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CITY HAPPENINGS.

—The Medford Odd Fellows were given a little surprise last Saturday evening. It was regular meeting night, and as well the occasion of installation of officers and the initiation of a candidate. The boys had arranged for a little supper all by themselves, but some of the Robekhs learned of their arrangements and frustrated them somewhat by appearing at the lodge hall reception room about lunch time and enjoyed the spread of cake, coffee and bananas with them. After the surprise was worn down a little the boys regained their appetites and fell to the task with a relish that well befitted the spread—and all hands enjoyed the occasion to their fullest capacity—and none the least of the pleasure came from the fact of the surprise. The ladies who swooped down upon this supposedly self benefit aggregation were Mesdames H H Harvey, H H Howard, H E Boyden, H G Nicholson, W T York, J E Shearer, Isaac Woolf, Misses Grace Foster, Virgie Woodford, Myrtle Nicholson, Hattie Eaton, Fay Sears. After lunch had been partaken of a call to lodge room was made and the men folk went thither while the ladies departed for their respective households. In the lodge room District Grand Master L. L. Jacobs, of Jacksonville, installed the following officers: J E Shearer, N G; H E Boyden, V G; John H Stewart, R S; Z Maxey, F S; H G Nicholson, T; F M Wilson, W; R T Burnett, C; E W Calkins, I G; J J Howser, O G; J G Goble, R S N G; A S Wells, L S N G; Frank Amann, R S V G; A D Naylor, L S V G; W T Work, R S S; J R Wilson, L S S. The candidate given the initiating degree upon this occasion was City Recorder J. W. Lawton.

—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.

—Last week THE MAIL told that the supposed burglar who entered G. L. Schermerhorn's second hand store in Medford, and took therefrom goods to the value of \$40, was one W. E. Kinney, who said he was from Grants Pass. A friend of THE MAIL writes us from Gold Hill saying that we were in error as to the identity of the man. It appears that the W. E. Kinney whom our reporter referred to was none other than W. H. Kenney, a much respected grocerman at Gold Hill. It was a gross error on our part and wholly unintentional. It is not the mission of this paper to perpetrate a wrong upon anyone, but in gathering news of various natures it is not improbable that an error slips in occasionally. Mr. Kenney, our informant states, is a respected citizen of the county and he feels keenly the unintentional injury the item may have done him. However, the real culprit has been captured—and his name is not Kenney, but what it is THE MAIL knoweth not.

—Frank Bellinger is prepared to deliver wood in small quantities from his yard in Medford. Prompt delivery and good, honest measurement. Hard wood delivered at \$2 per tier.

—Last Sunday night was a red letter night in Medford for petty thieving and general housebreaking. The residence of J. Meeker, in Southwest Medford, was broken into between the hours of seven and nine p. m. and several articles were stolen therefrom. An entrance was made through a rear window by means of an ax which was used as a pry. Several other windows were tried before this one, but those could not be opened. The screens on each of them were removed and then wedges were made and driven under the windows, but with no success until the ax was found and brought into use on the rear one. Mr. and Mrs. Meeker were at church and when they returned about nine o'clock, no burglars were there but evidence of their visit was everywhere. The door was open and inside pretty nearly every article of furniture was upturned, bureau and dresser drawers were emptied of their contents on the floor, the mattresses were thrown from the beds, in fact, there was scarcely an article in the house in the position in which it was left. The articles which were stolen were an hall dozen silk handkerchiefs, several pocket books, a breast pin, muffler, pocket knives and a pair of cuff buttons, amounting in money to about \$14. Laying on the outside of the house and near the door was a good sized stick of wood which had probably been used as a means of defense should they be caught in the act. The same evening the residence of A. J. Stewart, in the same locality, was broken into, but it has not been discovered that anything was taken therefrom. An entrance was effected here by a rear window where a pane of glass had been previously broken and through which the burglar's hand was thrust and the window fastening removed. The thief ransacked several parts of the house, but failed to locate the family's silverware. The house is unoccupied, Mr. Stewart being away for the winter, but the furniture and housekeeping necessities had been left as they were last used. The same evening someone entered Renuis Hamilton's dwelling, on North F street, through an unlocked door, and took a revolver. The family was away for the evening.

