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MEDFORD, OREGON

CITY HAPPENINGS.

—Before the MAIL'S next issue the Poultry show will be in progress. It will be held in the old Meeker building on the corner of Seventh and B streets. Since going to press there has been a number of special premiums offered on different varieties of poultry. Premium lists have been mailed to all parts of the county; the hall is being prepaired, and in fact every thing will soon be in readiness to receive all exhibits. Farmers and fruit growers are requested to bring in their exhibits on New Years day to the old Meeker building where the committee will receive and arrange them. All who have not received a copy of the premium list can get one by calling at the Jackson county bank. In this list will be found the rules for entering, cost and etc. For the benefit of those who have never seen a fowl scored, and who think it a small matter to understand a "good chicken" the association has arranged to have Judge W. W. Browning score a dozen or more fowls in one of the show windows of the exhibition hall at 2 o'clock on Wednesday, January 2nd, so that everybody may see him from the outside. The association again extends a cordial invitation to the people of all Southern Oregon to attend this exhibition, and bring their produce and poultry on New Years day, so they may be arranged in the hall by Jan., 2nd. Remember the dates—Jan. 2, 3, 4 and 5th.

—Corn meal is ground at the East Side mill, of corn that is hand sorted and spolled corn trimmed off.

—You fellows in the eastern and middle western states who were wallowing knee deep in snow banks or facing a raging blizzard on Christmas day need not trouble yourselves about sympathy for Oregon webfoots. We are doing quite nicely, thank you. Old Oregon is all right, any old place on the thoroughfare. On Christmas day in Southern Oregon many bouquets of flowers were gathered from various gardens and these are preferable to bouquets of icicles. The MAIL proprietor gathered from his yard on this day, in full bloom, roses, pansies, violets, chrysanthemums, and dasies—some of which were sent to friends in North Dakota and Michigan.

—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.

—A couple of weeks ago THE MAIL had an item in its columns to the effect that S. L. Bennett grew 1121 boxes of merchantable apples this season from a two acre orchard. We figured, and so did Mr. Bennett, that this was about the biggest yield of apple[illegible] orchard in the valley, but [illegible] & Orr report that they [illegible] fall, 6000 boxes from [illegible] This is 600 boxes [illegible] steps Mr. Ben[illegible] boxes to th[illegible] Orr sold th[illegible] is only a part, at $1 per box, on board cars in Medford. Of course this is not all gain, but the estimate can easily and conservatively be made that at least three-fourths of the $600 per acre is a direct net revenue.

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

—J. McPherson, who lives out on Griffin creek, sent a box of apples and evaporated prunes to relatives at Spencer, Iowa, a few weeks ago—and astonished the natives of the good old Hawkeye state—with their size, variety and flavor. The editor of the Clay County News, published at Spencer, was given an opportunity to tickle his palate with some of this luscious fruit—and this is what he said about it: "E. H. Crandall recently was the recipient of a box of fruits from Oregon, sent by Joshua McPherson, formerly of this county. The apples were fine and the cured prunes surpassed in quality anything in that line of fruit we have ever seen."

—You can be cured of nervous diseases, stammering, bad habits, alcoholism, drug habit, sexual diseases, deafness and catarrh. Instruction in personal magnetism Send for literature. Institute of Psychology, Seventh and Washington streets, Portland.

—Mayor Howser tells THE MAIL that the street committee, in ordering the grading of D and F streets, along the railroad right-of-way, acted in accordance with an ordinance passed by the council over a year ago. Mr. Howser further stated that the railroad company would be compelled to pay for the grading. THE MAIL hopes Mr. Howser is correct as regards the payment, by the company, and if he will collect the amount paid out for this week by the town, these columns will tell of his success in larger type than was used last week in telling of his failure in negotiating with the company.

—The Kin-Hee coffee pot, sold by Warner & Wortman, is the boss 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.

—W. S. Moss, advance agent for the "Breezy Time" show company, was in the city this week billing his company for December 31st. He is an old-time newspaper man, and as clever a gentleman as one often meets. Many Oregonian readers will remember having read in that paper, in its fiftieth anniversary issue of the boy who was ink boy for the paper, having struck for a raise of from two to four bits a day, way back in the 50's. Mr. Moss is it—he was the boy who struck for the raise and would have preferred an opportunity to go to the picnic to the raise.

—Found—Between Medford and Phoenix, on Christmas eve, a lady's cape. Owner may have same by calling at [illegible] stables.

[illegible] in "A Breezy [illegible] ant surprise to the most habitual theatre goer. No hitch or break, wait or delay, mars the continuous change of action.

—If your doctors have failed to cure you call and see Mrs. N. Frary, the magnetic healer, at Central Point, Or. She treats successfully old chronic diseases. Positive cure without strong medicines.

—Postmaster Merriman and his assistants, Misses Mae Merriman and Letha Hardin, had anything but a summer picnic the latter part of last week and the first of this, wrestling with huge mail sacks of Christmas presents. One morning five of those monster sacks came in filled almost to overflowing with boxes and bundles of Christmas good cheer, while the outgoing sacks were equally as numerous and as well filled. The office force, however, were equal to the occasion and handled the work with remarkable deftness.

