

CITY HAPPENINGS.

Medford's already large number of fraternal societies was increased last Friday evening by the institution of Reames Chapter, No. 60, Order of the Eastern Star. The Eastern Star is the auxiliary lodge of the Masonic order, and admits Masons, their wives and immediate feminine relatives. It occupies the same relative position among secret societies which admit ladies to their membership as the Masonic lodge does among other fraternalities, and is one of the most desirable organizations to which a lady may belong; therefore, the establishing of the order here is a source of much pleasure and gratification to the forty-four charter members who signed the roll of the new lodge. Worthy Grand Patron Thomas Ryan, of Oregon City, and Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Margaret Lutke, of Portland, instituted the chapter, assisted by Mrs. Hattie White, who acted as grand marshal. The drill team from Adair Chapter, No. 3, Jacksonville, was present by invitation of the worthy grand patron and exemplified the ritual and social work in a very impressive manner. Mrs. Inez Ryan, wife of the worthy grand patron, accompanied Mr. Ryan, and acted as grand secretary. The election of officers and selection of those who will fill the appointive places for the first term of the new chapter resulted as follows: Worthy matron, Mrs. Mary Reeves; worthy patron, W. I. Vawter; associate matron, Mrs. E. D. Fellows; secretary, Mrs. Hattie Gore; treasurer, Mrs. Etta Vawter; conductress, Mrs. Beattie Lumsden; associate conductress, Mrs. Nellie Whitman; Ada, Cynthia Howard; Ruth, Mrs. Lou Elwood; Esther, Mrs. Mattie Hutchison; Martha, Mrs. Luella Mann; Electa, Miss Mae Isaacs; warden, Mrs. Elmira Miller; sentinel, Fred O. Hurd; chaplain, Mrs. Eunice Lumsden; marshal, Mrs. Lou Soars; organist, Miss Maymie Foster. These officers were instructed in their work by Worthy Grand Patron Ryan, but will not be installed until after the charter for the new chapter is formally allowed by the grand lodge, which meets in Portland on June 8th. After the work of the evening was over in Masonic hall all who had participated therein repaired to the Woodmen hall, and, notwithstanding the lateness of the hour, greatly enjoyed a banquet which had been prepared by the ladies of the order in Medford and Jacksonville, and at which addresses were made by Worthy Grand Patron Ryan and Senator Cameron, of Jacksonville. W. I. Vawter acting as toastmaster. There will be no regular meetings of the chapter until the charter is received, but the enthusiastic members will meet and practice the work of the degree and be ready to start out in first-class working order early in June, when announcements will be made as to dates of meeting.

H. G. Mackey, Medford's leading photographer, in Hamlin's block, Seventh street, has arranged with a crayon portrait company of Portland, by which means he is enabled to give free with each half dozen cabinet photos a 10x20 inch crayon portrait. This offer will hold good for sixty days. It is current rumor that Mr. Barnum, owner of the Medford-Jacksonville short-line, has contracted with Mr. Gorsline for the sawing of a great number of ties for his railroad. The fact that Mr. Gorsline is preparing to establish his mill some place in the Rogue river country, and the further fact that Mr. Barnum can secure the timber which is needed for use between Medford and Jacksonville at a much nearer point than Rogue river, is significant in that the ties recently contracted for could

be of use to advantage only in the construction of a line of road to the timber belt on Rogue river. There is a great opportunity for good, business investment in the building of a railroad to tap the immense sugar pine timber belt of the upper Rogue river, and THE MAIL has an opinion that Mr. Barnum will labor to that end. The owners of the sugar pine land in that country can well afford to put up a considerable amount of money as a subsidy—and we understand the larger holders of timber land have already given a guarantee of one dollar per acre—which would represent about \$60,000—and they could possibly be induced to do even better than this. There are many more small holders who would gladly do apportionately as well.

I have no special days for openings, but am constantly exhibiting throughout the season a complete line of trimmed hats. The display is always novel, and each day finds some new designs, showing the latest ideas in fashionable millinery. All are cordially invited. Mrs. L. J. Sears.

