

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

G. C. Culy of Talent was in Medford on business Tuesday. Peach trees for sale at ten cents each. H. B. Patterson, Nash hotel. J. M. Cummons of Ager, Cal., is in Medford trying to renew his memory of the town. Mr. Cummons was a resident of Medford some fifteen years ago and this is his first visit since. He couldn't believe his eyes when he stepped from the train. Montgomery's hair-dressing parlors now open. 50* J. H. Beeman of Gold Hill is in Medford on business. Wear Kidd's Shoes. C. I. Hutchison, who, in company with George and Charles King, has been in Mexico on business, returned to Medford Tuesday evening. The party traveled over 200 miles into the interior from Mexico City on horseback, mule back, burro back and on foot. Mr. Hutchison says there are vast possibilities in that country for future development and that many Americans are taking advantage of the liberal terms offered by the government. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Schwarz of Vancouver, Wash., are in Medford on a business trip. W. L. Scannlin of Chicago and T. E. Scannlin of Lafayette, Ind., are in the valley on a tour of investigation. Chinaware at Goodfriend's. The dressing rooms in the grandstand at the ball park were broken into some time between Saturday night and Tuesday morning and a number of balls were stolen. Entrance was effected through a window and egress made by breaking the lock on one of the outside doors. The balls were ones which had been used and of no commercial value, and the crime is attributed for that reason to some of the boys of the neighborhood. Coffees at Goodfriend's. J. W. Ditworth of Leeds was in Medford Wednesday on a business trip. Mr. Ditworth is among the successful fruit-growers of the Upper Rogue River section and has demonstrated the fact that that altitude produces a fine grade of apples. Areola, the new table water. Star Bottling Works. 10 Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bonney left Wednesday morning for Roseburg on a visit of several days. Teas at Goodfriend's. W. E. Stout of Hill, Cal., is in Medford on a business trip. Areola, the new table water. Star Bottling Works. 10 Wear Kidd's Shoes. New hair-dressing parlors now open at Montgomery's. 50* Bath fixtures at Goodfriend's. A competent stenographer wanted. Address "T" care of this office. 10 E. B. Sawyer for surveys. Subdivision and platting a specialty. Room 12, Emerick. The sale on Rardon's bread is increasing daily. There must be a reason. Areola, the new table water. Star Bottling Works. 10 Your grocer handles Rardon's bread. Carving sets at Goodfriend's. Have you tried the delicious drinks and ice cream at Rardon's new fountain? A nice selection of monthly blooming roses at 25 cents each. H. B. Patterson, Hotel Nash. Rardon's new soda fountain is serving all the latest drinks, ice cream, etc. Door mats at Goodfriend's. Rev. Holmes and wife and C. H. Pierce and wife visited Ashland and attended the protracted meetings at that place. Whitman's candies are unexcelled. The Merrivold Shop has the exclusive agency for Medford. Ralph Bacon is in the city today arranging for the appearance here of Walter Damrosch and the New York Symphony orchestra. The date will probably be May 16. State Organizer J. H. Fitzgerald of the Improved O. R. M., went to Phoenix Tuesday, where in the evening he organized a tribe of the order numbering some 30 members. Phone 2691, Goodfriend's. John H. Carlin, attorney at law, over Jackson County Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Betts leave this evening for Gold Hill. They will make their home this summer in the Asbestos section. Carpet sweepers at Goodfriend's. Wear Kidd's Shoes. V. A. Dunlap of Talent was in Medford Wednesday. Wringers at Goodfriend's. Wear Kidd's Shoes. Adolph Schultz was in Medford from Jacksonville Wednesday. Kitchen utensils at Goodfriend's. Perhaps you need a typewriter. You can secure any make you wish, in a rebuilt typewriter, at The Merrivold Shop, at a reasonable price. J. D. Seemons of Butte, Mont., is in the valley looking around. Books—Bibles, Prayer Books, poetry, fiction, gift books for children

and adults. Come in and look them over at The Merrivold Shop. C. W. Wilmeroth and family of Chicago have become permanent residents of Medford. Mr. Wilmeroth just "stopped off" in Medford on his way south to see what we had here. He saw. He sent for his family and is now a practically permanent fixture. The Merrivold Shop has office supplies, including files, blank books, memorandum books, pencils, pens, inks, inkwells, tablets, typewriter supplies, envelopes, paste, mangleage and fountain pens. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Riley of Sacramento, Cal., are in Medford looking for a location.

