

PURELY PERSONAL.

J. Court Hall was up from Gold Hill last Saturday.
Captain M. Caton, of Phoenix, was in Medford Wednesday.
F. M. Hulse, of Ashland, was a Medford visitor Monday.
Miss Carrie George went to Ashland Wednesday to visit friends.
The Misses Foss went to Ashland Monday morning to visit friends.
Attorney W. I. Tawter went to Salem Wednesday evening upon business.
J. D. Heard, the mining expert, returned home from San Francisco this week.
Mrs. Jas. A. Slover, of Grants Pass, is visiting Medford relatives and friends this week.
Mrs. I. C. Robnett, of Central Point, was in town Wednesday visiting her many friends.
Mrs. Lou Whittle, of Central Point, is in Medford this week, visiting Mrs. Jane Plymale and family.
Mrs. Clark Mitchell and son John, of Gazelle, Calif., are visiting in Medford with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Mitchell.
A. A. Davis returned to Medford Monday evening, from an extended business and pleasure trip to San Francisco.
Miss Kate Chapman, who has been attending school at Salem for several months, returned to her home in Medford Wednesday.
Miss Ida Redden, who has been visiting her brother at Dinuba, Calif., for several months, returned to Medford Wednesday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, of Elgin, Or., arrived in Medford this week and may locate here if Mr. Wheeler can find a business opening to his liking.
Hon. J. H. Stewart went to Portland Tuesday evening on business. He will be absent several days, intending to take in the legislature before returning.
Mrs. D. T. Cox, who has been at San Jose for several weeks, for the benefit of her health, returned home Tuesday evening. She was disappointed in the climate of that section, which was disagreeably cold and damp during the whole time of her stay.
G. F. Palm, of the Palm-Whitman-Palm Co., returned from a two weeks' business trip to Chicago and other eastern cities last Saturday. He purchased a large quantity of leaf tobacco for their Medford factory, which is now beginning to arrive here and which will enable them to put a large force of girls at work in the factory.
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Langley arrived in Medford Sunday morning for a few days' visit with Medford friends. The mill, at Niagara, in which Ernest was employed as engineer, has closed down for a few months. It is possible he will remain here—if employment can be secured, and again, it is possible he will go down into California, where a position has been offered him.
Mrs. F. E. Birge, accompanied by her protegee, Miss Beatie Conde, will leave this week for San Francisco, to join her husband. Mr. Birge is interested quite largely in oil lands in California, and will probably locate there permanently. They have been residents of Medford for several years, and have many friends who will regret their departure, but who will wish them much joy and prosperity wherever they may decide to locate.

Among the Churches.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
Bishop Morris, will hold service in St. Mark's church on Monday, January 28th at 7:30 P. M. All are cordially invited to attend.
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
The usual services will be held next Sunday morning and evening. The subject for 11 a. m. will be "Religion as Man's Chief Business." Subject for the evening "The Destiny of the Impenitent." All are welcome.
CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
Rev. W. F. Cowden, of Tacoma, will preach next Sunday morning and evening. Revival services will be held every evening through the week. A cordial invitation is given the reader of this announcement to attend these services. O. J. GIST, Pastor.
METHODIST CHURCH.
Quarterly meeting—The second quarterly meeting of the M. E. church will be held next Saturday and Sunday Rev. D. T. Summerville will preach Sunday at 11 A. M. and administer the communion. Quarterly conference on Saturday at 7:30. All official members urged to attend. W. B. MOORE, P. C.
Dissolution of Partnership.
Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing by and between H. B. Nye and H. L. Stoner, doing business under the firm name of Nye & Stoner, is by mutual consent this day dissolved. All accounts due the firm are payable to H. B. Nye, who will continue the business, and all accounts owed by the firm will be paid by said H. B. Nye.
Dated at Medford, Oregon, this 17th day of January, 1901.
H. B. NYE
H. L. STONER.

VICTORIA, QUEEN OF ENGLAND, IS DEAD.

OSBORNE HOUSE, COWES, Isle of Wight, Jan. 22 (6:30 p. m.)—The queen has just breathed her last. She died surrounded by her children and grandchildren. Her death was painless and was so quiet that the group around the bed scarcely knew when the queen stopped breathing. It became evi-



A RECENT PORTRAIT OF VICTORIA.

dent before 4 o'clock in the afternoon that she was sinking. Her breath became shorter and the pulse feebler. The medical attendants gave warning that death was near. The Bishop of Winchester and the Rector of Whippingham read prayers for those in extremis. The queen is said to have bade farewell in a feeble monosyllable to her family, assembled at her bedside at mid-day. She first recognized the Prince of Wales, to whom she spoke a few words of great moment; then Emperor William and the others present filed past and heard a whispered goodbye. All those in the bedroom were in tears.

