

PURELY PERSONAL.

FRANK WAIT made a business trip to Medford this week.

D. MERRITT, the Gold Hill merchant, was in Medford Saturday.

WILBERT ASHPOLE, of Eagle Point, was in Medford Tuesday.

Attorney W. I. VAWTER made Grants Pass a professional visit this week.

R. A. COOK, of Sterling, was among the Medford callers and traders this week.

Miss HATTIE BLISS returned last week from a visit with friends at Ashland.

Mrs. THEO. CAMERON, of Jacksonville, was paying Medford friends a visit one day this week.

County Clerk and Mrs. G. A. JACKSON, of Jacksonville, visited with Medford friends last Sunday.

F. M. REED and JOHN WHITE, of Applegate, were doing business with our merchants this week.

Capt. J. C. T. NASH returned last week from an extended visit at his Victory mine, near Leland.

WILLIE ISAACS, left Wednesday for a couple of weeks with friends and relatives on Butte creek.

Mr. and Mrs. N. DELEMETER and Mrs. LOGAN, of Kerbyville, were visiting Medford friends this week.

H. N. HOLTAN, of Beagle, was in Medford a couple of days this week, doing business with our merchants.

MARK WATKINS, the postmaster at Watkins, this county, was a pleasant caller at THE MAIL office Thursday.

BENSON NORRERY, was in Medford last week from his Prospect farm, upon which he has but recently made final proof.

Mrs. B. N. BUTLER returned last week from a few days' visit with her daughter, Mrs. R. J. Everetts, at Grants Pass.

T. K. ROBERTS, the ex-Gold Hill Miner publisher, was in Medford a few days this week. He is now engaged in mining on Applegate.

Mrs. BROWN, of Pendleton, stopped off in Medford Monday, to visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bates. The lady was en-route to San Francisco.

H. E. COOPER, of Grants Pass, was in Medford this week upon business connected with the E. W. Carver estate, of which he is administrator.

MARTIN COLE, who has been in Alaska for some time engaging in mining, arrived in Medford Tuesday to visit with his father, Dr. G. B. Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. MORINE were in Medford Monday from their Table Rock farm, calling upon their many friends here and attending to business affairs.

Mrs. ALSTEAD, of Harrisburg, this state, who has been visiting friends in Medford and Ashland for the past two months, returned to her home last Sunday.

J. W. MARTIN was up from Gold Hill Saturday visiting his several friends, among whom are all members of Medford Lodge No. 83, I. O. O. F.—of whom he is one.

A. N. SAYRE left this week for Grants Pass where he will sell his Cure-All-Medicines for a few weeks. He meets with considerable success in sales when on the road.

Captain A. C. SMITH has returned from the Applegate country, where he has been engaged in mining during the past summer and fall. He will remain the winter hereabouts.

Miss MELLISA CANNON, who has been in Medford for the past few months engaged as trimmer at the Fair military department, left for her home at Albany last week to remain for the winter.

J. A. WILLIAMS, who resided in Medford about a year ago, but who has been stopping at the Josephine county copper mines for the past several months, returned to Medford Tuesday to remain during the winter.

JOHN OSBORN, the carpenter, returned from Yreka, Calif., last Friday evening. The gentleman has been employed at carpentering in the above named town for the past couple of months, and will return again in the spring.

J. J. MARTIN, of Gold Hill, was in Medford last week upon business. The gentleman has charge of the construction work on a dam for the Black Channel Mining company, which is being put in on Rogue river a few miles below Gold Hill.

F. C. LADD was down from Prospect last week. The gentleman is steadily improving in health and he figures that ere another year has been and gone he will be quite himself again and but a little worse for his unfortunate mining experience of sometime ago.

Farmer J. H. BRANTNER was in from Applegate this week visiting his numerous friends. He is stopping with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Oviatt. Mr. Brantner don't feel in the least uneasy as regards THE MAIL's "here to stay" qualities. His subscription is paid to April '98.

RUBEN DAW and Mr. BARTHELEMEW, sons-in-law of N. R. Johnston, have moved with their families to the Applegate country where they will engage in mining. They have already commenced the erection of buildings at the mines and propose to everlastingly turn out the yellow metal during the next few months.

P. M. BURLEIGH arrived in Medford Tuesday from Grants Pass, and will make his home in this city. Mr. Burleigh's family are at present located at Enterprise, Wallawa, county, but are expected to join him here as soon as changes in their present business affairs will permit. One of Mr. Burleigh's sons was a representative in the last legislature and is now publisher of the Aurora, a populist paper at Enterprise.

FRANK SHIDLER, who left Medford last summer on his bicycle for a tour of California and other adjoining states, returned home last week. He reports having traveled over 1700 miles during the last four months, and of this distance he rode his wheel all the time. He also says of the 1700 miles riding through the mountain districts of eastern Oregon, Northern California and Nevada, the territory covered by him, he never had a mishap with his wheel—not even a puncture. After a few weeks' visit with

his parents here, he will leave for California to re-enter the Berkeley university.

