

## A CRIST OF LOCAL HAPS AND MISHAPS.

—On Thursday evening of last week the A. O. U. W. lodge of this city, gave a very pleasing entertainment at the opera house. The object which led up to the occasion was a desire to bring out a good crowd to hear a lecture by the grand lecturer of the state, D. C. Herrin, and by those means possibly augment the membership of the Medford lodge. The entertainment consisted of a couple of musical selections by the Palmer-Montague orchestra, also a couple of like selections by the Simmons orchestra; a concert solo by John Montague; a recitation by Miss May Merriman; a piano duet by Misses Grace Odgers and Grace Amann, and following this an address by the grand lecturer, Mr. Herrin, who is a very pleasing speaker and is thoroughly conversant with all the details of the work and management of the order. One point was examined, apparently satisfactory, and that was the matter of graduation of assessments, which, while it has not taken place in Oregon, it has in some other states, and to those uninitiated seems an injustice, especially to the older members of the order. Mr. Herrin explained the object of the move and that instead of being a detriment to the order it had proven a benefit, as, under the new ruling an unusual increase has been made in membership in states where adoption, but if it is an apparent present burden this would soon be overcome by the increase in membership. So well did the gentleman handle matters, and so ably did he expound the virtues of the order that before leaving the city, seven applications for membership were taken.

—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 of ware.

—Not in the history of Medford has our people been more thoroughly and pleasantly entertained by local talent, than at the entertainment given by Miss Silsby and her class of vocalists at the opera house last Friday evening. The raising of the curtain revealed to the participants in the entertainment, a well filled house, composed of the elite of the city, which seemed to give them an incentive to reward them for their manifestations of good will—and that their efforts were fully successful were strongly evinced by the many bursts of hearty applause which followed the rendition of each of the well chosen, manifestly appropriate and delightfully rendered numbers. One of the most conspicuous features of the entertainment was the very marked improvement made by the several members of the class since their last public appearance in Medford, and many were the words of commendation spoken of the efficiency of Miss Silsby as a vocal instructor. That the singers thoroughly comprehended and dominated the situation was apparent in their every movement, which was accomplished with that easy self poise that is the mark of the master. The stirring minstrel part in the entertainment was well taken and was a fitting finale to an eminently successful evening's entertainment.

—Farm to rent—Mrs. J. O. Johnson has for rent thirty acres of land, upon which are a large house, barn and other buildings. Barn is full of hay which will be sold to party renting. Land one mile from Medford. Must be rented within a week.

—Farmer I. W. Thomas dropped into THE MAIL shop Monday and while undergoing the usual reporter's "pump act" for news the information was gleaned that his son, Joe, and Chas. Bowman had but recently located a quartz ledge on Palmer creek which is 100 feet wide and assays \$30.27 to the ton. A number of sacks of the rock were sent to the Silsby smelter to be assayed; report shows the above figures. The gold taken out was of such an excellent quality the Silsby people offered \$30 per ounce for all of that kind which could be mined. The boys also have a good placer mine near the ledge which they are at work upon. It was only about three or four hundred rods below their placer mine, on what is known as "Ton Dollar Bar" that way back in the 50s something like an hundred Chinamen took out a fortune in gold for each of them, after which they returned to their native land.

—Absolutely pure, perfectly harmless, and invariably reliable are the qualities of One Minute Cough Cure. It never fails in colds, croup and lung troubles. Children like it because it is pleasant to take and it helps them. Chas. Strang, Medford; Dr. J. Hinkie, Central Point.

—Here is the scheme adopted by a Willamette valley farmer for the extermination of gophers: A six inch bit of fuse with one end buried in a bit of paper shaped like a candle and two inches in length, is the implement of destruction that is to go for the gophers. Inside the paper there is gun powder mixed with other chemicals that when exploded produce carbonic acid gas, carbonic gas kills everything—will kill a man if he be shut up in a room with it and it will kill gophers. To operate the extermiator the fuse is lighted and the package is inserted in the gopher hole. The opening to the underground passage is filled quickly with dirt and then the powder explodes. The carbonic acid gas in great quantities is formed and the gopher inhales it and he don't have time to do anything else but die.

—The length of life may be increased by lessening its dangers. The majority of people die from lung troubles. These may be averted by promptly using One Minute Cough Cure. Chas. Strang, Medford; Dr. J. Hinkie, Central Point.

