

CITY HAPPENINGS.

—The Medford and Butte creek water ditch is again matter for discussion. There has never been a doubt in THE MAIL's mind but that the ditch would be built and now, when the promoters tell us that excavation work will be commenced within thirty days we are not surprised—expected it all the time. The renewed interest manifest right now comes about by the visit of interested parties to the scene of action. On Sunday evening Messrs. C. D. Vincent, L. C. Williams and V. McCray arrived in Medford and early Monday morning the three started out over the line of the proposed ditch—the two first named gentlemen not having previously been over the line. Mr. Vincent is one of the firm and Mr. Williams is a son of the Mr. Williams who is at the head of the firm and who was here several days last winter in the interest of the ditch. These gentlemen returned Monday evening and at once left for San Francisco to perfect arrangements for immediate work on the ditch. They were very much pleased with the surroundings and were in no ways averse to positively stating that the ditch would be built. Mr. McCray, the engineer for the company, will remain here and do some surveying preparatory to excavation work.

—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.

—A number of the patriotic people of the city met in the town hall Tuesday evening and discussed the advisability of celebrating Independence day in Medford this year. The expression of sentiment was unanimously in favor of holding a rousing, good old-time celebration, and a committee consisting of L. F. Gardner, I. L. Hamilton and G. L. Davis was appointed to make a thorough canvass among the merchants and see what amount of money could be raised by subscription. This committee is to report at 8 o'clock Saturday evening at the town hall, at which meeting there should be a big attendance. If the merchants and people generally of the city are in favor of a celebration, and are willing to subscribe towards an amount large enough for a creditable affair—and there is little room for doubt in this direction—committee will be set to work to prepare a program and get things in shape for the biggest time Medford has had for many a day.

—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.

—Earl Calkins and M. Purdin have each secured a pair of Belgian hares, and will at once commence the propagation of these animals for the markets of Southern Oregon. In California these animals are grown extensively for the market and a fairly remunerative occupation the growers find the business to be. The meat of the Belgian hare is said to resemble in taste that of chicken and is preferred by many.

—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.

—Friday was quite a day for the girls of the Kettle Drum club. Through the kindness of a gentleman friend five of the members attended the Norris Bros. animal show in the afternoon and enjoyed the same from start to finish. In the evening Miss Barnsbury gave them a party, inviting in the boys to celebrate the last meeting at her cozy home. Whist and archery were played progressively and a very choice lunch of ice cream, cake and coffee was served, after which an impromptu musicale finished the jolly evening with Miss Mollie, who always entertains royally. Those present were Misses Isaacs, Cox, Worman, Nicholson, Cox and Rhinehart and Messrs. Keene, Hubbs, Pottinger, Slagle, Jas. Pelton, of Sams Valley, John Miller, of Jacksonville, W. P. Crosby, of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Gore.

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

—W. F. Isaacs, proprietor of the Rialto, has opened in connection therewith the "Japanese Ice Cream Parlor," an elegantly appointed little grotto, which will undoubtedly be the popular temporary resting place of many a weary pilgrim during the long summer months. The room adjoining the Rialto has been newly and richly papered and decorated until its interior resembles in appearance a Japanese art store, with its artistic arrangement of parasols, fans and lanterns. There are nine tables, each of which will accommodate four persons, and the list of frozen dainties served will include ice cream and crushed fruits, cream soda, fruit ices of all flavors, etc. The parlor is now open and ready for the accommodation of those who enjoy the choicest of luxuries served in the most tempting manner.

—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.

—H. C. Mackey's studio, in Hamilton block, is a thing of beauty these days—since Mr. Mackey has removed all the old pictures and decorations from the walls, and replaced them with his new and up-to-date photos. One cannot spend an hour more pleasantly than in looking over the grand display in this studio. In every picture put out by Mr. Mackey there is plainly seen the careful touch of the true artist's hand. There is not a better artist in all Oregon than is Mr. Mackey, and we question there being his equal south of Portland.

—Almost all kinds of vehicles at Schermerhorn's second hand store—also new and second hand furniture. Household goods of all kinds.

