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NEWS OF THE CITY.

Many people in this part of Oregon saw that large meteor which passed across the heavens last Thursday evening at about ten minutes after six. When first seen it was in the southwest from which location it shot like a blazing rocket to the east and disappeared, seemingly in the mountains east of the valley. When first seen it had the appearance of a large ball of fire, followed by a streak of light and sparks. When it had traveled, apparently, about one-third of its course a large piece of the burning mass was loosened from the main ball, the smaller piece following in the wake of the larger, and only a short distance behind it. A little later a second piece was broken off and it followed as did the first. The meteor was unusually brilliant and had it made this trip an hour later, after night had settled down to its usual darkness, the entire valley would have been illuminated. No account has been seen of its having fallen, and what became of it is still to learn.

"I've been talking about pretty things in general—that is, about my lovely line of crockery—but I'm going to tell you about pretty things in particular this week. I've just received some of the finest banquet lamps ever seen in Southern Oregon—so pretty that even the most fastidious could but admire. They are cheap as well as pretty—and just the thing you want to grace your parlor table. Call and see them." Wolters, the crocker.

Last Friday evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Williams, on South B street, was lighted from within with more than accustomed brilliancy, and the merry peals of laughter which echoed out on the cool night air proclaimed that there was much rejoicing beneath the family roof tree. Upon investigation it was ascertained that it was the anniversary of Oscar Williams' birth and that his friends, numbering about thirty, had congregated there to celebrate the occasion. Soon after the guests had arrived preparations were commenced for the evening's entertainment and ere long they were each and all made happy in the midst of the evening's revelry, which continued until lunch was announced, to which they did ample justice. When the hands of the clock were pointing to the hour, twelve the guests dispersed and from every one present it was voted one of the most pleasant affairs of the season.

Mrs. H. Arnold, artist, at her studio in the Halley block, over the postoffice, is now prepared to do artwork of all kinds. Orders taken for portraits in oil, water colors and crayon. Lessons given in drawing from life, portrait, landscape and flower painting. Pictures of any subject or size painted to order. French art taught in one lesson.

"Twas said in the days of old that misfortune never comes singly. It's bad enough to be compelled to steal, but when one gets caught and chased through grain fields and roaring streams it would seem that this blessed world were desolate indeed, but such was the fate that befell an unknown man who entered the Eagle flouring mill near Ashland last week and attempted to appropriate some of the mill's products. Just as he was in the act he was discovered. As soon as he saw he was in for it he began to scamper across the fields and through scrubby bushes and with such rapidity did he go that his pursuers were dumfounded quite. Soon after the chase was given up the thief was discovered a short ways below the mill hitching up his team, but so piteously did he beg for mercy that he was allowed to pass on his way south unmolested.

Beidleman & Nicholson can accommodate you with anything in the harness and saddlery line. They have a fine line of lap robes, stable blankets and whips. Their prices will positively defy competition—and satisfaction guaranteed.

Prof. Alexander, a member of the U. S. fish commission, in company with Dr. Meek, of Eugene, is out at Pelican bay for the purpose of making an examination to ascertain if any of the white fish planted in the lake several years ago survived. It has been ascertained that the only way to catch these big fish is by gillnets and he came prepared to use them in his examination. It has also been ascertained that the months of October and November is the best time to catch them. Investigations made in several lakes of the northwest, where these fish have been planted by the government, have failed to discover any trace of them, which makes the test of doubtful success. Mr. Alexander says the temperature of the water is about the same as that of the great eastern lakes where these fish thrive, but the altitude may have some effect upon them.

Last Sunday Mr. Reuben Daw, of Applegate, and Miss May Johnston, of this city, were united in matrimony at Jacksonville, in the M. E. church. Rev. J. M. Shulze officiating. The bride is a highly respected daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Johnston, of this

place, and the groom is a well-to-do miner of Applegate—he being one of the discoverers of the Daw-Thomas quartz ledge which was discovered last summer. The young couple will soon remove to Applegate and make it their permanent abode. THE MAIL tenders its congratulations and hopes the sun will ever hang like a silver crescent pendant from Venus' flaming orb to brighten their path through life.

The ladies of the Methodist church, who will give a dinner on election day, have decided to serve the meal in the room formerly occupied by the Fair store, at the rear of Van Dyke's store, on North C street.

H. L. Raine sold his stock of cigars and confectionery to E. W. Calkins last week and left Sunday for California to accept a position as brakeman on the new valley railroad. Mr. Calkins has removed to the building just south of Hotel Nash and will pull in, in connection with his cigars and confectionery, a lunch counter for the accommodation of the public generally. Mr. C. is a square, honest gentleman and if success will come in the way of anyone in that line it will surely be where he will catch onto it. His place will be open both day and night—meals and lunches for belated business men and special suppers for parties will be strictly in his line.

