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CITY HAPPENINGS.

Talk of your pleasant times and then say something of your really enjoyable occasions—and then some—and you can then be in proper shape to mention something about the good time which the members of Tallman lodge, No. 31, K. of P., had on Monday evening of this week. The occasion was that of installation of officers and the members had figured upon having a little time all by themselves at the close of these ceremonies, but some of the good wives of these always good and indulgent members, sort of figured all by themselves that if there was to be a gala time they would just naturally drop in on their lesser halves and enjoy some of the good time with them. Arrangements had previously been made by the boys for Frank Wilson to furnish an oyster supper for them—the boys and these plans, you can rest assured were not interfered with by the ladies. Unbeknown to many of the members, and at a time just prior to installation and marched into the Castle Hall and took part, by their presence, in the ceremonies—and as well a part of the oyster supper—which was first-class in every particular. The officers installed, by installing Officer, Dr. W. S. Jones, were: F. M. Wilson, council commander; J. F. Wait, vice commander; Eugene Orr, prelate; C. W. Wolters, M. of W.; S. E. Cole, K. of R. and S.; E. D. Elwood, M. of F.; C. C. Fletcher, M. of Ex.; G. L. Schermerhorn, M. of A.; Asa Fordyce, inside guard. The ladies who joined with the men folk upon this festive occasion were: Mesdames Luy, Wilson, McGowan, Curry, Butler, Schermerhorn, Jones, Eynart, Elwood, Lumsden, Fletcher, Harry Jackson, Misses Reed and Medynski.

Strained and comb honey—Davis the grocer.

There was a boy cutting affray in Medford Monday. For several days there has been quarrelsome blood circulating in the veins of Ole Oviatt and

Toilet Sets **Garden Seeds**

Those Elegant ..

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Which the good ladies of Medford were asking after have arrived.

D. M. Ferry & Co's **Choice Garden Seeds**

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We don't buy coffee in car-load lots. We buy it often and buy it fresh roasted.

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Roasted Coffee **Roasted Coffee**

officers in the Relief Corps. Mrs. W. T. Kame was installing officer and she conducted the exercises in a very praiseworthy manner. Those officers installed were Mrs. J. H. Whitman, president; Mrs. E. J. Cole, senior vice president; Mrs. Edwin, junior vice president; Mrs. N. B. Bradbury, secretary; Mrs. E. D. Rose, treasurer; Mrs. Northrop, chaplain; Mrs. G. C. Noble, conductor; Mrs. J. W. Rodden, assistant conductor; Mrs. A. T. Drisko, inside guardian. At the close of these ceremonies an excellent supper was served—the same having been prepared by the deft hands of the good ladies of the corps, and this was partaken of with a relish by the soldier boys of '03. These people have pretty good times when they get together—and no person has a right to say them nay.

For sure cure for all diseases of cattle, horses and chickens get a package of Manhattan food at Woodford's feed store.

Fort Hubbard, formerly of Medford, now with Baker & Hamilton, Sacramento, Calif., writes to W. T. York, of this city, stating that there is a gentleman down there whom he has met who is desirous of putting in a creamery plant in Southern Oregon and Fort has induced him to come to Medford and look over this county. Mr. Hubbard says he is strictly an honest man and a thorough one in the creamery business. He now owns a creamery plant which he proposes to put in here. As a guarantee of good faith he wants some of our business men or farmers to take a little stock in the plant with him. Judging from what Fort says of him and his creamery our people can well afford to get in and drill a little on this proposition. You fellows—Harvey Bennett, Thos. McAndrews, and others, who are keen for a creamery, and whose interests are directly in that line, come to the front and say what, if anything, you will do. The gentleman is coming here soon and he wants to meet you. Everybody hereabouts knows full well the good a creamery would be to us. We ought not to let this opportunity pass us by. This creamery man of whom we speak was awarded the gold medal on his butter at the California state fair.

