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CITY HAPPENINGS.

—The death of W. S. Conkling, which occurred on Thursday last, was not unexpected by his family, although the end came rather suddenly. Mr. Conkling suffered a stroke of paralysis in November last, and has been ailing more or less ever since. This, together with his advanced age—eighty-four years—was evidence that his stay on earth was limited. However, for a few days before his death he had been feeling much better and on Tuesday was down town. On the day before he had transplanted and set out a young cherry tree. This was his hobby—the setting out of trees, and in the four states in which he has lived at different times there is a growing orchard planted by him. Mr. Conkling was born in New York state in 1818, and in 1843 was married to Miss Sarah J. Varnham, who, after nearly sixty years of companionship, survives him. Soon after he removed to Michigan and in 1865 came to California by the Panama route. The ship, Golden Rule, on which he sailed was wrecked on the Roncador reef in the Caribbean sea and the whole ship's company remained on the barren rock with very little to eat for ten days until rescued by United States warships. From California Mr. Conkling moved to Dayton, Wash., in 1879, and in 1892 came to Medford, where he has since resided. He leaves two children, Mrs. Geo. Hall, of Medford, and Mrs. H. C. Spencer, of Denver, Idaho. Mr. C. was a man of many sterling qualities and had a wide circle of friends in this city.

—For Sale—160 acres on Evans creek. Will trade for property near Medford or Ashland. Address, Mrs. T. J. Carter, Brownsboro, Ore.

—The estate of the late Henry Ammerman amounts to not less than \$125,000. It is comprised principally of personal property, including cash and bonds to a large amount. Besides this he left considerable real estate in Jackson and Klamath Counties. There was no will, but shortly before his death Mr. Ammerman expressed the intention of making one, and requested, in any event, that E. V. Carter, of Ashland, should settle up his estate. Mr. Carter, accordingly, has been appointed administrator of the estate with bonds fixed at \$250,000, the largest ever required in the history of the county.

Mr. Ammerman's relatives in Ohio have been notified of his death and one of them is on his way here to look after the interests of the heirs. Mr. Carter has filed his bond with the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, of Baltimore, as surety.

—Want to Borrow—\$350, two years' time, secured on city property valued at \$1000. Address G. care MEDFORD MAIL.

—Thos. Featherstone, the burglar, who, in company with M. M. Reed, escaped from the county jail, at Jacksonville, some time ago and was afterward captured and brought back from California tells of the escape in this wise: Reed, his partner in crime (who according to Featherstone) was the leader in their crime had fashioned a key from a piece of wood from the back of a hair brush to fit the lock of the steel cage in which they were confined. The key was passed through the bars of the cage to Mrs. Taylor, the woman confined in jail on a charge of adultery, who was allowed the liberty of the main part of the jail, and she unlocked the cage. After this escape was easy. They reached Talent before daybreak and hid in the brush until nightfall, then proceeded on their way, making a wide detour around Ashland, striking the railroad several miles south. They crossed the Siskiyou, stole a boat at Hornbrook and made a perilous journey down the Klamath to Orleans Bar, where they left the boat and soon afterward separated. Featherstone laughs at the idea that infatuation for him led the woman to connive at the escape of the two men. Featherstone was found guilty of burglary in the circuit court this week and sentence will be passed today (Friday) at 1 o'clock.

—For Sale—One four-hole cook stove with reservoir, also one Mitchell wagon, three inch skids. Inquire at Express office, Medford.

—The members of Olive Rebekah Lodge No. 28, I. O. O. F., of Medford, are making extensive preparations for the ball to be given at the Opera House on the evening of April 24th. The reputation which the members of this lodge have acquired as entertainers is such that there is no doubt that the attendance will be large, and there can be no possibility of a loss of enjoyment through lack of effort on the part of the ladies and gentlemen composing the committees having the affair in charge. The music will be furnished by Prof.

Boffa's famous orchestra, which is too well known to require comment. The ladies of the lodge will look after the supper question, and have guaranteed that there will be no cotton batting pies or deviled eggs "a la montarde." We don't like to write about that supper so far in advance—it makes us hungry. The grand march will be called at 9 o'clock sharp. Tickets, including supper, \$1.25; spectators 25c. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

—E. S. Wolfer, the Medford linemith, has secured the agency for the Webber gasoline engine—all sizes. A two and one-half horse power engine for \$135—guaranteed for two years.

—The ranks of the pioneers of Southern Oregon are thinning rapidly. Hardly a month passes that the chronicler of current events is not called upon to record the passing of one or more of the men and women who helped redeem the then wilderness of Southern Oregon and laid the foundation for the commonwealth of which their descendants are so proud. The latest pioneer to lay down the burden of life was Mrs. Mary Dean Kilgore, who died at her home in Ashland on Sunday last, aged eighty-two years and six months. Mrs. Kilgore was born near Massillon, Ohio, and crossed the plains to Oregon in 1854, coming through what is now Klamath County, then the home of the blood thirsty Modocs. With her husband she first settled at Ashland, afterwards moving to near Jacksonville, but finally returning to Ashland. This county has been her home almost continuously since. She was the mother of eleven children, eight of whom survive her. Mr. Kilgore died about fourteen years ago. The surviving children are: Mrs. Mary A. Duncan and Mrs. A. Whitmore, of Klamath County; D. C. Kilgore, of Loomis, Placer County, Calif.; S. W. and E. G. Kilgore, of Klamath Falls; Mrs. A. F. Squire, of Milwaukie, Ore.; Mrs. M. W. Hargadine and Miss Florence Kilgore, of Ashland.

