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CITY HAPPENINGS.

—As a horse trader John Bigham is not putting himself up as a shining mark. He was floored in a deal last week but it required three men to do the job. Camped near the Edwards place, in the northern outskirts of Medford, there were, at that time, three men—their names Mr. Bigham did not learn, and whether they have left town now or not THE MAIL does not know. They are traveling through the country and seemingly make their living by horse trading. Here is their plan of operating as told by Mr. Bigham:—One of them, in farmer's garb, drove to his place with a team and lumber wagon and "stumped" Mr. B. to trade a young mare he had for one of Mr. B.'s work horses. Mr. B. suspected something and did not trade. A little later Mr. B. came to town and here encountered a second fellow who had a "horse" to trade. It was the same animal previously shown him but hitched with another horse and on the other side of the pole. Mr. B. did not recognize the animal as the one shown him earlier in the day and after bantering for a while a trade was made, Mr. B. paying \$10 "to boot." After the trade was made the horses were exchanged and Mr. B. started out to have a turn about town and enjoy the fruits of his bargain, but after getting no further than East Medford he discovered that he had been bilked—the mare was wind-broken—and she had a bad case of it. After this discovery was made a third fellow happened along with a little bunch grass pony, worth about twenty cents at the Linton horse cannery, and offered to trade for the wind-broken mare. Mr. B. could see no other way to get home and out of a very bad deal and a trade was made—and that's all there is to it except that Mr. Bigham has learned since that it was a scheme all around, that the three fellows were partners and that the biggest mistake he made was when he traded for the bunch grass pony, as the jockeys would never have left town without the mare. It is alleged that the wind-broken mare has been traded no less than a dozen times since the party left Roseburg—and she is still in their hands. She is their stock and trade and their business is that of fleecing unsuspecting, honest farmers. This item is printed as a warning to farmers.

—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.

—It was last Friday evening that a jolly crowd of Medford young people gathered at the pleasant and spacious new farm home of Eugene Orr, a couple of miles south of Medford, to do honor to the sixteenth birthday of Bertie Orr. The young man has been an attendant at the Medford high school for some time, is a member of the school band and orchestra, and it was to some thirty odd of his classmates and members of these two musical organizations that he issued invitations to meet with him upon this occasion and help to start him in right on his seventeenth year. Livery teams were secured in town by Mr. Orr and the crowd gathered up and taken to this always hospitable farm home where a better time never was enjoyed by a crowd of young folks. The band boys took their instruments and there was much music. A literary and musical program was rendered, after which a guessing contest was announced. In this there was much amusement, and resulted in Miss Blanche Merriman securing the lady's prize and Lawrence Pickens the gentleman's prize. The consolation prizes were given to Miss Helen Wait and Eugene Rhinehart. The house decorations of flowers were very beautiful. In the parlors there were artistically arranged a great abundance of La France roses; in the sitting room the decorations were Marchal Neil roses, while the tables, which were spread upon a large porch, were beautifully decorated with sweet peas and carnations, the center piece of these flowers being especially beautiful—and upon it were burning sixteen pink and green wax candles. Mr. Orr's class colors are pink and green and in the selection of flowers and all decorations these colors were observed when possible. The refreshments consisted of ice cream, cake, candy, nuts and lemonade. After the evening's entertainment had drawn to a finish the backs were driven to the door and the visitors were taken to their respective place of residence in Medford. Those present were Misses Delpha Hammond, Edna Wait, Helen Wait, Mary Gray, Gertrude Odgers, Ivy Gilson, Lulu Porter, Gertrude Stewart, Artie and Laura Bennett, Bertha Davis, Lottie Little, Fern Norris, Blanche Merriman, Lola Hammond, Messrs. Will Kleinhamer, Leon Haskins, Wilson Wait, Roy Mickey, Percy DeGroot, Ward Webber, Ray McKinney, Mort Lawton, Eugene Rhinehart, Willie Hanson, Willie Osborne, Claud Hoover, Wilber and Vernie Flancher, Lawrence Pickens and Jay Bradbury.

—Read THE MAIL for the news.

