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### CITY HAPPENINGS.

—Last week "types" in these columns told that the engineer for the water ditch company would be here Monday and that a survey would be made of the proposed route for the ditch. On Sunday evening's train the surveyor, Mr. V. G. McCray, arrived and on Monday morning, in company with Wm. Baptist, he started for Little Butte creek and began making a preliminary survey. The help necessary in doing this survey work is secured from the farmers along the line. In every instance where right-of-way is asked for it is freely given. As the water ditch has now shaped itself, so far as this company is concerned, THE MAIL sees the summing up in these few lines:—The company proposes to make the preliminary survey, ascertain the exact cost of its construction, and after this secure a contract for all the patronage possible, and if this patronage will pay interest on the investment, build the ditch. These are the plain, unvarnished facts as THE MAIL has them sized up. It is a business proposition, pure and simple. The other company, the one Mr. Birge is interested in, report says, will have representatives here just as soon as a railroad construction contract which they are now at work upon shall have been completed, which will be within a very short time, in fact rumor also says that a representative was here looking over the situation this week and reporting condition of affairs. THE MAIL feels satisfied that one or the other of these companies will build the ditch—and that is the one thing most desired. It matters not so much to us the personnel of the company or the color of its hair—but we do need the ditch and need it badly. We want to say further that Mr. McCray, the engineer now on the line, expresses great confidence in his company's ability to secure the necessary patronage. Some have said there is not sufficient water to meet the demand in Little Butte. Should this prove true the company has secured water rights on Big Butte and this stream can be tapped, or possibly, and as has been contemplated, a reserve reservoir can be built at Fish lake which will always afford an abundance of water.

—There will be lots of farmers wanting blacksmithing done pretty soon now. I have located in Medford to do that kind of work. Horse shoeing and plow work are special features with me. I also do wood work, and machinery repairing. I. M. Maroy, West Side, Medford.

—Last Saturday night was "blow-out night" for Medford and Jacksonville Odd Fellows. Members of Medford lodge had extended an invitation to the Jacksonville boys to "come over and have a good time"—and they came—about twenty-five of them, by special train, and some of them brought their wives. Lodge hall, when all had gathered therein, was comfortably full, but there was still room for a few more had it been found necessary to accommodate them. The Jacksonville boys brought over a candidate for the Medford team

to put through the initiatory degree, the same being Henry Offendaker, of Applegate, who had made application to become a member of Jacksonville lodge, but as the boys in our neighboring town wanted to see the Medford team work in this degree, and we not having any timber for that degree, they supplied the subject themselves. When this degree had been given in proper style Medford lodge introduced one member for the second degree and four for the third degree, these being Marion Tryer for the second and third, and W. S. Foster, H. H. Howard and D. G. Karnes for the third. After the work in the lodge room had been finished all were invited to the banquet hall, where were set read tables for sixty people, but this was not enough room to accommodate all present and the tables were re-set for about thirty more when the first crowd had finished. The lunch consisted of cold meats, sandwiches, salads, pies, cakes, tea and coffee, and was prepared by F. M. Wilson, the baker, which fact is a guarantee that everything was all right—and palatable. Every person present had a splendid time and not for many moons will the occasion be forgotten. Those present from Jacksonville lodge were John Arnold, Emil DeRoboam, Treasurer L. L. Jacobs, Chris. Ulrich, Dr. DeBar, Sheriff Alex. Orme, Hon. Silas J. Day, Thos. Carr, J. H. Huffer, Jr., Ed. Helms, Recorder Peter Applegate, Deputy Sheriff J. E. Cronmiller, Geo. Lewis, Prof. J. M. Horton, W. M. Deneff, A. L. Wimer and Henry Taylor.

—Milton Mauls has taken the agency for the Alfred Peats prize wall paper and respectfully solicits the privilege of showing you their samples and figuring the cost of the different patterns for any room you have to paper.

—Rev. D. E. Finks gave two stereoscopic lectures at the Presbyterian Church, on Sunday and Monday nights. Each night the church was packed to its utmost capacity, and many were turned away. Mr. Finks has some superb colored views of Alaska, the grand scenery of the Rocky mountains, and of the Cumberland mountains in the south, but beautiful as these views were, the greatest interest was manifested in his pictures of the strange peoples of our country, in which the lecturer took us into the homes and cities of the Eskimos, the Pueblos and other Indians, the Mormons, the Mexicans and the mountaineers of the south. The pastor, Rev. Haberly, regrets that all who desired could not get into the church, and also that so many found only standing room, but wishes to express his gratitude for the orderly behavior of those who were put to the discomfort of standing throughout the lectures in the uncomfortable crowds, and also to all those who contributed so liberally of their money. The collections more than paid for all the heavy expenses of those instructive lectures.