—Willis Snyder and Miss Berylla Edwards, daughter of J. F. Edwards, were married in Jacksonville, Wednesday by Judge Crowell. Both these young people are residents of Wellen, where the groom owns a farm, which he purchased about a year ago, soon after his arrival in Oregon, from Nebraska. He is a brother of O. S. Snyder and a cousin of Perry Stewart. THE MAIL is hoping their married life may always be as rose-hued as they have pictured it, and that prosperity may always be theirs.

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

—Mrs. I. M. Marcy died in Medford on Thursday of last week of pneumonia. On Friday the remains were prepared for shipment and the same evening were taken to Oakland, Oregon, for interment. Deceased leaves a husband and three small children. Mr. Marcy is a blacksmith and came to Medford with his family last winter, from Oakland.

—Wanted, old stoves of all kinds at Schermerhorn's second hand store.

—June 20th will be a big day in Medford. It will be the day of the District Convention of the Woodmen of the World—and the convention, with 150

or 200 delegates, will be held in Medford. The district comprises all of Oregon south from Eugene. Medford Camp members are figuring on giving the delegates a royal welcome to our city and to the end that their object be carried out it is desired that every Woodman's shoulder shall be put to the wheel. At the last meeting of Medford Camp the following committees were appointed: On arrangement and entertainment—J. W. Willeke, A. S. Wells, J. G. Hodges, A. Slover, R. R. Morey, F. M. Wilson, D. T. Cox, W. B. Moore, G. A. Gregory, Perry Stewart, A. H. Chesmore. On reception—H. L. Gilkey, H. Mann, A. S. Hammond, A. S. Bliton, G. E. Weber, F. W. Wait, W. H. Meeker, F. M. Parker, J. R. Wilson. On finance—J. W. Wiley, W. J. Fredenburg, J. A. Perry.

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

—Attorneys A. S. Hammond and Carl Narregan have hooked themselves in team harness and will henceforth do business under the firm name and style of Hammond & Narregan, with offices upstairs in the Medford bank block. The firm will do a general law business, also abstracting and conveying, they having succeeded Narregan & Narregan in this line. THE MAIL can see no good reason why this firm should not do a splendid business. Mr. Hammond is justly credited with being one of the very best lawyers in Southern Oregon, while Mr. Narregan has become thoroughly conversant in all matters of abstracts, and is himself nothing slow as an attorney.

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

—Frank Wiles, a young man nineteen years of age, living at Ashland, was brought before Drs. Jones and Shearer Tuesday for examination as to his sanity. He was adjudged insane and was taken to the asylum at Salem Tuesday evening by J. H. Bellinger. The young man was sick several months ago with typhoid fever, and since his recovery he has been insane to a greater or less extent upon matters pertaining to religion. The malady was seemingly growing upon him and it was decided that treatment at the asylum would benefit him. The probabilities are that he will recover entirely.

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

—Loren Wigle has had another twist at hard luck recently. It was only a few weeks ago that he got his hand in too close proximity to a steam wood saw, soon after which he hurt the bit of an ax in his ankle joint—then, last week, while ball playing, he was struck squarely in the eye by a ball, which had spent not near all its force when the aforesaid optic was encountered. From all lines of vision Loren is having hard luck.

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

—N. S. Bennett, in proof of the fact that the prune crop of the Rogue river valley did not all get frosted, has brought to this office a limb from one of his trees which has on it just about the right number of prunes which would assure a good crop. He relates that his trees are all about in the same condition and that other orchards in his locality are equally as good.

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

—Miss Lee Plymire is the mail carrier on the route between Medford and Creed. The mail is carried on Tuesday and Friday of each week. No schedule as to arrival and departure of the mail has as yet been established. Creed is the new postoffice recently established north and east of Medford.

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

—J. A. Morey reports that on Saturday of last week he gathered a mess of strawberries from his vines. These are the first of the season—but Mr. Morey is pretty nearly always first in everything in the fruit line—and in all of the several varieties of fruits he always harvests a big crop.

—I will have a neat line of fine Dorringer & Libby cut glass, Friday night by express. E. D. Elwood.

—J. W. Wiley is gathering in hogs from various points of the valley which he will feed for the San Francisco market. He shipped a carload in from Grants Pass Monday night and now has them at his place west of Medford where he is fattening them on wheat.

—Latest novelties in ladies' suspender belts just received at White, Harbaugh & Co's store, Medford.