—The accident which fell to the lot of H. G. Nicholson on the Fourth cast a gloom over the entire day's program for many who were here to have a good time. Messrs. Boyden & Nicholson had prepared a very pretty float and were driving to the grounds to form in the procession when an accident happened which resulted seriously—almost fatally. They had hitched to their float S. A. Carlton's team of gray horses and when over near the Gorsline lumber yard some part of the wagon gave way and the platform was thrown ahead onto the horses, and they started to run. Mr. Nicholson was driving and beside him sat Chaumas Danielson, while on either side of the float sat H. E. Boyden and S. A. Carlton. The team ran into a large pile of lumber in the Gorsline yard where part of the float and the occupants were left piled up in a heap of lumber, float decorations and their hardware display. It was at first thought that Mr. Nicholson's leg was broken, but an examination proved this not to be true, but there were several severe cuts on his legs and head. Dr. Pickel was summoned and the wounds were dressed, and while the patient was not dangerously injured he was pretty badly hurt and it will be several days before he is able to be out. The Danielson boy was brought to town on a stretcher, but his injuries were only slight and after the effect of the shock had passed off he was pretty nearly all right again. The other occupants of the float escaped without injury. After running over two big lumber piles the team started up a sidewalk toward town and landed in Wood's lumber yard, where they were caught. In their mad flight they ran over an open culvert or bridge, on the railroad which is fully twenty feet in length and did not stop through between the ties—a most remarkable feat. One of the horses ran on the outside of the rail and very close to the end of the ties. The horses were uninjured.

—Don't fail to drop into the piano store, when in town, and see the latest styles in pianos and organs. The latest in organs is the Newman Bros. pipe attachment. Don't fail to hear it. The Coss Piano House will keep everything the latest.

—The opening entertainment given by the Coss Piano House last Saturday evening was well attended and fully enjoyed. The interior of the building was filled to its utmost capacity with ladies, while the sidewalk and street were jammed full of men, all anxious for the full benefit of the excellent program which had been prepared. Space and time will not permit us to mention each number, but all were exceptionally good. After the entertainment Manager Coss introduced an after part to those who assisted in the program and their friends—the same being a treat to ice cream and cake. After these refreshments had been served and partaken of Mr. Coss was asked to grant the privilege of his room for a few dances—which, with his accustomed good grace and a disposition to please everybody, was readily given and the young people piled more enjoyment upon their already very pleasant evening of good time. Very much to Mr. Coss's regret several high grade pianos which he had ordered and expected to have on exhibition at his opening, did not arrive until Monday of this week. As a result of the opening many sales of instruments were talked of and will without a doubt be consummated this week. The goods handled by this house are of good quality and are guaranteed to be as represented—by Mr. Coss, who has permanently located among us.

—Listen to this!—The Dewey washing machine will remove every particle of dirt from wrist bands of shirts. W. H. Hombree, of Medford, is agent for them. Let him prove to you the excellent qualities of the machine.

—Mrs. S. L. Bennett gave a party last Friday afternoon to a few of her friends in honor of her sister, Mrs. Laura Bradley, who is visiting here from Eugene, and who leaves for her home today. The afternoon was very pleasantly spent in music, both vocal and instrumental, and much of pleasant converse. Refreshments were served and consisted of chicken, cold meats, vegetables, and all of those good things which go to make up a most sumptuous feast, together with the after delicacies of ice cream and cake, with sherbet served later in the evening. One feature of the afternoon's amusement was a cakewalk in which it is told that Grandma Merriman was awarded the cake. Those in attendance were Mesdames Bradley, Vawter, Pickel, R. B. Orr, I. A. Webb, Crandall, Haskins, Grandma Merriman, Misses Webb, Russell, Webber.

—For sale—Good work team—will drive double or single—also good 3rd skin, low wheel, wide tire wagon. Will trade wagon for 3-inch wagon. My wagon is nearly new. L. T. Rawlings, Central Point.

—Miss Pearl Webb entertained a few of her friends last Saturday evening in honor of her guest Miss Emma Russell, of Napa, Calif. The handsome apartments were beautifully adorned with bowls and vases of fragrant La Franco roses. Merry games and some excellent vocal and instrumental music were enjoyed, followed by delicious refreshments daintily served. The delightful hospitality of this home is proverbial and Miss Pearl received and

entertained in her usual charming manner. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Webb, the Misses Pearl and Edith Webb, Miss Emma Russell, the Misses Foster, Haskins, Worman, Webber and Rhinehart and Messrs. Carl Webb, Mahoney, Burnett, Faucett and Hubbs.

