

PURELY PERSONAL.

Commissioner Riley was in town today this week.

N. Cooke, of Central Point, was a Medford visitor Saturday.

Mrs. C. R. Ray, of Gold Ray, was a Medford visitor Thursday.

J. H. Vonder Hellen, of Wellen, was a Medford visitor Tuesday.

Geo. Hall came up from his mine, in the Blackwell district, yesterday.

J. T. Layton, of Applegate, the well known miner, was in Medford Tuesday.

Landlord Watkins, of Eagle Point, was in the city Monday upon business.

H. H. Goddard, the Talent timber locator, was in the city Tuesday upon business.

Hon. H. E. Ankeny left Saturday for Klamath Falls, to look after business interests there.

Mrs. D. T. Cox and children left Saturday for Coalinga, where they will remain until fall.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Williams, of Klamath, were in the city this week upon a visit to Miss Mary Davison.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Harvey, of Gold Hill, were in Medford Tuesday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hall.

T. F. McAndrew has moved to Medford from Leeds and is now assisting with the farm work at his father's ranch.

C. M. Allen and sons, Eli and Roy, and Wm. Johnson returned Saturday from a two weeks stay at Fort Klamath and Klamath Falls.

W. H. Howard, of Emporium, Pa., arrived in Medford this week and will remain hereabouts for a few weeks, and may invest in real estate.

Mrs. M. G. Hoag, who has been teaching school in the Steamboat district, closed her school last Friday and returned to her home in Medford.

W. J. Plymale, returned yesterday from Roseburg, accompanied by Miss Mattie Perry, of that city, who will visit a few weeks with Miss Katie Plymale.

E. D. Etwood, F. V. Medynski and B. N. Butler, who have been rusticated in the classic shades of the big Butte country, returned Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wells, of Gold Hill, were in Medford Monday. Mr. Wells was also here Tuesday in attendance at the funeral of J. G. Van Dyke.

J. W. Denton and family, accompanied by Miss Mattie Powellson, left Monday for a six weeks' stay at Mr. Denton's stock ranch, near Fort Klamath.

Sam Morris, of Gold Hill, the genial confectionary man, was in Medford Tuesday, making necessary purchases preparatory for the celebration at that place.

Mrs. P. Ritner, accompanied by her son and daughter, William and Lila, arrived in Medford on Monday, to join Prof. Ritner, of the Medford Business College.

S. P. Cleland and family, of Yreka, Calif., removed last week to the Applegate section. A wagon load of their household goods were taken out on Saturday.

Miss Edith Cox who is at present staying with Mrs. L. A. Merriman, called at this office Monday and ordered the MAIL sent to her mother, at Big Butte.

Merchant F. K. Deuel left Tuesday for a six weeks' visit to eastern cities. This is his annual trip and he was accompanied by his partner, W. B. Stevens, of Albany.

George Porter, clerk in Hotel Oregon, at Ashland, came to Medford Tuesday and will go from here to his home, up Big Butte way, and remain there for a couple of months.

E. A. Mayer, the popular dispenser of wholesome meats at Central Point, was in the city on Wednesday upon business—part of which was to pay a year in advance on THE MAIL.

Orin Whitman, formerly proprietor of the Medford Book store, left this week for Astoria, at which place he has taken a position as salesman in a large stationery establishment.

Cashier Enyart, H. C. Hesseidenz, the Slinger Sewing Machine agent, and Bert Miller returned Tuesday night from a ten days' stay at Mr. Enyart's and Jack Vis' homesteads, up Rogue river way.

E. E. Van Antwerp left Monday for a brief visit to San Francisco. He will be employed by the Examiner another year and his mission to the city is to confer with the paper's manager, as to the work required.

Miss Edith Van Dyke, who was visiting in Portland, was summoned, by wire, Sunday evening, and reached here Monday morning, to be with her parents during the sad hours of their recent bereavement.

Mrs. M. W. Skeel, of Takilma, Josephine county, and her daughter, Mrs. Robt. Galloway, of Portland, visited a few days last week and this with their Medford friends. While here they were the guests of Merchant and Mrs. G. L. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. V. T. McCray arrived in Medford Monday. Mr. McCray will be joined Saturday by other members of the Jackson County Improvement

Co., and in company with them will examine two different routes for the extension of the Fish lake ditch and decide which is the most feasible one.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Glass, of San Francisco, returned to their home Thursday morning, after a three weeks' visit with their uncle and aunt, Postmaster and Mrs. Vonder Hellen, at Wellen.

