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Medford, Oregon

CITY HAPPENINGS

Chas. L. Daley, of Salem, is in Medford this week buying prunes. The gentleman was formerly a member of the state board of horticulture. He is now an extensive grower of fruit in the Willamette valley, having upwards of 200 acres of land planted to orchards, and also does a wholesale jobbing business in Salem. Most of the dried fruit of that locality passes through his hands and, notwithstanding the fact that this was an "off year" for fruit in the Willamette, he has shipped 800,000 pounds of prunes. This is his first business trip into Southern Oregon. He is well pleased with our valley and, while telling us that we are a little shy as compared with his country in producing prunes, he is generous enough to admit that we hold over the Willamette valley in producing pears and apples. Here we grow better fruit in these varieties because of the fact that our climate is better adapted, our fruit keeps better and we do not have the apple scale to contend with as they do around Salem. Our prunes, however, are much smaller than theirs and of course grade lower. He has bought about 200,000 pounds of prunes in this vicinity and is paying four cents per pound for 40-60s, but as our fruit all grades under this of course no producer is receiving four cents. From Clint Stewart he bought 70,000 pounds, from J. McPherson 65,000 pounds, from C. A. Beaver 60,000, and from smaller growers enough to make the 200,000 pounds, or seven carloads. The prunes, he says, are nice and plump but they do not have the size. THE MAIL is glad to know that the gentleman has seen our fruit and we will be willing to let him off on the excuse he gives our prunes and feel grateful for the nice things he is saying for our pears and apples.

I will distribute free of charge to school children, a handsome drawing book, and will award a first and second prize for the two best and complete drawing books filled out and returned to me on January 1, 1900. First prize, 2 pounds of Chase & Sanborn's coffee; second prize, 1 pound of Chase & Sanborn's coffee. G. L. Davis.

Last Sunday was turkey shipping day from Medford. Express Agent Faucett billed out 10,000 pounds—all for Thanksgiving dinner in San Francisco. G. L. Davis shipped 9000 pounds of these and J. A. Perry 1000 pounds. Mr. Bongard, living over on the edge of the desert, brought over 275 turkeys which he sold to Mr. Davis, and Joe Hannah drove in 100 from his ranch up near Beagle, a distance of twenty-one miles, making the trip in less than two days. The price paid by Mr. Davis was ten cents per pound. In two days' time Mr. Davis paid out over \$1000 for turkeys. The poultry business could be made decidedly profitable in the Rogue river valley if it was not for the seemingly very unreasonable express rate. The rate from here to San Francisco is \$2.40 per hundred, while from Oakland, 140

miles further north, the rate to San Francisco is \$1.50 per hundred.

Fine Residence For Sale—located on corner G and Ninth streets, Medford, Oregon. Nine rooms, good barn, woodshed and well. This is a bargain for someone. See me or write to me at Ashland. Jack Morris.

Postmaster Davis is in from Asbestos Tuesday. He tells that D. P. Greeninger and a crew of men are doing some splendid prospect work on a coal mine in his vicinity. They are putting a pump in now and a few weeks later will have an engine on the ground with which to pump water from the mine and haul the coal cars. Mr. Greeninger started work a few weeks ago on a vein of coal four inches in width on the surface and now, thirty feet in, the vein shows five feet of coal. This mine is about two miles from the Andrus-Oviatt mine and is supposed to be the same vein. Mr. Davis was given to understand that the mine had either been sold to or contracted for by the Southern Pacific Railroad company.

Time and money saved by taking the Northern Pacific to all points east. Tickets sold from Medford same as Portland. Do not forget that a Northern Pacific car passes through Medford Wednesday evening each week for the accommodation of passengers who wish a sleeper from Medford to St. Paul without change. W. T. York, agent, Medford, Oregon.

Jack Morris was down from Ashland this week upon business. Since selling out his second hand business in Ashland he has decided to go back to his old home in Kansas. It is truly a peculiar notion that a fellow would get into his head which would take him from Southern Oregon to Kansas, but Jack is peculiar from the ground up and his notion now is that he can make big dollars in the east—which is not improbable—he having acquired the knowledge necessary for acquiring wealth in Oregon. However, Jack and his family will be welcomed back to Jackson County when they shall have chased the phantom dollars of Kansas' bleak plains to their full satisfaction.

The late rains have settled all malarial germs for this season, but in their place you will take severe cold, and possibly develop pneumonia. Pure grain whiskey in time will save a sickness. Grain whiskey at \$2.25, \$2.50 to \$4 per gallon. Call at Distillery Office.

