

PURELY PERSONAL.

R. A. Proudfoot was at Portland last week upon business. Miss Jessie Hopkins is at Ashland this week upon a visit to relatives. C. L. McPherson went to Gold Hill Saturday to remain over the Fourth. J. B. Butler and Carl Webb are over at Shake for a couple of weeks' outing. Attorney A. S. Hammond made a quick business trip to Portland last week. Geo. Brown, the Eagle Point merchant, was in the city for a few hours Saturday. Attorney J. A. Jeffrey went down to Portland Saturday evening upon legal business. W. S. Dunn left this morning for a visit to San Francisco and other California points. E. DeRoboam, keeper of the county hospital, was in Medford Saturday upon business. Mrs. Newell arrived from Portland Saturday and is visiting at the farm home of C. M. Fries. G. K. Walker, the clever postmaster at Sams Valley, was in the city doing business Wednesday. Mrs. J. G. Taylor went down to Grants Pass Saturday evening to visit friends for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Spurr left last week for Cottage Grove, where they will remain for a few weeks. Mrs. W. I. Vawter and children went down to Yaquina Wednesday to spend the warm season at the seaside. Mrs. B. F. Crouch and children went to San Francisco on Saturday's train to visit friends for several weeks. Kil Bateman returned to Washington Wednesday evening. He was accompanied by his brother, Wm. Bateman. Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Jacobs are expecting to return to Medford next week. Mrs. Jacobs' health is greatly improved. Mrs. C. J. Howard and children drove over to Kerby on Friday last to spend the Fourth—and to visit relatives for ten days or more. Miss Kate Van Dyke arrived in Medford Tuesday for a visit with relatives. Miss Van Dyke has a position as stenographer in San Francisco. Wm. J. Clark, editor of the Gervais Star, called at THE MAIL office Tuesday. He is in this section on a visit to relatives and friends at Jacksonville. Mr. and Mrs. C. Carey, of Phoenix, passed through Medford Tuesday en route to Butte creek, where they will camp, fish and hunt for a few weeks. S. Robbins, of Ashland, formerly of Phoenix, was here Wednesday—business. Mr. R. is engaged in the planing mill business with his son at Ashland. Mrs. Sherman Orton came up from Yreka last week and will remain in Medford for some little time—visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bossum. Mrs. C. Kleinhammer was in Medford last Saturday to meet her cousin, who was on the southbound train. She accompanied her to Coletina for a few days' stay. Frank Tryer was over from Williams last week. Upon his return he was accompanied by Miss Ella Perdue, who visited with friends over that way for a few days. Merchant W. B. Stevens left yesterday evening for Newport, Oregon, where he will remain with his family for a few days, after which he will go east to purchase new goods. Ed. Tryer went down into Josephine County Sunday and spent the Fourth with his wife and her parents, with whom she had been visiting for several days. She returned with him. Mrs. Arthur J. Weeks came up from Oakland, Calif., on Wednesday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stewart and other friends in the valley. She will remain several weeks. R. F. Gittins, who has been enjoying a vacation for a few days with his parents, received orders from Portland to report Wednesday at Dunsuir to fire on some of the engines out of that place. J. S. Hagey will leave Sunday night for Indiana where Mrs. H. is now visiting. The lady's health has very much improved since leaving here a few weeks ago, and they will both remain there for several months. Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Downing, of Willow Springs, passed through the city Tuesday with a team on their way to Klamath, Calif., for recreation and a visit with their son, who lives in that section of the country. Ed. Pence came down from Trall creek last Saturday and returned Sunday with a big wagon load of Fourth of July stand supplies—for the celebration at Trall creek. His outfit was purchased at Mounce & Parker's. David F. Fox, deputy internal revenue collector for this district, came down from Ashland Wednesday and went over to Jacksonville. He was in our city for a short time yesterday looking after matters pertaining to his office. J. F. Toft, a brother of our good townsman by the same name, stopped off in Medford last week for a brief visit. The gentleman is a traveling salesman for Allen & Lewis, a Portland grocery house, and his territory is Southern Oregon. Thos. Ward, formerly a resident of this city, stopped off Tuesday for a visit with his relatives. The gentleman has been connected with God's Regular Army at San Francisco but has now been transferred to similar religious duties at Portland. J. U. Willeke and F. W. Waschau, who left Medford several weeks ago for the east with their patent watch proposition, returned this week. They report everything looking promising in their line of operation and all that is required is a little time. Miss Allie Klippel left Wednesday evening for Portland, whither she goes as a delegate from Medford lodge to a meeting of the Degree of Honor grand lodge. She was accompanied by a little daughter of Mrs. Peter's, who goes to Portland to visit relatives. Michael and Timothy Sidley, of Lake Creek, were in Medford last week upon business. They were accompanied by Miss Mary Sidley, daughter of Michael, who, being an expert horse

