

PURELY PERSONAL.

Hon. J. J. ROUCK, of Gold Hill, was a Medford caller Monday. J. A. BRADY left Monday for Marysville, Calif., to remain. M. PEARCE, of Applegate, was in Medford Tuesday upon business. N. E. MCGREW, a Grants Pass business man, was in Medford last week. Miss MARGUERITE CHAYENER, of Gold Hill, was visiting in Medford this week. MARK BAKER, the Gold Hill confectioner, was in Medford one day this week. FRANK GALLOWAY, of Beagle, was calling upon his many Medford friends Thursday. Miss CLARA MINGUS, of Ashland, visited her brother, F. M. Mingus and family last week. H. D. KUBLI, the Applegate farmer, merchant and miner, was doing business in Medford Monday. Mrs. JAS. A. SLOVER, of Grants Pass, is visiting her parents, Attorney and Mrs. W. H. Parker, this week. Misses ELLA HANLEY and ALLIE KLIPPLER enjoyed a two days' visit with D. Fisher's people, at Tofo, last week. Prof. DAY PARKER, of the Gold Hill public school, visited his parents in Medford Sunday and Monday of this week. CHARLIE HIGGINBOTHAM left last week for Maxwell, Calif., where he has employment at farm work with an uncle. A. A. BATTERSON, one of the publishers of THE MAIL, returned Wednesday from his quite extended visit at Ellensburg, Washington. Surveyor J. S. HOWARD returned last week from a surveying trip in Josephine County where he surveyed several pieces of rich mining ground. Miss NEOMA STICKLAND, of Roseburg, arrived in Medford Tuesday to visit a few weeks with her brother, Merchant J. W. Miller, and family. H. M. DREW came in from Corvallis last week and is at present looking over the country with a view to locating. He is the guest of Landlord Marksbury. J. W. BROUS, of Salem, arrived in Medford last week for a few weeks' visit with his sister, Mrs. D. H. Miller, after which he will continue his trip to Montana. Mr. and Mrs. S. Z. EARLE left Medford Monday evening for Portland, where Mr. Earle, who is a civil engineer of known ability, hopes to be able to find a suitable location. J. H. HARTMAN, of Bluffton, Ohio, arrived in Medford Tuesday and at once started for Eagle Point, where he will remain during the summer with relatives, among whom is the Pool family. H. L. MISER, the photographer, and CHARLIE SCHILLING left Medford Monday for Grass Valley, Calif., where they expect to find employment, and possibly Mr. Miser will open a gallery in that locality. Mrs. WM. SLINGER returned last week from her winter's stay in California. Mr. Slinger is now at Ventura and is much improved in health. He will probably return to Medford during the coming spring or summer. Mrs. JOHN DAVIES, of Chicago, Illinois, arrived in Medford Wednesday evening for an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bieden, of this place. Her husband will join her here in the summer and it is not improbable that they will decide to locate in Medford. C. H. DUNLAP, the printer from Phoenix, was in Medford Tuesday en route for Portland, where he hopes to secure employment in a wholesale store of some sort. Since leaving here last summer he has been engaged in store and printing work at Lakeview, in eastern Oregon. Prof. HOYLE GREEN, a school teacher of Portland, arrived in Medford last week with his family and is at present domiciled in the Dennison residence on North C street. The gentleman is here intent upon remaining during the summer and if all things are to his liking, his stay will be made permanent. R. H. WHITEHEAD left Medford Saturday for Los Angeles, Calif., where he will take in the surrounding country after which he will go to New Mexico. He expects to be absent about two weeks and is making the trip with a view to locating—a little move which, if made, his many friends will not relish particularly well. R. RASMUSSEN was up from Gold Hill Saturday. He reports that W. W. Wolf, F. Cardwell, Paul Norby and himself, all of Gold Hill, have made a find of a good ledge on Sardine creek. Their ledge is twenty-two inches wide and immensely rich in gold—so rich, in fact, that from specimens shown gold was protruding from all sides. JOHN NELSON was in from Beagle Wednesday upon business connected with engaging a teacher for school district No. 11. Miss Hattie Bliss was engaged and school will commence on the last Monday in March. At the school meeting Monday Mr. Nelson and Mr. Morelock were elected directors and Mr. Hendrickson, clerk. GEO. W. BAILEY and son JAMES, of Shupe, this county, were in Medford last Friday upon business. Mr. Bailey is a MAIL subscriber, but, goes whiz! how he did jump onto us because of the irregularity of the arrival of this great family journal. All good naturedly, of course. He is not the first to enter a complaint of this nature. From several other points which are located on stage lines come reports of like nature. The fault lies in someone's negligence, but just who we have been unable to learn. We hope to eventually locate it, however.

