

PURELY PERSONAL.

W. H. Cushman, a Trail creek farmer, was in the city last week.

W. B. Eachus, of Woodville, was in the city Monday upon business.

Ex-Assessor Grieco, of Central Point, was a Medford visitor Monday.

Jeff. Brophy, the big hearted rancher, of Derby, was a Medford visitor last week.

Will Wright, of Willow Springs, was in the city last Saturday making purchases.

Mrs. Conrad Mingus was down from Ashland last week for a visit of several days with friends.

Charlie Thumburg and family, of Lake Creek, were in Medford last week buying goods and visiting friends.

Miss Iva Purdin left last Friday for Wyoming, whither she went to teach school—as stated in last week's MAIL.

R. H. Bradshaw was in Medford Saturday. The gentleman has moved with his family from Woodville to Brownboro.

Rial Benedict, of Applegate, one of the early pioneers of the county and a man of sterling character, was a Medford visitor Tuesday.

D. Anderson, the Talent glove maker, was in the city last week. He has decided to not move to Medford with his glove factory—for a while, at least.

Rev. James Thompson, who assisted Rev. Adolph Haberly in evangelistic services during the past week, returned to his church at Brownsville on Tuesday's train.

W. R. Dickison was in from Table Rock last week. He brought in thirty-four head of hogs which tipped the scale beam at an average weight of 270 pounds per hog.

Leonard Masters, of Coos river, Coos County, spent Thanksgiving with his aunt, Mrs. R. E. Lear, and family. The young man is attending the Southern Oregon normal.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Orr stopped off in Medford Tuesday evening for a visit with their son, W. L. Orr, and family. These people reside in California but have been visiting friends in the east for several weeks.

Geo. Lynch and family came in from Trail last week for a few days' visit with Mr. Lynch's parents, who reside in Medford, and who are not in the best of health, we are sorry to state. Mrs. Lynch remained in the city to look after the aged people.

Mrs. A. A. Davis, who has been stopping over on Applegate, returned to Medford Sunday. Her health, we are sorry to state, is not improved. She will go to Ashland tomorrow or next day and remain a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. H. H. Hoeler.

Wm. Calkins, deputy sheriff of Siskiyou County, Calif., arrived in Medford Monday evening with subpoenas for J. W. Bercaw, of this place, and Martin Frye, of Grants Pass. These gentlemen are wanted as witnesses in a criminal action for robbery, against Ed Dawson, who knocked Jack Feeley down on the streets of Yreka and robbed him.

Benj. Butler and Henry Jackson, of Yanix Agency, Klamath County, were in Medford last week doing trading with Medford merchants. Both these gentlemen are Indians, but one would scarcely know it by their speech or manners. They are also both readers of THE MAIL, Mr. Butler having called while here and renewed for another year.

Jas. Vogle, of Jacksonville, was a very agreeable caller at THE MAIL shop last Saturday. The gentleman is a miner on Humburg creek. He is also a civil engineer, having served in that capacity in the Confederate army, and now being a mineralogist whose whole heart is in his work, he is devoting much of his time to studying the mineral deposits of the valley generally.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Roberts returned last week from Glendale, where they have been stopping for several weeks past. Mr. Roberts reports the mine now in splendid operation. The company has plenty of water, many new ditches, pipe and—in fact, everything which goes to make an active mine in good shape and the promise is very flattering for a rich clean-up. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts will remain in Medford for the winter.

Mrs. M. Haught, who is here from Ft. Wrangel, Alaska, is the guest of Mrs. T. W. Beckett. Mrs. Haught is here not alone for a visit to her old-time friends but as well to sell some real estate which her husband owns, on Eighth street. Mr. Haught is doing logging in Alaska and is making some money—more, Mrs. H. says, than the majority of those who get the gold fever real bad and seek fortune in the interior.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hall, of Elk creek, were in the city last week doing trading. Mr. Hall has been very busy engaged this fall in supplying the salmon hatchery with wood. He has already supplied eighty tiers and his contract calls for seventy tiers more, which will be put in this winter. He tells that the hatchery men are now gathering spawn from silverside salmon. The Rogue river, he says, was rampant last week. The current was so swift and the water so high that the ferry was unable to cross.

