

PURELY PERSONAL.

J. KESTER, of Footh Creek, visited Medford Tuesday.

R. E. BETZ, of Eagle Point, was visiting in Medford Monday.

WM. CAMERON was over from Uniontown Wednesday upon business.

J. M. CANTRELL, of Uniontown, was doing business in the city last Saturday.

Mrs. DOXREE, of Grants Pass, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Sturges, of this place.

CHAS. WEBBER left Saturday for his old home at Edgar Springs, Missouri, to remain permanently.

Mrs. S. V. HEARD, arrived in Medford from California last Saturday to visit with her son, J. C. Heard.

L. C. COLEMAN, who has been in Medford for the past two months, left for his home in San Francisco this week.

Mrs. GEO. ANDERSON returned to Medford last week from an extended visit with her parents, who reside at Portland.

Prof. DAY PARKER, principal of the Gold Hill school, is spending his Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Parker, of this city.

R. E. YOUNG, of Montague, and Z. RUSSELL, of Gazelle, Calif., are in Medford this week, purchasing cattle for shipment to San Francisco.

J. COLWELL, who has been stopping at Hotel Nash the past week undergoing medical treatment, left for his home in Klamath county Monday.

C. C. CHITWOOD has returned from Grants Pass, where he has been in charge of Clemens' drug store, during Mr. Clemens' absence in San Francisco.

A. J. WEEKS, the Oakland contractor and builder, who has been stopping in Medford for several months, engaged in the erection of J. H. Stewart's new residence, left for Oakland Monday, to remain.

Hon. J. A. JEFFREY, returned to Medford Sunday from a several weeks' attendance upon court in Lake and Klamath counties. A large number of cases were disposed of, both criminal and civil.

F. D. WELCH, the Grants Pass barber, arrived in Medford Monday and will work at his trade in company with R. G. Bunch. Mr. Welch is a first-class artist and the two will make a strong team.

Mrs. E. M. ORR, who has been in San Francisco for some time, undergoing medical treatment, returned home last Thursday. Her friends will be pleased to learn that her health has been restored completely.

F. M. BLEVENIS, of Rock Point, was a pleasant caller at THE MAIL office last week. Like everyone who appreciates a good thing, he left the price of a year's subscription—in consequence of which all concerned are happy.

WM. STITT returned a couple of more weeks ago from a visit to Missouri, where he has been during the past few months straightening up the affairs of his recent deceased mother. Mr. Stitt is stopping with his uncles, J. H. and Arthur Wilson.

J. C. BAKER, a miner on Little Applegate, was in the city Tuesday purchasing supplies. He states that there is a varied list of wants in that country among miners. Some want more water and some want less of that article. With him it is too much—and that's why he complains.

HENRY HOLT came over from Little Applegate, Wednesday and made divers purchases from Medford merchants. Mr. H. is one of the many prosperous homesteaders in that part of this beautiful, productive domain of Southern Oregon. He reports about two inches of snow on the ground when he left. THE MAIL and Oregonian will make weekly visits to his home for the next twelve months—all for \$2.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. HEMBREE left last Saturday with a four-horse team of household goods and groceries for their new home at Ft. Klamath. It was rather a dismal start—in the rain and mud, but they had a covered wagon and are promised great success in business at their new location—and when there is promise of good things beyond the trials incident to reaching them are trivial matters. THE MAIL hopes the sunshine of their new business will be continuous and that success will be theirs always.

S. V. McFARREN, the Gold Hill jeweler, called upon Medford friends Tuesday—first time in twelve months—decidedly too far apart, those visits. Your friends could stand them thicker. He reports business good at Gold Hill and that he is strictly in the wave of prosperity which is confining the way of that town. Says he has not heard from his son, "Little Mac," the printer, since last June when he was at Oroville, Calif. He is somewhat uneasy about him—fears something may have happened to him. The dam, at Gold Hill, he states, was considerably damaged by the recent high water, but that thirty workmen are doing all possible to repair the damage.

In Memoriam.

WHEREAS—Under the fixed laws of an immutable Providence, our beloved comrade, Martin Purkeypile, has gone hence, to be known among us no more for ever.