—It is about this season of the year that the mails are burdened with tons and tons of circulars and catalogues from city department stores. These are sent to people in the country in hopes of raking in all the cash in sight. Some people will do precisely as requested by these department store flippers, but when there is produced a bill and possibly a few dollars' worth of goods to be bought on credit it is the home merchant whom you go to. These city stores are your friends just as long as your cash holds out. It is the local stores that take an interest in your welfare. You ought to stand by

them. Chances are even up that you can buy as cheaply of them as in the cities when all the expense incurred is figured.

Why suffer with coughs, colds and grippe 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.

—W. F. Chase, he who has been teaching school in the Griffin creek district, has purchased 183 acres of land, located in the foot-hills, in that locality, from Jas. Ridge, consideration \$1000. Mr. Ridge, who arrived here a couple of weeks ago, has returned to his home at Rossville, Illinois, but he has promised by all things sacred to return next fall, bring his folks, buy a farm and henceforth be one of us. He is a fine gentleman and we will all be glad when he fulfills his promise. These people who have purchased the farm are strictly all right and good citizens—and they'll improve that farm most mightily, if frugality and honest toil can accomplish it.

—FOR TRADE—Farm in Lassen Co. Calif., to exchange for Medford town or farm property at a great bargain. See Wayne Jones & Co., between bank and postoffice.

—Who wouldn't run a newspaper? We are in receipt of a proposition from a Kentucky dew outfit offering genuine leaker, presumably guaranteed to contain the usual number of scraps per gallon, half payment to be made in advertising, while the balance will be kindly accepted in cash. The cash is shy a few points right now and our appetite for red leaker has waned somewhat of late, in fact it has never been cultivated to an alarming degree. This assertion may seem wholly an untruth because of the reputation printers in general carry with them, but in this instance the writer pleads guilty to being a curio.

To restore gray hair to its natural color as in youth, cause it to grow abundant and strong, there is no better preparation than Hall's Hair Renewer.

—F. M. Stewart, one of our best growers of excellent fruit, has leased his farm to D. M. Warden, a former resident of the Applegate country, and possession will be at once given. Mr. Stewart has leased one of T. F. West's residences on North B street and will move to Medford with his family and here reside—for a time at least. These are the kind of people whose coming is gladly hailed by all our townspeople. The farm property which Mr. Warden has leased contains ninety acres, fifty or sixty acres of which are planted to fruit.

—Lost—A buggy boot, between Medford and Talent. Finder will please leave it at Lumden & Berlin's grocery store. J. W. Wiley, Medford, Oregon.

—We good friends of H. L. Gilkey, who gentleman is now a traveling salesman for a Duluth, Minn., hardware firm, will be pleased to note the young man's record for his first month on the road. The firm has over forty salesmen on the road and in the report made Mr. Gilkey stood eighteen on the list, that is, seventeen of the forty sold more goods during the month than he did, and in the expense report only fourteen pulled through the month with a less expense to the firm.

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

—J. W. Wiley, the shipper of wheat, cattle and anything else that will bring money into the valley, has purchased the Lumden & Berlin property, recently purchased by them, on West Seventh street, and will take possession of the same soon. Mr. Wiley, we are pleased to learn, has decided that he can find no better place than Medford in which to locate permanently, and has made up his mind to make this his home for all time. The price paid for the property was \$1500.

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

—The new school board held their first meeting Tuesday evening of this week, to consider the situation of the district and to agree upon a plan for the maintenance of the school at the present high standard and at the same time curtail expenses so as to keep within the bounds of the income of the district. It will be a pleasant reflection to learn that the new board are entirely harmonious and that they will labor in unity for the best interest of the district.

—For Sale and Trade—Eight lots in Medford, team, wagon and harness. C. P. Buck, Medford.

—From the Jacksonville correspondent to the Ashland Tidings: "Mr. George Merriman, of Medford, who is a candidate for deputy internal revenue collector of this district under the new administration, spent Sunday in Jacksonville. Mr. Merriman is well qualified for the position and is also one of the many deserving representatives of his party who has never been in office, and his many friends hope that he will be honored by the appointment."

—Now is the time to use Sarsaparilla, Dr. Scott's. At Haskins' drug store.

—J. N. Hookersmith, formerly residing near Medford, now of Ashland, has been in Medford recently having an operation performed upon one of his eyes by Dr. Goary. Mr. Hookersmith has been having trouble with his eyes for some time, and a few months ago Dr. Goary successfully operated upon one of them and now the other one is being similarly treated. Mr. H. expects to move to the farm again this spring.

—Matches one cent per bunch at Lumden & Berlin's.

