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### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

(From Tuesday's Daily.)  
G. A. Johnson returned yesterday from Sisson, California.  
County Clerk Coleman was at Ashland Sunday attending the Elks memorial services.  
Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Horning left yesterday for Portland for a ten days or two weeks' stay.  
R. A. Scrahan and family arrived in the city Sunday. These people are here to locate in our valley.  
A. C. Allen departed Sunday for San Francisco, where he will visit with his family for a few weeks.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Palm went to Portland Sunday, where they will remain about ten days visiting friends.  
Mrs. Wm. Perry, of Butte Falls, and her sister, Miss Rosa Ayers, of Eagle Point, were in the city yesterday.  
Mrs. G. H. Haskins came up Sunday from her ranch near Woodville where she has been staying for some time.  
Mrs. Scudder, from Eagle Point, last week purchased the rooming house over the Emerick Cafe from Harry Messler.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Potter returned yesterday from Portland where they have been for the past several days attending to business and visiting.  
Stow and Robbins, the painters, are doing the painting and staining on the office rooms for the Rogue River Investment company, and are doing some very neat work.  
Mrs. G. H. Carter, wife of Dentist Carter, returned Sunday from a

several weeks stay at Bourke's Sanatorium and at her former home in Santa Barbara, Cal. Her health is greatly improved.

W. M. Hodson has recently made many and will make more improvements at his garage, having dug a pit to enable him to work under machines to much better advantage.

W. P. Lomax, the colored man who has been foreman of the cement gang—the gang which deals exclusively in the redhot mixture of tar and gravel—received a telegram yesterday telling of serious illness in his family in Tacoma and he left for the north on No. 16.

John A. Westerlund, president of the Western Oregon Orchard company, arrived in Medford yesterday from Chicago. The gentleman expects to remain in Medford for an indefinite period, and give his attention to the management of the company's large orchard tract, east of Medford.

J. A. Shotwell, who has been superintending the work of putting in a ditch and other works in properly opening up a mine near Whiskey Peak for Medford parties, departed for his home in Seattle Sunday. Mr. Shotwell says this will be a good paying property, in fact, it is now paying. He expects to return in a couple of months.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)  
Attorney C. L. Reames was in Ashland yesterday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Moore of Phoenix were trading in the city yesterday.

A. H. Fisher, the popular Phoenix merchant, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Howlett of Eagle Point were in the city yesterday, shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Brazee, having disposed of their property here, left yesterday for Bandon, Wash.

Menlo Penwell is this week doing some plumbing at the farm home of W. H. Rainsford, four miles west of the city.

Mrs. J. P. Dinkens returned home yesterday from a visit of several months with her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Coulter, of Nevada.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Heard and daughter, Miss Gladys, will leave today for Los Angeles, where Mrs.

Heard and daughter will remain during the winter, and Mr. Heard will return in about 30 days.

The report that a man, supposed to be demented, had recently been seen near the Ashland mine, upon investigation is proven to be false.

Mrs. Austin of Ashland returned home yesterday after a visit of several days with the family of Jesse Houck and other friends in the city.

Lon Jones, a brother of Mrs. F. M. Wilson, who has been in the valley for about two years, departed Sunday for Nebraska, his former home, where he will remain several months.

S. Bradbury was at Ashland yesterday, having accompanied his daughter, Miss Pearl, that far on her return to San Francisco, she having been called home sooner than was expected on account of sickness in the family with whom she makes her home.

F. M. Jarvis and his sister, Miss Jennie Jarvis, of Spruce Lake, in, are in Medford paying a visit to Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Lawton. These people are old-time neighbor friends of Mr. Lawton, "back in Iowa," and are here looking the country over with a view to locating. Yesterday Mr. Lawton gave them an automobile ride to Ashland, making the run in less than two hours.

#### APPLES FROM HERE BEST.

Banker Meyers of Frisco Says Rogue River Beats Hood River Apples.

L. C. Coleman, living in San Francisco, is always keen to catch a bit of news in that city which will read well for the Rogue River valley.