—Ladies' John Kelley fine shoes from \$1.50 up, opened at White, Harbaugh & Co.'s store, Medford, this week.

—C. E. Stewart returned last week from Portland, where he had been in attendance at a convention of the prune growers of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. An organization was effected

and is styled the Cured Fruit Association. Hon. Wm. Galloway, of Oregon City, was elected president; J. H. Fletcher, of Vancouver, first vice president; J. P. McMinn, of Walla Walla, second vice president; H. E. Dorsch, of Portland, secretary; W. K. Newell, of Dilley, treasurer; W. W. Cotton, of Portland, consulting attorney; C. E. Stewart, of Medford, A. C. Churchhill, of Newberg, Oregon, and C. R. Smead, of Bialook, Wash., constitute the executive committee. No local organization has been effected here as yet, nor will there be, until blank contracts have arrived for the members to sign. Those in attendance at the Portland convention were enthusiastic over the prospects of the effectiveness of the association and of its promised beneficial results. There is certainly great need of concerted action upon these lines. In our opinion no grower of cured fruits will ever be fully compensated for his labors until a move of this kind is made effective. Heretofore the growers have been at the mercy of almost always unscrupulous commission merchants or middle men. THE MAIL hopes the organization will be effected. Since the above was put in type it has been decided to hold a meeting of the growers of this locality on Thursday, March 29th, at Medford. All growers are expected to be present and effect an organization.

—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.

—One day last week when the family of W. B. Roberts gathered at the table for dinner, eggs formed a part of the appetizing menu served. In that there was nothing new or at all strange, nevertheless, one of the eggs has caused more comment and speculation than a whole basketful of eggs usually give rise to. Mrs. Roberts on breaking open one of them was certainly astonished at the finding of a pin therein—just an ordinary, plain looking pin, slightly bent, but full sized. How it got on the inside of the egg shell can only be guessed at; but its being there certainly was good grounds for a thorough investigation of the remainder of the eggs constituting the meal. The incident emboldened a hint, however, for the parties who are about to start an extensive poultry ranch in this vicinity. If they can get hold of a breed of chickens that will furnish supplies for the table and the toilet at the same time, they will certainly be able to reap a rich harvest.

—New and nobby styles of young men's hats, from the east, being opened at White, Harbaugh & Co.'s store, Medford, this week. Boys don't forget to call and see these goods.

—Elder M. Brownrigg, who arrived in the valley five weeks ago from eastern Kansas, and who is a preacher of the Church of Christ Faith, has been holding religious services out in the Independence district and at Phoenix. Two weeks' services were held in Independence, where seven converts were made and a church has been organized. Meetings have been held at Phoenix for over two weeks and up to Monday thirteen converts were made. A church was also organized here and a church building will be erected at once. The meetings will close Sunday night. As these two localities are near each other it is expected a union of the two church organizations will be effected with Elder Brownrigg as pastor. The only real difference in this church organization to other Protestant churches is that there are no Endeavors or Sunday schools connected therewith. The Sunday bible school takes the place of the Sunday school.

—Smallpox is now very much talked of in many localities, and pure grain whiskey can only be had for sale at the distillery office, at \$2.25 per gallon and up.

—T. A. Wood, the present grand commander of the society of Indian War Veterans in Oregon, was in the valley last Saturday and Sunday, leaving for his home in Portland Sunday evening. The object of his trip was an informal and semi-official visit to the Indian war veterans in the southern part of the state, and stops were made at several points along the line. There are now six measures before congress providing for benefits for the survivors of the Indian wars, and Mr. Wood's object is to discuss with them ways of advancing the interests of those concerned in these measures, and securing, if possible, the passage of the bills. Commander Wood informs us that there are over 1000 Indian war veterans in this congressional district, 160 of whom are residents of Jackson County. The annual grand encampment will be held in Portland on June 14th, this year.

—Large cans of fresh salmon and tomatoes, 10 cents per can, to close out, at White, Harbaugh & Co.'s store, Medford. Sale commencing this week.