A new line of the finest carpets ever purchased for the Southern Oregon trade has been received by I. A. Webb, the furniture dealer. See them before purchasing elsewhere.

A different version of the Will Hanley cattle case, an account of which was published in THE MAIL a couple of three weeks ago, has now come to light, and in substance is that Mr. H. was driving a band of 700 cattle, with only four men as vaqueros, from the John Day river to Huntington and in making the drive two calves worked into the herd unbeknown to Mr. Hanley. When the cattle were being held in a pasture two of the steers from the herd and claimed as such by the Oregonian, and reproduced by THE MAIL. Mr. Hanley is now in Omaha with three trainloads of cattle.

Fresh and cured meats, sausages, etc., can now be had at the Westside market, where the lowest market price prevails. Give me a call. Westside Market, two doors south of the Western hotel.

It is with regret that we are called upon to chronicle the death of Mr. D. P. Barnes, which occurred in Gold Hill last Monday evening, from paralysis. Mr. Barnes resided in Medford for about two years but removed to his farm in Sams Valley about eighteen months ago, where he resided until a few days prior to his death. He was about seventy-six years of age and has resided in Jackson county for the past twenty-five years. He leaves two children, a son and a daughter. He was buried Wednesday at Jacksonville, Rev. Eli Fisher conducting the funeral services. A more extended notice will appear in these columns later.

Linoleum the very correct thing to put on office, store or kitchen floors. It comes in eight and twelve foot widths—and is serviceable, looks well and don't cost very much—considering its width. Get it at I. A. Webb's furniture store.

A genuine surprise party was tendered Miss Louise Lyon on Monday evening of this week. About twenty of the people of Medford decided to gather at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Halley, and from there go in a body to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lyon's home in East Medford, all unbeknown to them, which program was very successfully carried out. The surprise to the young lady was complete, but she soon recovered herself and gracefully acknowledged the compliment and, bidding the guests make themselves comfortable, they were soon in the height of enjoyment—of which they had to their entire satisfaction.

Mrs. L. R. Patton, Rockford, Ill., writes: "From personal experience I can recommend De Witt's Sarsaparilla, a cure for impure blood and general debility." Geo. H. Haskins, druggist.

The Mazamas of Portland are corresponding with Prof. Gregory, president of the Medford Crater Lake club, with a view to shipping several thousand fish to this place to be taken by the members at this end of the line and planted in Crater lake. There is no good reason why Crater lake should not be stocked with fish—and the successful consumption of this project would be of great value in making the lake a desirable summer resort. The outcome of the experiment will be watched with much interest by those who are interested in the matter.

Mrs. Mills' Cream baking powder at G. L. Davis' grocery store. You get a prize with each package—either silverware or a watch. The powder is pronounced all right.

The brake-beam tourists must have scented the appetizing fumes of the roast beef—which beef fed many hundreds of people in Medford last Saturday—from a distance. In the evening after the feast was over and

the remnants had been turned over to the tender mercies of the animal kind, a crowd of these peripatetics numbering about twenty made one fell swoop upon the remains and in a remarkably short space of time about the only evidence of a barbecue that remained was a few bones and a large pit over which the food was roasted.

Remember that we are making reductions in our Prize baking powders and giving elegant prizes with them. Call and see the beautiful prizes offered. Lumsden & Berlin.

Fred Farrier, known here in Medford as "Duffy," who is breaking on a freight train between Roseburg and Ashland, had the misfortune to have his shoulder blade broken at Central Point last Thursday. He was in the act of uncoupling a car, when the coupling pin broke and flew out, striking him on the shoulder, with the result above mentioned. He was taken to Ashland, where the fractured bone was set, and he returned to his home at Roseburg on the north bound passenger. His friends are hoping he will not be laid up very long.

A sure remedy for that tired feeling can be had at the Oyster Bay lunch room. Meals served at all hours, day or night.

Frank Wait is engaged this week in putting in the three stone crossings on Seventh street. Mr. Wait was awarded the contract for putting in these crossings last summer, but through a misunderstanding relative to the time they were to be completed, the contract was declared void. The town board advertised for new bids and Mr. Wait was again awarded the contract at a slight increase over the old contract price. Wait's last bid was fourteen cents per square foot, Pheister's fifteen, and Schmitzle \$150 for the whole job.

A set of bread, cake and paring knives with every can of Pearl baking powder, and only 35 cents. Lumsden & Berlin.

The band boys cleared about twenty dollars from their dance last Saturday evening. They expected to give the dance in the new Lindley building, but owing to unforeseen circumstances, the idea was given up and the opera house secured. It was late when the spunking was over and a large number, who would otherwise have attended, went home. It is hoped that their next attempt will not meet with so many obstacles—and that they will receive the encouragement they are justly entitled to.

