# PURELY PERSONAL.

Jack Morris was down from Ashland

Attorney G. W. White returned to Portland Saturday evening.

Frank Cox returned this week from a two years' stay in various California localities.

Miss Myrtle Nicholson, a type in THE MAIL office, visited over Sunday with Central Point friends.

Prof. A. J. Hanby, teacher in the Willow springs district, was in the city Wednesday upon business.

Geo. Porter returned from Wimer last week, where he has been clerking for Merchant J. W. Robinson.

Mrs. W. J. Sturges, of Grants Pass, is visiting Medford friends—the guest of Merchant Meeker and family.

H. Sutton, of Phoenix, was in Med-ford last week upon business. He has a saw-mill which he is desirous of dis-

Geo. E. Nichols, the very clever and gentlemanly Racket store man of Gold Hill, was in the city Tuesday upon business.

Thos. McAndrews, Jr., was in from Leeds this week making filings on a homestead which he recently took up in that locality.

James Hansen was at Jacksonville yesterday upon a brief visit to his crippled daughter, Sophia, who is at-tending the Sisters' schools.

Mrs. Mullen, of Grants Pass, came to Medford Tuesday and is now stop-ping out with Mrs. M. A. Williams, who is in quite feeble health.

Mrs. A. J. Anderson and Mrs. Hattie Bartlett returned to their home at Ft. Jones, Cali ., after a few weeks' visit with Medford friends and relatives.

Miss Allie Klipple was at Central Point Saturday night, her mission be-ing that of installing officers in the De-gree of Honor lodge, A. O. U. W., of that place.

Mrs. Chas. Childs and family re-turned last week from Leland, where Charlie has been employed in mining for some time. He is now engaged in a like vocation at Wi.ner.

R. W. Gray came down from the mills Monday evening, and upon re-turning Tuesday he was accompanied by Mrs. Gray, who has been staying in Medford for several months.

Ed. Wells came up from Gold Hill yesterday upon business—but he didn't have time to do much—too busy shaking hands with his friends—every person of whom is which—in Medford.

Joe Olwell, he who has been clerk-ing in the Deuel & Stevens mercantile establishment for several months, is taki g a few weeks' lay-off and has re-turned to his home at Central Point.

W. B. Roberts returned Monday from a visit to the mines at Leland. He re-ports that a day and sight force is be-ning worked at the mine and that there is plenty of water for all mining pur-

Merchant W. B. Stevens and family left Medford Monday evening for their new home at Albany. Numerous friends were at the depot to bid them farewell— all prof. se with wishes for the fam-ily's happiness in their new home.

Jce Caskey, the blacksmith, is down from Ashland for a few days' visit.
Joe claims to have good reasons for
stating that Medford is the best town
in Southern Oregon. While this bit of
encouragement is good to hear, it is
not news to us people—we have known
it all the time.

M. Perkins, he who has been at work at the Proudfoot-Gray saw mills, on Rogue river, came to Medford Monday after his daughter. The two returned to the mills Tuesday where the young lady will act as governess to Mr. Price's children. Mr. Perkins will resume his work at the mill.

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Merchant C. I. Hutchison left Tuesday morning for Pasadena, Calif., for a visit to Mrs. H., who has been stopping in that city with her sister, Mrs. Shaffer, for the past four or five months. Mrs. Shaffer's health is not much improved. Mrs. Hutchison may return with her busband for a few weeks' stay at hears.

W. W. Edington was up from Cen-

Postmaster F. M. Manning, of Leeds, was in the valley this week upon business. He reports about six inches of snow at his place and pretty plenty la grippe. Pretty nearly everybody has been sick, he says, but they are all better now. In many cases a speedy cure was effected by the use of a balsam mude from white plue boughs.

A. C. Edler, of Lake Creek, was in Medford Tuesday upon business. He is one of the several prosperous farmers and stock men of that locality, and he has it put up that next year's stock business will be a profitable one-to producers. He is winte ing about forty head—and don't propose to sell in the spring, as he has heretofore done.

