NEWS OF THE CITY.

Last Tuesday was Ground Hog day.

There are no ground hogs here, but in the absence of these it is stated by our citizens that a hear answers all preposes for this day. Tradition tells us that if these animals emerge from their holes—but, dogblast it, this applies only to ground hogs—bears don't "hole up" in the fall. However, if either of these animals see their shadow on February 2d they will go back into their holes—that is, the ground hog will—the bear can't because he has no hole to go late—and will remain there for three shouts longer, or until spring opens. If he, or either of them, do, or does not, sees, or see his, or their shadow, then ho, or they, will stay out all the rest of the winter. But the bear stays out all winter anyhow. Say, a bear wont do—got to have a ground hog or the sign wont work. You folks who think it will just you sit yourselves squarely down and try to write an item on Ground Hog day, using a bear as the subject of your narrative. However, the sun shone Tuesday and any living thing that was outside cast a shadow, whether it was a ground hog a bear—but what figure does this shadow was little bit about bear. Say, they do "hole up," don't they? We never thought about it until Phoips said something. Henceforth he is our authority and the man who doubts that the same time, is going to get into touble. Hereafter a ground hog is a bear and a bear is a woodchuck—on February 2d.

—We have just received a lot of Golden Gate baking powder, which is warranted to be perfectly pure. It is warranted to be perfe

-We have just received a lot of Golden Gate baking powder, which is warranted to be perfectly pure. It is one of the highest grade baking powders on the market and every can is full weight. Try it and if you are not satisfied, return it and we will cheerfully refund your money. Lumiden & Berlin.

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"There was no fire Sunday morning but there were people enough on the streets to have thrown cold water on the most vigorous conflagation. There were very few people in Medford who were not astir and on the streets at an early hour—early for Sunday, the day of rest. It came about like this: The good people of the Presbyterian church in which church revival services are now being held, decided to hold a prayer meeting in the church at seven o'clock, and accordingly the sexton at about that hour commenced a vigorous ringing of the church bell. Dan Waldroop, the gentlemanty proprietor of the Crater confectionery establishment, being awakened thereby thought only of fire, he having left the Saturday night services before the prayer meeting was announced, and being close at hand to the fire bell he gathered himself quickly and repaired thitberward and there like into the good Samaritan which he, in his ignorance, believed himself to be, did pull long and loud at the fire bell rope and louder than the peal of the church bell was beard the clamoring of that fire alarm. The fire boys came out as did pretty nearly every body else, but Dan's fire was only a freak of his imagination, a hideous nightmare, mingled with a day dream at early sunrise, and a perturbation in his restless slumbers regarding his fate has he cazed into the vista of the distance beyond, unless his energies were exerted in the channel of the right way—and the only means at hand in his opinion was the fire bell—and he did ring most plentifully.

—If your are in doubt as to where to buy your groceries, call on Wolters -There was no fire Sunday morning

—If your 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. Wolters is all right on crockery, too. Say, mister, he is selling lots of this sort o ware.

—The usual screnity of our little city was somewhat marred last Monday night about nine o'clock, by a shooting affray in one of the saloons in Medford. The affair appears to have been more of an attempt to exhibit a bravado spirit, than to cause any serious consequences. The attempt to exhibit a bravado spirit, than to cause any serious consequences, as there was apparently little cause for the act. John Edwards and W. Eaton were in Court Hall's saloon and in some with the secare in Court Hall's saloon and in some offen may be came involved in a dispute over some trifling matter, which ended in a rough and tumble fight. In the sculfle, Edwards drew a revolver and fired, the ball entering the fleshy part of Eaton's leg near the thigh. Immediately after the shooting, Edwards made his escape going south. The wound which Eaton received is not serious as he was on the streets the next morning, although the ball had not yet been removed. It is stated by those who witnessed the of Eaton's leg near the thigh. Immediately after the shooting, Edwards made his escape going south. The wound which Eaton received is not serious as he was on the streets the next morning, although the ball had not yet been removed. It is stated by those who witnessed the shooting, that Edwards did not really intend to shoot Eaton, but to shoot the floor with the intention of frighteng him, but this is only conjecture of which The Malk knows nothing. It is not known whether Edwards will be arrested and prosecuted or not, but he ought to be and the authorities would serve well the community by seeing that arrest is made and, if possible, a conviction secured. The man who carries a revolver is not being all right. The man who carries a revolver is not safe in any community, but still more langerous is the man who shoots, whether intent upon doing harm or only in jest. After the shooting Eaton was taken to Drs. Geary & Pickel's office, where the wound was dressed.

