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MEDFORD, OREGON

CITY HAPPENINGS.

—Medford's new city councilmen have buckled on their business armor and everyone of them is glancing all the facts and figures possible from the books of the town treasurer and recorder, with a view to formulating plans for future action. It has been found thus early that the town is not a paying proposition—that is, the receipts from the water and light plant, and licenses, are not now paying the current and actual expenses of the town. Either the expenses must be cut down—which cannot easily be accomplished and give efficient services in the water and light plants, or the receipts must be increased. The city council is composed of good, sound-minded and capable business men. Whatever means they adopt cannot be considered other than for the best interests of the town. If they deem it wise to increase the rental price of electric lights, or charge a greater price for city water privileges, it must be accepted as inevitable. The council is securing exact figures on the cost of pumping water and if it is found that the cost is in excess of the price paid by the several consumers for its use, then the price will be advanced to meet this deficiency, and lay aside a few dollars each year to meet the payment of the water bonds when they become due. There has, for a number of years, been a great amount of water used for which the city has had no pay. This the council proposes to remedy by fixing a new rate and by enforcing all ordinances relative to the use of the water, and making new ordinances in cases when deemed necessary. The same methods will be adopted as regards the electric light plant. It has become absolutely necessary that this be done, and business men and other patrons of this enterprise should not feel that it is an imposition. Every man, owning property in the city, is interested in the financial welfare of the city—the citizen's and the city's interests are concomitant, and to freely and willingly comply with any reasonable requirement the city council may feel bound to impose for the city's financial interest is an imperative duty we all owe, and cannot avoid without detracting from the commercial welfare of our municipality. THE MAIL has implicit confidence in the business integrity of our governing body, and feels confident that any extra taxes imposed on the re-adjustment of the rates

in any of the towns' sources of revenues will be the result of well considered forethought.

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

—A delightful afternoon party, in honor of Miss Mae Earhart, was given by Miss Fannie Haskins, at the home of her parents in this city, last Saturday afternoon. The handsome double parlors were adorned with graceful sprays of English ivy, artistically arranged with choice potted plants. The afternoon was pleasantly occupied in various amusements, music, instrumental and vocal, and social chat. The guest of honor, Miss Earhart, exhibited an album of Alaskan scenes, where she has been residing for several years, which proved a rare treat and elicited much admiration. An elaborate, but dainty spread was one of the features of the party. The dining room had been artistically decorated for the occasion with evergreens and flowers, which produced a very pretty effect. The elegantly appointed table was further embellished with a pretty bunch of holly at each cover and a centerpiece of growing maiden-hair ferns. Those present were Misses Myrtle Lawton, Mae Phipps, Grace Foster, Allen Webber, Pearl Webb, Virgil Woodford, Jessie Worman, Mae Earhart and Mesdames Bessie Plymale and Etta Bates.

—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.

—About five years ago a mining promoter by the name of Bradley P. Durphy made his headquarters at Jacksonville, where he resided for several months. Many Medford people will remember him as being associated with H. H. McCarthy, formerly of this city. This same Durphy is now in jail at Eureka, Calif., on a charge of bigamy; he having no less than three wives, and all three are only waiting to aid the law in punishing the man responsible for so much unhappiness to them. Durphy, at one time, was quite well-to-do, having large holdings in the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, and owned considerable real estate in Portland, Salem and other Oregon towns. His final down-fall was hastened by the daughter of his first wife, whom he deserted in Boston, several years ago.

The daughter was then five years of age. After she was grown, a stranger called upon her one day, and claimed to be a partner of her long-missing father. He was so intimately acquainted with her past life and that of her mother, that the daughter's suspicions were aroused, and she consulted a lawyer. Then a detective was called in and the daughter's suspicions found to be correct. She resolved to avenge the wrong done her mother and at once set out in pursuit of the derelict father. His incarceration in the county jail at Yreka on a most serious charge is the result.

—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.