Miss Laura Burnett left Medford Sat Miss Laura Burnett left Medford Saturday evening for her home at Eugene, where she will remain until sometime in April when she will probably return and again take a position as trimmer in Mrs. L. J. Sears millinery establishment—a position which she has held for several months past—and proved very entrafactory mike to Mrs. Sears very intisfactory and her patrons.

M. E. Wood and son, Freddle, of Weaverville, Calif., arrived in Medford this week and will remain with us for a time. He has recently disposed of

his confectionery business in Weaver-ville. It is the gentleman's wife, Mrs. L. M. Wood, who purchased the Grater in this city a few weeks ago—and who is building up a good trade, Mr. Wood is a fine appearing gentleman and The Matt hopes he will stay with us.

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W. H. Norcross, the Central Point nurseryman, was in Medford Monday. He reports that last year his nursery business made a fine advance in the way of sales—and satisfaction to all purchasers. His opinion right now is that next season, or rather, this season, will mark a greatly increased demand for his stock of trees, which trees he states could not possibly be in better shape than they are now. He will have out this year more agents than heretofore and these will cover thoroughly all of Southern Oregon.

Chas. M. Barker, from Sheboygan

Chas. M. Barker, from Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin, was in Medford last week upon a search for his rather, who week upon a search for his tather, who is some place on the coast, but just where he is unable to state. The old gentleman is 95 years of age and he has not been heard from by his son since 90. A man of his description was seen at McAllister springs a couple of years ago, but no definite trace was secured. His last known stopping place was Roseburg. Mr. Barker left this week for the Sound country where he thinks his father may have gone.

H. W. Stevens and family left Med-

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Wm. Baptist, of Sawyer Bar, Calif., was in Medford this week looking after some mine investments which he contemplates making.

T. Nopach, of Portland, manager of the Nicolai milling company, was in Medford this week upon a visit to Perry Stewart and family.

James Hansen was at Jacksonville yesterday upon a brief visit to his crippled daughter, Sophia, who is attending the Sister's schools.

#### Rev. Haberly on "Seaman's Abuses"

Entror Medford Man, Dear Sir:—
Will you kindly allow me space to
call attention to the report of the committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce on "Seaman's Abuses?" The object of the report is to give information
to the people of Oregon on an abuse and
system of cruelty perpetrated upon one
of our most important class of workmen
—the seamen, and to cause the people
to urge their representatives and state
senators to support a bill to correct the
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From the report before me I find that there arrived in Portland during the year ending July 1, 1898, 2,182 seamen, of whom 778 deserted their ships at Portland, which is just a trifle more than thirty-six per cent of the entire number. But the great majority are not deserters. They are enticed and decoyed from their vessels. They are intimidated with threats and forced from their vessels by "crimps," or sailor boarding house keepers. Sometimes the captains connive and even consent to this method of voiding contracts which usually run for three years. The sailors thus lose their entire wages if they desert the ship and the captains and the crimps profit thereby. After these sails or shave been gotten from their vessels they are detained in the boarding house until they are "sold" to departing vessels. For shipping these men the boarding house keeper receives from \$55 to \$107.50 each. About \$51,000 was paid as year to these crimps, shanghaiers and boarding house keepers by the captains of the vessels which come to Portland during the year. The whole thing is an outrage and a blot upon the fair name of our state. It is a crime that has few parallels for the boldness and cruelty of its operators. These poor workmen are robbed in Portland alone, of about \$100,000 a year, estimating the amount due sailors at about the same as the amount which is charged for reshipping them. Why should this injustice be tolcrated any longer? Why should a class of laborers who earn every cent of their meager wages, be permitted to be robbed and cheated with few or no friends to assist them or protect them in finds affair? Of course the good name of Portland suffers most, but the shame falls upon the whole state. And then there is another and a very practical view of the matter to take which vitally interests all farmers and shippers of the state. Every dollar added to the cost of marketing our producer. Captains

W. W. Edington was up from Central Point last week upon business. The gentleman reports, as have many others of the valley, that good fortune in the shape of crops and stock smiled upon him during the season of '98 and —in his own language:—"There are but few of us fellows who did not do well last year."

