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CITY HAPPENINGS.

The funeral of Lida May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Lippincott, was held from the family residence Monday afternoon. Rev. Father Berthiaume, of Jacksonville conducted the services. He paid a high tribute to the beautiful character of the deceased, and the sweetness and strength of her life. Just stepping into womanhood, just entering the threshold of what promised a useful and honored career, at the very entrance of that fair field for whose delights and glories all her past seemed to have been a designed preparation, inscrutable fate had ordained a pause. No one realized the tragic pathos more than she, yet when her feet touched the waters of the river beyond where lies that undiscovered land, the glance that sought inquiringly that other shore was one that held no shade of fear, realizing that she was to be wafted to a more congenial clime, where the soul may blossom and bloom—not as in its sojourn here, buffeted by the cold winds of earth—but to bloom forever in the soft sunshine of a brighter sphere, surrounded by the pure and sweet fragrance of a higher life. At the conclusion of the services a large concourse of sorrowing friends paid a last tribute to her, after which the remains were taken to the I. O. O. F. cemetery and laid to rest in the family vault.

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.

Olive Rebekah lodge, No. 28, I. O. O. F., held initiation and installation ceremonies Tuesday evening, followed by a banquet, to which a number of invited guests were present. The business of the evening was concluded at 10 o'clock, at which time the guests commenced to arrive, and after the rendition of a musical program, which was pleasingly executed, the assemblage repaired to the banquet hall, where a delicious supper had been spread, to which ample justice was done. At the conclusion of the feast the guests again returned to the pleasant lodge room and spent an hour in pleasurable pastime, all seeming to enjoy themselves to the fullest extent. The Olive Rebekah lodge is one of the most enthusiastic fraternal organizations in the state. It is composed of active women and its membership is constantly grow-

ing. The following newly elected officers were installed by the installing officer, Miss Virgie Woodford: Mrs. Minnie Calkins, N. G.; Mrs. Nannie Woolf, V. G.; Prudence Angle, rec. secretary; Z. Maxey, fin. secretary; Katie Angle, treas.; Mrs. Clara Drisko, L. S. N. G.; Virgie Woodford, R. S. N. G.; Isaac Woolf, R. S. V. G.; Kitty Webb, L. S. V. G.; Mamie Nicholson, warden; Alta Naylor, conductor; D. G. Karnes, guardian; Mrs. Carrie Goble, chaplain.

Tier wood, delivered at \$1.80 per tier. Small orders given prompt attention. Medford wood yard, Frank Bellinger, proprietor.

Active work on the Fish Lake Irrigation and Power canal construction is practically certain to be inaugurated at an early date. Several months have elapsed since anything definite has been said regarding this great project, but the promoters have not been idle during this time. Conversely, the company has been quietly adjusting matters pertaining to a permanent organization and have made definite arrangements to commence work within a few weeks, according to letters received by Medford parties with whom the chief engineer is engaged in regular correspondence. He states that contracts for similar work in the Hawaiian Islands in which some members of this company were interested have been completed and that the parties have returned to San Francisco, and are only waiting for favorable weather, to begin work. Without a doubt these gentlemen mean business and intend to push the matter to as speedy completion as possible.

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.

The many friends of W. D. Beidleman, formerly of Medford, but now of Klamath County, will be pleased to learn of that gentleman's intention to soon return to Medford. He has recently sold his Klamath County interests to Henry Gorden, of upper Rogue river, and as soon as the roads become passable he and his family will remove to Medford and expect to make this their future abiding place. Inasmuch as Mr. Beidleman was enjoying his full share of prosperity in his interior home we are inclined to suspect that the rigidity of Klamath County climate was no small factor in his determination to return to his erstwhile home. He states in a letter to a Medford friend that the snow is three feet deep and getting deeper, and that the wind was and had been blowing a terrible

gale for a full week, drifting the snow and rendering work or travel an impossibility. The gentleman and his estimable family will be warmly welcomed back to their old home.

Now is the time to have a gallon of distilled whiskey in your house. Do not wait until you have the grippe or any other sickness, when you can get pure grain distilled whiskey from \$2.25 per gallon and up, at the distillery office.

The G. A. R. boys and the Relief Corps girls held a joint installation at their hall Monday evening, which proved to be the most pleasant meeting yet held. Mrs. Sarah Whitman, deputy installing officer for the W. R. C., installed the following officers: Mrs. Addie Van Antwerp, pres.; Mrs. S. R. Reeves, secretary; Mrs. N. B. Bradbury, treas.; Mrs. C. C. Noble, con.; Mrs. T. Smith, guard; Mrs. Sarah Whitman, assistant conductor; Mrs. T. H. B. Taylor, assistant guard. Deputy Installing Officer M. S. Damon, installed the following newly elected officers of the G. A. R.: Frank Kaskafor, com.; L. T. Pierce, S. V. C.; W. Brown, J. V. C.; W. T. Kame, Q. M.; J. R. Erford, chaplain; M. S. Damon, O. D.; D. R. Andrus, adjutant; Wm. Forsyth, O. G.; G. H. Howland, S. M. After the business of the evening had been completed a lunch of hot coffee, sandwiches and other reasonable edibles were spread, and a couple of hours were spent in having a jolly good time.