Joe Slinger, who is a member of the band of the 17th U. S. infantry, passed through the valley last week on his way South. He utilized the few minutes the train stopped at Medford to take a run down the street and greet some of his numerous friends. He was en route to the Philippines with his regiment.

Ivan Humason returned Friday evening from the Clinnabar mines, just across the line in Siskiyou county, Calif. His company is making a systematic search for the ledge of cinnabar which was the feeder for the rich deposit of quicksilver that was worked several years ago. The ore, Mr. Humason says, "is certainly there" and his company propose to find it.

W. A. Harrington, of Aberdeen, Washington, arrived in Medford Monday and the same day he left for Big Butte, near which place his wife and four children have been holding down a homestead for the past couple of years. It has required a great amount of courage to do this, considering that the homestead is eleven miles from the nearest postoffice.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Severance, of Lynden, Washington, are visiting their old friends, Geo. Lindley and family. Mr. Severance is an old acquaintance of Mr. Lindley, they having come to this country together. Mr. Severance lived in Oregon about five years before going to Washington. While in town he made this office a call and ordered the MAIL to be sent to him at Lynden.

Chris Larson arrived in Medford recently from Arcadia, Nebraska. The gentlemen is an old-time acquaintance of J. W. Prall, of this city. His friends, Messrs. Fredenburg and Brown, were in the valley a few weeks ago and went from here to North Yakima, Wash.; but Mr. Larson states they are better pleased with Southern Oregon than with Washington and will return to Medford. Mr. Larson will remain here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McClannahan, of Trail, were in the city Wednesday upon business. Mr. McClannahan is engaged in stock raising and has 130 head of fine cattle. He has sold thirty head of them to Messrs. Pottenger & Cox, of Medford, to be delivered in about ten days. The price paid is three and a quarter and three and a half cents. The hay crop, Mr. McClannahan states, is a little short, but he thinks there will be ample to properly feed the stock another winter.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gregory and James Wilson, of Agate, were in Medford Tuesday, purchasing supplies preparatory to a trip into Klamath county. A party composed of those above named, Ira, Ed and Lin Gregory and families and Ohas. Iker will leave Monday for the hay fields of Klamath county, where they will put up hay for several of the big stock ranches. They have one contract already of 300 tons for one man. They will remain in that locality for about two months and during that time the husky lads of the party ought to put up a "power sight o' hay."

Card of Thanks

We desire to express our appreciation and thanks to our friends who rendered such noble services in the hour of our affliction. Especially to those who exposed themselves so fearlessly in the search for the body of John G. Van Dyke, and to whose courage and persistency is due the recovery of the remains, our heartfelt thanks are given.

J. G. VAN DYKE and FAMILY.

WANTED.

50 laborers at Ray's dam near Tolo, Oregon. Wages \$2.50 per day for first-class men

DR. C. R. RAY, Tolo, Oregon

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, Nimrod Charley, will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife, Addie Charley, who left my bed and board, without cause or provocation, on the 19th day of June, 1908.

NIMROD CHARLEY, Olney, Oregon.

Notice.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to the firm of Officer & Carlson, will please call at their place of business and settle with the undersigned, as the firm has been dissolved.

W. B. OFFICER, Eagle Point, Ore.

Piedmont Coal.

We have just received a carload, 30 tons, of big vein, Piedmont coal, guaranteed the best in the market.

G. F. MERRIMAN & SON.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

—There will be religious services at the Episcopal church next Sunday evening, at eight o'clock.

—Mr. Volney B. Cushing, of Bangor, Maine, representing the National Prohibition committee, will speak in Medford about the 15th of July.

—Warren F. Kingdom, of Fort Klamath, was in Medford Friday, having come over after a saw mill he recently purchased from Hubbard Bros.

—V. T. McCray:—"See that pin? 'Shorty' Hamilton gave me that. I finished my degrees in Masonry in Medford Tuesday night, and Shorty, like the good souled fellow he is—and always will be—just naturally drove me into Elwood's jewelry store and when I came out I had this elegant pin—emblematic of the order to which I now belong, pinned to my vest."

—H. M. Coss:—"If I was to pay you for it you could not tell me the kind of wood that piano case is made of. You have all the guesses coming you have a mind to take. That is Kingwood and is from the Philippine islands. Mr. Iler had enough sent over to make two cases and when manufactured he sent me one of the pianos and has the other one on exhibition in Portland."

—The spectacle of a boy not over fourteen lying in the alley next to the postoffice, so drunk that he was almost insensible, was the sight that greeted the eyes of some of our citizens about the noon hour on Thursday. This is not the first time of late that such things have been seen, and it is time that some steps should be taken to stop it. The beast in human form who would give a child of tender age enough liquor of any kind to put him in the condition this lad was, should be punished and punished severely. There is hardly any crime more despicable.