—The Whist Club met as usual on Wednesday evening of this week at Woodman hall. There were enough present to play three tables—and then some. These meetings have been held each week during the winter and the interest seems unabating. It is proposed that after a few more weekly meetings the club meet once a month during the summer at the residences of the members, at which places whist can be played on the lawns. Those in attendance at the last meeting were

Mr and Mrs A S Hammond, Mr and Mrs H H Howard, Mr and Mrs C I Hutchison, Mr and Mrs G L Davis, Mr and Mrs J A Whitman, Mrs Fellows, Misses Skoel and Worman and Mr Hubbs.

—The famous "Harbaugh" bacon, hams and lard will be kept for sale by White, Harbaugh & Co.'s store, Medford, this spring and summer. Every pound guaranteed or no sale.

—A fire alarm was turned in Wednesday and very soon the fire boys were making a swift run for the scene of conflagration. It proved to be the old depot of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, a spark from the Medford-Jacksonville shortline engine having ignited the roof of the depot. Water was soon turned on and the fire was put out before any great damage was done. Had the fire gotten a little headway the depot could not have been saved as there was a stiff breeze blowing at the time and the roof was very dry. A hole as large as a man's body was burned in the roof and water from the hose soaked things pretty badly on the inside.

—Traveling opticians are no better than your home opticians, and if their glasses don't fit, they are gone and your money is gone, too. See Gobie, North Front street.

—C. W. Wolters is sort o' betwixt and between on a building proposition. He came pretty close this week to getting a notion into his head that he wanted to put up about three brick store buildings on his lot, corner South C and Eighth streets, but he didn't quite get worked up to a positive conclusion. He has since been offered a fairly good figure for the ground, and this he is now considering. He has a good piece of ground and if two or three good store buildings were to be built thereon there would probably not be any doubt but that they could be rented at a good figure.

—For sale—forty, eighty or 146 acres of land two miles east and one mile north of Medford in the thermal fruit belt. Apply on premises to E. A. Hoag.

—Western Union telegraph men have been at work this week moving telegraph poles several feet further back from the Southern Pacific track. This work will be in extent between Medford and Talent, and is made necessary by the contemplated moving of the old depot from this place to Talent, which will soon be done. The building will be placed on flat cars and moved intact. The telegraph poles were too close to the track to permit of the building passing them. While these line men are here the wires will be shifted from the old to the new depot.

—Low expenses make it easy for us to undersell all competitors, quality for quality. Workmanship and fit guaranteed. Bodge, the tailor.

—Mrs. F. M. Plymale was last week given a draft for \$2000, the same being the amount of insurance carried by her late husband in the Ancient Order of United Workman. It will not be out of place right here to say a word commendatory to Mr. Plymale, for having while in life, provided this means of assistance for his widow when he had passed away and his hands no longer able to provide for the family wants. Every man of family owes it to those dependent upon him to thus provide for their well being after he is gone.

—Big opening of ladies' kid and chamoles kid gloves, for spring and summer wear, at White, Harbaugh & Co.'s, Medford.

—The Medford Republican Club meeting last Friday evening was very largely attended, the town hall being filled almost to its greatest capacity. The business of greatest importance which came before the meeting was the election of officers. Attorney W. I. Vawter nominated J. S. Howard for president. There being no other nominations Mr. Howard was declared the unanimous choice of the members. F. M. Stewart was elected vice president; W. T. York, secretary, and Attorney Carl Narreagan, treasurer.

—Mrs. L. J. Sears has received her new spring stock of millinery, and all ladies of Southern Oregon are asked to call.

—A surprise party was given Miss Nina Kame last Friday evening by a number of her young friends. The party met at the Baptist Church and went in a body to the Kame residence, on South A street, where a very pleasant evening was spent in games and various sports. The surprise was a complete one, Mr. and Mrs. Kame having enticed Miss Nina away from home until the party had arrived.

—If you want a cup of good coffee, try our fresh roasted Mocha and Java. H. H. Howard & Co.

—E. H. Long, formerly of Medford, while working at his trade, that of carpentering, in Ashland, was severely injured by a twentypenny spike, which he was striking, turning and striking him, point first, in the right eye, passing through the cornea and penetrating the anterior chamber. The accident occurred March 2d. He is now reported to be doing very well but will doubtless lose the use of the injured eye.

—Now silks for ladies' waists being received at White, Harbaugh & Co.'s store, Medford.

—It isn't often that grown people have the whooping cough but that's what C. H. Elmore has been wrestling with for the past six weeks—and he's had it hard—been almost at death's door a couple of times.

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It would require quite an amount of extravagant word-painting were we to dilate upon our many Novel, New, Pleasing and Unique Spring and Summer fashions. You naturally expect the New THINGS from us. Every department of our store wears the garb of Spring.