—Billiard hall re-opened by W. L. Townsend—patronage solicited and courteous treatment promised. Cigars, tobacco, nuts and candies carried in stock. Soft drinks. Strict order maintained.

—On Tuesday evening of this week a Court of Foresters was organized in Medford by Deputy Grand Chief Ranger C. B. Clements. The organization starts out with a charter membership of twenty-two, and a promise of many additions as the court becomes older and better known. The organization was perfected and officers elected in Woodmen hall, which place will be the temporary place for holding court but eventually, and very soon, the members hope to be able to build a hall of their own. The title given the local order is Court Mt. Pitt, Foresters of America. The order, while new in this locality, is old in the east where it has a large membership. It is a fraternal order and is conducted upon almost the same lines as the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. The officers elected and installed Tuesday evening were Dr G W Stephenson, chief ranger; Geo W Kurtz, sub. ranger; Elmer A Hicks, Jr. past ranger; J E Enyart, treasurer; Ivan L Purdin, financial secretary; Spencer Childers, recording secretary; Thos Merriman, R. Woodward; E P Orser, Jr. Woodward; H E Childers, Sr. beadle; J S Childers, Jr. beadle; E L Childers, captain of guard; Frank Cox, deputy grand chief ranger.

—A carload of sulphur for spraying trees has been ordered and will be here the first of next week. All parties wishing to buy some at bottom prices, can get the same from Medford Distilling Co.

—G. L. Schermerhorn has captured the fellow who burglarized his second hand store a couple of weeks ago, or rather the chief of police of Eugene has captured him and he (the burglar) is in custody in that city, where he committed some depredation and is held to appear before the grand jury in March. The chief of police at Eugene writes Mr. Schermerhorn as follows: "There is no doubt but what these are the same men that went through your store, and that the revolvers, knives and razors found on them are yours. You may be wanted at March term of court to identify property. Your description tallies with one of the men, all right." It would seem from the foregoing that there were two men implicated in the burglary, but Mr. Schermerhorn only remembers having seen one in his store.

—Mrs. C. E. Goble, teacher of piano and organ, wishes to state to the public that her prices are—for hour lessons, 50 cents; for half hour lessons, 25 cents. At residence of Dr. Goble, Medford.

—Mrs. L. E. Balloy, national lecturer for the Women's Christian Temperance Union, delivered a very interesting lecture at the Baptist Church last Sunday afternoon. A large and very enthusiastic audience listened to the lady's discourse, and seeming new interest in temperance matters was instilled in the working ranks in this city. A meeting of the members of the Medford W. C. T. U. was held at the residence of Dr. J. W. Odgers Monday. Mrs. Balloy was present and spoke to the ladies upon matters pertaining to their work and how best to accomplish the aims for which the union was organized.

—When a fellow endeavors to bilk "Shorty" Hamilton he usually fails, or if he succeeds it is only a brief period until "Shorty" has evened the score. Last week we told of one H. C. Collins having sold Mr. Hamilton a forged draft on Al. Waddle, of Roseburg, for \$25. Collins also bilked parties in Ashland and Grants Pass out of a hundred or more dollars in the same manner, but it remained for Mr. H. to locate his man and bring him face to face with the penitentiary door. After leaving Medford Collins did all kinds of dodging around from town to town—plying his forged draft scheme in nearly all of them. Mr. Hamilton in the meantime was closing in on him by wire to all points. Saturday afternoon he was at Harrisburg, where he endeavored to dispose of a draft purported to have been signed by H. F. Hamilton, of Medford. Before cashing the draft Harrisburg parties wired the Medford Bank to know if "H. F." Hamilton had funds in the bank. The bank here notified Harrisburg that it did not know a man by that name, and immediately thereafter Collins left town. Sunday Collins took the train at Cottage Grove, going north. Al. Waddle, of Roseburg, who knew Collins, recognized the forger and upon his identity being made positive he took him in charge and turned him over to Mr. Parker, a Eugene restaurant man, who was traveling with Waddle, and who, for the occasion, impersonated a deputy sheriff from Jackson County. At Junction City they turned the culprit over to the marshal, with instructions to hold until advice came by wire from Medford. "Shorty," in the meantime, had been apprised of the capture and at once dispatched Constable F. W. Johnson for the north and on Wednesday Johnson returned with his man. He waived examination before Judge Stewart and was bound over to the next term of circuit court in the sum of \$500, and being unable to secure bonds he was committed to Sheriff Orme's care.