—New Wheeler & Wilson sewing machines at White's new store, Medford, at \$35 to \$45 for the next sixty days.

—Capt. J. T. C. Nash has found a receipt from J. C. Baird for \$123, which amount was paid Mr. Baird for placing the electric light wires in Hotel Nash—and the city does not, nor never has, owned the wires in this hotel—but a councilman ordered the wires cut just the same. Mr. Hamilton has redress in this matter—he could sue the city for damages—but he will not do it. He realizes that while the city is liable for the acts of a councilman, the citizens and taxpayers are not directly responsible for mistakes they may have made or honors they have undeservedly bestowed, and he does not propose heaping upon them the expense of a law suit.

—New \$85 Domestic sewing machines for \$25 to \$40 at White's store, Medford.

—Councilman J. R. Wilson has stone masons at work on the foundation for his new opera house, or assembly hall. The stage for this building will be 24x50 feet in size and the audience room 40x76 feet. There will be a gallery about 14x40 feet in size and at a date later than this immediate construction he will continue the gallery on each side of the hall. The main audience room will be seated with chairs. The posts will be 16½ feet in height and the ceiling will be arched. Mr. Wilson proposes that this building shall be a credit to the city in every particular and one in which the best shows that travel can find good accommodations.

—When farmers have blacksmithing to do they may be assured of first-class work and reasonable prices, at Merriam & Messner's shop, Medford.

—The Royal Arch Masons of this section have been doing a goodly amount of business of late in preferring this rank upon Blue Lodge members. The nearest Royal Arch Lodge is at Jacksonville. During the past couple of months nine candidates have been initiated and all save one are from Medford and are G. F. Merriman, J. A. Whitman, W. H. McGowan, Charles Strang, Fred Week, C. I. Hutchison, Dr. W. S. Jones and D. E. Morris and C. W. Wolters, of Talent. Attorney Carl Narregran will also soon be numbered among the Royal Arch boys, he having taken his first degree Tuesday evening of this week.

—New Davis sewing machines—\$25 to \$45 at White's, Medford.

—Report comes, indirectly, from the oak mine, east of Medford, which is in effect that the indications are growing very much better for the finding of a large body of coal. The tunnel is in about 400 feet. The work at this point is being retarded to some extent by the bad condition of the air and the management is anxiously awaiting the arrival of air pumps which have been ordered. The drilling plant, which was recently moved to a new location, is at work steadily. Where the first hole was sunk, to a depth of about 200 feet, so much sand and rock was encountered that it was deemed advisable to shift the location.

—Now is the time to place your order for Paris Green and London Purple. The quality of Paris Green we offer from Fred L. Lavanburg, New York, analyzes total arsenious acid 56.27 per cent. M. D. & R. Co.

—Orchardist J. G. Gore is packing about 300 boxes of yellow Newtown pippin apples this week. The apples

will be shipped. It seems really too bad that a quality of fruit suitable for shipment could not be retained at home and retailed to home consumers. Apples are scarce at this time of the year and are in consequence a luxury and good prices could be realized. Unless Mr. Gore has sold his fruit to outside parties THE MAIL would offer a suggestion to some of our enterprising merchants that they buy the entire lot and give home people a chance to enjoy a really good apple.

—Bean and roll barley, in fact, all kinds of mill feed at Warner & Wortman's.

—Arthur Wilson, one of the pioneers of Jackson County, died at his residence in Central Point precinct on the 14th inst., aged 78 years, six months and twenty-nine days. Several days before his death Mr. Wilson had scratched his hand on a rusty nail and blood poisoning set in, resulting in his death, after he had been confined to his bed for four days. Mr. Wilson was a native of Ohio and came to Southern Oregon in 1855, where he engaged in farming, which pursuit he followed ever since. By means of hard work and economy, and honorable, upright dealings with his fellowmen he accumulated considerable property, principally real estate. He was twice married, his second wife surviving him. Five children, the issue of his first marriage, survive him. Geo. Wilson, of Yamhill County; Jesse Wilson, of Salem; A. M. Wilson, of this county; Mrs. Chas. E. Garfield, of Visalia, Calif.; and Miss Almira Wilson, of Medford. The funeral took place at Jacksonville, on Wednesday, under the auspices of Warren Lodge No. 10, A. F. & A. M., of which the deceased was an honored member.

—No need for Medford people to buy imported bacon. We have some very choice pieces, made from Rogue river valley pork, and made this season. Every piece guaranteed to be fresh and wholesome. All animals which are slaughtered by us are given a thorough inspection and not an ounce of diseased meat is either put on the block or salted. Arnold & Barneburg, proprietors of the City Market.