THEREFORE, be it resolved—That in the death of Comrade Purkeypile, this post has lost an efficient officer, a faithful and zealous comrade; the community, an honored and respected citizen; his family, a tender and sympathetic companion and father; that the sympathy of W. H. Harrison Post, No. 25, G. A. R., be tendered the bereaved family and that a copy of this resolution be furnished THE MEDFORD MAIL for publication.

C. JEFFERS,
M. ELLIOTT,
J. M. GIBSON,
Committee.

A Word to the Miner.

After careful searching for just the right thing in the shape of GOOD Rubber Boots, we placed an order for something that will give you satisfaction. Call and inspect them—at the Racket.

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

YOUNG MEN LEARNING BUSINESS

Notes Gathered from Around the Table of the Medford Business Class.

Our class is composed of several of Medford's steadiest young men.

Too much care cannot be taken to avoid blotches, erasures and scratches, especially in the day book, as this is one of the books of original entry, such being the only book admissible into our courts in case of litigation.

Last Friday evening was one of great interest—after having passed through the dryness of the day book and journal we closed the first set in the ledger. There was quite a rustle to see who (if any) would be able to close the first ledger correctly. We believe Guy Nutt is entitled to the honor.

Last Friday evening we received into our midst another student in the person of Frank Jordan, of East Medford. Mr. Jordan is naturally a good penman and having the misfortune of being a cripple, we believe a business course is one of the best things he could have taken up. We shall do all in our power to promote his success.

THE CLASS.

Presbyterian Church Entertainment.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church, of this city, have perfected arrangements for an entertainment to be given under their auspices on December 8th, for the purpose of securing funds to be applied in liquidating the debt incurred in furnishing their new church. As will be seen, the program printed below is replete with many interesting features and will be presented by the best talent afforded by the city, and can be sought after as a rare treat. Nothing will be left undone to make this entertainment worthy of your patronage, and the price of admission, which is only thirty-five cents for reserve seats, twenty-five cents general admission and fifteen cents for children, puts it within reach of every one, so turn out and help these good ladies in their work—and at the same time help yourself to an evening of splendid entertainment. Following is the

PROGRAM.

- Musie.....Presbyterian Choir
- Piano Solo.....Maisy Foster
- Recitation, "How It Struck Jim," Bessie Conde
- Vocal Solo, Lullaby, Mabel Jones
- Vocal Duet, Greeting, Mrs. and Miss Foster
- Recitation, Mary Queen of Scots, Miss Hibbard
- Vocal Solo.....Miss Lillian Rinehart
- Whistling, Miss Eva Foster
- Vocal Solo.....Miss Eva Foster
- Violin and Piano Duet, selections from the Bohemian Girl,.....Miss Hibbard
- Vocal Solo.....Mrs. Waver
- Piano Solo.....Miss Lillian Rinehart
- Vocal Solo, Pauline,.....Miss Grace Foster
- Recitation, Heroes,.....Pete DeGroot, Everett Geary
- Vocal Solo, "The Watchers,".....Geebe
- Musie.....Presbyterian Choir

Mongolian Pheasants.

This bird was introduced into Oregon about eighteen years ago by the Hon. Judge Denny. It has been proposed that the bird be called the "Denny pheasant" in honor of the judge for importing it. The birds introduced were of two or three varieties. If we mistake not, the birds were released in Lane and Linn counties and from there have spread all over the Willamette valley, crossed the Columbia into Washington and have crossed the Calapooia mountains into the Umpqua valley. They have journeyed southward to near the upper part of the Cow creek canyon. A number of birds have been released in the Rogue river valley and some few of these are at this time known to exist in a wild state. Elder Eli Fisher, of Medford, has been experimenting for two seasons with these birds, and in next week's MAIL we will give the results and his ideas as to the best manner of thoroughly stocking the valley with this noble bird.

Among the Churches.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.
Rev Crutchfield will occupy this pulpit next Sunday morning and evening. Sunday school and Christian Endeavor at the usual hours.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
The Rev. Isaac Dawson will hold services in the St. Mark's Episcopal church, Medford, on Sunday evening November 29th, at 7:30 o'clock. All invited.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
Sunday school, 10 a. m., awarding banner; preaching, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Junior Endeavor, 3 p. m.; Christian Endeavor, consecration and roll call, 6 p. m. Morning sermon, "Thanksgiving, its Place in Christian Worship." Evening sermon, "The Rest that Remains for the People of God," Heb. 4th chap. ELI FISHER.