—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.

—Nothing has been heard lately of the "Kettle-drum Klub," but it is very much alive and busy. They have finished the first volume of "Hugh Voym, the Fighting Quaker." Miss Clara Skeel entertained the girls Tuesday, this being the second meeting with her. A delicious luncheon was served at 4:30, after which no little amusement was afforded by the work of the kodak member, who had been taking snap shots, the results of which were amusing. Mrs. Gore will receive the "klub" the next time, and all are looking forward with pleasure to next Tuesday in her new home. The following are members: Jessie Cole, Jessie Workman, Mollie Barneburg, Jennie Hibbard, Laura and Minnie Cox, Lillian Rhinehart, Clara Skeel and Mrs. Gore.

—Now is when you read a great deal. Only two out of ten should read without glasses. Get your eyes fitted at Elwood's, the optician.

—Col. Jacob Johnson (colored), living on a farm southwest of Medford, was stricken with paralysis last Friday and is at the present time in a very precarious condition. Soon after eating his morning meal he went to the barn to harness his team and while putting the harness on one of the horses he was stricken, as above stated. As his wife did not see or hear anything of him for some time she went to the stable and found him lying under the horses, and unable to move or speak. He was removed from his dangerous position and Dr. Shearer was sent for.

—Why so sad, so lifeless and colorless? Brace up and use Hood's Pepsin Colery Bitters. Sold by the Distilling Co. at \$1 per quart.

—E. F. Magoon, Singer sewing machine agent for Jackson and Josephine Counties, with headquarters at Medford, has transferred the agency to E. W. Carver, of this city, who will continue the headquarters in Medford. Mr. Magoon and family will go to Spokane, Wash., where Mr. M. will continue in the service of the company. Mr. Carver, the new agent, if he gets in and "rolls logs" in a manner as he should and as he is capable of, ought to be a good business. The territory is undisputedly a good one.

—"La Bellita," a gentleman's cigar, a fine smoke from beginning to end, 10 cents straight. Pure Havana. At the Distillery office.

—The owners of the building recently vacated by W. H. Meeker & Co., corner B and Seventh streets, have ordered Contractor Perry Stewart to put on a new roof and add other necessary repairs. Since the above was put in type it is learned from reasonably good authority that O. Harbaugh, of the firm of White, Harbaugh & Co., has purchased this property from Main & Winchester, of San Francisco, and that the Medford firm will occupy the same when it has been overhauled, added to and repaired generally.

—Notice is hereby given forbidding all persons from trespassing upon the lands of W. R. Jones, in Jackson County, Oregon.

—Mrs. A. Z. Sears, who, we are sorry to learn, has been seriously ill for the past week or ten days with inflammation of the bowels, was reported yesterday to be slightly improved. Dr. Shearer is in attendance.

1900. | To Our Friends:— | 1900.
A FEW WORDS OF INFORMATION.
We are now in our NEW PLACE of business, having removed to the Stewart block. We wish to thank our customers for their liberal patronage in the past, and kindly invite their further indulgence. You will find us better equipped to meet your demands than ever before, with the VERY BEST GOODS at the VERY LOWEST PRICES.

A Pointer about Corsets. . . .



Ladies, the matter of Corsets is an important one with you; correct form is pertinent, but health is paramount. The corset has a great deal to do with you. As the Corset is, so will be the Figure, yet Correct Form must be secured without the sacrifice of your Health. For these reasons we have placed in our Corset department a line of the now famous

ARMOR-SIDE CORSETS,
Easily worth \$1.75, when compared with other Corsets, but which we sell at only \$1.00. See them.

W. H. MEEKER & CO.,
MEDFORD, - OREGON.

—J. S. Grigsby and son, Ira, from down near the Bybee bridge, were in the city Wednesday. They report crops and grass growing finely and the roads—out o' sight. Mr. Grigsby tells that last week his sons trowed a covey of fourteen skunks—in a hollow log—and all were full grown. It was a great harvest, but, paradoxical as it might seem, the neighbors did not fall over each other in their rush to be in at the killing. This is unquestionably a skunk-killing record beater.

—For sale—Half interest in good, paying business in Medford. Capital necessary, about \$1800. Apply to W. T. York, Medford.