Albert Edward is hailed as king.



PRINCE OF WALES, NOW KING EDWARD VII

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

—Slender—"What is the greatest curiosity in the world?" "A woman who hasn't any."—Chicago Record.
—"I was in an elevator once that fell 15 stories to the basement." "Dear me; how did it feel?" "I was never so taken down in my life."—Truth.
—Carahan—"Th' forman down at th' new place here Oi'm wurkin' is purty kind. He told me tek me ch'ice av any tools ' wurk wid an' Oi tuk me pick."—Judge.
—The Microbe War—"We are going to give up having Johnny get an education." "For what reason?" "Well—we can't get him sterilized every morning in time to go to school."—Puck.
—Little Presbyterian, aged three, on his return from the Episcopal church, where he had been for the first time—"Mamma, the minister came out with a night-dress on, and all the ladies were so 'shamed, they put their heads right down."—Truth.
—Ready to Negotiate.—She—"Ah, count, you don't know how my love for you distresses my parents. I heard my father say this morning that he would give \$50,000 if I could never see you again." The Count—"Eez your fazeire in heez offices now, you sink?"—Chicago News.
—"You know," said the Chinese emperor, "possession is true points of the law?" "Yes," replied the European diplomat, "but I must remind you that there are several hundred points in the game we are playing. Nine points represent a mere bagatelle in the score."—Washington Star.
—A lady who saw that her servant girl seemed to take a certain interest in the objects of art in her parlor, said to her: "Which one of those figures do you like best, Mary?" "This one, mum," said Mary, pointing to the armless Venus of Milo. "And why do you like the Venus best?" "Sure, it's the easiest to doast, mum," answered the girl.—Harlem Life.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL

—Death has again visited our city, taking another young and promising life, that of Miss Olive Murray, the eighteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Murray, who died at her home in Medford last Monday. Her death resulted from an acute attack of inflammatory rheumatism, aggravated by the effects of a severe cold which she contracted last spring while she was recovering from the measles. The young lady was a general favorite among her friends and acquaintances, and enjoyed the respect and esteem of everyone with whom she was acquainted. Her illness, while it was known to be serious, was not thought to be dangerous, and the sudden and unlooked for end came as a shock to her many friends. The stricken parents, brothers and sisters whose grief at their loss is great, have the deepest sympathy of all in their bereavement. The funeral was held from the family residence Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Kenworthy conducting the services. Interment was made in the Odd Fellows cemetery. A large number of friends attended the funeral.

—Mrs. D. E. Jones has for sale a span of brood mares, weighing 1200 and 1300 pounds, good to work in every place, also a good wagon, with new California bed on it, and set of Concord double harness, handmade, nearly new. Will sell reasonable, on easy terms. For further particulars call at residence at Central Point.

—W. B. Roberts:—"I had a letter from Barney O'Neil this week. He is now at Los Angeles, Calif.; but he has been traveling around a considerable since he left here. He reports having seen two fields of barley 'heading out' in one locality in southern California, while in another place he saw wheat just coming up that had been sowed two years. I want to tell you that Barney is having a cracking good time this winter. He has been down into old Mexico and several other southern localities; but he don't seem to have a disposition to drift into northern climes."

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

—On Wednesday, Jan. 30, 1901, at 2:30 p. m., in Woodmen hall, Mrs. J. V. Layne, manager of the Southern Oregon Viavi Co., will give a lecture to ladies on "The Evolution from Disease to Health." This is the most important lecture in the course now being given and every woman in Medford is urgently requested to be present. No admission.

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

—The continued cool, cloudy weather, while disagreeable, will prove of incalculable benefit to the fruit growers of the state. The greatest menace to our fruit interest is a warm January which causes a too early swelling of the buds. This danger avoided, a good crop can be depended upon.

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

—The next lecture in the Star lecture course is Mr. J. W. Hudson, subject, "The Passion Play of Oberammergau." He will appear here Thursday, Feb. 7th. Admission 25 cents. Mr. Hudson is recommended as a fine speaker and one sure to give satisfaction.

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

—The Western Oregon college of the M. E. Church, south, will probably be located at Roseburg. The committee having the matter in charge having received encouragement justifying them in the belief that the required bonus will be forth coming.

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

—E. B. Jennings, the liveryman, reports business unusually good in his line for this time of the year. He says he has never known the roads to be in such bad conditions before as they are at present, especially the road leading from Medford to Gold Hill.

—See the latest in piano chairs at the Coss Piano House.

—Jacob Waltz, who resides a few miles west of Medford, purchased a fine, new piano from the Coss piano house Saturday. S. L. Bennett of Medford and St. Mary's Academy of Jacksonville have also purchased new pianos from the same establishment.

