

**PURELY PERSONAL.**

H. Vogell, of Trail creek, was in the city Monday. Ed. Pence was down from Trail creek Monday. Hon. J. J. Houser was in from Sam Valley last week. C. H. Payne, the music teacher, was in Ashland Monday. Miss Ella Purdue was visiting with Tolo friends over Sunday. Hon. Henry Klippel returned Wednesday from the Bybee springs. Al. Laurentz is over in Klamath County as a witness in a law suit. Mrs. J. H. Lane, of Gold Hill, was visiting Medford friends last week. Miss Elsie Nichols, of Lake Creek, was here last week visiting friends. Misses Lila and Carrie Sackett, of Astbost, were in the city last Saturday. W. S. Hoagland was over from Klamath County this week after supplies. F. K. Deuel, Herb. Stevens and their party returned Wednesday from Klamath County. A. B. Hammond was in this week from his mining property in the Applegate country. Mrs. C. C. Russ, wife of the Kerby miner, left Wednesday morning for San Francisco. John Hanley was over in the Steamboat country this week upon a little prospecting tour. Al. Reynolds, the tailor, is expected to return this week from his visit to Marysville, Calif. Mrs. Eli Hogan, of Wellen, was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Brooks, last week. S. P. DeReboam, of the U. S. hotel at Jacksonville, was doing business in our city Thursday. Mrs. E. B. Pickett left Medford yesterday evening for a visit with friends at Portland and Eugene. L. O. Coleman came up from San Francisco Wednesday evening and will remain here for some time. Mrs. R. C. Clint and children, of Ashland, are in Medford upon a visit to Enoch Walker and family. Sheriff-Elect Orme was in the city Monday. He has about perfected arrangements for moving to the county seat. Mrs. Jas. Watt left Saturday for her home at Salem, after a visit with her brothers, the Parker boys, in this vicinity. Judge Dunlap was in Medford Saturday, en route to Klamath, Calif., for his annual two days' visit to friends there. Mrs. Eugene Hutchins left Medford Friday evening for Drain, Ore., where her husband is in the employ of E. A. Johnson, the miller. Robert Bybee went out Thursday to points in Nevada. He will stop for some time in Reno and vicinity on business and pleasure. Misses Ella Orth and Sophia Muller, of Jacksonville, were visiting Medford friends last week, and were the guests of Miss Jessie Workman. J. H. Lane was up from Willow Springs Wednesday. He reports everything in the crop line everlastingly jumping itself down his way. Jesse Gage, father of Mrs. C. E. Wilkinson, left Wednesday evening for Tunnel Nine to remain for some time with a daughter who resides near there. E. V. Carter, one of Ashland's prominent business men, and representative elect, was on the train Wednesday, bound for Portland on a business trip. Joe Kerby, of Shasta valley, Calif., was in the city on Monday. He and his family have been visiting relatives and friends on Wagner creek for a short time. W. P. H. Legate, formerly a resident of Medford, more recently of Ft. Wrangel, Alaska, arrived in Medford last week. His family is still at Wrangel, and he expects to return within a few days. J. E. Hart, one of Eagle Point's most prosperous farmers, was in the Hub city Monday upon business. The gentleman stated that the rain came just a little late but that even now a fairly good crop was insured. Sam'l Murray returned Saturday from a several weeks' trip over in the Althouse region in Josephine County, where he and several others were doing some prospecting. They failed to meet with much success. Miss Flora Russ, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Russ, of this city, returned home from Portland on Saturday last. She has been in Portland for several years where, most of the time, she has been engaged in teaching in Mission schools. Misses Hattie and Boulah Warner returned home to Medford Tuesday morning. Miss Hattie has been engaged as teacher in the public schools at Albany for the past year and Miss Boulah has been attending college at Forest Grove. Misses Fannie Haskins and Myrtle Lawton left Saturday evening for Portland, where they will visit a few days, after which they will go to Klamath, Wash., for a visit with an aunt of Miss Fannie's. They expect to be absent about two months. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Meeker, Bert Brown and Mrs. E. Brown enjoyed a pleasant drive to Ashland creek last Sunday. They started at five o'clock and reached the creek in time for breakfast. They report a very pleasant time—and a rest from business. Treasurer Elect Jacobs was over from Jacksonville Tuesday. Lee has the best grounds in the world for congratulating himself upon his election. His running mate was one of the best men in Jackson County and to beat him (Mr. Robinson) is an honor to any man. Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Lippincott and daughter, Miss Maxie, left Monday evening for Mt. Angel, to be present at the commencement exercises of the college at which Walter Lippincott is in attendance. They will visit Portland friends and will be absent a couple or more weeks. J. W. Martin, of Nolon, Calif., was in Medford Monday—upon his return trip from Watkins, where he was visiting

