

PURELY PERSONAL.

Perry Foster came over from Antioch Tuesday. Capt. J. T. C. Nash is at Roseburg this week. John Goldsby was in from Applegate this week. Major H. F. Barron was at Ashland this week. Dick Slinger was down from Lake Creek this week. Cashier Enyart was at Yreka this week upon business. L. G. Porter came up Wednesday from the mines at Leland. E. R. Gall was over from Sams Valley Monday upon business. G. W. Lance, Sr., of Woodville, was here Wednesday on business. A. N. Solles was at Grants Pass Sunday evening—legal business. S. A. Carlton came over last Saturday upon business—other than political. Miss Ara Foster went to Grants Pass last week to visit her sister a few days. Jos. Scott, of Medford, is over at Ft. Klamath clearing up some business matters. J. S. Howard, civil engineer, is at Grants Pass this week doing some mine surveying. Henry Voegeli, of Trail creek, was doing business with our merchants Wednesday. Hon. Henry Klippel is at Portland this week—a delegate to the democrat state convention. C. S. Price, of the Grants Pass Courier, was a caller at THE MAIL office last Saturday. R. W. Gray was up at Prospect this week upon business connected with his saw mill and ranch. County Treasurer G. P. Lindley is over in the Wood river valley, Klamath County, on business. E. E. Phipps is at Portland this week in attendance at the populist convention—as a spectator. Councilman R. H. Whitehead left last week for a several weeks' visit with relatives in Wisconsin. Mrs. W. J. Sturges returned to Grants Pass Tuesday evening after a visit with Medford friends. Bert Hooker and John Williams went over to Yreka Sunday. They expect to remain some time in that section. Mrs. L. Stiner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shull, came up from her home at Upton Mills, Calif., Sunday for a short visit. W. J. Clark, who has been a resident of our city for the past two years, went to Kingsley, Mich., on Monday to remain. Mrs. Mary Brandenburg and children also Misses Ada and Bessie Johnson departed Sunday for Santa Rosa, Cal., to remain. Mr. and Mrs. J. Meeker returned from Ft. Jones Monday. They had been down that way upon a visit to their daughters Meadames Bartlett and Anderson. J. D. Stewart, father of our townsman, P. Stewart, arrived from Santa Monica, Cal., on Saturday to remain a while with his son. Attorney A. S. Hammond left for Portland Wednesday to attend to some law cases in the circuit and United States district courts. Mrs. J. B. Griffin and Mrs. Mathews, of Woodville, came in yesterday morning for a short stay among relatives and friends in this section. Mrs. Loynahan arrived in Medford Tuesday evening from California. The lady resided in Medford for several months a couple of years ago. Miss Myrtle Woodford was visiting Ashland friends Sunday and Monday. The young lady is now setting type in the Times office—Jacksonville. W. S. Fitzgerald, wife and daughter arrived Sunday from an extended visit at Hutchinson, Kansas. We are glad to have these people among us again. S. H. Holt and Grant Rallings, leading middle of the road delegates from this county to the Populist state convention, went down Sunday evening. Mrs. E. C. Garfield, of Rio Vista, Calif., a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson, arrived last Friday evening. She came on receipt of notice of her mother's illness. Charlie Childs came up from the Willkie-Whitehead & Co's. mine at Leland last Sunday. There is a scarcity of water at the mine and Charlie will remain here with his family until the supply is augmented. J. W. Curry went down to Lane County Monday. He will remain there several weeks looking after the business of the Singer Manufacturing Company of which he is special agent for all of Southern Oregon. A. Johnson, of Phoenix, went down to Portland Tuesday. He has a contract to erect a fruit dryer near there—something after the pattern of several that are in use in this valley. W. S. Eohus, of Woodville, was in Medford a couple of days this week. He reports a great scarcity of water this winter and as a result a big falling off in the placer miners' usual income. Mrs. Geary and children will leave today for Eugene where they will remain with relatives until the doctor gets his business affairs straightened here and a home selected in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wimer, of Grants Pass, returned home Thursday after spending some days visiting Mr. Wimer's people, up Talent way. Mr. Wimer has been the foreman at the Wimer mines, near Waldo, for several years. Bert Brandenburg returned last week from Yreka. He reports having found considerable work in that locality and that he will probably go down that way again pretty soon for a several months' stay. S. Childers, wife and children departed Sunday for Chico, Cal., to remain an indefinite length of time. Mr. Childers goes hence to look for a business opening of some kind. He is a rustler and we hope to learn of his success. Dr. Parsons, of Ashland, was on the northbound passenger train Wednesday evening bound for Skagway. He goes thither in hopes of improving his health, which is not good—stomach trouble. Miss Mollie Castello, of Portland,

