

PURELY PERSONAL.

JAS. McDOUGAL was in Medford on business last week.

Miss GRACE FOSTER was visiting in Ashland this week.

Judge RICHARDS, of Gold Hill, visited Medford Thursday.

Dr. SOMMERS, of Ashland, was visiting in Medford Wednesday.

PERRY FOSTER, of Sams Valley, was visiting in Medford last week.

Attorney H. L. BENSON, of Grants Pass, was in Medford Tuesday.

Mrs. CHAS. HOWARD is visiting her parents at Kerbyville this week.

Mrs. JAS. A. SLOVER, of Grants Pass is visiting her parents this week.

W. R. DICKINSON, of Table Rock, was visiting in Medford this week.

O. HOLTAN, the tailor, made a business trip to Ashland one day this week.

Rev. J. MERLEY and wife joined the long list of Colestein campers Thursday.

W. D. BEIDLEMAN and family left for the Dead Indian country on Wednesday.

JAS. BURNS, the Galls Creek miner, was doing business in Medford last week.

S. H. McLENDON, of Sams Valley, was doing business in Medford this week.

WALLACE WOODS and I. A. MOUNCE made Grants Pass a business trip last Friday.

R. G. BUNCH returned Tuesday from his sojourn at Wagner's soda springs.

Miss IRENE CHITWOOD left Tuesday for Marshfield for a two months' visit with friends.

DOLPH CARLTON, the new stock inspector, was doing business in Medford this week.

FRANK BROWN, the Eagle Point merchant, was doing business in Medford this week.

CHAS. DELASHMUTT, of Portland, is visiting with his sister, Mrs. E. B. Pickett, of this city.

DAVID FRY, an erstwhile printer for THE MAIL, was a pleasant caller at this office Tuesday.

Mrs. P. SIMON, proprietress of the Eagle Point hotel, was doing business in Medford Thursday.

G. L. WEBB returned from Colestein last week. Mrs. Webb will remain there for some time yet.

Dr. C. C. FRYE, GEO. H. KELLEY and J. F. KELLEY, of Grants Pass, were visiting in Medford Sunday.

Mrs. E. D. LISTER and son, of Grants Pass, were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Grizzle in this city last week.

Mrs. S. WILLIS, of Roseburg, has been visiting her uncle, Merchant F. M. Plymale, during the week.

Mrs. W. C. MINER, of San Francisco, who has been visiting with E. E. Miner and family, returned home Tuesday.

CHAS. STRANG and family went to Colestein Monday for a two weeks' sojourn at that popular summer resort.

Mr. and Mrs. E. BROWN and Mr. and Mrs. P. S. ENYART left for Colestein Wednesday for a few weeks' sojourn.

Z. CAMERON, one of the proprietors of the celebrated Galice creek mines, was doing business in Medford Wednesday.

Prof. G. A. GREGORY and family have returned from a two weeks' sojourn at the camping grounds near Ashland.

HARRY WORTMAN and wife, accompanied by his mother, left for Colestein Friday, where they will remain for some time.

Mrs. L. WHITTLE, of Portland, who has been visiting in Medford for the past two weeks, returned home Tuesday evening.

P. J. HEAD, the piano dealer, returned Tuesday from a trip in California. He reports having sold a number of instruments.

C. W. STRATTON, one of the proprietors of the electric light plant, arrived in Medford from Portland last week to remain some time.

CHAS. HIGINBOTHAM, who has been in California for sometime past, returned to Medford last week for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. W. H. MEEKER, Mr. and Mrs. J. MEEKER and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. STURGES left Wednesday for a ten days' outing at South Soda springs.

FRANK SHELDON, who has been attending school at Berkeley for the past year, returned home last Saturday to spend his vacation in this city.

L. WIGGINS and family, accompanied by Mrs. I. A. Mounce, left with team for Colestein this week where they will camp during the continuance of the warm weather.

Mrs. E. LEVER, of Central Point, is in Medford visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Nicholson, this week. Mr. Nicholson, we are sorry to learn, has been quite seriously ill.

D. H. VAN ANTWERP was in from his Thompson creek ranch this week and reports that he has had a very large crop of grain this season, which will soon be ready for harvesting.

C. JOHNSON, of Lakeview, came over from that place last Monday with a load of hides which he shipped to Portland. He returned with a load of household goods for Dr. O. F. Demorest.

ED. SMITH, he who was formerly engaged in the jewelry business in Medford but who has been doing missionary in California for the past year, returned to Medford this week for a short visit.

D. W. CROSBY and wife returned from their trip to Walla Walla, Wash., last week. They say that the heated term of the valley of the Rogue is not in it with that section of the Evergreen state.