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

The following is from the Oregonian's legislative correspondent: "The small son of Senator Cameron, a sturdy, bright-faced youth, was named by President Fulton as one of the pages; and thereby hangs a tale. Senator Cameron was a member of the legislature of 1893, and one day he was summoned home on a mysterious errand. Now, the Senator is not a young man, and his friends were not exactly prepared for the news that came later that to the Cameron household had been born a fine young son—the first. When the Senator returned he found his desk covered with flowers by his appreciative colleagues, and ever since his fellow-members have taken a solicitous interest in the lad's welfare. The Senate page is the same youth whose advent caused such an overflowing of legislative congratulations eight years ago."

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.

Wm. Angle, this week, sold a ten-acre tract of land to E. Bennett, for \$950. The land is situated north of the Major Barron property, just north of Medford, and is a part of the Enoch Walker farm. It adjoins other property owned by Mr. Bennett, and gives him sixty acres of us good farming land as there is in the valley. Mr. Angle no sooner disposed of this chunk than did he invest in another, he having purchased 83 acres from Mrs. Childers, paying \$1400 for the same. This land is near Tolo and adjoins the Peninger ranch.

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.

Mildred, the little three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Tryer, died Monday night from typhoid pneumonia. The funeral was held at the family residence Thursday, Rev. Gist, officiating. The little one had been ill but a few days and, notwithstanding everything that human aid could devise was done to relieve its suffering, nothing could prevail against the ravages of the disease. The stricken parents have the deepest sympathy of all in their affliction. Interment was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery in Medford.

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 grocerman. If you have not been supplied with cards set your can on the porch.

A few weeks ago THE MAIL printed a news item to the effect that the man Scott, who was recently arrested for burglary in Portland, was Scott the printer, who formerly was employed by the Jacksonville Times. The item was gotten from a traveling salesman for a Portland house. It has since been learned that Scott, the printer, and Scott, the burglar, are not one and the same person. Mr. Scott, the printer, is now at Aberdeen, Wash., and seemingly has no thought of poisoning the chattels of another.

Pasture Land—We have good pasturing for stock—\$1.25 per head per month. Geo. Cottrell and H. B. Sample, on the Conger place, two miles east of Medford.

The work of taking a new census of Medford was begun last week by THE MAIL, and will be completed with all possible dispatch. We are pleased to note the interest manifested in this matter by the citizens of Medford, and the courtesy extended to our representative. There is a great deal of work involved in this matter but the hearty co-operation of the citizens, as shown thus far, will materially conduce to the efficiency of the count, and also the speedy conclusion of the undertaking.

The Belgian hare craze as a fad, is rapidly becoming a thing of the past, and the dangers lurking in it are beginning to suggest themselves to the public mind. It is realized that an animal of such wonderful fecundity is liable to become a destructive pest if it should escape from captivity, and repressive legislation in some sections is already deemed necessary. It has been generally contended that these hares were so domesticated that they would not leave the premises where they were raised, but in San Diego County, Calif., where there are large numbers of them being raised, the county board of supervisors have passed an ordinance prohibiting the liberation of these animals under any circumstances.

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.

Gordon, the little four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Shone, died at the home of his parents in this city last Thursday, from lung trouble, and was buried in the I. O. O. F. cemetery on Saturday, Rev. O. J. Gist, pastor of the Christian Church officiating. The little one had lived long enough to make its life most precious to the parents and its death is a grievous blow to them. Mr. Shone, who is engaged in business at Yreka, arrived in Medford Thursday night, in response to a telegram announcing the death of the child. The sympathy of kind friends is extended to the parents in their affliction.

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.

There has been varying changes in the weather within the last few days which serves to keep us guessing what is coming next. The snowstorm which raged for several days over a large territory was succeeded by a warm rain Saturday, which was also general throughout Oregon and Northern California. Small streams were swollen by the melting snow in the mountains and traffic has again been blocked. Landslides and washouts in the Cow creek canyon are causing the Southern Pacific Company a great deal of trouble. No trains went south from Sunday noon until Tuesday afternoon.

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

Attorney J. L. Hammersley, of Gold Hill, returned last week from a professional trip to Lake and Klamath Counties. Mr. Hammersley was a resident of Lake County several years ago and while there met and had a very enjoyable visit with many old time friends. On his return trip he found his progress impeded by snow to such an extent that only a few miles of the distance could be traveled during the daylight of each day and he met with several thrilling and interesting experiences. In the language of the street—"Jackson County looked pretty good to him" when its borders were reached.

