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Medford's Coal Mine.

Professor E. T. Dumble, geologist for the Southern Pacific Company, has been in Medford for the past week, making an examination of the company's coal development work, now being done on the Furry place, six miles east of Medford. The position that Prof. Dumble holds renders him rather noncommittal for an interview, but he stated to a representative of THE MAIL that the vein of coal now being developed was opened up sufficiently to show the quality of coal it contains. The tunnel, which has been put in under the direction of Mr. J. Owens, is now in about 500 feet and it shows the vein to be twelve feet thick. The quality of the coal has improved somewhat from what it was nearer the surface, but it does not fully meet the expectations of the company. Samples of it have been sent by Prof. Dumble to San Francisco, where the company will have tests and analyses made, and if the coal is found to meet their requirements work will be resumed at the mine, and its full development will be pushed with all possible speed. But if it proves to not be a good locomotive coal, then an effort will be made to find a better quality of coal in some of the many coal prospects that are to be found in several localities in the valley. The only thing that will prevent the Southern Pacific from further prospecting for coal in this county is the exorbitant values that the land owners have placed upon their lands. If they would meet the company half way the question would soon be settled as to whether they were the owners of a paying coal mine or not. Messrs. Dumble and Owens left Thursday morning for Evans creek, with a force of men and tools, and will do prospecting in that vicinity.

Street Improvements.

Street Commissioner J. Brandenburg has been doing some good work this spring on the streets and roads in his district, and he has no small job for his district is two miles square, and in addition to having about twelve miles of streets to look after, he has nine miles of road to improve and keep in repair. He has done considerable grading and graveling on the main thoroughfares this spring and has most of them in very good shape, but he will do no more graveling until fall as the gravel now being dry will not pack. As part of the improvements that he has made he has put in this spring over 1200 feet of culverts, using in their construction iron, tiling or stone as the size and location required.

Mr. Brandenburg is now superintending the putting in of stone crosswalks on the line of the south sidewalk on Seventh street across D street, between the depot and the Nash hotel; a second across F street between Orr's grocery and the depot grounds, and the third across the alley between the Medford Book Store and the Central Meat Market. They are each to be six feet in width. The one between the depot and the Nash hotel is to be of Jacksonville granite, while the other two are to be of Griffin creek sandstone. The granite walk, which is being put in by the Oregon Granite Company, of this city, is the first of that kind of rock to be used for street crossings in Medford. This granite is considered by experts to be of the best quality in the United States. It is remarkably free from flaws and seams and has a firm, even texture of great hardness and having a good cleavage can be worked into any size block or slab that may be re-



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quired. The sandstone walks are being put in by Chas. Pleister. This sandstone is very hard and easily worked and all the cross walks heretofore put down in Medford have been of this rock.

School Election—District 49.

On Monday of this week, June 16th, a school meeting was held in this district. The meeting was called to order by D. T. Lawton, the retiring chairman of the board. S. L. Bennett was nominated for director, to serve three years, and there being no other nominations the clerk was instructed to cast a vote for Mr. Bennett, as the unanimous choice of those present. Gail T. Jones was nominated to succeed himself as clerk, to serve for one year, and upon motion the chairman was instructed to cast a ballot for Mr. Jones, he being the unanimous choice.

The members of the school board now are J. R. Wilson, W. S. Crowell and S. L. Bennett.

The clerk had previously prepared a statement showing the amount of money received and paid out during the past year, together with a comparative statement for 1901 and 1902, all of which is printed below:

CLERK'S ANNUAL REPORT—JUNE 16, 1902.

RECEIPTS.	
Amount on hand March 1, 1901.....	178 94
Special tax.....	6,221 21
County school fund.....	2,971 00
State school fund.....	1,506 83
Tuition.....	153 12
Sale of old water closets.....	32 00
Sale of old fencing.....	1 25
	\$ 11,792 35

DISBURSEMENTS.	
For teachers' and janitor's wages.....	7,524 00
Sewer and water closets.....	335 44
Wood.....	204 00
School supplies.....	72 80
Interest on district notes.....	1,425 00
Redemption of district note No. 1.....	50 00
Painting roof of school building.....	60 00
Electric light.....	25 30
Cleaning old privy vaults.....	28 17
Clerk's salary.....	100 00
Insurance on school building.....	100 00
	106 00
To balance.....	\$ 10,910 15
	841 20
	\$ 11,752 35

INDEBTEDNESS.	
District notes outstanding.....	\$ 15,000 00
Interest on same.....	34 67
Outstanding warrants.....	1,805 00
Interest on same.....	15 29
Total.....	\$ 19,844 96
Less amount on hand.....	841 13
Net indebtedness.....	\$ 19,003 83

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.	
Outstanding notes March 1, 1901.....	\$ 15,000 00
Interest on same.....	290 35
Outstanding warrants on March 1, 1901.....	2,975 00
Interest on same.....	98 52
	\$ 18,274 87
Less amount on hand.....	178 94
Total indebtedness March 1, 1901.....	\$ 18,095 93
Total indebtedness June 16, 1902.....	19,003 83
Debt reduced.....	\$ 9,087 70

Married—Butler-Nicholson.