The Coming Event.

Chautauqua at Ashland, July 15-24. Eleventh year. Great speakers: Senator Dolliver, Congressman Champ Clark, Germaine, the Magician, and others.

Fine schools, better and better. Reduced rates on R. R. Come and bring "the folks." Write secretary, G. F. BILLINGS.

Hay Baling

I am prepared to take contracts for baling hay. Machine 20 tons capacity per day. Small bales. For further information and terms address, JOHN CAMERON, Talent, Oregon. 25-41

The Ship's Steward.

A steward is nothing more or less than a combination waiter and chambermaid. His duties begin an hour before breakfast, by all rights, inasmuch as it should take him that time to brush up his blue or black uniform, shave, make his hands neat and shine his shoes. He is supposed to wear a spotless and expansive bosom in his shirt, clean collar and black or white tie. I do not think I ever saw but two stewards who had shirts; all the others used a dickey for the sake of economy.

Waiting on the passengers at table, the care of the tables, the care of the silverware and a certain amount of dishwashing and pantry work make up the steward's dining room duties. The other half is work in the staterooms, making the beds, straightening up the rooms and doing the general work of a chambermaid, as well as giving a certain amount of attendance to the occupants of the rooms.

The pay is very poor, and the principal dependence of the steward is on the tips he receives. They are really the poorest paid class that go to sea in one way, and yet I have known men to make \$40 in tips on a six weeks' voyage.—Leslie's Monthly.

The Horse in Mythology.

The Grecians placed in the sun the god of their wisdom and intelligence and gave him a chariot and four fiery horses—the chariot to symbolize doctrine and the horses intelligence. So with their god of the sea, Neptune was drawn in his sea chariot by horses—the sea to symbolize all scientific knowledge in general, the chariot to symbolize doctrine or science and the horses intelligence. They mythologically described the birth of the sciences by the flying horse Pegasus, which with its hoofs burst open a fountain out of the hard rock at the moment of his rising from earth to heaven, at which fountain were seven virgins who were the seven sciences.

The flying horse symbolizes an intelligence directed heavenward; the hard rock represents hard matter of fact or sensual knowledge; the fountain springing therefrom represents pure truth, where the virgin sciences delight to dwell.

An Ingenious Suicide.

That was a peculiar case of suicide—a self shooting. The average poisoner shoots or cuts or swallows poison recklessly, frequently botching the job fearfully. But this fellow? Listen. After sharpening the edge of a spindle he fastened the implement, blade downward, to the end of a carpenter's bench which he weighted heavily. He then placed a block of wood under the same end of the bench in such a manner that it could be easily removed, and so the bench fell, together with the sharp edged blade. When these preparations were completed he lay down, placed his neck across a thick piece of wood directly under the spade, knocked away the support and was immediately and completely decapitated.—New York Press.

Burning the Dead.

Cremation has been practiced by most of the nations of the earth from the earliest ages, and, although in pagan countries it may have taken the form of fire worshiping there can be no doubt that its adoption by the ancients was for the most part prompted by other than religious reasons. Greeks ascribe its introduction to Hercules, who, having sworn to transmit the body of Argus to his father, thought this the most convenient way of fulfilling his promise. According to Homer, the burning of the dead was a common practice among the Greeks long before the Trojan war, but the earliest record of it is among the Scythians, who inhabited the vast region known under the name of Tartary. Slender accounts handed down concerning the manners of some of the ancient natives of Hindustan also allude to the custom. The idea of purification by fire was in all ages universal, and with good reason. Some believed that the body was unclean after the departure of the soul, and it was therefore deemed necessary that it should be purified by fire. Ovid expressed the general opinion of his time when he said that the soul was not completely separated from the body until the latter was consumed on the pyre. The Athenians invariably after a battle burned the slain.

An Economical Man.

A commercial traveler tells of a man who was riding on a train and pretended to become ill after eating a sandwich. The man opened his grip and took out a hot water bag. "He got a sympathetic porter," the commercial man continues, "to fill the water bag with boiling water and then he opened up his lunch basket, took out a piece of fried steak and warmed it up on the water bag. You talk about your light housekeeping! Then, after he had warmed the steak, he cut it all up with a pair of scissors and fed it to himself with a pair of sugar tongs, because he would not take a chance with a fork going around a curve. But his finish was a limit. After he had eaten the steak he unscrewed the stopper of the water bag and poured himself out a cup of hot coffee. He had the grounds in the bag all the time."