BUSINESS LOCALS

—Edel Brau will be in Medford this week. Ask Doc Ryan. 10 —For wood of all kinds, see the Square Deal. Woodyard. Phone 2001. Fir street, between Second and Third streets. Gould & Landley, proprietors. 281* —Wear Kidd's Shoes. —If you want satisfaction try a sack of Mt. Hood Snow-Pail Flour. For sale at the Russ Mill. Remember. Polk & Son. —W. P. Gerwolf, contractor, painter and paperhanger. Phone 1801, Park View Hotel. 6 —Edel Brau will be in Medford this week. Ask Doc Ryan. 10

THIS IS TO YOUR INTEREST.

Food for Reflection. This is the Steel Range day, a day when people want the best, yet quality can be carried too far. One can build a house for \$10,000, likewise for \$2000. To be sure, the first is best, but it will take five times as much to keep up this house as the latter. The same applies to a steel range. One can be made for \$100, likewise one for \$40, and if one knows the \$40 range will cook and look as good as the first with half the fuel. Why will or should he pay \$100 for a range. None but simple-minded do. If there is a range sold in Medford that will cook better and with less fuel and look as well as the Toledo Range, why 'o so many more Toledo go out each year than does any other make? We boldly make the assertion and without fear of contradiction that in last four years more Toledo Ranges have been sold from Medford than any other, and we further say that more cooking can be done in one week or one year on Toledo with less fuel than any other offered for sale in Medford. There are other good stoves, but none that are made as good, look as nice, are offered for the same figure. Call and inspect them and see their points. Look them over. Our guarantee is back of them. GARNETT-COREY HARDWARE CO.

Hotel Arrivals. The Nash—C. Row, Chicago; Ren Rice, Spokane; W. H. Adams, Portland; G. Stein, San Francisco; J. S. Relad, New York; C. L. Wilson, San Francisco; A. A. Levy, San Francisco; M. A. Goldsmith, H. C. Zehrung, J. R. Flynn, W. T. Carson, Portland; J. K. Brower, H. B. Tronson, Eagle Point; J. A. Thornton, San Francisco; J. R. Harvey, Galice. The Moore—A. W. Severance, P. J. Easterday, Portland; Mrs. Chas. Lewis, Sacramento; J. W. Holmes, Portland; M. B. Ricey, Lakeview; H. R. Lounder and wife, Benton Harbor; Mrs. F. E. Jackson, G. E. Sanders, Grants Pass; Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Branson, Tonopah; M. J. Love, Medford; R. L. Burdick, Ashland; L. F. Wallace and family, city; A. S. Weber, Portland; L. L. Jewell and wife, Trail; E. Savage and wife, Glendale; G. H. Richardson, Portland.

Tangled With City Water. William Borne and Frank Morey tangled with the city water system Monday afternoon and came out second best. Borne, who is the city engine driver, was washing the street in front of the fire-house with the hose when the little brown brother undertook to help him hold the nozzle. Billy was having about all he could do to hold against the pressure and when Frank took hold of the hose and gave it a tentative jerk both of them piled up on the pavement with the nozzle sloshing wildly around and distributing water impartially over the neighboring landscape and spectators. Harry Young, who was at the hydrant, recovered from his amusement in time to shut the water off before the two were drowned. ANDREW CARNEGIE ON HIS WAY TO CHICAGO GRAND CANYON, Ariz., March 29. —Andrew Carnegie and his party today are en route to Chicago after spending three eventful days at the Grand Canyon. The steel king expects to make a three days' halt in Chicago before proceeding to New York.

TACOMA UNCOVERS A MASONIC FRAUD

Man Who Practiced on Gullible There Expected to Try the Same Game in Oregon.

Tacoma Masons have unearthed a fraud in their midst that is attracting more than ordinary attention. This fraternal order genius as a rule gives the name of Lucas, and professes to take a novice and induct him through all the degrees of Masonry to the 32d, charging for this bargain-counter work \$135. So crafty has been the lodge organizer that it is conceded among many who have investigated his work, he keeps beyond the pale of the law. Lucas is charged by Tacoma Masons and some of his dupes with pretending to have a charter from the Utah grand lodge by virtue of which he is able to initiate Masons at his convenience. Making his talk to those who do not understand the workings of the order, he pretends to have peculiar powers vested in him which are to further a membership campaign. Should he come in contact with a member of the order, who grasps the error of Lucas' pretensions, which comes from the old Scotch lodges, which, he says, are as regular as any American Masonry.