—C. D. Walrath has sold his property, on South C street, to John Cox. Mr. Cox, we understand, contemplates building on the property and will probably occupy the same. Mr. Walrath will leave for Yreka, Calif., soon where he will engage in the sale of pottery and stereopticon views, which business he has previously been engaged in. The price paid by Mr. Cox for the real estate was \$450.

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

—The county commissioners have sent out printed instructions to all

road supervisors of the county. The instructions are very explicit and strictly to the point, covering all the ground necessary for the supervisors in the management of their road work. If these are followed out there will be little need for trouble at the annual settlement time.

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

—C. R. Ryder, formerly livyerman at Central Point, has traded his business at that place to John Morris for resident property in Medford. Mr. Ryder is said to be about as much of a Yankee dickerer as is the renowned Jack Morris, and this being the case he is open for dickers at any and all times. He has taken up his residence in Medford.

—For Trade—Eight lots in Medford for team, wagon, harness and some cash. C. P. Buck, Medford.

—Reports from the several postoffices in the United States during the past few months show a decrease in the receipts. Medford's postoffice, however, is not among those with the decrease hitched to them as the receipts for January, '97, were over twenty dollars in excess of the receipts for the same month in '96.

—The reported sale of the Cameron placer mine which is going the rounds of Southern Oregon papers is somewhat premature. No such sale has been made, but there is a prospective sale in sight. When made the facts connected therewith will be noticed in THE MAIL.

—Word from A. A. Whitman, who is now at Auburn, Calif., is to the effect that since leaving San Francisco he had been taken suddenly worse and that for a few days his life was despaired of. A more recent letter, however, states that he is somewhat improved.

—J. E. Enyart, the local agent for the Great Northern Railway, ticketed Mrs. Chas. Milton and Mrs. S. M. Neathammer over that popular road to Advance, Indiana, last week. He also ticketed Jas. Ridge, of Griffin creek, over the same road to Rossville, Illinois.

—Mort Foster has engaged his services as a salesman for the Crescent bicycle and Studabaker wagons. Mort is one of the very best young men in the city and as a salesman of any kind of wares he is excelled by none.

—Mrs. S. Willis, nee Miss Snow Autenrieth, has many friends and relatives hereabouts who will be glad of the opportunity to congratulate herself and husband upon the advent into their home of a fine girl baby, on February 19th, at Roseburg.

—Dr. Piskel is making daily visits to Ashland to attend Mrs. E. V. Carter. A surgical operation was performed a few weeks ago since which time the very closest attention has been necessary. The lady is slowly, but surely regaining usual her good health.

—There is another happy home in Medford, the same being that of Geo. E. Webber, the instructor in bookkeeping. The event which brought this gladness was the arrival of a girl baby, and the date was Tuesday of this week.

—Last week our Big Sticky correspondent reported Mrs. Trus Cox seriously ill. The attending physician, Dr. Goary, states that this was an error as the lady is now, and was at that time, recovering from her illness.

—Mr. Merz, the gentleman who purchased the Medford brewery and left for Portland Monday evening, where it is expected a company will be organized to operate the business in this city.

—The many friends of Livermy I. A. Mounce, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, were glad to see him on the streets again this week. Mrs. Mounce, who has also been very ill, is much improved.

—Beek & Co. have just received a duplicate shipment of those elegant locks and fittings which gave so much satisfaction to purchasers last year, together with several new designs for the present season.

—The Hollins band has leased a part of the second story of the Rostel Hamlin block, on South D street. These people hold meetings nearly every night, which are being quite well attended.

—J. H. Butler, the painter and paper hanger, than whom there are none better, last week benighted the interior of Hon. J. H. Stewart's new city residence with some of his elegant work.

—S. H. Sykes, who owns a fine farm near Phoenix, and who left here a few weeks ago for California, is now at Campo, that state, where he has several months' surveying employment.

—Dr. B. F. Adkins has added materially to the appearance of his already very pretty home, on North A street, by the erection of a new fence, on two sides.

—Assessor Grieve has chosen his son, W. T., and T. W. Bryant as his co-workers in assessing the property of the county. Work was commenced this week.

—Three hundred pounds of beet seed was ordered this week by the merchants of Medford for free distribution among the farmers of the valley.

—J. W. Hickie, of Central Point, has located in Medford and has opened a watch repairing shop in A. M. Woodford's feed store, on C street.

—We regret to learn that Mrs. J. C. Hall and little child are confined to their rooms at Hotel Nash with an attack of measles.

—All kinds of garden seeds in bulk—cheaper than they can be bought by sending away for them—at Lumden & Berlin's.

—Last Saturday the Southern Oregon Pork Packing Company shipped a carload of cured meat to San Francisco.