his cousin, J. J. Martin, who is superintendent of the Seattle Co-Operative Mining Company's mines. Mr. Martin reports the California camps in a very flourishing condition. W. H. Morgan was in from Klamath County last week purchasing supplies. Geo. Hoyt and A. V. Barnum came over from east of the mountains this week and loaded back with lots of goods. W. E. Nicholson came over from Klamath County last week and will remain until after the Fourth. He is enraptured with that county and proposes making it his permanent camping grounds. G. N. Spurr left Sunday night for Cottage Grove to look after his mining interests. Mr. Spurr has returned since the above was put in type. He figures now that he will arrange to reside here permanently. This is the conclusion all his friends here want him to arrive at. J. O. Wilkinson, a brother of C. E. Wilkinson, arrived quite unexpectedly on Friday of last week to visit for a time with friends. J. O. formerly lived in this valley. He is now employed on the street car line in San Francisco as gripman, and this is his first visit to our valley for some fifteen years. Fred Straub, one of our good farmer friends down in the Willow Springs precinct, was in Medford last week upon business. He reports that the recent heavy rain fall raised and have with the miner's reservoirs in his locality. It also knocked down a good bit of grain, but there are still prospects for a fairly good crop. J. M. Whipple and C. C. Pressley, of Woodville, were in Medford Tuesday. Mr. Whipple, we understand, is an aspirant to the position of deputy sheriff and Mr. Pressley is figuring that he would like to be deputy county clerk. Both are very fine young men and would undoubtedly be very acceptable incumbents of the respective offices. D. T. Lawton—"Business is good in my line. Robert sold twelve wagons while I was in Klamath County. I sold a low heavy wagon to Ed. Wilkinson and another one to the Southern Oregon Pork Packing Company for use at their slaughter yards. Also sold one Saturday to John Wolf, of Central Point, and a sulky to Wes Kahler, of Jacksonville."

A Mr. Kerby was in Medford this week from Modoc County, Calif. The gentleman was here for the purpose of laying in a big stock of supplies—and he who thinks he did not lay them in according to program did not see his wagons when he hit the trail for home. They were piled high with goods—and he will come again and some of his neighbors will be with him. Miss Sarah B. Collier left Medford Tuesday morning for Castle Craig, Calif., where she goes to remain for some time and to arrange for the reception of her sister, Mrs. S. Pontz, and family, who will leave this morning for that place. None of these good people have been in the best of health here for sometime and Mr. Pentz has decided to let them try Castle Craig for at least six months and if no perceptible improvement is made they will probably go to the sea shore. Mr. P., meanwhile, will continue his practice of law in this city. Miss Zoë Bruns arrived in Medford Saturday evening from Boulder, Colo., where her mother still resides. Miss Bruns is a granddaughter of Judge Walton, deceased, and resided in Medford about a year, not many years ago, and is a graduate of our high school. The young lady is here for her health and expects to remain until fall. Her father is in Alaska and some little anxiety is felt for his safety as he has not been heard from for two months.

—Wheat is only worth sixty-three cents a bushel in Portland. —The new ads this week are those of Taylor, the foot fitter; J. G. Van Dyke; W. B. Stevens; F. L. Cranfill, and Warner & Wortman. —Keys found—on Rogus river, near the Otwell fish trap and opposite the tent. Two keys, key ring and chain. They are at THE MAIL OFFICE. —Miss Irene Chitwood left Klamath Falls Friday, and after a visit of two or three weeks in Ashland will leave for a brief visit with relatives in Los Angeles.—Klamath Falls Express. —Governor Lord has appointed the following members of the state board of dental examiners: Dr. George H. Chance, of Portland; Dr. Thomas L. Nicklin, of Portland; Dr. W. W. Contris, of Salem, and Dr. J. M. Keene, of Medford. —D. T. Pritchard has a splendid line of new jewelry, silverware, watches and clocks. There is no question as to quality—it is good—also the quantity—and the prices are not good and high, but instead are low, consistent with good goods. —Gray & Bradbury are at work this week getting out "Lightning Extractors" for F. M. Short, the owner of a patent churn by the above name. They are getting out fifty of the churn frames and D. Brooks is getting out the churn proper, which is of tin. Mr. Short has been doing some business already and as soon as more machines are built he will put several men on the road. H. J. Black will be one of the first to start out.

