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CITY HAPPENINGS.

—In one of the extended and detailed reports of the Postmaster General of the United States apropos of the money order business of the postoffices of this country, the statement is made that the disparity between the number and amounts of money orders issued and the number paid at postoffices was a safe basis upon which to reckon the commercial importance of that town. To be more explicit, if the number of money orders paid at a postoffice exceeded that of the number issued, it was natural to conclude that the business men of such a town supplied the wants of their customers, rendering the all too general practice of sending to foreign cities for their goods unnecessary. Pertinent to this hypothesis, the truth of which is very apparent, is the fact that the number and amounts of money orders paid at the Medford postoffice is about five times greater than the amount issued. Another fact in connection with this statement which is very suggestive is that not infrequently money orders, issued in comparatively small amounts, but aggregating several hundred dollars, are presented for payment at the Medford office at one time by the Medford banks. These orders are received by our business men and deposited as cash at the banks, where they remain for perhaps three or four weeks before they are presented. Within the last two weeks over \$800 in advances have been received at the Medford postoffice for which orders have not been presented for payment. As previously stated these orders are doubtless in the Medford banks and will be presented the last of the current month. These facts indicate that our business men are enjoying a good trade from outlying sections and that instead of money being sent to large cities it is being spent with Medford merchants, as is just and proper. THE MAIL has persistently discontinued the practice of patronizing city department stores by our citizens and it is evident that its labors have not been unproductive. If through its agency the fallacy of patronizing city department stores, a practice which at one time was alarmingly epidemic in the Pacific coast towns, has been proven; if it has succeeded in encouraging a closer bond between the merchants and their patrons, if the attention of citizens of remote sections has been called to the advantages to be

had here in the purchase of supplies, by its effort, we feel that our work has not been in vain. To uphold the integrity of Medford and Medford's business men has always been our foremost policy. That policy will be paramount to all others so long as the present proprietor controls this journal.

—Owing to circumstances on Wednesday last the lecture on "Evolution From Disease to Health" was postponed until Wednesday, February 6th. Remember it will be held in Woodmen hall at 2:30 p. m., on that date. The interest in these lectures is steadily increasing. Come and bring your friends.

—Peter Spielman and Miss Elizabeth Phipps, both of Medford, were married at the Catholic Church in Jacksonville Monday morning, Rev. Father Berthelme officiating. John Orth, of Jacksonville, and Miss Marguerite Otwell, of Central Point, acted as groomsmen and bridesmaids, who performed their functions very acceptably. After the wedding the party proceeded to the U. S. hotel, where a sumptuous repast was enjoyed. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. A. R. Phipps, of Medford, and is a highly respected young lady. The groom has been a resident of Medford for several months, having moved here from Minneapolis with his parents about a year ago. He is a very intelligent and energetic young man of exemplary habits. The young couple left on Tuesday evening's train for Buffalo, N. Y., where Mr. Spielman will engage in business. The best wishes of many friends go with them.

—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.

—L. A. Gordan, a mining expert from Kalispel, Montana, was in Medford last week, and while here visited the Hill Nye mine, on Galls creek. The gentleman is one of the stockholders in the property, and his mission here was to personally investigate the statements made in the prospectus of the mine. He was highly elated at the result of his investigation, and was profuse in his compliments of the management of the property. Four men have been employed steadily at the mine this winter, and a great deal of development work has been done. The main tunnel has been put down 230 feet during the winter, in addition to which a 50-foot shaft from the bottom of the tunnel has been sunk. A 100-foot level from the bottom of the shaft has also been made this winter.

—F. W. Walt, who went to Portland this week to submit a sample of his Tolo quarry granite for inspection by the government, with a view to turning a quantity of it for the new government postoffice at Salem, was awarded a contract for furnishing 800 tons of the rock, at a contract price of about \$16,000. As soon as the weather will permit he will put a force of ten or twelve men to work getting out the stone, preparatory for shipment to Salem. This will be quite an advertisement for Southern Oregon building stone, of which the supply is unlimited and of the best grade, and this contract may be the forerunner for a boom in that industry. Mr. Walt is to be congratulated upon his success.

—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.

