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CITY HAPPENINGS.

—Not for years; not since the days when the native Americans held full sway in these parts has there been such a deluge of rain as was experienced last Friday. It was along about two o'clock in the afternoon when the rain began falling and the drops were large, close together and some were real wet—and some were frozen wet—about the size of a half grown new potato—as large as large hail stones, at least. But, good gracious! how the rain did come down—and the hail, too. Why, gee whiz! there was water ankle deep to a gosling on the high places and where there was a depression worthy of the name the small boy was floating about on a raft. The flood gates were just naturally opened and there was considerable delay in getting them closed. The hail which fell did considerable damage, but, fortunately, this was not as general throughout the valley as was the rain. And—thunder and lightning—there was lots of it. Those people who have camped on Oregon soil for almost always were shocked quite badly—some moreso—by the careless freaks of this exploding electricity. It is a very unusual occasion on the Pacific coast for this bottled up electricity to pop the cork out and go out among the denizen for a rollic and kicking the crooks out of and into the household goods and other miscellaneous articles. There was no license for such mad capers and a protest has been filed against their re-occurrence because they are not catalogued for use on the Pacific coast.

—Last week we said that W. J. Prall had left Medford, going with his picture painting outfit, but he didn't go. He stayed in Medford, since which time he has sold his furniture and fixtures in the Commercial hotel to Mrs. Childers, widow of Spencer Childers, who is now in charge of the place. Mr. Prall, his wife, mother and brother left the first of this week for the north. The women folk will visit friends in Washington for a few weeks, after which they will return to their home in the east. The elder Mr. Prall will remain in Medford until fall when he, too, will leave for the east. Chas. Prall, who started south last week with a picture painting outfit, only went as far as Yreka. He has returned to Medford and will "hit the trail" in an opposite direction—in the same line

—On Monday evening of last week, June 6th, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Webb gave a party to the graduating class of the Medford high school, more particularly in honor of Chas. Dunn, one of the class members, who has since left for Boston. A very pleasant evening of amusements was enjoyed on the beautiful lawn and indoors. Refreshments were served and at 9:30 the crowd, by special invitation, went to the fine home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Warner, where a party of like nature as the one above named, had been planned, which was also in honor of Chas. Dunn. Here a jolly good time was had, refreshments were served and at an hour not late at night but early in the morning, the party dispersed.

A Medford Summer Girl:—"The outlook for the summer girl of 1898 is gloomy. The Klondike craze carried away many eligible young men and the war has taken pretty nearly all the remaining fellows with serious intentions. As a general thing those fellows who have not enough courage to fight for their country have not enough of that necessary qualification to make matrimonial proposition to the fairest of our fair sex. All in all the war is working a hardship upon us poor girls who have been cherishing fond hopes at the rise of the sun of several summers—which same hopes have gone a glimmering with the setting of that same sun."

—The parties, G. W. Hamlin, Jonas Justus and T. M. Howard, who were charged last week with purloining meat from H. G. Meyer and who had a hearing before Justice Jones last Thursday, were held to the grand jury with bonds at $200 each, which were secured. W. M. Smith gave bonds for the appearance of G. W. Hamlin; Geo. Justus and U. S. Hosack for Jonas Justus; G. W. Hamlin and John Bohl for T. M. Howard.

—The young people of the Baptist Church will give a musical and literary entertainment and will serve ice cream and cake at the opera house this, Friday, evening. Five cents admission will be charged and ten cents for ice cream and cake. The program will comprise selections by the band and the ladies' quartet. Everybody is asked to attend.

—E. A. Johnson, the miller, writes from Drain, this state, saying that himself and family are getting along nicely. Says his mill building is enclosed and will be ready for machinery in a couple of weeks. The building is three stories high, will have a capacity of sixty barrels every twenty-four hours and will be one of the best mills on the coast.

—E. Merz fell down a flight of stairs at the brewery last Friday night and was quite badly, though not seriously, hurt. It appears that the hobos have been in the habit of using more wood from his wood yard than he felt like contributing, and on this occasion on hearing a noise outside, started on a tour of investigation—with the above result.

—Word was received from the executive department at Salem on Saturday last by F. M. Stewart which seems to indicate that there will be but few, if any, whole companies of volunteers accepted from Oregon on the second call for 75,000 troops, as Oregon's quota will nearly all be required to fill up companies already in the field.

—Fine large gooseberries, 10 cents a gallon, at J. S. Hagey's, East Medford.

—You know you can save money by buying that barrel syrup of G. L. Davis.

—To exchange—A good all purpose horse—stylish, sound, kind and true—for a milch cow. Narregan.

—Harry Jackson, of Junction City, is now head cook at "Shorty's" popular hostelry—the New Hotel Nash.