—C. Mingus, of Ashland, who has been quite ill at the home of his son, F. M. Mingus, of this place, is rapidly improving, we are pleased to learn.

—THE MAIL would sort o' like to know the cause of our Central Point correspondent's failure to supply us with the news of that place.

—A. C. Tayler and family who have been visiting in Europe for several months, will return to Medford soon after the holidays.

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

—Wanted—A good steady boy to learn a trade. Apply at the Medford Cigar factory.

Last week's snow storm was much more severe on the Sound than in Portland. At Tacoma fully nine inches covered the ground, retarding to a considerable extent railway and street-car traffic.

Notice.

To the citizens of Jackson county: You are hereby forbidden to sell or give to Dr. L. Wiggan any intoxicating liquor. Parties who shall do so after the date of this notice will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
Mrs. LIZZIE WIGGIN.
Dated at Medford, Ore., Nov. 24, 1896.

—Soothing, and not irritating, strengthening, and not weakening, small, but effective—such are the qualities of Dr. Witt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pill. Geo. H. Haskins, druggist.

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.
MEDFORD SHOE CO.

A SIZZLING SPOT.

Yuma Is the Most Torrid Town in the United States.

Temperature Exceeding One Hundred Degrees for Days at a Time—Deserts That Make It Unnecessary to Guard Desperate Convicts.

Eastern people who prate about heated terms and flee to the mountains or seashore upon the approach of a brief period when the temperature is among the 90's should consider the case of a town where the temperature from about the middle of June to early October ranges all the way from 90 to 120 degrees in the shade, and occasionally goes to 123 degrees for a few hours, suggests a Yuma (Ariz.) correspondent. What would they think of a temperature for a full month of not less than 97, or two weeks at a time when the temperature has varied from 108 to 115, and of a week when the thermometer has stood at over 112 in the shade?

This is what the residents of this quaint old town of Yuma experience regularly each summer. So far this season Yuma has had two spells of weather when the mercury climbed up to 117 in the shade every morning for a few successive days, and descended to 96 to 100 at night. From June 10 to June 14 the daily temperature here ranged from 107 to 114. From June 18 to June 21 inclusive, the temperature on each afternoon would go as high as 117 in the shade.

All conditions seem to unite to make Yuma the hot summer spot it is. It is located in a kind of basin on the edge of the lazy, muddy Colorado river, which meanders through desert sands and adobe soil down to the gulf of California. Away to the west, across the river and to the south stretches the Colorado desert, several thousand square miles in area. It is so merciless, ghostly and fierce a desert waste that few dare cross it by wagon or on foot in the summer months, and in winter or early spring travelers are careful to be accompanied by a companion or two and supplied with an abundance of drinking water and food.

Every summer venturesome miners lose their lives in trying to cross the desert by being overtaken by a sandstorm or weakened out death by the dreadful heat. To the north there are vast plains and uplands of barren, sun-baked adobe soil, and a peculiar formation of lava and soft granite, the remains of numerous extinct volcanoes. This area absorbs the sun's heat by day and distributes it by night. To the east are millions of acres that are the next thing to absolute desert, where nothing grows except by irrigation, and then only scantily; where no one lives who can exist elsewhere. For over 100 miles about Yuma not a tree grows naturally, and none of the forest trees that the people of New England or the middle states know can be grown even artificially.

There is not a thing in nature anywhere in the region to add a degree of coolness to the atmosphere. There are no balmy breezes from anywhere, no sea or lake air to come once in awhile as a relief after hours of a steady down-pouring of solar heat; not a mountain or brook, a canyon or dell, a grove or beach throughout the whole country to which one may resort for so much as a moment of coolness. One may gaze in any direction from the highest place in Yuma, and the only color in nature to be seen is a dull, reddish brown under a blazing sky. Even the sluggish river takes on the hue of the surrounding territory.