An Early Day Railroad Wreck.

In the early days of the road there was a smash up, and all were badly shaken up. The next morning a burly farmer limped into the superintendent's office and said, "Mr. Superintendent, I came in to see what you were going to give me for shaking me up so yesterday." The superintendent asked how much he thought he ought to have for his injuries. "Well, I think it worth 50 cents, and I will settle for that." The superintendent replied that it was quite a sum, but as the man seemed honest he would pay him, and he did so, taking his receipt in full. The superintendent said, "I will be liberal with you and give you a pass to take you home." "No, you won't. As long as these pins"—slapping his legs—"last I won't go on your darn railroad any more."—National Magazine.

Prevention of Corns.

There are suggestions without number for the cure of corns. Any reputable chiropodist and some who are not reputable can furnish an unfailing remedy. But there is one sure way to prevent them. Don't wear the same pair of shoes two days in succession. Corns are caused by friction on the toes, and the most expert bootmaker cannot make two pairs of shoes which will rub the feet in the same place. The change of shoes gives the feet a chance to rest. It is also good for the shoes, and footwear which is treated in this fashion will last much longer than if put to daily use.

The Crocodile.

Pliny said the crocodile's skin "will abide any injury and not be pierced." That may have been true in his day, but it is not true now. The bullet of a heavy modern rifle will pierce the skin anywhere unless it strikes in a slanting direction. The crocodile is not as a rule hard to kill, provided one can get a good shot at it, but that is just the trouble. It has not the marvellous vitality of the shark, which will sometimes struggle furiously for an hour, although covered with apparently mortal wounds.—Chicago News.

Snakes in Winter.

The snake hibernates—that is, it passes the late autumn and winter seasons in a state of torpor coiled up in the hollow roots of trees or cavities protected by bushes. With the return of warmth it issues forth in pursuit of prey and to breed. The female lays from sixteen to twenty eggs in a string and leaves them to be hatched by the sun or by the warmth of decomposing matter.

An Artist to Be Envied.

We know of no one more to be envied at the time than a well dressed cutter on a fashionable promenade walking behind a stylish, artistic, right fitting coat that he cut gloriously and beautifully adorning the back of a well formed man.—Tailor and Cutter.

World Give It Away.

The Doctor—You have a bad cold, Mr. Jiggs. I'll give you some pills for it.

Jiggs—Oh, never mind, doctor. You can have it for nothing.—Harvard Lampoon.

Flattery.

"The flatterer is all right," said the office philosopher. "While no one believes a word he says, every one wants to."—Philadelphia Ledger.

It is no compliment if a friend comes fifty miles to your wedding, but it is a great tribute if he comes five miles to your funeral.—Acheson Globe.

How Trees Cool the Air.

We think of a tree as a cooling agent because its shade protects us from the heat of the sun, but it cools the air in another way that is not generally known; in fact, it cools the air around it as a lump of ice cools a vessel of water.

The tree has a body temperature of about 45 degrees, just as we have a body temperature of 98 degrees, which is not affected by outside influences. It is the tree's blood heat, so to speak. So that the air around it is cooled by the tree itself as well as by the shade it makes.

When a tree in full leaf is struck by a strong wind we wonder that it is not torn all to pieces. And so it would be but for the way the limbs and twigs are arranged by nature. That arrangement is such that the effect of the wind is broken, for the limbs sway and move in a hundred directions instead of one, and the force of the blast is so scattered that it is comparatively harmless.

If the limbs all moved at once in the same direction no tree could escape being torn apart.

Wilkie Collins Writes of a Title. Church Hill Cottage, Broadstairs, Aug. 15, 1859.

My Dear Wills—I send you inclosed (and registered—for I should go distracted if it was lost) my first number. Please let me have duplicate proofs as soon as possible, for I want to see something in connection with the story which is not a mass of confusion. It is an awfully long number—between eight and nine pages; but I must stagger the public into attention, if possible, at the outset. They shan't drop a number when I begin if I can help it. I have hit on a new title in the course of a night walk to the North Foreland, which seems to me well and striking—"The Woman in White."

My love to Dickens. How does he do? When will he write? Have you a house to let? I am at mortal enmity with my London landlord and am resolved to leave him. Where I am to go next "God, he knows." T. A. W. C.

Chambers' Journal.

A Dangerous Innovation.

Deacon Carter could remember the days when the minister lined out the hymn and the congregation sang it. Although he had long been too feeble to go to church, his opinions still found their way to the people.