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

Richards & Pringle's Minstrels was the attraction at the opera house Friday and Saturday evenings of last week. This company is one of the largest on the road, and has several excellent performers among them. A feature of their entertainment is a departure from the old-time opening act. Instead of the familiar row of dusky minstrels seated in a semi-circle, with tambourine, cymbal and banjo, the curtain rises on a scene from "The Realm of Mikado," which is new and interesting.

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.

The Medford Musical Association and every one interested in music are earnestly requested to be present at the Coes Piano House next Monday evening. Business of importance is to be transacted. Matters pertaining to the Southern Oregon Musical Association to be held at Grants Pass in March, will be up for consideration and other matters of local interest to all musicians will be discussed. Remember, Coes Piano House, Monday night, Jan. 21, at 8 o'clock. H. L. Gilkey, President.

Acetylene gas lights still ahead and guaranteed to be the best on the face of the earth. Wolfers tin shop.

An amendment is to be offered to the Indian appropriation bill in congress appropriating \$537,007 for carrying out the agreement with the Klamath Indians and pressure is being brought to bear upon Oregon's representatives in the senate to support the amendment. Senator Simon believes the land excluded from the reservation should be restored to the Indians, and will not support the amendment, which will probably defeat it at this season, at least.

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.

No sooner had Dr. J. M. Keene arrived in Portland last week, where he went to take part in the senatorial fight than he had fame thrust upon him and was accorded due prominence among

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The shrewd and popular politicians of the state, by being caricatured by an Oregonian artist. Portland's big daily represented him as a shrewd politician with bandy legs, a well rounded head covered with a derby hat, and facial features somewhat true to nature. Below the caricature was the inscription "Doc Keene Tells What is Going to Happen," and Solomon in all his glory could not have been made to look more complaisant than did the doctor in this cartoon.

We want all the eggs we can get; cash or trade. H. H. Howard & Co.

Monday, the presidential electors met in Salem and formerly cast the four electoral votes of Oregon for McKinley and Roosevelt. The electors of other states also cast the electoral vote on that date, and at least one elector from each state will journey to Washington and meet with the electoral college and formerly cast the states' electoral vote for the candidates chosen by the people last November.

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

Inadvertently an injustice was done A. H. Cheesmore in THE MAIL's report of the Poultry show last week. Through some oversight or misunderstanding nothing was said in regard to his white Leghorn prize winners. He had on exhibition several fine fowls of this variety which scored among the highest and which carried off first prize. Notwithstanding they were young and selected at random from his large brood, one pullet scored 94 points.

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

We learn from a letter received from private sources that Attorney Robert Galloway, of Portland, has been compelled to retire from the practice of his profession owing to his rapidly declining health. His many friends in Medford will hope that his illness will not be such as to incapacitate him for business for any definite length of time.

Watches cleaned and warranted for one year, for \$1—Pritchard, the jeweler.

B. I. Stoner, who has been very acceptably filling the position of night clerk at Hotel Nash, has resigned his position and accepted a situation with the Palm-Whitman-Palm cigar company of this city, as traveling salesman. He will introduce their goods in California. Cal Slagle has succeeded him as night clerk.

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

Wm. Zimmerly has purchased a 130-acre ranch near the Rogue river ferry, from Messrs. Ulrich and Slinger. He expects to take up his residence there in a few months. The sale was made through the F. M. Stewart real estate agency.

The first through mail from Lake and Klamath Counties since January 21, arrived Saturday afternoon. The blockade just raised was the first one of note ever experienced on the Klamath Falls-Ashland stage line. A large force of men have been employed in breaking the road ever since the storm.

Chase & Sanborn coffee at G. L. Davis.

Klamath County people anticipate lively times in timber land circles next spring. The great tract of 300,000 acres of sugar and yellow pine adjoining the reservation which is soon to be thrown open to purchase is expected to create the greatest rush in timber-buying ever known in that locality.

Spring trucks for spring household moving. Wells & Shearer.

It is said Lakeview business men are opposed to the project of having a railroad built to that place, for the reason that it would do more harm than good. The railroad projectors say they will build it whether it is wanted or not.

You can't beat Pritchard's prices nor the quality of his goods.

The Wrought Iron Range representatives, who have been operating in Jackson County for several weeks, have completed their canvass of this section of the country and have gone to eastern Washington to establish headquarters.

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

Miss Nellie DePeatt, formerly Postal telegraph operator in Medford, has secured a position with the Western Union Telegraph Company at the state capitol at Salem during the legislative session.

A card from W. H. Parker, writer at Eugene Tuesday, states that out of twenty-seven attorneys he has seen, twenty-five of them had subscribed for his Ready Reference Index, and that all commended it very highly.

See the latest in piano chairs at the Coes Piano House.

Four southbound passenger trains arrived in and departed from Medford within an hour Tuesday. They were the delayed trains of Monday and Tuesday morning.

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

Miss Myrtle Nicholson, one of THE MAIL's compositors, was confined to her home several days this week with an attack of a gripple.

Fine line of very nice jardiniere—received this week—at G. L. Davis.

This week the final transfer for the Crowell ranch was made and the new owners expect to take possession of the same in a few days.

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