

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

There will be a farewell reception tendered Rev. and Mrs. G. Lefloy Hall at the Baptist church this evening. Come.

E. C. Pomeroy of the Meadows, was in Medford Tuesday on business. W. H. Drewery of the Pacific States Telephone Co., was at Grants Pass on business Wednesday.

Ed Andrews went to Roseburg Wednesday on a business trip. "I am going to Julian Perkins," said Mr. Andrews, "and tell him to come back to a town that's worth while."

Chas. Campbell, son of I. W. Campbell, son of I. W. Campbell, left Wednesday morning for Belva, N. D., on a visit to his sister.

Mrs. D. M. Miller and daughter of Hills, Calif., are registered at the Nash.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet in the church parlor Thursday at 2:30 p. Mrs. Mabel Hutton, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Wilson, returned to her home at Sacramento, Calif., Tuesday.

W. I. Vawter returned Wednesday afternoon from a business trip to Portland.

B. H. Harris left Wednesday for Klamath Falls on a business trip.

Jos. Witterer of Jacksonville was a Medford visitor Wednesday.

H. D. Norton of Grants Pass was in Medford Wednesday on his way to Jacksonville to attend the December term circuit court.

J. W. Hamilton, a prominent attorney of Roseburg, is in this city on business before the circuit court at Jacksonville.

C. A. Walters of Corvallis, son of Van Walters of the Sherman, Clay & Co., is here on a visit to his father.

A. C. Randall of Talent was in the city Tuesday.

P. J. Easterday of Portland, whose company is constructing the bridge over Rogue river at Woodville was in the city on business Wednesday.

L. R. Friend of North Beatty street lost a valuable work horse Monday night from colic. This makes two valuable horses M. Friend has lost in the past two months, which is quite unfortunate as his team is the family's principle support.

A. C. Aylor of North Court street is building a four-room cottage on his property for rent.

Miss Gertie Owings of Woodville came up Monday for an indefinite stay with Mr. and Mrs. Emil De-Robinson of North Central avenue.

First quality apples in any quantity at McBride's. 235*

Geo. F. King arrived from Portland Wednesday to look after his business interests in this section.

H. L. Neall and family are late arrivals from Boise, Idaho. Mr. Neall is looking for a suitable location, and if he finds one to his liking will become a permanent resident.

City Marshal Pankey of Gold Hill was here Wednesday, having come up to take charge of the party arrested by Chief Shearer Wednesday morning.

A smoker was given Tuesday evening at the Crater Lake Club, a number of business men meeting in social session.

State Senator H. D. Norton of Grants Pass is spending a few days in Medford.

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The lots in Walnut Park are all sold. The contest for the lot to be given away will take place at the Tribune office Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

J. Court Hall and family moved Wednesday from their former residence at the corner of Central avenue and Eighth streets to the residence property on South Central avenue recently purchased by Mr. Hall from G. Miller. The property vacated by Mr. Hall was purchased by John R. Allen and J. M. Kane several weeks ago, and a business building will very likely be constructed thereon in the spring.

J. S. Staggs has sold twelve acres of land near Phoenix to S. S. Stevens who owns the property adjoining for \$7000. This land is all first-class garden land, suitable for truck farming, and is all covered by ditch. The Phoenix section has long been noted for the quality and quantity of garden "sass" raised there, and this tract is one of the choice ones of that locality.

BOYS PLUNGE DOWN HILL INTO MOVING TRAIN

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 15.—A flying dash down a long hill in a big bob-sled, today cost the lives of Frank Klumpe, 16 years old, the serious injury of six boys, some of whom may die, and the slight injury of eight others when the sled got beyond control and crashed into a Wash locomotive.

hill over the course that crossed the railroad tracks. The train was approaching when the fatal trip was taken, but it was not in hearing in time for the boys to jump. Klumpe was caught beneath the pilot of the locomotive and instantly killed.

HENEY TAKEN TO LECTURE STUMP

Will Traverse Arizona Delivering Lectures—Will Return to Oregon First of Year.

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 15.—It is expected that Francis J. Heney, who has been engaged for the past two years as special prosecutor in the so-called graft cases, will start on a lecturing tour through this state within a few days.

A LITTLE STORY OF A SHOPPING TRIP

"Hello, Central; place give me main 9204."

