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CITY HAPPENINGS.

The Homeseekers' excursion rates are on, and homeseekers are pouring into Portland in large numbers, where they will remain until permanent homes can be found. One day last week 1000 of these thrifty people arrived in Spokane, of which number 200 immediately left for Portland. Two hundred more went to Seattle on their stop over tickets, but stated that the ultimate destination is Oregon. It is estimated on good authority that at least twenty per cent of the thousands of eastern people who will arrive on the coast this summer are bound for Oregon. Within the scope of the homeseekers' rates the localities have been well and extensively advertised, and those localities are the ones which will profit by the great western immigration. Southern Oregon is entirely outside this scope of the excursion rates and if we are to secure our share of these people it must be done through our own instrumentality. At comparatively small cost advertising matter could be prepared and sent to them. Our one need at the present time is more people—people of thrift and energy who will help build up the state and add to its wealth. No section of Oregon has better advantages to offer than the Rogue river valley, but the Willamette valley is not going to advertise us. It has advantages and opportunities to offer, and the towns in that portion of the state are up and doing in their efforts to increase their population and enlarge the magnitude of their mercantile, farming, stock, dairy and fruit industries. "There is a tide in the affairs of men, which taken at its flood leads on to fortune." The time and opportunity is now at hand, which, if grasped, will revolutionize the commercial and agricultural industries of this county. This is not a personal matter. When the interests of the whole county are at stake it is time to ignore personal feelings and animosities for the common interest. THE MAIL has no interest in this matter beyond the interest which it has in the welfare of its patrons, and friends, Jackson County in general and Medford in particular. We believe in the upbuilding and advancement in every way of the section of the state to

which our labors are confined, and will always be found advocating this course.

—For the Lenten season we will have Smoked Halibut, English Bloaters, the finest Mackerel, Smoked Herring, Holland Herring, Milchner, Marinerte Herring, Choice Red Salmon, Mincied Clams, Little Neck Clams, Shrimps, Lobsters, Oysters, Russian Caviar, Kipperitz Herring, Mackerel in Sauce, Mustard and Tomato Sauce. H. H. Howard & Co.

—The arrival in this city last week of the prime promoters of the Fish Lake Irrigation and Power Canal, Messrs. Clark and Vincent, caused a renewed interest in this great project. While nothing definite regarding the preliminary program can be learned for publication at this time, it can be stated with certainty that arrangements for commencement of the work will be made at an early date. There are a great many vital matters connected with an undertaking of this magnitude which require adjudication before anything of a definite nature can be safely announced. These gentlemen are adverse to making any statements which they may not be able to keep, hence their reticence at this time; but the fact that they are asking nothing in the way of bonuses or other "grafting" concessions evidences their good faith. They ask the co-operation of the citizens of Medford and those residing along the line of the proposed canal in securing rights-of-way, which must be accomplished before anything of a definite nature can be done. Mr. McCray, the chief engineer, has taken up his headquarters in this city and will remain here permanently. Messrs. Clark and Vincent, who have extensive interests in California which require immediate attention, left for San Francisco Thursday, but they will return at an early date. The benefits to be derived from this canal cannot well be overestimated by the citizens of this valley. An opportunity is here presented to reclaim the large acreage of arid land in the county, of furnishing the farmers with an abundance of water for irrigating purposes, and of furnishing Medford with a water system unexcelled by that of any city in the state. All possible assistance should be generously accorded these gentlemen in their efforts to secure the necessary right-of-way. This accomplished, the immediate construction of the ditch is an assured fact.

