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**CITY HAPPENINGS.**

—Everybody is entitled to a good laugh when there's a joke on John Bellinger. The story goes like this: Mr. Bellinger purchased a cow from a Medford citizen. Friday of last week was delivery day for the aforesaid cow, and Mr. B. rode up to the barn wherein was chewed the cud by the cow with the crumpled horn. The animal was loosened from her corral and Mr. B., the cow and an aid started for the green pastures of Griffin creek, where the "lowing herd winds slowly o'er the lea" and browses on succulent alfalfa, but at the outskirts of town the procession was intercepted and Mr. B. was brought to a sudden realization of the fact that instead of gathering in the animal he had purchased he had, inadvertently, of course, swooped down upon G. W. Isaac's family cow—an animal prized higher than gold, broke and one which would not be parted with under any circumstances. It is told that Bellinger cursed until the air became sulphurous, but we question the truthfulness of the report. However, he would have been entitled to a right to puncture at least one of the commandments, and if he did so puncture we are satisfied the recording angel made no note of it—the provocations were ample excuse for a clean and absolute pardon. Bellinger hasn't been doing a thing since but apologizing to the offended cow and its owner.

—Furniture for holiday trade—I recently made an order for a carload of furniture and novelties in the furniture line for the holiday trade of Southern Oregon. Having bought in car lots I am better prepared than ever before to give patrons a fine line to select from and at better prices. I. A. Webb.

—J. W. Cox came over from his Wood River valley stock ranch Friday of last week. He will remain in Jackson County for a couple of months, having left his brother, Frank, and Oscar Bunch in charge of the ranch. Mr. Cox has 325 head of stock on his ranch, all of which he shorn this fall, and as a result, his stock, he says, has improved greatly in flesh and is much easier handled. Mr. Cox has a ranch of 1320 acres and all of it is good hay land. It is all under an irrigation ditch. He put up 500 tons of hay this year and will put up 700 tons next year. Mr. Cox built barns and sheds on his place this last season and now has one of the best, if not the best, stock farms in Klamath County. He sold seventy-five head of beef cattle this fall at 30 cents per pound—and will have more than this number to sell another year—at a better price—as he now fully believes.

—Nine years in wood—that is the age of our rye whiskey. With the correct amount of pure rock candy it will break your cold, improve your appetite and invigorate your lungs. \$1 per bottle—only sold at Distillery Office.

—Last year the University of Oregon Glee Club toured the state as far east as Baker City. This year, in spite of the many invitations to go elsewhere, the club is going through Southern Oregon, and will appear in Medford December 28. This is the first visit of any student organization from our state's school to this city and the club should have a reception royal. As a musical organization the club comes highly recommended from many of the cities throughout the state. The concert will consist of chorus work, vocal solos by the director, Prof. I. M. Glen, instrumental solos by Mr. Frazer, the boy pianist, read by Mr. Eaton, and the sketch, a travesty on "Ingomar, the Barbarian." The club consists of sixteen voices besides the director and the reader.

—There are no better sewing machines than the Wheeler & Wilson, New Home, Davis and Standard. You can buy them of Jno. F. White, Medford. Prices \$30 to \$45, according to style of woodwork.

—At a meeting of the Women's Relief Corps of Chester A. Arthur Post, held in Medford Monday, December 10th, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Aldie Van Antwerp; senior vice president, L. O. Reiden; junior vice president, E. J. Cole; chaplain, W. T. Kame; treasurer, Edith G. Bradbury; conductor, Margie Noble; guard, Mary L. Smith; delegates to dept. convention, Mrs. Mary E. Reeves and Mrs. W. T. Kame. The dept. inspector, Mrs. Mandana Thorp, of Corvallis, was present and made the annual inspection. She was highly pleased with the report of charitable work done by the W. R. C. during the past year.

—The Kin-Hee coffee pot, said by Warner & Wurtman, is the best of all articles in that line. Those who enjoy a cup of good coffee cannot well afford to miss looking into the good qualities of this new invention.

—Several have asked THE MAIL why there was not a free reading room in Medford. THE MAIL don't know why—probably because the matter was never given the required amount of attention. We do know, however, that there ought to be one and that when once established it could be easily and cheaply maintained. Many of the good folks of the town have agreed to furnish a great number of magazines and books free of charge. Let some philanthropic gentleman or lady start the reading room ball a rolling.

—THE MAIL working force has scattered and shattered hither and yon this week and that we are able to print at all is miraculous. One of our lady composers sidetracked THE MAIL Saturday night and on Sunday was married; another of our composers was ill a good part of the week and our old line printer Hicks severed his connection herewith Saturday night. J. D. Fav, of Jacksonville, and Miss Iva Purdin, of this city, are now on the force and will be lined up for good, solid service next week.

—When you want driving done get Slover to do it. He's always ready—always reliable and his charges are always just right.