—Major Dwight Andrus and N. G. Bates, the barber, are out this week at work on the former's Evans creek coal mine.

—Remember if the goods you buy of G. L. Davis are not as represented, bring them back and get your money back.

—Smoke Kurtz's Bouquet cigar. It is the best ten cent cigar in Southern Oregon.

—S. S. Pentz, of Medford, and Ben Haymond, of Rock Point, have been commissioned notaries public by Governor Lord.

The Late Spanish Fleet:—"Since I was so quickly done for I wonder what I was begun for?"

—Henry Fisch, who left here a few weeks ago for Lakeview, has decided to go to Washington and is now en route for Walla Walla.

—Fox & Hildreth, the Ashland draymen, were down Monday evening and took up a four-horse load of ice from the Medford Brewing and Ice Company's plant.

—Kurtz's Bouquet cigar is without an equal in Southern Oregon. It would be good value at two-for-a-quarter, but it only costs ten cents. You can buy it at almost all the stores.

—M. M. Carl, the gentleman who recently purchased a ten acre tract of land near Talent, from Mr. Good, has moved his buildings from his farm home to his recent purchase.

—A. J. Wilcox, of Talent, is up Trail creek this week at work on the new county bridge for Colby & Morris. Mr. W. is a veteran in that line and understands well his business.

—Scott Griffin, of Grants Pass, formerly of Tolo, together with J. C. Hooper and D. W. Graff, has incorporated a company to run a stage line between Grants Pass and Crescent City.

—Contractor A. C. Nicholson was at work last week doing a bit of remodeling at C. W. Wolters' grocery store. Additional shelving was being put in and in a general way the convenience is greatly enhanced.

—C. J. Clark, who recently sold his residence property in Northwest Medford, has moved to the little building on Sixth street, near Woolf's hall, where he will be "at home" to all his friends—who are many.

—Little Mac, the tamale man, is adding something new to the menu of his counter and the convenience and comfort of his patrons. A new awning is the latest. Hot coffee and sandwiches are now served at the tamale stand.

—County Treasurer G. P. Lindley has a notice elsewhere in this paper in which he is advertising that he has money on hand to redeem all outstanding county warrants which were protested from Feburary 9, 1893 to April 4, 1893, both dates inclusive. Interest will cease after June 17, 1898.

—The band boys were on the street Monday rendering some splendid music for the entertainment of our citizens. They have improved wonderfully under the instruction of their present leader, Mr. Snow. This is one of the best, if not the best, bands in Southern Oregon, and our citizens are justly proud of them.

—Leon Haskins is doing repair work on the Rogue River Telephone Company's lines. His work is confined more particularly to inspection of offices and needed repairs therein. Last week he was at Grants Pass and intermediate offices. He is a very capable and energetic young man and is attending strictly to business.

—The public school at Woodville, of which A. J. Allen is principal and Mrs. Dennis is assistant, had a very pleasant social gathering on Friday evening of last week at the school house. Refreshments in the way of ice cream, berries and cakes were furnished, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by parents, scholars and friends.

—One of THE MAIL force was out in the country a few miles south of the city on Monday. He reports that the crops are looking fine since the rains, the fruit crop especially so. The orchards are mostly in good condition as to pruning and cultivation and the owners are now busy spraying as precaution against the ravages of moth and other insect pests. All things considered the prospects are very flattering for fine crops.

—In the rush of work last week—incident to gathering election returns—the mention of a delightful evening spent with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Norris, who gave a splendid luncheon Saturday evening, was lost sight of. Miss Jane Hibbard made music sweet to the ear on the new piano, which only arrived recently. It has a splendid tone and is one to be proud of. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Hutchison, F. W. Hutchison, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. J. Beck, Mrs. J. A. Whitman and Miss Jane Hibbard.

—C. F. Townes, representing a telephone company which is connecting its line from Los Angeles, Calif., to Spokane, Wash., was in Medford last week securing subscriptions to a local telephone exchange. He secured several contracts with some of our leading business men. His through line will go through Medford and the local offices will be connected in this manner with all towns of any importance between the two cities above mentioned. For a fee of $1.50 per month the company puts in the local phones and gives the unlimited use of them. On outside business a fee for each message is charged. In all probability the phones will be put in in this city.

—Children's day was generally observed last Sunday. The Presbyterian's having some very pleasing exercises at the usual Sunday school hour, 10 a. m. The decorations were very well arranged. They also had an extra Endeavor service in the evening with Miss Hattie Belle Odgers as leader. Miss Grace Odgers read a paper, Misses Warner and Rhinehart sang solos and Miss Webber played an organ voluntary which showed to advantage what an excellent improvement the new organ is over the old. The Christian Church had a crowded house at 8 p. m. to see what the little ones could do and it deserves the highest praise. The singing by the school was excellent, time perfect—and no older ones to lead them. Miss Wigle presided at the organ playing the marches and accompaniments. "Giving the Light" by eight boys and eight girls with candles, costumes, etc., was especially pleasing and well done. All credit is due their new minister and his wife for the drilling. They are born leaders, as shown by the vocal work done by the children, and all this in the two weeks they have been working with them. It is equal to many a "grown up" chorus and proves they can handle the wee ones and get the very best singing possible.