—THE MAIL is in receipt of the census bulletin giving the aggregate population of Oregon by counties and minor civil divisions. During the past ten years the population of the state has increased from 313,767 to 413,530, showing a gain of 31.8 per cent. The population of Jackson County in 1890 was 3,780. From 1890 to 1870 it increased in population to 4,778, and during the following ten years to 8,154. The population in 1890 was 11,455, and in 1900 13,698 inhabitants were enumerated. The period showing the greatest increase was from 1870 to 1890. The per cent of increase during the last decade is given at 19.6. In 1890 Medford's population was 907, which is little more than one-half its present population, according to the government's returns, and less than one-half, according to THE MAIL'S recent count. Jacksonville and Central Point each show a decrease during the last ten years, while Ashland and Gold Hill are credited with corresponding gains. Medford's numerical increase since 1890 is 1142, or more than fifty per cent, while Ashland gained 850, or nearly 300 less than Medford. Of the thirty-three counties in the state, all but three show an increase in population since 1890; Klamath and Josephine being among those whose increase is greatest. Three counties, Morrow, Gilliam and Benton reveal a decrease. The population of Portland, beginning with 851 in 1850, increased to 2874 in 1860, or 250.1 per cent. Since then the city has more than doubled its population in every ten years, except the last, in which, although the rate of increase is slightly less than 100 per cent, the numerical increase is greater than for any preceding decade. Grants Pass has maintained about the same proportion of increase as Medford, while Roseburg in ten years has gained only 218 inhabitants.

—Barred Plymouth Rock eggs for sale—\$1 for setting of 15. Will deliver at Davis' grocery store, Medford, each week. J. W. Smith.

—A telegram conveying the sad intelligence of the death of her daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Spielman, from articular rheumatism, at her home in Buffalo, N. Y., was received by her mother, Mrs. A. R. Phipps, of this city, last Saturday afternoon. She was married at Jacksonville Monday, Jan. 25th, of this year, to Peter Spielman, and left the following day for their future home in New York. She had been troubled with rheumatism for some time, and when Portland was reached on their journey she could not proceed until medical aid had been procured. During the long journey to New York she became much worse, and upon their arrival at their destination she was in a serious condition, her fever having reached 104 degrees, at which point it remained until her death, last Saturday morning. At this time no particulars can be learned regarding the sad affair beyond the facts above stated. Her mother, who is heart broken over her loss, has made arrangements for the shipment of the remains to this place for interment in the family burial lot in the Odd Fellows cemetery, but we are unable to state with certainty when they will arrive. She was fifteen years of age, and highly respected by her friends and acquaintances in this city and the news of her sudden death was a great shock to them. Much sympathy is felt for the grief-stricken mother, and kind friends are rendering every assistance possible.

—We have recently received several new lines of ladies' fine hosiery, at all prices. Make your selections while the lines are new. W. H. Meeker & Co.

—The pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Webb, on North B street in this city, was the scene of a delightful afternoon reception, on Wednesday of last week, given by the ladies of Reames Chapter, O. E. S., in honor of Mrs. Jessie Bert, Worthy Grand Matron of that order, who was here on an official visit to the chapter. The large double parlors, in which so many pleasant social functions have been given, were tastefully decorated with pretty, fragrant house plants, which distributed their sweet incense throughout the large house, arranged in clusters about the rooms, and banked in profusion against the walls. In extending the hospitality of the occasion the hostess was assisted by Mesdames C. I. Hutchison, W. H. McGowan, W. I. Vawter, E. D. Elwood, J. F. White and E. B. Pickel. Within a short time after the arrival of the forty or more guests the rooms were echoing the intermingled strains of music and laughter, which was kept up during the whole course of the afternoon. After the rendition of several musical numbers, vocal and instrumental, in which Misses Allison Webber and Cleo Lucas, and Dr. R. T. Burnett rendered valuable assistance, a dainty luncheon was served on small tables, which were presided over by the ladies assisting in the reception and entertainment of the guests. It was one of the most successful and pleasant social functions of the season.

—I am agent for a hog cholera remedy that will prevent or cure that disease. One package for ten hogs. Price, \$1 per package or six for \$5, postpaid. Joe A. Thomas, Box 94, Medford, Oregon.