Last Sunday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, the marriage of Miss Edith Nicholson and Dr. Harry N. Butler was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Nicholson, on B street near Fifth. Rev. W. B. Moore performed the ceremony in a simple, but impressive manner. It was strictly a home affair, only the family and some of the most intimate friends of the young people being present.

Dr. and Mrs. Butler went that same evening to their new home, corner of A and Sixth streets, which the Doctor had had fully furnished in readiness for his bride.

The young people received many handsome and valuable presents from both Medford and Iowa friends, who wish them all the happiness that comes to truly wedded life.

Dr. Butler has been a practicing physician in our city for the past year and half and has made a great many friends during that time. He is a most exemplary young man in every respect and none are there who have any words other than those commendatory to him. The bride is one of Medford's belles; a very fine young lady who has grown to womanhood in our midst. She possesses a very amiable disposition, is educated and accomplished and fortunate, indeed, is the man over whose household she presides.

Prof. Boffa's Recital.

On Tuesday evening of this week Prof. Boffa, assisted by his pupils and friends, gave a recital at the very pleasant and always comfortable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Heard. There were present about fifty invited friends of Mr. Boffa and of Mr. and Mrs. Heard. Following was the program:

Duet, "Polonaise," violin and piano..... Chopin
Sig. Boffa and Miss Kendall.
Minuet, "L'Antique," piano..... Paderewski
Clara's Heard.
Gavotte, violin solo..... Dancla
Dorothy Armstrong.
"Andante Cantabile," violin duet..... Dancla
Miss Myers and Sig. Boffa.
"Fantasie Brillante," violin solo..... Dancla
George Heard.
"Rhapsodie Hongroise," piano..... Liszt
Miss Kendall.
Nocturne, violin solo..... Chopin
Bertina Boffa.
"Cucco," Spanish Dance..... Dominique Boffa
Sig. D. Boffa.
Song from operas, "Barber of Seville," (by request)..... Mrs. D. Boffa.

A meeting of the officers of the Southern Oregon Soldiers and Sailors Reunion Association was held in Gold Hill recently and September 15th to 20th were the dates fixed for holding the annual reunion. Gold Hill had previously been selected as the place for holding the reunion.

Assessor Pendleton has nearly completed his assessment work in Ashland and is now working in Medford.

For Sale—

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MK. PRALL'S "ZOO" GARDEN.

Antelope Calves and a Baby Elk Are the Recent Acquisitions.

The first calf born to a tame elk in Southern Oregon can be seen in the park of J. W. Prall, two miles north of Medford. This interesting event took place last week, and so far as Mr. Prall knows there may be two baby elks, for he has not been near enough to the old elk to ascertain whether it is the same little fellow that he sees dodging through the brush or whether there are two of them, his curiosity being restrained by the pugnacity of the bull elk and the unusual shyness of the cow. Many have doubted whether elk would breed in captivity, but this event proves that they will, at least where they are given some of the freedom and conditions that they have in their wild state. The elk in Mr. Prall's park have all the requirements for their comfort except unrestrained liberty. The park consists of 20 acres of wooded and grass land along Bear creek and is an ideal retreat for elk. The park is fenced with six boards and three barbed wires, so that there is no chance for the elk to jump out. Mr. Prall also has a band of deer in his park, there now being about fifteen head. The deer breed readily and are increasing in number quite fast. To add to the attractions of his park, Mr. Prall secured two young antelope, when in Lake County recently with his sons on a horse buying expedition. His sons were out hunting one day, when they came onto a band of antelope in which there were two young ones. The boys, who are trained horsemen, gave chase and after running the antelope nearly half a day and wearing two horses out they caught the two little ones, a buck and a doe. The boys were then thirty miles from their camp and they had to carry the antelope horseback all that distance. From that camp to Medford, 250 miles, they hauled the antelope in their wagon arriving here with them safe and sound and they are now in the park with the elk and deer and appear to be as contented and well fed as though ranging over the bunch grass hills of Eastern Oregon.

Mr. Prall's park in one of the many interesting attractions of this section, and he has shown a commendable public spirit in spending the money and time that he has in establishing his park and securing attractions for it.