J. C. McCULLY, forman at the Cinnabar mines, spent Monday in Medford, renewing old acquaintances. He has been at the mines several years—except a few days in each year when he visits his folks at Jacksonville and, in consequence, he says, that many of the old familiar faces that he formerly knew have disappeared during his absence. He will not return to the mines this winter, but will probably engage in mining near Jacksonville.

Hon. J. J. HOWSER, representative-elect, is in Medford this week visiting his many friends. The gentleman will be at Medford, Jacksonville and Ashland for about a week before leaving for Portland, where he will visit, prior to the convening of the next state legislature. Any person in the county having bills they wish introduced or who may have suggestions to make will find Mr. Howser at one of these places and ready to give them any assistance possible. His headquarters are at Medford.

OLAF RYE BJERRERGAARD, of Prospect, is in Medford this week. He had with him a photograph of that famous bit of wood work of his. The work is that of a farm scene cut in wood, or rather, cut out of wood and placed again in position and bedded into a large slab in such shape as to form a most beautiful picture of farm buildings, fences, stock, men at work in a grain field, a flower garden, barn yard, enclosing stock, a young lady seated upon a horse, evidently herding the stock, a stream of water trickling down through the fields, a train of cars passing near the front of the house, and back of the farm is a background of mountains, some of which are studied with huge fir trees. There are 9203 pieces of wood in the scene, and there are over 100 different varieties which were procured from nearly every state in the Union—some from the old countries. It is three feet and ten inches by four feet and seven inches in size and represents eight years of work at odd spells—which the gentleman figures would equal two years of steady work.

YOUNG MEN LEARNING BUSINESS

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

Last Friday week we moved our quarters to the Lindley building, room three, where we are now nicely and comfortably situated.

On Tuesday evening of last week, our "Foreman" being ill, was unable to attend the class, but having plenty of work laid out for us, we got along finely.

The students of our class are showing a great deal of interest in the work, especially when in the ledger, because they have learned that to make a success they must depend upon their own resources.

It is really hard to say who is entitled to the most credit in finishing up our second set. All worked hard and all balanced their books, but if there is any distinction of credit, it is conceded to Carl Crystal for neatness of form and penmanship.

Del. Hazel and Robert Beaver were in our midst one evening recently as visitors. Mr. Hazel is taking a business course in the public school, and we are pleased if he found anything of interest to him around our table. Those who are interested in our work are always welcome to visit us. Walter Ferguson, Ernest Tressler and Bert Brown were also visitors upon this same evening.

No person is qualified to successfully carry on any business who has not a practical knowledge of accounts. We occasionally hear of some man making a grand success in business who could not write his name much less keep a set of books in a systematic manner. Such cases are rare exceptions, however, and he who has in him the elements of success and had he possessed a thorough knowledge of accounts and commercial transactions his possibilities would have been greatly enlarged. The man who trusts to his memory for a record of the transactions of business life is sure to lose by it and to have the unpleasant experience of having some accounts disputed. This does not apply alone to men in the mercantile pursuits but to every one who has dealings with his fellow men. We firmly believe it is every boy's duty to get as thorough an education as possible, but a practical business education is indispensable.

THE CLASS.

A Noted Optician Coming.

Dr. Mark Wilzinski, a noted scientific optical specialist from San Francisco will make a professional visit shortly. The doctor is one of the noted scientific opticians of America. He tests, examines and corrects the most complicated and difficult cases of Amytropa, and extends a cordial invitation to all afflicted with defective eyesight to call upon him for consultation free of charge. Special attention given to ladies and children. As he will remain only a short time, it will be policy to call early. Appointments can be made for special examinations. His location will be announced in this paper on his arrival.

Farm to Trade for Oregon Farm.

A well improved farm in Central, Nebraska, to trade for an Oregon farm. For further information, call on or address, J. P. Moomaw, Eagle Point, Oregon.

City Council Proceedings.

The adjourned meeting of the city council met Thursday evening, December 3th, and transacted the following business:

Bill of F. W. Wait for \$94 for stone crossings carried over to next meeting.

Bill of Wells & Shearer for eighty cents per drayage allowed.

Petition of J. C. Hall for liquor license allowed and S. Rosenthal and E. Worman accepted as sureties.

Request of hose company for a lamp for hose house referred to street committee.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Special meeting was held Friday evening, Dec. 4, for purpose of changing date of holding city election. Date was changed from Jan. 5 to Jan. 12, 1897.

Bill of F. W. Wait for stone crossings reduced from \$94 to \$86 and allowed.

Mongolian Pheasant.