arrived in Medford last week for a visit with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Slagle. Miss Castello and Mrs. Slagle were visiting John O'Brien's people on Applegate this week. J. G. McAllister was in from Lake Creek yesterday. He lives near McAllister springs and will have an ad in these columns in due time. Campers at his place can get THE MAIL to read—and good wholesome feed for man and beast. Ed. Hitch was up from Tolo Wednesday. He reports that arrangements have been made for another dance at the new store building in Tolo on Saturday evening, April 23. Tickets are \$1, including supper, and a good time is promised. Mrs. A. A. Kellogg left last Friday for Portland, where she expects to remain permanently. Her many friends here will regret her determination to remain away from Southern Oregon but all will wish her all success and happiness—wherever she may be. D. H. McMurtrey arrived in Medford Wednesday evening from California. He will probably remain here for some time and will give attention to the manufacture of the Hog ore crusher in which he is interested—in company with his sister, Mrs. Sayre, and a brother, Dr. McMurtrey. H. A. Meyer, of Lake Creek, was in our city yesterday. He reports crops looking well but would be the better for a good warm rain, as some of the wheat seems to be turning a little yellow. "Grass is good for this time of year," says Mr. Meyer, "we have over a hundred head of stock on the range and they are doing nicely." O. C. Shelly, of Baker City, came in Thursday of last week from Bakerfield, Calif., where he has been spending the winter—for a visit with his brother-in-law, P. F. Gooch and family, of our city. He opines that this valley will suit him better than California and he will likely conclude to remain permanently with us. Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Adkins returned Monday evening from their winter's stay in Southern California. Their daughter, Miss Ora, did not accompany them. Her health has been considerably improved, and is still improving, hence it was decided that she had better remain. Their friends here are glad to welcome their home coming—and we want 'em to stay—right here—for all time. J. Main, one of the interesting parties in the Boggs mine on Elliott creek, went over to the American Bar mine, on the Klamath, Wednesday, where he will work this summer. He and his brother own the mine and they will work it this season. Water is not lacking there as in the case at the Boggs mine. He is greatly disappointed at not being able to work the Boggs mine for he believes there is good pay there and hopes for better luck another season. There are three little things which do more work than any other three little things created—they are the ant, the bee and DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the last being the famous little pills for stomach and liver troubles. Strang, the druggist, Medford; Dr. J. Hinkle, Central Point. School Clerk's Report. Following is Clerk Jones' report of the condition of affairs of school district No. 49, for the year ending March 7, 1898:

From former clerk	\$ 44 86
county appropriation	2310 90
state appropriation	705 80
special tax	4365 98
tuition	135 50
sale of old iron	2 00
Total	\$7467 72

RECEIPTS:

Paid on teachers' warrants	\$4212 71
clerk hire	100 00
labor	37 45
advertising	5 00
janitor	93 73
mandamus proceeding	25 00
interest to R. H. Whites	1628 20
for dictionaries	14 00
for mds	4 40
for wood	211 90
lumber	30 85
for privy vaults	90 00
school supplies	9 00
tax rebate	26 26
heating apparatus	531 18
coal	6 00
printing	6 80
Total	\$6580 18
By balance	598 54
Total	\$7178 72

Balance on hand \$ 598 54  
Cost of running schools for year ending March 7, 1898:


Warrants for teachers	\$3558 00
advertising	170 00
printing	6 80
labor	37 45
privy vaults	90 00
mdse	21 00
Blacksmithing	18 00
mandamus proceeding	25 00
wood	211 90
dictionaries	14 00
tax rebate	26 26
clerk hire	100 00
coal	6 00
lumber	30 85
Total	\$4519 87
To balance	2947 85
Whole amt received during year	\$7467 72