"Hello, hello," Is this Main 9204? This is Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. D'Anjou. The sun is shining so gloriously and the streets are so dry out to the extreme end of Oakdale avenue that I am going for a long walk before time to prepare dinner. Can you go with me in about an hour? Can't go? Christmas shopping? So sorry; am sure the exercise would do you good. Good bye."

Mrs. D'Anjou at the other end of the phone after hanging up the receiver:

"Here its only ten days till Christmas, coming Sunday—a good day to tie up packages and settle this neglected house so we can exist in it till this hysterical rush is over. Go walking without any aim only pleasure! I got to shop, shop, shop. The stores will all be so crowded one cannot get waited on and Christmas is an unmitigated nuisance. I am tired to death of the whole thing."

Meeting Mrs. Bartlett later in the day she gave the following account of her own leisurely and productive methods: "Early in the season I made out my list, used odd ends of time in making few gifts and when out if I saw something in the stores that appealed to me I bought it. That helped a great deal. Then on Sunday after attending church, I seated myself in the afternoon to go over my list and see what I yet needed to do. The Sunday edition of the Mail Tribune was certainly full of suggestive help. In the first section back page I found the usual advertisement of the Hutchason Company's store, but to my surprise as well as delight there was a whole page of suggestions instead of the usual handkerchief size ad. It was an easy matter to nearly complete my list. I wanted an umbrella for cousin Maude but felt that I could not afford to buy such a one as she would want but in reaching the store I found them reduced in price and readily pleased myself and so cheap, too—only three dollars for a lovely silk umbrella.

And then small articles that give so much genuine pleasure as gifts? Handkerchiefs that cannot be told from the handmade article and I wore out my eyes making six when I might be reading a good book—such beautiful gloves, good values and dresy looking, too.

"Monday morning was cloudy, so I left my work and went out early and finished. The merchants are so good to let us know what they have but a personal visit to this store showed me that mere men cant tell anything even in the newspapers. The first thing that met my eyes were those beautiful art linen pieces. The linen is coarse woven, showing the native silkiness of the flax in the soft neutral color that harmonizes with everything. If one prefers the white, beautiful Japanese drawn work scarfs elaborately decorated with hand embroidery are to be seen. There are dainty diaphanous scarfs spangled to represent glistening rain drops and the coziest kind of bedroom slippers in a variety of sizes and styles to fit every member of the family.

"I really was surprised to find such handsome kimona silk in chrysanthemum patterns and oriental designs all so bewitching when worn in the boudoir. I think because this store carries such an extensive and exclusive line of coats, suits and one-piece dresses in such a variety of color and design and the popular Gage hats, too little as said about the dear little feminine belongs that are so essential to the finished toilet of the well-gowned woman and that selected with care make a gift seem personal.

"Besides being so well satisfied with my purchases I had a nice lot of coupons for my little friend who is working for the Browniekar my rush is all over, and I am sure this is going to be the happiest Christmas I have ever spent."

GLASSY STARE BUT NO FRUIT

President Atwell Tells of "Ignorings" But Does Not Explain His Ignoring of Medford Meet Two Years Ago.

H. C. Atwell, president of the state Horticultural society, writes the following letter concerning the absence of Rogue River exhibits or representation in his society in which he places all the blame on local growers:

Forest Grove, Or., Dec. 12.—Editor Mail Tribune.—Dear Sir: Permit me space to refute some editorial errors appearing in your last issue under the head, "Not On the Map."

Commenting on the proceedings and display at the recent annual meeting in Portland of the State Horticultural society, you say, "This section is entirely ignored in the proceedings."

Doubtless your readers are curious to know how the ignoring was done. It wasn't an instantaneous performance. It was a series of "ignorings"—each a little more brazen than the one before, and culminating in one big, vacant stare at the Rogue River fruit that wasn't there. Following is the way we "ignored" you in detail:

1—I did my best to get some of your growers to enrich our program with a paper on "Pear Culture in the Rogue River Valley."

2—I asked a citizen of your city to act as a member of our exhibits committee, and did not know until the meeting that he would not act.

3—Early in summer and repeatedly thereafter, I asked your Commercial club to offer a premium for Medford or Jackson county apples to be exhibited at our late annual meeting, admitting to the secretary that it was the one supreme ambition of my life to induce the apple growers of Jackson county to send their annual exhibit.

4—Being single-handed, to pierce the shell of your exclusiveness, I enlisted the co-operation of Mr. Walter F. Burrell and Captain Gordon Vorhies, each of whom offered \$25 in cash for a single box of Jackson county apples—one for best Spitz and one for best Newtown. I didn't hear of any of your "ignored" fruit growers competing, did you?

