

OUR COUNTY . . .
Correspondents

Gold Hill Items.

BY SPECTATOR.
Capt. T. J. Pierce and wife visited Medford Monday.
Mrs. J. C. Hall and son, of Medford, were here visiting with Court last week.
Rev. Haberly, of Medford, held services at the M. E. Church here Thursday evening.
Miles P. Ward and J. S. Howard are still among us working in the interest of the High Line Ditch Co.
Houck's stamp mill is running day and night, it has been so crowded since the roads have become good.
J. F. Landreth, recently of Sumpster, has purchased the H. C. McNeil property, on C street, and will locate here.
Miss Genevieve Reames, of Jacksonville, and Miss Meda Plymale, of Medford, visited friends here last Thursday.
J. H. Beeman's friends are pushing him forward for the Democratic nominee for the legislature from this end of the county.

I. Humison's household goods arrived from Portland Monday and he is awaiting the completion of his new residence in the Dekum addition.
Kellogg & Darling have completed the flume and ditch for the Gold Hill Light & Power Company and the water will be turned on this week.
Mrs. C. P. Parker, of Phoenix, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Kellogg, this week. Mr. Parker and family expect to leave soon for Wasco County.

Stickle & Stantenger are cleaning the ground for a new brick yard, west of Humison's quartz mill, and will begin operation as soon as the weather will permit.
Foeter & Wolfe this week sold their quartz mine, on Galls creek, to Portland parties for a good sum. They had in a thirty-foot shaft which developed a four-foot vein.
C. F. Young has purchased the N. Moon residence, on G street, and will make some improvements on the property. A. L. Harvey, the hardware man, will occupy the same.

Wm. Russell, the brick yard man, has formed a partnership with Kellogg & Darling for the manufacture of brick and they will soon begin operations for a large output during the summer.
The night cap and box social given by the Rebekahs last Thursday at their lodge hall was well attended. After refreshments Prof. Purkeypile's orchestra furnished the music and those so inclined

spent several hours in dancing, making it altogether a very enjoyable evening.
T. H. Ray, a millionaire of New York City, who has purchased a long list of mining property in this vicinity through his brother, Dr. C. Ray, is expected soon on a visit to his brother and a tour of inspection and for new investments. He is president of a New York corporation capitalized at \$42,000,000.
J. H. Beeman, of the Lucky Bart mine and mill, has resumed operations for the season with plenty of rich ore to work on. He has a five-stamp mill with all modern improvements. As soon as the roads will permit Mr. Beeman will ship a carload of concentrates to Selby & Co., of San Francisco, for treatment.
There will be a grand May day celebration in Gold Hill on May 1st and ball in the evening, given under the auspices of Gold Hill board of trade. There will be a matched game of base ball between the Medford juveniles and Gold Hill juveniles for a suitable purse, and three horse races is a part of the program for the day. A large attendance is expected and everything will be employed to make it a grand success.

PHOENIX ITEMS.

BY K. Y.

Gus Epps made Medford a business visit Wednesday.
Chas. Taylor, of Ashland, spent Tuesday in Phoenix.
Mr. and Mrs. John Robbins went to Ashland Wednesday for a short visit.
Supt. G. A. Gregory, of Medford, made Phoenix a business call last Friday.
James Morton started Monday morning for Klamath, with a load of dried fruit.
Mrs. H. P. Hargrave and Miss Gertie Weeks visited friends in Medford Tuesday.
Mr. Foudrey, brother of E. D. Foudrey, and niece, Mrs. Hicks, of Henley, Calif., are here on a visit.
B. O. Adams, of Smith River, California, brother of Mrs. R. T. Blackwood, arrived in Phoenix Wednesday for a visit.

Central Point Items.

Milo Caton, of Wellen, was in after a load of provisions on Tuesday.
Miss Roberta Rippey commenced a term of school, near Beagle, last Monday.
Elder A. J. Hanby, of Phoenix, preached here last Sunday and will hold services again on April 22d, at 11 a. m.
The M. E. Church building is almost completed. H. Corum is painting the interior this week.
Mrs. Lucinda Guy, of Portland, who has been paying her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Loeffer, a visit, returned home Monday.
The frost of the first of the week damaged the early fruit very much, but our orchardists think the late varieties were not badly injured.
Mrs. E. Pleasant and Miss Maud Downing will have an Easter opening of fine millinery next Saturday. All the ladies are invited to call and see their stock.
John S. Sims and I. J. Carson, who have been employed at Pokegama the past month erecting some buildings for a mining company, arrived home Monday.

Beagle Items.