—M. S. Damon has his new residence, on South A street, enclosed and very soon it will be ready for occupancy.

—Souza's band, of forty-eight people, passed north Monday night, on route from San Francisco to Portland.

—At the last meeting of the directors of the fair association Druggist G. H. Haskins was elected treasurer.

—The new version of "Go to the ant thou sluggard" is, go to Nevada you sluggers.

—Beardless barley for sale at the food store of J. R. Erford.

## Medford's Annual School Meeting.

The regular annual school election was held at the school house in Medford last Monday afternoon and was attended by a large number of interested taxpayers. Interest in the meeting had been growing since for several days prior to the date of the meeting and every indication gave promise of an unusually interesting time. The meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock by the chairman, Dr. E. P. Geary, and after the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings and reading of the clerk's annual report of the finances by Clerk Carl T. Jones, a number of speeches were made in advocacy of individual opinion as to the best manner of conducting the school on a basis that would result in a diminution of the indebtedness of the district and at the same time retain the efficiency of our educational institution. Several resolutions were also introduced bearing on these points, among which was one requesting the directors to not pay more than \$60 per month to the principal or more than \$50 per month to the vice-principal or more than the wages now being paid to the subordinates, and also a resolution requesting the directors to not contract for a longer term of school during the coming year than for which there are funds to pay for same. These resolutions were both passed by a viva voce vote. There were several heated debates over the adoption of the resolutions as first introduced, which contained the word "required" instead of "requested," but after the word "requested" had been substituted for "required" all opposition to them was withdrawn. After this came the election of a director to serve three years and a clerk to serve one year. Dr. E. P. Geary, the present incumbent, and W. D. Beidleman were placed in nomination. The vote resulted in the election of Mr. Beidleman by a vote of 96 to 24. Carl T. Jones and Chas. Strang were placed in nomination for clerk. The vote resulted in the election of Mr. Jones by a vote of 61 to 30. The bond of the clerk was increased from \$4000 to \$12,000. Following is the clerk's annual report:

Clerk's annual report for district No. 49 Jackson County, Oregon, March 1, 1897.

Received former clerk.....	\$ 3 87
Special tax.....	3068 25
County appropriation.....	1305 00
State.....	1085 00
Warrant.....	22 43
Sale of stoves.....	5 50
	\$ 5993 37

Paid for rent..... \$ 119 35  
Insurance..... 229 07  
Furniture..... 229 07  
Wagon..... 127 95  
Merchandise..... 5 25  
Labor..... 55 28  
Supplies..... 217 50  
Wages..... 150 00  
Clerk..... 150 00  
Loaned building fund..... 70 80  
Printing..... 25 00  
Rebate on local tax..... 1 35  
Interest paid R. H. Whitehead..... 1419 50  
Hardware..... 94 99  
Lumber..... 5 04  
Grading grounds..... 15 00  
Telephone warrants..... 22 43  
Balance on hand..... 45 85

Warrants issued during school year commencing March 3, 1896, ending March 1, 1897:

Teachers' fund.....	\$4658 30
Incidental fund.....	3265 08
	\$7923 38
Credit by.....	\$ 1836 27
To balance.....	6015 11
	\$7851 36

Warrants unpaid..... \$ 6015 11  
One warrant issued in 1896..... 458 25  
Total outstanding warrants..... \$ 6371 36  
Notes outstanding..... 15000 00  
Total indebtedness..... \$ 28471 36

BUILDING FUND—RECEIPTS:

Sept. 12, Royal Ins. Co.....	\$ 775 77
Oct. 30, " West Chester.....	3000 00
Nov. 29, " R. H. Whitehead.....	7500 00
Dec. 27, " Incidental fund.....	70 80
June 6, " G. W. Fridley.....	3 15
	\$17348 72

Paid contractors..... \$18578 96  
Wood house..... 125 30  
Architect..... 43 63  
Morgan Co..... 919 25  
U. S. F. Co..... 631 35  
Admiral..... 333 38  
Labor..... 13 90  
Blacksmithing..... 14 45  
Tiling..... 36 65  
Merchandise..... 14 85  
Extra Plastering..... 97 00  
Cut Stone..... 19 90  
Plans for building..... 14 85  
J. Whitman Sup..... 112 00  
G. W. Fridley..... 200 63  
School Bell..... 173 76  
Window shades..... 14 85  
Setting Black Board..... 35 00  
Iron Gates..... 62 36  
Extra Painting..... 184 50  
Front Walks..... 41 25  
Repairing Old Well..... 49 25  
Rent for 12 chairs..... 20 00  
Furniture (table, chairs)..... 52 75  
Fire Alarm..... 125 00