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-We are selling "Money Back" teas and coffees—that kind, which, if not just as we represent them, you can bring them back to us and we will refund your money. We carry in stock all the best known brands of tea and coffee in the market. Lumsden & Berlin.

-With the glimmer of applications.

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—With the glimmer of springtime, not far distant, is noticeable the accustomed each year improvements. Not the least of those is a new cut stone sidewalk which Dr. B. F. Akhins and Merchant I. A. Webb are making roady to put down on Seyonth street. The stone, which are being gotten out by F. W. Wait, are now being placed on the scone of action. The places are about two feet square and from four to six inches thick and are to be laid in cement. They are very nicely out and cannot fail to be the requisites of a good, substantial "wear resisting" walk. The walk will be placed in front of the building formerly occupied by Cranfill & Hutchison, Ir A. Webb's furniture store and the Racket store. The enterprise exhibited is truly commendable, more particularly as it places on the rotired listabout seventy.

five foet of brick walks—which walks have very fow friends among pedes-trians. The brick walks are all right when new, but they soon become worn and are very uneven and not a pleasant thing to walk upon,

Chas. Strang.

The residents on the east side of South C streat are extending to J. H. Bossum whole armsfull of good will for his kindly offerings in removing from the sidewalks many impediments which came in the way of the pleasant morning stroll. Merchant Plymale has a cracking good walk but he cannot find the time necessary for a proper-grooming of certain portions of it, but we do not presume that white caps will await upon him because of this; neither will there be any gun plays—because the neighbors and Mr. Plymale are all too good natured for this, but unless he proceeds to groom at more regular intervals, some farmer will homestead that walk and will have bright mornings.

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

—This Mall is informed that a suit has been commenced against the courty out by the Jacksonville school district to compet the court to raise the school assessment. The reason for these proceedings, it is alleged, is that the assent is in adequate to conduct the schools of the country and unless it is raised the schools will not be able to runnearly their full term during the coming year. Colvig & Reames have been retained as attorneys for the district.

—For sale—One good seconed hand baby carriage. Enquire at Jack Morris' Second Hand store.

—Last Friday catalogued another outsides the will have bright mornings.

at this office.

—J. D. Anderson is one of the several farmers of the Rogue river valley who will plant beet seed this spring. He has had ne experience is growing sugar beets, but from observations taken in the cultivation of sugar cane he is of the opinion that up-lands, or foothills, will produce beets containing more sugar than will those grown on the bottom lands. He puts up as a reasonable demonstration of this fact that cane grown on the higher land on his farm produces more sorghum than his farm produces more sorghum than does the same amount of stalks grown on the bottom. The red soil of the foot-fills, he thinks, is especially well adapted for beet culture.

—Lost—A dear child who made home happy by its smiles. And to think, it mighs have been saved had the parents only kept in the house One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for croup. Geo, H. Haskins, druggist.

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—At the meeting of the Oregon branch of the Children's National Home society at the Baptist church last Sunday afternoon, a local advisory board, auxiliary to the Oregon Children's Home society was appointed. The following officers were chosen: President, Mrs. Helen Haskins; vice president, Mrs. R. J. Sayre; secretary, P. J. Halley; treasurer, J. W. Lawton. Persons desiring children for adoption may apply through this board or address to the Oregon Children's Home society at Portland, 309 Marquam building. President Elect McKinley is president of the Ohio branch of this national society.

—Soothing for burns, scalds, chapped

—Soothing for burns, scalds, chapped hands and lips. Healing for cuts and sores. Instant relief for piles, stops pain at once. Those are the virtues of DeWitt's Witch Hazel salve. Geo. H. Haskins, druggist.

To make the hair grow a natural color, prevent baldness, and keep the scalp healthy, Hall's Hair Renewer was invented, and has proved itself

successful.

—That new cement walk around Hotel Nash is decidedly all right—all the same Chicago, all the same Greator New York— all the same Medford, the metropolis of Southern Oregon. But there is no josh regarding that work being all right and all us Medford people, as an expression of appreciation of Capt. Nash's enterprise, should doff our "titos" to the gentleman—and hunt for occasions to do it—and also to Adam Clinedinst and Theo. Dunn, whose hands are moulding this splendid piece of work. of work.

