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CITY HAPPENINGS.

G. F. Merriman has been appointed special deputy revenue collector for Southern Oregon. No date is fixed for the termination of his appointment, but there is no doubt but that it will continue as long as the war with Spain continues, this because that his duties will be chiefly those of the collection of duties under the war tax. He will be required to visit every drug store in Southern Oregon and supply them with the necessary war revenue stamps. George was a candidate for appointment to the position of the regular deputy collector, but Ashland hasn't had a thing politically since the recent election and it became necessary for Oregon's representatives at Washington to endorse Mr. Fox, of Ashland—in order that the political patronage of that place might perpetuate. Mr. Merriman's friends are congratulating him but they could do it with a better grace had he not been compelled to play second fiddle at this political ball. None deserves more recognition—and in bigger chunks—at the hands of his party in Southern Oregon than does George. He has stayed longer and fought harder for his party than any of them—the most of them anyhow. Later—George has declined—couldn't afford to throw up his business for an uncertainty.

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

Married—At the M. E. Parsonage in this city, by Rev. Gittins, on Thursday, June 23rd—J. J. Martin, of Applegate and Miss Louella Pearce, of Jacksonville. They were accompanied by Floyd Pearce and Miss Grace Matney. The newly wedded couple took the north-bound train the same evening for a pleasure jaunt in Washington. Mr. Martin is a very fine young man and has made a great many friends since his coming to our country. He is at present the very able superintendent of the Co-operative Mining Company of Seattle, with mines located on Applegate. The bride is a very estimable young lady, residing not a great ways from Jacksonville. She is one well suited to master the domestic ceremonies of the pleasant household which the good husband has provided over near the mine. A complete housekeeping outfit was purchased in Medford.

Wanted—A good, large, second hand trunk. J. S. Hagey, East Medford.

Mall has arrived from the soldier boys at Honolulu. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Galloway, of this city, have had a letter from Alex., also did F. K. Churchill from his brother, Alex. writes that Honolulu is immense—in fact the whole island is in about the same fix. He said the people turned the place over to the soldiers—didn't charge them a cent for anything, they had everything. The boys were all wild over the city—and the people's patriotism and generosity. Alex. was not sick during the entire trip—but it was different with some of the boys. Upon leaving Honolulu the Charleston signaled the transports to run not faster than nine knots an hour. Running at this slow pace the expedition ought to have arrived at Manila Tuesday or Wednesday of this week, when more mail is promised.

A good top buggy for sale, almost at your own price. J. S. Hagey, East Medford.

The magnitude of that dredging plant in Rogue river has hardly been understood by our people. The Risdon Iron Works has a contract, says Engineer J. S. Howard, to build the boat-dredger—and put in the machinery at a cost of \$35,000. The company which is putting in the dredger has five others on rivers in California and Nevada. From all of these boats big money is being made and from one in particular there is reported to be a daily output of \$500 in gold. Three engines are required to do the work. One of these works the dredger, another pumps the water with which the gold is washed from the gravel and the third one will operate an electric light plant on the boat—the operations being carried on day and night.

The Hubbard Bros. implement house sent by the first of the week, two wagon loads of farm machinery which had been sold to parties in that section.

During the rush of work in the hay fields, all hands—including the cook—on the ranches are called upon to do what they can to save the crops, and accidents will occasionally occur. Such was the case out at Mrs. M. M. Bower's ranch, some three miles southwest of this place, last Friday. Miss Dullie, a young lady about seventeen years of age, was raking hay when the horse became frightened and ran away throwing the young lady to the ground in such a manner that her nose was broken and she was otherwise pretty badly bruised but no other bones were broken. Dr. Wait was at once summoned and reduced the fracture and she is now getting along quite nicely.

Spring trucks for spring household moving. Well & Shearer.

The La Grande Chronicle gives the following regarding the work on the sugar factory at that place: "The foundation for the lime works and the boiler house is finished and a drainage canal to the river is in course of construction. The big coils for the diffusion battery will soon be put in place. Each coil will hold two and a half tons of sliced beets and juice. The washing machine, a huge iron trough into which the beets are received from the sheds, has also arrived as well as the mammoth carbonation tanks and vacuum pans."

THE MAIL has previously said that Joe Shone had a dwelling house to be proud of—and we are sticking to that same assertion. It is the prettiest residence in all Medford—and there are some fairly good homes in this

berg. J. W. Ling and C. Boardman have been painting Joe's house this week and when all the fans, fancies and funny things have been decorated with colors peculiarly their own there will be a heap of beauty displayed. Joe did all the carpenter work himself and did it right and lots of it—from foundation to ridge crest.

Legal blanks at THE MAIL office.