Of the warrants drawn on the incidental fund during 1896 and 1897 the following amounts were used to complete new school house and its appointments:

U. S. F. Co. desks, etc.....	\$ 1496 20
W. Morgan & Co Heating.....	456 25
Drilling Well.....	184 50
Grading Grounds.....	29 49
Lumber for Walks and etc.....	27 94
Hardware.....	65 85
Marysville.....	14 85
Step Ladder.....	3 50
W. Morgan & Co, Nov 14, 1896.....	456 25
	\$2698 87
Add Building fund.....	17348 72
Total Cost School House and appointments.....	\$20047 59

A casual glance at the above report would reveal an apparent deficiency in the cost of the school for this year, but by carefully scrutinizing the exhibit it can be plainly seen that instead of a deficit for the year there is really a surplus of \$152.51 while the funds on hand, after borrowing \$2698.87 from the school to apply to cost of furnishing the building, are \$5920.37, leaving a balance of \$787.50 above the expense, which added to the \$2698.87 borrowed from the school fund would have resulted in a surplus of \$3486.37 over and above the actual cost of conducting the school. Of course there is to be paid out of the surplus the interest on the bonded indebtedness, which will, on account of the expense of furnishing the school house, leave a deficit of a small amount.

All Humors of the Blood, From the small simple to the dreadful scrofula sore, are cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which thoroughly purifies, vitalizes and enriches the blood.

Hood's Pills cure nausea, sick headache, indigestion, biliousness. All druggists, 25c.

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

## THE RACKET

Has a new line of those famous McDonald working shirts, that are full length, full width, proper shape, double stitched and cheap. Also some new laundried shirts.....

Men's \$1 hats—a bargain.

### G. L. WEBB

P. S.—Gents! don't patronize traveling agents. If your tailor can't suit you in clothing I have 1000 samples you may select from, and guarantee a fit. Cheap—look at them.

—Hon. H. B. Miller, president of the Agricultural college at Corvallis, accompanied by Prof. Cordley, cytologist for the college, and E. F. Fernot, electrician for the college, were in Medford Wednesday and Thursday of this week, in the interest of the college. Prof. Cordley delivered an illustrated lecture on fruit pests at the opera house Wednesday evening to a good sized and appreciative audience, and much useful knowledge to fruit raisers was gleaned from his talk. On Thursday afternoon President Miller delivered a lecture on sugar beets. This subject is one that is just now interesting pretty nearly every one in Jackson County, and was well attended. In the evening Mr. Miller delivered a lecture on the Agricultural college, its workings and the benefits of an industrial education, with stereopticon views of the college and its furnishings.

—An ordinance appears elsewhere in this paper with regard to obstructing alleys and sidewalks and the tying of horses to awning posts, etc. The sidewalk obstruction part of the ordinance is a little severe on some of our merchants who are in the habit of making a display of goods in front of their places of business. It would seem that on a twelve foot walk a couple of feet of space might be given them for display purposes and not interfere with travel. Our streets will be like Sunday every day—without this display.

—Miss Tyress Tye, a middle aged lady, who arrived in Phoenix from California about two months ago, was examined before Judge Crowell in Wednesday and declared insane. She was taken to Salem the same evening by Deputy Sheriff Wick and Mrs. E. DeReboam. Dr. W. S. Jones was the examining physician.

—Boyd & Nicholson and the Great Northern Railway each have a new ad in THE MAIL this week. The former are telling of their superior cook stoves and ranges.

—The Jackson County Bank shipped \$2500's worth of gold dust to San Francisco Wednesday.

## A Tribute to a Worthy Family.

Gone to California, yes, Rev. Jenkins and family have left us, and we feel to say Medford's loss is Salinas' gain. While we were loth to give them up, yet we are glad that Salinas has been so fortunate as to secure the services of such an able man as Rev. Jenkins. He faithfully served the Medford Baptist Church fifteen months, and on account of failing health, resigned the work, to rest up that he might again take up the work of the ministry when restored to health. The Church regretted very much to give him up. They leave us with best wishes from not only the Church but the people in general, who held them in high esteem. Salinas may feel proud with such a valuable addition to their city.

J. M.

## Hay for Sale.

Fifty tons of alfalfa hay for sale at market price, at Dillon Hill's place near Medford.

PANSY.

## WOLTERS,

HE WHO SELLS GROCERIES, 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 complete than right now—likewise my line of confectionery, cigars and tobacco....

Seventh Street, MEDFORD, OREGON