The coming congress will consider a bill for the reclassification of the railway mail clerks, the present classification having been entirely outgrown by the enormous increase in that branch of the service in the past thirty years. The proposed measure will equalize, in some degree, the inequalities in pay at present existing, and will increase the pay of clerks on important and heavy lines. Postal clerks are the hardest worked and poorest paid of any government employes, and there can scarcely be any objection to giving them the remuneration that the excellence of their work deserves.

Why suffer with aches and pains, when in nine cases out of ten Liquid Electricity will relieve you the first ap-

plication, if applied according to directions? Sold by G. H. Haskell, druggist, Medford, Ore., and J. H. Downing, agent, Central Point.

The following letter from Santa Rosa, Calif., written by Mrs. J. A. Anderson, and dated November 28th, will be sad news for those people's many friends hereabouts. "I am sorry to say to our old friends in Oregon that my husband was taken ill with hemorrhage of the lungs and there is little hope for his recovery. This is a very sad day for me. We have a good physician and I still have hopes. You will hear from me again." Mr. Anderson formerly lived out in Eden precinct and had but recently purchased a home near Santa Rosa.

The Ashland Iron Works have added to their plant a boiler making branch. If you need any repairs in this line they can save you time and money. Write them at Ashland, Ore.

The Grants Pass Mining Journal says: "Gold Hill was given a surprise and sensation on Tuesday night, November 21, by the finding of a three months old baby in a basket at the doorstep of North Eddings, the old-time stage driver. In the basket was also clothing for the baby and a bottle in its mouth. The supposition is that the infant was brought in on the evening train and left at Mr. Eddings'. However the Eddings' say they will take care of the child for the present, at least until investigation can be made."

New sewing machines from \$20 up to \$40 at White, Harbaugh & Co.'s store Medford. Why send away for these goods when you can buy them so cheap at home?

Tuesday evening's windstorm blew over several electric light poles on North C street. The poles, while they have been set but about four years, were very badly rotted. George Priddy tells that while coming into town Wednesday morning he saw three of them drop over and this several hours after the wind had ceased blowing. This reminds one of the story of the fellow who, after giving another fellow a thundering big thrashing, pulled himself together and ran "cross lots" for home like he had been sent for.

Wanted—A good, energetic man to handle Quaker bath cabinets in Medford. Write Joseph Moss, general agent, Grants Pass, Ore.

F. M. Jordan, who was most unfortunate a few years ago in losing his leg, has been around this week with a subscription paper soliciting funds with which to purchase an artificial leg. He was quite successful, having secured nearly \$100. Mr. Jordan is an honest and ambitious gentleman and if the little assistance given him by our townspeople will make the task of earning a livelihood for himself and family easier there will surely be no regret registered because of the donation.

You haven't smoked the best nickel cigar in town if you never tried a Billy Dugan—sold only by Mounce & Karnes.

Wallace Woods has recently purchased 160 acres of wood land out on Griffin creek, from the railroad company, at \$2.50 per acre. This particular piece of land has been over looked for years by landseekers and it was by a mere accident that Wallace learned of its being on the market. It is well timbered—better than most adjoining land and if an even \$1000 was offered it would still belong to Mr. Woods. He will have the timber cut into stove wood and hauled to Medford.

Dr. Goble, the optician, will be at his residence in Medford on Saturday of each week. Eyes tested free of charge.

There was a great exodus of Medford people Monday morning—all started for the tall timber. The party consisted of S. R. Reeves, Dr. G. B. Cole, T. J. Beckett, Dolph Naylor, Perry Stewart, A. T. Drisko, G. L. Schermerhorn, D. B. Andrus, Wm. Forsyth, A. H. Woodard, Grant Shell, Kate Bates, C. O. Ramsey and Ned Orser. Their objective point was Topsy grade, in ranges seven and eight, to which place they went to locate timber claims.

People wishing the best lime ever burned in the valley should see Messrs. Andrus & Carpenter, Medford. They have recently filled their new store house with this lime.

When Carl Crystal paid \$125 for the old, partly consumed Western hotel there were several who predicted he would lose considerably on the deal, but instead the profits are in big figures on the credit side of his account. Since the structure has been almost entirely removed he has been enabled to figure up his possessions. He finds he has 25,000 feet of rough lumber, 6000 feet of first grade rustic, 7000 brick, thirty good doors and eighteen windows.

An elegant line of new glassware received this week—positively the best and cheapest ware ever brought to Medford. H. H. Howard & Co.

Sweet pea blossoms the very last days of November are something of a rarity even in this perpetuated summer climate of Southern Oregon, but as fine a bouquet of these very beautiful flowers as was ever gathered was presented to THE MAIL this week by Mrs. J. F. White, the same having grown in her flower garden, in West Medford. They were in a shaded portion of the yard and the few light frosts we have had did not visit their locality.

From now until Christmas I will have a different display each week. Don't neglect to glance in when passing. Elwood.