—Rufus Cox has sold a fifty-four acre tract of land to Jas. Fredenburg, for \$3050 cash. The land is situated southwest of Medford—south of the Fordyce place, and is part of the Hamlin tract. There are no buildings on the place, but Mr. Fredenburg will erect some at once and move thereto. Mr. F. formerly owned a farm near Central Point, which he recently sold—and has wisely again invested his dollars in Jackson County soil.

—In matters of final proof THE MAIL will make out all papers necessary for the commencement of proof free of charge.

—There is a city ordinance prohibiting persons from jumping on and off passenger trains at the depot, but the ordinance is being disregarded almost daily. However, Marshal Murray dropped down kinder sudden like last Sunday on a violator of that section of the city law and landed his man—boy, rather—in the city bastille—where he was detained for a short time and then liberated.

—Why is it so many suffer with headache when glasses will relieve it by having your eyes properly fitted by Elwood.

—The Rev. D. E. Finks, of New York City, will be in Medford about the middle of February and will give a stereopticon lecture in the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Finks has one of the finest instruments made. His lectures in California have attracted a great deal of attention. Watch for the date. This will be the only opportunity to hear him.

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

—Dr. L. Wiggins, veterinary surgeon, was called to the Eagle mills, near Ashland, this week to attend upon several fine horses which have been sick with what Dr. Wiggins diagnoses as pink-eye, and from the effects of which two of the best horses in the stable have died.

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

—The Medford McKinley Club will meet at the town hall this, Friday, evening, at 7 o'clock sharp. The meeting is called earlier than usual to enable members to attend and get through with the work in time to attend the Choral Union concert—should they wish to do so.

—Call at White, Harbaugh & Co.'s store, Medford, and buy new sewing machines and save agents' commissions.

—Miss Ella Williams, formerly of Medford, now a nurse in the St. Vincent Hospital, Portland, is reported to be getting along finely in her training school, and is said by Dr. Geary to be one of the very best nurses in that city—because of her aptness and willingness.

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

—Sunset telephones were this week put in the residences of O. L. Davis, I. L. Hamilton and J. D. Heald.

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Carbolineum Avenarius.
The most efficient Wood Preserving Paint, also a Radical Remedy against Chicken-Lice. Its application to inside walls of poultry houses will permanently exterminate all Lice. Results, healthy chickens—plenty of eggs. Write for circulars and prices; mention this paper.

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When they do, nine times out of ten, it's because your shoe doesn't fit properly. They need attention. Bring them to me and have them fixed.

I DO FIRST-CLASS REPAIRING.
On Everything in the Line of Footwear at Reasonable Prices. . . .

M. S. BIDEN With W. T. Kam's next door to Davis' Grocery

—F. D. Culver, a creamery man from Chicago, C. H. Markham, general passenger agent for the Southern Pacific Company, and H. E. Lonsbury, traveling freight agent for the same company, stopped off in Medford yesterday morning for a few hours' talk with our townspeople upon matters pertaining to the establishment of a creamery in this locality. In the afternoon they drove to Ashland for the purpose of looking over the creamery plant at that place and to converse with farmers en route.

—The Boss Candy Kitchen, Jacksonville—finest and freshest home-made candies sold in Southern Oregon.

—A. M. Helms has brick masons figuring on a 25x30 foot brick building which he is going to build on his lot, on South D street. Mr. Helms has not as yet decided whether it will be one or two stories. Work on the building is to commence as soon as possible.

—For a right good 10 cent cigar, try the "Girl from Paris" 5 cent cigar at the Distillery office.

—Frank Wilson's fame as a bread maker is reaching out. He now supplies the Southern Pacific dining cars with the "staff of life" from his Vienna bakery. There positively is no discount on Frank's ability to make a most palatable article in bread stuffs.

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

—J. D. Anderson, J. A. Lyon and G. R. Lindley loaded a car with prunes Monday and the same was started on its way east the same day. Mr. Anderson left Wednesday for Iowa and Nebraska, in which states he will find a market for the prunes.

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

—Councilman Carl T. Jones has been quite seriously ill this week with heart trouble and hemorrhage of the lungs. Dr. Pickett is in attendance. He was reported considerably improved yesterday afternoon.

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

—The family of J. W. Bigham left Medford Monday for Klamathon, Calif., at which place they will reside, and where Mr. Bigham has employment.

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

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