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## Local and Personal

Mrs. Geo. Fox visited Medford on Monday.

Found—A knit shawl. Inquire at this office.

Mrs. J. M. Gibson is visiting friends in Ashland.

Dr. Davis, the dentist, is in his office here this week.

Frank Mee, of Ashland, visited relatives in town last Saturday.

Ray Magruder is suffering from a serious attack of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Myres have returned from their trip to San Francisco.

Scott Pool and wife, of Eagle Point, were trading with our merchants this week.

Mrs. Drusilla Mee and Miss Sarah Bebb visited relatives at Ashland last week.

Rev. and Mrs. Jacquemin went to Marlin Tuesday to remain for a couple of weeks.

J. F. Hay has purchased the Henry Hill place on the west side and moved in and took possession Monday.

Ed. Warnock, representing the J. K. Gill Co, wholesale stationery of Portland, spent Monday night in our city.

A number of Odd Fellows attended the installation ceremonies of Medford lodge Monday evening. All report a splendid time and a most sumptuous banquet at the close of the installation.

Christian Science services are held every Sunday morning in the lodge room on the second floor of the opera house. All are cordially invited to attend these services. Subject for next Sunday, "Life."

C. M. Howell has removed from the Stewart farm west of town to the True place on Griffin creek. Mr. Howell still retains his 54 acre orchard tract just west of town and expects to make a permanent and independent home there as soon as his fruit trees are in bearing, which will be about three years.

M. A. Nutt who is one of the owners of the famous Roten claim, in Willow Springs district, on which Roten found an \$80,000 pocket about two years ago, expects to do some extensive development work on the claim this season. The claim has been in litigation for a year or so and the case has delayed development. The claim is considered a very valuable one and Mr. Nutt expects to find other valuable pockets when he gets to work.

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## School House Burned.

Central Point experienced her first costly fire last Friday evening, when the fine new school house burned to the ground. The fire was discovered about 7 o'clock, when it first burst through the roof, and had a reasonable supply of water been available at the time the lower part of the building could doubtless have been saved, the indications being that the fire originated in the attic or roof. A defective flue is generally conceded to have been the cause of the conflagration. For a time it was feared that the old building would also go, but a number of young men formed a bucket brigade and carried water to the top of the building, with which the roof was kept wet down until all danger was past.

Several hundred people from town and surrounding country gathered in the school grounds to watch the "pride of the town" burn, and on all sides could be heard regrets that the town has so long continued its dilatory tactics in regard to installing water works and that the frequent efforts of the Central Point Herald in trying to arouse interest in the project has so long gone unheeded. Had it been possible to have held an election on a water bond proposition in the glare of the burning building, however, it is probable that but few dissenting votes would have been recorded.

The loss amounted to about \$16,500 to the district, \$10,000 of which is covered by insurance. In addition to this is the loss of practically all of the children's books, as well as all the school records. In many cases the loss to the children in books will be more of a burden than the loss of the building to the district.

School will be resumed next week in the old building, which has four rooms, the town hall and perhaps two of the churches. The district will rebuild as soon as possible and the new building will be larger and better than the one just destroyed.

A peculiar coincidence is that the building was finished and accepted by the district officials January 10, 1907, and burned January 10, 1908, just one year later.

## County Publishers Organize.

Newspaper publishers of Jackson county met at Ashland last Sunday for the purpose of considering the recent postal regulations affecting the newspaper business and to organize a County Press association. All the newspapers in the county were represented either by personal representatives in attendance or by communications from publishers who were unable to be present. S. A. Pattison of the Central Point Herald was chosen temporary chairman of the association and Lynn Purdin of the Gold Hill News was chosen temporary secretary. A strong delegation from this county will attend the State Press meeting at Portland this week and for the first time Jackson county will be represented at the state meeting by an organized delegation. The next meeting of the county association will be held at Medford January 26th.

## The Putnam Case.

G. Putnam of the Medford Tribune, on trial last week at Jacksonville for alleged criminal libel in having criticized the grand jury and deputy district attorney Reames for their failure to indict W. S. Barnum for an alleged attack on Dr. Reddy with an ax, was found guilty by the jury and fined \$150 by Judge Hanna. Putnam endeavored to show by witnesses that the assault alleged in the complaint against Barnum was actually committed and that the grand jury should in justice have indicted him and that therefore the Tribune article was not libelous. This, under a plain provision of the statute, he claimed a perfect right to do, but Judge Hanna practically set aside the statute and would not permit any evidence from the defense.

Under this decision, any newspaper having the temerity to attack, expose and criticize wrongdoing of any kind will be liable to arrest and punishment, because it will not be permitted to prove the truth of the charges.

Putnam's trouble probably dates back from the time he criticized the sheriff and district attorney last summer when they closed the saloons on Sunday and put the slot machines out of business, and while he has no doubt in the wrong at that time, his being railroaded to jail and denied apparent statutory rights since then, savors something of petty spite and peanut politics.

Has Jackson County a political dynasty which no newspaper dare question? The Putnam case is an attempt to throttle the freedom of the press, but, if we are to judge from comment from all parts of the state, the people of Oregon will not "stand for it."

## Rebekah Installation.

The newly elected officers of Mt. Pitt Rebekah lodge, I. O. O. F., were installed into office Tuesday evening by District Deputy Miss Alberta Hall of Medford, assisted by her staff of officers, Mesdames Boynton, Haskins and Arnold, of the same city.