In a letter to The Morning Mail Mr. Coleman tells that a few days ago when in the Meyers bank in San Francisco he met Mr. Meyers, and while in conversation with the banker he was told by him (Meyers) that he had received two boxes of apples from Oregon, as presents. One of these was from Hood river and the other from Medford. He stated the Hood River apples were a little larger, but the flavor of the Medford apples was the best.

This, Mr. Coleman, states, is a positive guarantee of quality for the Rogue river apples, and Mr. Coleman felt especially elated because of the prominence of Mr. Meyers, whose signature is a passport in any country of the world.

#### GOES AS A WITNESS.

M. E. Worrell Will Testify in the Federal Court at Portland.

M. E. Worrell will leave for Portland this morning on Train 14. He goes as a witness in the federal court in the case of J. W. Shipley, who was indicted for perjury. The land which brought about the charge of perjury is situated in the Jump-Off Joe country, in Josephine county. It appears that Shipley first located homesteaders on unsurveyed land, and after the land had been surveyed, located timber entrymen on the same land, he making affidavit that the land was uninhabited and unimproved. Mr. Worrell was one of these homesteaders.

#### HELD TWO WEEKS.

J. D. Cochran Visited at Roseburg Family Had the Measles.

J. D. Cochran returned yesterday from a business visit to Roseburg. Mr. Cochran remained longer than he expected to but the fact that he remained was no fault of his. Upon reaching Roseburg he unconsciously dropped into a home where there was a case of measles, and that particular home was quarantined—and so was Mr. Cochran—and he had to stay until the quarantine was raised—about two weeks after his arrival there.

#### SUBSCRIBE FOR THE MAIL.

#### NEW BLACKSMITH SHOP.

Caskey and Dean Form Business Partnership.

It may be interesting for the many friends of the well-known blacksmith, Joe Caskey, to learn that he is going into business for himself in the new firm of Caskey & Dean.

Joe Caskey has been a resident of Medford for the past 13 years and is known to be one of the best all-around men in the southern part of the country.

Geo. W. Dean was formerly a resident of Jasper, Oregon, where he conducted a blacksmith shop. Hearing of the wonderful opportunities in the Rogue River country he made for Medford.

They have purchased stock and tools to equip the most complete and up-to-date shop between Portland and Sacramento. Some of the machines were not obtainable in the Portland market and had to be shipped from the East.

Caskey & Dean will be in their new building at the corner of 8th and Riverside avenue, opposite the city water works and Duncan's Livery stable about January 1, where they will be pleased to see all of their many friends and acquaintances.

They will be equipped to handle any work in their line and will make horse shoeing their specialty. 50-11p

#### CONTRACT SIGNED YESTERDAY.

The Construction of the Waterworks Will Now Commence.

The matter of the new waterworks system for Medford has now got to the point where the contract has been signed, sealed and delivered between the city and I. L. Hamilton for the construction of the gravity system from Little Butte to connect with the pipes already laid throughout the city.

It is understood that the work on the reservoir will be the first undertaking and that it will begin very shortly. It is expected, however, that the hauling of most of the materials for this cannot be done until spring on account of the condition of the roads.

In connection with the contract, a bond has been duly executed and filed to guarantee the proper carrying out and completion of the work. Mr. Hamilton states that no time will be lost in starting, carrying on and completing the work.

#### K. of P. ELECT OFFICERS.

The Knights of Pythias Elect Officers for the Ensuing Year.

The annual election of officers of Tallasman Lodge, No. 31, Knights of Pythias of Medford, took place last night and the following were elected:

Chancellor Commander, G. F. Lindley; Vice-Chancellor, H. Ellison; Prelate, J. F. Hale; Master of Work, W. W. Woods; K. of R. and S., B. W. Gegory; Master of Finance, W. T. Goulder; Master of Exchequer, B. J. Trowbridge; Master at Arms, Ray Bunch; Inner Guard, L. J. Roberts; Outer Guard, J. F. Hutchason.

