

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Watch the Book Store for Valentines. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barnum, who have been spending several weeks in northern cities, are at home again.

King's for Lowmy's, Aldon's and Gunther's chocolates.

P. L. Fountain, a prominent citizen of Klamath county, has been paying this section a business visit.

Order your carnations now for McKinley day, January 20. Medford Greenhouse, Phone 696.

Mayor Hodge has gone to Portland again on business connected with the Medford & Crater Lake railroad.

Pyrographic outfits, wood and hides, for burning, at the Art Studio, Hubbard building, near bridge.

L. A. Ross of Phoenix, the veteran road supervisor, arrived a few hours in Medford Friday.

Stenography and typewriting at reasonable rates. Charles Van Buskirk, Rogue River Electric Co.

George Stevens of Brownsville, one of our successful farmers, was in Medford Friday.

Public stenography and typewriting done evenings. Inquire of Van, Rogue River Electric Co., or Diamond Rooming house.

James Daily, foreman of Hillcrest orchard, has been in Medford several times recently.

The largest assortment of postals ever exhibited in Southern Oregon at the Art Studio, Hubbard building, near bridge.

Also a nice line of albums.

George C. Garrett and Cal Owens of Mound precinct, did business in Medford Thursday.

We have hides to sell; also wood for burning; get a pyrographic outfit and do your own burning; it is very interesting. Hull's Art Studio, Hubbard bldg., near bridge.

Meldoran Obenchain of Oakland, Cal., is spending a few days in the valley, having been called hither by the death of his father, Bartlett Obenchain. He is employed in construction work for the Southern Pacific company.

A fine new line of Valentine Postals just arrived at Hull's Postal Shop; also a complete line of other cards. Postcard Albums of all kinds. 317 Main street.

Irwin Aubrey has sold his place on Coleman creek and will leave for Cottage Grove soon, accompanied by his family.

Only a few of those frames left at the Art Studio, Call and see them. Come and make us an offer. Hull's Art Studio, 317 Main street.

Harry Messier, deputy game warden, has been in Medford several days this week.

A few enlarged photos of Southern Oregon scenery, left over from the Christmas trade, will be given free with frame to fit, on receipt of retail price of frame. A limited supply. The Art Studio, Hubbard bldg., near bridge.

Miss Anna Wendt of Jacksonville visited Mrs. Anna Danielson Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. L. J. Gardner of Meadows precinct is in Medford, attending her mother, who arrived from California several weeks ago and has been very ill with pneumonia ever since.

Hornace Pelton and his wife of Sam's Valley were among their Medford friends Friday and Saturday and attended Davenport's lecture.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ulrich of Jacksonville were Medford visitors Friday.

H. C. Garnett was made vice-president of the Oregon Hardware Men's association, which met at Portland this week.

J. C. Pendleton of Table Rock was among the many in Medford during the past week.

Hon. R. O. Smith of Grants Pass made his professional visit Friday.

Mrs. J. D. Heard and her daughter, Miss Gladys, were over from the Sterling mine Thursday.

Dr. J. W. Robinson came over from Jacksonville Friday to attend Homer Davenport's lecture.

Grant Stone, superintendent of the Barrall orchard, spent a few hours in Medford Friday.

Al Parkey of Ashland has been spending some time in Medford this week. It is rumored that he may be a candidate for sheriff.

George L. Davis, president of the Jacksonville bank, was among his Medford friends Friday.

Mrs. Nellie Newbury of Jacksonville, and Miss Bertha Rose of Phoenix were in Medford Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. G. E. Fox of Central Point was in Medford Thursday, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Rawlings.

A. C. Walker, manager of Seattle's nursery, located near Central Point, was in our midst Friday.

John Newcomer was down from Olin man creek one day this week.

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Herbert Cole, the white-wake representative of the Celestine mineral water, was down from the springs a few days ago. He was accompanied home by Blaine Kham, the clever cartoonist.

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The Central Point schoolhouse was insured for \$10,000 by the Oregon Relief association and an old-line company represented by J. H. Gray. Both policies were promptly paid.

W. H. Montgomery, who was brought back from California by the sheriff, charged with robbing boxcars while a switchman in the railroad yard at Ashland, has been discharged, the evidence against him not being sufficient to insure conviction.