Merrill and Hila Gee are making preparations to start for Cape Nome in a few days.
The frost of Saturday and Sunday nights did considerable damage to the fruit crop of this vicinity.
Jas. and Eli Amick went to Sisson, Calif., last Wednesday, where they have employment for the summer.
Thos. Jones, who has been at work in the mines at Jump-Off-Joe for the past four months, is visiting his parents at this place.
We are sorry to report that B. F. Wade, an old and respected citizen of this place, is in a very dangerous condition with hemorrhage of the lungs.
Mrs. Flora Carter, of Portland, came down last Friday and will spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rogers, of this place.

Brownsville Items.

BY REBECCA.

R. Wright, of Big Butte, was trading in town Saturday.
Miss Nora Charley is spending a few days with Mrs. Geo. Nichols, of Lake Creek.
W. J. Freeman, of Central Point, accompanied by Mr. Steel, of Independence, made a business trip to this vicinity Friday.
Mrs. W. C. Duley, of Lake Creek, called on friends in town while on her way to visit her son, George Daley, of Eagle Point.

Mrs. J. D. Culbertson, of Lake Creek, accompanied by Miss Sophia Rattie, made a pleasant visit with relatives here Saturday.
George Brown made a very pleasant visit to his mother and friends here Saturday and Sunday. He returned Monday to school at the normal, where he is well pleased.

Doings of the Circuit Court.

J Nunan vs A J Hamlin; judgment for plaintiff; \$191.40, \$11 costs, \$25 attorneys' fees and ordered to sell attached property.
J Nunan vs O B and Addie Dew; judgment by default for \$286.90 and \$12.00 costs, and ordered that property under attachment be sold to satisfy said judgment.
The White Sewing Machine Co vs W H Brunk et al; defendant's motion overruled and time given until Saturday to plead; defendant's demurrer in said case withdrawn.
Jackson County bank vs Sarah Harper and Frank Wait to recover money; judgment by default for \$220 and costs, and that property under attachment be sold to satisfy said judgment.
White Sewing Machine Co vs W H Brunk; property garnished and held pending result of suit.
John Devlin, who lost his naturalization papers, was re-admitted to citizenship.
T T Geor et al vs Chas Nickell et al; judgment for plaintiffs for \$7752.50 and \$500 attorneys' fees, and costs taxed at \$10 and mortgaged property to be sold to satisfy said judgment.
Sugar Pine Co vs M A and Dora E Shirley; confirmation of sale of property.
State vs A J Hamlin; verdict of jury: "We, the jury in the above entitled cause, find the defendant guilty of the crime of assault with a dangerous weapon, and recommend that it be made a finable offense." Hamlin shot Ed. Armstrong on the night of Sunday, February 11th, in Medford. He was sentenced yesterday to eighteen months imprisonment in the penitentiary.
J I Fredenburg vs Geo W Smith et al; order to make sheriff's deed.
T T Geor vs J E Randles et al; judgment for plaintiff in the sum of \$531.25 and \$50 attorneys' fees and order to sell mortgaged premises.
State vs H C Collins; a sentence of one year's imprisonment. It was Collins who secured \$25 from I L Hamilton in Medford last January upon a forged draft. He was arrested in Junction City and preliminary examination was had before Judge Jas. Stewart in Medford, and he was held in the sum of \$500 bonds and committed to the county jail, where he has since been confined. He has been seriously ill with rheumatism during his confinement.

Card of Thanks.

To the many Medford people who were so kind to us during our recent sad bereavement, that of the death of our dear little girl, we wish to express our deepest and most heartfelt gratitude.
MR. AND MRS. GEO. KURTZ.

Rogue River Valley.