—At a meeting of the school board of district No. 49, held on Wednesday, the matter of considering the severals bids for performing the janitor services was brought up for action. The lowest bid which had been submitted was withdrawn at this meeting and the contract was let to W. K. Davis, the next lowest, for twenty dollars per month, he being required to perform several certain jobs not heretofore performed by the janitor. Mr. Davis has had charge of the building and grounds for the past year and has given satisfaction. —A decision rendered this week by Judge Moore, in the supreme court at Salem, gives to J. H. Lane, one of the appellants in this county, the big end of the deal. The case is that of D. M. Hayden and J. H. Lane, appellants vs. Jordan Brown and John R. Hardin, respondents, from Jackson County. H. K. Hanna's decision is reversed. This was a suit to enjoin an alleged trespass. The defendants denied the trespass, and after trial the injunction was dissolved. The supreme court holds that the description of the land was sufficient and that the evidence showed a trespass. Hammond & Vawter are attorneys for appellants and S. S. Pentz for respondents.

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**'08 Speed Program.**

The date for holding the Southern Oregon district fair—in Medford—has been set for Tuesday, September 27th, continuing five days. The amount of purses offered in the aggregate figures \$1770—and these will be paid in full. Following is the speed program: FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27. Race No. 1.—Trotting; 2:20 class; 2 in 3; purse \$175. Race No. 2.—Running; one quarter mile and repeat; purse \$75. Race No. 3.—Running; one mile dash; purse \$125. SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 28. Race No. 4.—Trotting; 3:00 class; 2 in 3; district; purse \$125. Race No. 5.—Trotting; 2:30 class; 2 in 3; purse \$150. Race No. 6.—Running; one-half mile dash; purse \$75. THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, SEPT. 29. Race No. 7.—Trotting; 2:50 class; 2 in 3; district; purse \$125. Race No. 8.—Running; three-quarter mile dash; purse \$100. Race No. 9.—Running; mule race; purse \$20. FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, SEPT. 30. Race No. 10.—Trotting; 2:25 class; 2 in 3; purse \$150. Race No. 11.—Trotting; two-year-olds and under; 2 in 3; purse \$125. Race No. 12.—Running; one and one-eighth mile dash; purse \$150. FIFTH DAY, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1. Race No. 13.—Trot and pace; free for all; 3 in 5; purse \$200. Race No. 14.—Running; five-eighths mile dash; purse \$75. Race No. 15.—Running; consolation novelty; one mile; purse \$100. NOTE: In all harness races, pacers with records five seconds slower than the class are eligible.

**G. A. R. Post at Talent.**

Special Mustering Officer F. M. Stewart and quite a number of other members of the G. A. R. Post of this place were up at Talent on Tuesday. The occasion was the organization of a post of the G. A. R. at that place. Seventeen veterans living near Talent had made application for a post charter. When the boys from here arrived they found quite a number gathered at Sherman's hall and the work of organization was soon gone through with, when the new post, which is No. 74, proceeded to the election of their officers. Those elected were: Ira Wakefield, commander; J. W. Adams, S. V. C.; E. A. Hendricks, J. V. C.; S. Sherman, Q. M.; M. D. Wilson, chaplain; J. E. Foss, surgeon; S. Carlile, O. D.; M. Stewart, Adj. A recess was here taken and all were invited into the Sherman restaurant where a splendid luncheon had been prepared by the Talent ladies and the old boys treated it as they would the Spanish army—utterly destroyed it. They again assembled, this time in open session, with the ladies invited in, and the newly elected officers were installed by Comrade Stewart, assisted throughout the entire proceeding by the comrades from Medford. The new post will meet on the first and third Saturday evening in each month and all comrades are cordially invited to meet with them.

**Their Vote by Counties.**

The election counts have now all been made and it is safe to put the returns as complete. For circuit judge, Benson, republican, received 470 votes in Klamath County, 488 in Lake, 1464 in Jackson and 873 in Josephine, a total of 3287. Hanna, independent, Jackson County 1494, Klamath 397, Lake 327, Josephine 783, total 2901. Jeffrey, union, Jackson 1050, Klamath 269, Lake 251, Josephine 736, total 2306. Wade, union, Jackson 888, Josephine 597, Klamath 154, Lake 193, total 1892. In the four counties Tressler, populist, received 302 votes, and Bachelor, populist, 450. In Lake County no populist votes were polled. For district attorney, Watson, republican, took 459 votes out of Klamath, 433 out of Lake, 1257 from Jackson and 702 from Josephine, total 2911. Soliss, union, Klamath 285, Lake 310, Jackson 1167 and Josephine 852, total 2614. Wells, populist, received 574 votes in the four counties.