Jap O'Harra was up from Tolo Mondsy upon business. Among his several purchases was a year's subscription to THE MAIL for his brother at Pendleton, Ore. Jap reports the recent pocket find in the old Tolo mine as being a good one and that the gentlemen who made the find are making ready to open the ledge up still further.

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"In an election contest in Yolo county, California, Judge Gladdis has rendered a decision rejecting the entire vote of South Precinct because the election officers twice during the election day locked up the polling place and went to a farm house a mile away for their meals."-Yreka Journal.



DOCTOR MEYER8 & CO. Specialists for Men No Pay Till Cured.

Unfortunate men who can-not call should write for ad-rice and private both-rygams. Thousands cured at home-als No Charge for Consultation. 731 HAR PEANCISCO | Elevater Entrance.

### County Commissioners' Court.

Paul Gaston's claim for \$66.75, as damage for articles lost on free ferry near Eagle Point, continued.

F D Wagner, printing delinquent tax list, \$121.50; continued.

The taxes having been paid on lots 8 and 9, see 34, tp 36, riw, upon which Jackson County holds a certificate, the certificate is cancelled.

Bond of J C Pondleton, assessor, in the sum of \$5000, approved.

Hospital report of Emil DeRoboam, keeper, approved.

keeper, approved.
County officers' reports examined, compared and approved.
All of the 33 south, range 4 west, lying in Jackson County, added to road district No 27.
The same of the 23 south at 3 w added to

triet No 27.
Township 33 south, r 3 w, added to to road district No 28.
Section 36, to 32 s, r 2 w, added to road district No 31.
Ordered that a warrant for \$67.97 be drawn on road fund in favor of Joshus Patterson for improvement is road district No 3.
A warrant for \$15 drawn on special county fund for postage stamps.

county fund for postage stamps. Semi-annual settlement with sheriff and tax collector continued until Feb-

and tax collector continued until February.

In matter of a change in county road through premises of Geo W Winetrout; continued.

Tax levy for Jackson County for 1898; State purposes, 5 70-100 mills on each and every dollar; county school purposes, 5 mills; indigent soldiers, 5-100 mills; county purposes, 10 75-100 mills; county purposes, 10 The foregoing levy makes an increase of about \$11,400 over the amount levied for the same purpose last year, of which sum \$10,000 is the increase in the levy for state purposes and the balance, \$1400, is the increase on the amount levied for county purposes.

county purposes. BILLS ALLOWED.

The following bills were allowed at the January meeting of the County Commissioners' court:

Wm 8 Crowell, county judge. Alex Orme Gus Newbury. Peter Applegate L L Jacobs. 250 00 116 66 66 66 56 33 97 00 14 50 L L Jacobs.
G A Gregory, superintendent,
bwen Keegan, janitor
lohn Watkins
Jus Newbury, freight charges on steel
furniture for recorder's office, \$50.38;
express on ovidence sent to supreme
court, \$3.50. court. \$3.85 J. Florey and others, drawing jury list for Eagle Point. S. Jacobs and others, drawing jury list for Central Point. eo Hiues, team hire for county purposes.
J Beck, supplies for E Hubbard, 5 00

indigent.

Dr Chas Hines, medical services to tramp and to prisoners.

Chas Hamilton, work on Poormans creek bridge.

Bounty on coyote scalps.

Reames Hros, supplies for indigents.

Glass & Frudhomme, document files and envelopes. envelopes.
J Nunan, supplies for Hatch
groceries for Mrs Hudson.
supplies for 6 Pierce.
John Engle, riprapping bank of creek
at Lake Creek bridge.
St Louis Art Metal Co, metal vault
furniture for recorder. 40 0

at Lake Creek bridge.

at Louis Art Metal Co, metal vault furniture for recorder.

M McKee, 469 feet of lumber fer Big Butte bridge
Butte bridge
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ien precinct
Robinson, medicine for prisoners
d indigents
Continuous lumber for road district 30 00 B Butler, commissioner, 4 days and 50 miles...
P P Smith, indigent supplies ....
Wm S Crowell, transportation and for 21 80 10 00

sundries. Arthur Wilson, repairs to tools, district house.