The valley of the Rogue river is one of the chain of beautiful valleys extending from the Willamette on the north to the Sacramento and lower valleys of California on the south. These fertile depressions, blooming like fabled gardens within their mountain fastnesses, and rich in every element of productive energy, are separated from each other by transverse columns of mountains which link the Cascades with the Coast range, thus segregating and creating of each a distinct section within itself and possessing its own peculiar characteristics.
These valleys, it may be assumed, once formed the coast line of the Pacific ocean. It has been claimed, and with some reasonable probability, that there have been three shore lines on the coast, and three distinct recessions of the waters of the Pacific, the first shore line being at the foot of the Blue mountains. Whether this debatable hypothesis be true or not, it may be assumed as a certainty that Rogue river valley was once a lake. The evidences of this fact are too numerous and unmistakable to admit of serious question; and that its waters were once discharged through what is now known as Sterling creek, there is every reasonable probability to believe. The great bed rock wash of Sterling creek, from 100 to 175 feet wide, and from 25 to 50 feet deep, shows the action of a large volume of water for an indefinite period of time. There may have been, and probably was, a high spur of the Sierran near the head of Sterling creek, which slid in at some time in the past and blocked the channel and forced the waters of the lake to cut their way through the gorge at Rook Point, and flow into the old channel below Grants Pass. In support of this probability, there is every evidence that Applegate, below the mouth of Sterling to its confluence with Rogue river, was once a large stream.
Rogue river valley, viewed from any standpoint, is an irregular amphitheatre walled in on all sides by mountains that rise from the valley in a succession of undulating hills and plateaus, one above another, until their hoary summits tower in perpetual snow. Stick a pin in the center of this grand amphitheatre of picturesque beauty and productiveness, and you will exactly locate the wide-awake, progressive, live, bustling, building and business town of Medford, situated on the through line of the Southern Pacific railroad from San Francisco to Portland. The geographical position of Medford in the center of the valley, and in the heart of the largest and best body of agricultural land in the county, cannot but make it preeminently the business and commercial center of the county. The trade of Medford, through the liberality and foresight of its active and energetic business men, now reaches and ramifies almost every section of the valley. With the rapidly increasing volume of business done at Medford from year to year, it is safe to predict that its future is one of assured prosperity, and steady and healthy growth.

City Council Proceedings.

The following bills were allowed at the last session of the city council:
J Beck & Co, hardware \$ 17 22
S H Murray, marshal salary 45 00
J D Hooker, street work 42 00
Mrs R F Anderson, meals for prisoners 5 50
J R Wilson, blacksmithing 15 80
C W Pheister, 2 stone crossings 75 38
W L Halley, work on tank pump 4 00
E Lyons, laying pipe and hydrant 15 00
J W Lawton, freight and drayage on pipe for town 3 15
Garl T Jones, surveying 10 00
M Hibbard, fir wood 19 cords 57 00
S Childers, repairing furnace and roof for street crossings 11 00
R B Lawton, engineer salary for March 40 00
R A Proudfoot, lights and sundries 127 90
J W Lawton, recorder's fees for March 21 40
G H Haskins, mids and ball rest 17 55
R A Proudfoot, electric light plant 8400 00
R A Proudfoot, wood 734 30
The following named firemen were allowed \$1 each for services at the fire of March 14th: Chas Perdue, W J Fredenburg, H A Fredenburg, Ira Anderson, D T Lawton, J W Curry, J N Norris, J W Lawton, H G Nicholson. At the fire of March 21st: D T Lawton, Eugene Amsan, J W Curry, H G Nicholson.

—For Sale or Rent—House with two acres of ground—good fruit and garden. D. B. Russell.
—For sale—A full blood, Jersey heifer calf. Registered. J. J. Howser, East Seventh street.
—Eggs—Full blood S. C. White Leghorn eggs, 50 cents a setting. A. H. Chessmore.
—Sewing machines this week from \$5 up, at White's sewing machine store, Medford.
—All kinds of sash and doors and screen doors, at lowest market price, W. Woods.
—W. H. Meeker & Co. wants to buy your mohair. Highest market price paid.
—Spring trucks for spring household moving. Wells & Shearer.
—Fresh stock of garden seeds in bulk or package, at G. L. Davis'.
—You never drank coffee that's better than Hawaiian.
—Look out for La Flor De Alfonso—next week.

For Sale or Exchange.

200-acre farm situated five miles from Ashland and about six miles from Medford; 80 acres under plow; all fenced; fair house; spring water. Will exchange for residence in Medford. Also one block of building lots in Ashland, 60x240 feet; inside property; nice location; fenced; some fruit. E. E. Miner, Gold Hill, Oregon.

County Commissioners' Court.