Advertised Letter List.

Following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed for in the Medford postoffice on March 27: Anthony, James. 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. FURMIN, Postmaster. —The old way of delivering messages by post boys compared with the modern telephone, illustrates the old tedious way of "breaking" compared with the almost instantaneous cure by One Minute Cough Cure. Chas. Strang, Med. 4; Dr. J. H. Kie, Central Point.

Brown Rot in Fruit Trees.

In visiting a number of peach orchards in this vicinity during the last few days I have found them very generally infested with a fungus disease that seems to be but little understood by orchardists. The disease is noticed at this season of the year, as dark brown or decayed spots in the bark of last season's growth, and almost invariably surrounds the buds. In the eastern states it is considered to be a serious disease, not only of the peach but of most other fruit trees. In the spring the spores of the fungus fall upon the blossoms, germinate, and the mycelium or roots of the fungus destroy the blossoms, pass down the blossom stems to the twig, not only killing the new growth but passing into the cambium layer of the previous season's growth and resulting in the brown discolored spots that are now so evident. Under the favorable conditions of warm, moist weather the fungus attacks the fruit, and in many instances has been known to destroy fully 75 per cent of a crop after it was nearly ready to pick. I am under the impression, however, that the normally dry summers of this region will effectually prevent any such excessive injury to the fruit. The disease is a peculiarly difficult one to control under unfavorable conditions because the spores are produced in such immense quantities throughout the entire growing season, and upon such a large variety of fruit trees, but under the unfavorable conditions for its growth prevailing here it can probably be controlled by one spraying with Bordeaux mixture just before the buds swell, and by one or, still better, two similar sprays after the fruit has set, at intervals of about two weeks. A. B. CORDLEY, Entomologist, Oregon Experiment Station.

Among the Churches.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Divine services will be held on Sunday evening, the 7th, in St. Marks church at the usual hour. M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH. The second quarterly meeting will be held in Medford next Saturday March 6. The second conference will convene at 2 p. m. The official members are all expected to be present. The sacrament will be administered on Sunday at the morning service. The meeting may continue some time. J. A. CRUTCHFIELD, P. C. CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Tomorrow, Saturday, evening Dr. Martin will commence revival services in this city, at the opera house. His program for the first nine days will be as follows: Saturday, March 6—The Ideal Catechism. Sunday, March 7—Fourfold March: What is a Revival? Soldiers of Christ. Monday, March 8—Zeal. Tuesday, March 9—Mirrors. Wednesday, March 10—My Brother's Keeper. Thursday, March 11—Evil Speaking. (Bring your neighbors.) Friday, March 12—Whiners. (Come yourself.) Saturday, March 13—Can a Man Be Saved out of the Church? Sunday, March 14—The Christian: Lectures to Men Only; Prepare to Meet thy God. Night services only, except Sundays. Doors open at 7; sermon 7:30. BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE. A COMMON MISQUOTATION. Our Orators Should Read the Declaration of Independence Again. Probably three out of four Fourth of July orators in their speeches this year quoted the Declaration of Independence as claiming that: "All men are created free and equal." The mistake has been common in the past, and it is as prevalent now as ever. Presidents of the United States, members of congress, governors and a host of lesser lights have made the blunder, and to their number can be added editors and distinguished orators like the late Henry Ward Beecher. Nevertheless, the Declaration does not say that "all men are created free and equal," and it would not be true if it did. No person is created free. He or she is subject for years to the control of parents or guardians, and natural laws recognize this subjection as right. What the Declaration does say is that: "All men are created equal." There may be some dissent from that doctrine, as there is an evident difference among men in mental and physical endowment at birth. But while the Declaration of Independence is quoted as saying they are, it had better be quoted correctly.