B. W. Doan was in from Willow Springs this week. In speaking of the recent rain and hail storm he stated that there was a regular cloudburst down his way. Says that three days after the storm hail stones six inches deep were found in the mountains. Had this hail fallen in water he is of the opinion that the whole Willow Springs country would have been swamped. So deep was the water in the flats adjacent to Louis creek, that in the house of a Mr. Jackson it was breast deep and Mr. Jackson was compelled to carry his wife from the house to higher ground during the storm. While the immense waterfall did lots of damage the benefit to crops was more than a stand-off.

Fresh Klamath cheese at G. L. Davis.

B. N. Butler, the jeweler, has arranged to put in a complete outfit of up-to-date machinery and tools for general watch work. Mr. Butler is a first-class workman and when his more modern machinery is added to his stock in trade our people may expect only the very best of work. He proposes to give his exclusive attention to watch work, which work, by-the-way, has been his closely followed vocation for many years.

Harvey Richardson writes from Trall to know where we secured our information regarding the celebration on the Fourth at Trall. Our information was gotten from Ed. Pence, of that place, and from posters which have been put up about the county. Mr. Richardson says most of the people up that way will go to Gold Hill. There seems to be a mix-up of notions up that way—all which THE MAIL knows nothing of.

Chip beef cut to order at G. L. Davis.

"County officers," says the Oregonian, "take office at noon of the first Monday in July. The fact that the first Monday in July, this year, falls on the Fourth, a legal holiday, leads many to think that officers-elect are not entitled to take hold until July 5th. The newly elected officers should take hold at noon on July 4th, as from and after that hour and date they and their bondsmen are responsible for the conduct of their offices."

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

A. L. Ferguson, who has been at work down at Auburn, Calif., building a depot for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, came home last week for a few days' visit with his family and friends. He is becoming quite a favorite with the Southern Pacific folks and has steady employment. He will return next week—this time to the Shasta division.

G. L. Davis has pure rye vinegar, the finest ever brought to Medford. Try it.

There was a wedding over at the Lodging House in Jacksonville Wednesday, in which two Medford people were decidedly prominent—they being Arthur Dodge, all the same "Shorty," and Miss Jennie R. Wiggin, daughter of L. Wiggin. Their many friends hearabout are extending congratulations to the happy couple in great profusion.

To those interested this will bear evidence that at the regular meeting of the G. A. R. Post, of this city, G. C. Noble, Jos. Scott and A. M. Woodford were appointed as a committee to solicit funds for carrying on the reunion this fall, mention of which appears elsewhere in this issue. Signad, F. M. Stewart, Post Adjutant.

My stock of new watches has arrived. D. T. Pritchard.

The Southern Pacific Railroad Company will carry passengers between all stations on its lines in Oregon at one fare for the round trip on the Fourth of July. Tickets at this rate will be on sale on the afternoon of July 2nd, on July 3rd and 4th, and will be limited to expire July 5th or 6th, according to the distance.

Get Wells & Shearer to do your moving—satisfaction always.

Arthur F. Hunt returned to Ashland from Portland, Friday, where he had been in company with J. E. Pelton, attending to the shipment of 1,000 head of cattle, purchased by the Allerton Company, of Chicago, to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. These cattle were gathered up along the line from Grants Pass to Salem.

Higgins & Townsend, of this city, have secured the exclusive stand privilege on the grounds where the celebration is to be held, at Gold Hill, July 4. These boys will treat the people fair and we hope do well for themselves—and their patrons.

J. Compton, of the Union Livestock stable, received a telephone message on Wednesday to be at Jacksonville at 4:30 p. m. with the hearse. The call was to assist in the burial of Lopel Lorette, who died early Wednesday and was interred in the cemetery at Jacksonville the same evening.

An alleged sewing machine fake is reported to be doing business in this neck of the woods. We don't know who he is nor what he is doing but whether a fake or not he is a stranger—and there are men in the same line of business right here at home whom you know are not fakes.

Members of the Medford High School Alumni are requested to be present at a special meeting to be held at the residence of the secretary, on South B street, on Wednesday evening, July 6, 1898, at 7:45. Important

business. Please attend. Grace Foster, Secretary.

On Tuesday evening of this week Mr. and Mrs. J. Hook gave a lawn party at their pleasant home in Southwest Medford, in honor of Mrs. Wm. Merriman, of Junction City. Ice cream and cake were served, games on the lawn were indulged in, and a delightful time was had. Those who enjoyed the occasion were Mrs. Wm. Clark, of Gervais, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Luy, Mrs. M. W. Skeel, Misses Ida Galloway, Clara Skeel, Jessie Worman, Aileen Webber, Fern Norris, Messrs. John Olwell and J. M. Keene.