M E Worlow, lumber for bridge, district
No 7
Glass & Prudhomme, records and sup-B 80 I, Jacobs, supplies for treasurer's of-

fice...
E DeRobosm, caring for and burying Marion a state pauper...
F P Smith, supplies for indigents.....

commencement of year 1899:

Funds on Hand-County Treasury. County Treasurer Jacobs reports the

Communicement of year 1899:

General Fund. 945:

General Fund. 925:

County Schools 432:

Send Fund 172

Soldiers' Relief Fund. 96

Surpius Tax Sales 399:

City of Medford. 12

City of Ashland. 154:

School District No 1. 12

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How to Prevent Pneumonta You are perhaps aware that pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of la grippe. During the epidemic of la grippe a few years ago when so many cases resulted in pneumonia, it was observed that the attack was never followed by that disease when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was never to contract any target and the contracts any tangency of a Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was used. It counteracts any tendency of a cold or la grippe to result in that dangerous disease. It is the best remedy in the world for bad colds and la grippe. Every bottle warranted. For sale by Chas. Strang, druggist, Medford; Dr. J. Hinkle, Central Point.

## Advertised Letter List.

Following is a list of letters remaining uncalled for in the Modford postonice on January 11, 1899.
Costels, Goo
Prindexter, Walter
Smith, Mrs Bortha
Turnor, John
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A charge of one cent will be made upon de livery of each of the above letters. Persons calling for any of the above etters will please say." Advertised." M. PURDIN, Postmaster.

### List of Jurors for 1899.

Following are the jurors drawn by the county court for the year 1899; ASHLAND.

he county court for the year 1890:

ASHLAND.

H S Evans, merchant
Wm Addison, farmer
O Wister, merchant
J Lestie Corbett, civil engineer
F H Carter, banker
I W Burries, merchant
J K Van Sant, merchant
G K Yan Sant, merchant
C M Poley, merchant
H C Messe, ger, manufacturer
G W Smith, farmer
Geo Owens, farmer
Geo Owens, farmer
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Geo Owens, farmer
Geo Dunn, farmer
H C H Veght, capitalist
Wm H Shepherd, larmer
R K Sutton, liveryman
Jacob Thompson, capitalist
S M Rhodes, merchant
J B Sayles, deliveryman
W A Patrick, clerk
A C Spencer, farmer
Geo Crowson, merchant
M Berry, official
R P Neil, manufacturer
Joseph Alnut, capitalist
John J Murphy, farmer
J L Grubb, farmer
G M Grainger, miner
U S G Heiman, florist J L Grubb, farmer
G M Grainger, miner
U S G Helman, florist
Wm Hevener, merchant
Horace Hicks, capitalist
J B R Hutchins, farmer
Jesse Houck, merchant
Wm Myer, farmer
C Farnham, manufacturer
Ray Minkler, merchant
C E Nininger, capitalist
John R Norris, merchant
GOLD HILL.

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Thos P Kahler, merchant
J W Marksberry, merchant
I E DeBoy, merchant
J W McDougal, farmer
W S McClure, miner
J H Crawford, farmer
J H Grawford, farmer
G R Hammersley, farmer
W E Darling, farmer
E E Miner, capitalist

BOCK POINT

ROCK POINT. Henry White, farmer Benj Haymond, merchant J U Smith, manufacturer Wm H Newton, farmer

UNIONTOWN. S R Coffman, farmer S R Coffman, farmer
Phil Gleave, farmer
Jas Buckley, farmer
Zach Cameron, capitalist
W H Bostwick, farmer
Miles Cantrall, farmer
EDEN.
J G Norton, farmer
W R Coleman, farmer
L A Rose farmer

W R Coleman, farmer L A Rose, farmer C Klicehammer, farmer J O'Toole, mechanic Jas Hukill, mechanic F E Furry, farmer W G Bishop, farmer John W Mills, farmer C E Stewart, farmer

W McPherson, farmer Peter Elmer, farmer
Bert Barnes, jeweler
W J Boosey, farmer
L F Christian, farmer
P Donegan, mechanic
J M Guches, farmer
H V Heims, merchant
N Kine, farmer
L A Murphy, merchant
John S Orth, merchant
A Schmidtlein, mechanic
J H Shideler, farmer
Jas A Wilson, mechanic
PLEASANT CREEK.
John Owens, farmer
John Hillis, farmer
Jos Burkhartt, farmer
Chas Williams, farmer
J W Scott, farmer
MEDFORD.
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J W Scott, farmer
MEDFORD.

