

**PURELY PERSONAL.**

Ell Hogan, of Wellen, was in Saturday. H. A. Sutton was in from Leeds last week. J. H. Tyrrell, of Lake Creek, was here on business Sunday. A. A. Davis was down in California this week upon business. Mrs. J. T. C. Nash returned on Tuesday from her quite extended visit among friends in Indiana. Miss Grace Stanfield went over to Sisson Monday. She will go from there to Oakland, Cal., to visit an uncle for some time. Mrs. M. Walker went over to Klamath Monday where she has secured employment. She will probably remain several months. Miss Ollie Meagler, who has been employed by several of our prominent families for some time past, left Monday for Sisson, Calif. Capt. W. Rawlings returned Monday from a visit to Iowa, of some weeks. He was accompanied by his son, L. T. Rawlings, and family. T. J. Kenney, one of Jacksonville's hustling business men and an all-around jolly good fellow, was talking business on our streets Monday. Mrs. F. M. Mingus is now visiting friends in Ashland. She expects to soon leave for Washington, where her husband is now located. C. B. Watson, of Ashland, district attorney elect, was on the train Friday, returning from a business trip to Portland and other valley points. Ira L. Arnold, of Westcliffe, Colorado, was in Medford this week. The gentleman is a dentist and he is figuring on locating in this valley. Wm. Hamlin drove down to Grants Pass last week to visit his children and look after business interests there. He formerly lived at that place. Mrs. W. McCurdy and children arrived in Medford Tuesday from Parker, Oregon, for a visit with her sister, Mrs. A. M. Woodford, and family. G. F. Billings returned to Ashland last Friday, after a visit to Grants Pass and other northern points, where he has been looking up Chautauqua matters. O. G. Shulliff, a mining man from Star gulch, came in the Applegate country, went down to Portland Tuesday evening for a short stay upon business. J. O. Booth, who is connected with the S. P. D. & L. Co., of Grants Pass, was in this city Tuesday looking after the fruit box business for the coming season. Mrs. Herman Haasage, a relative of the Demmers, who has been visiting them for the past six weeks, returned to her home at Roseburg last Friday evening. Thomas Ellebury, from over on Thompson creek, was in the city Wednesday. He is interested in several mining properties in that section which are quite promising. Melvin Wilson went down to Woodburn, Ore., last Friday evening. He will visit friends for a time, and if an opening for labor offers, he may remain through the summer. Ned Orser came up from Yreka Saturday night for a week's visit with family and friends. He is employed in the Heard & King mine near Yreka—which mine he declares is a good one and paying well. Miss Grace Foster, who has been attending school at San Jose, Calif., returned to Medford last Saturday evening and will remain in Medford with her mother. Her friends, of whom there are a great many, give her a warm welcome home. G. F. Merriman went down to Portland on Tuesday to ascertain something definite in relation to his appointment as deputy internal revenue collector for this district. It appears that his appointment is to look after the recently imposed war revenue only. Mrs. A. L. Harvey, of Gold Hill, who has been in the city for several days in attendance upon her daughter, Mrs. Hoagland, of Klamath County, who is in this city under surgical treatment, returned home Saturday taking the children of Mrs. H. with her. —Rev. A. S. Fuster arrived at this place from Medford last Saturday to succeed Rev. J. E. Blair as pastor of the Presbyterian Church. He preached Sunday morning and evening and made a very favorable impression on his congregation. —Myrtle Point Enterprise. Chris. Reidel, who lives on Sardine creek, was a caller at THE MAIL office Friday last. He was looking for a paper that will give all the news from all sides on political matters and from all parts of the country in a general news way—he subscribed for THE MAIL. Mrs. L. C. Coleman, her daughter and grandson, Byron, together with a party of friends from San Francisco are spending the summer at the Shasta soda springs. The party consists of Mrs. Maynia and daughter, Mrs. Wm. Coye and family, Mrs. H. Hubbard and son, and Miss Armstrong. John Prall on Saturday received a telegram from St. Louis, notifying him of the dangerous sickness of a sister at that place. Himself and wife took the evening train for that place. They had contemplated making a visit east later in the season and will now likely remain there several weeks. Miss M. Hill, a relative of Mrs. Vester, from The Dalles, Ore., who has been visiting with Mrs. V. for some time, left Monday for San Francisco where she will remain for a short time. Miss Hill is assistant principal in the schools at The Dalles and is out spending her vacation among friends. H. Montague, an old-time acquaintance of John Single, was in from Silver Lake the first part of the week. He came over on horseback but as that mode of traveling was rather tiresome, he bought from our merchants a complete outfit of cart, harness, etc., and started for home Tuesday in good shape. John Dahack came in from Butte creek Monday to take the train for Ashland. There he expected to procure a ticket to Buffalo, N. Y., where he goes for medical treatment. But after arriving in this city he thought it best to see the agents in Medford for the various railroad companies before