Richard Johnson, formerly a resident of Jacksonville, who went to the Klondike country eighteen months ago, returned home on Monday morning's train, glad to get back to Jackson County, or as he expressed it, "God's country." Mr. Johnson was at all the prominent mining camps, including the lately discovered Cape Nome, and says that, while there is untold wealth scattered over a large area in Alaska, it is the most disagreeable and inhospitable country in the world, and worth a man's life to go there and brave the rigors and hardships of that frigid region.

He says he saw more suffering and privation while there than he ever imagined could exist within the pale of civilization. Big, stalwart men who had gone from one excitement to another in the vain hope of finding something or bettering their condition, and who had lived a life of utter want and wretchedness, gave up in despair and died from sheer exhaustion and loss of hope. Mr. Johnson said he would infinitely prefer to take his chances in the mines of Southern Oregon to going north where a man must take his life in his hands to traverse the country.

Harry Hoeler was down from Ashland Thanksgiving.

Arron Wyland, of Climax, was over last week upon business.

Miss Emma Reed spent Thanksgiving with her folks in Jacksonville.

Wm. Holmes, of Central Point, was in Medford Saturday looking after business.

Miss Kato Reed, of Jacksonville, who is visiting in Medford, is the guests of Mrs. Fred Luy.

Miss Sabrey Booker, of Woodville, is over at Hornbrook, California, for a visit with friends.

Melvin B. Rose, of Liabon, North Dakota, was in Medford last week upon a visit to his sister-in-law, Mrs. L. J. Sears.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barneburg are Thanksgiving turkey in Jacksonville with Mrs. B.'s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Central.

George Grizzel came up from Grants Pass Monday, at which place he has been doing stonework on R. E. Coe's new store building.

J. W. McDonough, the veteran breeder and trainer of well bred horses in Jackson County, was in the city last week upon a business and pleasure trip.

Fred Slagle returned Tuesday from the Willamette valley. He did not find a suitable opening for his business and will remain in Medford, for the winter, at least.

Fred Dorn, a bright and ambitious young man from Watkins, was a visitor in Medford last Friday and Saturday. THE MAIL acknowledges a pleasant call from the gentleman.

W. L. Townsend, of Ashland, greeted his old friends in Medford Tuesday. He says he is preparing to raise fruit in a modest way, but has no thought of becoming a fruit magnate or syndicate.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cunningham arrived in Medford from Portland Tuesday. Mr. C. is a mining man and will look after some mining operations down near Gold Hill. He is a nephew of J. C. Slagle.

Thos. H. B. Taylor, of Woodville, was in Medford several days this week straightening up some business matters preparatory to taking his departure for a winter's stay in Southern California. He has rented his farm to his son.

S. W. McClendon, of Central Point, was in Medford last Saturday. Mr. McClendon operated the Baker place last season and did well—first-rate—better than he expected—which is pretty good—as most of us really expect more than we get.

H. A. Cryder, ex-postmaster and school teacher at Gold Hill, has located with his family at Abtaunum, Wash. Mr. Cryder is a very fine gentleman and his friends are to be found in every nook and corner of Jackson County—all of whom will be glad to learn that he is meeting with success in his new home.

Uriah Gordon, of Flounce Rock, came down Tuesday on business in connection with the old home place situated on the road from Jacksonville to Phoenix. He owns and will farm 228 acres of the place this year. Mr. Gordon owns 400 acres of land in Flounce Rock precinct and fractionally claims that he is land poor, but a proposition to buy some of his holdings would no doubt disclose the fact that he had none to spare.

Ed. Saltmarsh, of Sterling, who has been mining on Salmon river, California, for the past three months, returned home on Tuesday evening's train. He was working in a high altitude in the mountains, and said the weather was so cold and disagreeable that he was unwilling to work there longer. This is the same old story.

The fact is, when people become wedded to Jackson County, they can't, or won't, stay away.

J. M. Childers, who lives at Fort Klamath, arrived in Medford Tuesday for the purpose of laying in his winter supplies. He was prevented from coming over the Crater lake road on account of the depth of snow on the summit of the divide, and turned and came in via Klamath Falls and Ashland. This is only another evidence of the wide spread conviction that Medford is the cheapest and most satisfactory town in Southern Oregon to do business with.

John Watkins, who is employed by the county court to operate the Rogue river ferry, was in Medford Tuesday on his way to the county seat to appear before the board of commissioners on matters pertaining to the ferry. There is nearly always some circumstance or condition in connection with the ferry which demands Mr. Watkins' presence during the monthly sessions of the court. As Mr. Watkins is simply an employe of the county to operate the ferry, he is not authorized to incur any expense in making such needed repairs from time to time as will insure the safety and efficiency of the service.