—At a special meeting of the Medford city council, held Tuesday evening, for the purpose of regulating the price of city water, a rate of \$40 per month was established for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company and the term of use at this price was placed at five years. Several years ago a rate of \$20 per month for the company was established. This contract expired November 14, 1900. The increase of train service on the line and the additional use of water at the depot was thought to about double the amount of water now used over the amount used when the \$20 rate was made.

—Attorney W. M. Colvig, of Jacksonville, is prepared to give special attention to divorce law, probate law and mining law, as well as attend to all other law matters—in any and all courts of the state.

—H. Tripp, of East Medford, while harvesting his crop of dent corn this fall found one stalk upon which there were eleven ears of corn. The ears were not as long as one's arm, but that they were all on one stalk is undisputed. In fact they were all in one cluster. The productiveness of East Medford soil seems never to reach a limit. It was there that the twenty-two-pound sugar beets were grown.

—Mrs. Reame makes hair switches, braids, pompadour fronts; buys hair; renovates, repairs, colors or bleaches hair. Residence just east of the Lutheran Church.

—At the last regular meeting of Chester A. Arthur Post, G. A. R., the following officers were elected: F. Kessler, commander; L. T. Pierce, senior vice commander; W. Bowman, junior vice commander; W. T. Kame, quartermaster; J. R. Erford, chaplain; M. S. Grant, officer of the day; W. Forsythe, officer of the guard; E. A. Boardman, guard; L. T. Pierce and W. Forsythe, delegates.

—The patrons of the opera house will be entertained for one night, Friday, December 14th, by the big comedy production, "Uncle Josh Spruceby." This popular play comes well recommended and will no doubt be received with enthusiasm here. The piece is staged with every attention to stage realism. All the scenes are well mounted and acted. The startling "sawmill" scene is said to be the masterpiece of stage mechanism. Many specialties are introduced and the superb solo orchestra carried by the company all go to make this a very delightful production. Watch for big parade.

—Santa Claus headquarters at Gurnea's racket store, Childrens block. Largest line of toys and novelties ever brought to Medford.

—At the last meeting of Tallman lodge, No. 31, K. of P., the following officers were elected: J. E. Bayart, C. C.; Asa Fordyce, V. C.; E. D. Elwood, P.; J. A. Perry, M. A.; Geo. Kurtz, M. of E.; Fred Lay, M. of F.; J. H. Butler, K. of R. and S. Grand Chancellor Bradshaw will be in Medford this Friday evening and will make the lodge an official visit, at which time there will be work in the second degree.

—I am now prepared to do dressmaking and invite the patronage of the ladies of Medford. Mrs. J. K. Darnell, at my old residence, corner South D and Eleventh streets.

—S. J. Lashier, of Newburg, Oregon, who was at one time—for a few weeks, a printer in THE MAIL office, is now a full fledged preacher of the gospel, of the Adventist faith. He joined the church in East Portland and is now preaching in that place, but occasionally makes a tour of the nearby towns of the valley.

—Mrs. Katherine Spielman licensed mid-wife. Calls answered day and night. Charges reasonable. Mrs. Spielman speaks three languages. Residence on North C street, between Second and Third.

—There are all kinds of mean people in almost every locality, but none surely is meaner than he or she who stole the ribbons, with which bouquets of flowers were tied, from a newly made grave in Odd Fellows cemetery. Such an act has been perpetrated, and the person who did it is too base to be called a man and too degenerate to be called a woman—they are hyenas in human form.

—For Sale—Posts and shakes. We have always on hand any quantity of posts and shakes—sold reasonable and quality guaranteed. Geo. Brown & Sons, Eagle Point.

—Programs are being gotten out announcing the big shooting tournament booked for Medford Thursday, December 20th. There are many valuable prizes offered and it is probable there will be a hot rivalry for their possession between the sportsmen of the several towns of the valley.

**For the Holidays**  
**Decorated China and Porcelain Ware**

We are receiving almost daily a new and complete line of Tea Sets, Dinner Sets, etc., in Decorated China and Porcelain. This is a most artistic and up-to-date line, including Toilet Sets, Child's Sets, Novelty Vases, etc., and many articles suitable for holiday gifts.

**DECORATED LAMPS**

We have the largest and finest assortment of lamps, both hanging and standing, ever brought to Medford. Call and see them.

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**Basis of Electric Light Rates.**

Following is the supposed basis the electric light plant is run upon:  
Commercial lighting, 50 cents per 16-candle power light until closing time, as posted to be between 8 and 9 o'clock; lights used until 10 o'clock, 60 cents, and those used until 12 o'clock, 90 cents; in the evening run, 75 cents per light. All lights to be turned off at closing time, except special privilege of two in windows.

**Hotels, special rating.**  
House lighting, 50 cents for one light; 75 cents for two lights; \$1 for three lights, and 25 cents additional up to \$2, and 20 cents additional from there up; 75 cents for hall light.

