

NEWS OF THE CITY.

The doggerel that there are more ways than one to strangle a cat is only too true in this highly artificial age of the world...

The underlying principles which govern feminine fashions are sometimes hard for the masculine mind to comprehend...

The people of Sams Valley and surrounding country will remember well Miss Ella Sydenstricker, who formerly resided there with her parents...

By purchasing your millinery at Mrs. Sears, you can fearlessly march up to the boundaries of the latest style and elegance in matters pertaining to your millinery without fear of transgressing the border line of refined taste...

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. White entertained the Medford whist club at their beautiful home in East Medford last Tuesday evening. It was the first time the club had met since they dispersed last spring and it being their opening of the year, it was a very important one...

If you are in doubt as to where to buy your groceries, call on Wolters and see what he can do for you—he has a large stock of staple and fancy groceries at prices that can't be beaten.

In the matter of the sale of the Medford Distilling and Refining company's property by Receiver Muller, Judge Hanna, last week, revoked the sale and ordered the property—of the greater portion thereof—re-advertised and re-sold. The new order provides for the re-sale of all the whiskey which sold for two cents per gallon...

Why suffer with coughs, colds and lagrippe when Laxative Bromo Quinine will cure you in one day. Put up in tablets convenient for taking. Guaranteed to cure, or money refunded. Price 25 cents. For sale by Chas. Strang.

Mr. Halla Anderson and Miss Minnie Ehlhart, both residing a few miles east of Medford, were married Christmas eve at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. C. H. Hoxie officiating. There were present Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs, of Siskiyou county, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Anderson and their three daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Ehlhart.

It is not worth your while bothering with the baking of pies and cakes for Christmas and New Years dinners, when Frank Wilson, the baker, can furnish them so cheap. Leave your orders.

The band boys' dance last Thursday—Christmas eve—passed off very quietly. While not a crowning success in point of attendance and financially, it was, nevertheless, a very pleasant affair and was thoroughly enjoyed by the dancers.

larger number that had been expected, seemingly resolved to make the affair worthy of the event they were to celebrate—and that they succeeded admirably was evidenced by the general good cheer and highly gratifying sociability that predominated during the evening.

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

—Mr. Palmer, of Chicago, has definitely decided to produce that interesting drama, "The Waifs of New York," at the Medford opera house on January 14th. The cast, aside from Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, will be composed of home talent of which Medford has some that is capable of doing meritorious work.

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

—Some Medford hoodlums, with whom principle to them is a quality entirely unknown, one night last week, shamefully defaced the fine, new fence in front of Merchant Boyden's residence, on C street, by breaking off the turned caps on the posts and otherwise injuring the fence.

—The length of life may be increased by lessening its danger. The majority of people die from lung trouble. These may be averted by promptly using One Minute Cough Cure. Geo. H. Haskins.

—The Christmas Souvenir edition of the Oregon Observer, of Grants Pass, was a very credible and interesting paper. It was in book form, containing forty pages of illustrated and descriptive matter advertising the resources of Grants Pass and Josephine county, and will reflect no little credit on the management of the paper and the citizens and business men of that place, whose co-operation aided in making it the success that rewarded the efforts of the editor.

—Don't buy your millinery until you have seen those elegant hats at Mrs. Sears'. New ones are being received every few days—and the stock is always complete.

—There was a good sized assemblage of tax payers at the school meeting last Saturday. A tax of ten mills was voted for school purposes, and a resolution passed, ordering the school clerk to notify every family in the district, having children of school age, who are not attending school, that they must send them to some educational institution, or that they would be proceeded against under the compulsory school law.

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

—Mrs. W. Vowels, of this city, entertained a number of her friends at her home on Seventh street last Friday evening. The features of the evening pastime was the excellent musical program which had been prepared and which was rendered in a very pleasing manner. There were organs, pianos, violins, etc., and each manipulated by a master—and the event could not be otherwise than entertaining.

—De Witt's Sarsaparilla is prepared for cleansing the blood. It builds up and strengthens constitutions impaired by disease. Geo. H. Haskins.

—G. A. Hover, living on Dr. Geary's place, on Griffin creek, met with quite a serious accident last Saturday evening while returning home from Medford. His horses took fright and ran and about the first thing the buggy did was to go kerslap into a large stump, when it stopped suddenly—and there remained. Mr. H. was thrown to the ground and his shoulder was badly wrenched.

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

—Some miscreant last Thursday night perloined from Geo. Anderson's barn two new horse collars, but 'tis supposed that they were found to be too large or too small or that the thief's conscience was sorely troubled over the deed for Sunday morning they were found hanging on the hedge fence in front of Mr. Anderson's house, they having been returned with thanks.

—Try one of those five cent Multnomah Club cigars at the Palace—smoke them once—smoke them always.