-Dr. G. B. Cole-chronic diseases a specialty. Over twenty years in hospital and general practice. Office in Miles building, Modford.

—Miss Eva Wilson, who has been for a long time in charge of the Postal telegraph office in Medford, left Thursday evening for Portland, where she will remain indefinitely. She has been in very poor health for several weeks but is now improved. She was accommised by Mrs. J. H. Bellinger, who will remain in Portland for some time and will take a course of instructions in dressmaking, after which she (Mrs. Bellinger) will return to Medford and open dressmaking parlors in this city.

—All kinds of wood for sale. Long -Miss Eva Wilson, who has been for

FOOT BALL CHALLENGE.

TO THE EAGLE POINT FOOT BALL TEAM:-

Our various members who played and met defeat at your hands last Saturday are far from being satisfied with the decision against us, and do, through virtue of propriety, business, and consequential agreement, claim exclusive right to a return game with you. Hence, we most respectfully challenge you to play on our grounds on the 12th day of the present month of February, and we agree to pay all necessary expenses of your team while visiting us for the game.

Under the circumstances involved, knowing a failure on your part to accept our challenge will be an open declaration of defeat, we fully expect to do battle with you on the date named. Respectfully

GOLD HILL FOOT BALL CLUB.

and entered the eye of the little girl which threatens the loss of that member. It will require a very difficult and painful operation to remove the plece from her eye—if it can be done girls now have nine instruments and girls now have nine instruments and

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at more regular latervals, some farmer will homestead that waik and will have it planted in sugar beets one of these bright mornings.

—For sale—A good telegraph instrument, one sounder and three batteries, all as good as new and in good working order. Can be had cheap by calling at this office.

—J. D. Anderson is one of the several farmers of the Rogue river valley saving that any confidence reposed in

—at the opera house. A musical and literary program is being prepared for the occasion in addition to the lecture. Everybody is invited to attend. Mr. Herrin is said to be a fine speaker. He was formerly a photographer in this

—Try one of those five cent Multno-mah Olub cigars at the Palace—smoke them once—smoke them always.

—H. C. Nute, living on sticky land, east and north of Medford, is going to try beet growing this year. He has not a great amount of faith in this particular sticky soil being favorable for that purpose, yet he is willing to make the test and in so doing he will settle a question of much importance to those farmers who own soil of this class.

—The best five cent cigar made is the Multuomah Club—you get them at the

Palace.

—Owing to the fact that there are protracted meetings being held at the Presbyterian church this week, the Baptist people have decided to await until these meetings close before commencing like services in their church. Bey. Annes, the pastor in charge, assisted by local clergymen, will conduct the service when opened.

—Judge Crawford, of Grants Pass.

-Judge Crawford, of Grants Pass, was attacted by foot pads on his way home one night last week. He was struck with some heavy instrument, but jumped away, avoiding the full force of the blow, and escaped. Several such occurences have been reported at that place recently.

-Wm. Stockan, of Brownsboro, has taken a position as one of the chief

engagement after their arrival here last Tuesday and left Wednesday morning for their tour through California. There were not a sufficient number of seats sold here to warrant their giving their entertainment.

-Liveryman I. A. Mounce is quite seriously ill at his home on north C street. Mrs. Mounce is also quite ill. In the family's double affliction much sympathy is being expressed by the entire community. Dr. Geary is attendient them.

—The Medford flour mill, which has been closed down for the past month, is again in operation—work having been resumed last Monday. The mill will be run as long as the supply of wheat will permit.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Monday.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Morey are the happy parents to a new girl baby which arrived at their south C street home on Senday last. Everybody getting along nicely and the new ray of unshine is halled with much joy.

-The new instruments for the Ladies' band were received this week. The girls now have nine instruments and practice work will commence pretty

 J. R. Hardin has closed his barber shop on C street and is figuring on re-opening in the shop now operated by Oscar Williams.