...rider, was presented while here with a beautiful side saddle by her father. Jos. Martin, who went from this section down to Trinidad, Calif., some two years ago, returned on Thursday last. He came over the Crescent City road and reports it in splendid shape for travel. He will probably remain in the valley, but has not definitely determined as yet. C. T. and Will Nicholson went over to their ranch near Ft. Kiamath on Thursday to put up their hay crop—which is a good one. Miss Edith Nicholson and Florence and Blanche Toft went with them to attend to the ordinary department while the crop is being cared for. Rev. A. Haberly, a Presbyterian minister from Elk Grove, Cal., who has been in the city for several days returned to his home Sunday owing to the sickness of one of his children. The church people here are thinking of asking him to accept the pastorate of their church. Mr. and Mrs. E. Worman returned Sunday morning from their quite extended visit in the east. Mr. W. is saying that for hot Oregon weather is not a circumstance of any note when compared with the east. The Omaha Exposition, he said, was a grand affair and getting better all the time. Folk Hull, the rustling farmer from over at Spikenard, was a pleasant caller Wednesday. He was loaded with the price of a year's subscription to THE MAIL and Oregonian—which he was willingly relieved of—and there are others—good men like him who are doing that same thing—almost several of them every day. Mrs. W. B. Stevens and the children, accompanied by Miss Mamie Nicholson, left Monday evening for Newport, Ore., to remain during the warm weather. They will not likely be back before September—by which time Mr. S. expects to have his fine new home completed and ready to occupy. Newport is one of Oregon's most famous summer resorts and is the former home of Mrs. Stevens. Messdames T. M. Stiver, of Portland, and Wm. McCurdy, of Parkers, Ore., left Wednesday evening for Grants Pass and Kiddles. After a visit there they will return to their respective homes. They are sisters of Messdames A. M. Woodford and E. A. Woods. Mrs. Stiver came here for her health—and gained thirty pounds in flesh in three months. Mr. and Mrs. S. Provolt, of Montreal, Canada, who have been spending a few days with their son in Ashland, came down to Medford last Saturday and were met here by Mrs. Provolt's father, J. N. Thomas, who came over the mountains to meet them, and whom Mrs. P. had not seen for about twenty-five years. They went out to Butte creek the same evening to visit a few days with friends there, after which they will resume their journey homeward. Mr. and Mrs. S. Carver, of Alliance, Nebraska, stopped off the southbound train one day last week for a few days' visit with relatives in this valley, among whom is our popular business man, E. W. Carver. These people resumed their journey Thursday to Milford, Utah, where Mr. C. will engage in the banking business. He has been engaged for several years past in handling cattle on quite an extensive scale for the Chicago and other eastern markets. N. Payne and his daughter, Mrs. Pecard, came in Friday evening by team from Bogus, Calif., to do trading with our merchants. They tell us that they scarcely had any idea how cheap goods could be bought until they arrived here. These people are but the advance guard of a large number who will deal with our business houses from their section of the country in the future. They will return this fall and stock up for the winter as they make lots of money by doing so. To keep posted they subscribed for THE MAIL. They are fully aware of the fact that those who do business are those who advertise what they have for sale. Hence the subscription; see? Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Beckett returned Tuesday from Ft. Wrangel, Alaska. They are fully convinced that Southern Oregon is quite the proper place in which to live happily, die of old age and be honored because of the upright, honest life all people of this neck of the sugar pine belt are by climatic conditions compelled to lead. Mr. Beckett is not losing any time throwing bouquets at that northern country, but he is saying that there do be a heap o' big stories printed that would put a double geared grin to the countenance of the hardened Ananias. These good people will anchor right here in this blooming, bustling Hub city of ours—and they won't go wandering any more. W. V. Lippincott, our genial Southern Pacific agent, and family returned Wednesday from their visit to quite a number of the cities to the north of us and report having had a splendid time. They were in Seattle on the Fourth, where there was a great demonstration. It took the parade over one hour to pass a given point. In the parade were three companies of English troops (Canadian militia). They seemed to take an equal interest with the Americans in celebrating Sampson's victories. This is said to have been the second time in the history of the country that English troops have been on American soil in public demonstrations—the first being at the World's Fair at Chicago. Walter accompanied his parents home. He has been in attendance at school at Mt. Angel. A Paradise for the Poor. London will soon become the ideal home of the poor man. Lord Rowton, the well-known private secretary of the late Lord Beaconsfield, is extending in every direction in the vast British metropolis his eminently successful scheme of cheap hotels, built and run on the same lines as the Mills hotels in this city. And now Sir Thomas Lipton has made arrangements to follow suit, by establishing all over London restaurants of an analogous character, where substantial and good meals can be obtained for cost price. It is not proposed to run these restaurants at a loss, but neither is it intended to run them at a profit.—N. Y. Tribune. Bacteria in Wine. A German professor reports he has found living bacteria in wine which had been bottled 25 or 30 years.