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

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Elwood are entertainers of a very high degree. They each know full well the requirements which make visitors feel they are most heartily welcomed. Their pleasant home, corner of South C and Ninth street, was the place and last Saturday evening was the date of a very pleasant little whist party gathering. Progressive whist was played at four tables and after about three hours of a jolly, good whist time the first prize, a beautiful china cup and saucer, was awarded to J. H. Norris and the booby prize was given to W. T. York—he not having received even one star of progression. Delicious refreshments were served when the hour of eleven had been reached and soon thereafter—before Sunday had been ushered in—the party started homeward, all declaring they had not for months enjoyed so pleasant an evening. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Boylen, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. York, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Norris, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Spurr, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Bliton.

Tin shop for sale or rent. Inquire of D. Brooks, Medford.

Last Friday was installation night for the Woodmen of the World camp of Medford. The officers installed were: W. H. Meeker, chancellor commander; F. M. Parker, advisory lieutenant; H. L. Gilkey, banker; Jos. Shone, clerk; R. R. Morey, escort; H. G. Shearer, warden; W. Pickens, sentinel; G. A. Gregory, W. P. Smith, A. Slover, managers. G. F. Merriman, installing officer, very ably conducted the ceremony. After this part of the program had been carried out a musical and literary program was on the tapis and was so successfully and pleasantly presented as to elicit rounds of applause. Recitations were rendered by Misses Mae Merittman and Ethel Elliott and Master Eugene Rhinhardt; solos by Misses Anna Wait and Etta Medynski, and to all of these were added several fine selections by C. H. Payne and his excellent orchestra. The occasion was one well attended by Woodmen, Women of Woodcraft and their friends and, all in all, it was a profitable and pleasant evening.

When you are buying liquid sustenance for the inner man it don't cost any more to have that sustenance a good article—provided you buy it at the right place. Suppose you try Warnack's Mint parlors—get Cyrus Noble, bourbon or old Irish whiskeys—especially good for medicinal uses.

The real estate agency of York & Wortman has been doing a little business this week the same being the sale of the J. B. Wisly ranch to John W. Prall. The place is situated north of Medford about two miles and is considered one of the best pieces of all-round farm land in the county. There are 195 acres in the chunk and the price paid was \$8000. This is unquestionably a big bargain for Mr. Prall. He has already taken possession of the property and has moved his family thereto. He proposes doing a good bit of repairing on buildings and fences and in a general way fit the place up for a permanent home. Mr. Wisly, who by this deal, has closed out all his land possessions in that locality will move to Medford where he will reside.

Pure elder vinegar, 29 cents per gallon. Warner & Wortman.

Messrs. Wolters & Howard have their store front nearly completed—and, be it said to their credit, and to the credit of the city, it is the most up-to-date and strictly modern front in all Southern Oregon. This firm has side-tracked the well followed custom of displaying goods on the walks in front of their store and now all wares and goods to be displayed will be placed in the show windows which are miniature glass houses—and not so miniature either, they being about eight feet square and fourteen feet high. It is an innovation in the Southern Oregon show window and seemingly could be emulated with profit by other of our merchants.

Here is a rare chance for the ladies of Medford and vicinity to get an elegant handkerchief at the wholesale price. Listen to this—The Racket has bought a line of drummer's samples, no two alike, from 5 cents to \$2.50, come in and look through them. This chance does not often come. G. L. Webb.

A very delightful time was had by those who attended the dinner given by Mrs. M. P. Phipps last Thursday, in honor of the marriage of her daughter, Miss Anna, to Mr. J. Lindley, of Fairhaven, Wash. The happy couple were united in marriage Thursday, Jan. 12th, by Rev. Stratford, of Jacksonville. They took the evening train for the home of the groom, near Fairhaven. The bride is one of Medford's fairest and best respected girls, and Mr. Lindley is certainly a very fortunate young man in the gift of such a hand. And while we regret very much the loss of the bride in our community, we shower best wishes upon her for a sunny life in the new home. "Johnny" is a nephew of our esteemed townsman, G. P. Lindley, and during his short visits to Medford has made himself a favorite with everybody.

"Fine posing, lovely lighting, beautifully retouched"—is the universal verdict for Van E's portraits, Medford.

