

PURELY PERSONAL.

J. W. Miller is in Grants Pass upon a visit to his son Fred.

J. F. Brown, of Eagle Point, was a Medford visitor over Sunday.

F. H. Green, of Talent, was in the city this week upon business.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Williams, of Tolo, were in the city Monday.

R. A. Moore, the Gold Hill merchant, was in the city Tuesday on business.

Ex-County Assessor John Grieve, of Central Point, was in the city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pierce, of Ashland, were visiting Medford friends this week.

Miss Mabel Wilson, who has been visiting at Glendale, returned home Monday.

J. T. Edwards, of Phoenix, was a pleasant caller at THE MAIL shop Wednesday.

Merchant W. R. Coleman, of Phoenix, was among the many Medford visitors this week.

Rev. L. M. Idleman left Thursday for Ashland, where he will remain for several days.

Misses Lucy and Amy Kent are spending holiday week with their parents at Wellen.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Apple will leave Sunday for San Francisco, where they expect to reside.

A. M. Wilson was over from Jacksonville Wednesday upon business and visiting friends.

Mrs. K. T. Burnett, of Ashland, spent Christmas in Medford with her mother, Mrs. L. J. Sears.

Judge Prim and Sheriff Rader were down from Jacksonville on Tuesday to witness the shoot of the Medford Rod and Gun Club.

Hon. W. H. Bradshaw and G. W. Stephens, of Brownboro, were in Medford Monday upon business.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Howard and son, Master Evan, spent Christmas with Portland friends and relatives.

Mrs. L. J. Sears and daughter, Miss Fay, are visiting Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Burnett at Ashland this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Young, Mrs. Jos. J. Hammersly and Mrs. Carl Phelps were Gold Hill residents in the city Saturday.

Mrs. E. L. Gunne and children, and Mrs. M. P. Ward, mother of Mrs. Gunne, enjoyed New Year day with Ashland friends.

Mrs. J. W. Short came up from Foothills creek Friday to visit her mother, Mrs. Whitney, returning to her home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam'l Hoyt, of Grants Pass, ate Christmas dinner with their daughter, Mrs. T. W. Johnson—and her good husband, Westley.

R. A. Bunch came up from Sisson this week for a few days visit before going to Yreka, where he has taken a position in a barber shop.

Sam'l Geary, the veteran rancher and hunter of Trail creek, was in the city Saturday upon business. He was accompanied by Jefferson Hewett.

Thos. Lyons came down from Trail creek last Saturday upon land business. He walked in and was pretty well played out when he reached here.

Stan Aiken was down from Prospect this week. Mr. Aiken is postmaster, merchant and hotel keeper at Prospect—and besides all these he is an extensive rancher. He and his brother own 1100 acres of the best land there is in that locality. It comprises good range

and hay land, timber and agriculture land. Mr. Aiken was about the first man to locate in that section and he didn't do a thing but anchor himself onto a good bit of the cream land of that section.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hosler, of Ashland, spent Christmas with Medford friends.

G. C. Culy, one of the prominent stockraisers of the Applegate section, was in Medford on Tuesday.

J. H. Gay was up from Central Point Tuesday. He says the cold weather of the past week had been good for his present business—curing pork.

John L. Ragsdale, one of the good farmers of Lake Creek, was in the city last Saturday making homestead filing before U. S. Commissioner Bliton.

Chas. F. Young, of Gold Hill, who had been away on business for several days, joined Mrs. Young here on Tuesday. Mrs. Young had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hall.

J. H. Drake returned Wednesday morning from a two weeks' stay in Portland, where he visited at the bedside of a very sick sister, whom he had not seen for twenty years.

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S. C. McClendon came up from Gold Hill Sunday night to meet F. L. Jordan, who had been recalled from San Francisco, owing to a change in the plans of the Bowden-Yellow Jacket mine.

H. Leighton, the well known mining expert, who has been in Southern Douglas County for the past few months, running a quartz mill, spent the holidays with his many friends in this section.

A. S. Kleinhammer, of Buncom, was in the city Monday on business. He says the cattle in his portion of the county are coming down from the hills on account of the snow and that they are in first-class condition. He expects quite a number of head to be shipped out between now and spring.

C. C. Ragsdale, proprietor of Hotel Nash, arrived in Medford last week accompanied by his family and he is now duly installed as proprietor of this popular hostelry. He is making many changes about the hotel and is doing everything possible to make it one of the very best hotels on the line.