#### Orchard Sold for \$10,000.

Here is another orchard which has been sold at a price "way up into the pictures," as street parlance would say it. Yesterday John Oatman sold his 11-acre fruit orchard to a Mr. Morris for \$10,000. The orchard is situated near Talent and is said to easily be worth the money—and then some.

#### BIG STRAWBERRY PATCH.

Wm. H. Rainsford Is Setting Out 66,000 Strawberry Plants.  
Wm. H. Rainsford is of the opinion that 66,000 strawberry plants will make a good-sized patch. That is the number which he is now engaged in planting on his ranch about five miles west of Medford. Mr. Rainsford has 24 acres there and seven and a half acres will be taken up with strawberries.

#### WILL GET A FLAG.

An enjoyable evening was spent on last Friday at the school house west of town. The children under instructions of their teacher, D. O. Frederick, gave some recitations. I. Woolly had his phonograph there and rendered many fine selections. W. H. Gore and others offered some very appropriate remarks. One of the objects of the gathering was to raise funds with which to purchase a flag for their new school building. The hat was passed around and the sum of \$5.30 contributed. It is proposed to hold another meeting in a few weeks.

#### TWO MORE OFFICES.

The north room of the Hall & Young building, on D'Anjou street, has been rented to L. D. Harrison. He has had it divided into two fine rooms and the north one will be occupied by the Rogue River Investment Company as an office and the south room will be the office of Attorney Neff, recently from Duluth, Minn.

Hobson will never endorse the notes exchanged between America and Japan.

#### SKINNED A MILE.

Medford Automobile Showing Can Eclipse Garden City.

In the last issue of "Up-to-Date Farming," there appears on the front page a cut showing a number of automobiles at Garden City, Minn. Under the cut is the statement that it is doubtful if there is another city in the country which can show as many. Phil S. Bates, the publisher of the Pacific Northwest, evidently knows something about the automobiles in Medford, for Secretary A. H. Miller of the Medford Commercial club is in receipt of the following letter from him "in connection with the matter:

"Portland, Or., Nov. 24, 1914.  
"Secretary Commercial club, Medford, Or.—Dear Sir: Up-to-Date Farming of Indianapolis just came in and I am enclosing you the front page on which you will see a reproduction of a scene in Garden City, Kan., containing automobiles, and you will note that the publisher is bragging about the number of machines represented from the country.  
"I want you to take this matter up with your Commercial club, and endeavor to get the 72 automobiles that are in and around Medford into your town and take a picture of same, that I can publish on my front page, showing that Oregon has got Kansas skinned a mile on autos and in every old thing.  
"Trusting you will appreciate this proposition from an advertising standpoint, I beg to remain,  
"Very respectfully,  
"PHILIP S. BATES,  
"Publisher."

For the benefit of Editor Bates, the Garden City people and others it can be stated that there are 85 automobiles in Medford and 137 in Jackson county. It is likely that an effort will be made to comply with the request of Mr. Bates in the near future.

#### Commercial Orchard.

Consisting of 100 acres, located on the edge of Brownsville, Ore. 30 acres of it in corporate limits, splendid location to cut in tracts. It is all in 3-year-old fruit trees (part being 2-year-old when set). 71 acres in apples, one-third each Spitzenberg, Yakima and Baldwin; 16 acres in English walnuts, with Mammoth Lawton and Logan berries between. In full bearing; 6 acres in Comice pears; 6 acres in Royal Ann, Lambert and Bing cherries. A great snap at \$200 per acre for the 44 acres in town and \$175 for the balance. Terms on whole \$8000 cash, balance very easy terms at 6 per cent. Or will sell in two separate R. W. TRIPP, e eta etain etain pieces at above prices. R. W. Tripp, Brownsville, Ore. 50-21

#### Automobile Accident.

R. W. Jones was driving an automobile down 7th street Sunday and when about opposite the Hotel Moore he attempted to make a short turn, but evidently he misjudged his speed for instead of clearing the walk he struck the curb and a telephone pole at the same time, smashing a spring and lamp and otherwise breaking the front of his machine. He was able to get away after some slight repairs. He will probably learn not to travel so fast on paved streets.