buying a ticket. He was ticketed over the Union Pacific by Agent C. W. Palm. Justin and Loren Wigle left Tuesday for Benton County where they expect to remain permanently. Dr. J. W. Odgers returned Wednesday evening from a business and pleasure stay of a couple of weeks at Klamath, Calif. Miss W. Whited, of Ashland, sister of Jeweler Whited, of that town, is in the city this week under medical treatment by Dr. Pickel. S. J. Starnor, of Ft. Klamath, was in the first of the week after farm machinery. He has an immense hay crop this year and is going to put up the whole business. D. Dixon, of Merrill, J. Nichols, of Bonanza, and A. E. Crance, of Fort Klamath—all MAIL subscribers—were in the city last week and purchased several wagon loads of goods from our merchants. Robert Gittins, son of Rev. Gittins, of this city, returned home last Tuesday morning for a few days' lay-off. He is employed as "extra" fireman on the Southern Pacific and a slack up of business occasioned the lay-off. G. N. Spurr and D. I. Waldrop returned Monday from a few days prospecting trip up on Clayton creek. While the boys are not much richer in pocket, their appetites were much benefited by the trip, and one, to judge from their appearance, might have mistaken them for a couple of "Weary Willies" returning home. J. T. Jones and B. F. Haley, friends of F. K. Deuel, who have been spending several weeks in this section—and, by the way, they are very favorably impressed with our country—on Saturday last returned to their homes in Missouri. We may look for these gentlemen back again if they can dispose of their interests in the latter state. W. H. Lewis and family were doing business in the Hub city Wednesday. Mr. L. owns some fine mining ground at the mouth of Star gulch, on the upper Applegate. The past dry winter was quite unfavorable for working some of his claims, but the gold is there and will be taken out in the near future. Mr. L. also does a good bit of farming. W. D. Beldeman and son, Bert, came over from Klamath County this week for the purpose of purchasing some farm implements and groceries. Mr. B. says that there is good money to be made in that county. Says he has been out in the country, and it is all being put up—in expectation of feeding a great amount of California stock the coming winter. Miss Minnie Coleman left Phoenix yesterday for Pacific Grove, Calif., where she will visit for a short time with her friend, Miss Lloyd. Leaving there she will go to San Francisco for a brief stay, then east to the Omaha exposition, after which she will go to Neligh, Nebraska, to take a position as teacher in the primary department of the Neligh schools. Hon. H. Matbey, the Nevada mining man, and a capitalist from Europe were on the train Tuesday. They will stop at Grants Pass for a few days and will then come to our city. Mr. M. is largely interested in mines in Nevada, being the principal owner of the extensive mines in Grass Valley, as well as in several other places. From what we can learn these parties are looking over our section with a view of investment should a promising opening offer. At a Kansas wedding twelve girls whistled the wedding march. Probably "whistling to keep their courage up." H. G. Nicholson:—"We have laid in a big stock of clay pigeons this week. You know that to be able to break clay pigeons without the aid of an ax or a four mill is an accomplishment far ahead of playing on a piano, although about as noisy. In a short time while they are in the air going like the wheels of a hand car, late for supper, by the help of a shot gun, but for two, is hard to do even for a well man. For the benefit of those who have never met a clay pigeon while going through the woods or a tunnel. I will say they do not nest in trees or sleep on the ground. They are hatched in a brick yard and their chief occupation is traveling around the country in a freight car until they strike a town which has a gun club; here they light with the assistance of two brakemen and the conductor. They are about as big as a saucer and would hold enough raw turpentine to cause a small boy to "holer" if taken internally. They get their ground early and many of them live through a lot of trouble. They are the color of a rat, chasing a rat under a barn and they never change their shade or shed their feathers. Clay pigeons are very quiet birds, but easily put to flight with the assistance of a small boy with a cost thirty dollars to borrow. This trap is a very ingenious piece of machinery and resembles a bicycle at rest and a ray knife at work. It has an arm that goes round like a gun at school and you cannot stop it by speaking to it. It is so sensitive that it will stop by any of the old ways that by getting in its path. After the man who rides the trap has pumped as far as the postoffice and back a bell begins to ring. The pigeon begins to take to the air and sometimes it starts out for the country. The man with the gun has to take his chances on directions and the effect the atmosphere has on his gun. If the wind happens to be working on Josephine County when the pigeons are being thrown, other problems have to be met. Just as the man with the gun pulls the trigger the pigeons may go in on a side track or strike down a lane after the cows, and gets away whole. Then a man who is watching the air to see if anything drops holes. "Just as the secretary makes a notation in his big day book and the next man tackles the crockery; when the pigeon gets in the way of the crockery, it drops to the ground in pieces, not the kind that are spoken in school, but the kind that are swept up from the kitchen floor when a plate is broken at a dinner. The man on watch is "dead bird," the secretary works at his trade and there is noise at the next station. There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonial. Address, F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best. His Next Visit. 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**DYNAMITE IN WARFARE.**