In Tacoma it is reported that he fitted up a room for his initiatory work, and secured the Masonic Manual, which is sold at bookstores. By working out his own code for secret work, and trying to adapt it to Masonic traditions, he was able to deceive the unwary. To make his inducement especially strong, in addition to inducting the aspirant into the subordinate lodges, he agreed to convey them on up through the higher degrees, even to the 32d, which he was willing to do for a low rate. Appending to those who desired Masonic membership and did not care to pay the usual initiatory fees, or who doubted their ability to gain admission in the regular manner, the impostor is said to have secured some initiates in Tacoma. He is also reported to have worked to some extent in Seattle and San Francisco, and it is regarded probable that he will in due time get into the Oregon field. Masons have been warning the public against the fraud, hoping that exposure would be so complete that Lucas could find no more dupes for his false work. In Tacoma he got \$135 from a vaudeville actor, and is believed to have initiated several musicians.

After investigating the impostor's methods, the officials concluded that he could not be prosecuted with success. It is found that he very craftily avoids telling the dupes that he is inducting them into regular Masonic bodies. All the receipts he signs show nothing more than that the man who paid the money has been initiated into Lucas' own order, and if any man wants to pay \$135 for this privilege, the law cannot prevent. While verbal statements and inferences lead the candidates to expect membership in Masonic lodges, when it comes down to closing the bargain and getting the money, Lucas does not agree in writing to such a thing, and thus destroys the legal evidence required to convict for obtaining money by false pretenses. While the man is working a palpable fraud, statutes are so loose that they do not reach his deeds, and public protection rests in being warned against his work.

Dr. Seely Going East. Dr. E. R. Seely will leave in a short time for New York to take a course in surgery. He would greatly appreciate the payment of outstanding accounts before he leaves. 10

WILL EXHIBIT ROGUE FRUIT

The matter of confirming the action of the committee will come up at the next meeting of the Commercial club, Wednesday, April 6. Mr. Rice, who was practically the whole thing at Spokane last fall, and through whose efforts the show was made a success, was last in Medford in 1892. The changes in those 18 years were almost unbelievable to him. "I can't realize that it is the same town nor the same country," he said. "There is a greater difference in the spirit of the people. Then they moved so slowly that they looked like a funeral procession; now even a Spokane man must keep going to avoid being run over." Any auction that is to be held in this town ought to be well advertised in this newspaper—if it's at all important that people should attend it. Haskins for Health.

"THE RED MILL" TONIGHT



BERT O. SWOR and FRANKER WOOL in "The Red Mill."

BIG SHIPMENT OF SPRAYING DOPE

J. A. Perry Receives 90,000 Pounds of Arsenate of Lead in One Car—Biggest Single Shipment.

J. A. Perry yesterday received the largest consignment of arsenate of lead ever shipped to any single section of Oregon to be used as spray material. The car came direct from Boston and contained 90,000 pounds of the stuff that puts the jinks on the fruit pests. "How the stuff was ever put into one car is a mystery to me," said Mr. Perry. "I ordered what I thought was two cars, and it came in one. I have loaded some cars myself, but the fellow that loaded that one has me in the also-ran class." It really did seem like an impossibility, to look at the barrels and kegs in the warehouse, after they had been unloaded. They covered nearly the entire floor and were not scattered, either. The freight bill on the car was \$1153. The dope will all be used by the orchardists of Southern Oregon during this season, which item alone would give an idea of the proportions the business is assuming. Three years from now five times as much will be required.

PRACTICAL JOKE NEARLY WRECKS ORGANIZATION

PARIS, March 30.—Members of the Salon de Independents who endeavor to break away from the officialism of the regular salons, today are indignantly seeking the perpetrators of practical jokes which may tend to cast ridicule on their organization and destroy its usefulness. In the exhibit room of the Independents is a painting, entitled, "Sunset on the Adriatic." The picture received an excellent hanging and warm commendation. The Independents, however, were dismayed when they learned that jealous rivals in painting the canvases used the tail of a docile donkey as a brush. There could be no doubt of it, for photographs of the artists at work, showing them dipping the donkey's tail in the paints and daubing the canvases were published here, together with an affidavit of the photographer that the pictures were genuine.

MAN STEALS MONEY REALIZED FROM TAG-DAY

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 30.—A warrant is out for the arrest of Captain Timothy Murphy of the St. Paul corps of the Volunteers of America, who it is alleged withdrew \$1250 of the corps' money from a bank and disappeared. The money alleged to have been taken was a sum collected last week on "tag day" and was to be used in building a working girls' home. The warrant which alleges "larceny in the first degree" was sworn to by John O'Neal, adjutant general of the Minneapolis corps of the Volunteers of America.