The long string of stock cars at Montague last Sunday, has disappeared, taking away several hundred head of cattle, but more cars are still wanted. The S. P. Co. is reported as having added new freight and passenger cars on its lines to the extent of \$4,000,000 this year, and is constantly building and buying more cars and engines to handle the greatly increased business. —Yreka Journal.

New stock of men's, ladies' and children's shoes received this week—best goods on earth for the money. White, Harbaugh & Co.

N. S. Bennett, E. Russ and Charlie Phoister have decided to bunch their dried prunes and ship them east. They have 34,000 pounds and as soon as they are ready for shipment Mr. Bennett will go east and hunt a market. He was quite successful last year in disposing of nearly a carload and he sees no good reason why he should not meet with the same results this year.

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.

Taylor, the Foot Fitter, has just received eleven different styles of Ladies' Perfect-Fitting Lace and Button Dress Boots.

Wm. Richards expects to have his sawmill, on Wagner creek, in operation next Monday. The mill machinery belongs to A. J. Stevens and is situated near the old Abbott site, and to this Mr. Richards has supplied a forty-horse power boiler and engine and proposes to get out a considerable amount of lumber this winter. He has a contract with Mr. Stevens to cut 400,000 feet.

With the new facilities that B. N. Butler put in his shop, he turns out as good work in repairing watches and jewelry as any one in Southern Oregon.

That was a right brisk shower we had Tuesday evening—but it was quite the article for our miners. The farmers have no complaint to register. They have had an excellent fall to put in their crops and if they are not now prepared for a few weeks of wet weather it is because they have tried to cover too much territory or have been a little dilatory in pushing their work.

There is nothing more elegant than the stock of glassware which we received this week. H. H. Howard & Co.

T. W. Johnson was unfortunate last Saturday in losing a fine horse. He was leading the animal behind a wagon when one of his hind legs became tangled in some barbed wire which was strung along the roadside and one of the arteries of its leg was severed and the flesh badly torn. The animal bled to death before assistance could be rendered.

Ladies' capes, jackets and wrappers at less than cost—at White, Harbaugh & Co.'s, Medford.

Two former operators at the S. P. depot in Albany have recently been promoted. Will Merriman, brother of Mrs. C. K. Frank, of this city, has been transferred as agent from Junction City to the more important office at McMinnville, and J. M. Isham has been transferred from Gervais to the larger office at Ashland.—Albany Democrat.

If you are opposed to grain spirits for severe colds, use Laab's Bitters, Sold in bulk—\$1 per bottle—at Distillery Office.

The Central Point-Table Rock mail route has been discontinued as a separate route and the mail now goes to the Table Rock office daily and is supplied from the Central Point-Eagle Point route. The mail carrier, I. F. Williams, has been instructed to add that office to his route, the increased compensation to him being about \$250 annually.

Christmas goods for old and young at G. A. Gurnea's, in Childers block.

John Nysewander, of Medford, arrived in town Friday with a load of tombstones for Frank Wait, who has taken several orders here. Mrs. J. E. Harvey, of Gold Hill, arrived Monday to visit her daughter, Mrs. C. Hoagland, who is stopping in town at present.—Klamath Falls Express.

School books, tablets, pencils, lunch baskets, and everything else the children need for school use, at the book store, next door to postoffice.

Drs. W. S. Jones and J. E. Shearer have rented office rooms in the Stewart block—over the new store—and as soon as the room is in shape they will move thereto. These gentlemen are not partners but will have offices together—and their new location is decidedly a pleasant one.

A fine line of ladies', misses' and children's Black Cat brand fine shoes received this week by White, Harbaugh & Co., Medford.

Loren Damon has his new residence, on South D street, completed and has moved his family thereto. Loren is to be congratulated upon having acquired so comfortable a home in so short a time, but he is thrifty and energetic and deserves it.

You know when you have good coffee everything is pleasant at home. You get it at G. L. Davis'.

N. B. Bradbury on Tuesday morning received a planer from the Gorallie mills at Glendale. Mr. B. will overhaul this bit of machinery and put it in his mill in Medford, which will give him the extra facilities he has long been in need of.

The "Girl from Paris" 5-cent cigar—up-to-date and gaining all the time. For sale at Distillery office.

W. J. Vawter, administrator of the estate of Charles Walker, deceased, filed his fifth report, showing the condition of the estate. The report shows a balance on hand Nov. 4, 1899, of \$3665.84.—Grants Pass Mining Journal.

Mrs. A. Naylor teaches the Keister's ladies' tailoring and dress cutting system. Medford, Ore.

New sidewalks are to be seen on pretty nearly every street in the city. In many places they were greatly needed. The further fact that the walks are being put down on an established grade is an item commending.