5—Rogue River valley, more than other sections, has been notified and reminded of, and solicited about, the late meeting and display, both by the secretary and by myself; and the Commercial club and the Mail Tribune have been urged to co-operate in securing publicity.

In further complaint you say I mentioned Hood River and Albany as fruit centers, and did not mention Rogue River valley. I did not mention any place as a fruit center. I was not referring to fruit growing or to localities suitable therefor. I simply suggested that the fruit growers of Hood River, Albany and other communities which held annual fruit fairs might find it practicable to combine their displays at one place.

I did not know, until I read your editorial, that Rogue River valley, or even Medford, was in the habit of holding annual fruit fairs.

You have no kind word to offer because I advocated an earlier date "to accommodate the pear men," but are disgruntled because I did not go out of my way to make the entirely irrelevant and gratuitous assertion that Rogue River valley produces nine-tenths of our pears.

Your statement that your local fruit growers withdrew from our society is news to me. If you refer to your local horticultural society, permit me to say that there was no withdrawal about it. The state society simply incorporated, omitting the affiliated branch" feature of its organization.

This necessarily left every local society free to pursue an independent course.

The question why your famous orchards, barring that of the Burrell Investment company (which won a cup on Comice pears) were not represented at our display is still open to debate. I have shown that the reason does not lie at the door of our society or of its president.

We have always sought to draw your people out. For several years, up to last year, a grower of Medford was one of our officers.

If you can discover the answer, you are clever. If you can induce your growers to identify themselves with the rest of Oregon, you will do a good work.

I suggest that the best way to do it is to publish this letter in full, acknowledge that you were misinformed, and then get in and boost to make the horticultural fame of Oregon a state, not a local, asset. Yours truly,

H. C. ATWELL.

BUSINESS LOCALS

Wanted, those in, or wishing to join an amateur brass band, please call at Sherman, Clay & Co's. piano rooms next Thursday afternoon or eve. George F. Dyer, telephone 3204.

Nicely furnished rooms with all modern conveniences at the Palms. Phone 1091 for teas and coffee.

Here is a snap: 160 acres one mile from railroad station; 100 acres good red soil, several thousand cords good wood which has a ready market. Price, \$1750; one-third cash, long time on balance. P. O. box 544. 231*

Christmas reduction sale on all millinery. All hats at cost. Special sales each Tuesday and Friday will continue. Lottie M. Howard, 109 N. Central avenue. 604-4t

If you could buy an equity in good city lots for 25 per cent with easy terms, would you take them? Address box 768. 234*

Forty acres first-class pear, peach or grape land, 3 1/2 miles from railroad station, close to school, daily mail, phone and main county road; easily cleared. Price, \$2000; \$800 cash. Long time on balance. P. O. box 656. 231*

Have you anything you want to trade for good city lots? Box 768. 234*

Four 10-acre tracts of first-class fruit land, well located, uncleared; \$75.00 per acre, one-third cash; easy terms. P. O. box 544. 231*

Ella Ganzyaw, public stenographer room 4, Palm building

Best tea and coffee obtainable at 36 South Grape street. Southern Oregon Tea & Coffee Co.

Van De Car & Jasmann guarantee to protect their customers against loss on a diamond investment. We buy in the right channel and sell accordingly. Give us a call and inspect our goods. They are new and crisp. Phipps Building. 229*

"Health Hints" on page 6 are alright but the space they occupy cost more than this does—so does electric juice. Call at Haskins' drug store, Medford Pharmacy, Moore Hotel, Smoke House, Medford Mail Tribune and many other places and find why my gas lights are being used instead of electricity. Nuf sed. J. W. Whitney, 211 West Main. Phone 1082. 229*

THREE MILLION MATCHES STRUCK EACH MINUTE

By the end of the brief minute taken to read these paragraphs the nations of the civilized world will have struck three million matches.

This is the average for every minute of the twenty-four hours of the day. Seven billion is the enormous number for the entire year, and those living under the American flag are said to be responsible for the consumption of one-half of this amount.