—Died—On Wednesday last, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wiley, of this place, of pneumonia. The funeral was held the following day from their home on Sixth street, interment being made in the Medford burying grounds. The saddened parents, whom death has robbed of their beloved little one, will have the sympathy of a host of friends in their sad affliction.

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

—The vacation of the Medford public school is now on and a large number of the pupils from the country are now at home enjoying a brief respite from work. The term just closed has been very promising and the future is looked to as being very bright. Medford is proud of the advantages she can offer to the seekers after knowledge for acquiring the same.

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

—Mr. Bates, a representative of the Standard Oil Co., says the Oregon Min-

ing Journal, is inspecting the nickel mines at Riddle. It appears that this company is about to erect extensive steel works at Chicago and that the nickel is required for the manufacture of steel. Unfortunately, the title to the mines is involved in almost hopeless confusion.

By using Hall's Hair Renewer, gray, faded, or discolored hair assumes the natural color of youth, and grows luxuriant and strong, pleasing everybody.

—Tuesday evening the ladies of the Baptist church gave an oyster supper at the parsonage for the benefit of the church, and notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the affair was a great success both socially and financially—fourteen dollars having been added to the church treasury as a result of the good ladies' efforts in behalf of their church.

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

—A shipment of 103 head of cattle from Ashland was made last week by J. S. Mitchell, the representative of the Oakland Meat company. Mr. Mitchell has purchased and shipped a large number of cattle from this valley during the season, several carloads having been shipped from Medford by the same firm.

—For all kinds of fruit trees enquire of Wallace Woods, Medford, or F. W. Knowles, Jacksonville.

—E. A. Johnson, the miller, has asked us to state positively that he is not the E. A. Johnson whose name appears on the subscription list of the Medford fair ground association, but that it is another party having the same name, and that he has not subscribed for any stock nor does he intend to do so.

—Cakes and pies for Christmas and New Years dinners—Wilson, the baker—leave your orders.

—Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Halley were last Tuesday evening tendered a surprise party by thirty of their Medford friends at their home on C street. The evening was spent in jolly games and social chat and at a late hour the party adjourned, voting their impromptu hostess an ideal entertainer.

—The best five cent cigar made is the Multnomah Club—you get them at the Palace.

—Mr. W. J. Smith and Miss Nellie Vrooman, both of Gold Hill, were united in marriage at the Christian church parsonage last week, by Rev. Eli Fisher. The best wishes of their many friends are extended. After remaining a few days at Hotel Nash they left for their new home at Gold Hill.

—Married—At the residence of Rev. Eli Fisher, the officiating clergyman, E. W. Tryer, of Medford, and Miss Lou Chapman, of Jacksonville. THE MAIL is joining with their many friends in wishing them all the sunshine and happiness 'tis possible to gather as the days roll by.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Surran gave a little Christmas party to a number of their relatives last Friday. There were a dozen or thereabouts of the relatives present and all had a time most happy. The dinner prepared by Mrs. S. was pronounced a most delicious one.

—J. S. Jennings, recently from Portland, has rented the Dr. T. H. West ranch, near Phoenix, and himself and family have moved thereto. Messrs. York & Jones had the property for rent and by placing a line, so stating, in THE MAIL a renter was easily found.

—The Yreka Journal says H. Kessler, he who formerly resided in Medford and who was proprietor of the Western hotel, has had the good fortune to sell a mine of his, located in Southern Oregon, to San Francisco parties for \$15,000.

—The valuation of merchandise in Jackson county, as assessed by the county assessor, was raised twenty per cent by the state equalization board. No change had been made in the railroad assessment up to Wednesday.

—The many friends of Miss Eva Wilson will be pleased to learn that she is recovering from her recent illness, and that should no unforeseen contingencies arise, will be able to be about in a few days. Dr. Jones is in attendance.

—W. H. Meeker & Co., are out with a new ad this week, wishing all a happy New Year—and are giving some interesting information about their goods and what they are going to do with them.

—The Southern Oregon Pork Packing company has slaughtered nearly two thousand head of hogs thus far, and will probably kill three or four hundred more before the season is out.

—A. C. Taylor, the foot fitter, and his family were billed to leave England for Medford on Wednesday of this week. About three weeks' time will be consumed in making the trip.

—The Sterling-Medford wagon road viewers met Wednesday at the commencement of the road, but owing to the heavy fall of snow on the mountains they adjourned until Monday.

—Wm. Middleton, packer for the Southern Oregon Pork Packing company, is confined to his home with rheumatism and his place is being filled by Manager Ulrich.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Chausse, of the Grants Pass Observer, are the happy parents to a big boy baby since the 21st. THE MAIL extends its heartiest congratulations.

—Mrs. Umfleet and Miss Gregory, of San Francisco, arrived in Medford this week and have fitted up a ladies' hair dressing parlor over W. H. Meeker & Co's store.