Farmers! We want your hen eggs—highest market price. W. H. Meeker & Co.

Mrs. J. F. Wallace, formerly of Medford, and wife of Rev. Wallace, is now down in the Willamette valley doing mission work in connection with the church. She will organize ladies' departments in mission societies.

See H. C. Mackey, the leading photographer, for superior photos—in Hamlin block.

D. W. Ingersoll writes from Taylor, Calif., to which place he moved with his family recently, saying that he is engaged in the saloon business and is doing well. Says further that the town of Taylor is having a big boom.

White, Harbaugh & Co., Medford, are receiving the finest line of shoes ever brought to Southern Oregon.

Boyd & Nicholson have recently ordered a new cash register. These registers come pretty high—\$350—but they are a big saving to a house that does as much business as does Messrs. Boyd & Nicholson.

Second hand stoves and farm implements. G. L. Schermerhorn.

Mrs. Martha Jane Rogers, of Sams Valley, widow of a Mexican war soldier, has been granted a pension of \$3 per month, besides accrued pension—the amount of which we did not learn.

Winter Will Catch You

If We Don't, But We ... Hope to Catch You First.

We want to catch you as near naked as possible, and dress you up according to our ideas of proper style, and we'll stake our reputation on your being right when we have finished. But perhaps you're thinking more about overcoats. Now stick a pin right here so that you'll not forget it. We can sell you the

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That you ever saw, and if you want to raise the price to \$10 or \$12.50, why, we'll give you such value and style as you have never seen anywhere. Just give us the opportunity to furnish your overcoat and we'll save you a snug sum.

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Presents for the Holidays

J. C. Hall, one of the proprietors of the Rialto confectionery and cigar store in Medford, has gone into business in Gold Hill, having formed a partnership with Charley Young, and the two will run the hotel saloon. This is the business formerly owned by Earhart and which was attached a few days ago by Eames Bros. to secure a debt. Messrs. Young & Hall will be the style of the new firm and they will open up for business next week. They did not purchase any of the Earhart stock but instead ordered a new stock throughout. Mr. Hall will be in charge of the business but his family will remain in Medford. His interests in the Rialto in this city will be looked after by B. I. Stoner, the ex-sewing machine agent, who, by-the-way, is a very fine gentleman and a good fellow for the position. He will have charge of the cigar store, while W. F. Isaacs will continue to dispense soft drinks and confections on the other side of the partition.

New and second hand Singer sewing machines, also sewing machine supplies, at Singer office, in Bodge's tailoring shop, Medford, E. F. Magoon, agent. There is no machine made that's better than the Singer, but there are some not so good.

Miss Eva Purdin received a telegram Wednesday evening from a school superintendent in Wyoming, apprising her of the fact that there was a school awaiting her at Kemmer, that state, at \$45 per month, and to come at once. She will leave today. Miss Purdin is a normal school graduate and has been very successful in her school work. She is a very fine young lady and the Wyoming school that gets her for an instructor is fortunate.

For tin and granite ware, china and toys go to Gurnea's.

Mrs. J. J. Howser received a very substantial Thanksgiving present yesterday, the same being a check for a considerable amount of money from the administrator of her father's estate in England. The estate will not be fully settled until next spring when some real estate will be sold. The check sent was Mrs. Howser's share of an advance payment which the administrator had made.

A nice line of Christmas books at Gurnea's.

Harmon A. Fredenburg, son of J. A. Fredenburg, and Miss Eva May Hooker, daughter of A. H. Hooker, were married in Medford Wednesday evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Rev. O. J. Gist officiating. THE MAIL is extending its heartfelt congratulations to the happy couple. They will reside in Medford.

You can get one dozen cabinet photos of your baby for \$1.50 at the Medford Gallery, opposite postoffice.

H. A. Myers has had carpenters at work this week remodeling the Grater into a jewelry and crockery store. Sidney Cole a former occupant of the building having closed his chop house. Mr. Myers will put in a stock of jewelry and W. H. McGowan will move his stock of crockery from the West Side and occupy part of this building.

Farmers will find a fresh line of rubber boots and shoes at White, Harbaugh & Co.'s store, Medford.

E. F. Magoon, the Singer sewing machine agent, has rented window space in Bodge's tailoring establishment and will have his office there. He will have several machines on exhibition and is inviting the people of this locality to call and see him.

Will exchange lumber or red cedar shingles for grain. W. Woods.

GLOVE LORE!

If your hands need protection To preserve their complexion; Or if they are cold, Wrinkled, or old, A covering to find May trouble your mind. So hear this suggestion And buy from the best one.

Every one loves A pair of warm gloves; Or perhaps 'tis a mitten As warm as a kitten. So if you lack it Just visit "The Racket," And there you will find Almost every kind.

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