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CITY HAPPENINGS.

—All old residents of the county who have paid any attention to the fruit industry, and have noted the effect of altitude and the difference produced by different soils on fruit varieties, cannot have failed to observe that trees planted in light soil and especially along the foot hills and in granite formations, mature and bear fruit much earlier than those planted on the heavy black soil in the valley. And in the matter of peaches and pears, it seems to be a conceded fact that these fruits are sweeter and of finer flavor when grown on the lighter soils and higher altitudes than on the low black lands of the valley. But these minor considerations will not offset the important fact that when trees are grown on the rich soil of the valley, though they are longer in reaching maturity, will live and grow and produce fruit in increased quantities many years after the trees planted on light land have exhausted the soil. These observations have been called out by the large sale of fruit from the Olwell orchard this year. This immense orchard, containing 160 acres, was put out eleven years ago, and the land upon which it is planted is the very best in the valley. Generally speaking, orchards around the foot hills will commence to bear in four or five years. This season, however, at the age of eleven years, is the first that the Olwell orchard could be considered a practical producer. Next year it is confidently expected the yield will be double what it was this, and in the years to come and for the next generation, if this grand orchard is properly cultivated, pruned and protected from fruit pests, it will be a constant source of wealth. Mr. Olwell sold \$12,000 worth of fruit this year and believes he will easily double the amount next year, and that there will be a rapid and increasing increase in the yield for many years to come. It is not probable that there will be a less demand for fruit in the future than at the present, on the contrary, there is every reason to believe that the demand will increase, and especially in European and Asiatic markets. A large amount of fruit was shipped from Jackson County to foreign markets this year, and the amount of the foreign shipment will increase at a double rate as the superiority of our fruits becomes known. With this favorable and encouraging outlook for the fruit industry it will be seen that it will pay to plant orchards only on the best ground in order to secure permanency of value.

—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.

—The Thanksgiving dinner at the opera house on Thursday, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of

cently returned from Klamath County, where, in company with his brothers, Horace and John, they own a large bunch of cattle. Those boys turned off 200 head of beef cattle this fall, for which they received \$8000—an average of \$40 per head. They usually have 600 head in their band and their range is from Prineville to Ft. Klamath, but the Prineville range proper Mr. Holton says is about played out. The Klamath County country not only affords plenty of summer range but there is any amount of hay for winter feeding. These boys sold their cattle for three and a half cents a pound, which was a price very satisfactory. They have sold better cattle in former years for \$22 and been compelled to drive them thirty miles to get even that figure. THE MAIL is glad they are having success in their business. They are hard workers, strictly honorable and deserving in every particular.

—The late rains have settled all malaria 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.

—A petty, base and very contemptible outrage was committed at Vint Beall's place on the night of November 28th. Some party, or parties, entered the premises during the night and stole and carried away fourteen turkeys. This offense, while it may seem small to a certain class of reckless persons who are not disposed to be too honest on general principles, is substantially a felony and should be punished as such. On the night following three turkeys were stolen from Ed. Wilkinson's place, presumably by the same parties. A good, healthy charge of bird shot lodged where it would do the most good, would be an appropriate protest against this sort of thievery. Turkeys are as legitimate property as cattle and horses, and to steal them is as much an indefensible theft as to steal a man's horses and harness. There are no moral degrees in theft. The principle is the same, whether a thief steals a turkey or a load of bacon.

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

—One of the most pleasant events of the season occurred last Friday night at the home of Dr. J. B. Wait, of this city, when the young ladies of the Sewing Circle gave a reception to their boy friends. Games and music filled the time until ten o'clock, when light refreshments of peanut sandwiches and lively games the party adjourned, all having decided it was one of the most pleasant evenings they had spent. Those who enjoyed the evening were Messrs. Joe Slinger, Bert Miller, Emmet Barkadull, Leon Haskins, Purl Stephenson, Basil Gregory, Carl Webb, Eugene Rhinehart, Ward Webber, Mort Lawton, Misses Edith Nicholson, Gertrude Wilson, Fern Notestine, Florence Tott, Harriet Odgers, Helen Walt, Beale Condee, Edna Walt, Delpha Hammond and Mary Grey.

—Geo. Wigg, M. D., makes chronic diseases a specialty. Have you a disease of the above nature? If so, either call at his office, Burkhard building, or write him. Box 2066, Station A, Portland, Oregon.

—W. T. McCarty, a civil engineer, arrived in Medford Monday evening from San Francisco. The gentleman is here upon important business matters, the nature of which we are not now at liberty to give out, but within a couple of three weeks we hope to be able to secure data from which we can make an item that will be of interest to many people of the valley. The gentleman left Medford Tuesday afternoon for the Butte creek country, in company with Wm. Baptist. It may be said, however, that these gentlemen's business to Butte creek is in the interest of securing a supply of water for the valley, from Medford north. A company has been organized in San Francisco, of which Williams, Beiser & Co. are a part, to promote a project of this nature.

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

—N. Langell and A. N. Solias left on Monday evening's train for Portland. They are interested in the landing of certain Chinamen for whom they prepared papers when the celestials went on a visit to their native land. There seems to be some doubt in the minds of the custom officers as to the right of the Chinese in question to land, and Mr. Langell and Mr. Solias have gone below to see if they can identify them. The custom officers have to deal with so many subtleties, attempted impositions and artful tricks from the heathen Chinese that they are obliged to use the utmost caution to prevent the wholesale landing of Chinamen in violation of law.

—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.

—Dr. D. S. Holton, of Merlin, came up on Tuesday to have a consultation with Medford physicians in regard to his eyes which, he says, are rapidly failing and giving him much trouble. The doctor is an old pioneer, was in Jacksonville in 1852, and located at Waldo before Josephine County was organized. He represented Josephine County three times in the House and twice in the Senate. He built, or caused to be built, the first house in Kerbyville. The doctor is a man of large experience, replete with early, interesting reminiscences, and a pleasant and entertaining character to listen to.