Frank Galloway, of Central Point, came up Monday on business connected with his patent Waste-Proof Feed-Box, for stock. Mr. Galloway has recently had his invention patented in Canada—covering the entire dominion. He had previously secured a patent for it in the United States. He now covers all the territory from the Gulf of Mexico to the North Pole. The device is a very simple one and, strange as it may seem, there had never before been a patent issued in the United States for an economy feed box for cattle. The box is so simple and easy of construction that any farmer with a hand saw and hammer can make one. It is also very cheap, requiring only a few feet of rough boards and a few pieces of two-by-fours. Mr. Galloway now has everything in shape to put his patent on the market and has already sold several rights to manufacture them to stockmen. Four animals can feed from each box and the saving in feed is in the fact that when feeding, the animal's head is inside the box, the opening through which its head is thrust being open at the top and closed up at the sides and bottom—fitting about the neck close enough to permit of no food getting out, still large enough to be easy and comfortable for the animal. It is a device which every man who owns a cow ought to have. THE MAIL sees nothing in the road which leads to a sure fortune for the inventor. The right to manufacture sells for \$2.

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.

A. B. Elliston, who lives east of Medford, can in no way be a patron of the proposed Medford creamery, because of the fact that his sticky land will not produce alfalfa, but he is a warm supporter of the project and is saying much that is encouraging on creamery lines. He formerly lived near a well established creamery and knows whereof he speaks when he says that the farmers all made money who did dairying—and the locality as a whole was a very prosperous one.

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

Last Thursday, April 26th, was Agnes Isaacs' ninth birthday, and in honor of the occasion she gave a party to a number of her little girl friends, at the pleasant home of her parents, in West Medford. The hours from four to six were spent in playing various games, an interesting feature of the

party being a cake walk by several of the little girls. At six o'clock refreshments were served. Agnes was the recipient of several nice presents from her little friends. Those present were: Fay Soars, Fern Hutchison, Hazel Enyart, Hazel Davis, Ruth Lumsden, Lorraine Bliton, Margery Klippel, Zelah White, Mabel Wilson, Genevieve Wertenman, Venita Hamilton, Pansy Carney, Ray Glat, Bertha Brandenburg and Lois Glat.

The Boss has a soda fountain with soft drinks of various descriptions in connection, also nuts of all kinds, tropical fruits and cigars. When in Jacksonville, call.

H. M. Coss, of Portland, is in Medford arranging to open a musical instrument store in the Childers brick block. He will put in a full stock of pianos and organs and may add smaller instruments thereto at a later date. It will be gratifying to intending piano and organ purchasers, to know that we are to have a permanently established music house in the city. These fellows who have been dropping in here with a great hollow of trumpets and remain a few days when their freight is repacked and they are off again to establish themselves in another town, are a menace to the well-being of any locality—in that they reap a harvest of shekels from fields where they have sown not even pennies. If Mr. Coss comes here with the intentions of remaining and will sell our people good instruments at a fairly reasonable figure he can build up a good business.

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.

R. W. Gray was down from Prospect this week. He reports the sawmill running to its fullest capacity. The engineer for the big lumber engine has been sent for and just as soon as things can be gotten in shape the lumber train will be started. The engine and train will run between Medford and Butte creek; it having been decided to haul the lumber from the mill to Butte creek by team. Many people are asking what Mr. Gray is going to do with the residence property he recently purchased in Medford from Dr. Jones. He tells a MAIL reporter that it is for his own use and that hereafter he will reside in Medford, during the winter, at least. The price paid for this property was \$1000.

Wall paper at from five to fifty cents per roll. See Milton Maulo, agent for the Alfred Pents prize wall paper. Mr. Maulo wants to show you samples.

W. H. Hembree has purchased a right to manufacture and sell the Dewey washing machine in Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and Lake Counties, and he now has parties at work figuring on the manufacture of the machines. The general run of people don't take a great amount of stock in patent washing machines or churns, but this one is an exception to the general run of labor saving devices that come under this head. It is the simplest constructed machine imaginable—and the most effective on the market. The largest family washings can be done in forty minutes—and done right—as good as with the hands.

Dr. Goble, the optician, will be at his residence in Medford on Saturday of each week. Eyes tested free of charge. Corner Fourth and D streets.

Last Monday night, shortly after midnight, the saloon of A. M. Helms South D. street was broken into, and a quantity of bottled goods taken. The cash register was also rifled, but fortunately it contained but a few dollars, mostly in small change. The robber, who is thought to have been a hobo, forced an entrance through a rear window and proceeded to acquire the necessary elements for several future jags without being disturbed, then made his escape without leaving a trace of his identity. Mr. Helms states that his loss in money and goods will amount to about \$40.