—G. W. Priddy has secured the contract for the erection of A. M. Holms' saloon building and work is to commence at once. The building will be of brick, one story high and 25x60 feet in size. Mr. Priddy will also commence work on the Halley block next week.

—Hawaiian coffee, in one and two pound, air-tight tin cans—at Warner & Wortman's.

—W. D. Clumpner is advertising elsewhere in this paper that he will sell his fifteen-acre tract of land west of Medford. The gentleman is desirous

of returning to Wisconsin, where he will place his four motherless children with their grandparents.

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

—The Norris & Rowe animal show gave two exhibitions in Medford last Friday to two very small audiences. The street parade was good, as were also many of the tricks performed by the ponies and dogs, but there was seemingly so much ill treatment of the animals that the audience did not fully appreciate the feats performed—because of their sympathy for the animals. The show would doubtless have been better attended had it been advertised. It was advertised only in the Jacksonville Times and Medford Free Press. Speaking of bushels to put a light under reminds us that these show people could not have found two better subjects to obscure the light of their supposedly first-class show.

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

—J. W. Curry, who left Medford last week for Washington, D. C., writes friends here telling them of the pleasure of his trip. Mr. Curry has secured a clerkship with the government census bureau, at \$100 per month—for a duration of twelve or eighteen months.

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—Childers Bros. are now putting in the foundation for D. T. Lawton's new brick building, on North B street. The laying of brick will commence next week. These gentlemen will also commence work on J. R. Wilson's building next week.

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

—The Medford employment agency wants to hire twenty-five men to cut cord wood—at \$1.50 per cord. This same agency, during the past week, has secured employment for ten men at \$2 and \$2.50 per day—common labor.

—G. L. Davis has now on sale the largest stock of garden seeds ever brought to Southern Oregon.

—Cashier Gilkey was off duty last week—had the measles—had 'em just like any school boy would be expected to indulge in the luxury. He is all right now—and at his post of duty in the Jackson County bank.

—Agricultural implements and garden tools—G. L. Schermerhorn's second hand store, Medford.

—Merchant H. H. Howard has been confined to his home this week with la grippe, accompanied by pneumonia and fever symptoms. He was able to be at the store yesterday morning. Dr. Pickel was in attendance.

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

—Joe Parker, who has been in the employ of the Southern Pacific Company at Grants Pass has been transferred to Medford, and will serve here in the capacity of freight clerk.

—For sale, two good driving horses; see Schermerhorn at second hand store.

—J. G. Taylor, the harness and saddlery man, who has been ill with la grippe for a couple of weeks, is able to be at his store again. Dr. Jones was the attending physician.

—Dr. Odgers' dental offices will be opened in Medford on May 1st—in the Adkins block.

—C. C. Taylor has been appointed census enumerator for East and West Medford and Roxy precincts—and all the republicans hereabouts are extending congratulations.

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

—Attorney G. W. White, formerly of Medford, J. J. Lamb and L. Harlocker, of Coquille City, will establish a bank in Coquille with \$50,000 capital.

—W. H. Meeker & Co. wants to buy your mohair. Highest market price paid.

—Frank Wilson has added to his bakery a fine new soda fountain, and proposes to dispense soft drinks that will be veritable palate ticklers.

—All kinds of spring goods at White, Harbaugh & Co's store, Medford.

—Rev. E. F. Wilson is jubilant over the arrival of a new baby at his home—the arrival of which is dated last week.

—Orthopedic shoes at White, Harbaugh & Co's store, Medford.

—Born—To Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Williams, of Evans creek, a ten pound girl. Mother and child doing nicely.

—Cider, ten cents per bottle, at The Boss, Jacksonville.

—Miss Iva Purdin will commence a term of school in the Big Butte district next Monday.

—Mens new and nobby hats and neckwear at White, Harbaugh & Co. Medford.

—J. W. Miller, of this city, has received an increase of pension—from \$8 to \$12 per month.

—W. S. McKee, we are sorry to learn, is quite ill with heart trouble.

—Wanted—Girl for general housework. A. S. Hammond, Medford.

—Wm. Slinger is seriously ill with hemorrhage of the lungs.

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Are You Wedded?