### Spring Fashions of this Season

Are far different from those of the spring of '99. There's quite a radical change—a change that will please the eye.

IF YOU FANCY FANCY HOSE, we have them, both in Ladies' and Gents', to suit every fancy, without fancy prices. Gems in our Furnishing Department—you know we are always strong on this line. We have advanced with the times, so don't fail to call. We will be delighted to show you through our entire stock.

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MEDFORD, - OREGON.



### TAYLER, The Footfitter,

Begs to Announce that he has just received a large shipment of those Famous \$2.00 Ladies' Dress shoes, cloth and kid top lace shoes; also full line of "The United Workmen's" farmers', prospectors' and miners' shoes, made out of that Asbestos Fire and Waterproof leather. 7th St., MEDFORD.

—F. V. Medynski left Monday night for Alaska. This time his objective point is Cape Nome. He will join a number of acquaintances at Seattle and the party will go into Dawson over the pass. From the terminus of the railroad at the summit of the pass they will equip themselves with several dog teams and a couple of horses and make the trip to Dawson on sleds. Mr. Medynski will remain at Dawson until river navigation opens when he will go to Nome and there do prospecting. Mr. Medynski has spent eighteen months in this northern country and has become thoroughly conversant with the topography of the country and the requirements of man in successful quests for the yellow metal.

—Big dry goods opening at White, Harbaugh & Co.'s store, Medford, beginning this week. This house has everything new, delicate and nobby for the ladies. No trouble to show goods.

—Among the welcome callers at the MAIL office last Saturday was Michael Dillon, who bought the Richardson ranch from W. F. Williamson early in the winter. Mr. Dillon came here with his family from Clinton County, Mo., last November, and has become thoroughly settled. They are highly pleased with the climate and the reports of severe storms in their old home, while we are enjoying sunshine and flowers, serves to make them all the more so.

—When you want glasses fitted go to opticians who are located here and who spend their money with you. See Gobie, North Front street.

—The fourteen-months-old daughter of Mrs. F. E. Brown died in this city Monday morning from whooping cough. The little one had been sick for about six weeks. Funeral services were held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Butler, parents of Mrs. Brown, on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Haberly officiating. All Medford extends to the bereaved mother and relatives its most earnest and heartfelt sympathy.

—Sewing machines this week from \$5 up, at White's sewing machine store, Medford.

### Don't Hold Off

Any longer, waiting for Spring Styles—or for new goods in . . . . .

#### .. WOOLEN TROUSERINGS..

Ours will arrive this week—a complete and handsome line of as pretty goods as you ever saw. Come in and examine them.

FRED SLAGLE, The Tailor.

—W. H. McGowan is putting out trees on his place in Southwest Medford. Mr. McGowan purchased a two-acre tract of land in the Lusden addition, just south of Mr. Barr's place, and upon it he will erect a dwelling house during the coming summer or fall. This is indeed a delightful building place, and one of the very best residential localities in the city—and Mac is to be congratulated because of its possession.

—Grand opening of more than 20 styles of ladies' new style spring and summer shoes at White, Harbaugh & Co.'s store this week.

—The Foresters' dancing party given in their lodge hall last Saturday evening was well attended and those present report that never have they had a better time. Another party will be given tomorrow night, St. Patrick's day. These are invitation parties—and if you don't get a bid you are not expected to be there.

—Dr. J. W. Odgers has some very neatly appointed offices in the Adkins block. Call upon him when in need of the best dentistry.

—Charlie Philester is having out rock hauled from Griffin creek for street crossings in Medford. There will be four put in, two across O street, at its intersection with Sixth and Seventh streets, one on West Seventh street, near Mrs. Palm's millinery store and one on A street at its intersection with East Seventh.

## Our Spring Bargain ... MENU ...

### Have You an Appetite?

Cotton Crash.....	4c to 8c
Linen Crash.....	8c to 10c
Cotton, Linen and Turkish Towels.....	5c to 30c
Red Table Damask.....	25c to 30c
White Table Damask.....	25c to 50c
Curtain Net.....	5c to 30c
Drapery Cloth.....	8c to 23c
Bed Spreads.....	85c to \$1.15
Beautiful Lace Ctrtains.....	95c to \$3.50
Laces and Embroideries Galore.	

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When doing your Spring Sewing and Housecleaning.

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Fifty pair of Children's Dongola, Square Toe, Button Shoes, in sizes 6½ to 11½, for..... 50c

A good shoe for Spring and Summer wear, well worth 85c, but to close out, at..... 50c

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