**LITTLE GLINTS IN LITTLE TYPE.**

There was a young maid of Mantia, Who asked for a ring of vanity, But she clerked in the store Was so rattled by war That he gave her a mound of chinchilla. Sampson is running his bottling works down at Santiago with night and day shifts. There are indications that someone has been stinking a collier in the neck of Joey Letter's bottle. Love of country takes different forms. That camera net is bugging the shoes of Chas. When sweethearts separate, he going to war, there are some so prosaic as to call the final parting a kind of souvenir spoon. The Green Bay, Wis., Gazette, remarks that a young lady of that city is "well acquainted with a young man whose sister knew a girl that was at one time engaged to one of the men who went down with the Maine," which naturally raises the question, "What relation does that make the editor of the Gazette to the man who keeps the grocery store in the southeast corner of Wisconsin?" A South Portland woman went into a Morrison street grocery last Thursday and asked for two dozen eggs, all laid by black hens. The groceryman said he couldn't tell what eggs were laid by black hens, she said she could and he told her to pick them out. So she went to a big tub, containing about 900 dozen eggs, and picked out two dozen of the largest she could find. The groceryman saw the point, and "smiled a sort of sickly smile."

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320 acres of good farming land, 2 miles from Maxwell, Colusa County, Calif.; nearly all summer fallowed. Will trade for improved place in Southern Oregon. Address Box 113, Maxwell, Calif.

**PLIGHTED TO JULIA DENT.**

Man Who Was Once Engaged to Mrs. U. S. Grant III. Alfred Sanford, a unique character who was supervising inspector of steamboats for the port of St. Louis during President Grant's first administration, and who was engaged to wed Julia Dent, now Gen. Grant's widow, is a patient at the city hospital, says a St. Louis exchange. He is suffering from pneumonia, and Superintendent Sutter considers his recovery doubtful. When the war broke out for two years Sanford piloted the famous confederate steamer Fred Kennett. Then he went over to the union side and served the remaining two years. During Grant's first administration Sanford was pilot on one of the leading steamboat lines. He was making \$250 a month. One Saturday night he went to the office of the company and tendered his resignation. When reason was asked he would not give it. He packed his valise and went to Washington, D. C. He went direct to the white house and sent his card to Mrs. Grant. He had not seen her since the day their engagement was broken many years before. Mrs. Grant received him and gave him a warm welcome. After a long talk over old times Sanford told Mrs. Grant that he had tired of running on the river and he wanted to be appointed inspector of steamboats for the port

**TO THE GENTLEMEN**

Of the Rogue River Valley, who wear GOOD .. SHOES. Taylor, the Foot Fitter, Has just received five different lines of Men's \$5.00 Dress and Street Shoes, in the Latest Styles, in Shell Cordovan, Box Calf, Zulu and Carocoo Kid. Made by STACY, ADAMS & CO., the well known Brockton Custom Shoe Makers. 7th Street, Medford.

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**THE RUSSIAN CENSORSHIP.**

Very Strict Measures Against Foreign Correspondents. Some interesting glimpses of the working of the Russian censorship, which was maintained even against French journalism during President Faure's recent visit, are given in a letter from the special correspondent of the London Daily News in St. Petersburg: "Calling at a news agency after the review, I learned that the censor had gone back to dine in the country and would not be back before eight o'clock, up to which hour no telegrams could be passed. This was tantamount to cutting off foreign correspondents from telegraphic communication with the rest of the world for the night. The outlook seemed hopeless when a high Russian official, who had the privilege of passing telegrams, kindly consented to look over mine. It was a great favor. The improvised censor objected, however, to a story about Mr. Faure's overcoat, and accordingly I had to suppress it. "He was very sympathetic. 'I know,' he said, 'you must be metaphorically gnawing your teeth. But I should get into trouble for passing your telegram if there were anything objectionable in it.' One of my French colleagues wired that Grand Duke Alexis waited half an hour at the landing-stage. He was pulled up by the censor with the remark: 'A Russian grand duke waits for nobody.' A friend of mine was about to wire that the czarina had grown slightly stronger since she was in Paris, but refrained. I stated the fact, and it was allowed to pass."

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