

PURELY PERSONAL.

G. F. Palm was in Ashland Sunday. Nate Bates was up from Grants Pass Monday. F. J. Hart, of Lake Creek, was in Medford Sunday. Dr. C. R. Ray, of Gold Hill, was in Medford Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Heard left Sunday for San Francisco. Mrs. J. A. Wilson, of Jacksonville, visited Medford friends on Tuesday. J. S. Orth, of Jacksonville, circulated among his Medford friends on Monday. A. E. Moore, the veteran sawmill man of Climax, was in the city Sunday. Attorney W. E. Phipps is at Portland this week upon professional business. Jack Plymale and Milford Weaver left Wednesday morning for Ft. Jones, California.

Mrs. Chas. Hill, of Ashland, was in Medford over Sunday upon a visit to Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Sears.

Fred Neil and Thaddeus McHatton, of Ashland, were in Medford Sunday, guests of W. F. Isaacs.

Mrs. L. H. Sattles and children were visiting Talent and Ashland friends several days last week and this.

Merchant Frank Brown and Dr. W. B. Officer, of Eagle Point, were in Medford Tuesday upon business.

Joe Delk, of Portland, and S. S. Catching, of Riddle, arrived in Medford Sunday evening and left Tuesday morning for the Elk creek country upon a prospecting tour.

Mrs. E. D. Briggs and daughter, Miss Lulu, of Ashland, were in Medford last week upon a visit to Wm. Angle and family. Mrs. B. returned to her home Saturday but Miss Lulu is still here.

H. Hodges, of Canyonville, Oregon, was in Medford over Sunday upon a visit to his brother, Townsman J. S. Hodges. He will return to Medford in a few weeks and will probably remain permanently.

Evangelist Rule, of the Brethren denomination, stopped off in Medford Wednesday for a few days' visit with Merchant A. C. Taylor, while en route from Des Moines, Iowa, to San Francisco.

Merchants C. I. Hutchison and H. U. Lumsden are over Steamboat way this week in quest of bear and other small game. Their friends, will be deluged with hair-breadth escapes from chipmunks and vicious deer upon their return.

Robt. Ashworth, of Central Point, was in Medford Monday. Mr. Ashworth, as a side issue to his farming pursuits, makes quite a business of raising full blood Plymouth Rock chickens. He has worked up a good business in the sale of eggs for setting and already has orders booked for twenty dozen of them.

Frank McCarty, of Pratt, Missouri, arrived in Medford Wednesday morning and intends making this place his future home. He has with him two unusually bright, small boys, his nephews, who are orphans. Mr. McCarty is the nearest of kin to the boys and to them he is giving a parent's care. He is a carpenter and will endeavor to secure work in that line but will accept any honorable employment.

D. J. S. Pearce, of Poormans creek, was in Medford last Saturday. Mr. Pearce reports that he has been unable to do any maling this season on account of low water. His claim is a good producer when he has plenty of water, but he is compelled to depend on local supply and in ordinary winters has usually a rather short run. However, he is most always rewarded by enough of the yellow stuff to make the wolf "go away back and sit down" to howl.

Married--Biden-Marshall.

On Wednesday evening of this week Mr. M. S. Biden and Miss Hattie Marshall were joined in the holy bonds of wedlock, by Rev. W. B. Moore, at the M. E. parsonage.

The groom is a son of S. D. Biden and is one of our most exemplary young business men. He is a shoemaker and is enjoying a very lucrative business.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. C. C. Parker and is a very fine young lady and one who will make a helpmate of whom any young man might be proud. The happy couple will commence housekeeping at once in the S. D. Biden residence in Northwest Medford.

THE MAIL is hooked in team harness with all their other good friends in a wish for a long life of happiness and prosperity.

—Herman Crowell has enlisted in the U. S. navy for a term of four years. He formerly served in the navy for six years. He is now stationed at Mare Island.

—J. N. Copley is preparing ground for planting 1000 Yellow Newtown apple trees. His place is southwest of Medford.

—Alfred Weeks has purchased the Herron place of 100 acres, south of Medford, and will plant the same to fruit. The price paid was \$8500.

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Why Are Three Judges and Clerks Appointed?

A MAIL subscriber writes to know why there are three judges and three clerks of election appointed for each precinct instead of two of each as formerly was the case?

The only answer we can give him is that it is the law—a new one made at the last session of the legislature.