"We shall have some good organ playing this summer," an unwary visitor remarked to the deacon's daughter in the old man's hearing. "That teacher from Boston is going to play every Sunday while Annie Trumbull is off taking a vacation."

The deacon raised his stick and his quavering voice at the same time. "You send for the minister to come here and see me, Daughter Mary," he said as clearly as he could. "I won't have such goings on! A musician playing on that organ! Let 'em go without till Annie Trumbull gets home again."

A Helping Hand.

"Gracious!" exclaimed the stranger in the west. "What a cruel country this is!"

"How's that, stranger?" asked the tough citizen.

"Why, I just heard that a fellow was shot down here yesterday for lending a helping hand to a fellow mortal!"

"Lending a helping hand, did ye say?" queried the cowboy. "Why, I remember the case."

"How was it?"

"Alkali Ike was a-playin' a poker game an' he slipped three aces 't his partner under 't' table. Of course, somebody shot 'im fr lendin' that soft of a helpl' hand!"—Baltimore Herald.

The Canary's Claws.

If you have a canary or other cage bird look to its claws from time to time, for in a state of captivity the bird's nails grow so long that they need cutting. If this be neglected the bird is in danger of getting its nails caught in the cage and hanging there till it dies. Use a sharp pair of nail scissors and take care not to cut more than just the tips of the nails. If you hold the bird in a good light you will see a little red "thread" in each nail. This you must avoid or you will draw blood and hurt your little pet.

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A. A. DAVIS.

Probate Court.

Estate of J. B. Walt, deceased. Final account filed June 25th.

Estate of Edward Albright. Order of final discharge made June 25th.

Estate of Elizabeth Albright. Order of publication of notice of settlement of final account. Final hearing August 1st.

Estate of P. H. Philbrick. Final hearing August 1st.

Estate of B. F. Egan. Confirmation of sale of personal property. Final hearing August 1st.

Estate of John C. Cox. Final hearing August 1st.

Estate of Angle and Plymale. Final discharge of administrator.

Estate of Melvina Clayton. Order made June 25th for final discharge of administrator.

Estate of Milton Maudie. Order to set apart property for widow. Order to sell personal property.

Estate of Morris Case. Final report of administrator examined and ordered spread upon Probate Journal, subject to objections on final account.

Estate of Jacob Welch. Nell Welch appointed administrator of estate. Final hearing August 1st.

Estate of G. V. Hale. Order made to sell property.

Estate of Joseph R. Walt. Order of publication of notice of settlement of final account. Hearing August 1st.

Estate of Jane Anderson. Order of publication of notice of final settlement. Final hearing August 24th.

Estate of Edward Graupner. Final discharge of administrator.

Advertised Letter List.

Following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed at the Medford postoffice on July 1, 1908.

Louder, Geo.	Dillon, Mrs. Wm. & J.
Howler, Robert	Johnson, Millard
Lummaut, Mary	Lavin, Ed
Marshall, Mrs. Nellie	Miller, Earn
McCure, Roy W. F. (2)	Parnell, Mrs. C. B.
Rodinson, Mrs. Frank	Terrell, Albert
Weatherly, Jessie	Wright, Mrs. Helen

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 "advertis'd."

G. F. MERRIMAN, Postmaster.

Crater Lake Map.

Parties desiring a copy of the Crater Lake map, recently issued by the government, should send five cents to H. C. Riser, Director of U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C. THE MAIL does not keep them on hand.

Wanted

A first class farmer and teamster. Wages \$60 per month.

Dr. C. R. RAY, Tolo, Oregon.

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Do people buy Pianos of the Coss Piano House? First, because H. M. Coss is the only Piano dealer in Southern Oregon

SECOND, because we handle only standard, reliable makes of Pianos

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Pianos for rent

H. M. COSS Proprietor.

Dissolution Partnership

Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing by and between G. F. Merriman and T. T. Merriman, doing business under the firm name of G. F. Merriman & son, is, by mutual consent, this day dissolved, T. T. Merriman retiring from the firm. All accounts due the firm are payable to G. F. Merriman and all accounts owed by the firm will be paid by him. The business will be continued by G. F. Merriman.

G. F. MERRIMAN, T. T. MERRIMAN, Dated this 13th day of June, 1908.

If you desire a good complexion Use Taka Tea—a pure herb drink. It acts on the liver and makes the skin smooth and clear. Cures sick headaches. 25 cts. and 50 cts. Money refunded if it does not satisfy you. Write to W. H. HOOKER & Co., Buffalo, N. Y. for free sample. Medford Drug Co., Druggists.