When a wind comes up from off the desert the air is almost shriveling, and even the natives of Yuma go into their adobe houses and shut the doors to avoid the air that comes like that from a furnace from a foundry. The glare of the sunshine has a serious effect on the eyes of the people. Green goggles and smoked glasses are commonly worn here by eastern people. There are many cases of blindness among United States soldiers who have been stationed at forts in this region. The fierce sunshine causes inflammation of the eyes. Every one does as much work as possible in the evening or early morning before the sun has got in its best efforts, and there is little or no unnecessary movement about town at midday.

Railroad brakemen wear leather mittens so that they may handle coupling pins and links. The china and glass-ware in the homes and at the little hotel are as warm on any day in summer as if they had just come out of very warm water, and window panes are unbearably hot. When one puts his hands on a wall in a house on a hot day it feels like the walls that surround a baker's oven. All horses and cows here are kept under roofs or sheds at midday when the mercury is ranging high.—N. Y. Sun.

"Excuse Mistakes."

A good-natured mistress lately acted as amanuensis for a negro maid who could neither read nor write. The servant had not enough intelligence to guess that the lady who wielded the pen for her was well known in the world of letters, and made what is provincially called "a pretty penny" by her use of the quill now called into requisition to inscribe from dictation several letters to southern friends of the dictator. To her scribe's intense amusement each epistle concluded with the petition: "Please excuse all mistakes."

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, LUCAS COUNTY, ss.
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's catarrh cure.
FRANK J. CHENEY.
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1896.
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Manitoba School Matter Adjusted.

The Manitoba school matter, which has more than once threatened a disruption of the Canadian federation, has been settled on terms which, it is believed, will be sufficiently satisfactory to both sides to put an end to the controversy. The following are the main features of the terms of settlement, which have been accepted by the Manitoba government and will be embodied shortly in an act of the legislature of the province:

Religious teaching is to be conducted in the public schools (1) if authorized by a resolution passed by a majority of the school trustees, or (2) if a petition be presented to the board of school trustees asking for religious teaching and signed by the parents or guardians of at least ten children attending the school in a rural district, or by the parents or guardians of at least twenty-five children attending school in a city, town or village.

School work of a purely secular character will occupy the whole of the school day, except the last half hour, when the representative of any religious denomination will be allowed to come in and instruct the children belonging to his denomination, provided the parents are willing to have them remain. In cases where the people decide not to have this religious instruction, the regular school work will go on until the close of the school hours.

The proviso that is intended to make the schools acceptable to the minority is that districts having an average attendance of twenty-five Roman Catholic school children shall be entitled to have a teacher of their own denomination, who must be fully qualified according to provincial national standards.

In districts where the children speak French wholly, they are to have a teacher speaking both English and French, so they will learn English as rapidly as possible. The readers used in such schools will be bilingual, so the children will grow up from the first accustomed to English.

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Paris, Tenn.

Dear Sirs:—Ship us as soon as possible 2 Gross Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. My customers want GROVE'S Tasteless Chill Tonic and will not have any other. In our experience of 20 years in the drug business, we have never sold any medicine which gave such universal satisfaction.

Yours respectfully,
J. S. Broynne & Co.
Sold by Strang, the druggist, Medford.

In Probate Court.

Estate of Peter Black, semi annual report filed and approved.
Estate of Frederick Richards: order confirming sale of property, also order confirming sale of real property.
Estate of Nettie Dum: inventory and appraisement filed. Total amount of property appraised, \$288.20, approved.
Estate of A. G. Calvin: order confirming sale of personal property.
Estate of E. W. Carver: petition for leave to lease real property, granted.
Estate of James Herd: petition for support of minor child: ordered that the sum of \$20 be given to the guardian for the support of Mary Ellen Herd, for the coming year.



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For all diseases caused by derangement of the Liver, Kidneys, and Stomach. Keep it always in the house and you will save time and Doctor's Bills, and have at hand an active, harmless and perfectly safe purgative, alterative and tonic. If you feel dull, debilitated, have frequent headache, mouth tastes badly, poor appetite and tongue coated, you are suffering from torpid liver or biliousness, and SIMMONS LIVER REGULATOR will cure you. If you have eaten anything hard to digest, or feel heavy after meals or sleepless at night, a dose of SIMMONS LIVER REGULATOR will relieve you and bring pleasant sleep. If at any time you feel your system needs cleansing and regulating without violent purging, take SIMMONS LIVER REGULATOR.
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