The officers installed are Mrs. J. W. Merritt, N. G. (re-elected); Mrs. W. E. Price, V. G.; Mrs. Minnie Moore, secretary; Mrs. Betta Shields, financial secretary; Mrs. Hattie Pattison, treasurer; Ella Stone, warden; Mrs. Emerson, conductor; Edith Stone, I. G.; Mrs. F. R. Moore, O. G.; Mrs. Beal, chaplain; Mrs. May Jacobs, R. S. N. G.; Mrs. Hicken, L. S. N. G.; Mrs. Farra, R. S. V. G.; Mrs. Hay, L. S. V. G.

Mrs. J. W. Merritt, who was re-elected Noble Grand, was tendered a vote of thanks by the lodge for the efficient work she has done in the past in working for the upbuilding of the order, and during the evening was the recipient of many expressions of appreciation from individual members.

After the installation the lodge members with a number of their friends partook of a most elegant supper, the tables being spread in the town hall.

## Bought a Home in Oregon.

J. D. Parker, who has been on the Pacific coast for the past two months, returned home Saturday. While in Southern Oregon he purchased a home of three acres in Central Point, to which place he will move his family in February. This small tract of land is in fruit and contains a two-story frame house of eight rooms. We do not dare give Mr. Parker's glowing account of that country for fear our people would start west in a body. We are sorry to think of the departure of Mr. Parker and his family, for they have been among our best citizens and their moving away will be a loss to the community in more ways than one. Mr. Parker bought some California fruit back with him and favored the Sun office. He also brought a 90-pound squash from Central Point, which is now on exhibition at Cosgriff Bros.' store.—Saratoga (Wyo.) Sun.

or by census specially taken by order of the common council at least sixty days prior to such annual election.

## ARTICLE II.

Section 1. The elective officers of said town shall be a mayor, a recorder, a treasurer and five councilmen who shall be residents and legal voters in said town, and the mayor and councilmen must also be freeholders in said town.

Section 2. The term of the elective officers shall begin on the first day of April following an annual election, and the term of office for the mayor, treasurer and recorder shall be one year, and the councilmen two years, unless elected to fill a vacancy. In such case the term of office shall expire at the end of the year for which they are appointed or elected.

## ARTICLE III.

Section 1. The mayor and a majority of the councilmen shall constitute a quorum, and in them shall be vested the government of the town, the right to control, manage, lease, alienate or otherwise dispose of any property belonging to the said town, to contract for, purchase and lease any property for said town, shall be voted in said council, except as otherwise in this charter provided.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the council to meet in common council at least once in each month, and have special meetings whenever deemed necessary; to fix the times and places of their regular meetings; to devise and adopt all such measures, regulations and ordinances as will conduce to the security, tranquility, cleanliness, improvement and ornament of the town, and the health, prosperity and moral elevation of the inhabitants thereof. And manage the finances and public expenditures of the town economically, fairly and honestly, and perform such other duties as naturally devolve upon a municipal council, and such as are hereinbefore and hereinafter imposed upon them.

## ARTICLE IV.

Section 1. Within thirty days and not less than ten days prior to the

## ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mrs. Irene Hampton Isaacs has opened a studio at her residence on East Seventh street, Medford, and will receive piano pupils.

Mrs. Isaacs is a young musician of extraordinary ability and talent, who through years of arduous study and application has brought herself to the highest plane of musical thought and intelligence. From earliest youth her musical education has been in charge of the best masters in the east, and she has lately completed a course under Herr Herman Gens—a pupil of the great Liszt himself, and by far the greatest teacher in America.

Herr Gens rightly claims the distinction of teaching the only absolutely correct method of piano forte playing, and declares that without this method it is impossible for one to become an artist.

Musically, Mrs. Isaacs has the rare charm of poetic feeling and a delicate touch united with great power, which enables her to interpret equally the airiest waltz of Chopin and to sound the depths of Beethoven. Herr Gens placed no limit to Mrs. Isaacs' art. In an interview he declared: "She can become what she will—one of the world's greatest."

## Methodist Junior Epworth League.

A business and social meeting was held at the Methodist parsonage January 2nd for the purpose of organizing the Junior Epworth League, though regular meetings were held every Sunday afternoon for several weeks before. Some time was spent in playing games, after which the business meeting was held. Forty charter members had already been secured. Much enthusiasm was manifested in the election of the following list of officers:

President - Hallie Leathers  
1st Vice-President, Gertrude Stephenson  
2nd Vice-President, Nathan Grisham  
3rd Vice-President, Clifford Holbrook  
4th Vice-President, Clifford Hatfield  
Secretary - Eddie Kahler  
Treasurer - Esther Bottorff.

## SENIOR LEAGUE.

A business and social meeting was held at Mr. John Bottorff's Tuesday evening, Jan. 7th, for the purpose of organizing the Senior Epworth League. Fourteen of those present joined as charter members and the following list of officers were elected:

President - Mrs. Maggie Howell  
1st Vice-President, Miss Ethel Bottorff  
2nd Vice-President, Miss Rose DeFord  
3d Vice-President, Mrs. Nettie Leathers  
4th Vice-President, Mrs. W. Bottorff  
Secretary - Miss Audrey Holmes  
Treasurer - Miss Daisy Wiseman.

It was decided to have a business and social meeting once a month and devotional meetings every Sunday evening.

## Obituary.

Isaac Constant Magruder, son of Mrs. Margery Magruder