OUR COUNTY . . . Correspondents

Central Point Items. Married—In Central Point precinct, June 29, 1898, by Rev. J. L. Stratford, Israel J. Hanson and Mrs. Sarah L. Peninger. Prof. Samuels and pupils closed their school last Friday with a picnic on the river which was heartily enjoyed by them after their hard term's work. Mr. and Mrs. S. Minnick went to Medford to call on Mrs. Chas. Hogland last Monday. They report her rapidly improving in health which is good news for her many friends here. Miss Minnie Hookenjos has just finished teaching a four months' term of school at Flounce Rook and returned home to spend her vacation. This was Miss Minnie's first experience as a teacher, but judging from reports of her success, teaching will be her life's vocation. It is with sincere regret we learn of one of our best family's intention of leaving our town to make their home elsewhere. Mr. and Mrs. B. Newton start next Monday on a pleasure trip and with the object of looking for a desirable location, and if such is found they will move away leaving behind a host of friends wishing them success. "Take romantic old grounds, some white-gowned girls. Wreath the rose buds among their curls— Some pleasant old ladies with eyes that seem To overlook wrong, to dish up the ice cream; Crowds of good people on pleasure intent, Who'll purchase your cake 'till their last dime is spent, Mix well, and o'er all pour a flood of moonlight, Making bright eyes brighter, and dimmed eyes bright." The above quotation came to our mind when we heard the announcement that next Friday evening, July 15th, an ice cream social would be given by Mrs. Parker's Sunday school class. It will be held at the beautiful home of Mrs. M. Purkelle which has been generously placed at their disposal for the purpose. The affair cannot be otherwise than satisfactory both financially and socially under the auspices of so many prominent young ladies. L. M. Phoenix Items. Morton & Reame will start their new header the first of next week. John Devenney came over from California last week to celebrate and visit with his folks for a few days. J. Patterson has ordered a new threshing machine and intends to commence threshing about the middle of July. Arthur Rose came over from the Davenport mine in Siskiyou County last Saturday to spend the Fourth, returning Tuesday morning. There was a fine monument erected over the grave of Samuel Colver, one of the oldest pioneers of the valley, last week. Mrs. Russell, of Ashland, did the work. C. E. Stewart is making preparations to build his fruit dryer. It will be one of the largest in Southern Oregon. Clint has an immense crop of prunes to dry. A NOTABLE SCHOOLHOUSE. In the First Meeting in Favor of Secession in South Carolina Was Held. "While down in Abbeville, S. C., recently," said Rev. Frank Parsons, of New York, "I visited the famous schoolhouse there. The building is not exactly famous for the character of the education that is given there, though I am inclined to think it compares favorably with its section of the country but for the part it played during the war of the rebellion. It was in this schoolhouse that the first meeting was held in favor of the secession of South Carolina, the first state to secede from the union. It was also the place where the first resolution of secession was ever passed. In a few weeks it was the scene of the organization of the first military organization which tendered its services to the confederate government, which company, by the way, was the first company accepted by that government. The first man who lost his life in the war, on the confederate side, belonged to that company, and he was the first man who enlisted. He was killed by the accidental discharge of a musket, which, it is said, was the first musket that was issued to the company, though that I am not as positively informed as I am about the other facts under consideration. It was also one of the first schools to be closed in consequence of the war for school purposes. All these are remarkable enough in their way as interesting facts in connection with the rebellion, but it can also be truthfully said that it was in this building that Jefferson Davis and his cabinet held their last cabinet session of the confederate government. From this building they escaped, and it was only a short distance from there that the confederate president and the mem-