**Halls and churches, special rating.**  
The using of house lights is supposed to be until a reasonable bedtime, and no one is entitled to use more lights than he or she pays for on an average. The person who pays for two lights and has four in the house, for instance, can burn any two lights in the house at one time, or any number he pays for, but it is not understood that anyone can use the number he pays for all the time and all the rest in the house additional as he pleases. If he uses more than he pays for at any time he consequently will have to use considerable less at other times. An electrician counts the number of lights it has on it.

The patrons of the electric light plant are expected to live up to their agreements, and not use more lights than are paid for, and to turn them off accordingly. You can thus save the town time, labor and expense.  
J. R. ERFORD, Superintendent.

**Perfectly Healthy**  
People have pure, rich, warm, nourishing blood, good appetite and good digestion. Hood's Sarsaparilla gives these, and thus it makes people healthy and keeps them so. Get only Hood's.

Slick headache is cured by Hood's Pills. 25c.

**Going to Buy Klamath Reservation.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The Indian Office today transmitted to Congress the treaty recently negotiated with the Klamath Indians, whereby they are to relinquish all claims to their reservation as described in the treaty of 1864, comprising 621,824 acres, for which the Government is to pay \$532,000.

**Modern Woodmen of America**

Has over 550,000 members; over 8500 camps; \$18,000,000 paid to beneficiaries in seventeen years; \$928,174,000 of fraternal protection in force. The cheapest insurance in the world. For further particulars call upon Chas. R. Fifield, at Hotel Nash, Medford.

**Special Meeting.**

The citizens of Medford are hereby notified that a special meeting of the city council has been called for Monday evening, December 17, 1900, to consider, among other questions, the advisability of framing a new charter for the city of Medford. Any suggestions will be received from any present. It will be necessary to take action at once as the legislature meets next month.  
J. J. Howser, Mayor.

**U. of O. Glee Club Press Notices.**

"The travesty was exorcisingly funny."  
"Eaton is a show by himself."  
"Choruses characterized by smoothness and precision."  
"Frazor's execution is remarkable."  
"Ingomar" was fairly battered into burlesque by Eaton."  
Remember the Glee Club concert December 28. Reserved seats, 50 cents; on sale at Howard's.

—For a present that will last, go to Elwood's.

**Echoes From the Street.**

Rev. Tabor:—"No, I did not find my lost mackintosh. It was a good one, the regular price being \$10, and it was very little worn. I lost it on my trip out to Asbestos."

S. G. Edwards:—"Yes, for an old man I am feeling pretty good. I secured a deed to my home in Medford this week, and also have means with which I am making several improvements about the place."

H. G. Wortman:—"The Bill Nye mine is showing up better than ever this week. The vein you spoke of last week is being eighteen inches in width has widened out to thirty inches, and is all good pay ore with specimen rock scattered through it."

J. W. Cox:—"I have rented 130 acres of the Crain farm to John Bohl and my Dead Indian stock farm to Pete and Henry Barneburg. My wife and I will go to San Francisco on the excursion. She will visit there for a few weeks but I will return. Yes, hereafter, I shall give my undivided attention to the Ft. Klamath ranch."

Charlie Johnson:—"Speaking of curios and that sort of things, I want to call your attention to this apple. It's a Ben Davis—that is, it grew on a Ben Davis tree, but three-fourths of the apple, as you can plainly see, is Spitzenberg. See how perfectly those dividing lines are drawn, and see how like the two kinds of fruit it is. Oh, no, I'll not let you prove the varieties by eating the apple. You must take my word for it and the appearance of the apple. The apple grew on the J. D. Whitman place, south of Medford."

C. H. Elmore:—"Did you ever see that bit of antiquity which J. W. McDonough has at his Tolo ranch? It is a sulky, undoubtedly the first one ever brought to the valley. It has a large wooden axle and the wheels are held onto the heavy iron skiffs by linchpins. No, it is not in use now. Mr. McDonough is simply keeping it as a relic."

**THE MAIL:**—"Speaking of things antiquated, we want to call your attention to a book which John Hanley left with us this week for inspection. It was printed in Massachusetts in 1815, and was written in 1817 by Samuel Etheridge. It is entitled 'The Christian Orator, or a Collection of Speeches, delivered upon Public Occasions, before Benevolent Societies.' The book has 288 pages, is bound in leather and treats upon many different subjects, most of which are religious; some upon the importation into this country by England of slaves from Africa. It contains poems and is as a whole a very interesting bit of literature. Mr. Hanley says it has been in their family for a great many years. He will present it to the Medford public school, for use in the library, not of course as a book of information, but to give the pupils an idea of primitive printing and crude literature."

**Town Lots at Auction.**

On Saturday, December 16th, I will sell thirteen town lots in East Medford at public auction. Lots are located in the very best residence portion of the town, good soil and very suitable for all residence, garden and lawn purposes.  
L. G. PORTER.

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**Iron Trains, regular \$1.50, Our Special to-day \$1.20**

**Roll Top Desks, regular \$4.75, Our Special \$3.00**

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