Will Build New Battleships. The naval appropriation bill was reported to the house Tuesday. It carried \$35,686,058, an increase over last year of \$3,764,432, and over current estimates of \$2,514,824. For the increase the navy bills allow to be constructed by contract three sea-going coast-line battleships designed to carry the heaviest guns, displacement, 11,000 tons, with the highest practicable speed for their class, with cost, exclusive of armament, not exceeding \$3,000,000 each, one to be named the Maine; six torpedo-boat destroyers, to cost not exceeding \$2,340,000, and one gun-boat to take the place of the Michigan to cost, exclusive of armament, not over \$260,000, to be built on the Great Lakes. One of these sea-going battleships is to be built on the Pacific coast. Contracts for the construction of all these vessels are to be made within 60 days of the enactment of the bill. For Sale—Placer mining claim, cheap. Plenty of water. Enquire at this office.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION. The Democratic county convention for Jackson County was called to order in the opera house at 10 o'clock a. m. Saturday, that being the custom in this county for the past fifteen years although the published call stated the hour for the assembling of the convention to be at 2 p. m. Attorney S. S. Pentz rapped for order and nominated J. R. Neil as temporary chairman. He was elected, as was also Wilbur Jones as temporary secretary. The convention was proceeding to select a committee on credentials when some of the Crowell faction missed the rest of the street and went up to see what was going on. J. H. Stewart, being one of these, after repeated attempts finally obtained the floor and by dint of much swinging of his cane and persistent use of tongue delayed any further action until a sufficient number of the Crowell men had arrived and a motion was made and carried to adjourn until 2 o'clock. During this preliminary squabble it became necessary to appoint two sergeants at arms to preserve order, but the motion to adjourn prevailing, their services were not needed. Before the assembling at 2 o'clock a caucus was called and a partial compromise of the differences between the factions arranged. At about 2 o'clock order was called by Dan Chapman, a member of the county central committee from Ashland. Objections were offered, claiming that it was not yet 2 o'clock. There was confusion for several minutes, when Attorney A. N. Solles, of Jacksonville, called order and Dan Richards, a compromise delegate, from Gold Hill, was elected temporary chairman, Wilbur Jones was elected as secretary, and Fred Pape as assistant. Amid great confusion, with several on the floor at once, a motion was finally passed calling for appointment of committee of five on credentials. The following were appointed: Wm. Silinger, Geo. DeBar, Chas. Nickel, J. R. Neil and H. Klippel. Motion to appoint committee of five on order of business, permanent organization and resolutions prevailed and J. H. Stewart, Robt. Leonard, Thos. Nichols, G. W. Smith and S. S. Pentz were appointed. On motion the roll of precincts was called and delegates requested to hand in credentials to the committee after which a recess was taken until 3 o'clock. On being called to order at 3 o'clock the committee on credentials reported that "We find the following delegates entitled to seats in this convention:" Applegate—G. W. Winetrot, proxy to A. C. Caldwell. Fred Ruch, proxy to J. S. Orth. West Ashland—J. O. Miller, J. B. R. Hutchison, proxy to C. W. Barr, C. W. Barr. South Ashland—Dan'l Chapman, proxy to W. A. Jones, G. W. Smith. Eagle Point—T. E. Nichols, G. W. Heckathorn. Phoenix—E. D. Foudray, J. G. Norton. North Jacksonville—J. Nunan, proxy to A. N. Solles, I. W. Berry. South Jacksonville—D. B. Solles, F. Pape, J. H. Shidler. Uniontown—S. E. Dunnington. Table Rock—E. R. Cardwell, L. C. Slemore. Steamboat—J. D. Shearer, proxy to T. W. Johnson. Pleasant Creek—J. D. Stevens, proxy to C. Nickel, J. W. Robinson. Talent—L. A. Drake, G. H. Lynch. Watkins—O. B. Drews, proxy to S. S. Pentz. Sterlingville—John Wiltrout, proxy to K. K. Kubli. Woodville—John Woods. North Ashland—L. A. Neil, proxy to D. Chapman, R. W. Leonard. Big Butte—W. F. Wilkinson, proxy to J. R. Neil. Central Point—J. W. Jacobs, Benj. Beall, proxy to B. F. Dean, W. C. Owens. Ohimney Rock—M. Lidly. Footh Creek—R. A. Cook. Gold Hill—D. Richards, J. P. Dungan, J. H. Beeman, J. J. Houck, proxy to O. Crawford. Trail—J. G. Brisco, proxy to W. S. Crowell. Meadows—Frank Davis. Mt Pitt—Joseph Geppert. Lost Creek—Thomas McAndrews, proxy to D. H. Miller. South Medford—J. H. Stewart, Wm. Silinger, G. W. Priddy, F. W. Wait. North Medford—G. H. Haskins, A. Z. Sears, G. L. Schermerhorn, Chas. Wilkinson. The report was signed by a majority of the committee. J. R. Neil offered a minority report, objecting to the seating of J. G. Brisco, of Trail creek, by W. S. Crowell, proxy, and claiming the seat for David Pentz, who was present and held credentials from his precinct. In the confusion that followed the reading of the minority report, the reporter learned that two primary meetings had been held at Trail at different hours and each in the interest of the rival parties. A motion to set aside both delegates from Trail created an animated discussion, although the chair was disposed to submit the question without permitting any. In taking the vote confusion was everywhere, even force being used to bring men to their feet—it was used, however, in a jocular way. A motion to adopt majority report of credential committee carried, thirty to twenty. The committee on permanent organizations report was read recommending that the temporary officers be made permanent officers of the convention. They further reported a set of resolutions favoring a union of forces with

