

LOCAL NEWS

It will pay you to get our prices on flour, bran, shorts rolled oats, barley, seed wheat and oats. Taylor Williams Co.

The public schools will close May 17. T. W. Osgood was in town Tuesday. Miss Hazel Norling was at Medford Friday. F. S. Allen was a visitor at Medford Sunday. Miss Stella Levy was at Medford Monday. I. D. Brown of Sterling was in town Tuesday. Fred W. Mears of Medford was in town Friday. Mrs. Vought was a visitor at Medford Friday. Charles Nickel of Fairview was in town Friday. J. C. Collins transacted business at Medford Thursday. Mr. George Garrett of Rogue River was in town Friday. Peter Ensele was a business visitor at Medford Monday. J. S. Howard, the veteran surveyor was in town Tuesday. Miss Pearl Dox made a trip to Grants Pass Friday afternoon. William Benedict is visiting his brother George at Ashland. G. F. Billings of Ashland was a recent visitor in this place. A. E. Reames of Medford was attending court yesterday. W. J. Boosey and daughter were in town Saturday forenoon. Miss Mollie Ray of Ruch visited friends in town this week. Joseph Kitto was transacting business in Medford yesterday. Ivan Collins and Otto Cantrall were at Medford Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bowen were in Medford Thursday evening. Misses Emma Wendt and M. E. Walters were at Medford Friday. Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Taylor made a trip to the Applegate Sunday. Mrs. Christina Reuter made a business trip to Medford Thursday. Mrs. Benj. M. Collins visited relatives at Sams valley this week. Mrs. J. Percy Wells entertained the "500" club Wednesday evening. Mr. Hanson of the Medford Sash & Door Co., was in town Friday. File your application for tapping the water main with the city recorder. E. F. Piatt Esq., of Medford was transacting business in town Friday. Mrs. Cantrall of Buncom visited her daughter Mrs. R. B. Dow Thursday. Joseph Goldsby of Buncom was transacting business in town Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boyd of Ashland were recent visitors in this city. Hollis Parks of Buncom was transacting business at the court house Friday. Porter J. Neff and B. F. Mulkey of Medford were at the court house Monday. John Bellinger and William Arthurs of Medford was attending court Friday. The ditching machine is again at work excavating for the city water mains. Dr. Shearer, a miner from Steamboat, was in town several days recently. It is reported that W. C. Deneff is likely to again engage in business in this place. Mrs. C. C. Beekman and daughter Miss Carrie, were visitors at Medford Wednesday. Why ask your friends to go on your bond? I can furnish you a security bond. D. W. BAGSHAW. S. E. Dunnington is improving the appearance of his dwelling by a coat of paint. Misses Emma and Katherine Reed of Oakland, California, are visiting their old home. F. K. Duell, president of the First National Bank of Medford, was in town yesterday. Benj. M. Collins left Wednesday for a short visit to San Francisco and other points of interest. Mr. and Mrs. Mose Barksdull of Medford visited Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Dow Wednesday evening. A number of persons from this city attended the Christian Science lecture at Medford Thursday evening. John Grieve, foreman of the "Honor" camp at "Westville" has tendered his resignation to the county court. Mrs. S. E. Dunnington and Mrs. Amy Dow attended the school entertainment at Medford Tuesday evening. The public schools of Talent have been closed on account of diphtheria breaking out in one family in that town. Edward Wendt was taken suddenly