E. P. Pickens came up from Igerna, Calif., last week for a few weeks' stay with his family. Mr. Pickens is employed as watchman at one of the large mills at Igerna, but as the mill is temporarily shut down owing to severe weather, he is enabled to take this vacation.

J. B. Dent returned to Medford last week from Oakland, Calif., after an absence of thirteen months, during which time he has been employed by the Oakland Stone Company at \$5 per day. During Mr. Dent's absence he has been a close observer of matters and things and he has never lost an opportunity to put in a good word for Southern Oregon—and his efforts are fully appreciated. He related that while in San Francisco recently he saw in the markets these placards:—"Southern Oregon potatoes, \$1.25 per hundred pounds," and "Alameda County potatoes, \$1 per hundred pounds"—and the

buyers nearly all took the Southern Oregon product. The dealer explained that the Oregon potato was by far a better article, it being firmer and of better flavor.

Miss Sadie Van Dyke is visiting Ashland friends this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hanley, of Burns, Or., arrived in Medford Thursday.

Carl Rawlings and his sister, Mrs. Arnold, returned last week from quite an extended stay in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Howensteln, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, were in Medford last Saturday making timber land proofs before U. S. Commissioner Bliton.

W. R. Stansill, the mining man, who has good mining property in many places in the country, was over from Jacksonville last week to meet his son and daughter, who had but recently arrived from the East. Mr. Stansill has rented the H. G. Wortman residence on West Seventh street in Medford and will soon occupy the same.

G. W. Catching, of Eugene, was in the city this week upon business. The gentleman is now superintendent of construction for the Booth-Kelly Lumber Co. It was Mr. Catching who built the school building in Medford which was burned a few years ago. He cannot but notice a great change in our city since those days.

Harry and Ralph White, sons of Chas. A. White, now of Klamath Falls, spent the holidays this side of the mountains visiting relatives and friends in Ashland, Medford and Central Point. They report a foot of snow on the divide, but the road well packed. They came over horseback and will return the same way the last of this week.

C. G. Clark, who holds the highest record as head sawyer at the Sierra mills, near Chico, Calif., came down from Washington the first of the week and stopped over in Medford to visit his friend and schoolmate, "Duff" Karnes. Mr. Clark was on his way to Chico, but spent several days here before proceeding.

Mrs. Mary R. Martin and daughter, Miss Dosha, of Trail, were in Medford last Saturday upon business before U. S. Commissioner Bliton. Mrs. Martin made a homestead filing upon her home place, which she has resided upon since the fall of 1886. The filing papers have been accepted, and the lady will have seven years in which to make her final proof.

C. McMurtrey, of Omaha, together with his mother and his sister, Miss Kate, arrived in Medford last week and expect to make this city their future home. Mr. McMurtrey was a resident of this country a few years ago, at which time he was engaged in mining in the Applegate country in company with his father and an uncle. He is a nephew of Mrs. I. E. Sayre, who formerly resided in Medford.

W. W. Edington, of Gold Hill, one of the old and tried friends of the MAIL, was a caller on Saturday, his business in this office being the renewal of his subscription to this paper and the Oregonian, and also to send both papers to his brother-in-law in Missouri. In this connection Mr. Edington remarked, "I want my brother-in-law to learn something about Oregon, and I don't know that I could do it any better than by sending him the two best weekly papers in the state."

Robert Knowles, who is now located at Spokane and has been visiting relatives and friends here during the holidays, was a passenger for Jacksonville Monday. Mr. Knowles is a brother of Mesdames M. F. Parker, Ashael Hubbard and Wallace Woods. He is a carpenter by trade and eighteen years ago he built the old frame building, corner of Seventh and D street, which was this fall torn down and the magnificent Palm-Bodge brick building erected in its stead.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL

—T. H. B. Taylor has sold his place at Woodville and on Friday morning left for California where he intends to spend the winter and possibly locate permanently. While in Medford, before leaving, Mr. Taylor said all the placer mines on Ward's creek, Pleasant creek and Evans creek were being operated. A new ditch is being dug from the old Spear mill near Wimer and will be used to irrigate the ranches on both sides of Evans creek. That portion of the country is noted for its alfalfa and with the additional acreage in hay, which will be put under the new ditch, as much if not more, will be raised than is usually harvested on Applegate. Upper Evans creek is becoming an extensive stock country and the increased supply of hay will be used by the stockmen during the winter. For ten years Mr. Taylor has been one of the very best friends THE MAIL has ever had, and his leave-taking from Jackson County is a source of much regret on the part of the publisher, but we truly hope that success and good health may be his portion wherever he and his very estimable family may decide to locate. Thomas H. B. Taylor is a square, honorable man, and he will have to change his ways greatly if he is ever found different—and a truer friend to a friend never lived.