the Populist and Silver Republicans with a joint distribution of offices, state and county, in accordance with the number of votes cast by each at the last state election. That the railroad litigation now under way in this county should be fought to a finish, and the officers now in office should be retained in their respective positions until the termination of such litigation. On motion the resolutions were ordered read and were passed upon by sections. Section four, page two, which required the delegates to the state and district conventions to cast their vote as a unit on all questions where the majority of delegates so order, called forth some heated discussions but this section was lost by motion to lay on table by a vote of twenty-five to twenty-five—decided lost by chair. A motion to adopt section four was then taken and carried. One section of the resolutions strongly endorsed the actions of County Judge Crowell for his stand taken in the railroad cases and his reduction of county expenses and bringing of county warrants up to and above par. All the resolutions including this one were adopted. The convention then proceeded by motion to the election of thirteen delegates to state convention to be held at Portland on March 23d. The following were elected: T. E. Nichols, H. Klippel, G. H. Haskins, J. G. Norton, G. Schermerhorn, C. Nickel, J. J. Houck, A. N. Solles, J. W. Jacobs, W. Silinger, I. W. Berry, L. C. Slemore and H. S. Evans. These resolutions were adopted: Resolved, That we favor a union of all reform forces in the coming state campaign; that this union be one of principle which will rally to its support the wise, good and reform elements of all parties. Resolved, That we discountenance the use of the political machinery of the state, district or county for any personal political end, and that we denounce the use of official position or influence to aid or help the incumbent thereof to a higher or other official position. Resolved, That we believe the present railroad litigation of Jackson County should be fought to a finish; that those in power who brought on such litigation should carry it to a successful termination, and that as any change in the personnel of the county officials would likely lead to the placing of the county affairs in the hands of the republican party and to a compromise of such pending litigation, it is unwise that any change in our county court be made. Resolved, That the democratic party of Jackson County renew its allegiance to the principles upon which W. J. Bryan made his campaign in 1896. Resolved, That we favor joint action in the coming campaign with the populists and silver republicans upon terms just and honorable to all parties, and a joint state, district and county ticket whereon each party shall be represented in the ratio of its party vote in the last state election. Resolved, That we heartily commend and endorse the official conduct of W. S. Crowell, democratic judge of the county, and we approve the course of the judge and commissioners in the contest they are making to compel the Southern Pacific railroad company to bear its just and equal portion of the burden of taxation, and we pledge ourselves as citizens to support and uphold them in continuing this contest by our votes and influence, and by every legal means in our power. Resolved, That we point with pride to the following facts: That county warrants have been brought above par for the first time in the history of the county; that the county debt is being steadily reduced; that taxes are lower than ever before in the history of the county; that the county offices are managed by business methods with fidelity and economy; that Jackson County warrants are today worth three per cent more than gold coin. Resolved, That to support these results and to insure their continuance we ask a union of all patriotic citizens of Jackson County in support of a non-partisan ticket, pledged as an unwavering friend to the taxpaying public. Resolved, That our delegates to the state and district conventions are instructed to vote as a unit on every proposition that has the support of the majority of the delegates.

W. H. PALMER, WATERLOO, IOWA. "Saved From the Horrors of Nervous Prostration" by Dr. Miles' Nervine.



A COUGH does not always indicate consumption. Mr. W. H. Palmer, of Waterloo, Iowa, writes: "I was taken with a nervous stricture of the bronchial tubes, which developed into nervous prostration. I was so weak I could not sit up. I got no sleep for days except when under the influence of opiates. For four months I suffered agonies and prayed that I might die and be at rest. One physician said I had consumption, for I had a cough that gave me no rest. But a good old physician whose medicine had failed, advised me to use Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and I thank God that it has brightened my days, lengthened my life and saved me from the horrors of nervous prostration." Dr. Miles' Remedies are sold by all druggists under a positive guarantee, first bottle benefits or money refunded. Book on Heart and Nerves sent free to all applicants. DR. MILES MEDICAL CO., Elkhart, Ind.