—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.

—The following record appears among the filing at the state capital: "The Sam S. Goldsmith Cigar Company will engage in the cigar business in Salem, doing a wholesale and retail business. The company has a capital stock of $2000, divided into shares valued at $1 each. Julius Goldsmith, Myra D. Goldsmith and Sam S. Goldsmith are the incorporators of the record." Julius Goldsmith was form[illegible] ly engaged in business in Medford.

—Lost—On Monday, Dec. 17, 1900, in Medford, a pair of steel frame spectacles and case. Case marked in gilt letters, C. Kyle, Clinton, Mo., also name of M. Dillon, in ink on case. Finder will please leave at THE MAIL office.

—Jesse Farrier was in receipt last week of a draft for $21.45 from the order of Fraternal Brotherhood, of Los Angeles, Calif., of which he is a member. The amount paid him was for payment on an accident policy which he carried. He was laid up for fifteen days as the result of having accidentally smashed one of his fingers. Mr. Farrier is feeling under obligations to the order and is doing much to further its interests in this locality.

—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.

—E. D. Sperry, of Lakeview, and A. S. Hammond, of Medford, have entered into co-partnership in the legal profession, and their professional business will hereafter be conducted under the firm name of Hammond & Sperry. The firm's office in Lakeview is in the Cogswell office building. Both gentlemen are able lawyers and hitched up together will make a rattling good law team. Success to the new firm."—Lakeview Examiner.

—The largest line of pipes ever brought to Southern Oregon, at Kurtz's.

—Hotel Nash furnished shelter and meals to five wedding parties on Christmas day. Landlord Hamilton is saying that these visits were all made to his hostelry because of his congeniality and winning ways, but Night Clerk Stoner is endeavoring to wrest all the glory from Mr. Hamilton and is claiming that 'tis he who is the winning card—and then both Stoner and "Shorty" went into the wash room and flirted with themselves—as others see them—before the mirror.

—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.

—There will be a hotly contested game of foot ball at Ashland, on New Years day, between the first and picked teams of Eagle Point and Ashland. It is now given out that Ashland has secured two players from Eugene—but the Eagle Point lads care little for that. They are a husky lot of farmer boys and are not afraid to go up against any team that's in the field. The game will surly be an interesting one.

—I will furnish new sewing machines warranted for 5 years, prices $20 to $25. Give me a call before sending away orders. Jno. F. White, Medford.

—Banner lodge, No. 135, Fraternal Brotherhood, at their last regular meeting elected the following officers: Pres, John L Demmer; V P, W L Orr; treas, John F White; chap, Mary Hemstreet; secretary, S S Peniz; M at A, George Cottrell; serg, J W Curr; I D K, B F Hemstreet; O D K, J M Ferrier; L D, J Demmer; past president, J J Howser. Installation takes place on Jan. 4, 1901. All members are requested to be present.

—Crusade prize baking powder—none better—none cheaper—you get a prize with every can. Warner & Wortman.

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—[illegible] chairs at the [illegible] elling [illegible] interes[illegible] such tha[illegible] glad he ha[illegible] ashamed to [illegible] salt. In follo[illegible] best talent tha[illegible] very best music [illegible] composed recently for American and English variety and concert hall stage, and the very best costumes and scenery that can be made by theatrical firms, have been secured.

—Sulphur for spraying. We have ordered a car of sulphur. Make arrangements to take it out of car and by doing so get lowest price. M. D. & R. Co.

—The Medford bank sent out Monday to its customers and friends in Jackson County 700 buckskin money pouches, with the compliments of the season. The pouch makes a very neat and useful present and the recipients thereof cannot fail to appreciate the gift and at the same time realize the friendly motive which was parent to the idea of this appropriate Christmas remembrance.

—Don't forget that I am paying a better price for turkeys than you can get from any one else in Southern Oregon—G. L. Davis.

—The Epworth League of the M. E. church will hold a watch night social at the Woodman hall, Monday night, Dec. 31st to which all the young people of Medford are cordially invited. The committee who have the matter in hand will do all in their power to make the occasion one of pleasure and profit to all who attend. Come and welcome the twentieth century with glad hearts. Committee.

—Acetylene gas lights still ahead and guaranteed to be the best on the face of the earth. Wolfer's tin shop.

—A very pleasant little Christmas night party was had at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Frenna. A splendid supper was prepared and the evening was very enjoyably spent in dancing. Those present were J. R. Hardin and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Ingersoll and Miss Cook.

—Wanted—A girl for general housework. Wages $4 per week. Inquire of MEDFORD MAIL.

—The Rogue River Telephone Company has sold its line, about sixty miles in length, to the Sunset Company. The property has not been turned over as yet but it is not expected that any hitch will occur in the proceedings which will in any way interfere with the sale.