—Upon his return from San Francisco Saturday evening, J. W. Wiley brought two large elk, a male and a female, which he purchased from the commissioners of Glen Park, south of San Francisco. They were purchased for John Prall, who resides a few miles north of Medford, and who is securing quite a collection of wild animals. He expects to have a well stocked zoological garden on his farm eventually, and intends making a number of improvements on his premises soon, one of which will be the construction of an artificial lake. In addition to these elk and some deer which he now has, he will endeavor to add a pair of bultatoes later. The elk which weigh about 1600 pounds, cost \$75 each.

—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 new officers of the Maccabee lodge, in Medford, were installed Monday evening, at their regular meeting, by Deputy State Commander, J. W. Sherwood, of Portland, who was here visiting the lodge. After the installation exercises were over the members engaged an hour's social chat among themselves, and were pleasantly entertained by Mr. Sherwood, who is quite an interesting and agreeable talker. The new officers are: J. R. Hardin, com.; S. B. Ellison, lieut. com.; W. T. York, R. L.; W. H. Simmons, chaplain; Deroy Smith, sergeant; Henry Hanson, M. at H.; Lewis Smith, sen.

—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 very pleasant 6 o'clock tea was given by Mrs. Carrie Johnson at her North A street residence on Wednesday evening of last week. The evening was spent in playing crokinole and caroms. Those enjoying the occasion were Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gilkey, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Lawton, Mr. and Mrs. E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Meeker, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Palm, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Richardson, Mrs. W. H. Hembrée, Misses Rose and Minnie Hoekensjos, Julia Fielder, Myrtle Lawton and Mr. Miller.

—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.

—At the Medford opera house Saturday evening, J. J. Sturgill, supreme guide of the Fraternal Union of America, delivered a very interesting address upon the aims and benefits of that order to a fair sized audience. The lecture was preceded by some vocal and instrumental selections by some of Medford's best talent, which was well received by the audience. Mr. Sturgill is a very pleasing and interesting talker, and his work in the interest of the Medford lodge will doubtless be productive of much good.

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

—The funeral of S. Robbins, whose death occurred at his home in Phoenix, January 22, was held from the family residence last Thursday, interment being made in the Phoenix cemetery. Mr. Robbins, who was about seventy years of age, crossed the plains to Oregon early in the '60s, and has resided in Jackson County for nearly fifteen years. He was an honorable, upright citizen and was universally respected. He leaves a family of six children, Mrs. Robbins having passed away last May.

—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.

—The artistic decorative design and execution of Grocer G. L. Davis' east show window, as executed by Carl Crystal, presents an attractiveness which challenges the admiration of every one who views it. In a body background of tea, sandwiched in with rice, the name of the proprietor is made to stand

out very prominently. Banked against the window a foreground of coffee adds still further to the effect of the main display.

—The Lawton & Davis Dry and Transfer have prepared to do all kinds of hauling and moving. They also handle wood of all kinds. Parties desiring work in their line will do well to see them. Satisfaction guaranteed.

—The judiciary committee of the Northwestern Methodist Conference, in session at Tacoma, reversed the decision of the Oregon conference, which expelled S. A. Starr from the ministry of the M. E. Church at its meeting in Ashland last September. The reverend gentleman was exonerated by a vote of 12 to 3, one member of the council not voting. The charge upon which the Oregon conference expelled him was unbecomingly advances to a woman.

—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.

—J. William Hudson, the traveler and popular lecturer will lecture at the opera house, next Thursday evening, February 7th, on "The Passion Play of Oberammergan." Mr. Hudson has given great satisfaction wherever he has appeared, and the management of the Star Lecture Course expect a large attendance at this lecture. Those who have not purchased course tickets will be admitted at the door for 25 cents.

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

—T. T. Sears has been assigned to duty again as storekeeper for the Medford distillery. The position has been held for several months by T. G. Spangler. All whiskey in the distillery must be out of bond by the middle of March, at which time the position of storekeeper will be dispensed with and Mr. Sears will be out of government employment unless he is assigned a like position at some other place.

—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.

—Attorney W. J. Vawter has been appointed one of the regents of the Southern Oregon normal school at Ashland, by Governor Geer. The appointment was made to fill the vacancy caused by Prof. G. A. Gregory retreating to his old home in Nebraska. The appointment of Mr. Vawter is a good one and a compliment to him—and to Governor Geer in selecting a gentleman so eminently qualified.