All kinds of wood for sale. Long wood, short wood, hard wood, soft wood—and just plain wood. Bellinger & Hill, draymen.

The sneak thief is in evidence hereabouts. On Tuesday evening of this week a thief entered S. L. Carpenter's yard, two miles east of Medford and stole a good bit of washing from a line and with it the line upon which the "wash" was hanging. It was about eight o'clock at night and Mr. C. hearing a noise outside went to the door just in time to see the thief fade in the distance. It is always safer to have your clothing inside the house at night.

Bee Hive baking powder is all right and with it goes a good bit of crockery. Davis, the grocer, sells it—and also sells the very freshest and best of groceries.

H. C. Mackey, the photographer, was over on Applegate last Thursday taking views. He visited the Grand Applegate ditch and took a view of it and the surrounding buildings. He also took a view of the mammoth dam. Mackey is determined to photograph everything that is worth seeing—and his customers appreciate his efforts. He was accompanied upon this trip by Liverman Mounce.

Wood for sale—I have 25 cords of fir wood, in Medford, which I will sell at \$2.90 per cord. Frank R. Bellinger, West Sixth street, Medford.

The Klamath Falls Republican says Dr. O. F. Demorest and family have located at Bonanza. W. J. Bryant, of Medford, and other divers, are camped on Pelican bay hunting and fishing. E. M. Leever and W. J. Freeman, of Central Point, were registered at Hotel Linkville Sunday. H. Vincent and wife returned Monday from Rogue river with their winter's supply of fruit.

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

B. F. Crouch finished a very neat little cottage for Crist. Arnold a few weeks ago. The residence is just outside the incorporate limits and consequently did not get into our improvement list published last week. The main building is 14x26 feet in size, story and a half high and to this is built a 14x14 kitchen. The cost completed was \$600.

Cigars, tobacco and candies kept always on hand at the Oyster Bay lunch room. Just south of Hotel Nash.

The adjourned meeting of the Southern Oregon Presbytery, which convened at Bendon last July, was held in Medford Monday and Tuesday of this week and at this last meeting was transacted the unfinished business of

the former meeting. There were a goodly number of ministers in attendance from various portions of the state.

A nice line of fresh candies, cigars and tobaccos at the Elk Horn confectionery.

The many friends of Mrs. B. S. Webb, who, with her husband and family, are traveling through California, will regret to learn that she has been quite ill for the past few days with nervous prostration. They are at present stopping at Berkeley, but will soon go to Oakland and pitch their tent for the winter.

Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair renewer is, unquestionably, the best preservative of the hair. It is also curative of dandruff, tetter, and all scalp affections.

Deputy County Clerk W. B. Jackson and Miss Ida Bettz, of Eagle Point, were married at the residence of the groom's parents at Jacksonville, last Sunday. The young people are well and favorably known in this county and have a host of friends who wish them much happiness in their matrimonial career.

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

M. S. Damon was showing us this week a stem of blackberries, from his patch of Lawtons, upon which there were blooms, green, partially ripe and fully matured berries. While this is quite a little out of the order in most countries at this season of the year it is not considered as any great extent that way in the Rogue river valley.

A hacking cough is not only annoying to others, but is dangerous to the person who has it. One Minute cough cure will quickly put an end to it. Geo. H. Haskins, druggist.

Last week our types were a little at fault in our write-up of Medford's improvements when we said that S. Childers put up his own barn, east of Bear creek. It was Childers' barn all right, but it was Herbert Crouch, a young man eighteen years of age, who did the carpenter work entire—and it was a good job.

Highest market price paid for eggs—either cash or trade, at Lumsden & Berlin's.

As an indicator pointing to the importance which our city is fast assuming let us say that from Saturday morning of last week until Monday evening of this week just eighty-three trunks were handled by Drayman Bellinger & Hill. Nearly all of these trunks belonged to commercial travelers.

We are making a reduction in our Prize baking powder. Here is the place to buy it—Lumsden & Berlin.

R. E. Peyton, living over near Florence Rock, has grown this year, some of the finest apples ever turned out of any orchard in the valley—and there is no scale or insect of any nature in that locality. Harry Bossum, in from that place Tuesday, brought us samples of the fruit.

Parties desiring to purchase empty barrels or kegs can do so at the Turf Exchange saloon.

Don't forget about the warm dinner which the ladies of the M. E. church will serve on election day—for twenty cents. They want to build a parsonage for their pastor, and they would like to have everybody help 'em do it—by buying a meal from them on the above date.

At G. L. Davis' grocery store will always be found a fine assortment of fruits of all varieties.