C. A. Neustrom, of Evans creek, came to Medford Wednesday noon with his six-year-old son, Harry, who had been bitten by a rattlesnake that morning. The little fellow was playing and jumped over a log and onto the snake, which bit him in the foot. The boy's foot and leg were badly swollen when brought to town, but Dr. Shearer soon had the poison under control and when the boy left for his home, Tuesday morning, the swelling had so far decreased that there was no danger to be feared from the poison. Rattlesnakes are quite scarce here and this is the first instance in several years in which a person has been bitten by any of these reptiles.

Rev. W. B. Moore has received word that his father, who resides in Ohio, and who was hurt some time ago in a railroad accident, is steadily recovering from his injuries, with every prospect of complete recovery.

Dr. Kirchgessner received a telephone message Thursday morning calling him at once to Central Point to attend C. Magruder, who had been thrown from a wagon by a runaway team and quite seriously hurt.

Jacksonville and Ashland nines played ball on the Jacksonville grounds last Sunday, resulting in a score of 7 to 9 in favor of Jacksonville.

O. W. Fox has moved from Roseburg to Ashland and will have a run as brakeman from Ashland to Dunsmuir.

Miss Alma Wilson will close the spring term of school in the Schieffelin district on Friday of next week.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL

S. P. Forsee, of Forsee & Forsee, attorneys of Kansas City, is in Medford looking up evidence for a suit now pending in the supreme court of Missouri, in regard to the estate of Thomas Jones, of Jackson County, Missouri. The Oregon heirs to this estate are the children of Mrs. Nancy Priddy and Mrs. Elizabeth Linville, both former residents of this county, but now deceased. There are other claimants to the estate and they are trying to prove that Mrs. Priddy and Mrs. Linville, who were girls at the time they left Missouri with their mother to come to Oregon, were not minor heirs, and consequently could not claim certain statutory rights in the estate now being contested. The prosecution has also sent an attorney here from Kansas City to make investigations. The case, which has been fought through to the supreme court of Missouri, promises to be one of great importance in the court annals of that state. George W. Priddy, the well known brick manufacturer of this city, is one of the heirs to this estate. The estate is a valuable one and includes real estate and business blocks in Kansas City.

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At a special meeting of the city council held on Wednesday evening of this week Attorney C. P. Snell was elected city recorder, to fill the unexpired term of W. T. York, who has resigned. The matter of securing additional help at the electric light and water plant was referred to the light and water committee with power to act. G. D. Redinger, who has been awarded the contract by the county commissioners to construct a steel bridge across Bear creek at this place, (for \$5995) submitted a proposition to put on a foot bridge on the side of the new bridge for \$500 cost to the city. Matter carried over to next meeting. Mr. Redinger was given permission to use gravel from the city's grave bed for the construction of the masonry in the new steel bridge. An ordinance was ordered drawn requiring all stovepipe flues to be made of brick or stone.

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Medford has an oil well—at least there is a well in the city, the water of which is so impregnated with oil that it is almost impossible to use it for drinking or cooking purposes. The well is at the home of Mrs. E. M. Rose, in West Medford. For several weeks Mrs. Rose has noticed a taste in the water which was very clearly akin to coal oil but not until within the last few days has there been evidence conclusive that oil was really in the water. The oil can be plainly seen on the water and it tastes so strongly of oil that it is impossible to use it in vegetable cooking. The well is over forty feet deep and there are twenty-eight feet of water in it. The well has a double covering and Mrs. Rose is positive no oil has been put in it from the surface.

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.

Tuesday evening of this week was another gala night for the members of Olive Rebekah Lodge of this city. It was their regular evening for a good time program—and the program was complete in every detail. There were amusements, both interesting and unique, and no person present doubts the capacity of the committee in charge to put up a genuine article. After the program had been carried out and

everybody's side ached from laughter, refreshments of ice cream, strawberries and cake were served. The committee in charge was composed of Mrs. T. E. Pottenger, Mrs. H. B. Nye, Miss Virgie Woodford, Miss Gertrude Wilson and L. I. Jacobs.

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

Chris Arnold has purchased sixty-eight acres of land from D. Whetstone. The land joins J. M. Lofland's place and is considered quite the correct soil for growing alfalfa or orchard. The price paid was \$3100 and the deal was made by M. Bellinger, real estate agent. Mr. Arnold sold his place northeast of Medford a couple of months ago for \$6000 and he and Mrs. Arnold left for the Willamette Valley expecting to remain, but they had been residents of the glorious Rogue river valley too long to be made satisfied elsewhere. They are good citizens and THE MAIL is glad they are here again.

With the new facilities that B. N. Butler put in his shop, he turns out as good work in repairing watches and jewelry as any one in Southern Oregon.

The Medford agricultural implement dealers report that this is their banner year in the sales of farm machinery, for their sales so far have exceeded those of any previous year. And what is proof of the prosperity of the farmers of Jackson County is that a very large per cent of those purchases have been made with cash, and when time has been asked it has been but for short periods. Immigrants will find that no county in Oregon can make a better financial showing than can Jackson County.