Barrad Plymouth Rock eggs for sale—50 cents for setting of 15. Will deliver at Davis' grocery store, Medford, each week. J. W. Smith.

How rapidly tempus does fugit! Though the new century seems but just begun, the fifth month has rolled around—the month which in nearly every zone marks the beginning of the growth of all products. The name May is taken from the Latin Maia—the goddess of growth or increase, and is derived from the same Latin root as magnus, meaning great. Certainly it marks the advancement of growth in the Rogue River valley.

Walter of last week to visit his brother-in-law, Judge Willis and family, and also to look over this part of the country and its future prospects. Mr. Walters has been in the mercantile business at Medford and sold out recently. He has every indication of being a progressive, energetic and desirable citizen, and we wish he would come and permanently pitch his tent in Klamath Falls.

Look out for La Flor De Alfonso—next week.

Parents should caution their children about getting too close to moving trains at the depot. It oftentimes happens that school children are crossing the track when trains are in the yard—and they are at times very reckless and daring. Only a couple of days ago a MAIL reporter saw several little girls, who were waiting at a crossing for a freight train to pass, step close to the moving cars and put their hands on them as they passed. One of these days an accident will befall the treasure of some household by this recklessness.

The girls tell us—and they are authority—that our candles have the real flavor. The choicest candles in Medford—at the Rivalto.

It is said that a few property owners along the line of the high line ditch are "standing out" on the matter of right-of-way for the ditch, and that these few are holding back construction work. However, they have been served with legal notices and the courts will settle the matters of difference. It is to be hoped that everything will be adjusted and that work will soon commence on the ditch. It was intended to commence work May 1st, but this little bobble will deter operations until July 1st.

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

The man who can and won't work in these prosperous days ought not eat; there is work for all who are not too tired, and the wages are such that there is little disposition on the part of the workers of this section to kick. Stewart & Chessmore spent several busy hours the first of the week trying to raise a force of twenty laborers to fill a rush demand—and their efforts were only partially successful. This is a poor year for the calamity howler, indeed.

Capital furnished to develop mines. Send average samples by express, prepaid, and full particulars. Dr. Ray Gold Hill.

The Southern Pacific Railroad Company has contracted with Jacksonville parties for the delivery of 1500 cords of fir wood at Medford. The company will establish a wood yard here and will put down a spur track leading thereto. The scouring of wood by the company is becoming a problem which is difficult to solve. Not many more years will come and go before the coal mines of Southern Oregon will be opened up and locomotive fuel secured therefrom.

Wanted to buy—A gentle saddle and driving horse; must weigh about 1000 pounds. D. E. Jones, Central Point.

Rt. Rev. F. X. Blanchet, formerly of Jacksonville, now chaplain of St. Vincent's Hospital, in Portland, and who is at present traveling in Europe, has been elevated to the rank of prelate with the title of Monsignor, by Pope Leo XIII. The gentleman has been engaged in religious work in this state since 1888, and is well-known in Southern Oregon, where he labored for a number of years.

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

The Stayton Mall says: "The resignation of Rev. Edw. Gittins as pastor of the M. E. Church in Stayton is expected about May 15. This action on his part is made necessary by the illness of Mrs. Gittins." Rev. Gittins was formerly pastor of the M. E. Church in Medford. The family has a great many friends here who will regret to learn of Mrs. Gittins' poor health.

American beauties wear F. C. corsets—money refunded after four weeks' trial if not satisfactory. W. H. Meeker & Co.

The Medford juvenile base ball team went down to Gold Hill Tuesday, May Day, and played a juvenile team of that city. The score stood eighteen to twelve, in favor of Medford. The Medford players were Lester Childs, Charlie Boussum, Oral Burnett, Ray Crystal, Frank Isaacs, Claude Miles, Ralph Wilson, Guy Lawton and Chalmus Danielson.

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

The Bates Comedy Company, which played in Medford a couple of weeks ago, and which left several unpaid bills here on their departure from town, became stranded at Grants Pass last week. A benefit was given them there, under the auspices of Company H, Oregon National Guards, in order to secure funds for them to continue on the road.

New Ceylon tea in air-tight pound tins. Unquestionably the best tea in the market—at Warner & Wortman's.