—Some means of better fire protection is being discussed by a number of Medford business men this week. It

is conceded that the present facilities for fighting fire are entirely inadequate, particularly should a conflagration occur in the business portion of the city, among the wooden buildings, where the chances of spreading would be greater than in the residence portion of the town. It is claimed that the present hose cart, especially in the winter months, is entirely too heavy to be hauled any distance by the firemen, which is manifestly true. It is proposed by some to purchase a fire wagon, harness and other appliances incident to a well equipped fire department. It is further proposed to make arrangements for stationing the hose cart and fire wagon in one of the livery stables, provided the use of a team can be secured to have in readiness when one is required. The city cannot afford to own and keep a team for this special purpose, but it is thought an agreement may be had with the proprietors of one of the stables to station a team every night where it could be easily brought into service when necessary. In this way a thoroughly efficient fire department could be maintained at small cost. A system of fire alarms, by which the number of the ward in which the fire occurs will be rung, is also to be inaugurated at an early date.

—Very wet and damp; not so cold, but bad enough for a cold and then the grip. Why not have a gallon of Old Medford whiskey? It is the best because it is pure. \$2.25 per gallon and up. Only sold at the distillery office.

—On Thursday evening of last week Mrs. Jessie Bert, of Pendleton, Worthy Grand Matron, O. E. S., paid Reames chapter of this city an official visit, which was an occasion of much pleasure to all concerned. After the work of the order had been exemplified and the initiation of candidates had been concluded the members adjourned to the banquet hall, where a splendid supper was awaiting them, in the enjoyment of which all participated with hearty good-natured cheer. The Reames chapter is the youngest chartered chapter in the state, and also one of the most flourishing. New members are being added at each meeting, which serves to stimulate the interest of the members in their work. The Worthy Grand Matron expressed herself in the highest terms of praise for the efficiency of the chapter and complimented them upon the very creditable progress they were making. Mrs. Bert was much gratified at the splendid official reception tendered her. A number of the members of the Ashland and Jacksonville chapters were present, materially assisting in the work and success of the meeting.

—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.

—Otis Krause and Mark Finney, two young men from Jacksonville, were in Medford Sunday and when they left for home, instead of taking the road for it they rode their horses at breakneck speed on the sidewalk leading to the school house. A warrant for their arrest was procured Monday morning and Constable Johnson went to Jacksonville and arrested them. They were brought before Recorder Lawton, who imposed a fine of \$12.50 on each of them, which they promptly paid. The imposition of a sentence depriving these young smart Alecks of their liberty for a few days or weeks would have been eminently proper. Their disgraceful conduct, in itself sufficient to bring a blush of shame to any one possessed of even a small degree of self respect, was accompanied by an attitude of nonchalant defiance sufficient to forfeit to them any degree of leniency. A repetition of the offense will involve them in trouble from which they will not escape so easily. The prompt action of the officials in this matter should be taken as a warning by those who have a tendency to exploitations of such lawless character.

—We have an immense stock of men's reglizee, golf and dress shirts, at prices which will astonish you. W. H. Meeker & Co.

—J. W. Smith, living east and north of Medford, is a grower of high bred chickens and his hobby is the world famous Barred Plymouth Rocks. Mr. Smith keeps none but the very best of fowls and he keeps his stock up by procuring each year settings of eggs from the best known fancy growers in the east. He has now 100 laying hens but will increase this number to 300 during the next year. As winter layers, Mr. Smith says the Plymouth Rocks are record breakers. There has been scarcely a day since last fall that he has not gathered more than four dozen eggs. For these he found an easy market at twenty-five cents per dozen. Mr. Smith also finds more markets than he can supply for his chickens and is right now daily turning away in the face of offers of \$8 per dozen for hens. He is advertising elsewhere in these columns that he has eggs for sale—\$1 for setting of fifteen.