Views of Charles R. Flint, Who First Used It on the Netherworld. The terrific destruction at Santiago by the dynamite cruiser Vosuvius is still the most interesting topic among students of the art of war. Charles R. Flint, who has had perhaps more experience with guns and fighting ships than any other private citizen, is an enthusiastic admirer of the dynamite gun. "Our war with Spain," he said to a reporter, "has developed a new way of using a terrible weapon. I was very much interested in reading the result of the use of the Vosuvius' guns. I have always been curious to know what would be the effect of a practical demonstration by the dynamite gun. It seems to me that the use of dynamite projectiles is the novel feature of our war with Spain. Dynamite or nitrogelatin—to be correct, Nobel's gelatin—has already been used on land in Cuba in charges shot from the Sims-Dudley pneumatic gun, which has a capacity for two 2 1/2 shells carrying four pounds and a 5 inch shell carrying ten pounds. The range of the 2 1/2 inch caliber is from one to two miles and its rate of firing five or six times per minute. This gun has another advantage in the almost entire absence of smoke and noise when fired. The dynamite gun not only accomplishes terrible destruction wherever one of its shells bursts, but its moral effect does even greater harm to the enemy. From all that has been reported about the work of the Vosuvius I have no doubt that hereafter the mere fact of her presence in an engagement will so terrorize the enemy as to practically disable many of them from fighting. It seems to me that the practical, safe, efficient use of projectiles containing large bursting charges of dynamite marks the beginning of a new era in war. Ultimately the dynamite projectile may make war so awful that the natural evolution will be from the horrors of dynamite to the settlement of all international disputes by arbitration." —New York World.

**VALUE OF GUANTANAMO.**

A Harbor of Refuge for the Fleet During Rough Weather. It is just beginning to be understood in Washington why Rear Admiral Sampson chose Guantanamo as a point for landing his marines. The rear admiral, it appears, was well acquainted as any one with the topography of the country of Guantanamo and with the fact that to reach it would require a 30 mile march across very rough mountain land with no roads worthy of the name. Hence the landing was not made at this point for the purpose of acquiring a point of departure for land operations. But the bay of Guantanamo is a very desirable haven for ships in stress of weather, and as the hurricane season in West Indian waters is near at hand it was deemed of the utmost importance to have such a haven where the ships of the navy could take quick refuge. The bay of Guantanamo is much larger than the harbor of Santiago, though not so well protected, either by nature or artificially, against invasion by an enemy's fleet. There is probably sea room for ships to lie at long distances apart during a storm severe enough to make them drag anchors. The hurricane season sets in usually with July, but even the latter part of June is liable to witness meteoric disturbances. Some time before the storm itself arrives the brassy or coppery look of the heavens and the persistent fall of the barometer warn the experienced navigator to make for his safe anchorage, if one is at hand, or lie out as far as possible to sea and free his craft of everything he possibly can which offers resistance to the wind. In the case of warships stripped for action there is very little to be done except to get a good way apart and in the safest place within reach. —New York Post.