A number of Medford Royal Arch Masons and their wives attended a banquet given by their brother Masons and the ladies of the Eastern Star at Jacksonville Saturday evening and had a royally good time. In the language of one who was there—"The ladies exceeded their accustomed bounteous hospitality upon this occasion. A very inviting and taking (partaking) part of the feast was, to eastern people in attendance, the luscious Baltimore oysters, served in four styles." Those present from Medford were Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Isaacs, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. White, Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Lumsden, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Narregan, J. E. Eynart and J. U. Willeke.

Lost—Pair of spectacles, between Hotel Nash, the Nash livery stables and my residence in Southwest Medford. W. P. Dodge.

D. T. Simms and Joe Hill left Medford Tuesday evening for Cameron, Iowa. They took the pacing station Tokio with them and it is expected they will put him on the track and fit him for races in the middle west circuit. Tokio, with the right kind of handling, can be made a very speedy horse. If he cannot show a pace better than two eight inside of the next six months there is something wrong with his training. He has been known to make a quarter in thirty. Mr. Simms will follow horse training at Cameron, at which place he has a good paying position at that work awaiting him.

Two cans Yellow Crawford peaches for 25 cents. Warner & Wortman.

"Wild Oats." The most popular line of amusements in the theatrical world is the musical farce comedy and vaudeville, and such is the class of entertainment offered by Martell's Merry Makers in presenting the laughable, two act, musical farce comedy, by Oscar P. Sisson—"Wild Oats." Not a dull moment or serious thought from the rise of the curtain until the close of the entertainment. Everything new, bright and catchy. Just one long, loud laugh, interspersed with the very best of popular music. Medford opera house night only—next Saturday. Admission 25 and 50 cents.

"White Lily" and "Snow Cap" baking powder—prize with every can. Davis sells both kinds.

J. F. Wait has disposed of his property in West Medford to Charlie Llewellyn. There are two acres of land in the chunk, upon which there is a dwelling house and out buildings and the price paid was \$400. Mr. Llewellyn has sold his farm of fifty acres on Griffin creek to Lee Birch for a moneyed consideration of about \$1500 and a timber lot near the head of Griffin creek. Mr. Birch will take possession of his new possessions at once as will also Mr. Llewellyn.

Tomatoes, 10 cents per can. Warner & Wortman.

Court Hall, who was accidentally shot in the eye a few weeks ago, is able to be about the streets again. He does not hope to save the pupil of his eye and he may be able to distinguish day from night, but he is congratulating himself that he will save the ball. Mr. Hall's friends, and there are lots of them, are full of sympathy for him in his misfortune, but they are rejoicing with him that the calamity is no greater. The eyesight of his other eye is not affected.

Spring trucks for spring household moving. Wells & Shearer.

THE MAIL publisher is not a prophet, neither is he a son of a prophet; and more than that he is not the seventh son of the seventh son nor a son of a gun, but he is a guesser from Guesserville, and his parents were guessers before him and he is going to venture a guess that the Southern Pacific Railroad Company will build a new depot and freight house in Medford before another fall. This is only a guess, but he wants you to stick a pin here and mark the guess.

A Slover, the drayman, get him to do your hauling. Household goods and heavy articles carefully and safely handled. Teams always handy and teamsters courteous.

People who enjoy an evening of pure, refined, wholesome fun should avail themselves of the opportunity and attend the performance of the two act, musical farce comedy, "Wild Oats," by Martell's Merry Makers, who open an engagement at the opera house on Saturday night. But if you want to cry—stay home, for "laugh, and you weep alone."

Anyone desiring to have agates cut should call at Elwood's jewelry store, see samples and leave orders. D. S. Youngs.

H. B. Sample, who came to Medford with his family about four months ago from California, has leased the Medford laundry and on Monday took possession of the same. Mr. Sample promises our people that he will give them first-class work and is earnestly soliciting their patronage. Goods will be called for and delivered free of charge, and when delivered if they are not satisfactory he agrees to make them so.

Photographs mounted in solid gold, rolled gold and aluminum—prettiest thing out. Van E's studio, Medford.

D. B. Worthington, who was formerly editor of the Klamath Falls Express, but who now publishes a newspaper in Beloit, Wisconsin, was married at Yreka, Calif., last Thursday, to Miss Myrtle Shearer, of that place. Mr. Worthington was at one time a visitor to Medford and has many acquaintances here.

Watches cleaned and warranted for one year for \$1—Pritchard, '03.