Sixty-five scalps of wild animals were counted by the commissioners.
In the matter of the county road petitioned for by John Kinkie and others, report of viewers and surveyor road second time and continued to next term of court, Robert Orms having presented a claim for damages.
A warrant for \$25 was drawn on special fund for postage stamps for county officers.
Dr C R Ray having paid into the county treasury \$44.85 for assignment of certificate of tax sale in sec 36, tp 32 s, r 1 w, and paid the sheriff the taxes due on said lands, the same was by order transferred to the said C R Ray.
In the matter of Hattie Howard, incorrigible, ordered that a warrant for \$7.50 be drawn in favor of W J Howard for presenting her before the court pending an examination into the charge against her.
In road petitioned for by T H Fredenburg and others, Ira Wakefield, Wm Perry and Chas Edmonson appointed viewers, Garl T Jones, surveyor, to meet April 27, and view out and survey said road.
In road petitioned for by F F Bailey and others, further hearing continued to next term of court.
Report of hospital contractor for March, examined and approved.
Bid of Horace Mann for printing official reports and advertisements, being the only bid, was accepted.
Ordered that \$75 be allowed for graveling newly graded road in district 23, under direction of Martin Perry, commissioner.
Ordered that H C Turpin be allowed \$200 to continue rock road bed on Big Sticky road.
In elections at Gold Hill and Roxy precincts, J W Markberry was appointed judge of election in Gold Hill precinct in place of Geo R Hammersley, non resident; and H H Taylor was appointed clerk at Roxy precinct in place of John Hockersmith, not now a resident of said precinct.
Journal of March term read and approved.
W F Wilkinson having failed to pay to the county the amount bid on certain lands, and other parties having bid the same, county judge ordered to make deed of conveyance to said lands to such parties, on their paying over to the county \$150.
The following bills were allowed at the April term of the County Commissioners' court:

BILLS ALLOWED.

Officers' salaries, including janitor and Rogue river ferryman \$ 1187 97
G H Haskins supplies for county officers 7 45
H Rosenbath, supplies for Olson and Johnson families 22 85
Medford bank, sundries 5 00
Irwin Hedson Co, supplies for sheriff's office 43 00
G. Nebeker, printing for County Glass & Prudhomme, registration supplies 11 10
J Nunan, supplies for J. A. Pierce 37 80
B Oberbach, witness fees September term circuit court 3 00
J Nunan, supplies for J. A. Pierce 10 00
W F Towne, removing McGinnias to hospital and clothing 7 00
B J Myers, removing McGinnias to hospital 31 40
Mrs J H Whitman, supplies for Robinson family 5 00
Mrs G J Morgan, supplies for Rebecca Morgan 12 00
J Nunan, supplies for Mrs Hudson 4 00
S G Nebeker, supplies for Crosby family 5 00
Mrs C I Courtney, supplies for self 8 00
W F Towne, supplies for Jas Cottle 6 00
Harrison & Lundgren, supplies for Kincaid family 5 00
Amy Wilson, supplies for Pearl Wilson 6 00
Cost bill, state vs H Upton 61 25
Cost bill, state vs Wm Ulrich 20 30
Cost bill vs A J Hamlin 21 10
Alex Orms, board and washing for prisoners 26 45
Chas Prim conveying Hattie Howard to Crittenden home, including admission fee of \$25 78 35
Glass & Prudhomme, supplies for clerk's office 15 00
J R Wilson, iron for scraper 22 00
W H Parker, key to statute for judge's office 10 00
Cost bill, state vs J C Hawthorne 3 45
Peter Applegate, allowance for deputy for March \$4 87
Samuel Jolly, taxes and costs on property assessed to "unknowns" 11 38
W S Crowell, sundry small bills 4 90
Dr W Robinson, medicine and attendance on prisoner 31 10
G B Butler, per diem and mileage as commissioner 13 80
Martin Perry, per diem and mileage as commissioner 12 00
Gus Newbury, express charges on supplies 4 10
Cost bill, state vs Wm Ulrich 14 35
Cost bill, state vs Wm Ulrich 12 25
Total bills allowed \$ 1811 03
— Superior job printing at this office.
Dissolution of Partnership.
Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing by and between J. C. Hall and W. F. Isaacs, doing business under the firm name of Hall & Isaacs, is by mutual consent this day dissolved. All accounts due the firm are payable to W. F. Isaacs, who will continue the business, and all accounts owed by the firm will be paid by said W. F. Isaacs.
Dated at Medford, Oregon, this 5th day of April, 1900.
J. C. HALL,
W. F. ISAACS.

A Bargain for Someone.

Seven hundred acres of land—nearly all tillable—two and one-half miles east of Phoenix depot and seven miles from Medford. Good orchard—as good wheat land as is in the valley, good corn land, two good houses, good outbuildings, five good springs of water, plenty of fire wood. Will sell cattle, hogs and horses with farm. Will sell reasonable.
C. T. PAYNE.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Galt*

County School Notes.