Cash paid for eggs, at Wilson's grocery store, South Street, Medford.

Through some fault in the meter, or in the pipes the supply of water from the city main to the railroad tank has been curtailed and a water famine was threatened for the engines, Medford being a regular watering station for the Southern Pacific line. Tuesday T. E. O'Conner, the company's water service supervisor, came to Medford and took up the valves and meter and gave them a thorough cleaning, since which time there has been no further trouble from a shortage of water in the big tank.

Mrs. R. T. Lawton, while walking in her garden last Friday morning, caught her foot and fell, spraining her wrist and injuring her hip so severely that she has been confined to her bed since the accident. No bones were broken, but her injuries are such, owing to her age, she being nearly eighty years old, that it will be some time before she can walk. Grandma Lawton has many friends in Medford who wish her a speedy recovery from her serious mishap.

The William R. Lord Bird Society will hold its next regular meeting at the Academy room, on Tuesday evening of next week. These meetings are open to the public and all who are interested in birds are cordially invited to attend. The object of this society is to stimulate an interest in birds, which will lead to a better understanding as to the benefit they are to man in a financial, as well as a sentimental way.

Mrs. Mary E. Teats, purity evangelist of the W. C. T. U., will be in Medford Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 20th, 21st and 22d, and has announced her subject for Friday evening, the 20th, as "The Woman Who Dares." See hand bills for Saturday and Sunday evening lectures. Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock she will address men only. All meetings will be held at the Academy hall. All are cordially invited.

Jos. Taylor & Sons shipped on Thursday of last week the first cherries of this season to go to the Portland market from Medford. Since then they have been making regular shipments of cherries and are realizing very good prices, for the backward spring on this coast has held back the cherry crop of the Willamette valley and other northern sections, so that there is yet an open market for the early varieties.

E. F. Winkler, the westside shoemaker, is fast building up a good trade in his line, which is that of all kinds of shoe repairing. He has recently ordered several new and modern machines for the quick and proper repair of articles of footwear, which, when they are installed, will give him the best and most complete shop in the city. His work is guaranteed to be first class in every particular.

Mrs. Gilbert:—"What are they? Why, you ought to know, if you have ever lived on the coast. They are pickled mussels which my daughter, Mrs. Wm. Wulf, sent me from Crescent City. They are fine eating—take a can home and try 'em. My son-in-law is postmaster at Crescent City. Oh, they are getting along finely and both Mr. Wulf and his wife have a multitude of friends."

A. H. Chessmore:—"Those strawberries which I gave you a couple of weeks ago were grown on my East Medford place and without irrigation—they having received no moisture other than that supplied by rains and dews. I didn't give them to you in hopes of getting an item further than that I wanted the people to know that strawberries can be grown here without irrigating."

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plans and specifications for a fine new residence for A. J. Stewart, to be built between Medford and Jacksonville, in a grove west and south of the Grove school house. His son, C. E. Stewart, the orchardist, is also figuring on erecting a fine farm residence on his property which is just north of his father's land, on the north side of the road.

John Nichols, one of the enterprising farmers of Big Butte, is putting in a water system to supply his house, barn, etc., with running water. He will employ a windmill to lift the water from a well to the tank. This tank is of galvanized iron and has a capacity of 2000 gallons and it was built last week by D. Brooks, at his tinshop in this city.

C. R. Welch, who went to Salem last Saturday to be with his mother, Mrs. Nancy Welch, who was quite sick, has sent word to his family in this city that his mother died Tuesday morning and was buried Wednesday at Salem. Mr. Welch will return to Medford Saturday or Sunday.

Boys should, and girls may, celebrate the Fourth, and no one can properly celebrate without a generous supply of firecrackers and other patriotism producing explosives. To meet this want Goodwyn, the West Side grocer, has now a complete line of Fourth of July goods.

D. Brooks has completed the repairs to the tin roof upon the Adkins block and now has it as good as new. Mr. Brooks gave the tin a thorough coating of his roof cement, which he says will withstand the efforts of sun, rain and wind and make an impervious roof.

The state convention of Christian Endeavors will meet at Ashland this week from Friday until Sunday. John Willis Baer, secretary for the United Society of America, is expected and there will be other speakers of note. All are very welcome to these meetings.

The report which has become current that D. T. Lawton, manager of the Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Co.'s implement house in this city, had decided to go to Portland to reside, is wholly without foundation. Mr. Lawton positively denies the report.

The spring term of the Lake Creek school will close on Friday of next week. The teacher, Miss Roberts, has given such satisfaction that it is understood that she will be offered the fall term in that district.

C. E. Eads has purchased Wm. Davis' dray team and dray and is now operating the business. Mr. Davis will give his attention to improving his homestead up near Prospect.



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