bers of his cabinet were captured. Rather remarkable, was it not, in view of the extent of the southern states, that the end, practically, should have been in the identical building where the actual beginning of the confederate government occurred? Now, couple with the above the other fact, even more remarkable, seemingly, that Abraham Lincoln died upon the identical bed and in the same room that his assassin, John Wilkes Booth, had slept in for a long time in this city, and there is a wonderful combination of the often-expressed idea that this is a small world."—Washington Star. MIND AND DISEASE. Too Much Mental Activity Will Kill One in a Very Short Time. When a man is in the excited stage of alcoholism—that is, has had a quantity of alcohol sufficient, not to make him drunk, but to stimulate the processes of his thought—we find him talking rapidly and vividly, and if we are ourselves the man, we find ourselves thinking in pictures with very great rapidity—that is, each thought or mental picture leads instantly to another. But we know this to be morbid and the result of alcohol poisoning. And we know it to be disastrous to the brain to repeat this process often. We know further that the same thing may occur without the alcoholic poison. In persons of a certain temperament, called sensitive or emotional, any little disturbance in circumstance or change of word will in the same way set the mind off, rattling it; it may happen even without any marked cause at all. Such a one will, in body, compose himself to sleep, in bed, but that is not what his mind is proposing. It passes from thought to thought, from memory to memory, from picture to picture, and at last the very possibility of sleep departs. By morning the wearied brain is unable either to think of anything or not to think of anything, and two more such nights would mean insanity or apoplexy. This form of wear and tear of brain, like the alcoholic, is morbid. No one would deny that. Yet that is what we all do, in lesser degree. It is an example of an extreme degree of that utter uncontrol and unconcentration of thought of which every one of us in lesser degree is guilty, and as in this form the brain may be destroyed unless help comes in a few days, so in the course of years we perhaps all destroy our brains and die prematurely from useless wear and tear, due to unconcentrated, wandering weakness of thought.—National Review. THROUGH PANAMA. How an Isthmian Canal Would Affect the Commerce of the World. The situation may thus be summarized: The existing lines of trade seem sufficient to carry the products between countries that are in a line with an isthmian canal. To multiply ships will not make trade, as the products to be traded in must first be raised. A survey of the east and its needs and supplies leads to the conviction that an economic revolution must take place before any great change in production and expansion of commerce can be expected. In South America the centers of production are on the eastern coast, and would receive little demand from Asia or the west of the United States. What is obtained from the west coast of South America will bear a transport round the Horn. The carriage of merchandise between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of the United States alone may offer a prospect of some small increase, but this increase cannot be measured. The rise of the Suez passage in importance is no gauge of a Panama canal, for the productions of India and Australia, which have more and more appealed to the markets of Europe, and made the canal what it is, will still use that path, and find little or no advantage in passing through Panama. My conclusion is that a canal will be an undoubted commercial convenience; it is not a necessity. It will not result in an immediate or extensive development of trade among the continents, and the commercial interests of the United States in any event are of even less importance than the interests of Europe.—Worthington C. Ford, in Harper's Magazine. Seven Wonders of the World. We have no indication of the existence of a cycle of seven wonders until about the end of the second century B. C. Then appears, in an epigram of Antipater of Sidon, an enumeration of seven great works, which prove to be the very ones later appearing as the seven wonders. They are: (1) the Walls of Babylon; (2) the Statue of Zeus at Olympia; (3) the Hanging Gardens of Semiramis at Babylon; (4) the Colossus of Rhodes; (5) the Pyramids of Memphis; (6) the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus; (7) the Temple of Diana (Artemis) at Ephesus. Within the next century, Varro, by his leisurely allusion to the septem opera, betrays that the saying had already assumed current proverbial form. Diodorus, in the second half of the same century (first B. C.), speaks, too, of "the so-called seven works"; and Strabo, a little later, uses the very phrase, "the seven wonders." From this time on, at least, the septem miracula have an assured place in all the common lore of Rome. The little Greek treatise, "On the Seven Wonders," which has come down to us in incomplete form, and under the name of Philo of Byzantium, an engineer of the second century B. C., is really, as its style and artificial periphrasis amply show, the work of some rhetorician of the fifth or sixth century after Christ, and in no wise chargeable against the otherwise blameless record of the excellent man of facts and machines. The list it gives is the same as that found in Antipater's epigram.—Prof. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, in Century.

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Market Report. The following are the prices paid by our merchants this week for farm produce. This list will be changed each week as the prices change: Wheat 40 Oats \$2.20 per 100 lbs Flour \$1.35 " " Barley 1.00 " " Mill Feed50 " " Potatoes 10 " " New potatoes 15 per doz Eggs 20 per lb Butter024 " lb Beans, dry09 " lb Bacon04 " lb Hams07 " lb Shoulders08 " lb Lard034 " lb Hogs live

Do You Know the News? You can have it all for Per . . . 50c Per . . . Month THE TELEGRAM, Portland, Oregon. Marks & Co's large warehouse and grain elevator at Roseburg was burned last Wednesday afternoon. A strong wind fanned the fire, and at one time a large portion of the city was in danger. The building contained 2000 bushels of wheat and from 4000 to 6000 pounds of wool and bacon. The insurance was light.

Advertised Letter List. Following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed for in the Medford postoffice on July 9, '98. Geer, J. W. Mielke, Mrs. Verona Ulrich, Charles Wilson, Robert McCormick, W. W. M. D. Washburn, Prof. Elmer E. A charge of one cent will be made upon delivery of each of the above letters. Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "Advertised." M. FERRIN, Postmaster. She Appreciated the Aid Given. EDITOR MEDFORD MAIL:—Please permit me through the columns of your paper, to render my heart felt thanks to many friends for their timely aid in extinguishing the fire in my house, and also for the material aid which has been given me by placing a new roof on the house, and restoring all damage done to my home. MRS. J. R. TYCE. Superior job printing, MAIL office.

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