—The Central Point lodge, Modern Woodmen of America, gave a literary, social and musical entertainment at their hall on Saturday evening of last week. Only members of the order, their families and invited friends were present, but these were sufficient in number to make a good sized crowd and the entertainment part of the program was good from start to finish. Refreshments of almost everything that's good were served in the room underneath the hall—in fact it was spread equal to the best ever put up—and for preparing of which the good ladies of Central Point have an enviable reputation.

—My stock of boots and shoes is complete and is undoubtedly the best selected stock in Medford, and my prices are all right. I also sell groceries, patent medicines, cigars and stationery. Shoe repair shop in connection. W. L. Orr, West Side, Medford.

—There was a meeting of the Medford Prohibition Alliance at the A. O. U. W. hall on April 7th, at which the following officers were elected: E. S. Wolfer, president; L. F. Lozier, vice president; E. Russ, secretary; J. L. Wilson, treasurer; H. S. Brumble, chaplain, and E. O. Walden, marshal. There will be another meeting of the alliance next Monday evening, April 21st, at 8 o'clock, at the same hall. A literary program has been prepared for this occasion. The public is welcome.

—If you want fine candies go to the Bakery, where you will find all cream candies made by A. Learned, of Jacksonville, and received fresh every week—and sold very reasonable.

—The work of street cleaning has been inaugurated by several of our enterprising property owners. The cutting of grass and weeds from the street sides enhances the appearance of the city to a great extent—and it doesn't cost much. If every property owner would expend either a little money or muscle in this manner on many of the streets which now present an appearance not as clean and tasteful as could be wished, there would be a great transformation and the city people as a whole would rejoice thereat.

—Barred Plymouth Rock eggs for sale—\$1 for setting of 15. Incubator lots at reduced price. Mail your orders to me at Medford or Eagle Point. Will deliver at P. K. Deuel & Co.'s store, Medford. J. W. Smith.

—It is very much to be regretted that the life of so many of our beautiful oak trees is being sapped up by a growth of mistletoe which has fastened to their branches. People who appreciate the shade of a good tree will not permit this, but there are many who, seemingly, do not. The school board's and

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city council's attention is called to several trees on the public grounds which are badly infested with this life destroying plant.

—If it's new and very up-to-date goods in the shoe line that you are looking for you will find them at Woodford's Shoe Store.

—Last Wednesday evening between fifty and sixty members and friends of the M. E. Church, South, met at the church and marched to the parsonage singing that beautiful old song, "Nearer My God to Thee," and gave a surprise to the pastor and his family. After prayer and a short program of music and recitations rendered by the young people, refreshments were served by the ladies. All seemed to enjoy themselves and they left many good things as reminders of their call, among which was a beautiful hand bag presented by Mrs. Rose to Mrs. Darby.

—Merriam & Messner, horseshoeing and general blacksmithing, Medford. Satisfaction guaranteed or no charges made.

—W. H. McGowan expects to soon commence the construction of a fine residence on his property in Southwest Medford. He has plans drawn for a 32x32 foot, two story structure but has not definitely decided as to these dimensions, but whatever size will be settled upon it is to be a very pretty home and everything throughout is to be modern, well constructed and as convenient as a pocket in a slumber robe. Mr. McGowan has a very fine building site, the same being just south of W. H. Barr's place, on the street leading to the Orchard Home.

—Coal—Best ever put on Medford market. Carload received direct from mines in the east. Mitchell & Boeck.

—County surveyor Jones was engaged Tuesday in laying out a new road just west and north of Medford. The place of beginning is at the southeast corner of I. M. Harvey's place, on the Medford-Jacksonville road. From there it runs north to D. T. Lawton's prune orchard, thence west to Henry Baker's place where it connects with the Jacksonville-Central Point road. Heretofore all person living in that locality were compelled to drive through Medford to get to the county seat.

—W. M. Scott, carpenter, North C street.

—Prof. G. H. Samuels, one of the professors in the Medford Academy, has purchased the Mrs. Anderson residence, near the head of I street, in Northwest Medford, and has moved his family thereto. The price paid was \$475 and the sale was made through the Palm-York Co. Mr. Samuels is one of Jackson County's brightest educators and that he and his most estimable family have become permanent residents here is good reason for us to rejoice.

—Wells & Shearer have the best equipped outfit for draying and household moving in Medford. All kinds of wood for sale—full measure and prompt delivery.

—The Carrie Stanley Co., billed to play before Medford's people on the 14th and 15th, met with a cold reception and were compelled to close their doors

without ringing up the curtain. We cannot criticize the work of the company as we had no opportunity of seeing it, yet from general appearances they have not been troubled with packed houses. "Nig, the acting dog," was about the most conspicuous character in the troupe.

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

—H. M. Coss has rented the I. W. Thomas new brick building, in West Medford, and will move his stock of pianos and organs thereto. The building is one well suited for the exhibition of musical instruments as it is light, roomy and well located.

—Good, first-class, fresh milk cow for sale. O. Bursell, near Central Point.

—Frank Wilson is applying paint to his new residence and the new fence surrounding it, which has just been completed by Carpenter A. W. Bish.

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