Attorney W. H. Parker, who has been engaged in preparing a summarized, alphabetical key to the statute laws and reports of Oregon, and which he has completed and had published, left on Sunday evening's train for Portland in the interest of his publication. Upon examination of the work it will be found to be a carefully segregated resume of the various chapters of the code with each section alphabetically indexed in convenient form, and all allied laws bearing upon a given question so grouped and arranged that they may be instantly turned to. The publication is considered by those who have examined it to be a work of merit.

Notice.

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SOME MINES OF SOUTHERN OREGON

Southern Oregon, with an output already of \$45,000,000, has hardly been scratched. The lighter placers have been generally worked out, but a vast number of hydraulic propositions scattered all over the district have not been touched, and the wonderful net work of quartz leads that thread the country has had practically no attention at all. A few ledges have been worked on the surface, and pocket hunters have skimmed over the country and taken out much free gold. The impression that prevailed here for years respecting the ledges of Southern Oregon is entirely wrong. It seems to have been common belief here some years ago that there were no true fissure veins in this district. How such a belief could have obtained credence it is hard to understand. The quartz veins here are no different from those of other mineral sections of the state. The trouble has been, and still is, that they have only been prospected on the surface. When they are gone down on as at the Green ledge on Galice creek and the ledge at Ashland, there is no doubt they will prove to be true fissure veins. In fact it would be a geological and mineral anomaly at variance with all experience in the mining as well as the scientific world if they should prove to be simply superficial stratas. It is believed by many that when the veins of Southern Oregon are properly prospected they will prove to be the most valuable and permanent.

F. O. Hurd, a practical mining engineer who has been sojourning in Medford for some time, has been down in Josephine County for the past week examining some valuable mining propositions in that section. Mr. Hurd has had large experience in mines and mining and is not a "promoter" or a modern "operator" with a scheme.

He was manager and superintendent of the large mining enterprise on Elliott creek, inaugurated by George Boggs, which failed on account of the handicap of Mr. Boggs occasioned by financial reverses in Pierce County, Wash. Mr. Hurd is still deeply interested in the mining enterprises of the country and has a number of propositions in view which he believes will in a short time be developed into active, working propositions and which, from their magnitude, will be of great benefit to the general public, and be an important factor in advertising the great mineral resources of the country.

Mr. Hurd has had large experience in California, Colorado and South America before coming to Oregon, and this varied experience in the field of mining he finds to be of very great advantage to him. It is his conviction from what he has seen of the mineral resources of the state that Oregon will yet come to the front as the leading gold producing state on the coast.

There was more activity among miners in the various mining districts the past summer and fall than has ever been witnessed in Southern Oregon. There has been a great many deep hydraulic propositions recorded, a large number of new water rights filed on and improved, a lot of new ditches dug, many old ones enlarged and repaired, miles of new fluming put in place, drains and bedrock races cut, new reservoirs built and old ones cleaned out and repaired and an immense amount of detailed, preparatory work in order to be ready to take advantage of the first water supply. The late heavy rains have set many to work and the prospect of a long season's run, with the unusual preparations which have been made, ought to insure the largest output of gold ever chronicled in the district. People are beginning to understand that though a large amount of money has been taken out of the district, it has nearly all been from the light placers accessible to water, and that the deep, permanent diggings have hardly been scratched. The reason why there are so few hydraulic propositions in operation is because it takes capital to buy the plant, and procure the necessary water supply. Capital has only just commenced to flow in here for the purchase of mining property. The next few years will show a wonderful improvement in the mining industry of Southern Oregon.

The Terry Bros., who for many years have been operating a large placer mine on the Carberry fork of Applegate, are now developing a promising quartz ledge below Watkins. The ore vein is large and the prospects such as to justify pushing development work with all possible speed. If this ledge should meet the expectations of its owners, it will be heard from in the near future with no uncertain sound. The Terry Bros. are practical

miners, in fact, have mined all their lives, and are not the class of men to be easily deceived. Those who have examined the mine believe it will develop into a valuable property.