Mrs. P. B. PATTERSON, who has been making her home for the past two years with Mrs. E. Baker, near the Taylor saw mill, left for Oakland Monday, where she will reside permanently.

M. W. SKEEL, who is head sawyer at Gray's Prospect mill, came down to Medford this week for a few days' visit and will, on his return, be accompanied by Mrs. Skeel and the baby. Myron has fitted up a pleasant summer home up among the swinging pines and Mrs.

Skeel will reside there with him during the summer—which will be much more pleasant than suffering the intense heat of the valley.

WARREN L. CAMERON came over from his home at Unionton Monday to receive medical treatment. His many friends will regret to learn that he has been quite ill since returning to his home.

Dr. ELMER HOOVER, of Portland, is visiting in Medford a few days with his brother. The doctor is a bright young man and is building up a good practice in that city which his many friends here will be pleased to learn.

W. H. SPEER, operator and assistant agent at the depot, left for Junction City Sunday evening to attend the funeral of his step-father, who died at that place last Sunday morning. His position was temporarily filled by his brother-in-law, Mr. Hansaker, of Junction City. Mr. Spear returned Wednesday morning, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Bunday, who will visit a couple of weeks with him.

Miss MARY BAKER and her sister, Mrs. C. JUMP, M. D., of Oakland, Calif., arrived in Medford last Sunday evening for a visit with relatives and friends. These ladies were both former residents of Medford where they both taught in the public school in its early history. They have a large number of friends in the valley who will be glad to welcome them again in their midst. They will probably remain here until late in the fall.

A. I. ASHCRAFT, of Spokane, Washington, was in Medford last week. The gentleman, with his family, is traveling by conveyance looking for a suitable location to establish a business. He reports that the grain in this valley is the best that he has seen since leaving Washington—and that there are more signs of business activity in Medford than in any town of its size through which he has passed—all of which confirms the oft repeated statement that Medford is the best town south of Portland.

Mrs. A. ADAMS, who lives out on Griffin creek, left this week for a three months' tour in northern California and eastern Oregon. Mrs. Adams has resided in the Rogue river valley for the past fifteen or sixteen years, and goes to visit the scenes which surrounded her former California home and to visit with several sons and daughters who reside over that way. Mrs. Adams was one of the pioneers in the sage brush country, coming there in 1892, and recounts many of the earlier experiences in interesting detail, yet she thinks the Rogue river valley and the land of chaparral preferable to it.

Dr. E. P. GEARY, grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, for the domain of Oregon, returned to Medford Wednesday morning after a five weeks' visiting tour among the Pythian lodges of the state. During his absence he visited thirty-four lodges, and met with most the cordial and royal receptions at every point visited and the hearty receptions tendered him are only in line with the admiration and esteem which each lodge in the state holds for its presiding grand officer. Dr. Geary returned somewhat fatigued from his protracted visit, but he had no sooner reached home than he found a letter awaiting him which requested his attention to lodge matters at Portland, and in response he left on the evening train of the same day.

SONGS THEY SING.

How the Bee and the Katydid Make Their Music.

Many insects make a noise of some sort, at least most of them do. And as this noise is of different kind in different animals, so it is produced in different ways. Scarcely any two insects make their music in the same manner.

There is the little katydid. You all know the katydid, of course. It is in color a light green; its wings are gauzy and beautiful. Just where the wing of the katydid joins the body there is a thick ridge, and another ridge corresponding to it on the wing. On these ridges is stretched a t' in but strong skin, which makes a sort of drumhead.

It is the rubbing together of these two ridges or drumheads which makes the queer noise we hear from the katydid. It is loud and distinct, but not very musical, and the next time we hear the sound "Katy did! Katy didn't!" you may know this katydid is rubbing the ridges of her body together and perhaps enjoying doing it. The moment it is dark she and all her friends begin. Perhaps some of them rest sometimes, but if they do there are plenty more to take up the music.

Then there is the bee. The bee's hum comes from under its wings, too, but is produced in a different way. It is the air drawing in and out of the air tubes in the bee's quick flight which makes the humming. The faster a bee flies the louder he hums. Darting back and forth, he hums busily, because he can't help it, until presently he lights on a flower or even a fence, and all at once he is still again.

Reached the Limit.