I A Mounce, merchant
J W Redden, horticulturist
Thos McAndrews, capitalist
G H Haskins, merchant
Chas Strang, merchant
W H Gore, farmer
S Rosenthal, merchant
J O Forguson, merchant
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J D Grizzel, mechanic
Arthur Wells, drayman
J W Miller, mechanic
S W Speas, farmer
D T Sears, capitalist
Chas Phiester, horticulturist
W T York, agent
Dillion Hill, farmer
Frank Stephenson, farmer Frank Stephenson, farmer G L Schermerhorn, merchant G W Priddy, contractor Ed Pottenger, merchant W B Jackson, bookkeeper W B Jackson, bookkeeper
B F Adkins, capitalist
H E Boyden, merchans
D Brooks, tinner
A S Bliton, publisher
Fred Barneburg, capitalist
E W Starr, capitalist
I A Wabb, merchant
W F Halley, contractor
CENTRAL POINT.
W J Freeman, merchant

W J Freeman, merchant
W M Gregory, Jr, farmer
Frank Amy, farmer
W W Sootk, farmer
R C Hensley, farmer
Ben Beall, farmer
J W Smith, farmer
Oliver Bursell, farmer
John Olements, centractor
John Olwell, farmer John Olwell, farmer
Ralph Dean, farmer
Wm Wright, farmer
J W Ingram, miner
S Minnick, farmer
W H Norcross, farmer
O R Pankey, farmer
C A Pruitt, farmer
CHIMNEY ROCK.
W C Daley, farmer
Chas Kingle, farmer
J W Nichols, farmer
J W Slinger, farmer
J W Slinger, farmer
H E Ankeny, miner John Olwell, farmer

STERLING.
H E Ankeny, miner
J H Crump, miner
WOODVILLE.
Wm. J Breeden, farmer
Charles White, farmer
Oscar Simpkins, farmer
B F Carter, farmer
C M Irvin, firmer
WATKINS.
C B Dews, farmer
W R Phillips, farmer
H H Mitchell, farmer—Meadow;
J D Shearer, miner—Steamboat -Mondows

RAGLE POINT.
Thos Nichols, farmer
Thos Riley, farmer
Jacob Walsh, farmer

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Geo W Heckathorn, farmer
A C Howlett, farmer
A Pool, mechanic
D Cingoald, farmer
Jos Rader, farmer
TARLE ROCK.
W R Dickisson, farmer
Jasper Rogens, farmer
Donnie Duggan, farmer
W M Scott, farmer
Perry Foster, farmer
J C Martin, farmer
S F Moriae, farmer
M A Houston, farmer
APPLEGATE,

APPLEGATE, J C Knutzen, farmer Ernest O'Brien, farmer John Louden, farmer H A Rehkoph, farmer Fritz Ruch, farmer Jonathan Wells farmer

TALENT.

A Alford, farmer
E K Auderson, farmer
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H T Terroll, farmer
D P Twogood, farmer
S H Dunlap, farmer
J E Foss, farmer

TRAIL. Arthur Morrison, farmer Harvey Richardson, farmer FOOTS CREEK.
W S Coverdale, farmer
Geo Lance, miner