—Restaurant for sale—a good paying restaurant business for sale, in this city. Apply at MAIL office.

—Dr. E. B. Pickel has sold his residence property, on West Seventh street, occupied by Dr. Cameron, to J. M. Boyd, of the firm of Boyd & Conklin, furniture dealers in this city. The purchase includes the residence and a quarter of a block of land—four lots, and the price paid was \$2100. Possession is to be given the first of the coming February. The residence is a new one—and a good one, and Mr. Boyd is to be congratulated in having secured it. This sale was made through the White & Trowbridge real estate agency. Dr. Cameron will move to the A. J. Stewart residence.

—Carload of Portland cement—J. F. White.

—D. W. Hull, who was president of the State Association of Spiritualists, of Kansas, will lecture on the Bible evidence of Spiritualism Sunday evening in the White-Thomas hall. Mr. Hull will remain here for a few days and will lecture in Ashland upon kindred subjects next week. He is said to be an interesting talker and thoroughly imbued with his subject. A number of the Spiritualists of the county have signified their intention of being present. The meeting will be public.

—Russ mill will do custom rolling Saturdays only, until March 1st.

—One portion of the road leading to Medford from Roxy precinct has always been a source of dread to the farmers who have to travel it. This week a number of them took it upon themselves to cut down the high rim rock and reduce the grade of the hill without cost to the county. The rock blown out was used to fill in the road below the hill and has made a decided improvement. The only cost to the road district was the powder used in blasting the rock, the farmers donating their labor.

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

—The dance given by the K. of P. boys in Wilson's opera house on Christmas night was one of the most enjoyable affairs ever attended in the city. There were eighty-four tickets sold and from a financial, as well as social point of view it was a crowning success, and those of the boys who had most to do with the arrangement of affairs have every reason to feel well satisfied with the result. Prof. Boffa's orchestra furnished excellent music and Mrs. G. W. Mackey served a sumptuous and very palatable supper.

—Rubbers—all sizes—all kinds. I have plain ones and those with rolled edges. Large assortment to select from. Prices are all right. A. M. Woodford.

—H. G. Nicholson, the enterprising hardware dealer, has put out a calendar for 1903 that is truly a beautiful piece of work and the picture upon these calendars is one which touches the heart of every loyal citizen—the picture is that of our martyred presidents, Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley. Mr. Nicholson is always patriotic and this bit of loyalty to his country's martyrs is only another demonstration of his chief characteristic.

—Salt salmon to order. Special rates in fifty-pound lots and up. See us, Medford Cash Market. M. S. McCown.

—Waller Lippincott, son of our esteemed station agent, is now residing at Snowball, Arizona, where he has a good position as bookkeeper for a mercantile establishment. His old-time Medford friends will learn with pleasure of his good fortune. Mrs. Lippincott is still in California.

—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 personal property of the White Cross Gold Mining Company was sold by Sheriff Rader Thursday to satisfy the judgment of H. D. Reed et al, of

Gold Hill. The real estate will be sold for the same reason January 10th. Mr. Reed bid in the majority of the property.

—Mrs. J. S. McCain sells the California Medicated Soap. A stock now on hand.

—O. W. Whitman:—"How was Christ's mas trade? Was that what you ask me? Well, I tell you; the Medford Book Store took in \$800 more this year at Christmas time than it did last year for the same length of time. That's not so worse, is it? My trade was entirely satisfactory."

—L. Hamilton, ex-proprietor of Hotel Nash, has purchased an half interest in the Union livery stables from D. T. Cox, who retains the other half interest. Mr. Hamilton's many friends will be pleased to know that he has thus again coupled himself to Medford in a business way and is to pitch tent permanently in our city.

—Dining room, opposite postoffice. Mrs. G. W. Mackey, proprietor.