The law provides that "The county court shall, at the regular term in January preceding a general election, appoint three judges and three clerks of election for each election precinct, to serve for the period of two years, and shall designate one judge to be chairman. Said judges and clerks shall each be duly qualified electors within the precinct for which they are appointed; able to read, write and speak the English language, not a candidate for an elective office to be voted for at the ensuing election; no more than two judges and two clerks shall be members of the same political party, and they shall be appointed from the two political parties which respectively cast the highest and next highest number of votes for the presidential electors of the United States at the last preceding presidential election."

There is a further provision that the county court MAY appoint, in precincts where 150 or more ballots are cast, an additional board of three judges and three clerks, whose duty it shall be to relieve the first board at 7 o'clock p. m., and continue the count of ballots until 7 o'clock a. m., when if the ballots are not then all counted the first board will relieve the second board and continue the count, alternating until all have been counted.

The law still further provides that at 10 o'clock a. m. on the second Wednesday in February any elector may appear before the county court and enter his objections and remonstrances to the appointment of judges and clerks as made at the January term of court.

Revival Meetings.

The revival meetings at First M. E. Church in this city under the direction of Rev. J. J. Walter, of Portland, have grown in interest from the first service held one week ago last sabbath morning. The whole community seems to be taking a deep interest in these meetings judged by the crowds in attendance. The utmost seating capacity of the church is taxed night after night. Another evidence of interest is the number of people who have professed conversion or who have openly avowed their purpose to enter the Christian life, some 25 have thus designated themselves. 11 persons joined the First M. E. Church at the close of the first week's service last sabbath. No doubt some will join other Evangelical Churches in this city. Dr. Walter is very liberal, insisting on only the essentials of Christian life, leaving the question of church fellowship, where it should be left, to the judgment of the individual. The varied experience of the Evangelist in the different fields of Christian work make all his addresses interesting and entertaining. His sermons abound in apt illustrations that tend to fasten the points of his discourse. No time has been fixed for the close of these meetings, but owing to other calls and business matters that will require Mr. Walters attention soon he is anxious to complete his work here as soon as possible.

—J. H. Downing is in Ashland this week looking after the interests of the Oregon Fire Relief Association of McMinnville.

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SOME THINGS BRIEFLY SAID ABOUT SOUTHERN OREGON.

Resources that are to be Found in Rogue River Valley, and Serve to make this Section of Oregon the most Desirable Place on Earth in which to Dwell

People in other parts of these United States are beginning to discover that there is such a place as Oregon, a section of that state called Southern Oregon, and that in Southern Oregon lies the Rogue River Valley and its tributaries. Inquiries concerning the products and resources of this section are received daily by one or another of our townspeople and real estate agencies and the purpose of this article is to answer in a general way some of those inquiries.

The products of the soil of the valley might well be said to be "anything you put in the ground, indigenous to the temperate zone," and its resources, undeveloped to a great extent as yet, "illimitable."

To specify: All cereals, vegetables and small fruits find perfect conditions for growth in the climate and soil of the valley. Cabbage as big as a water bucket; potatoes, one of which will make a meal for a fair-sized family; tomatoes as large as a dessert plate; blackberries as big as your thumb and bursting with the richest and sweetest of juices; watermelons that would make a Georgia dorky forswear the product of his native state—all these are so common in Jackson County that old residents have ceased to be surprised by them, and are reminded of their existence only by the exclamations of eastern visitors. The markets of the world show in what esteem our apples are held. Oregon apples bring the highest price of any apples in the world's markets, and Southern Oregon apples are at the top of these. Prunes, pears, quinces, etc., grow to fabulous size and produce enormously, in fact, in anything like a favorable year orchardmen are obliged to thin their trees nearly 50 per cent in order that the fruit may develop properly and that the trees may not be broken under its weight. The peaches of this valley have a reputation second to none in the United States and always bring the top price in the markets. In the foothills on the western side of the valley table grapes equal to any are raised, but the raisin and wine grapes have not yet been brought to perfection.

In the surrounding mountains are smaller valleys where thousands of cattle and sheep find pasturage the year around, feeding being resorted to in rare instances only, excepting stock which is being fed for the market. Hogs find a ready market, at good prices. Poultry raising has not been extensively followed as yet, although during the holidays several thousand pounds of dressed fowls were shipped from Medford station alone.

To sum up it may be said that everything grows well here, and there is no reason why this should not be a fact. The soil is as good as any that lies out of doors, and there is no more generally healthful climate on the face of the earth than that of Southern Oregon. We escape the torrid summers of the south and the frigid winters of the north. Nestled like a gem in the bosom of the mighty Cascades, a gentle, equable climate conduces to bring out the best in both man and products of the soil.