—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.

—The Fossil Journal is in the chicken business, and announces sales of thoroughbred fowls from time to time from "the Journal ranch." The Salem Journal is in the chicken and strawberry business, and THE MAIL publisher will plant a small patch of alfalfa in the spring—for family use. Verily, the newspaper man is becoming a self supporter, but to make the support equal the demand he is compelled to dig up a side issue of some nature. The ranch pusher who wears out his knees sitting on the sanctum nail keg isn't in clover—or alfalfa—like the rest of us fellows who diversify our pursuits.

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

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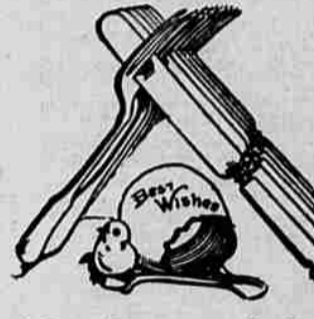
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—An elegant line of new glassware received this week—positively the best and cheapest ever brought to Medford. H. H. Howard & Co.

—Mrs. Fred Barneburg was quite painfully, but not seriously, hurt at her home last Saturday. She was standing on a table or chair arranging something about the house, when she fell, striking on her head and face, and sustaining a number of painful bruises. Dr. Pickel was called Sunday and gave such directions for the care and treatment of the sufferer as he thought the case required, and thinks Mrs. Barneburg will recover without any serious resulting consequences.

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

—At a regular meeting of Medford lodge, A. O. U. W., held Wednesday night, among other business transacted, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: W. T. York, M. W.; N. L. Narreng, F.; A. Hubbard, O.; D. T. Lawton, G.; W. I. Vawter, R.; Chas. Strang, F.; Loren Damon, I. W.; Chas. Wolters, O. W. The meeting was pleasant and harmonious, and the election seems to give good satisfaction.

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

—At the last meeting of Woodmen lodge of this city the following officers were elected: Council commander, J. U. Willeke; advisor, Perry Stewart; escort, W. J. Freudenberg; banker, H. L. Gilkey; clerk, W. H. Meeker; sentinel, S. G. Hodges; outside guardian, D. T. Cox. M. F. Parker is the past council commander of Medford Camp.

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

—Merchant Merritt, of Gold Hill, has purchased the Jones & Otten stock of merchandise in Woodville, also the store building, and will hereafter conduct the business. This will in no way interfere with his Gold Hill establishment. W. V. Jones, who is postmaster and express agent at Woodville, has moved his office to the John Wood store.

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

—There will be a special meeting of the Presbytery of Southern Oregon at Grants Pass next Tuesday, December 12th. Rev. Chas. W. Hays will then be installed as pastor over the Presbyterian Church at that place. The church of Medford will be represented by their pastor, who is the moderator, and by Elder Wm. H. Gore.

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

—Little Eold Hamilton while out riding a bicycle Saturday, got one of her feet entangled in the running gears and when extricated, one of her limbs was badly bruised. She was all right Monday morning, however, and attended school as usual.

—J. Book & Co.'s stock of opal enamel ware is unquestionably the best article ever brought to Medford. It ought to sell readily considering that the price is reasonable—and the goods are guaranteed.

—The Klamath Falls Express in speaking of the university-normal football game at Ashland says: "The captain of the Ashland eleven was Roy Beach, of Klamath Falls, and the captain of the Eugene eleven is Dick Smith, of Klamath Falls."

—Eat Gunther's candy and be happy. For sale at the Rialto.

—T. B. Ellison, who, about a month ago was unfortunate in getting his hand badly injured in the gear chain of a broadcast seeder, was in Medford Saturday. He still carries his hand in a sling but it is getting better slowly.

—Mrs. J. A. Anderson writes from Santa Rosa, Calif., that her husband is improving in health and is now able to sit up.

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

—The nine-year-old son of Jas. Owens, of Pleasant creek, fell from a tree last week and broke one of his legs.

—The ladies of the Guild, of the Episcopal Church, are going to have on sale a stock of Japanese goods for holiday trade. A room has been rented and the goods ordered. Notice of their arrival will be given.

—Medford is to have another paper—a third one. O. B. Allen, formerly of the Eye, will issue his initial number next week.

—Don't forget about those elegant dishes we are giving away. Every purchaser gets a coupon. W. H. Meeker & Co.

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

—New sewing machines, cheaper than ever. Call on J. F. White, at White, Harbaugh & Co.'s, Medford.

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

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

—Girl Wanted—To work for board in small family and go to school. Apply at THE MAIL office.

—For sale—Two good driving or work horses. R. B. Orr, at Howard & Co.'s store, Medford.

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

—Groceries of all kinds being received at White, Harbaugh & Co.'s store this week.

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

—Remember that Spider Leg tea that G. L. Davis has is the best in town. Try it.

—All kinds of sash and doors and screen doors, at lowest market price. W. Woods.

—Ladies wishing to learn dress cutting, call on or address Miss A. Naylor, Medford.

—Fifty dozen men's overalls received this week by White, Harbaugh & Co., Medford.

—Try a box of alpha pudding if you want something nice. Get it at G. L. Davis.

—Half ground stock salt at 60 cents per hundred—at White, Harbaugh & Co.'s.

—If you want to make a fruit cake you can get the proper stuff at G. L. Davis.

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

—Fresh, select oysters on hand, for sale by the can—at Mounce & Karnes'.

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

—Fresh oysters in any quantity—quart cans or less. Hall & Isaacs.

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

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

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