COOKERY HERBS.

Every Housewife Should Understand and Cultivate Their Use. Herbs used in cookery, while they may be purchased in the markets of the larger cities of the United States, are rarely procurable in those of smaller towns. To the average ruralist they are unknown, or, if known, their use is not understood. In first rate cookery, which is one of delicate combinations and flavors, they are absolutely indispensable, and their absence therefrom is quickly detected by cultivated palates. Chives, tarragon, chervil, savory, sorrel, etc., may be grown with little trouble either out of doors or in boxes in the house. Pulverized dried herbs that are sold in bottles or tin are of little value. For flavoring purposes they are hardly more effective than so much dried dust. Sorrel soup, on account of its pleasantly acid flavor, is much in vogue in Europe. Here it is almost entirely unknown, and is rarely or ever served except in families of foreign origin or at restaurants that encourage a special clientele. Of all the herbs only sage and mint are in universal use with us. For this boon we are indebted to the favor accorded sausages, and the popularity of the "mint julep." When Frogs Are Best. Frogs are best for the table in the autumn. They are then fat and sleek, and there is a peculiar and desirable flavor about them at that season not possessed at any other. At this season they are quite desirable, and form a very clever side dish at any time.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES.

Lelah Wilson and Chester Roberts entered the seventh grade this week. The ninth grade regret the absence of Geo. Faris, who has been ill for the past week. Quite a number of little people entered the south and the north primary this week. The tenth grade, having finished plane geometry, has commenced solid geometry. Next week the class in latin will take examination. It has been doing good work in syntax. The class in Botany is now much interested in the forerunners of Spring; the leaves and flowers. Pupils in the sixth grade are sorry to lose Florence Niekerson from their class as she removes to Phoenix this week. Prof. Parker, from the Gold Hill school, spent a few hours in the different rooms of our building on Monday of this week. Pupils of the fifth grade are beginning the study of fractions. They are going to finish their course in arithmetic nicely this year. The ancient history pupils have begun the study of the Macedonian Empire and are very much interested in the conquest of Alexander the Great. The pupils in the sixth grade are elated because that in their room there were fewer pupils tardy during the month than in any room on the upper floor and as a reward they get a half holiday. The ancient history class has finished the Grecian empire. The pupils find that, although the Greeks quarreled a great deal, much of the civilization of the world came from their ancient empire. The following visitors were present during the week: Messrs. E. E. Gittens, D. Parker, Guy Smith, Huges, Fletcher, E. E. Gittens, Kingdon, P. J. Halley, J. H. Whitman, E. E. Gittens, Misses Emma Coleman, Nellie Sturges, Minerva Pickens, Johnnie Little and Kingdon. George and Martha Washington and their little friends of the north and south primaries were greatly pleased to see so many of their regular work and special exercises Monday last week. Those present were Mesdames W. W. Weller, I. A. Webb, L. E. Hoover, W. H. Stevens, E. E. Gittens, J. W. Wiley, M. Johnson, G. W. Williams, T. W. Becket, H. P. Thoms, W. R. Kame, A. N. Sayre, Ella J. Cole, C. W. Palmer, A. J. Stewart, A. H. Barr, J. H. Smith, M. H. Low, A. Hall, J. F. Lupton, S. E. Garrett, D. Brooks, J. S. Morgan, Chas. Strang, Lucy Williams, C. W. Wolters, D. H. Miller, Helen Harding, J. Howard, D. W. Heston, M. Cook, Dow, J. Hanley, C. P. Holman, J. M. Faris, Wm. Ulrich, J. O. Johnson, L. J. Sears, E. Wilkinson, L. L. Loid, Minerva Pickens, Nella Sturges, Bertie Berry, Mae Eschbart, Beatrice Garrett, Emma Labron, Elva Wiley, Louisa Butcher, Ella Hanley, Lulu Miller, Stella Smith, Amy Wilson, Maggie Sierens, Vera Webb, Gertrude Ulrich, Mable Smith, Superintendent Gus Newbury, Messrs Chas. Strang, D. F. Sears, T. M. Barr, W. K. Davis, G. W. Williams, E. E. Van Antwerp, T. H. Bayre, George Barnum, Guy Webb, Ivas Wiley, Glen Howard.