—J. A. Whitman, last Monday, sued W. T. Crane in Judge Jones' court to recover money due. The case was decided in favor of the plaintiff, and judgment taken.

—The little three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Edsall, who reside east of Medford, has been quite ill this week. Dr. Pickel is the attending physician.

—About a dozen of Medford's young people went to Ashland last Friday evening to attend the dance at that place and all report having had a good time.

Belle Arnet, also of Klamath Falls.

—Macabee will meet Monday night—important business. All members requested to be present.

—Merchant Parker, of the firm of Parker & Higgins, has moved into the Pryce residence on C street.

—Born—On Wednesday of this week, to Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lever, of Central Point, a girl.

—Down at Yreka, Calif., hen eggs are selling at forty-five cents a dozen.

Appropriate Christmas Exercises.

Christmas was celebrated in Medford last Friday by many people in many ways. The day was a beautiful one—a typical spring day; the sun shining brightly and giving everything the appearance of a gala day, which brought the people out of doors, to take advantage of the ideal day for promenading. Business was generally suspended for the day and the business men joined in the effort to make the event a merry one.

There were two trees artistically decorated as was also the church. On entering you beheld the suspended star in the center of the rostrum, symbolical of the star of Bethlehem of old. This was about four feet in diameter and was a fit representation of the star which guided the wise men of the east to the lowly place where the Saviour lay in a manger.

There were also two large trees, not less handsomely decorated and a program not less interesting than at the church just mentioned. The program was worthy the attention of the large audience that greeted the participants. The room was decorated with evergreens suspended above the congregation, making a very pleasing sight.

Had an excellent program for the audience's edification and the various numbers were given with admirable effect. The singing by the little ones was very meritorious and added materially in making the exercises of very high merit. The program was harmonious throughout and was an entertainment of rare interest.

The program was short, but in point of excellence was not to be surpassed. After the opening prayer, a song by the Sunday school was rendered—by a chorus of well trained voices, after which recitations were given by a number of the little ones. Miss May Merriman delighted the audience with one of her pleasing recitations. There were over four hundred presents hung promiscuously on the tree. The church was crowded to its greatest capacity—and all enjoyed themselves.

The spacious auditorium was filled to an extent that would permit of no more entrances. The program had been arranged with great care and the rendition was perfect throughout. Their songs, recitations, speeches, etc. were all selected with a view to please and rendered with great precision.

Nominations Filed for City Offices.

The annual city election to be held in this city on January 12, gives promise of being an unusually quiet one. The usual open nominating conventions have been entirely dispensed with, the expiration of the date for holding them having expired last Monday. There are, however, two tickets in the field for most of the offices—the Citizens' and the Taxpayers'—which tickets have been filed by petition. There will probably be a contest for the marshalship, there being three candidates in the field as follows: Mayor—C. W. Wolters. Trustees—F. M. Plymale, W. H. Simons, F. Hubbard, G. L. Davis.

The Citizens' ticket is composed of the following gentlemen: Recorder—W. W. Stanfield. Marshal—F. M. Poe. Treasurer—Chas. Strang. The Taxpayers' ticket is made up as follows: Mayor—G. H. Haskins. Trustees—F. M. Plymale, A. M. Woodford, F. Hubbard, J. R. Wilson. Recorder—G. T. Jones. Marshal—Wm. Churchman. Treasurer—W. H. Meeker. T. W. Johnson's nomination has been filed as an independent candidate for marshal.

My Body was Covered With boils. I saw Hood's Sarsaparilla advertised as a blood purifier and thought I would try a bottle. I continued the use of this medicine until I was entirely well. S. M. Boals, Mayor, Oregon.

Hood's Pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Notice. I have opened up an office in the Adkins block and am now prepared to do all kinds of civil engineering and all work in that line. I will also be prepared to do a general business in real estate. I have had fifteen years' experience in civil engineering and can guarantee efficiency.

The Falkland islands and other regions of the south temperate zone are remarkable for the high and violent winds that blow across them. A recent visitor to the Falklands has noted the fact that the inhabitants of these islands, in consequence of being habitually compelled to brace themselves against the wind in walking, have acquired a peculiar gait, so remarkable that a native Falklander can be readily distinguished by his manner of walking. On account of this gait they are called "kelpers."—Youth's Companion.