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

—The prune growers' meeting held in Medford last Saturday was not as largely attended as it ought to have been, owing undoubtedly in part, to the brief notice given and the very bad condition of the roads. Those who met discussed the subject of a local organization and all were agreed that such a course should be pursued, but all favored taking any decisive steps until such time as there might be gotten together a greater number of growers. A call for another meeting is made elsewhere in these columns for Saturday, February 9th, at 1 o'clock.

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

—Rogue River Encampment, No. 30, I. O. O. F., installed officers at their regular meeting, last Wednesday night. S. J. Day, of Jacksonville, was the installing officer. Following are the officers for the ensuing year: H. H. Harvey, C. P.; W. T. York, H. P.; H. E. Boyden, S. W.; J. R. Wilson, J. W.; J. W. Lawton, scribe; Z. Maxey, Treas.; D. G. Karnes, sentinel; S. Rosenthal, first W.; G. O. Noble, second W.

—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.

—An interesting and pretty ceremony took place at the Episcopal Church, in Medford, Monday evening, when Miss Gladys Heard was formally confirmed as a member of that denomination. The confirmation ceremonies are said to be a very pretty, yet solemn event. Bishop Morris, of Portland, assisted by Rev. Booth, of Grants Pass, conducted the ceremonies.

—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.

—Rev. Cowden, of Tacoma, who has been holding a series of revival services at Ashland for several weeks, is conducting services at the Christian Church in Medford this week. Considerable interest is being taken in the meetings, which will probably be continued for several weeks. Rev. Cowden is an able and interesting speaker.

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

—J. S. McCain and A. H. Chessmore have leased the Isaac Wolf building, on North O. street, and about February 15th they will open a farm implement establishment. They will handle the Portland Consolidated Implement Company's goods. The publication of the Rural World, which Mr. McCain recently acquired will be discontinued.

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—N. Langell and family, of Jacksonville, have moved to Medford, and will make this their future home. They are located in the W. S. Barnum residence on North D street. Mr. Langell and his most estimable family will make a valuable acquisition to our population, and a hearty welcome is extended to them.

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

—The services of Prof. N. L. Narreagan has been secured as director for the Medford Musical Association. The association met Monday evening at the Coss Piano House to begin practice for participation in the Southern Oregon Musical Convention, which will be in session at Grants Pass, March 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th.

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

—W. W. Cardwell has started on his return trip to Cape Nome, where he will spend several months seeking the hidden treasure in his mining claims. He goes to Dutch Harbor from Seattle and thence 1000 miles over ice and snow to reach his destination.—Roseburg Review. Mr. Cardwell formerly resided in Jackson County.

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

—An estray notice was published in THE MAIL last week by W. M. Richards. The gentleman was in our office Wednesday and ordered the notice out of the paper, saying that he had found his cattle. Another convincing proof that it pays to advertise in THE MAIL.

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

—A man by the name of Read, who was being held in the Grants Pass jail, awaiting the arrival of the authorities from Seattle, where he was wanted for obtaining money under false pretenses, escaped from the jail Wednesday evening and made his escape.

—A spreading of the rails derailed three or four cars in freight train No. 221, Monday morning between tunnels five and six in the Cow creek canyon. In the jump one car was thrown crosswise of the track. No one was injured.

—Parties desiring rooms for light housekeeping, furnished or unfurnished, can find them at the Windsor lodging house.

—O. A. Johns, an attorney of Baker City, has been appointed as the fifth member of the state text book commission, vice Judge S. A. Lowell, of Pendleton, resigned. Mr. Johns has accepted the appointment.

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

—We are pleased to announce that Johnnie Galtney's health, which has been very poor for several months, is much improved. He was able to be on the streets Tuesday, the first time for several weeks.

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

—Street Commissioner Brandenburg, has a number of men engaged this week in putting in underground box culverts, and otherwise repairing the street and sidewalks on Seventh street, near the depot.

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

—Members of Chrysanthemum circle, No. 84, Woodmen of the World, are requested to meet at Woodman hall next Tuesday at 2:30, by order of the Guardian Neighbor.

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

—The Modern Woodman of America will institute an order in Medford about February 25th, sufficient members having been pledged for that purpose.

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

—H. H. Mitchell, the blacksmith, has installed a new additional forge in his shop this week.

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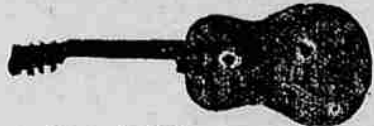
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