By Supt. G. A. Gregory.
School in district 40 began April 25, for a twelve weeks' term with Cora B. Lemon in charge.
Geo. McCune is exercising his authority in No. 77 and we believe he will prove his ability to do good work.
M. Ella Griffith is busy with the pupils in No. 48. The school house will need enlarging if the school continues to grow.
Miss Etta Wilson has possession of the four lower grades in Eagle Point school. We predict a successful term for her.
Word comes from Miss Jessie Rose, teacher in No. 30, that there will be a school entertainment for flag and library purposes during the term.
A glance into the busy school room of Miss Donegan in No. 3 showed all at work and eager to learn. There will be an entertainment there in a few weeks.
Teachers who are preparing pupils for the eighth grade examinations in the rural school should not lose sight of the fact that the main object of the study which leads to graduation is the development of power. A certificate of graduation is a snare and delusion unless true culture has been gained before securing it. Too much stress has been laid on the fact of graduation and not enough on the value of the power which should be first gained. It is far better to fail to graduate than to do so without having earned the right.

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

Advertised Letter List.

Following is a list of letters remaining uncalled for in the Medford postoffice on April 11, 1900.
Abbott, Dr S Calender, A C
Lawson, T Shields, Phrona E
Vesceino, Chas H White, J M
A charge of one cent will be made upon delivery of each of the above letters.
Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "Advertised."
G. F. MERRILL, Postmaster.

See Supplies.

I have just received a full line of bee supplies such as foundation combs, frames, hives and smokers.
H. H. HOWARD & Co.

City Property for Sale.

One lot situated on Eighth street, at rear of J. R. Wilson's shop, which can be bought cheap. Building on property. Inquire at MAIL office.

Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing by and between Emil DeRoboam and E. P. Orser, doing business under the firm name of DeRoboam & Orser, is this date—viz: April 11, 1900, dissolved. All accounts due the firm are payable to Emil DeRoboam and all bills owed by the firm will be paid by said DeRoboam, who will continue the business.
EMIL DEROBOAM,
E. P. ORSER.

LONDON IN 1784.

There Were Many Highwaymen and Footpads on the Road—Bread Knockers Steals.

In 1784 M. La Combe published a book, entitled "A Picture of London," in which inter alia he says: "The highroads 30 or 40 miles round London are filled with armed highwaymen and footpads." This was then pretty true, though the expression "filled" is somewhat of an exaggeration. The medical student of 40 or 50 years ago seems to have been anticipated in 1784, for M. La Combe tells us that "the brass knockers of doors, which cost from 12 to 15 shillings, are stolen at night if the maid forgets to unscrew them"—a precaution which seems to have gone out of fashion. "The arrival of the mails," our author says, "is uncertain at all times of the year. Persons who frequently receive letters should recommend their correspondents not to insert loose papers, nor to put the letters in covers, because the tax is sometimes treble, and always arbitrary, though in a free country. But rapacity and injustice are the delities of the English!"

M. La Combe does not give us a flattering character: "An Englishman," he says, "considers a foreigner as an enemy, whom he dares not offend openly, but whose society he fears; and he attaches himself to no one." Perhaps it was so in 1784, but such feelings have nearly died out—at least among educated people. M. La Combe, in another part of his book, exclaims: "How are you changed, Londoners! Your women are become bold, imperious and expensive. Bankrupts and beggars, coiners, spies and informers, robbers and pickpockets abound; the baker mixes alum in his bread; the brewer puts opium and copper filings in his beer; the milk-woman spoils her milk with snails."—Gentleman's Magazine.

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CONTRACTOR and BUILDER.

All kinds of Brick and Stone Work done; can furnish material for any kind of work. Estimates promptly given.

See Me before You Build.

It's Easy To Take

Thin, pale, anemic girls need a fatty food to enrich their blood, give color to their cheeks and restore their health and strength. It is safe to say that they nearly all reject fat with their food.

SCOTT'S EMULSION OF COD LIVER OIL WITH HYPOPHOSPHITES OF LIME & SODA

is exactly what they require; it not only gives them the important element (cod-liver oil) in a palatable and easily digested form, but also the hypophosphites which are so valuable in nervous disorders that usually accompany anemia. SCOTT'S EMULSION is a fatty food that is more easily digested than any other form of fat. A certain amount of flesh is necessary for health. You can get it in this way.

We have known persons to gain a pound a day while taking it.

See and Buy, all druggists. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

Catch Cold Easily?

Are you frequently hoarse? Do you have that annoying tickling in your throat? Would you feel relieved if you could raise something? Does your cough annoy you at night, and do you raise more mucus in the morning? Then you should always keep on hand a bottle of

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

If you have a weak throat you cannot be too careful. You cannot begin treatment too early. Each cold makes you more liable to another, and the last one is always harder to cure than the one before it.

Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral Pleister protects the lungs from colds.

Help at Hand.

If you have any complaint whatever and desire the best medical advice you can possibly obtain, write the doctor freely. You will receive a prompt reply.
Address, DR. J. C. AYER, Lowell, Mass.

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