Geo. Weeks and Miss Lebo, daughter of J. K. Lebo, all of Elk creek, were married in Jacksonville on Tuesday of this week. A dancing party was given at the residence of Oliver Weaver, on Elk creek, in honor of the event. THE MAIL is joining with the many friends of the happy couple in extending congratulations.

Butter, eggs and chickens—we want all you can bring us; cash or trade. H. H. Howard & Co.

The Watsonville, Calif., Creamery Co., has recently declared a dividend of ten per cent. In February, 15,280 pounds of butter were made, and \$3,224.11 were paid for milk.

1900 Are You Wedded? 1900 To any particular store, or do you seek the place where best goods can be found? We don't know much about selling groceries or shoes; but we have made a study of clothing for years, and we're still learning. That's why our store has gained the reputation of being the Best Clothing house in the city. Men of taste like to buy here. Don't cost any more for that extra touch of style and quality than the cheap garment in many stores. We think we have a swell line of Shirt Waists—we would like your opinion after you have seen them. Our Ladies' Silk Waist Patterns are right nice, and we will gladly show them. W. H. MEEKER & CO. MEDFORD, - OREGON.

TAYLER, The Footfitter, Begs to call the attention of the ladies of Jackson County to some more up-to-date lace boots and shoes just received. Following are a few of the styles: "The Ogontz," "The Olenka," "The Tourist," "The Saratoga," "The Metropolitan," "Derby," "Queen," and many more styles to choose from. These are the latest. 7th St., MEDFORD.

Don't Hold Off Any longer, waiting for Spring Styles—or for new goods in... WOOLEN TROUSERINGS... Ours are now here—a full, complete and handsome line of as pretty goods as you ever saw. Come in and examine them. FRED SLAGLE, The Tailor.

was, on Sunday, taken to Salem to serve his sentence. His family will live in Salem during the term of his incarceration. Dr. Odgers' dental offices will be opened in Medford on May 1st—in the Adkins block. Gov. "Bob" Taylor, who lectured at Ashland on Monday of last week, cancelled all the rest of his Oregon dates and has returned to his home in Tennessee, the reason for the action being an attack of bronchitis. J. W. Odgers, dentist, in Adkins block. Work always first-class and guaranteed. Ira Phipps returned to his home in Medford last Friday and after a two days' stay with his relatives he left for Ashland, where he has opened a dentist's office, he having but recently graduated from a dental college. Hawaiian coffee, in one and two pound, air-tight tin cans—at Warner & Wortman's. Miss Icie Matney came over from Applegate this week and will assist her sister in doing dressmaking. These ladies are located in the Loshier residence on C street and are enjoying a splendid business. Sewing machines this week from \$5 up, at White's sewing machine store, Medford. A new cattle chute has been put in at the Medford cattle yards, the same being for use in loading hogs and sheep onto the second deck of cars when shipments of stock are being made and a double deck is necessary. Agricultural implements and garden tools—G. L. Schermerhorn's second hand store, Medford. H. J. Hloks, of the Neil creek sawmill, near Ashland, has contracted to supply the S. P. D. & L. Company, of Grants Pass, with 250,000 feet of lumber, to be used at the company's box factory. Work on the order will commence at once. Ladies, buy your spring dress goods and novelties at White, Harbaugh & Co.'s store, Medford. J. W. Lawton, agent for the Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Company, reports the sale of two fine Henny drummer rigs to Messrs. Goodwyn & Tull, of the Nash livery stables, and one of the same make to Emil DeRoboam, of the Union stables. If you want a cup of good coffee, try our fresh roasted Mocha and Java. H. H. Howard & Co. Bud Hamlin, who was sentenced to eighteen months in the penitentiary for shooting Ed. Armstrong last winter,

Ladies' Shirt Waists, Skirts and Wrappers. We have them—Cheap, too. We have, also, an EXTENSIVE NEW STOCK Of Muslin Underwear, Allovers and Puffings for Shirt Waists. The New Pulley Belts are in. G. L. WEBB, Raqueter.

Boys' Solid Shoes. Boys take twice as many steps as grown people—hence they wear out twice as many shoes. We have been paying special attention to this line, and feel satisfied they are positively... THE BEST YOU CAN GET. For the Money. They may not be as cheap in price as some others—but ARE the cheapest in the long run. We wish to call special attention to our line of Seamless or "U-CAN'T-RIP-EM" boys' shoes. They are made for hard knocks and are positively all solid. J. G. VAN DYKE & CO., 7th Street, - - - Medford, Oregon.