—During the rain storm of last Friday lightning struck the residence of G. E. Allen, in East Medford and scattered things about very promiscuously. It hit on the chimney and sent several brick in as many directions, and from there it galloped down the flue until it reached the hole where the stove pipe intersects. Here the lightning changed its course, went into the stove pipe, blew the gable end out of the first elbow; went down into the cook stove and swept it clean of ashes and stove lids. Laying at the back of the stove was a steel rod and this was struck by the lightning which then separated, one part going into the floor and the other through a plastered partition into the sleeping apartment where it struck the bedstead and set fire to the bedding. It split one of the bed posts and then through the floor into the ground. One end of the steel rod was melted as was also a lath nail in the partition. Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Ferguson and her son were sitting quite close to the stove when all this happened, but, strange to relate, none of them were injured in the least.

—A lot of the old soldier boys and girls, with other friends of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Bradbury, assembled at F. M. Poe's residence on Wednesday evening of this week and went in a body to Mr. Bradbury's home, the occasion being a celebration of his fifty-seventh birthday. The visit to "Brad" was a complete surprise, so much so that he had already retired when the company, numbering about thirty-five, arrived. Mrs. B., however, was aware of the intended visit and had prepared a fine luncheon of ice cream, cake, etc. The evening was spent in social chat, interspersed with instrumental and vocal music, and as the wee sma hours anent the twa were approaching the crowd dispersed, wishing "Brad" and his estimable wife and family many returns of these birthday occasions. Space forbids our giving the names of those who were present, but you can rest assured it was a jolly crowd—such as the old boys' gatherings always are.

—Rev. A. S. Foster has accepted a pastoral call to Myrtle Point, Coos County, this state, and left last night for that place. His family will remain in Medford for several months more. These good people have been in Medford five and a half years and for five years and four months Rev. Foster was pastor of the Presbyterian Church in this city. When Rev. Foster took charge of the church it had a membership of sixty-four. Since his coming seventy-one members have been added; a new brick church has been built; the church is out of debt and is in good condition for the coming of the new pastor—who has not as yet been chosen. Mr. Foster has been a most agreeable citizen, a good preacher and a faithful worker since coming to our town and the entire community is hoping that all the goods of life may be showered upon himself and family.

—THE MAIL has turned out some large full sheet, two color, posters this week for a Fourth of July celebration which is to be held at Gold Hill. Arrangements are being made for a big time and as neither Medford nor Jacksonville intend celebrating this year it is reasonable to presume that there will be a good crowd in attendance from each of these towns. There will be horse racing, a ball game, an afternoon of games and frolics, and a pavilion in which there will be dancing all the time. The Gold Hill band will furnish its best music—which is good music—for the occasion. There is not a man, woman or child in all Southern Oregon that is not invited to be there.

—F. M. Short, the miner, has invested a few dollars in a patent right which bids fair to bring him big interest on his money. He has purchased the right to manufacture and sell the "Lightning Extractor," which is a churn—that does business every spot in the road. With it he can extract butter from sweet milk in two minutes and from cream in seven minutes. The churn is a ready seller and Mr. Short, being a very fine gentleman, will have little trouble in doing business with the dairymen all over the state. The churns are on sale in Medford by D. Brooks, the tinner.

—The Lewis brothers, of Eagle Point, have purchased, through the firm of Hubbard Bros., of this city, a new Buffalo Pitts threshing machine and engine and they were in town Wednesday and took the outfit home with them. The outfit is a good one and these boys know how to handle it with profit to farmers and themselves.

—A Mrs. Sadie Mott wired Marshal Hart from Albany Wednesday to look out and care for her little girl, who is about seven years of age, and who arrived on the Wednesday morning's southbound train. It appears they were to have met here coming in opposite directions, but for some reason the woman went on through to Albany.

—Last Tuesday was Odd Fellows Memorial day and Medford lodge duly commemorated the day by very fitting observance. Short exercises were held at the hall after which the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs took carriages for the cemetery where a program was carried out. There were over an hundred members of these two lodges in attendance and aside from these there were many other townspeople who joined in decorating the graves of departed friends. The program consisted of a couple selections by the ladies' quartette, a duet by Misses Virgie Woodford and Pearl Webb, and a very able address by brother W. B. Adkins. After this the graves were decorated very profusely with flowers.