—Mr. Shearor, of Grants Pass, has been in Medford several times the past week having his eyes treated by Dr. Geary.

judgment that I take the stand I do and I know that my people will endorse my work and to accept this \$16,000 purse would be to betray the people. I will never sell out my constituents for money. I'll hang by the neck until I am dead before I'll do that." Then Mr. Howser reported the whole matter at the people's party headquarters Wednesday forenoon. He thinks he can identify one of the men as he saw him in Salem last Tuesday. The above is a condensed account of the affair as reported to the Salem Journal. —Attorney and Mrs. A. S. Hammond entertained the whist club at their Sev-enth street home last Friday evening. —B. Johnson, the West Side black-smith has closed his shop and has re-moved to Ashland with his family.

—Miss Ester Silsby, assisted by her class and Miss Mary Silsby, will give a concert in Medford, Feb. 26, 1897. -Don't forget about the sugar beet

mass meeting at the opera house to-morrow, Saturday, afternoon. Broke Jall and Fled Hence.

Broke Jail and Fled Hence.

J. C. Hopkins and Frank Murphy, who burglarized D. L. Minkler & Son's store at Ashland a few weeks ago and were taken to Jacksonville and lodged in the county jail to await the action of the grand jury, broke jail Saturday night and made their escape. They were allowed to remain in the corridor and were at liberty to go in and out of their cells as they wished. No thought seems to have ever been given to the idea that anyone could escape from the jail, but the comparative ease with which the men effected their liberty proves how hadly they were mistaken. Is locking the door the sheriff dropped the staple in the bar that runs from it into the lock box and did not secure it with the usual padlock. The prisoners removed the staple which held the bar in the box and slid it back. The men used a piece of rawhide taken from one of the chairs. By reaching their hands through the Iron lattice they succeeded in placing the strap beneath the end of the staple and raised it up, leaving the door to swing freely open. After they had gotten into the main building it was an easy matter to pry open the outer door and make their escape. Sheriff Barnes is doing everything in his power to recapture the prisoners, but no trace of them has yet been found.

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When the report of the escape reached Medford Sunday morning, E. W. Calkins, proprietor of the Oyster Bay lunch room, remembered having seen two men walking down the Jack-sonville-Medford railroad track about 3 orlock in the morning. They first sonville-Medford railroad track about so'clock in the morning. They first went behind the depot, and after wait-there for some moments they waiked around in front of the depot, when one of them lit a match and looked into the depot office, apparently looking for a clock to ascertain the time. After this they talked a short time and then started north on the railroad track. These were undoubtedly the men.

Reeting of City Council.

The regular monthly meeting of the city council was held Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1897. The officers present were G. H. Haskins, mayor; F. M. Plymale, A. M. Woodford, J. R. Wilson and Fort Hub-

-Will. Stocken, or Provided taken a position as one of the chief persuaders on Bellinger & Hill's dray line. He is a brother-in-law of Joe Hill and is now at work learning the tricks that are peculiar to the two main guys of this popular line.

-The Misses Webling cancelled their engagement after their arrival here last Tuesday and left Wednesday morning for their tour through California. There for their tour through California are considered to the council to be held Thursday evening, Feb. 4, 1897. ferred to street committee.

F. Amann re-appointed street commis-

sioner for the ensuing year, E. W. Carder employed as engineer for city water works for one year at \$50 six months and \$35 per month for re-

maining six months.

Agreed to pay the city marshal \$40 per month for all services; all fees collected by him to be turned over to city

Marshal instructed to find a place to

impound unlicensed dogs and report at the next meeting of the council. Street Commissioner Amann instructed

to notify property owners to make needed repairs on C street. Ordered that Seventh street be cleaned from county road to D street. Adjourned until Feb. 4, 1897.

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BILLS ALLOWED.

M S Damon, duplicate of warrant No.
1170, issued June 5, 1895 and processed
July 12, 1893.

D Cofer, nightwatch.

W Stanield, recorder's fees
W T York, recorder's fees
Bitton & Hatterson, printing
E WCarder, engineer salary
F Amann, street commissioner.

Wm Churchman, nightwatch salary.

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If your parents grumble about your wearing out your stockings and threaten to banish the marbles from your pockets, just get a pair of

Funeral of fir. Smith.



BLACK CAT HOSE

And they will say no more. Best wearing hose on earth

AT THE RACKET

Card of Thanks.