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TYBALT 2:27 1-2

Sire of Juliet, 2:22, and Sire of Dam of Vola, 2:25.

TYBALT, sired by Altamont, 3600, the king of all trotting sires for speed and endurance; 1st dam, Nellie Kahler, 2:33, by Peniger Mike, 3403, sire of Barney, 2:25½ and sire of the dams of several with records better than 2:28, also sire of Klamath, second dam; Mike also sire of Playmail, sire of the dam of Seymour Wilkes, 2:08½, fastest son of Guy Wilkes. Peniger Mike by Vermont, register No. 3:22, sire of several in the 2:30 list including Ribbon Tybalt's second dam, Vermont; also sire Ella Lewis, 2:26, dam of Salidan, 2:05½, fastest son of Sultan, also fastest horse in Pennsylvania. Tybalt weighs about 1200 pounds; breeds large. If colts don't prove trotters they are large enough for coach or general purpose horses. Tybalt has been worked all winter and is in the pink of condition. Will make the season of 1898 at Medford Fair Grounds, Medford, Oregon. Season commences March 1, 1898 and ends July 1, 1898. Terms—season, \$10, payable end of season. To insure, \$15, payable when mare is known to be in foal. Any kind of farm produce taken same as cash. Tybalt will stand at Jacksonville on Wednesday and Thursday of each week.

WM. CLARK Manager, Medford, Oregon.

A QUEER BELIEF. The Place of Torment to Which Wicked Buddhists Are Consigned. The place of torment to which all wicked Buddhists are to be assigned on the day of final reckoning is a terrible place of punishment. The Buddhist's hell is a sort of apartment house, divided into eight "easy stages." In the first the poor victim is compelled to walk for untold ages in his bare feet over hills thickly set with red-hot needles, points upward. In the second stage the skin is carefully filed or rasped from the body and irritating mixtures are applied. In the third stage the nails, hair and eyes are plucked out and the denuded body sawed and planed into all sorts of fantastic shapes. The fourth stage is that of "sorrowful lamentations." In the fifth the left side of the body and the denuded head are carefully roasting Yoma, the Buddhist Satan, superintending the work. In the sixth stage the arms are torn from the body and thrown into an immense vat among the eyes, nails and hair previously removed. Then in plain hearing of the sore-footed, blind, maimed, roasted and bleeding victim the whole horrid mass is pounded into jelly. In the seventh stage the other side of the victim and his feet are roasted brown and then comes the eighth and last stage, in which the candidate is thrown into the bottomless pit of perdition.

PREVENTIVE AGAINST COLDS. German's Novel Method of Keeping the Feet Warm in Cold Weather. Warm feet during wet weather are the best preventive against so-called "colds" and their often dangerous consequences. Rubber shoes and cork soles have been pretty generally used to avoid getting cold and wet feet, but a new and very curious means to warm the feet has recently been patented by Paul Wonneberger, of Gruna, near Dresden, says the Philadelphia Record. He calls his invention "heatable shoes." Within the heel of the shoe, which is hollowed out, there is a receptacle for a glowing substance, similar to that used in the Japanese hand-warmers. Between the soles, imbedded in asbestos covers, there is a rubber bag, which is filled with water. The water is heated above the heel, and as it circulates while the wearer of the shoe is walking it keeps the entire outer surface of the foot warm. A small safety valve is provided, and the bag cannot burst. The warmth given by this sole never rises above 70 degrees Fahrenheit, and will last for about eight hours. The shoes are little heavier than ordinary ones, and the sole is but slightly thicker than that of the so-called wet weather boot.

Photography and Ducks. Photography is killing more ducks than are hunters is an alarming claim made by an enthusiastic sportsman, who goes on to explain that the universal practice of photography is creating an immense demand for an albumen in finishing the pictures, and that this albumen can be produced only from eggs. The eggs from the ordinary domestic hen are too valuable for food to be sacrificed to art, and as a consequence the breeding grounds of wild birds are gleaned for the desired fluid. The Hebridean islands of Scotland, Lofoden of Norway, Labrador, Greenland, South America and all other extensive haunts of large birds are robbed constantly by the natives or men from sailing expeditions, and the result is being really hard on the ducks. Labrador is particularly unfortunate land in this connection, for the miles of crowded nests offer an irresistible temptation to the egg hunters.