At this Season

Of the year it is generally hard to get what you want, as all the stores are clearing out goods and run low on many lines. But the "Racket" anticipated this shortage and has stocked up on all staple lines so as to give its customers the benefit of good selections during the dull season. Our

HOSIERY is complete—all sizes **From 5c to 75c** qualities and prices.

For these cold, damp days we have the **Warmest Flannels, the Dryest Mackintoshes and Best Overshirts** that are real worth for the tired pocketbook.

This week we received another invoice of **Men's Hats and Caps and Misses' Tams** that are excellent values, at

The RACKET.

Miss Alta Naylor, who returned recently from St. Louis, Mo., is now prepared to give instructions in the Keister system of dressmaking. While in St. Louis Miss Naylor graduated from the Keister Dresscutting and Tailoring College. With each course of instruction Miss Naylor gives a Keister tailoring square and chart. After taking a course in the art of cutting and with the use of the square and chart any person is enabled to cut their own garments as well as can be done by dressmakers—and in some instances better. The Keister square is truly the most simple, perfect, accurate and complete system for cutting ever invented and by its use it is impossible to have ill-fitting and badly proportioned garments. It is simplicity itself and an inexperienced person can obtain equally as good results as an expert. It would seem more than probable that Miss Naylor will be kept busy attending to the wants of Medford ladies in this line for surely many will want the system. The lady is stopping with her sister, Mrs. G. L. Schermerhorn, corner Sixth and G streets.

A surprise party was given Dentist Arnold and wife at their home in East Medford on last Saturday. The principal amusement was that of dancing, which was indulged in to the glad strains of Prof. Paine's orchestra. Refreshments were served and a right jolly good time was had. Everybody voted the doctor and his estimable wife splendid entertainers—but that the coming of so many friends was a complete surprise no one doubted. Those present were: Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Priddy, Mr. and Mrs. John Butler, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ling, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Paine, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Schermerhorn, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Frenna, Misses Mabel Wilson and Olive Murray and there were some others present whose names our informant could not remember.

T. F. Phelps, the West Side blacksmith, has prepared a hair vigor which he is now putting on the market. He guarantees it to do a whole lot of things that are good for the head, among which is the positive growth of hair on bald heads. He proves this last assertion by removing his head covering and showing that where once he was bald now there is growing an abundance of hair. In other words he has eschewed himself from the bald headed row at opera by the use of his vigor, and he wants others to try it—the vigor, operas need no invitations.

Wednesday of this week was Frank Isaacs' thirteenth birthday and to properly celebrate the occasion a party was given to a number of his young friends at the large, pleasant home of his parents Wednesday evening. Games of various kinds were indulged in, music made up a good part of the program and a fine luncheon was served. Those present were: Misses Fern Norris, Ara Foster, Lottie Little, Mabel Elliott, Agnes Isaacs, and Masters Eugene Rhinhardt, Chalmus Danielson, Percy DeGroot, Oral Burnett, Basil Gregory, Thomas Murphy.

M. O. Warner, the gentleman who is authority and a positive cure for all the ills which pianos and organs are heir to, will be in Medford within a few days for the purpose of attending to the wants of his regular customers. Incidentally, it may be added that Mr. Warner is not averse to adding new customers to his regular list of patrons.

Mrs. Sears has a few trimmed hats remaining in stock, which will be disposed of at a low price.

Townsmen J. G. Grossman was stricken very suddenly last Friday with paralysis. He has no family and is living by himself, but he is being looked after by the G. A. R. boys, of which order he is a member. Dr. Jones is in attendance. As we go to press he is doing as well as could reasonably be expected.

W. J. Olwell writes from Davenport, Wash., at which place he is manager of the A. A. Davis Milling Company, that there are two feet of snow on the ground now and more of it falling. He also encloses a guarantee of good faith—a three dollar money order—on subscription to THE MAIL.

For Manhattan food for horses, cattle and chickens call at Woodford's feed store.

John Rallins, the Medford basket maker, is establishing a splendid reputation for his work throughout the town. He makes a good article, one that is strong and durable, and will make any design or size desired. There is no good reason why he should not do well here.