### MISS LEITER'S PAPER CROWN

#### When a Child the Lady Said She Would He a Queen Some Day.

That is a very interesting story which relates how Mrs. Curzon, when little Miss Leiter, was seen strutting up and down a room wearing a paper crown while she remarked: "I will be a queen some day." The lady who tells the story, says the Chicago Post, adds significantly that "many a truth is spoken in jest." All of which is undeniably true, but at the same time we have no special reason to believe that the prediction has been verified or is likely to be verified, or that little Miss Mary prophetically gave utterance to a sparkling truth. We suppose there has never been a little girl in this delightful city of Chicago who has not at one time or another adorned herat one time or another adorned her-self with a paper crown and announced that she was going to be a queen. Lit-tle girls have a weakness for this sort of thing, and yet we have no recollection that any young woman of our town has ever ascended a throne, save for temporary and unimportant pur poses. Somebody has said that al poses. Somebody has said that all American women are queens. Of course, not even the women them-selves believe such wild hyperbole, but it is a gallant remark, and if it makes them feel good for the time being there is no objection to the phrase. Let the little girls play with their paper crowns and utter their mock sol-emn predictions, for we are making history nowadays, and Cuba or Ha-wall or the Philippines may yet ask for a queen.

#### READY TO BE THRILLED. The Harrowing Experience of a West era Girl While Sightseeing

In Boston.

Not many days ago a bright gir from a neighboring state atopped for a short time in Chicago while on her way home from a lengthy stay at the Atlantic seaconst. This was her first visit east, and she had gone there prepared to be thrilled by all sorts of emotions evoked by historic mem-ories. She came back considerably dis-Illusionized and merrily tells severs good stories at her own expense. While in Boston she went sight-seeing un der the guidance of her sister-in-law and declares that while in the Copp' hill burying ground she had the thrill of her life. The old cemetery is, of course, a good place for arousing patriotic emotions, but when that idea is suggested to this western girl she

"As soon as my sister-in-law and l got into the place," she said, "I found myself almost stepping over a grave with an inscription on a queer little iron-covered sort of tomb. I jumped you step on a grave, and rend the inscription, just three initials, no name or date. 'Isn't it pathetic?' I said to my sister-in-law. 'Oh, I don't said to my sister-in-law. 'Oh, I don't know,' she answered, 'B. W. W. means Boston water works.' Oh, I had s long thrill there for about five seconds, but it was the last. After the awful prosaic shock administered by my sister-in-law I believe I could stand at Adam's grave without a a quiver."

## THE LATE-STAYING CALLER.

#### He Absolutely Forces Host and Host ess to Utter Falsehoods and Things Uncomplimentary.

Friend Staylate makes a call in the Friend Staylate makes a call in the evening. Conversation blithe and joyous, and repeated requests for him to remain yet a little while, lead him, not at all unwilling, to prolong his visit, writes Robert J. Burdette, in Ladies' Home Journal. He looks at his watch with a gasp of ganuing dismay, and with a gasp of genuine dismay, and hurries away slowly at last with profuse apologies for keeping us up until such an hour. "Oh, indeed, no!" choruses the entire family. "This is early for us! We never think of going to our rooms until an hour later than this." Friend Staylate loiters a moment after he gets outside the gate. Slam goes the door; bang! wang! slam! go the shutters, calling harshly to each other: "Thought that fellow never would go!" Bang! "Why didn't he stay all night?" Slam! And the rattle of the chain eries: "Gone at last!" The darkness of the dungeon settles down on Friend Staviate loiters a moment after the house; the family has gone to bed, having relieved its mind by doors and shutters that are ready to tell the truth any time they are given a chance.

## PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

"Have you seen the nose, sir?" "Nose, sir? No, sir. What nose, sir?" "Why. Cyrano's, sir." (Funeral strictly private).—L. A. W. Bulletin.

"Close up! close up!" cried the Trish captain to his company. "How do ye expect the enemy to hit ye if ye go stroggling along loke that?"—Chloago

Testing Paternal Logic.-Tommy-"Papa, if a pearl's a gem, isn't a gem a pearl?" His Father—"Certainly, my son." Tommy—"Then what's a dia-mond?"—Jawaier's Weekly.

Conjurer-"Now, my little man are you quite sure there is nothing in your pocket?" Tommy—"Yes, sir—positive. The rabbit you put there before the performance got away."—Answers.