—Trans-continental railroad have restored settlers' rates on their lines, and a big tidal wave of immigration toward Oregon and the Pacific coast will commence in the spring. Last year was considered an extra heavy one for Western immigration, but the opinions of railroad men who are posted upon such things, are to the effect that it will not be a marker to the number who will arrive and settle in Oregon this year. Several Willamette valley towns have already the nucleus for colonies of these Eastern people, who for the greater part, are thrifty and industrious people. Other sections are organizing to offer inducements for settlers to locate and establish homes. These sections where the people are most active in advertising will reap the benefit from this influx. Cannot Jackson County devise some plan whereby the attention of Eastern people may be called to its resources? Cannot some advertising tracts or booklets be published and distributed? If we are to progress, the citizens will need to be up and doing. To procrastinate in a matter of this kind is to forfeit the benefits to be secured through increasing population of sturdy, thrifty and wealth-producing settlers.

—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.

—A suit for damages in the sum of \$150, wherein Henry Earhart of Medford was plaintiff and Dr. J. W. Odgers, the dentist, was defendant, was tried before a jury in Justice Stewart's court on Wednesday and Thursday of last week, which resulted in a verdict for the defendant. The suit grew out of the dissatisfaction of the plaintiff with a set of false teeth which the defendant had made for him. He set out in his complaint that the teeth were so large and clumsy that it was impossible for him to wear them. The defense proved that the instructions given the plaintiff at the time the teeth were delivered had been ignored; that the plaintiff had not attempted to wear them for more than 15 minutes at any one time, and that it required several days at least before one could reasonably expect to use false teeth with any degree of comfort. Attorney C. P. Snell appeared for the defendant, and Attorney S. S. Pentz for plaintiff.

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

—Hog raising in Jackson County is fast becoming an industry of no small proportion, particularly in the section of the country around Medford. During the past year sixty-nine carloads, or about 5000 hogs were shipped from Medford, which amounted to over one-half of the total number of 110 cars sent to San Francisco from Southern Oregon during the entire year. The number shipped from Medford to California during 1900 were just twice as many as were shipped during the preceding year of 1899, when the total number of cars going to California from Southern Oregon was fifty-nine. Since the industry is a paying one and Jackson County is particularly adapted to hog raising it is not improbable that the shipments for the present year will be largely increased over those of 1899 and 1900.

—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.

—Members of Medford lodge, No. 83, I. O. O. F., at their regular evening meeting, held last Saturday, installed their newly elected officers. The installation was attended by quite a number of members from Jacksonville lodge, who came over in private conveyances. After the exercises, a splendid lunch was served by Frank Wilson, which was fully up to the standard of excellence of his lunches. The new officers, who were installed by District Deputy, Z. Maxey, are I. A. Webb, N. G.; G. O. Noble, V. G.; E. W. Calkins, secretary; Z. Maxey, financial secretary; F. Amann, treasurer; J. W. Lawton, warden; J. R. Wilson, con.; Frank Wilson, R. S. N. G.; W. T. York, L. S. N. G.; J. G. Goble, R. S. V. G.; J. H. Stewart, L. S. V. G.; D. G. Karnes, R. S. S.; J. W. Richardson, L. S. S.; F. E. Payne, I. G.; H. Harvey, O. G.

—If your dog has failed to cure you call and see Mrs. N. E. Pratt, the magnetic healer, Central Point, Or. She treats all chronic diseases without strong medicine.

—R. H. Whitehead:—"Where have I been? Well, sir, by jing, I've been back in Wisconsin, and let me tell you that everything is just a-humping back there. I never saw o much prosperity in that country before. Everything the farmer has to sell is bringing a big price. Why, pork buyers are thick, and they are paying \$5.40 a hundred—live weight. Dairy products are also bringing a good price, and there is lots of dairying there. Tobacco growers are getting from seven to ten cents a pound for their product and at that price many of them get \$100 an acre from their land, clear of all expenses. I purchased 160 acres of land while there, for which I paid \$10,000. No, I'm not going back there to live. Oregon suits me too well. The land is adjoining a townsite and I bought it to speculate on."

—Wanted: A good, kind girl or woman to live with and care for an invalid old lady. Apply at once at this office.

—Dr. T. A. Boyer lectured to a good sized audience at the opera house, last Thursday evening. His subject was, "Crossing the Century Line." Dr. Boyer reviewed the history of man, noting the great achievements and excellencies during the world's history. His review was largely interspersed with humor and wit, sagacious remarks, and taking hits. Dr. Boyer is undoubtedly, one of the most eloquent platform lecturers now before the public. He gave entire satisfaction to the management of the Lecture Course, and to the audience which had the privilege of hearing him.