There is nothing later in the millinery line than the goods I sell. Mrs. L. J. Sears.

E. A. Langley is just naturally one of the best all-around machinists and engineers in these parts. For years expert pressmen and machinists have been tinkering with our cylinder press but not until Ernest tackled it Tuesday did the thing behave itself as it ought.

Died—Of pneumonia, at residence in Willow Springs district, on Thursday, January 19th (Gordon)

Dave Montague, who had his foot crushed by a Southern Pacific train near Phoenix a few weeks ago, is in the railroad hospital at Sacramento and is getting along finely. One of his toes will need to be amputated but the rest of his foot is coming on all right.

The pipe for the city water works was unloaded this week and delivered along the line of the proposed new pipe line, from the town well near Bear creek to the water tanks. There are 1925 feet of the pipe and it is eight inches in diameter and cast iron.

W. S. Barum while in San Francisco recently purchased a new and much larger lathe, for iron and steel turning. He also purchased a larger engine, and both of these are now being put in shape for operating in his machine shop, on South A street.

Fresh roasted eastern peanuts—at the Crater.

Mr. McDermott, a San Francisco stock buyer, shipped three carloads of cattle to San Francisco Wednesday. These were from the bands of R. Cantrell and P. Grieve. The price paid ranged from three to three and a half cents per pound.

There was born, on January 9th to Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Grigaby, a three and one-half pound girl baby. While the little one is decidedly under the average in avoirdupois it is no less a household treasure of which the parents are proud.

A letter from Alex. Galloway, a Manila soldier boy, conveys the intelligence that, while he is not as rugged in health as he would wish to be, he is not a ck and will not leave Manila until the Oregon boys are all mustered out of service.

A. M. Woodford, the feed store man, has put in a stock of Manhattan food for horses, cattle and fowls. It is guaranteed to be the best stock and fowl food on the market. Farmers should try it.

Hutchison & Lumsden have been making improvements about their general merchandise store, the same being the fitting up of a ready made clothing department at the rear of their sales-room.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Griffin are happy parents to a new boy baby which came to their pleasant farm home, on Griffin creek, on New Years day and it weighed an even ten pounds.

Messrs. Shone & Schermerhorn are putting in a full stock of new and second hand goods at Gold Hill, the first installment of which was shipped from Medford Wednesday.

J. W. Wiley shipped a carload of cattle to Portland Wednesday. These cattle were from the bands of A. Killehammer, J. Cantrell and Wm. Ulrich.

About twenty of the taxpayers of Medford school district met at the school house last Saturday and voted the usual tax of ten mills for school purposes.

The Rev. A. Haberly will not be able to fill his appointment at the Enterprise school house, Sunday, Jan. 22, as he will be away on that day.

Rev. J. S. McCain will hold services at the Independence school house next Sunday, at 3 o'clock p. m. Sunday school at 2 o'clock p. m.

The Old Fellows of Medford will have installation of officers next Saturday night. After the installation refreshments will be served.

Capt. Nash is laying plans for more improvements on his hotel property—a more extensive mention of which will be made next week.

Found—Between the Presbyterian Church and water works, a lady's pocket book. See W. K. Davis, janitor school house.

J. A. Perry and bride have commenced housekeeping in the Childers residence, near Bear creek bridge.

For rent—Dwelling house, store and hall combined. Inquire of W. H. Simmons or York & Wortman.

A girl baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. John McDonough, in Central Point, on Wednesday.

Kodak films and plates developed and finished for amateurs. Van E's studio, Medford.

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

The city council will meet tonight.

"Wild Oats" at the Opera House.

At the opera house Saturday night, Jan. 21st, will be presented Martell's Merry Makers, in the musical farce comedy, "Wild Oats," adapted from the German by Oscar P. Sisson. It is a society comedy in two acts, interspersed with specialties by different members of the company. The dialogue is bright and witty and keeps the audience in a constant roar of laughter. Incidental to the piece, and between the first and second acts, will be presented a series of beautiful historical and war pictures by the latest improved cinematograph. Between the second and third acts the Martell's bicycle troupe, one of the strongest attractions before the American public, will present their talented work, introducing the smallest child and rider in the world. Admission 25 and 50 cents.