—It isn't fair for the men folks to do all the "dressin' up" for the Fourth. The girls should play even—get a new hat for the occasion—at Mrs. Sears.

—Willie Dunn, the Southern Pacific assistant agent, is authority for the statement that there will be a game of ball played in Medford next Sunday afternoon, between the "Fats" and "Leans" and the regular ball team—both of this city. In the "Fat" and "Lean" nine C. W. Wolters, will be the catcher; H. C. Mackey, pitcher; W. S. Dunn, shortstop; Court Hall, 1st base; Jimmie Bates, 2d base; Willie Bates, 3d base; Mort Foster, right field; H. G. Nicholson, center field; Tom Merriman, left field. The manager, Mr. Dunn, is desirous of securing seventeen substitutes, an equal number of umpires and four surgeons.

—Mrs. Sears, the milliner, has Fourth of July hats.

—B. W. Dean, of Willow springs, has been appointed deputy fish and game protector, by H. D. McGuire, the state protector. Mr. Dean is a gentleman who will look well after the matters in his charge and he will not be influenced by any petty grievance or neighborhood feuds. The arrests he will make and the fines collected will be upon genuine cases of violation of the law. Mr. Dean has given us a few extracts from the state game law, which will appear next week.

—Try G. L. Davis if you want good groceries.

—Photographers H. C. Mackey and Ed. Weston expect to leave tomorrow or Monday for Lakeview and other parts of Lake County, also Klamath County, upon a "picture takin'" trip. During Mr. Mackey's absence his brother, G. W. Mackey, will have charge of the studio in this city. They expect to be absent about six weeks. Mr. Weston is recently from Iowa and is a son-in-law of Mrs. F. M. Brous, of this city.

—The ice cream social which was to have been given at Woolf's hall last Friday evening was somewhat interfered with by a deluge of rain. So badly were the arrangements knocked helter skelter that there was no social at all—except the social discomfiture at home of those who had worked hardest in making ready for it. The girls are not going to quit, however, but will try it again pretty soon.

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

—The new ads this week are those of W. H. Meeker & Co., W. B. Stevens, G. L. Webb's Racket, Hutchison & Lumsden, J. G. Van Dyke & Co., J. Beek & Co., H. C. Mackey and F. M. Short. Each of these gentlemen has something to say to purchasers that will prove of interest. You ought to, in justice to yourselves, read every line of their advertisements.

—Say what you have a mind to but the valley is full of disconsolate people right now. The weather is too dog blasted cool to think of going to the mountains for a camping spell and the indications are decidedly Kloudikey. We have had but two real summer days thus far and the chronic camper is feeling badly lest there be no more.

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

—D. B. Reame is doing a good bit of sewing machine cleaning and repairing these times. As it is testimonials the gentleman needs in his business THE MAIL has no hesitancy in saying the job done at the home of the main guy of this shop this week was all right. Mr. Reame is an adept in his line.

—An ice cream supper will be served on Saturday evening, June 18th, in the Salvation Army hall—ice cream and cake ten cents. All welcome. On Tuesday evening, June 21st, the Ashland Salvation Army Corps will come to Medford and a united and most interesting service will be held. Do not miss this.

—J. W. Redden received a letter Tuesday from his son, Bert L. Redden, stating that he had been commissioned an ensign in the United States naval service and is now drilling his battery at Astoria, and awaiting orders to be mustered into service.

—F. K. Churchill, formerly publisher of the Gold Hill News, has taken a position in THE MAIL'S job printing rooms. He is a thorough printer and we are now in a position to turn out excellent work upon short notice—and for little money.

—Groceryman G. L. Davis is now delivering goods with his own horse and wagon. He sprung himself onto our people Wednesday with an entire new outfit—horse, harness and wagon—and George is figuring on keeping it busy.

—The Myrtle Point Enterprise speaks of the recent election as an "Oregon Manila." That is hardly fair. The republicans may not be able to Dew(dy) it again—and then again they may.

—Frank Wilson is getting along finely with his broken leg.

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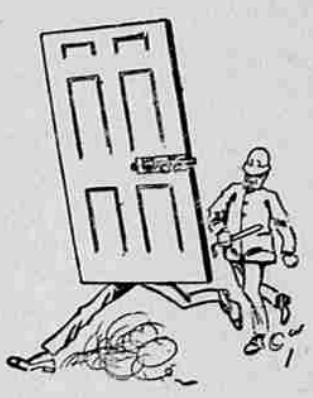

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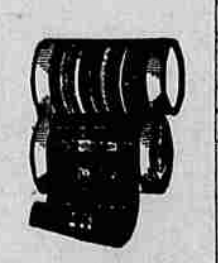

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