#### Christmas Ball, Roses Hall, Dec. 25.

The best of music will be furnished. Horse feed and supper tickets, \$2.00. Applegate, Ore.

#### FOR FARMERS ONLY.

Send us your name and postoffice address and we will mail you free, on January 1, a beautiful calendar. HUBBARD BROS., Medford.

#### MAIL WANT ADS BRING RESULTS

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 5.—More than 150 seamen have lost their lives off the upper North Atlantic coast during the last few days as a result of a storm which is unprecedented. Itemized as accurately as meager re-

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3 and 4 foot Sizes

All Other Varieties in  
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#### BOY A HERO.

Rescues Child From Burning Building at Peril of Life.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—George Franz, 12 years old, proved himself a real hero this morning when he saved 4-year-old Abraham Schiller from being burned to death. Abe lives with his mother, Jennie, and infant brother, on the second floor of the four-story double tenement, Williamsburg. Shortly after 9 o'clock this morning the boy got some matches and in some way set fire to the lace curtains in the parlor.

Mrs. Schiller, at work in the kitchen, heard the screams of her boy and running into the parlor found the curtains ablaze. The mother's first thought was of her youngest child asleep in a crib. Seizing the infant in her arms she ran down the street. Mrs. Schiller seemed to have forgotten her other child, but only for a moment. She was about to rush back into the blazing building when a boy edged his way through the throng and said:

"You stay right here. I'll get the kid," and ran upstairs.  
Crouching in the corner of the parlor, the woodwork blazing about him, was little Abraham, whose clothes had caught fire. The young rescuer beat out the flames on little Abe's clothing before the youngster was burned and picked him up in his arms and ran to the street. As he darted through the doorway with the child in his arms the crowd gave him a cheer. Handing Abraham over to his mother, the lad tried to escape, but found it impossible.

"Leave me alone, won't you? I didn't do anything. What's my name? My name is George Franz, and I live on Long Island. I've been in Brooklyn visiting my grandmother. I heard some of the boys holler fire and ran to see what was the matter. Now, let me go, please."

The excursion will be under the direct supervision of some railway official from the passenger department and an interpreter will accompany the party to the City of Mexico.

Further particulars at the depot or communicate with W. H. Jenkins, traveling passenger agent, Southern Pacific company, or E. Pell, Ashland. 167-1f

#### CITY OF MEXICO.

Tickets for the Excursion on Sale Here December 12 and 13.

Tickets will be on sale at the local office, December 12 and 13, for an excursion to the City of Mexico. The excursion will leave San Francisco, December 15, at 11 a. m. A magnificent special train will be provided, consisting of Pullman vestibuled sleepers, observation sleeper, buffet smoking car and dining car.

Excursion will be over the Southern Pacific, Mexican Central, Mexican National line, International & Great Northern, Galveston, Houston & San Antonio and Santa Fe railways. The round trip rate from Medford will be \$92.15. The going trip will be continuous up to El Paso, but stopovers may be had at any main line point on the return trip.

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#### BAKER CITY FIREBUG.

The Lad Has Been Sent to the Reformatory School.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 5.—The final act in the Baker City incendiary cases was played today when the county judge committed Golden Anthony, the juvenile firebug, to the reformatory school. It is stated that the district attorney did not turn the boy over to the circuit court for trial because there was no corroborating testimony supporting the boy's own confession.

Now, if the change in the weather only has the holiday jingle!

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J. A. PERRY, - Manager

# What Do You THINK?

It is not always the barking dog that bites, but the barking dog always attracts your notice, and be he large or small you see he is doing something, and nine times out of ten you had rather take your chances with a sleeping dog than the one that barks.

I am ending my fourth year in the hardware business in Medford. Each month has shown an increase over the same month last year. It is true I do a lot of barking and will bite if crowded, but should you need one of those TOLEDO RANGES, A MAUD S PUMP, a 1900 WASHER, or anything else in my line, just drop in, let me bark awhile and show you that I mean business.

I have by far the largest line of Heaters in Medford and I must sell them or I can't pay for them.  
Come on; I will meet you.

**SHORTIE GARNETT**