ROBS ROOMS AND GOES TO COUNTY JAIL

Frank Williams Is Caught With the Goods On—He Has Been in Trouble Before.

Frank Williams, accused of having entered a room in The Palms and stolen several articles of value, was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Canon yesterday afternoon and was bound over to appear before the grand jury. He was taken to Jacksonville Wednesday morning by Chief Shearer. Williams was the same fellow who came up before the police judge a short time ago for being drunk. He had \$10 and the judge fined him the full amount, but when the prisoner put up a pitiful plea with promises to be good, he remitted \$5, provided that Williams did not again enter a saloon in the city. He was followed by Chief Shearer upon his release and the first place Mr. Williams entered was a saloon. The chief waited until he had taken his drink, then tapped him on the shoulder and invited him back to the mayor's office. There his remaining five was abstracted. While washing windows at the Nash he stole a pair of military brushes and a sweater from one of the rooms. That was Monday. Tuesday he was at the Palms and took a coat and other articles. He was wearing the coat when arrested. As the grand jury has adjourned, Williams will have a chance to reflect and get sober under the vigilant eye of Sheriff Jones.

WHITE SOX MEET WITH HOODOO AT EVERY TURN

LOS ANGELES, March 30.—Comiskey's White Sox number one are journeying eastward today after what might be termed a rather disastrous training season on the Pacific coast. The Sox will play in Yuma today, providing their train reaches the Arizona town in time, and in Phoenix tomorrow. Then the actual eastward trip will begin. Even the most ardent of the Sox' admirers are loth to say that the coast trip was a success. The fact that the Sox did not win a majority of their games is not considered by the experts, but so far as actual preparation for the grind in the big brush is concerned, the Chicagoans appeared to be in poorer condition when they departed last night than when they arrived. Zeider and Blackburn, who are touted to be regular infielders this year are both on the shelf. Zeider found it difficult to walk from his hotel to the train, while Blackburn carried himself with a noticeable limp. Parent ought to be in the hospital, according to his team-mates. He is suffering with the grip. Gandil has a terrific cold, and not a single pitcher, unless it be Harry Sutor, is in any sort of condition. Smith, Scott and Olmstead are sore and stiff, while Walsh is little better. The catching staff is also in a bad way. Billy Sullivan is in a hospital with a hole in his foot and young Krueger has a bad case of "charley horse." One of the players, before climbing aboard his Pullman last evening, remarked: "We came out here with the makings of a ball club; the bunch we're taking back might make good candidates for girls' basketball teams."

SOLONS EXCITEDLY SEARCH FOR TREASURE CASKET

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Excited by stories of a rich treasure casket concealed somewhere in the vaults of the treasury department, Representatives Flood of Virginia, instigated a search which, leading through many musty volumes and through rooms long closed to the light, has just been concluded. The story which at first attracted Representative Floods attention was to the effect that in 1825 the emperor of Japan sent a casket filled with gold and precious stones to President Monroe, as a present. Starting with this as a basis, treasury department officials made a hunt through the archives of the department and established the fact that Imaum of Muskat sent to President Van Buren a treasure box. It contained a bottle of diamonds, a bottle of pearls a bottle of attar of roses, a gold plate with some gold ornaments and a box of mixed diamonds and pearls. These were placed on exhibition in the old patent office where they attracted the cupidty of a thief. He stole them but they were recovered within a short time and in 1849 the box with its precious contents were placed in the treasury department for safe keeping. After remaining there for several years the present from the Imaum was deposited in the Smithsonian Institute where it is now kept.

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COLONISTS RATES TO OREGON AND THE GREAT NORTHWEST The management of the Southern Pacific Co. (Lines in Oregon) takes great pleasure in announcing that the low rates from Eastern cities, which have done so much in past seasons to stimulate travel to and settlement in Oregon, will prevail again this Spring DAILY from March 1 to April 15, inclusive. PEOPLE OF OREGON The railroads have done their part; now it's up to you. The colonist rate is the greatest of all home-builders. Do all you can to let eastern people know about it, and encourage them to come here, where land is cheap and home-building easy and attractive. FARES CAN BE PREPAID at home if desired. Any agent of the road named is authorized to receive the required deposit and telegraph ticket to any point in the East. REMEMBER THE RATES—From Chicago, \$33; from St. Louis, \$32; from Omaha and Kansas City, 25. This reduction is proportionate from all other cities. WM. McMURRAY, General Passenger Agent Portland, Oregon