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

—Geo. L. Kelley, agent for the Washington Life Insurance Company, of New York, was in Gold Hill last week writing policies. Mr. Kelley is a genius in his way—and it's a good way, and is one of the cleverest gentlemen who ever pitched a tent on their grounds. He is a stem-winder, Waterbury movement, name-blown-in-the-glass man at his business. You are a friend of his after twenty minutes' acquaintance and would be, presumably, after that same acquaintance had been twenty years of wear. He represents a good, solid company, and is doing lots of business.

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

—N. S. Bennett, the orchardist living out south of Medford, has leased the Markley fruit drier from its owner, A. S. Wells, for next season. Mr. Bennett has a dryer on his home place and the two will give him a capacity of over 500 trays which will enable him to handle a great amount of fruit. He will operate both dryers and has already engaged the fruit from several orchards. THE MAIL hopes he will make the success of his venture which he now pictures he will—and there are good reasons for believing he will.

—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.

—Marshal C. G. Johnson arrested Jack Plymale, Tuesday afternoon, charging him with disorderly conduct. Plymale gave bonds for his appearance and on Wednesday Recorder Lawton fined him \$5, which he paid. The same day the marshal arrested Ruben Patty for jumping on and off of a moving train at the depot. The young man, being practically a stranger in the city and unfamiliar with our laws, was fined only \$2.50, by the recorder, which fine was paid.

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

—The social given by the Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church last Friday evening at the residence of Mrs. Carrie Johnson, was a decided success, both socially and financially. The rendition of a program of music and recitations preceded the call to supper. The conundrum menu caused much merriment, among the assemblage, the real bill of fare being shrouded in mystery. The proceeds of the social amounted to about \$20.

—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 funeral of the late Mrs. Theresa Demmer, of this city, was held from the family residence last Saturday afternoon, Rev. F. Sack conducting the services. A large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives followed the remains to their last resting place in the Odd Fellows cemetery. Deceased was a most estimable woman, a worthy and helpful wife to an honest, hard-working husband, and a kind and watchful mother to her children. In her demise a happy family circle is sadly broken.

—Dry wood, kept under cover—for sale by Wallace Woods.

—Councilman Willeke was around town this week asking signatures to a petition, which will be presented to the legislature, asking that our city charter be amended in several respects. There is said to be need of these amendments and the town-people, having confidence in the wisdom of the city council, are pretty generally signing the petition.

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—The question has arisen as to whether the China pheasants in this valley have weathered the recent storm and accompanying cold weather. One of these birds, belonging to Geo. E. Neuber, of Jacksonville, recently died from the effects of the cold. It had the advantage of a shelter from the storm and was well fed and cared for. If, under such favorable conditions, it proved unequal to the rigorous climate it is feared that those which have been liberated may have all died.

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

—In response to the call for the musical convention at the Coss Piano house Monday evening a number of those interested in the matter assembled and informally discussed ways and means to promote such an organization. The attendance was not as large as was wished for, but these present took an active interest, and appointed a committee of three to secure the services of a competent leader, after which another meeting is to be held for the purpose of finally organizing.

—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.

—There is great need of a street crossing on the railroad grounds, across Seventh street, near the depot. More people cross Seventh street at this point than at any other, or at least, more people would cross there if a crossing was put in. Many of these people are strangers in our town, moving between the two depots and when compelled to walk in mud ankle deep, the impression formed of our town is not a very exalted one.

—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.

—J. J. Sturgill, Supreme Guide of Fraternal Union of America, is at present visiting Medford lodge, No. 421, in the interest of the order. He expects to increase the membership perceptibly during his visit. The members of the order tendered the gentleman a reception last Saturday evening at their lodge room, which was quite an enjoyable affair. Refreshments of coffee, sandwiches and cake were served.

—All kinds of pipes at Kurtz's

COUPON.

Cut this coupon out. It is worth 50 cents on each dozen photos, if presented at H. C. Mackey & Boyd's Studio on or before March 1st, 1901.

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Elwood's, the Jeweler and Optician