In harmony with a promise in a recent issue of THE MAIL, I will give in brief my experiments with these noble game birds and my ideas as to the best method of stocking the beautiful Rogue river valley. In the fall of 1894 I had some correspondence with lovers of the rod and gun concerning putting out in Bear creek valley some five or six pairs of these birds. I was then living in Polk county, in the Willamette valley, and the birds were quite abundant in the wild state. After much inquiry I secured the refusal of six pairs of these birds at the net cost of two dollars a pair. This was thought to be too high a price for birds that were so abundant. There is one quality about the bird that makes it high priced, although abundant in numbers, that is the astuteness of the bird and its idea of self protection. He will not enter a trap and in confinement he is always shy and timid. Many of the birds offered for sale are those captured during the last hunting season with slight wounds, often a crippled wing. This class of birds as a usual thing give only disappointment to their capturers. Many people secure the eggs of the wild bird and place them under a domestic hen. The eggs hatch in twenty-three days but in many cases the owner only has left the empty shells for his trouble, the little chicks having, as the common saying is, "run off." Ignorance of the native habits of the bird is partly the cause of this loss, but ignorance upon the part of the hen is also the cause, while ignorance upon the part of the chicks adds to the difficulty. Now the common hen does not know the language of the pheasant chick, nor the chick the language or cluck of the hen. What is to be done? Simply a question of making acquainted or introduction, as it were, and a bit of bird language to learn. Here the experience of many shows failure. From the many failures from various causes it has been given out that the birds will not lay in confinement and that eggs laid in confinement are not fertile and will not hatch, furthermore, that the chicks when hatched will not stay with the common domestic hen. These same difficulties are given forth concerning the quail, the native pheasant, the blue grouse and the prairie hen.

During the summer of 1895 I had only one pair of Mongolians confined in a coop, 8x19 feet. During the season I only secured nine eggs—two were not fertile and seven had chicks in them nearly ready to hatch when the leg horn hen, brooding them, deserted the nest. So nothing was accomplished except to establish the fact that the eggs would have hatched under proper circumstances. I lost the hen shortly after by accident. I at once wrote to Mr. Casper, my friend at Dallas, to secure for me three hens, perfectly sound and well with good wings. After much difficulty these were found and delivered at Medford at a cost of \$7.75. For 1896 my coops were enlarged and small groves or shelters of young firs and cedars were planted in the yard. As a reward of my care and attention the three pheasant hens laid 191 eggs during the season, only one of the birds offering to set. This one bird was much disturbed but brought off three chicks, leaving seventeen eggs in the nest most of which were deposited in her nest by the other birds and would have hatched if brooded on the proper length of time.

Now for results in setting under the common hen. First hen set with fifteen eggs, staid on her nest twenty-one days and stood up the next two days—result, fifteen dead chicks within two days of hatching. Second hen, given fifteen eggs, hatched fourteen chicks, one died in shell. Third hen, given twenty-one eggs, hatched sixteen chicks, two died in shell, three added eggs, hatched fourteen chicks. Fifth hen, given twenty-one eggs, hatched twenty chicks, one died in shell. This fifth hen killed one chick as fast as they piped and was happy with the one, on third night tramped it to death. This made ninety-three eggs and twenty others under pheasant—total 113; thirteen added eggs and a number dead in shell. This brought to the extreme hot weather of July, August and September. All the eggs laid during the hot weather were either added or chicks too weak to hatch.

Well, my brief article is long enough so I leave experience with chicks and best means of stocking the valley for next week. E. F.

Meeting of American Bible Society.

The regular annual meeting of the Jackson County Auxiliary of the American Bible Society was held Tuesday evening December 8, 1896, in the M. E. church. Rev. Fisher, president, being ill, Rev. Gittens presided and the following business, after religious services, was transacted:

The minutes of the previous meeting and those of the special meeting, of July, 1896, were read, corrected and approved. The report of the treasurer and depository were received and ordered spread upon the minutes. After a brief address by Rev. Hetzler, calling attention to the changes made by the parent society and an interchange of views as to methods and needs of awakening interest in the work, on motion the annual election of officers was held and resulted as follows:

President of the Jackson County society, S. S. Pentz; vice president, resident pastors; secretary, J. H. Erford; treasurer and depository, G. H. Haskins; executive committee, J. R. Erford, G. H. Haskins, G. L. Webb, Harvey Sayre and Mr. Grizel.

Rev. Fisher reported full payment of \$2.50, being amount of pledge of Christian church for 1895. There being no further business before the meeting on motion the meeting adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian church, in the year 1897.

EDW. GETTINGS, Pres.
S. S. Pentz, Sec.

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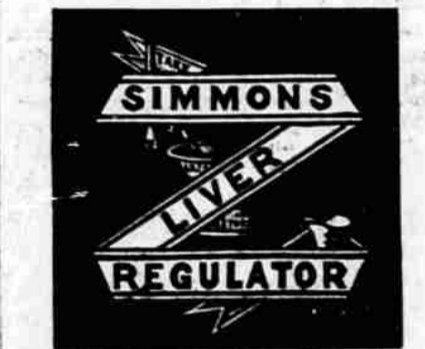
Among the Churches.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
Divine service will be held in St. Marks church on Sunday evening next at 7 o'clock. All invited to attend.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.
Rev. J. A. Crutchfield will preach next Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m.; Epworth League at 6 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

The inimitable, witty and eloquent evangelist, Rev. E. A. Ross, will begin a meeting in Medford December 27. When the church overflows he will go to the opera house as before. Don't miss a single meeting.

The Southern Pacific railroad company has paid into the California state treasury \$275,340 as the first installment of its this year's taxes.



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