Is Patriotism Declining in America?" Her rendition showed careful work and training and was heartily applauded by the audience. After Miss Bruns came Warren Cameron in "America's Demands in Education," which he brought forth in a manner commendatory to him and which showed that he was master of his subject. "America in Invention," by Helen Holtan was the next theme for discussion, and she demonstrated to the audience that America leads the world in science. "The Cause of America's Success," by L. May Phipps, was a subject full of patriotic sentiments and one in which the deepest interest was manifested. Then, by way of variety, an octet was rendered by the teachers which elicited encore after encore and which prepared the audience for the next subject, "America's Resources," by Ida H. Weaver. She presented it in a thorough and vivid manner and did not fail to hold the attention of her hearers. "Arbitration Instead of War" by Floyd M. White, was so strongly advocated that all doubts as to his aversion to war was thoroughly eliminated, and that fact being well established the audience prepared themselves to hear what Miss Edith M. White had to say on "American Literature," and they were in full accord with the sentiments in which she, in a very able manner, eulogized our American authors, lauding them as the superior of all authors. Then came "Our Country's Future" by W. W. Ferguson and should his prognostications come to pass, the future generation will be far in advance of the present in enlightenment as we are in advance of the inhabitants of the dark ages. This concluded the graduating exercises and the next thing was the presentation of diplomas by Hon. W. H. Parker who, after a few well chosen remarks, in which he urged them to continue their work, aim above the mark, depend on self reliance, etc., he handed them their diplomas which is the evidence of their faithful and diligent labors. Then the parting class song ended the first part of the program.
While the graduates were preparing for the second part, the audience were entertained by a tambourine drill by about thirty little girls which was splendidly executed and which showed very careful training. After this the audience, led by Prof. Gregory, sang "America" and then came the reunion of the class in 1916, which was one of the most amusing features of the evening. From high school graduates of 1896 they had become travelers of world-wide fame, inventors that the most imaginative had never dreamed of and the new woman, Oh! how evident was she!
The program differed materially from the general run of graduating exercises, in that the customary valedictorian, salutatorian and class prophecies were omitted and the program as given above was rendered. The subjects were all on one theme, "America," first last and all the time, and although the subject of America is one that will always elicit the greatest enthusiasm among our people, a little diversity intermingled with these subjects might not have been amiss. But the exercises were a complete success, crowned with evidence of careful preparation, presented with marked indications of careful training, and received with evidence of a deep and lasting interest. To Prof. Gregory who has labored so faithfully and assiduously to maintain the credit of our school in the face of adversity; to his assistants whose whole energy has been in the work of our schools and who have not left a stone unturned to further the interest of those whom they represent; to the pupils who have, by their tutors' assistance made it possible to attain such credible results; to the school board who have been so persistent in their efforts to make Medford one of the leading

educational centers of Southern Oregon and to the parents and friends who have been so liberal in their support, is due honor and credit that must necessarily attract attention abroad as well as at home and give Medford a place among the most progressive cities in Oregon.
Fourth of July at Ashland.
GENERAL OUTLINE OF PROGRAM.
President of the day, Hon. C. B. Watson, of Ashland.
Vice presidents, Hon. W. I. Vawter of Medford; Hon. W. M. Colvig, of Jacksonville, W. C. Leever, of Central Point.
Orator of the day, Hon. W. S. Crowell, of Medford.
Reader, Miss Agnes Devlin, Jacksonville.
Grand Marshal, G. W. Dunn.
Aide, J. E. Pelton, G. W. Barron, G. S. Butler.
A GREAT PARADE.
The parade will form at 9:30 a. m. in the following order, as near as practicable:
Advance brigade of mounted bicyclists.
Ashland band.
Company D, O. N. G.
Cadets, Cos. A, B and C.
Artillery Co. A.
Ashland hose company, No. 1.
Ashland hose Co. No. 2.
Orator, reader and officers of the day in carriages.
G. A. R. float, followed by floats of other societies.
Public and Normal school floats.
Oregon float.
Display of the various merchants and trades.
Citizens in carriages and on foot.
TABERNACLE PROGRAM.
Music, Ashland band.
Invocation.
Vocal music—trio—"To Thee, O Country," Ashland lady quartet.
Music, Ashland band.
Reading, Declaration of Independence, Miss Agnes Devlin.
Vocal music—solo and trio—"Old Glory," Ashland lady quartet.
Oration, Hon. W. S. Crowell.
Vocal music, Ashland lady quartet.
Benediction.
AMUSEMENTS.
The afternoon exercises will include a long string of interesting and thrilling amusements. At three o'clock will take place the GRAND BURLESQUE PARADE, and the grand mammoth Band of 25 pieces will be heard for the first time by the delighted listeners; also, in the parade will be the troupe of performing minstrels, who will give a free exhibition. Following these will come a great band of wild Comanche warriors, in full war paint and celebrating a recent victory in the style of savagery. The burlesque parade will be a feature of the day and contain many new and interesting attractions.
Races for boys, races for girls,

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

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Useful for Climbing Out and Back When He Visited His Sweetheart.

Warden Patten, of the Indiana prison south at Jeffersonville, has on exhibition one of the most remarkable contrivances of a prisoner that ever came into his collection. It is a ladder made of thousands of small pieces of twine, threads, cords and rope, such as a convict would secretly collect through years of effort. With the rope Thomas Shepherd used to climb a thirty-foot wall and get out of the penitentiary yard night after night to visit an old sweetheart. He never attempted to escape, and when his ladder was found one night he returned before his absence had been discovered, rang the bell at the front gate, and surrendered himself. On his arm he carried a rubber coat, which had been used to conceal his striped shirt. He wore moccasins over his shoes.

Shepherd told a straightforward story, so far as it went. He had made the ladder, he said, in order that he might visit a woman outside the prison. He had gone to her house only four times, he said. The other night, when he returned, he found his ladder gone from the wall, and at once he decided to give himself up. He would not tell the woman's name, but the prison officials think they have discovered her identity. She went from her home in Sullivan county, Ind., some years ago to live in Jeffersonville, near her convict lover.

Shepherd said that he wore his ladder at night, and that it took him months to finish it. It contained threads, strings and bits of cords of every size, length and color. They were woven, knotted and twisted skillfully.

Shepherd was sent to prison to serve a life sentence in 1875. A new trial was secured two years later, and he was recommitted on the same sentence on April 19, 1878. He has continually petitioned for executive clemency, and two years ago his sentence was commuted to twenty years. He will be released, consequently, on April 15, 1895. He was a country school-teacher. One night at an apple paring he had a quarrel with a man named Macey Engle over a girl. Engle had Shepherd arrested, and one night, before the case was tried, Engle was assassinated. Shepherd was convicted purely on circumstantial evidence, and has always maintained his innocence.

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Never had a merrier time than we've had the last few days, waiting on our customers, but...

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D. I. Waldroop, Prop'r.