**The Word of a British Consul.**

President Horace Anderson of the Cumberbund club has received a letter from Captain Frank Wildes, commanding the cruiser Boston, acknowledging the cablegram from the club congratulating him on the victory at Manila. The captain inclosed a translation of the proclamation issued by the governor of Manila that characterized the Yankees as barbarians, who, if they took the city, would kill and mutilate the inhabitants and would subject the women to all manner of indignities. A prominent lady of Manila, accompanied by a delegation of Manila women, called on the English consul general and asked him if the proclamation stated the facts. "Madam," said the consul, "let me assure you that the lives and honor of the Spanish women in Manila, if the city is occupied by the Americans, will not have been so securely protected for the past 800 years." —Portland Daily Press.

**Culinary Service In Two Wars.**

Colonel Baker's cook in the Second Virginia is Sam Jones, a Richmond dandy, and the colonel says that he is easily the finest chef in the regiment. Sam was mess cook for General John B. Magruder during the war between the states. He gets up dinners for Colonel Baker and staff that are little short of marvellous, they say, and the officers feel and show the effects of high living. Sam denies being related to the evangelist of the same name. —Florida Times-Union and Citizen.

**The Vesuvius.**

Darkness her armor is; life giving breath Pent up she holds to send ruin and death. On through the silent night stealthily she creeps Where the dark castles shadow the deeps. Foes on yonder hills watch in the gloom. No warning comes to them of nearing doom. Not a sound, not a ray, reaches them there; Into the mist below vainly they stare. Now! good Vesuvius, breathe forth a shell; Give those hidalgos a foretaste of hell! Hark! O'er the silent sea quivers a sigh; Settles a something down toward the sky; Out of the darkness leaps light as of day; Roar as of world's collapse awakes o'er the bay. Echoes die out in the distance, and then Death's silence broods where the foomen had been. —Arthur Lucas in New York Sun.