Several families from upper Applegate were quite extensively patronizing our business men this week. Among those we might mention were W. H. Lewis, Messdames Finney and Fawcett, the latter took out some two or three wagon loads. One reason for the purchase of this large amount by Mrs. F. is that a dance and supper is to be given at their place on the evening of the Fourth, at which a large crowd and a good time is expected.

For sale—Full blood Jersey bull—dehorned—two years old. G. C. Taylor, five miles east of Medford.

Kit Bateman returned Wednesday from near Davenport, Wash., where he has been doing thrashing for the past few weeks. Not until nine days ago did he quit thrashing. There was still more grain to thresh but he sold an half interest in his machine and came down here to buy another. He expects to return to Walla Walla, Washington, tonight where he will commence work on the '98 crop, which he says is bigger than last year.

Dentist C. C. Pletcher is the happy parent to a new girl baby which came to his home on Monday of this week—since which time you can't C. C. Pletcher for the dust he makes in his hurry-scree home from his office—about every twenty minutes every day.

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

Volunteers to the number of fifty-seven, from Spokane, for companies A and L, and twenty-nine from Walla Walla, for company K, were on the southbound train Wednesday; destination, Camp Merritt, Calif. They are expecting to be sent to Manila.

Lost—Between Trall creek and Medford, a saddler's hammer, small pair of nippers, a pair pliers and a monkey wrench—and several smaller articles. Finder will please leave same at Boyden & Nicholson's hardware store, and receive reward.

Ashland is preparing to do the "great entertain" on the Fourth. Medford band will furnish excellent music for the occasion. The Medford Sybo girls will be there also—and they will wear their club colors and will join the procession.

W. S. Barnum is putting in a new sidewalk on South D street. It is of plank, but cement would be a money saver for him if put in in the same place. There is nothing like cement for durability.

W. J. Compton unloaded a new threshing engine this week and yesterday it was taken to the Butte creek country where W. J. will do a heap 'o' threshing for the thrifty farmers thereabouts.

Recruits for the Oregon Regiment now at Manila, are passing south on almost every train. Twelve were on the overland Saturday from Oregon City and several from other portions of the state.

Uncle Jack Compton, the liveryman, is having all his carriages and hacks repaired and generally overhauled—especially for the Fourth of July trade. George Coulter is doing the work.

Mr. Merz, the Medford brewer, has been doing more business with Klamath County. This week he sent out a four-horse load of beer for Pt. Klamath. This is the second load within two weeks.

Fourteen volunteers from McMinnville and thirty-four from Walla Walla, Wash. were on the southbound overland Tuesday. They are expecting to be sent to Manila soon.

Just as we go to press we learn that F. K. Douel has purchased an interest in the W. B. Stevens stock of merchandise—and the firm is Douel & Stevens again.

Horrace Nicholson has for a watch charm a bullet that was shot from a rifle through thirty-two inches of pine and eight inches into a block of oak.

The Halley boys, R. H., W. L. and P. J., J. A. Lyon and one of the Sticker boys were up at Mt. Pitt this week upon a hunting expedition.

Fifty men, parts of companies B and D, from Seattle, and thirty recruits for Co. K, of Salem, passed south on Friday's train for San Francisco.

Found—On North C street on Tuesday, a pocket-book containing money. Call at THE MAIL office, get property and pay for this notice.

E. W. Carver this week received a carload of Studebaker wagons—of all sizes and he will now be doing business with a vengeance.

E. W. Carver sent five new rigs to Ashland Wednesday where they had previously been sold to parties there by Jack Morris.

It pays to smoke a good cigar. Kurtz makes one that's worth the price asked. Try his five center—a better one for ten.

Al. Laurents, son-in-law of N. R. Johnston, has erected a cottage on his recently acquired property in West Medford.

Messrs. Hutchison & Lumsden have added a new case to their store fixtures—and it's a beauty—made by Weeks Bros.

Twenty-four volunteers bound for Manila, from Yacama, Wash., were on Monday's southbound train.

Open Air Concert.

The Medford band boys will give an open air concert on this, Friday, evening, at 8:15 p. m.

Following is the program for the concert:

March, "Pride of the Navy—The Oregon" Maj. Hunt
Overture, "National Melodies".....Maj. Gattin
Cornet solo.....Selected
Waltz, "Jolly Fellow".....W. A. Snow
March, "My Darktown Gal".....Volsted
Caprice, "Solitude".....Mercedante
W. A. SNOW, Conductor.

They Are Afraid of Medford.

From the Grants Pass Observer.

