PURELY PERSONAL.

R. W. Gray was down from Prospect Sunday.

Court Hall was up from Gold Hill Tuesday.

Mayor Howser returned from Newport Friday.

Miss Sylvia Hazel was visiting Ashland friends this week.

W. C. Daley, of Lake Creek, was a Medford visitor Tuesday.

Councilman J. R. Erford is enjoying an outing in the mountains.

Merchant E. N. Warner was at Colestin with his family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rance Rouse spent Sunday and Monday with Ashland friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Slover and Miss Maggie Bellinger spent Sunday at Colestin.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cunningham, of Trail, were among Medford's traders Tuesday.

Councilman and Mrs. Carl T. Jones left Tuesday morning for a visit to Crescent City.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Jacobs and son, Newton, spent Sunday with Central Point friends.

S. A. Carlton came in from Wellen Tuesday to exchange greetings with Medford friends.

Misses Mae Merriman and Olive Murray were enjoying themselves at Colestin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Weaver returned last week from their mining property, on the Applegate.

Frank Wait was in Grants Pass this week looking after stone work he is doing in that city.

Mrs. J. H. Butler and children left Sunday for a visit with relatives at Harrisburg Oregon.

Attorney C. P. Snell, wife, sister and father camped out a few days this week in the Jenny creek country.

Mrs. J. M. Keeney and Mrs. Jos. Sears are over on Anderson creek camping out for a couple of weeks.

Merchant G. L. Davis came down from Colestin Friday and remained until Sunday. He will return for keeps today—Friday.

Mrs. Elma Klum is over at Edgewood, Calif., for a few weeks visit. Mr. Klum is engaged as foreman on a big stock ranch, near Edgewood.

D. T. Lawton returned from Newport Monday. His short vacation greatly improved his health and he is now doing more business than ever.

Mrs. W. I. Vawter and sons, Vernon and William, and Mrs. C. I. Hutchison and daughter, Fern, left Monday evening for a few weeks sojourn at Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Crystal returned Wednesday to their home at Warmcastle, Calif., at which place Mr. Crystal is engaged in the hotel business.

Mrs. Thos. Curry, of Gold Hill, was in Medford Saturday and Sunday, upon a visit to her daughter-in-law, Mrs. J. W. Curry, and her many friends here.

Mrs. S. R. Hill, who has been living with her daughter, Mrs. W. I. Vawter, left Monday for Oakland, Calif., where she will visit her son, Rev. C. M. Hill.

Nate Bates, the barber, was up from Grants Pass Sunday. He reports that he is well satisfied with his position—and is doing well, both for his employer and himself.

Mrs. M. Bellinger left Sunday for San Francisco. She goes thither for the benefit of her health, which has been not the best for sometime. She will visit her daughter, Kate.

John O'Conder returned to Medford Sunday after an absence of about a year, during which time he has been in Nebraska and eastern Oregon. He expects to remain in Medford.

Prof. N. L. Narregan returned Friday night from a several days' outing in Illinois valley. He is reported to have slain deer, caught fish and located gold claims—and had a good time generally.

Mrs. Rosa Coker, who was injured a few weeks ago in the mountains on Butte creek, of which our Eagle Point correspondent speaks this week, took the Sunday morning train for her home at Sacramento.

Mrs. W. L. Halley is at Ashland this week, having been called there by the ill health of her mother, Mrs. A. A. Davis. Mrs. Davis has been ill for a long time but her condition was reported more serious Tuesday.

Rev. F. Sack left Monday morning for Moxburg, Oregon, where he will attend the German conference. On Thursday evening he preached a sermon in Oregon City, in a church that he dedicated four years ago.

D. B. Russell, the miller, came over from Ft. Jones the fore part of the week to arrange for moving his family to that place, where he has secured permanent employment. They will leave here about the middle of September.

Dr. Goble, the optician who fixes glasses for eyes that stay fixed, was at Ashland this week upon professional business. Mr. Goble has worked himself into a good business in Southern Oregon—and all because he is capable and honest, and a mighty fine gentleman generally.