ill Tuesday afternoon and is now in a serious condition at his home on Fifth street. Mr. King, one of the proprietors of the auto line, left Friday afternoon for Marshfield where he will install an auto stage. V. C. Gorst left today for Marshfield, Oregon, where he expects to put on an auto line from that place to North Bend. Mrs. W. W. Glasgow, an aged resident of Medford, died at the home of her daughter Sunday. She was aged about 80 years. Mrs. S. P. Jones, an aged resident of this city and a pioneer of Southern Oregon is seriously ill at her home on Fourth street. The American Bonding Co. of Baltimore will go on your bond and write burglary insurance. D. W. BAGSHAW, Agent. Eagle Point citizens are incorporating a company to construct an electric light plant to supply light and power for that burg. Miss Ona Humphrey, deputy county recorder has rented housekeeping rooms in this city. Her sister, Miss Eva, will live with her. Work on the dam on Jackson creek is nearing completion and it is expected that the whole system will be finished by the last of the month. A number of persons from this city attended the ball game at Swayne's Flat Sunday afternoon. The score was 9 to 0 in favor of the Jacksonville team. Ries Chapman, who recently purchased the stock of confectionery belonging to E. A. Thompson, has taken charge and will conduct a first-class establishment. David Linn, an old resident of this city, mention of whose illness has been made heretofore in these columns, is growing weaker daily and gradually nearing the end to which all must come. Butte Falls capitalists will put in a creamery and planing mill—the former to manufacture the cream from their dairies and the latter to furnish dressed lumber for the new buildings now planned. D. W. Bagshaw has been employed to make the proposed assessment for the water mains now being laid in the city. As there is no complete official plat of the city upon record the matter of proper descriptions of the various tracts, lots and parcels of land is somewhat difficult. Mess. Griswold and Coppes have rented the rear rooms of the building opposite the court house, formerly occupied by the Abstract company and have moved in the press and equipment used in publishing the defunct Independent. It is stated that they will again enter the field by commencing the publication of a weekly newspaper. Another paper in this town is needed about as badly as a railroad to the moon and as a business venture is almost as likely to pay. **Lecture at M. E. Church.** Mrs. Jackson Silbaugh, the wife of a prominent lawyer of Seattle, will speak in the M. E. church, Sunday May 12th at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Silbaugh comes here under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., who are making a vigorous campaign for statewide prohibition in behalf of our boys and girls. Everybody come and give her a good audience. **Notice.** We desire to thank the people of Jacksonville and the traveling public for the patronage given our auto line and regret very much to say that we feel obliged to discontinue the same. For several months past we have operated it at a loss to ourselves and feel that for the present at least, we must discontinue the service. **GORST & KING.** **An Up to Date Fable.** A lion once invited a fox to visit him in his cave. "I should be glad to call," said the fox, "but I have observed that all the tracks are pointed toward your door, and there are none leading away." "Pooh!" said the lion. "That phenomenon may be attributed to the great esteem in which I am held by my guests. I treat them so well that when they leave they walk backward for a long distance to show their respect for me. You will meet a most delightful and distinguished company when you call." "If you will give me the names and addresses of a few of the survivors," answered the fox. "I will call and see if their reports are satisfactory. If so I will accept your invitation." Moral—Avoid invitations to wedding anniversaries and whist parties. —Pearson's Weekly. **Smaller Tips.** First Walter—This paper says the wrist contains eight bones, the palm, five and the fingers fourteen. Second Walter—Well, I never found five "bones" in my palm.—Youkers Statesman.

A DOUBLE VOTE
By MARY BLAKE STONE

"My dear," said John Hollister, "this being election day I shall be a little late for dinner. I shall be too busy at the office to vote during business hours, so I will do so just before the polls close at 7 o'clock." "At what time am I to vote?" "Who are you going to vote for?" "Let me see. Who are the candidates?" "Fuller and Wells." "It's for mayor isn't it?" "No; for governor." "Oh, I see." "Are you going to vote for Fuller or for Wells?" "Is Mr. Fuller a nice man?" "Very." "I think I'll vote for him. Who are you going to vote for?" "I'm going to vote for Wells." "You are?" "Yes." "Then I suppose I'll have to vote for him too." "Are you going to vote for a man simply because your husband votes for him?" "There was some pouting on the part of the wife. She didn't like that view of it at all." "All right," she said presently. "I'll vote for Mr. Wells." "In that case it won't be necessary for us to vote at all." "What do you mean?" "If I vote for Fuller and you vote for Wells it's a standoff, isn't it?" "I suppose so." "Well, then, instead of voting I'll come home at the usual time and we'll take a short walk together before dinner." She considered. She had many friends who had been active in the campaign of votes for women and had on one occasion marched in a procession and carried a banner herself. And now after a splendid victory had been attained, the fruition of the effort was reduced to a pair of between her and her husband. She didn't like it. "No," she said; "I'm going to do my duty by the state and leave you to do yours." "Well, then, you'll have to go to the polls during my absence. Since you have no mind I suppose you can wheel Tottle in her carriage there. Some of the men or the women standing around electioneering will doubtless mind the carriage while you get in line and work your way up to the voting table." "Huh! Do you think I'd trust my child to one of those people?" "Those people? They are American citizens interested in the adoption of the principles they stand for, working for those principles." "It doesn't make any difference to me what they stand for. I won't trust them with my Tottle." "Well, what are you going to do?" "Why, I think you'd better come home at noon and let me go and vote. You can vote, as you said, just before the polls close." "Impossible." "Why impossible?" "Goodby, dear. If I stand here all day talking politics with you we'll starve. If you think of any practical solution of the matter during the day telephone me. I'll help you out if I can." With that he gave her the connubial kiss and started for business. She watched him till he reached the corner, where, according to his variable custom, he turned and pantomime kisses were exchanged. During the afternoon he was called to the telephone. "Is that you, dear?" asked a feminine voice he assumed to be his wife's. "Yes; I'm Charlie. You are Ethel?" "Yes. I've been thinking about the election. I am sorry it came today, because it's almost impossible for me to get away from home, even if you were here. I forgot that I had an appointment with the dressmaker this afternoon." "Too bad! If the state authorities had known that doubtless they would have put off the election till another day." "Don't be silly!" "Well, are you going to give up voting?" "I've decided to pair with you." "Oh!" "Yes; that's the best I can do." "I think one of the family should vote. Now, how would it do for me to vote for us both?" "Can you do that?" "Certainly! I can vote both for Fuller and Wells." "I never knew one could vote for two candidates." "That's because you're not up in such things." "Well, I'll have to leave it to you this time." "Ta, ta!" When he came home for dinner she told him that he had been humbugging her about voting for both candidates. "I did it, all the same," he replied. "How did you manage it?" "I voted for Fuller for governor for myself and for Wells for lieutenant governor for you. Wasn't that all right?" She didn't hear him. A lovely light came into her eyes, and a sweet smile broke over her face. "Dear," she said, "what do you think happened today?" "What?" "Tottle cut a tooth."