The Holidays are Now Upon Us .... And we hope all have been remembered with something nice. We have done our best to make all have a "Merry Christmas," and hope you may also have a "Happy New Year." We will now turn our attention to staple goods, and those wishing anything in our line will find equally as good, or better, values during the New Year than they have in the year that is just closing. We are even now preparing for the spring trade. We also give our customers prizes to show them that we appreciate their trade. Don't forget us .... AT THE "RACKET"

Among the Churches.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Sunday school at 10 a. m.—the new officers will take charge of the work and reorganize the school after their own methods of work; 11 a. m., communion service, and the official board will report on the work of the church for 1897; 3 p. m., the Junior Endeavor will be reorganized under the new superintendent, Miss Elsie Roof. At 6 p. m. the Y. P. S. C. E. officers elect will be installed and the executive committee give its report on new committees and their work for the ensuing term. The Endeavor will have an interesting service for the evening. The people welcome.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

There will be services at the M. E. church south, next Sunday morning and evening; Sunday school and Epworth League at the usual hours. A general invitation is extended to all. The Union Watch night services will be held at the Christian church and the Union Holiness prayer meeting at the M. E. church, south, this week.

Have Really Accomplished Something

From the Portland Sunday Welcome. "The Jackson county judge has discovered something to the credit of the state railroad commission; he says it cut down one bull pine in that county. He does not state whether the act was beneficial or not, but it is to be presumed that it was; also, that there are no other bull pines that are a menace to the public weal. Having, therefore, at an expense of some \$75,000 during the past ten years, gotten rid of that tree, might it not be well to relieve the state of the expense of the commission for the future?"

There are very few people in Southern Oregon but who will agree with the Welcome, that the usefulness of the railroad commissioners should terminate and that said termination cannot go into effect too soon for the good of the people and the well-being of the state's exchequer.

Many merchants are now well aware that their customers are their best friends and take pleasure in supplying them with the best goods obtainable. As an instance we mention Perry & Cameron, prominent druggists of Flushing, Michigan. They say: "We have no hesitation in recommending Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to our customers, as it is the best cough remedy we have ever sold, and always gives satisfaction." For sale at 25 and 50 cts. per bottle by Geo. H. Haskins.

Advertised Letter List.

Following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed for in the Medford postoffice on November 1, 96. Baker, John H. Jackson, Mrs. Anna L. Tegate, W. M. Vanina, Frank Watson, John Weisberger. Whitsell, John. A charge of one cent will be made upon delivery of each of the above letters. Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "Advertised." M. PERDUE, Postmaster.

Superior job printing—MAIL office.



WOLTERS, HE WHO SELLS GROCERIES, CROCKERY, AND GLASSWARE AND "PANSY" Now has in stock a full line of the beautiful .... 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 .... Seventh Street, MEDFORD, OREGON

FORGOT HIS MARRIAGE.

Business Engagement Delayed to Allow Sam Johnson to Wed.

A colored man, about 30 years of age, drove up to the depot in Cincinnati with a load of baled cotton, and he had just begun to unload when an old, gray-haired negro with a bad limp came down the street and shouted out to him: "Say, yo' pusson there!" "Now, den, what sorter man be yo'?" demanded the old man, as he reached the wagon.

"Hello, Uncle Joe," saluted the other. "Hu! What do yo' mean by dat?" "Of co'se I ar'. Why, ole man, yo's all excited dis mawnin'. What's de matter?"

"Sam Johnson, I ze got a darter Linda," replied Uncle Joe, and he straightened up and waved his arms about. "Yes, of co'se. Yes, sah, yo's got a darter Linda, an' she's a powerful fine gal."

"Last Sunday night, Sam Johnson, yo' axed dat gal Linda to marry yo'!" "Hu! Hu! Sunday night. Lemme see? Say, I reckon I did!" "Of co'se yo' did! She said she'd do it, an' de marriage was sot fur dis mawnin'."

"Why, I reckon it was, Uncle Joe. Yes, we was to be married dis mawnin'." "But yo' ain't dar, sah!" "Dat's a fack. Jist clean slipt 'ny mind."

"But what yo' gwine ter do, sah—what yo' gwine ter do?" shouted the old man, as he danced around. "What! I gwine ter do? Am Linda all ready an' de preacher dar?" "Yes, sah."

"Den yo' come around heah an' hang on to dat off mawl an' hold him stiddy an' I'll run ober an' marry Linda an' be back heah in ten minnits. If Majah Jones eums 'long an' wants to know why dis cotton hain't dun unloaded yo' tell him dat owing to a disrecklekshun of a matrimonial disreembrance I use had to procrastinate fur a few minnits." —Chicago Journal.

Slang of Long Ago.

"By the way, Caesar," asked Lucretia Borgia, fanning herself languidly, "is the count disposed of satisfactorily?" "I rather think so," replied her brother, significantly displaying a small but exquisitely-chased phial, which the druggist had carelessly neglected to label; "I got the drop on him, so to speak, at luncheon."

"Tis well—but I do wish, Caesar, you would cure yourself of the habit of using slang. It is positively demoralizing." —N. Y. Mercury.

Under Another Head.

Old Oliver (at the library)—Where will I find that great anthropological work called "Man, the Ruler of the World?" Bluestocking Librarian (scornfully)—Under the head of "fiction," sir.