L. C. Coleman came up from San Francisco Wednesday.

Oral Burnett, Carl Webb and Waldo Danielson left yesterday for a week's outing at Little Rock, on Rogue river.

Philip Mullen, the veteran assayer of the valley, was in the city Saturday having a talk with several of our mining men.

Frank Ward, the big pump manufacturer, of Rockford, Ill., is here for the second time this summer upon a visit to his nephew, H. G. Wortman.

Merchant J. H. Norris and family and Miss Mae Ross went up to Colestin Sunday. Mr. Norris returned the same evening, but the family and Miss Ross will remain there for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Dial and daughter, Miss Dora, and Rev. Haberly left yesterday morning on their wheels for the Big Butte country, where all, save Mr. Haberly, will camp for a couple or three weeks. Mr. Haberly will return next week.

Merchant John Van Dyke and other members of his family returned Saturday from their outing at McAllister, and John is at his post of duty again looking as fresh as a June rose and is as full of business as an up-to-date Medford merchant is expected to be.

C. T. Nicholson and son, Will, came in from Ft. Klamath Tuesday and remained only for a day. Will is improving in health and hopes soon to be quite himself again. They report everything lively east of the mountains and that haying is pretty nearly finished. Both these gentlemen's families returned to the Fort with them, where they will remain for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl P. Hicks arrived in Medford last Friday from Redding, Calif. Mr. Hicks is a printer and has taken a position in THE MAIL office. He is a first-class workman and a gentleman in every respect. He is a printer not of the type which has invaded Medford for the past few months, but instead, in our opinion, an acquisition to our town's best society—both himself and wife.

J. S. Judd, a Chicago capitalist, and his son, Dr. Wm. Judd, first assistant editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association, arrived in Medford this week and are now up at Crater lake. These distinguished gentlemen are acquaintances of Dr. E. B. Pickel and upon their return from Crater lake the doctor will join them in a week's deer hunt in the Applegate country. They are out on a four months' vacation andhave visited the Yellowstone Park and after leaving here they will visit points of interest in California.

Chicago packers have been asked by the government to furnish 2,000,000 pounds of meat within thirty days for the American soldiers in the Orient. This is said to be the largest requisition ever issued by the United States.

It is stated positively that President Kruger, the Boer leader, is willing and anxious to surrender, providing a satisfactory promise is given as to his ultimate destination.

Nine persons died and a score were prostrated as a result of the heat in Chicago Monday. The mercury reached 93 degrees in the government office and the wind was stifling. The weather office says the hot weather will continue indefinitely.

Mrs. A. A. Cattron, of Monmouth, Oregon, recently read an article in the Oregonian about a certain cow being milked regularly for a period of eight years, and writes that her little Jersey has done better. This little cow has been milked for over 10 years and never had but one calf, which was when she was 17 months old. She gives a goodly supply of rich milk daily, and her owner would not part with her for any money.

There's the man with the pick and the man with the hoe, and the man with the horny spade, but the man with the "ad" is the man ever glad, for he collars his share of the trade. There's the man with the wheel and the man with the automobile, but the man, east or west, who in an "ad" will invest, is the man at the top of the deal.

When a shoemaker dies he breathes his last; the candidate joins the great majority; the banker passes in his checks; the milkman kicks the bucket; the dancing master gives up the jig; the tailor's goose is cooked; the apothecary throws up the sponge; the chimney sweep goes up the flue; the gambler shuffles off, and the editor expires at the hands of an irate reader for having told the truth.

Editors have troubles like distinguished folks. One of these who presides over the destinies of a western newspaper is mourning the loss of two subscribers. One wrote how to raise his twins safely, while the other wanted to know how to rid his orchard of grasshoppers. The answer went forward by mail, but by accident he put them in the wrong envelopes, so that the man with twins received this answer: "Cover them carefully with straw and set fire to it, and the little pests, after jumping in the flames a few minutes, will be speedily settled." And the man with the grasshoppers was told to "give them castor oil and rub their gums with a bone."