Purchasing Peace.—"Hopkins always carries coughdrops to the theater." "Is his cough troublesome?" "Not be car-

carries coughdrops to the theater." "Is his cough troublesome?" "No; he carries them to quiet other people's coughs."—Chicago Daily Record.

The Lieutenant—"Is that one of your men over in that field?" The Orderly—"It is, sir." "Who is it?" "Fassett, the plumber." "What is he doing in that culon patch?" "Looking for leeks, sir." —Vonkers Statesman. -Yonkers Statesman.

In one of the neighboring villages there is a cemetery, over the gate of which there is the following announcement: "By order of the judge of the civil registry only the dead who live in this village shall be interred in this ne-cropolis."—Mexican Herald. He Was Paid in Full.—"But, mon,

He Was Paid in Full.—"But, mon, mon," expostulated the old Presby-terian elder, hotly, "is that no a veery heavy fee you've charged me?" "Surely not, when you consider that I saved your life." "But why sas much for keeping a mon oot o' Heaven?" "Well, to tell you the truth," responded the doctor, coolly, "I didn't know where you were going."—Town Topics. Topics.

## PAINT'SAVED OUR SHIPS.

## The Dull Tint Used as War Paint Hade Them Poor Targets for Symmerds.

"I am delighted to read the telegrams from Washington that the American warships are being painted white again," said Col. K. B. Brown at the Russ house the other night. The colo-nel is from Virginia City and, like most Nevadana, he oscillates between the Russ and Palace—boards at the first and talks politics in the rotunds of the

other.
"White is the color of peace, and that "continued Col. is what suits me," continued Col. Brown. "It suits me especially when it is won in such a glorious fashion as was set by Dewey and Schley. When our floating fighting machines visit other countries they will still be properly designated as the white navy, and no prettier or sturdier ships ever made furrows in the sea.

"This changing the color of our ships is expensive, but it is a good investment, When I was at Santiago de Cuba on a press boat four weeks ago I took a good look at the war boats in their fighting paint and it convinced me that the Yan-kee who got up that idea was no bevel-leaded amateur. He knew what he was doing, and the government was wise in

doing, and the government was wise in accepting the suggestion.
"The dirty, neutral that of the vessels made them look as if they were merging into the marine waterscape. You could scarcely tell where the ships ended and the water began, so that it was much more difficult to draw a bead on them than if they had been painted in any clear color. The Spanlards are poor marksmen, of course, but I believe that our ships escaped many a shot and shell by putting on the neutral tint. Our by putting on the neutral tint. Our American Indians always put on their war paint before going into battle, and why shouldn't our fighting ships?"— Sen Francisco Examiner.

# HOT ON THE WIRE.

# A Bit of Important Society That Was Unfortunately Delayed.

The other night-or, rather, it was early in the morning—the telephone in a certain newspaper office rang loud and long. Most of the workers had newspaper people contrive to put in between times, but there was one man on , the "dog watch"—that is, you know, he was the one person detailed to stay around the office and be ready for anyhour of the day-about, well, some-where around three a. m.-when the telephone in a newspaper office rings -it generally means a police story that is worth looking up, so the "dog watch" hastened to arswer the summons, "Hello!" said a voice. "Is it too late

to get something in to-morrow's pa-

"No lif it's important," was the reply. "
"Oh jit is," assuringly.
The reporter rushed for a pad of paper and a pencil, screwed his ear up to the telephone again and said: "All right. Fire away, there."

Then the voice was heard again, trem-

lous with emotion.
"The engagement of Miss —— to Mr. - is announced." There was an explosion of wrath at

the press end of the line, and the rules of the telephone company restraining irste persons from indulgting in pro-fanity were smashed in smithercens.

"Why under the blankety-blank-blank" (that wasn't exactly what was said, but it will do, you know), "didn't you send in such stuff earlier in the day?"

day?"
"But I couldn't," said the voice,
"But I couldn't," said the voice,
anologetically, "You see, it just hapapologetically. "You see, it j pened."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

A Nonconductor.

Manager of 'Trolley Line—I think we can take you. What is your name?.

Applicant—Glass.

"Good day, sir. You can never be a "—Brooklyn Life.