A company, with Dr. Ray as superintendent and manager, has leased the Swinden quartz mines, removed the mill from the creek up to the ledge, and has been crushing now something over a month. The mill is a ten stamp, but only five have been in operation up to the present time. Later, it is expected the mill will be operated to its full capacity. The ore is mainly low grade, but will pay if handled economically and in large quantities. These ledges were discovered something like thirty years ago, perhaps even longer ago than that, and at the time of discovery some very rich rock was taken out. Excitement ran high for a while and many people scoured the hills in search of pockets.

G. W. Low reports the discovery of a quartz ledge on Anderson creek, south of Phoenix, which he thinks may prove to be the feeder of a rich gulch above which it is situated. He has run in a tunnel 20 feet and done some cross-cutting, and since the gulch which it commands and covers paid well, he justly indulges the hope that he has found what may develop into a good paying property. THE MAIL wishes every honest and legitimate miner and prospector the fullest measure of success. It can be said further that no quartz ledges have ever been discovered higher up the mountain side than this one which Mr. Low has uncovered, which fact furnishes more proofs that his is the feeder.

DeHorn & Blacket, of Galls creek, have discovered a new quartz lead, joining the Kubli Bros' property. The vein is about twelve inches wide on the surface, and free gold can be plainly seen in the ore without the aid of a glass. A small shaft has been sunk on the vein which gives every evidence of permanency. The lucky discoverers are much elated over their flattering prospects.

People's Party Meeting.

A meeting of the People's Party members was held in Medford last Saturday. W. M. Richards was chosen chairman and J. W. Ling secretary.

The following resolutions were adopted:

- RESOLVED, That we, your committee on resolutions, endorse the Omaha and St. Louis platforms, recommend straight people's party action, and oppose fusion or union in any way with either the democratic or republican parties; and that we recommend that all populists, regardless of former differences, get together in their respective precincts and organize clubs on the following plan:
- "All delegate conventions of the People's party for making nominations and platforms are hereby abolished, and instead thereof, nominations for offices, platforms and amendments thereto shall be made by direct vote at the People's party primaries of the political subdivisions affected thereby.
- "The People's party shall consist of a national committee of three members from each state, to be chosen by the state central committee on each presidential year.
- "A state central committee of three members from each congressional district to be elected by direct vote at the party primaries on each election year.
- "A congressional committee of three members from each county of the congressional district, to be elected by direct vote at the party primaries on each election year.
- "A county committee of three members from each township or ward to be elected by direct vote at the party primaries each election year.
- "National, state, congressional and county committees shall perform the same duties as heretofore, not inconsistent herewith, provide blank ballots for the referendum votes herein contemplated, and canvas and certify the votes cast in their respective territories.
- "The unit of organization shall be the precinct club.
- "Any voter may become a member of the precinct club of any precinct by subscribing to our national declaration of principles and rules of organization.
- "Any member of any precinct club who shall propose fusion or co-operation with either the democratic or republican organizations in the make-up of a ticket, through conference committees, or otherwise, shall, upon conviction thereof, by a majority vote of his club, be deemed outside the party.
- "No person not a member of a precinct club, and in good standing, shall be eligible to membership on any People's party committee, or a People's party nomination for any office.
- "Each committee shall make prompt report to the committee next higher, of all referendum votes and other matters within the jurisdiction of such higher committee, and the chairman of each committee shall be deemed responsible for the prompt and faithful performance of the duties of his committee.
- "State platform can be changed only on demand of a majority vote of the precinct club membership of any county, ratified by a majority vote of the precinct club membership of the state; and the national platform can be changed only upon demand of a majority vote of the precinct club membership of any state, ratified by a majority vote of the precinct club membership of the nation.
- "No salaried official shall be elected a member of any committee of the People's party organization, and any member of such committee elected to a salaried office shall be deemed to have vacated his position on such committee.
- "All People's party candidates for office and members of People's party committees shall at all times be subject to the principles of the imperative mandate and may be recalled by a majority vote of the league membership of their constituency."

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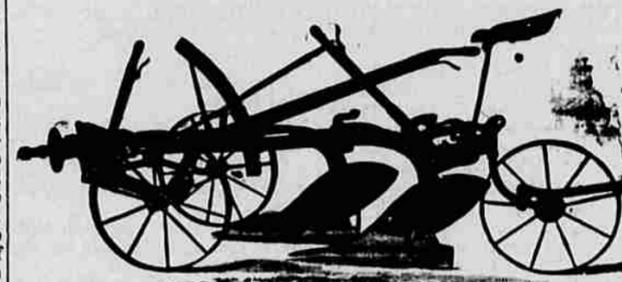
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