The one having the bills said that it was worth \$10,000 to him (Mr. Howser) to break the dead lock, "It will put you and your family in good circumstances for the rest of your days. You had better consider this proposition." This made Mr. Howser angry and he said: "Gentlemen, it is my sincere judgment that I take the stand I do and I know that my people will endorse We take this method of thanking our many friends who so kindly assisted us during the death and funeral of our beloved husband and father. Mrs. E. J. SEITH and CHILDRES.

Wants a Job.

I will cut wood for fifty cents per tier and board myself or take any other kind of work by contract. I can make fence, clear land, dig ditch, or any other kind of work for a reasonable living price. Please give me a chance —I guarantee satisfaction or no pay. Address B. B. Gearvis, Medford, Orc.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Jackson County Bank will be held at the office of said bank in Mediord, Oregon, on Saturday, the 6th day of February A. D. 1897, at 2 o'clock p. m. J. E. Enyart, Scoretary.

To fly Patrons and Friends.

Funeral of G. W. Smith, who was accidentally killed in the railroad wreck on the Siskiyous, took place last Saturday afternoon in the M. E. church the services being conducted by Rev. Eli Fisher. Mr. Smith was atone time a member of the Woodmen order, but a few months ago decided that, he being so robust and healthy, there was little need of his keeping up his assessments and he allowed his name to be dropped from the books of the order. He was carrying an insurance of \$2000. The members of the Woodmen order in this city assisted the berieved members of the family materially in the hour of their sad affliction and nearly all the members attended the funeral. Interment was made in the Odd Fallows cometery. Mrs. Smith, who has been an invalid far a number of months, is in a precarlous condition.

The following was handed us for publication after the above had been put in type, and, as it contains much that is of credit to the departed, we print it in full:

"The funeral services of George Smith, who was killed in the railroad accident on the Siskiyou mountains took place at the M. E. church last Saturday at 1:30 p. m., attended by a large audience of sympathizing people. The services were conducted by Eli Fisher, paster of the Christian church, assisted by Revs. Crutchfield and Gittins. The body was placed away in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

Mr. Smith leaves six brothers, one sister, his father and mother, his companion, three children and many friends to mourn his loss. He came to this country seeking the improvement of his wife's health. He was a dutiful son, a loving brother, an affectionate husband, a kind father, a respected citizen. He gave up his life in the honest pursuit of winning bread for his family. Falling to secure work at home he was on his way to Red Bluff, Calif. Mr. Smith had been formerly a member of the Woodmen, but in these close times for money, had suffered his memberabir to pass for non payment of dues. Farewell, brother; rest in peace.

—Legal blanks at TES MAIL office. I expect to be absent from Medford for some weeks, but any one wishing fruit trees, shade trees, ornamental trees and berries, hedge plasts, or anything in the nursery line, can leave their orders with E. N. Warner, at the store of C. W. Wolters, All orders will receive prompt attention.

Respectfully,

L. B. WARNER.

Among the Churches.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH. CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Services as follows: 10 a. m., Sunday school; 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., presching; 3. p m., Junior Endeavor; 6 p. m., Y. P. S. C. E. Morning sermon, subject—"False Appearances." Evening sermon, subject—"Sin and Its Cure." These services are of a revival sense, and gives especial attention to persons becoming christians. A cordial invitation to all to attend. Congregational singing.

ELI FISHER, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
Divine service will be held on Sunday evening next—the 7th, in the Episcopal church at 7 p. m. All invited.

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The noted revivalist, S. M. Mortin, is coming to Medford. His meetings are aiways successfull. He is a clear reasoner and a pleasant speaker. The opera house has been secured for the series of meetings which will begin early in March.

carly is March.

Threw Away His Caues.
Mr. D. Wiley, ex-postmaster, Black Creek, N. Y., was so badly afflicted wish rheumatism that he was only able to hobble around with canes, and even then it caused him great pain. After using Chamberlain's Pain Balm he was so much improved that he threw away his canes. He says this liniment did him more good than all other medicines and treatment put together. For sale at 50 cents per bottle by Geo. H. Haskins, druggist.

-Superior job printing, MAIL office



-Legal blanks at TEE MAIL office.

CROCKERY.

AND GLASSWARE

Now has in stock a full line of the beautiful "PANSY"

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 com-plete than right now-likewise my line of confectionery, cigars and tobacco....

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Seventh Street, MEDFORD, OREGON