In Probate Court.

In the matter of the estate of Margaret McDowell; inventory and appraisal filed; total value, \$1,000.00, approved. Estate of Mrs. A. J. Fisk; petition for letters of executorship; R. G. Wortman appointed executor on second petition; J. H. Lawson, J. H. Stewart and J. A. Crutchfield, appointed appraisers. Estate of Jas. A. Woody; report of sale of personal property, approved. Estate of W. L. Coody; first semi-annual account, examined and approved. Estate of Lewis Rees; first exhibit of adm. of his estate, examined and approved. Estate of J. H. Johnson, administrator of J. O. Johnson vs. Carrie Jette Johnson, et al; order to sell real estate. Corrie L. Johnson, administratrix of J. O. Johnson, vs. Carrie Jette Johnson, et al; order of default and appointment of guardian ad litem on second petition to sell real estate; S. S. Pentz appointed guardian ad litem for minor defendants.

La Grippe.

Pneumonia, coughs and colds cured. Use S. B. Cough Cure. Price 50 cents per bottle. For sale by Chas. Strang. Where Doctors Disagree. There has been a great deal of disagreement from time to time about the therapeutic value of sarsaparilla. In the main, authorities deny any particular medical value to the plant. "It's just an old wife's remedy," they say. And in the main they are right. There are a dozen varieties of sarsaparilla, scattered through various countries, and of this dozen only one has any curative power. So a man whose experience might be confined to the eleven other varieties might honestly say there was little value in them. The one valuable sarsaparilla is found in Honduras, C. A. Monardes, a physician of Seville, records the introduction of sarsaparilla into Spain as a result of the Spanish discoveries of the New World, between 1538 and 1545. But the root did not accomplish much. But he adds, "a better sort soon after came from Honduras." It is this "better sort" that is used exclusively in Ayer's Sarsaparilla. And it is the use of this "better sort" that has given Ayer's Sarsaparilla its prominence over all other varieties by reason of its wonderful cures of blood diseases. Send for the curebook, a "story of cures told by the cured." Free. Address J. C. Ayer, Lowell, Mass.

Doings of the Circuit Court.

A. H. Phipps, administrator of the estate of M. P. Phipps vs. Christina Ewen; personally and as executor and devisee of the estate of Dundley T. Ewen, confirmation of sheriff's sale; sale confirmed. R. F. New vs. J. E. Pelton and W. J. Virgin vs. L. C. Coleman; plaintiffs granted leave to file amended complaint. Wm. Littleton and A. J. T. Norman vs. Wm. Colvig, adm. of the estate of J. C. Durkey; confirmation of sheriff's sale; sale confirmed. John M. Marks vs. A. C. Helm, et al; same. Rheumatism Quickly Cured. After having been confined to the house for eleven days and paying out \$25 in doctor bills without benefit, Mr. Frank Dolson, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., was cured by one bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, costing 25 cents, and has not since been troubled with that complaint. For sale by Geo. E. Haskins, druggist. "Remittans" is the term applied in British Columbia to some of the Englishmen sent there to learn mining. "They go about in knickerbockers, big shoes, cloth caps and eyeglasses, painting things red as long as their remittans last. For two weeks before the next check arrives they keep quiet, because they have no money for making a noise."

To Protect Fruit Trees from Rabbits

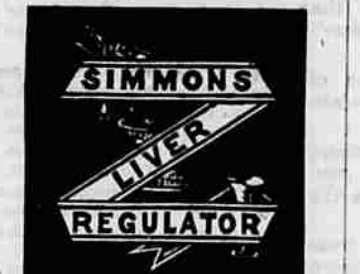
From the Red Bluff, Calif., News. A. M. Daniels, of Peach valley, Delta County, Colorado, protects his fruit trees from rabbits by rubbing the body and lower limbs with blood about twice a year. Cut a beef liver into chunks about the size of a man's fist. With this in hand a man can go over a thousand trees in a day and one liver will do it. Says Mr. Daniels: "We have just gone over 8,000 trees that have been set out one, two and three years. We don't find a single tree that had been injured by the rabbits that had been blooded, while in the adjoining orchards more than half that were not protected were badly damaged. Now, why use paint, grease, tar, etc., that often proves destructive to the trees? Blood is as harmless as salt and water and nothing can be applied more cheaply."