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

Wishes to call the attention of the gentlemen of Southern Oregon to the lines of Fine Fitting Shoes constantly arriving direct from the factories. In the next two weeks we will receive some 40 different styles in tan or black, dress or walking shoes, constructed by the best shoe-making skill of the world.

OFFICIAL SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT.

Itemized expenses of Jackson County for the six months ending April 1, 1900:	
Salary of sheriff, Alex Orme	\$ 2,000 00
Salary of clerk, Gus Newbury	1,500 00
Salary of county recorder, Peter Applegate	800 75
Salary of county judge, W. S. Crowell	900 00
Salary of assessor, J. C. Pendleton	500 00
Salary of county superintendent, G. A. Gregory	400 00
Salary of county treasurer, L. L. Jacobs	162 00
Salary of court house janitor, Owen Keegan	41 66
Salary of stock inspector, G. M. Grainger	225 00
County commissioners' mileage and per diem—M. Perry and G. S. Butler	286 72
Paid for printing and blanks	215 20
Paid for books and stationery	411 30
Paid for court house and jail, insurance	1,297 69
Paid for keeping indigent persons	240 03
Paid for keeping county hospital	1,492 60
Boarding and washing for prisoners	76 79
Examination of insane	32 80
Supervisors' compensation	1,787 70
Rebate on taxes	1 00
Sundry expenses	134 12
Roads and bridges	1,645 63
Reform school expenses	100 20
Total expenses	\$15,806 27

Warrants outstanding on Oct. 1, 1899, as per report	\$127,782 51
Warrants protested since Oct. 1, 1899	15,746 90
Warrants remaining in clerk's office not called for	59 44
Total	\$143,588 85
Warrants redeemed since Oct. 1, 1899 (principal)	12,377 31
Total warrants outstanding April 1, 1900 (principal)	\$131,311 54

Interest accrued on warrants (\$127,782.51) outstanding, since October 1, 1899	\$ 4,807 48
Interest on warrants protested since October 1, 1899	245 84
Interest on warrants (\$127,782.51) outstanding October 1, 1899	23,193 47
Total interest accrued	\$28,346 79
Interest on warrants redeemed since October 1, 1899	4,112 33
Total outstanding interest April 1, 1900	\$24,234 46

RECAPITULATION.	
Total warrants outstanding April 1, 1900	\$131,311 54
Total interest outstanding April 1, 1900	24,234 46
Total outstanding principal and interest in hands of treasurer's applica-	\$155,546 00

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.

bic to redemption of warrants	19,408 70
Total outstanding debt, April 1, 1900	\$135,687 10
Outstanding debt, October 1, 1899, as per report	\$141,012 50
Reduction of debt April 1, 1900	155,687 10
Reduction of debt since Oct. 1, 1899	\$ 5,975 40
Total outstanding 8 per cent warrants	\$ 8,162 35
Total outstanding 6 per cent warrants	46,149 19

STATE OF OREGON,
COUNTY OF JACKSON,
I, Gus Newbury, county clerk of the above named county and clerk of the county court of said county, certify that the foregoing statement of the itemized expenses of Jackson County for the six months ending April 1, 1900, and the statement of the financial condition of Jackson County on the 1st day of April, 1900, is correct and true as the same appear of record in my office and in my care and custody. Witness my hand and the seal of the County Court at this 1st day of April, 1900.

GUS NEWBURY,
County Clerk.

For Sale or Exchange.

200-acre farm situated five miles from Ashland and about six miles from Medford; 60 acres under plow; all fenced; fair house; spring water. Will exchange for residence in Medford. Also one block of building lots in Ashland, 600x240 feet; inside property; nice location; fenced; some fruit. E. E. Miner, Gold Hill, Oregon.

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.

Get Wells & Shearer to do your moving—satisfaction always.

UMBRELLAS.

Anybody knows enough to carry an umbrella when it rains, but it is a wise man who prepares for the rain in advance, and buys his umbrella here. If you don't want to pay more than 50c or \$1.00, all right;—



We Have Them.

But, if you want a better one—say \$2.50—it will be money in your pocket to see what we can show you for that price in black and in colors—red, blue and green.

We have Received this week...

A few White Silk Parasols, trimmed with two ruffles of white sewing silk veiling, that are very pretty.

J. G. VAN DYKE & CO.,

7th Street, - - - Medford, Oregon.