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Mr. C. B. Williams, a member of the Medford-Butte Creek Ditch Company, arrived in Medford Wednesday evening. He is here for a stay of two or three weeks, and is here to do business with our people if they are ready to get into the harness and pull with the company.

The feasibility and practicability of the ditch has been fully established and the only question now to be settled is whether or not the farmers will give the ditch, or rather the water from it, enough patronage to warrant its construction.

The company asks that owners of land tributary to the ditch guarantee that they will irrigate 8000 acres of land with water from the ditch. Considering the fact that the ditch will be able to supply water to all the lands south as far as Phoenix and west to Griffin creek, the work of securing this number of acres would seem an easy task, but there must be work done to secure this amount, and it must be done at once. It is a question of too much importance to be allowed to dilly-dally along until even those now anxious for it shall have lost their interest.

The building of this ditch will be of inestimable value to the town of Medford—and each individual citizen ought to be doing something for the enterprise. We ought to, and must put good men at work in the field and secure, if possible, these guarantees.

The contract, or agreement, which farmers are asked to sign is not binding in any way if the ditch is not built. If it is built it is just what you have been hoping and praying for for years.

Why not get in and close this matter up and get the company at work on the project? You know that water on your land, at a time when your crops need it, will insure a bountiful yield every year. Why do you hesitate in making contracts when you are hazarding nothing. Come in and see Mr. Williams and let him fully explain the project and its workings.

CROWNED HEADS IN DANGER.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Baron Fava, the Italian ambassador, has communicated to the State Department information showing that he believes a band of anarchists in Paterson, N. J., conspired to assassinate all the crowned heads of Europe.

According to the governor of New Jersey every effort is being made by the state police authorities to assist the detectives employed by the Italian officials to ascertain if such a band exists, and its membership.

JAPS NO MORE COME.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—A dispatch has been received at the Japanese legation here, from the Japanese Foreign Office, announcing that the Government of Japan had prohibited for the present the emigration of all Japanese labor to the United States and Canada.

1200 KILLED AND WOUNDED.

WASHINGTON, August 6.—Cable reports to the war department received today confirm the rumor of an engagement Sunday morning between Chinese troops and the allied army.

The 16,000 allies had a sharp engagement with the Chinese six miles out of Tien Tsin. The allies lost 1,200 killed and wounded. The greatest mortality was among the Russian and Japanese troops.

The Chinese troops are reported to be retreating, and it is thought the allies will be able to make quite a distance without meeting with another determined resistance.

CHUNG KING, August 6.—The situation is becoming more serious in the northern provinces of China. Everywhere it is more apparent that Pekin and its strong holdout against the Powers is affecting other places, and they have a desire to ignore even all standard usuages of war. Foreign consuls at nearly every point in the northern provinces are leaving their posts, and it is safety for them to do so.

MINISTERS IN PERIL.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—The following cablegrrm from Minister Conger was received tonight by the State Department:

"Tsin Na Yamen, Aug. 7.—Secretary of State, Washington—We are still besieged. Our position is more precarious. The Chinese Government is insisting on our leaving Pekin, which would be certain death. There is rifle firing upon us daily by the Imperial troops. We have abundant courage, but little ammunition or provisions. Two progressive members of the Tsung li Yamun have been beheaded. All connected with legation of United States are well at the present moment.

CONGER."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—A reply has been sent to Minister Conger by the state department to the message received from him late yesterday. It advises him of the approach of the relief column and exhorts him to be of good cheer. The dispatch was sent direct to Minister Conger at Pekin, and a duplicate of it to Consul-General Goodnow at Shanghai. Goodnow was directed to spare no pains or expense to get the message to Minister Conger.

To Consul-General Goodnow, was also cabled an emphatic statement of the position of this Government, approaching close to an ultimatum, and saying that immediate action by the Chinese Government is necessary. He was directed to communicate this to Li Hung Chang, and other officials who can transmit to whatever Government there is in China.

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