MEDFORD BAZAAR MRS. O. GILBERT, Proprietor Ladies' Goods a specialty—Laces Handkerchiefs, Embroidery silks and all materials for fancy work Notions, candies, nuts and stationery One Door North of Postoffice MEDFORD, OREGON

metals that will one day bring her to the front rank among the mining states. Coal has been found in various places and the Southern Pacific Company is now conducting extensive prospecting operations within a few miles of Medford. Quicksilver is also found and a company is now opening up a prospect in the northern part of the county. Copper is found in Southern Oregon and some work has been done in that line.

There is now under way a ditch designed to be some forty miles in length, bringing the waters of Butte creek into the valley proper. Eighteen miles of this ditch have already been completed and the projectors expect to have water within a few miles of Medford by the middle of May next. This ditch will cover thousands of acres of land hitherto useless for anything except grazing purposes, but which, with water, is capable of producing large and varied crops.

Various rail way projects, for the purpose of tapping the timber belt and mining sections lying back in the mountains, although in an embryonic state, will doubtless come to fruition as soon as developments and necessity require it.

Last, but by no means least, are the forests. The mountains surrounding the Rogue River Valley are clothed from base to summit with waving forests of stately pines, firs, cedars and other varieties of merchantable timber. Practically untouched by the woodman's ax, this mighty belt of timber represents wealth almost incalculable and is one of the greatest, if not the greatest, natural resources of the country.

In writing the above we have endeavored to take a conservative view of the brilliant future in store for Southern Oregon, and have confined the statements herein to the strict limit of the facts.

Closing Out Entire stock—at Gurnea's racket store. Vocal and Instrumental Concert.

A concert will be given at the opera house in Medford on Saturday evening, January 25th, at 8 o'clock, consisting of vocal and instrumental music by some of our best home talent, followed by the piano and piano. Don't fail to attend this treat. Following is the program: PART FIRST. Flying Dutchman Overture, Wagner Piano Solo, Miss Webb, Selected Medley, Piano and Piano, Selected Piano Solo, Mrs. E. H. Gore, Selected Invitation to the Dance, Weber-Liszt Vocal Solo, Miss Pearl Webb, Selected La Norma, Fantasia Brillante, Leybach Vocal Solo, Mrs. W. L. Vawter, Selected Faust, Fantasia Brillante, Leybach Vocal Solo, Mrs. W. L. Vawter, Selected El Capitán March, Sousa Piano and Piano, My Little Georgia Rose, Witt Vocal Solo, Miss Mabel Jones, Selected La Lissonjera, (The Flautier), Chaminade Piano and Piano, Il Trovatore, Fantasia by Dorn, Verdi Piano and Piano, Selected Solo, Piano and Piano, Selected Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, a matinee will be given, consisting of funny songs on the gramophone and phonograph, and instrumental music on the piano and piano. Something that will please the little folks. Come one and all. An entirely different program from the one for the evening. Admission to evening concert, 25 cents, reserved seats, 35; to matinee, adults, 25; children, 15; no reserved seats. Tickets on sale at Medford book store. —Two more weeks at Gurnea's.

Among the Churches.

METHODIST CHURCH. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. Dr. Walter will have charge of all the services. The meetings during the week have been very successful and Dr. Walter is by common consent a workman of the very highest type of magnanimity and scholarly attainment and the people of Medford have shown their appreciation of his services. Owing to the demands and interest in the revival meetings at the M. E. Church I will not be able to fill my engagement at Independence school house next Sunday. W. B. MOORE, Pastor.