—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.

—A pleasant and quiet wedding was consummated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Denton last Sunday morning, at 9:30 o'clock, the contracting parties being A. J. Klum, of Lebanon, Linn County, and Miss Elma Denton, of Medford. The wedding service was conducted by Rev. W. B. Moore, pastor of the M. E. Church, in the presence of a small company of relatives and friends, after which a wedding breakfast was served. Miss Denton's short stay in this community has been pleasant, and her friends will be glad to know that they will reside in Medford for a while at least.

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

—Quite a crowd of Medford people enjoyed Saturday evening very pleasantly with the Eastern Stars at Jacksonville. The occasion was a special meeting called for the initiation into the order of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Neil. After the initiation light refreshments were served. Those in attendance from Medford were—Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Lumsden, Dr. and Mrs. Pickel, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Reeves, Mrs. C. I. Hutchison, Mrs. E. D. Elwood, Mrs. W. I. Vawter, Mrs. Laura Bradley, Miss Mamie Isaacs and Fred Hurd.

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

—The Sunday school board of the M. E. Church met at the church Thursday at the call of the superintendent, H. L. Gilkey, and the following teachers were elected to fill vacancies caused by the teachers being away during the summer months: Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, Mrs. Stella Moore, Mrs. Clara M. eker and Mrs. Clara Brown. Miss Carrie Tressler was elected organist. The Sunday school is prospering and a full attendance is desired during the summer months.

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

—At the last session of the city council, held last Tuesday evening, A. D. Helms and I. L. Hamilton were each granted saloon licenses. C. W. Palm and I. L. Hamilton were sureties for the first named and C. W. Palm and S. Rosenthal for the last named. No other business was transacted aside from the auditing of several bills. Another meeting of the council will be held this, Friday, evening at which there will be some ordinance work done.

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

—The ladies of the St. Luke Guild met at the house of Mrs. Webber Thursday and elected the following officers: Mrs. Fitch, president; Mrs. Heard, vice president; Lillian Rhinehart, secretary and treasurer. Next Thursday, July 12, the Guild will meet with Mrs. Fitch. Any lady will be welcome. Ten cents will be given by each for the luncheon served during the afternoon. This is a very pleasant way during the summer months.

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

—W. E. Perkins was up from Central Point yesterday having dental work done. The gentleman tells us that never before has the corn and potato crop been so advanced as this year. Corn is tasseled and "silked" out and in some fields stands as high as one can reach. Potatoes have also taken on a wonderful growth and there will be a big crop.

—Wanted—Girl for general housework. Wages \$3.50 per week. Dr. C. R. Ray, Gold Hill, Oregon.

—H. C. Mackey, the Hamlin block photographer, reports that during the past few weeks he has taken the pictures of five different graduating classes. Two of these were from Central Point and one each from Jacksonville, Medford and Phoenix. Mr. Mackey makes a specialty of group posing—and in this respect, as in all other first-class work—he is truly an artist.

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

—The old frame building, formerly occupied by John Hardin's barber shop, has been torn down and in its place Mr. McAndrews will erect a brick building. The building will be 50x80 feet in size and G. L. Davis will occupy it with his grocery store. Childers Bros. will do the brick work.

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

—Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Johnson wish us to extend, for them, their appreciation of the many kindly offerings and sympathetic expressions tendered them upon the occasion of the death and burial of their little child.

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FRED SLAGLE, The Tailor

—Frank Galloway, the gentleman who is the patentee of waste-proof feed boxes for stock was in Medford this week. He is enthusiastic over the sales he is making of his patent. Already a great many of the farmers of the valley have purchase the right to use these boxes and there are hundreds of others on the anxious seat. Frank says "his a dandy," and there seems to be many others of the same opinion. He has a good picture of his invention in another column of this paper. Read what he says about it, they are all facts and the half is not told. His rights are a printed form and are just as good as a deed. They are good for a lifetime and cost but two dollars—send for one.

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

—F. W. Wait sent out, by teams, Thursday, five jobs of cemetery work to be put up in the Kerby cemetery.

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

—W. S. King, who was ill last week with catarrh of the stomach, is able to be about the streets again.

—Candy ten cents per pound for the next thirty days at the Boss—Jacksonville.

—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.

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