"Paper flowers are all right in their place," said a gentleman who boasts of the joys and comforts of married life, "but I'll be hanged if there isn't even a limit to paper flowers. My wife and daughter have the craze, and they have it bad. If I attempt to light the lamp I invariably set fire to a tangle of housewreck. If I go to the library I am frightened to death lest I break one of the branches of morning glories that hang like cobwebs in front of the glass. If I attempt to sit down, stand up or walk, I am compelled to reconnoiter about and to indulge in all kinds of Fabian tactics before I can move. I did not object. They enjoyed it and I was satisfied. But Sunday the limit was reached; then my regal anger was aroused. I have a small conservatory which is the joy and pride of my life. One Sunday one of my business friends came up to see me, and I took him out to show him my flowers. That's where the trouble was. My wife and daughter had paper flowers in every nook and corner. Every plant in the place had a paper flower. That settled the matter. That night there was an extremely large bonfire in our yard."—Cincinnati Tribune.

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

—In 1835 gold pen manufacturing began in earnest and on a considerable scale in America, being inaugurated in New York by Levi Brown.

—When hat making was introduced into America is not certainly known, but in 1732 the industry had become so extensive that English hat makers complained bitterly that not only could they not sell their hats in America, but that American hats were actually sold in England.

—The enormous extent of the forests, and also of the lumber industries, of the northwest is indicated by the fact that this year Washington will make shipments of lumber aggregating 400,000,000 feet, Oregon 150,000,000 feet and British Columbia 40,000,000 feet. And there is no danger of the supply running short.

—San Jose, one of the principal California fruit-shipping points, sent east in one week 1,146,960 pounds of green fruit, 2,363,835 pounds of sun-cured fruit, 870,950 pounds of canned fruit and 447,000 gallons of wine and brandy. During the same time Fresno shipped east 40 car loads of raisins, making about 550 car loads of this fruit sent eastward this season. San Jose also sent east 53,280 pounds of garden seeds during last week.

—Of the human heart Dr. Ephraim Cutter writes: "I have listened to the heart sounds of one woman and one man, both over 99 years of age, with feelings of awe, and have thought how wonderful it was that these hearts had pulsated so long, propelling blood through vessels which if possible to be ranged in one line would on a very moderate estimate reach twice around the earth, or 48,000 miles, with a leeway for the average red disc of one-forty-eight-thousandth of an inch!"

—The antitoxin discoveries have infused the greatest amount of activity into the labors of the bacteriologists of Europe, and a correspondent of the Sun writes to warn young Americans that, for the present, they had best stay at home, for the eminent men of the old country are too much engrossed with their own "original investigations" to have time for imparting instructions to others. He concludes by saying that "the scientific men of to-day who are making investigations in bacteriology are as feverish as were the prospectors for gold in California half a century ago."

—Ether is preferred as an anesthetic in northern countries and chloroform in the south, although ether tends to cause secretion in the air passages and bronchial trouble. One cause is undoubtedly the difficulty of keeping ether in hot climates. But Dr. Lander Brunton suggests that the general abstention from meat may be another reason for the successful use of chloroform. He is led to this from the increased number of fatalities under chloroform in Edinburgh since the introduction of American and Australian meats, which has made meat eating more common among all classes in Scotland.

—Dr. Heubner, professor of the diseases of children in the University of Berlin, has published an important report on the results of the serum treatment of diphtheria. The number of deaths this year in Berlin, 434, was 200 less than the average and 100 less than in the most favorable year on record, while the number of cases has increased. The same observation has been made in London and Paris. The treatment unquestionably facilitates the casting off of exudations in the pharynx and influences very favorably the course of the fever. The serum is perfectly innocuous. The probability of the complete success of the treatment is increasing every month.

HE WONDERED.

It Did "Beat Snakes" How His Nephew Had Climbed Up.

"My uncle," said Representative John Allen, of Tupelo, Miss., to a group of listeners, according to the Washington Star, "is one of the best-informed men in my district. I think a great deal of the old gentleman. During a campaign I go everywhere in my district. After being nominated a second time I resolved on a searching, what one might call a painstaking, campaign. Being scheduled for a speech over in the far end of my district, and remembering that my uncle abode in that vicinity, I determined to visit the old gentleman. We were just sitting down to supper and the old man was purveying me a fried chicken on the tines of his fork, when he remarked in his mellow, amiable way:

"'What have you been, lately, John?'

"I told him I'd been in Washington for two years.

"'In Washington?' he repeated, in tones of astonishment. 'Why, whatever in the name of Peter be you doin' in Washington?'

"'I'm representative from this district,' I replied. 'I was elected two years ago, and have been at the capital almost continually since looking after the interests of you and my other constituents.'

"'Well, I shorley wonder!' observed my uncle, laying down his knife and fork and looking at me. 'Don't that beat snakes amazin'! Why, I never knowed that. I heered how you went down to Texas about three years ago to visit your Uncle Bill, and not noticin' you around none since and not hearin' of you. I sort o' reckoned you'd staid.'"

The Doctor's Advice.

"Have you no pen and ink?" said a doctor to a poor woman, whose boy he was attending.