Geo. R. Hargadine, of Ashland, is engaged in hunting and capturing wild bees, with which to start an apiary. Last week in company with G. G. Eubanks, of Ashland, he captured a large colony of bees and about one hundred pounds of honey, in a large oak.

Fresh oysters in stew or a fry at the Oyster Bay lunch room.

The band boys gave an open air concert last Friday evening—rendering several of their best musical selections. The boys are improving every day—and if we mistake not, they will soon be in a position to compete with any band in this portion of the state.

Beardless barley, for seed, for sale, at the feed store of J. R. Erford.

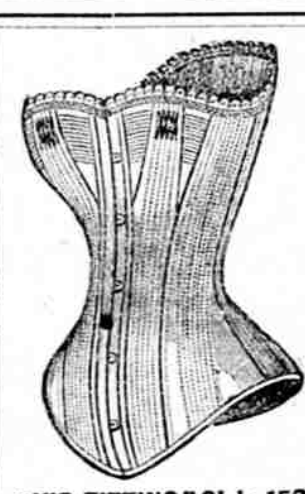
Mrs. S. Abraham, of Roseburg, inspector of the Women's Relief Corps, was in Medford last Friday on official business connected with that order. She is making a tour of the state inspecting the lodges, and reports them to be in a flourishing condition.

Ten cords of wood taken on dental work. C. C. Pletcher, Medford.

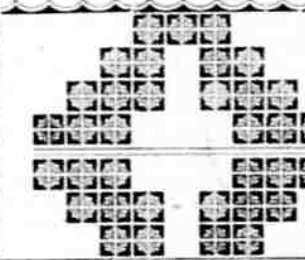
Our attention has been called to an error that was made last week in our mention of the death of Mr. J. O. Johnson. We stated that the eldest of his three daughters was "eleven" years of age, when it should have read "nine" which error we gladly rectify.

For a good smoke, call at the Elk Horn confectionery and cigar store.

Rev. Ross, the evangelist, writes friends in this city that he will be here for the purpose of holding services soon after the holidays. It was Rev.



"KID-FITTING" Style 150.



WE ARE Making a special feature of our

Corset Department

A large invoice of the celebrated Kid Fitting Corsets just received.....

Our special leader this week is style 150—price 50 cents.. See 'em in the corner

J. G. VanDyke & Co.

Ross who drew such large crowds and made so many converts in Medford last March.

I am now prepared to do all kinds of gun and bicycle repairing, at the lowest possible price. Chas. Perdue.

D. Brooks, the tinner, has just completed three large water tanks for J. H. Stewart—for his new residence and wind mill. The largest one has a capacity of 5000 gallons and the others 2500 and 1000 gallons respectively.

There have been many flattering compliments dedicated to Wm. Middleton for the excellent manner in which he prepared the roast beef for the barbecue last Saturday. He unquestionably understands his business.

Watches cleaned and warranted for one year for \$1—Pritchard, the jeweler.

The Medford pump factory, which was started here last spring, is doing a good business these days. They report having plenty of work on hand and that their pumps are being used in all portions of the valley.

Col. Fred Floed, of Roseburg, and K. K. Kubli, of Jacksonville, will address the citizens of Medford on the issues of the campaign for a Bryan standpoint at the opera house this Friday evening.

Rev. Wm. Clyde, who about fifteen years ago was the Presbyterian minister at Ashland, has retired from ministerial work and with his family has returned to Ashland to reside.

J. B. Haskell, of Eugene, has opened a shooting gallery in the building adjoining the One Horse saloon, this week. It is quite a drawing card to the gun enthusiasts.

A. E. Kerr, the organizer of the Rogue River Valley Telephone com-

pany, is now employed as editor of Up-To-Date, an illustrated weekly newspaper, in Chicago.

"The Power of the Common People," is the subject of Rev. L. L. Woods' discourse at the Baptist church next Sunday evening—a sermon for the times.

Messrs. Boyden & Nicholson have added materially to the convenience of their store by placing therein a large bolt rack, shelving and divers other fixtures.

Benson Norbery, of Prospect, was in Medford last week upon business. He has a notice of final proof in this week's issue of THE MAIL.

Ralph Allen has moved his barber shop from the Westside to the building adjoining Davis' grocery store, on Seventh street.

Prof. P. J. Head, of Medford, is at Lakeview selling musical instruments says the Lakeview Examiner.

Miss Lucinda Sheldler has accepted a position as saleswoman at the Racket.

A New Thing

At the Racket in the shape of boots and shoes. They'll be here for Saturday's trade. Call and see them. New goods every week now for some time—at bed rock prices.

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Dinner sets. This well known brand of crockery has no equal in quality and finish—it's the best tableware on the market.....

My stock of Groceries was never more complete than right now—likewise my line of confectionery, cigars and tobacco

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