The friends of Thomas Young will be pained to hear of his death, which was the result of an attack of typhoid fever. The funeral took place the following day, being largely attended. The deceased, an industrious, honorable young man, was the second son of the late Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Young, and grew to manhood on the farm near Eagle Point, where he died.

Jacksonville's new schoolhouse will be occupied by the first time next Monday. It is one of the handsomest and best appointed buildings of the kind in the state and would be a credit to a city. The cost will be nearly \$25,000.

A. Cantrell of Applegate, the pioneer settler, has bought J. J. Hill's residence in Jacksonville and will soon become a resident of the county seat. Mrs. and Miss Willits will remove to Alameda, Cal., at once.

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SOME REASONS FOR HAVING A FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The public libraries have without delay become an essential part of a public education system and are as clearly useful as the public schools. They are not only closed with schools, but have generally become industrial adjuncts of the public schools. The number of readers is rapidly increasing and the character of the books is constantly improving.

Not infrequently the objection is heard that the public libraries are opening the doors to light and useless books; that reading can be, and often is, carried to a vicious and enervating excess, and therefore that the libraries' influence is doubtful and on the whole not good. This argument does not need elaborate exposure.

The main purpose of the library is to counteract and check the circulation and influence of the cheap and not infrequently vicious books that are so rife. A visit to any newsstand will disclose a world of low and demoralizing "penny dreadfuls" and other trash. These are bought by boys and girls because they want to read, and can nowhere else obtain reading material. This deluge of worthless periodicals and books can be counteracted only by gratuitous supplies from the public library.

Whether these counteracting books be fiction or not, they may be pure and harmless, and often of intellectual merit and moral excellence. The question is not whether people shall read fiction—for that they will—but whether they are to have good fiction instead of worthless and harmful trash.

The tendency to read inferior books can be checked by a good library. If the attention of the children in school is directed to good books, and the free library contains such books, there will be no thought of the cheap newsstand as the place for finding reading matter.

The economical reason for establishing free public libraries is the fact that public officers and public taxation manage and support them efficiently, and make them available to the largest number of readers. By means of a free library there is the best utilization of effort and of resources at a small cost to individuals.

While a private library may greatly delight and improve the owner and his immediate circle of friends, it is a luxury to which he and they only can resort.

The books of a public library actively pervade the community; they reach and are influential with very large numbers and the utility of the common possession—books—is multiplied without limit.

PROBATE

Estate of A. Anderson—Report of sale of personal property filed.

Estate of Grandville Sears—Order made approving final account and discharging guardian.

Estate of P. Allison—Semi-annual account filed.

Guardian of Addie and Jennie Magruder—Report of guardian filed.

Guardian of William Robinson—Order to make deed to property in Klamath county.

Estate of J. M. Heckathorn—Order made appointing Anna Heckathorn administrator and H. Doubleday, E. A. Hildreth and E. Pool, appraisers.

Estate of James Harvey—Report made on final distribution; order made confirming same.

Estate of Julia A. Edwards—Order made appointing Rufus Edwards administrator and George A. Jackson, I. L. Hamilton and A. P. Talent, appraisers.

Estate of Michael Riggs—Order made appointing March 2, 1908, as day for final settlement.

Estate of M. P. Phipps—Semi-annual account filed.

Estate of August Costel—Final report of executor filed and approved.

Estate of Samuel Furry—Final order made and administrator discharged.

Estate of Sarah E. Martin—Final order made and administrator discharged.

Estate of William Fernald—Third account of administrator filed and approved.

Estate of Carl T. Jones—Final report filed and administrator discharged.

Estate of William H. Atkinson—Decree allowing final account.

Estate of Rebecca McDonough—Order made appointing James M. Cronmiller, John P. Miller and Charles Nunn appraisers for Jackson county.

Guardian of Nina M. Harris, et al.—Inventory and appraisement filed showing estate valued at \$1200.

Guardian of Harold Russell Van Sney et al.—Order made appointing Charles Van Sney guardian.

Estate of Ross Carbert—Final report filed and March 2, 1908, set as day for final settlement.

Guardian of William Robinson—Inventory filed.

Guardian of Vera Schauschaffel—Inventory and appraisement filed showing estate valued at \$1032.50.

Estate of Daniel A. McKinnon—Order made appointing C. L. Benson administrator.

Estate of J. M. Vermillion—Final report filed and order made discharging administrator.

Estate of Judith Colver—Ordered that executor distribute personal effects of deceased as provided in will.