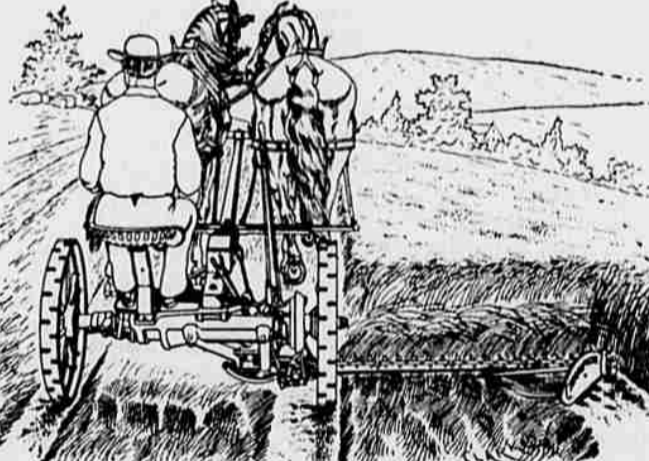
**PRIZES AND PRIZE COURTS.**

How the Spoils of a Captured Enemy's Ship Are Apportioned. Any ship of the enemy may be made a prize on the high seas, even though it belongs to private citizens. The question of the legality of prizes taken is settled by a specially organized prize court. The prize court now in session at Key West is composed of three judges appointed by the president. The sentence of the prize court is conclusive upon all the world. The original owners of a prize seized and condemned have no appeal from its decisions. One-half of the value of all prizes captured by the navy goes to the government. One-twentieth of one-half the value of all prizes captured goes to the commander of the fleet to which the captors belong. After deducting the fleet commander's twentieth and the fleet captain's one-hundredth share from the half of the prize reserved to the captors the remainder goes to the men and officers of the capturing ships, being divided among them in proportion to the amount of their regular pay. All vessels of the navy within signaling distance of the vessel, or vessels making a capture and ready to render efficient aid if required, share in the prize. When a vessel is captured, the commanding officer of the vessel making the capture is required to put her in charge of a prize officer and crew to take her into port. If a captured vessel and cargo are not taken for the use of the government, in which case the captors are paid their due share by the government, the prize is sold at auction. The 5 inch gun is the largest to which rapid fire action has been applied in the United States navy. With a gun of greater caliber one man could not easily handle the cartridge. War's Demand for Willow Wood. "Since the beginning of the war," says the Philadelphia Record, "speculators have been buying up all the willow wood available for the use of the powder manufacturers. Trees not over four feet in diameter are the best and bring the most money. They are most thickly found along streams in Pennsylvania and adjoining states. The reason that willow is sought after is that it makes the best charcoal for mixing in the ingredients necessary in the making of powder. Willow wood charcoal is also more easily pulverized than that from any other wood. The wood is purchased by shrewd buyers, who claim that it is to be used for making kindling sticks, but a cord of it is worth ten times as much as either pine or hickory. In times of peace its value amounts to but little." In Memory of Elizabeth Miller. The subject of this sketch was one of the early pioneers of Oregon, having crossed the plains with ox teams in 1847 via Meeker's Cut Off and Rogue river valley. Like many others they suffered incredible hardships on that trip, and were met at Emigrant creek by the Oregon Territory Relief Committee. Mrs. Miller was born in Clay County, Missouri, July 20, 1822, and died at her home on Antelope creek, Jackson County, Oregon, May 29, 1898. Early in life she married Joseph Turnidge at her Missouri home, and to them were born four children, viz. Emily, William, Martha and Mary. On their arrival in Oregon they located in Polk County where the fifth child, Francis, was born three months after they reached their destination. They lived in Polk County nearly two years when they removed to Linn County and took a donation land claim near where Selo now stands. On this place were born James, John, Eliza and Joseph. Here Joseph, Sr., died honored and respected. She remained a widow four years when she married Abraham Miller, Jr. To this union there was born one child, a son, Phillip. They moved from Linn to Lost River, Klamath County, in 1870 where Mrs. Miller was tragically injured by the explosion of a can of powder which some person had placed in the stove. In 1871 they moved to Jackson County and located on Antelope creek. Here Abraham Miller died April 29, 1880, followed by his son Phillip, July 7th, the same year. Early in life she united with the Old School Baptist Church, and was a zealous member of that religious body during her long and useful life. To know Grandma Miller was to love her. Her gentle and loving nature endeared her to every one she met. She had a kind word for every one, and no term of reproach ever crossed her lips. She has "fought the good fight, she has kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for her a crown of righteousness." [Will Willamette valley papers please copy.] East of the Mountain Fatalities. J. A. Graham, of Langell valley, was killed Saturday afternoon, the 18th inst., on the Goodlow mountain, by being thrown from his wagon, one of the wheels passing over his head and crushing his skull. Mr. Graham and Arthur Langell were returning from Keno Springs with their wagons loaded with lumber. When they reached Goodlow mountain, Mr. Graham was ahead and had the lines tied to the brake-pole; the wagon started to run on its own mules and Mr. Graham instead of pulling on the brake, pulled up on the team, and being unable to hold the load they started to run. He jumped off, but the bank was sloping and he was thrown under the wheels

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with the above result. Last Saturday while A. B. Franklin and little son, Curtis, were up in the canyon above Mr. Stevens' place, near Davis Creek, after a load of poles, Curtis was killed. They had loaded the wagon and were on their way home, when they stopped for a moment at the shop of Mr. Stevens. Mr. Franklin secured the lines and brake and went into the shop, leaving the boy on the seat. While Mr. Franklin was in the shop a sudden gust of wind slammed the door shut, which frightened the horses and they ran away. The father rushed out but was unable to reach the lines. Poor little Curtis looked at his father and cried, "Save me, papa," but his father could not reach him. The little fellow then seemed to grasp the seat with a death grip, but as the horses ran he was torn from the seat and thrown to the ground. He struck on the side of his head and face, breaking his neck. —Examiner.

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**Market Report.**  
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Wheat	.....	.85
Oats	.....	.60
Flour	.....	\$2.60 per 100 lbs
Barley	.....	.81 25 "
Mill Feed	.....	1.00 "
Potatoes	.....	.50c "
New potatoes	.....	.24c "
Eggs	.....	10 per doz
Butter	.....	15 per lb
Beans, dry	.....	.024 "
Bacon	.....	.09 "
Hams	.....	.094 "
Shoulders	.....	.07 "
Lard	.....	.084 "
Hogs live	.....	.034 04 "

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