"Grants Pass will furnish a nine to play with the Ashland base ball team on July 4th. We hope the boys of the Granite city will bar Medford from their nine, so a fair, square game may be played. They should also bear in mind that our boys will kick on a "Portland farmer" being sent up to pitch."

Well, that's all right. Who's kicking, surely not Medford boys. We don't want to play you folks, nohow. You are too easy. No satisfaction in cleaning up a kindergarten proposition even at ball.

Will Fleet in Medford—Perhaps.

At a meeting of the officers of the Southern Oregon Soldiers and Sailors Reunion Association held in Medford on Saturday last it was decided to hold the next reunion at Medford, to commence September 12th and continue through the week.

There is a whole lot of interest manifested by the various towns within the scope of this association and they are anticipating a jolly good time at the meeting this fall. This will be the second time that the Medford people have had an opportunity to show their generosity towards the old veterans and their friends, and yet the small sum they will ask our people to contribute is not to be looked upon in the light of a donation, for the immense number who come and camp for a whole week, besides the daily visitors, will much more than repay our merchants for the amount they may contribute. Remember the meeting here is conditioned upon securing the means necessary to carry it on from our people, and we hope our always generous citizens will see it to their interest to loosen the purse string, as a committee will soon call upon them for their contribution.

Mrs. Little and family have moved into the F. M. Mings residence, on South G street.

E. W. Carver will sell you wagons, hacks, buggies or bicycles at prices to satisfy you.

Work was commenced on the G. L. Schermerhorn residence this week.

I want to hire several teams to haul wood. Wallace Woods.

Our Soldiers Have an Invitation.

Gold Hill wants our soldier boys to celebrate with them on the Fourth and Capt. Carter has tendered the free and unlimited use of everything that goes to make a good time. In fact the earth is theirs—that much of it in and around Gold Hill. Here is Capt. Carter's invitation:

"GOLD HILL, Ore., June 18, 1898.

To the officers and privates of Medford volunteers: Gentlemen:—You are cordially invited to be present and parade with us on July 4th at this place; also to camp with us on the night of the Fourth and as much longer as it may be your pleasure.

Yours truly,
W. A. CARTER,
Captain Medford Volunteers."

Following is what Capt. Hembree, of the Medford volunteers has to say regarding the matter:

"Capt. Carter assures me that if the Medford boys attend the celebration at Gold Hill they will be furnished rations, etc., free and the town turned over to their tender mercies.

"If any of the members of the company who have not arranged for transportation will report to me I will see to it that some mode of conveyance is furnished. Let as many of us as possible avail ourselves of this invitation as it may be the only town we will have a chance to capture during the present conflict with Spain.

W. H. HEMBREE,
Captain Medford Volunteers."

The Fourth at Gold Hill.

Following appears the program for the Fourth of July at Gold Hill:

Parade forms at school house grounds at 10 o'clock.

Exercises at the grounds commence at 10:30.

Music.....Gold Hill Band
Song, "America".....Everybody
Prayer.....Chaplain
Reading "Declaration of Independence"
Song, "Red, White and Blue".....Sophia Davis
Song, "Little Girls Chorus"
Music.....Gold Hill Band
Recitation.....Miss Anna Wright
Song.....Chorus
Oration.....Hon. Joseph Hammerly
Song, "Star Spangled Banner".....Chorus
Music.....Gold Hill Band

Intermission.

Foot race for boys under twelve. Prize Foot race, for girls under twelve. Prize Foot race, for married women.....Prize Foot race.....1 Dozen of Mackey's Photos Foot race, for men over fifty.....Prize Tug of War, Married men vs Single men Catching greased pig Sack race, free for all. Sack of flour. Swimming race. Walking greased pole over water, near railroad bridge. Horse race; free for all; 500 yards and repeat. Climbing greased pole; free for all. Slow horse race. Prize. Clay pigeon shoot from traps. Target shooting and other amusements as side issues.

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New Goods Opened Monday.

J. G. VAN DYKE, MEDFORD, OR.

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

—For a good wagon at a reasonable price call on E. W. Carver.

For Sale or Trade— 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.

Where the Danger Lay. Second to duelist, his on, confront his adversary, has suddenly grown pale and is only just prevented from falling—Take courage, man. I know your opponent is going to fire in the air. Duelist—That's just what makes me afraid. He's such a notoriously bad shot.—London Tit-Bits.

Cuba an Indian Name. Cuba is known in history under several names. The first was Antilla; then Juana, after a Spanish prince; Ferdinand came third, followed by Santiago and the Isle of Avo Maria. The original Indian name, Cubanacan, signifying "where gold is found," was finally adopted, and usage shortened it to the first two syllables.—Washington Star