LIGHTS IN MINES.
First Practical Test of Davy's Safety Lamp, Was Dramatic. If you have ever looked at pictures of coal miners you must have noticed that they are sometimes represented with peculiar little lamps stuck in their caps. These are known as the Davy safety lamp. The flame is entirely surrounded with very fine gauze wire, which permits enough air to enter to keep the lamp alight, but is too fine for any flame to pass through it. The dangerous gases in the coal mine can enter the lamp and burn, but the flame cannot get out. Before this invention the miners often worked in absolute darkness, as it would have been madness to carry a light into any coal mine, where what is called fire damp is common. The safety lamp was invented by Sir Humphry Davy, a famous English scientist, but the wonderful thing about the story of its invention is that no one could be found who would dare to carry it into a coal mine to test it. On Jan. 9, 1816, John Hodgson, a minister who lived near Newcastle, in the north of England, which is a great coal mining region, volunteered to go down into the Hebburn coal pit with a lighted Davy lamp in his hand so as to settle for all time whether it was really a safety lamp or no. The first miner who saw him approach was nearly beside himself with terror and screamed and prayed for whoever it was to put out the light before it was too late. But the minister walked steadily on, confident in the truth of the scientific fact upon which the lamp was built, until he got close enough for the miner to recognize him. Every miner in the pit knew the parson, and their confidence in him and what he told them was greater than their faith in the lamp, much as they desired it. But for the bravery of this Newcastle preacher it might have been a long time before the lamp came into use, if at all.—Exchange. **THE AMERICAN FLAG.** Its Star Spangled Canton Is a Union, Not a Union Jack. Those who speak of the star spangled canton on the American flag as a "union jack" do so erroneously. It is rightly called the "union," but the term "jack" is applied correctly only to the similar canton on the British ensign, in which the crosses of St. George, St. Andrew and St. Patrick are superimposed. The number of stars in the union of our flag is regulated by the law passed April 4, 1818, which provides: "That on the admission of every new state into the Union one star shall be added to the union of the flag and that such addition shall take effect on the 4th of July next succeeding such admission." The Marine Journal says that the origin of the phrase union jack is uncertain, but that "the weight of evidence is to the effect that it was derived from Jacques or Jacobus, the French and Latin names of the Stuart king, in whose reign the superimposed crosses of St. George and St. Andrew were placed in the canton of the British flag to indicate the union of England and Scotland. In that generally accepted view of the case the name appropriately belongs to that part of the British flag, but it is a misnomer to apply it to the canton of the American flag, with which 'Jacobus Rex' certainly had nothing to do unless simply to set the example of placing a union emblem on the canton."

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20 Portland Passenger.....	8:04 A. M.
24 Grants Pass Motor.....	10:21 A. M.
32 Grants Pass Motor.....	4:48 P. M.
16 Oregon Express.....	5:24 P. M.
2-16 Oregon Express.....	5:34 P. M.
12 Shasta Limited (Mail only).....	2:35 A. M.

SOUTH BOUND TRAINS.

23 Ashland Motor.....	8:45 A. M.
15 California Express.....	10:35 A. M.
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13 San Francisco Express.....	3:32 P. M.
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