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County Commissioners' Court. Ordered by the court that S. G. Van Dyke be allowed a rebate of \$8 on his road tax in road district No. 10, for the year 1901. In the matter of the delinquent tax sales for the years 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900; ordered that the said sales for the said years be confirmed in all things. In the matter of A. D. Burton, an old soldier; said A. D. Burton admitted to the county poor house, his pension to be used towards paying his maintenance there. In the matter of the road taxes due on the lands owned by the O & C R R Co in Jackson County, the O & C R R Co having paid to the county treasurer the amount of road taxes due the different road districts according to a statement prepared by the county clerk for the years '96, '97 and '98; the county treasurer is hereby authorized to accept the said company in full for the taxes due for said years on said lands, and the said company is exonerated from all liability to the several road districts of the county in which said lands are situated for the said taxes due thereon for the years 1897, 1897, 1898. Ordered that the county treasurer be authorized to transfer from the bicycle path fund to the road fund the amount of money in said bicycle path fund. In the matter of the state seal county fund; ordered that the treasurer transfer from said county fund to general county fund the amount of money in said county fund. The court having examined the treasurer's and clerk's books find that the accounts of each officer balance and the accounts are hereby approved. A. C. Howlett allowed \$10 for expenses incurred for the child of J. Martin. Peter Applegate allowed \$22.50 for deputy hire for the month of December, 1901; also \$2.10 for expressage on supplies. Wm. Crowell allowed \$5.25 for transportation furnished indigents. Bond of Emil DeRoboam approved; sureties J. Nunan and Jean DeRoboam. The county court having at the November term of court reformed the boundaries of the following named precincts, Climax, Phoenix, Roxy and Pooh Bah; it is ordered that the road district boundaries of districts Nos. 3, 8, 10, 11 and 12, be and they are hereby changed to conform with the changes made in the boundaries of said precincts. Expenses of justices court, \$44.77. Indigent allowances, \$154.88. Expenses of circuit court for December term, \$189.90. Ordered that the monthly salaries of the county officers amounting to \$1158.48 be allowed. Finfield & Co allowed \$5 for merchandise furnished Cole, an indigent, Dec. 1901. Dr. Emil Kirchgessner was allowed \$5 for assistance to coroner upon body of W. A. Mann. John Lund for services as nurse to Sabene Long, \$2. Mrs. R. M. McDonald allowed \$11 for nursing Joseph Martin eleven days. Medford Furniture Co for desk for the sheriff's office, \$18. Glass & Prudholm allowed \$118.70 for supplies furnished assessor, recorder, clerk, etc. J. S. March allowed \$10.25 for work on road with scraper. I. F. Williams allowed \$16.50 for board and horse feed for parties working on grader. J. Nunan allowed \$20 for merchandise furnished John O'Brien, an indigent. Smith and Young allowed \$8.64 for lumber furnished road district No. 19. Joshua Patterson allowed \$28.43 for lumber furnished the county roads during the summer of 1901. F. D. Wagner allowed \$18 for blanks for clerk and sheriff. W. B. Officer allowed \$19 for medical attendance, etc, for the Joseph Martin family. A tax of 25 mills on the taxable property returned by the assessor for 1901, for state, county school and other purposes, was levied. The road cement prayed for by W. F. Songer and others, of Ashland, was levied. Ordered that E. DeRoboam, hospital contractor, hereafter be paid \$4 per week for each patient in the county hospital.

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THE OLWELL ORCHARDS. Two dollars and a quarter net per box is the price Olwell Bros., of Central Point, Jackson County, received for a carload of Oregon Newtowns sold in the London market a day or two before Christmas. Another car, sold a few days later when the market was a little off, brought \$1.75 net. More of the same apples are now in London, and returns are expected at any time. The Olwell Bros. have an orchard at Central Point of 100 acres. They had \$12,000 worth of apples aboard the cars and on the way to market at one time this fall. The orchard is 13 years old and the late crop is the fourth. Its aggregate this season was thirty-five cars, against fifty-five cars last year, but the better prices this year made the output about as profitable as formerly. The Olwell Spitzenburgs brought \$1.50 net. They are mostly marketed in New York and Chicago. The buyer came to the orchard in August and contracted for all the Spitzenburgs before the apples had matured. He remained there and paid spot cash for each car as it was shipped. The former price realized for Spitzenburgs was about \$1 per box. The former price of the Newtowns now selling in London at prices that net \$2.25 and \$1.75, was \$1.05 to \$1.10 per box. The Ben Davis variety in the Olwell orchard brought at the orchard this year \$1.10 to \$1.29 per box. They were mostly sold in New Orleans, which is not particular about the grade of apples it consumes. Last year the Olwell Ben Davis went at sixty five cents per box.

At the Olwell orchard at picking time 79 men were employed. At packing time, which began after the picking and extended nearly to the holidays, 30 men and 16 girls were kept at work. The codlin moth has practically been run out of the Central Point district by the spray pump. Formerly 50 per cent or more of the crop was destroyed by the worms, but by diligent spraying, the per cent loss on this account is less than 5. In the Olwell orchard the spray pumps are operated by gasoline engines.

For Sale. Top buggy, nearly new, end spring. Will sell cheap. Inquire at this office. Advertiser Letter List. Following is a list of letters remaining uncalled for at the Medford postoffice on Jan. 22, 1902. Hostler, D. C. Murray, John Dolton, Moore, Mrs. S. S. Jamieson, Geo. W. Lewis, H. Muller, J. A charge of one cent will be made upon delivery of each of the above letters. Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "Advertised." G. F. MERRIMAN, Postmaster.

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