"No."

"Well, I have lost my pencil; give me a bit of chalk."

The doctor chalked a prescription on the door, telling her to give it to her son when he awoke.

"Take it my boy, take it," said the old woman, lifting the door from its hinges and carrying it to the poor boy when he opened his eyes. "I don't know how you are to do it, but the doctor says it is good, and you had better try to bolt it."—Spare Moments.

TO TAX NOBLEMEN.

Ingenious Idea Whereby France Hopes to Pay Her National Debt.

French marquises, counts and barons are growing as common as asparagus in the month of May. Every well-dressed man in Paris thinks himself dishonored if his buttonhole is not ornamented with a decoration of some kind, or if on his visiting card a coronet is not engraved. Never have there been more aristocrats in France than under the third republic.

One of the remarkable things about this is that the great majority have no right to prefix a title to their names, but as the offense is a harmless one no serious objections have been raised so far by the authorities. On the contrary, it seems as if the government were rather inclined to countenance titles. Such is the opinion of a learned deputy, M. Girault, who, when parliament reassembles, intends to introduce a bill by which all noblemen shall be taxed.

The tariff will be levied according to the rank of nobility selected by a party in quest of aristocratic glory. A prince will be compelled to pay the maximum tariff, a duke will come next on the schedule, and all the titles will be submitted to an inflexible law, which M. Girault has carefully prepared, and which is destined to ameliorate the financial condition of the nation and facilitate in years to come the equilibrium of the budget.

However revolutionary M. Girault's plan may appear, no one will deny that it is a most democratic resolution, for a noble title being anything but an article of absolute necessity, only those with money to spare will have anything to pay. It is an original method of making the rich bear a larger share of the burdens of taxation. Without doing this by taxing their incomes direct it taxes their titles as an article of luxury and as something which gives the possessors a certain homage in the eyes of the people, for which they ought to be willing to make compensation.

"M. Girault's law, notwithstanding its originality," says a French writer, "has been turned to ridicule in France before it has been read for the first time in the chamber of deputies. There are some who ask if it would not be better to organize an immense lottery, the grand prize of which would be a title of prince and the lesser ones titles of lower order. The journey to Rome would be avoided, and all titles possessed by Frenchmen would be strictly national."

Corinth Canal Not a Great Success.

Owing to the insufficient width of the Corinth canal, the steepness of its sides and the current, which at times becomes exceedingly strong, none of the great steamship lines of the Mediterranean sea have yet adopted this route, although it would result in the saving of much time, and, consequently, expense. Under the circumstances, it looks very much as if this enterprise, begun about the time of Nero and brought to a termination only about two years ago, is destined to result in a financial failure.

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The Dighton Writing Rock.

At Dighton, Mass., lying well out in the tide water of Taunton river, is a rock of great antiquarian interest. It is a granite boulder about eleven feet long and five feet in greatest height, and is known throughout New England as the "Dighton Writing Rock." One side of the boulder is almost perfectly smooth, as though worn by glacial action. On this flat surface, in clear-cut outlines, are dozens of characters, hieroglyphics and pictures, chiseled by some prehistoric engraver. The archaeologists have never been able to decipher these characters, but they are of undoubted antiquity.

Sandwich Bread.

Box bread, as it is called in some bakeries, and sandwich bread, as it is known in others, is a loaf with perfectly square corners. The loaves can be stacked up like bricks. It is square in cross section and about twice as long as it is thick. The crust can be cut from it with very little waste, and the slices can be cut into the desired triangular shape for sandwiches without any waste whatever.

—Mr. Spinks—"Well, Willie, has your sister made up her mind to go to the concert with me?" Willie—"Yep. She's made up her mind and she's makin' up her face now. She'll be down in a minute."—Great Divide.

In Probate Court.

In matter of the estate of Peter Black; order for sale of personal property to pay funeral expenses.

Estate of Jacob Grob; Emil Britt appointed administrator with bonds fixed at \$200 and G. Kallier, J. W. Robbins and J. F. White appraisers; total amount of appraised property, \$3757.01.

Estate of Wm Colvig; G. W. Colvig appointed administrator and H. L. White, J. W. Hays and J. T. Blewing appraisers.

Estate of H. B. Carter; inventory and appraisal approved.

—Lasting Regrets.—"I never bet on a horse race but once," said the good deacon, "and I have regretted it ever since." "Surely the sin has been forgiven ere now," said the minister. "Oh, I don't doubt that. But the fact is I only won \$2, when I might just as well have made it a thousand, since I was in for it."—Indianapolis Journal.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proved catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Sold by druggists, 75 cents. F. J. Chesney & Co., Toledo, O. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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