—Don't forget the Glee Club tonight—the musical event of the season. Tickets, 35 and 50 cents, at Howard's.

—It is surprising that Medford's population does not reach 2,000, in which one respect it seems to fall behind Ashland. In business, enterprise, and life, however, Medford far outstrips Peach Blow Heaven.—Klamath Falls Republican.

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

—THE MAIL is under obligations to Thos. H. B. Taylor, the feather renovator man, for a box of very fine cigars, and to F. M. Wilson, the Viena bakery man, for a choice fruit cake—both Christmas rememberances—and fully appreciated.

—The Glee Club sang better at their dress rehearsal last Friday than ever before—Eugene Register.

—Merchant G. L. Davis was pretty bad sick last week and this with a severe attack of tonsolitis. He is able to be out now and will be attending to business within a few days.

—A new lot of Japanese goods just received. Call and see them. G. L. Davis.

—J. A. Morey brought to THE MAIL office on Christmas day, a bunch of ripe raspberries, which he had picked that day from bushes in his garden. Verily, this is truly a summerland the year round.

—Have you seen Cupid's Victim? See it Friday evening at Glee Club concert.

—Miss Lillie Gregory is recovering from a severe attack of measles. Her position was taken at the Racket store by her sister, Miss Josie.

—Do you know that the cheapest place in town to buy good jewelry is at Elwood's?

—Forty-eight tickets were sold by the Medford Book store for the San Francisco excursion, which left here Wednesday morning.

—If you want to build a fruit cake you will find the proper material at G. L. Davis'.

—Walter Hoover will leave next week for Douglas County where he will sell nursery stock for the Albany nursery.

—Apples in any quantity for 25 cents per sack, at the Olwell orchard.

—T. M. Griffith, of Gold Hill, has applied for a divorce from his wife.

H. H. HO[illegible]'S

New a[illegible]t Week

Just Arrived Some full lines of INFANTS, CHILDREN'S and MISSES' SHOES. Latest styles and excellent wearers.

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NEXT DOOR TO POSTOFFICE

Rooms by the day, week or month, at reasonable rates. Rooms newly furnished.

Suicide of Robt. Taylor.

Robert Taylor, of the firm of High & Taylor, saloon men, in Ashland, committed suicide at his uncle's ranch, south of Ashland, during Wednesday forenoon. He shot himself through the heart with a shotgun. He was seemingly all right when the farm help left in the morning and when they returned at noon his body was found in the woodshed where the deed was committed. Mr. Taylor was alone at the house at the time, his family living in Ashland. No reason is known for his act and his friends are at a loss to account for it. He was in Ashland on Christmas day and ate dinner with the family. He was forty-five years of age.

Dr. Pickel is holding an inquest as we go to press (Thursday). The funeral will be held on Saturday at 2 o'clock.

—The shooting match which was held in Medford on Thursday of last week was a very pleasant affair for those who participated therein, notwithstanding the fact that rain fell nearly all day. The prizes were pretty evenly distributed among local sports and those from abroad.

—When your coal oil can gets empty hang out your oil sign and Henry Davis will call at your residence and fill it for you at the same price you pay your groceryman. If you have not been supplied with cards set your can on the porch.

—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.

—$70 sewing machines—$30 to $45—call on Jno. F. White, Medford.

—Spring trucks for spring household moving. Wells & Shearer.

—If you can't find what you want go to G. L. Davis'—he's got it.

—Have your oil cans filled at home—from Henry Davis' oil wagon.

Echoes From the Street.

J. W. Miller:—"I received a letter this week from J. N. Walter, who resided in Medford several years ago, but who is now living at Ben Lomond, Santa Cruz County, California, where he has a fruit and chicken ranch. He writes that his wife was taken ill in September of this year with la grippe, which developed into consumption and resulted in her death on November 16th. She was 49 years, 1 month and 12 days of age. His eldest son, Ernest, is working at the Union Iron Works, in San Francisco, while his second son is at Providence, Rhode Island. This son had the misfortune to lose one leg two or three years ago, but the loss is supplied by an artificial limb. Mr. Walter has with him one boy, six years old. He has been living in Santa Cruz County for the past six years."

Henry Davis:—"In making my rounds of Medford, distributing call cards for my oil wagon, I have been enabled to get a pretty good idea of the town's population. How many people are there, did you ask? Not less than 2500. Every tenantable building in the town is occupied. I started out with over 300 oil cards and thought I had enough to leave one at each house, but I didn't have near enough to go around. You may print 150 more of them."

—The Coss Piano House has some good horses for sale.

—Chase & Sanborn coffee at G. L. Davis'.

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

The Best Prescription for Malaria,

Chills and fever is a bottle of GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price 50c.

Two stockmen of Vale have sold 200 head of horses to eastern horse dealers. The horses will be gathered and delivered at the railroad in three lots.

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In lines of Ladies' and Children's

CAPES and JACKETS

Ladies Skirts.

New stock in this week. Best assortment and best values of anything in this line ever brought to Medford.

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Most complete stock [illegible]

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