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—The Maccabees of Medford will install officers on Monday evening of next week at their regular meeting place. State Deputy Sherwood will be in attendance and it is earnestly desired that all members be present.

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

—Gladys, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Wilson, has been seriously ill with membranous croup, this week, but is much improved and is out of danger. Dr. Pickel was in attendance.

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

—J. W. Abbott and W. A. Woollover, of Grants Pass, are in Medford for the

purpose of organizing a lodge, of the Modern Woodmen of the World.

—\$70 sowing machines—\$30 to \$45—call on Jno. F. Walte, Medford.

—F. M. Stewart has been appointed a notary public, by Governor Goer, and is now prepared to take acknowledgment of all legal documents.

—Try Kurtz's hand-made cigars.

—Rev. Adolph Haberly will preach at the enterprise school house, next Sunday, January, 27, at 3 p. m.

—Born—To Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Peyton of Peyton, Oregon, on January 14, 1901, a daughter.

—School supplies at West Side grocery.

—Fred Peninger who formerly resided near Central Point, is now located at Burton, Wash.

—Mrs. W. H. Parker and four children are quite seriously ill with la grippe.

—For Sale—Eight horse power engine and boiler. M. M. Gault, Medford machinist.

—J. T. Wiley, of this city, is quite ill with an attack of erysipelas.

For Sale—

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PROBLEMS IN BUILDING.

The Settling of Huge Structures Must Always Be Carefully Provided for Before Erection.

Next to the strength of materials the distance that a building of a given weight will settle into the ground is perhaps the most serious question presented to the Chicago architects, says the Chronicle of that city. Such settlements vary with the character of the ground, and calculations of great nicety must be made to insure the future stability of the structure. Thousands of people have noticed the enormous slant of certain downtown sidewalks without understanding the reason.

The explanation is simple. The large paving stones are solidly attached to the structure and settle with it. The architect has made most minute calculations, and when the continued pressure of the large building has packed the earth beneath it to the greatest possible extent the great flagstones will have descended to exactly the right level for a proper drainage.

It has been a thousand times remarked that tall buildings in Chicago have been gradually crowding their more humble neighbors out of existence, and in some instances this is proving literally, as well as figuratively, true. The natural settling of tall and heavy buildings sometimes imparts a lateral movement to less heavy adjoining foundations, more or less seriously affecting the superstructure.

SOUTH SEA ISLAND CUSTOMS.

Some Peculiarities of Love Making and Marriage Among the Fiji Islanders and Others.

One would imagine that love making in Fiji was a very tame affair from the fact that marriages are often arranged while those most nearly concerned are still in their infancy. However, courtship there is quite as interesting as anywhere else, and it has some peculiar features, says the Chicago Times-Herald.

Cupid's happy hunting ground is generally a garden or a plantation, and on a moonlight evening he is generally pretty busy. At that time, high up in the branches of the bread fruit trees, those who have eyes to see may spy a pair of human love birds perched on the branches 40 feet or so from the ground. Fijian etiquette seems to demand that the fair one and her lover should occupy different branches, and should be separated by the trunk of the tree—this, at any rate, is the usual custom.

"Spare the bite and spoil the child," would probably be the South Sea Island mother's rendering of the wise man's saying, for she knew nothing of the use of the rod as a means of correction.

Instead of punishing her offspring in ways known to European mothers, she pulls hair and bites some part of its body, generally selecting the fleshy part of its arm for the purpose. Thus it happens that travelers note among little South Sea Islanders many bearing wounds or scars which have been produced by the mother's teeth.

The mode of caress is as queer as that of punishment. It is either to gently take hold of the child's neck with the teeth, or to pass the thumb deftly over its eyebrow or cheek.

STRANGE CASES OF POISONING

Gila Bite Was Not Deadly, But Umbrella Tree Was.

In the far northeastern part of Arizona territory, that is to say in Navajo county, a young man was bitten by a Gila monster recently. Almost at the same time, at Yuma, in the extreme southwestern corner of the territory, a little girl ate some berries that fell from the umbrella trees that grow so plentiful in southern Arizona. The young man lived, but the little maiden died. The latter case is the more remarkable, perhaps, for until this instance not even the medical profession suspected that there was anything poisonous about the umbrella tree. The child's name was Dora Lynch, her father being well-known in Yuma. The lucky young man in the northeast was Orrin Barney, who had started out with a party for Utah. He was following a wagon up a hill and "scotching" it with rocks. He reached down for a rock and picked up a Gila monster. The monster's head had to be cut off to loosen the grip on Barney's hand. The latter suffered severe pain for two days, but then recovered. His only remedies were tobacco and whisky.

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