The importance of the industry which turns out the little splinters of wood tipped with sulphur or some other material ignited by friction is only recognized when the average smoker tries to contemplate his predicament if he had to go back to the time when he had to coax a spark from a tinder box. Of course, the answer is, he would smoke a great deal less because of the difficulty in getting a light, or else, on the other hand, smoke continuously in order to keep alive the fire at the end of his stogie or Havana, pipe or cigarette, as the case might be.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

WANTED—To borrow \$500 on a good timber claim in Douglas county. Address box 646, Medford. 235

FOR RENT—Front room, furnished, heat, electric light and bath. 127 South G street. 236

H. L. Herrington of Weed, Calif., is in Medford today.

A Select Line of Ladies' Purses and Handbags AT COST

Herman Bros.

317 E. Seventh St.

The Xmas Season Has Opened in Earnest at this Store



—The Christmas bustle has come—a vast army of good-natured, jolly and eager people, racking their brains to think of some gift, large or small, that will make somebody happy. There is good cause for early shopping, it gives you time to make your selections leisurely and with the proffered assistance of the salespeople, impossible later in the day. This week you find the stocks at their fullest. As inducements for early shopping we have made some trenchant reductions in many lines of goods.

Special sales in every department that must command the attention of all shrewd shoppers.

W. H. Meeker & Co.

NEW PALACE HOTEL WILL OPEN IN FRISCO TONIGHT

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 15.—With a banquet to nearly 800 of the states most prominent men, the new Palace Hotel will throw open its doors tonight after three years of rebuilding.

Governor James N. Gillette will preside and the consuls of foreign countries and army and navy men will be called on to speak. President Diaz of Mexico has declined an invitation to be present at the opening in a message congratulating the management.

Tomorrow the doors will be open to the public and San Francisco is preparing to view the modern reproduction of the hostelry that was known and is spoken of the world over as one of the landmarks of the Pacific coast.

SENIORS AT ST. MARY'S TO GIVE FIRST RECITAL

On Tuesday evening, December 21, at 8 o'clock, the senior pupils of St. Mary's Academy will give their first musical recital followed by a light comedy in two acts.

The ensemble playing is to be executed on five pianos and although many youthful performers will then make their first appearance, if we judge by the earnest endeavor they are at present engaged in, we may promise on hour of thorough enjoyment to all interested in the development of youthful ambitions.

The comedy entitled "Ma Dusenberry and Her Gears," is truly mirth provoking, while, at the same time, depicting in very deed the many charms of music.

The proceeds of the evening's entertainment are to be devoted to the most laudible enterprise of establishing a school library for the use of the students. Everyone will readily understand how invaluable an aid good preference books are to the growth of the child mind, and realizing the necessity will not fail to acquiesce with the pupils in their earnest striving to gain success.

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4 miles south of Medford. Price \$245 per acre.

Will exchange five residence lots for improved city property.

Our plan and terms makes investment easy. Own some property and receive your share of the increase in value this spring.

2 1/2 acres on Newtown street, good 5-room house, well and outbuildings, nearly all set to fruit. \$2800

2 1/2 acres between Peach and Newtown streets; nicely located for subdividing. \$2100

We represent seven strong fire insurance companies. Insure before the fire; its too late after.

Within 100 feet of Oakdale avenue, new 10-room modern house, south front, large lot. \$2500

Surety Bonds—We represent the Union Guarantee Association of Portland.

Become informed about our ten and twenty-acre orchard tracts, mostly undeveloped and prices right.

One five-acre tract, close in, will make 26 building lots. Figure it out and see for yourself what you can make on it. \$4000

Our rental department can handle your houses right.

Benson Investment Company
Over Farmers and Fruitgrowers Bank

EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS CHANCES

For Sale—Span work horses, harness and wagon. Now is the time to buy before spring plowing begins. Room 208, Taylor & Phipps Building.

Bakery doing a fine business for sale. Ill health cause of selling. Room 208, Taylor & Phipps Bldg.

I have several married men who would like to take charge of a farm. Anyone having need of such call at room 208, Employment Bureau, Phone 4141 Main.

Do you need help? Call or phone 4141 Main.

Wanted—A lady to go to the home of parites and do washing. Call at Employment Bureau, Room 208, Taylor & Phipps Bldg.

Any young ladies who work out will please leave their names at Employment Bureau, Room 208, Taylor & Phipps Bldg.

Do you need a carpenter. Call up phone 4141 Main.

E. F. A. BITTNER, Prop.
Room 208, Phipps Bldg. Phone 4141

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TONIGHT
A 30GUS HEIR—(A Fun Producer.)
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