Estate of Joseph J. Van Harsburg—Order made appointing Albert Van Harsburg administrator.

Guardian of John Pennington—Order made confirming sale of real property.

Mahala F. Jones, 2200—First account filed and order made confirming.

sale of personal property. Estate of Mary A. Young—Executor's bond filed.

Guardian of Homer and Roy Dunn—Guardian's report filed.

Guardian of Reuben T. Cain—Final order made discharging guardian.

SALE OF MUNICIPAL BONDS.

Sealed proposals will be received by the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, at the office of the city recorder, 251, at 9 o'clock p. m., for the purchase of \$15,000 in ten-year, 6 per cent coupon bonds of said city, in denominations of \$500 each, interest payable semi-annually. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for an amount equal to 5 per cent of the amount of such bid, payable to the city of said city, until Friday, January 23, 1908, and said city council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Dated at Medford, Oregon, January 13, 1908.

BENJ. M. COLLINS, City Recorder.

Buy Tickets by Wire.

Something which is of considerable interest to the public generally and which is perhaps not generally known is the system of prepaid orders now in effect between stations of the Southern Pacific company and all points in the United States. By means of this system tickets may be purchased at Medford from any place in the United States and mailed or telegraphed direct to the party wishing to come here. Sleeper accommodations and small amounts of cash in connection with these tickets may also be furnished at the same time.

C. H. Pierce & Son

Are planning for extensive advertising at once. List your property with them to get best results.

TIME TABLES

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Northbound. No. 16 Oregon Express... 5:39 p. m. No. 14 Portland Express... 9:49 a. m. No. 225 For Ashland... 10:15 a. m.

Southbound. No. 15 California Express... 10:35 a. m. No. 13 San Francisco Exp. 1:50 p. m. No. 225 From Grants Pass... 9:15 p. m.

PACIFIC & EASTERN RAILWAY.

No. 1 Leaves Medford... 8:00 a. m. No. 2 Leaves Medford... 2:45 p. m. No. 2 Arrives Medford... 10:10 a. m. No. 4 Arrives Medford... 5:00 p. m.

ROGUE RIVER VALLEY RAILWAY

No. 2 Leaves Medford... 10:40 a. m. No. 4 Leaves Medford... 5:55 p. m. Motor Leaves Medford... 2:00 p. m. Motor Leaves Medford... 9:00 p. m.

No. 1 Leaves Jacksonville... 9:30 a. m. No. 3 Leaves Jacksonville... 3:30 p. m. Motor Leaves Jacksonville... 1:00 p. m. Motor Leaves Jacksonville... 7:30 p. m.

Special motor car trips during day, \$2.00 and upward, according to number people. Phone Jacksonville office.

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We honestly feel, deep down in our hearts, that we are showing the largest assortments, the prettiest styles, the best values in Gowns, Skirts, Corset Covers and Drawers that will be shown in Southern Oregon this season. Every garment made in a sanitary factory and the prices are guaranteed EXCEPTIONALLY LOW.

Special Sale of Petticoats

These Petticoats were designed and built by the manufacturer for trade-winners—under the most approved "sanitary" conditions. Each garment bears the "label" of the "National Consumers' League," as a guarantee of the cleanly factory conditions where they are made.

Be sure and see these values before they are gone.

No. 10 is a fine black Underskirt of imitation heatherbloom, made very full; an exceptional value at \$1.00

No. 19 is made of a good quality Mercerized Sateen, with a 12-inch flounce and a 4-inch ruffle, both cut very full; flounce has 2 clusters of 5 rows shirring and ruffle has one cluster of 5 rows shirring and 1/2-inch hemstitched hem; in black only; a very showy petticoat... \$1.25

No. 67—Made of good quality Mercerized Sateen, with 15-inch flounce and dust ruffle, trimmed with a two-band umbrella ruffle with three pin tucks in each band; flounce has three pin tucks above ruffle; cut full; a very superior skirt... \$1.50

No. 246—Moreen Skirt, made with 11-inch under-flounce; outside flounce consists of one six-inch band with two groups of three pin tucks and two 3-inch bands; a good skirt at the price, only... \$1.75

No. 254—This is made of imitation Heatherbloom Taffeta and has a deep flounce and ruffle, both cut very full; flounce has two groups of five-row shirring and three rows hemstitching; ruffle has three pin tucks and hemstitched hem; a very desirable petticoat at the price; a very showy design;