—There are reported to be two or three cases of smallpox on Elk creek and one on Trall creek. Our informant did not care to have his name mentioned as having reported the matter, but he stated that the cases existed in those localities to his positive knowledge.

—Domestic sewing machines—J. F. White.

—S. L. Bennett has received the gold medal awarded him at the Charleston Exposition for the best display of apples. The medal is very pretty and Mr. Bennett has taken unto himself a well deserved amount of pride in its possession.

—"Shorty" Dodge and J. L. Rider have formed a partnership for the purpose of operating a scavenger wagon in Medford. They promise that all work entrusted to them will be quietly and thoroughly looked after.

—Dr. E. E. Emerson writes from San Francisco, stating that he is at work at his profession, that of optician, in that city; is receiving a good salary, but will return again to Medford about the 1st of April.

—John B. Hammersly, late of the Gold Hill News, was married in Grants Pass last week to Miss Georgia Williams, of that city. Miss Williams was formerly a compositor in the News office.

—Evangelist A. M. Petty, of California, will begin a series of revival meetings Sunday evening and continue them during the week at the Baptist Church.

—Walter Hoover, of Medford, and Mrs. J. N. Cloyd, of Roseburg, were married in the latter city last week. They will reside in Medford.

—Beginning tonight and continuing until April 1st, many of the stores will close every night at 6 o'clock, except Saturday night.

—Homer Harvey has commenced the construction of a new residence upon the property he recently purchased from Mrs. E. Brown.

—The Palm-Whitman cigar company has been putting out some very pretty and useful souvenirs—the same being a fine leather cigar case.

—There will be joint installation of officers—Odd Fellows and Rebekahs—in Odd Fellows hall on the evening of January 10th.

—The Iowa Lumber Co. received more heavy machinery this week for their saw mill, near Jacksonville.

—F. M. Wilson's Christmas present to his daughter, Miss Mabel, was an elegant new piano.

—Bert Hooker, of this city, and Miss Royce, of Talent, were married Sunday by Rev. Hoxie.

For a bad taste in the month take a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price 25 cents. Wanted to cure. For sale by Chas. Strang, druggist.



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RURAL MAIL ROUTE TO BE ESTABLISHED.

C. C. Clemens, rural mail route inspector for the Pacific coast, has been in Medford this week inspecting the free rural mail delivery route prayed for by the people living south of and adjoining Medford, and conducting an examination of applicants for the position of mail carrier on the proposed route. There were six applicants for the place examined, viz: C. C. Parker, Jas. Stewart, Frank Bellingier, Fred Day, J. E. Day and W. J. Warner.

The route to be established will be about as follows: Commencing at the postoffice in Medford it will run out Seventh street to the school house, thence southerly to the J. H. Stewart place (the old Fordyce place), thence west along the Bellingier lane to its intersection with the old California stage road, thence along the stage road to the Naylor place on Griffin creek, thence south along Griffin creek to the McPherson place, thence east over the mountain road to the Voorhies place, thence north and crossing the S. P. railroad track to the Van Dyke place, thence along the county road on the east side of the railroad track to place of beginning. It is almost positive that this route on about the lines above mentioned will be established in the near future. Whatever changes are made will not materially affect the course of the route. Persons living contiguous to this route may have their mail delivered free to them every day, by putting up boxes at convenient points and otherwise complying with the requirements of the postal regulations in this respect.

The length of the route will be a little over twenty miles and the salary paid the carrier will be \$600.

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Married—Carpenter-Oglesby.

On Sunday last Aaron F. Carpenter, of Central Point, and Mrs. Mary Oglesby, of Jacksonville, were married. The marriage took place in Medford and the ceremony was performed by Rev. Darby.

Married—Oglesby-Robinson.

R. W. Oglesby, formerly of Jacksonville, and Minnie Robinson, of Lakeview, were married in Medford on Christmas day, by Rev. Darby.

Oglesby is the young man who was convicted of robbing the U. S. mail at Lakeview a couple of years ago and has since served out his term at Salem. The robbery was made to enable him to procure means to at that time marry the girl whom he made his wife last Thursday.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that I have severed my connection with the Mexican Banana Company, and that I will in no way be responsible hereafter for the acts of said company.

M. L. PELLETT.

Dated at Talent, this 16th day of December, 1902.

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