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

—A real estate deal of magnitudinal proportions was made on Tuesday of this week, wherein Hon. J. H. Stewart, president of the Bank of Medford, acquires the Fo-dyce farm of 160 acres, located just southwest of Medford. The

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consideration was \$10,000, for which amount Mr. Stewart presented his check upon the signing of the transfer papers. The property is well adapted to fruit raising, for which purpose the purchase was made. Seventy acres of the land will be planted to Bartlett pears and during the next two years thirty acres of the celebrated Newtown pippin apples will be set out. His son-in-law, Dillon Hill, will have charge of the property, and will move his family thereto as soon as convenient. Mr. Stewart has made a flattering success in fruit raising since he has resided in this county, and it is largely due to his efforts and encouragement that the fruit industry in the Rogue river valley has gained the enviable position it has. That he will repeat the success he attained in that business in former years can scarcely be doubted, and since each success achieved in this, one of our greatest industries, attracts favorable attention to our fertile little valley it is of more than passing interest to know that a gentleman of such keen business attainments has decided to again interest himself in this line of husbandry.

—As the time for the annual convention of the Rogue River Valley Choral Union draws near the interest in the meeting becomes greater. Arrangements of the local committees at Grants Pass, for the reception of guests from Medford, Ashland and Jacksonville, are going steadily forward. The Grants Pass contingent has secured the services of Prof. Nash, of Eugene, as director, under whose direction the members are making notable progress. That the convention will be one of the greatest musical treats Southern Oregon has ever enjoyed is now practically assured.

—Have you noticed that elegant line of men's neckwear which we are now displaying? W. H. Meeker & Co.

—A suit to recover \$81 was instituted in Justice Stewart's court last week by J. W. Walters against S. T. Sanders, the North D street shoemaker. The plaintiff claims wages, as assistant, to that amount, while the defendant filed a crossbill alleging that the plaintiff was indebted to him in the sum of \$56. A demurrer was interposed by the defendant which was argued Monday and taken under advisement until next week.

—Those carriage mules of Judge Crowell's and a fine dapple gray horse are for sale at H. M. Crowell's, West Medford.

—The Southern Pacific Railroad Company has inaugurated a new plan for moving freight going north out of San Francisco and Sacramento. This is termed a "fast freight service," and the departure of trains from the above named points is so arranged that all stations along the line in Oregon get a three times a week service and all freight for Oregon comes into the state on a fast through train. All freight for Rogue river valley points, south of Grants Pass, will come to Ashland as through freight. At Ashland it will be picked up by the local train and distributed at the various stations in the valley. The same arrangement will prevail on all divisions in Oregon. The through freight service will extend to Grants Pass, Roseburg and Junction City, and all intermediate points will be supplied by the local train as above described. The primary object is to effect quick freight service for goods purchased in the east.

—The Lawton & Davis Dray and Transfer Line is 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.

—Five families, numbering twenty-nine in all, arrived in Medford last Saturday from Cedar Rapids, Neb., and will locate somewhere in the Rogue river valley permanently. They have all rented houses in Medford and will reside here until spring opens up, at least, and probably longer. In conversation with one of the gentlemen, Mr. Harper, he stated to a MAIL representative that there are a large number of families in Nebraska who expect to come to Oregon during the next few months. He is a butcher by trade, and expects to engage in that business at some point in the valley as soon as an opening can be found. The other members of the party have not decided what vocations or business they will enter.

—A fine line of new gold dress trimmings has just been received by us this week. W. H. Meeker & Co.

—R. Vinton Beall, of Central Point, a recent graduate of an Illinois school of photography, and who has been in that capacity in North Carolina for some time, has been called to New Orleans to assist during the Mardi Gras, in that city. He will be employed on one of the highest branches of the photographers' art—that of carbon printing, at a good salary. Vinton has a large number of friends in this county who will be elated to learn of the flattering success he is achieving in his chosen profession. He may remain in New Orleans permanently.

—Superior job printing at this office.

—Fruit Sprays—Dunn's solid fruit sprays, best and cheapest. In any quantity, already mixed for use. For sale by Cox & Perry, Medford.

—J. W. Dunn, who was at one time engaged in business in this city with D. G. Karnes, and who later studied and graduated under Dr. Bohannon, the cancer specialist, is now located at Phoenix, Arizona, where he is doing well, and establishing himself in a good practice.

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

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