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Real Estate Transfers.

S. E. Kennedy Estate to Sam'l Murphy et al; lots 3 and 4, blk 12, Phoenix 3 1/2 50 J. V. Kelley to Franklin P. Smith lots 5 and 6, blk 40, Medford 200 Annas R. and F. M. Lewis to Mrs. Sabilla A. dik 1, Cottage Home add to Medford 6 J. W. Miller to J. S. Parker lots 5 and 6, blk 1, Cottage Home add to Medford 200 Mary N. Noonan to Orrie E. Crockett 50 acres sec 12, tp 28 s, r 1 e. 700 Rial Hinckley to O. E. Rose all right and title to a water ditch in Jackson county 100 J. W. O'Gregory to Ann R. Gregory 5 and one-tenth acres in Ashland 120 Annas R. and F. M. Lewis to Mrs. Sabilla A. dik 1 acre in Ashland 100 A. N. Selles to James Ridge n w 1/4 of sec 10, lot 18, sec 10, tp 28 s, r 2 w, lots 3 and 4, sec 11 and 1/4 of sec 22, tp 28 s, r 2 w 50 United States of America to O. C. A. R. Co 500 and 57, 100 acres, sec 7, tp 30 s, r 3 patent No 72 100 W. I. Waver, et al to M. S. Damon property in Medford 800 J. W. Coffman to Wm. Ireland the Kustler quartz claim and a one-third interest in the Gold King & Home Stake claim Caroline E. Damon to W. I. Waver, et al, property in Medford 900 Amelia Ferry to Fred Ferry lot 3, blk 18 Phoenix 35 —Matches one cent per bunch at Lumsden & Berlin's. Filing Locations. W. H. Maulby located Feb 9 the Swaney claim in Sterling district. Terry Bryne located Feb 8, 30 acres in Squaw creek, Applegate district. J. H. Hays located Feb 20 a quartz claim in Pleasant creek district. Prior Eaton located Feb 20, 20 acres on Foxman creek district. J. W. Hays located Feb 20, 500 inches of water from Galis creek. G. L. Woodridge located Feb 12, 6000 inches of water from Slagle creek. Philip R. Robinson located Feb 15 the Henretta claim. S. A. Johnson and Tine Cooper located Dec 27, 30 acres in Jackson creek district. —Legal blanks at THE MAIL office.



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The Senate Per Diem.

Table with columns: Name, Miles, Total. Lists names of senators and their travel expenses.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Company, 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, Notary Public. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 6th day of December, A. D. 1896. (SEAL) A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free. Sold by druggists. P. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

John Jacob Astor's new \$5,000,000 hotel, which is in course of construction next to the Waldorf, will be called Astoria.

TAYLER The Foot Fitter

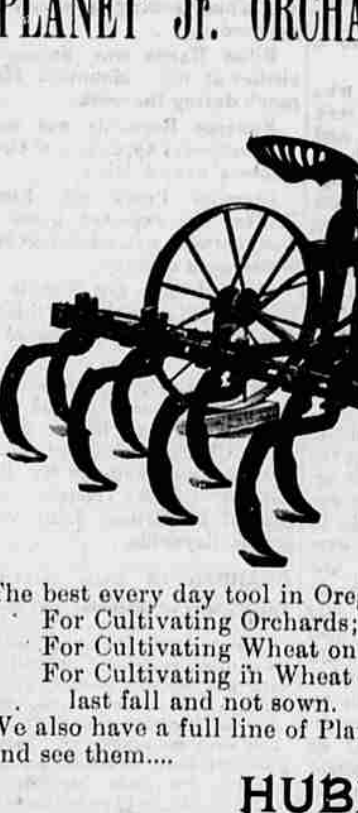


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