

Personal and Local

Porter J. Neff, city attorney, went Tuesday evening on an extended visit to Minneapolis, Chicago and other eastern cities.

Call phone 2151, 1032 for baggage wagon. Arthur Brown, publisher of the Rogue Magazine, was in Ashland on business Tuesday.

Any hat to \$10.00, \$1.98. Any hat to \$5.00, 98c. Nice selection to choose from. Home Millinery, 1021 West Ninth.

T. O. Erickson, who is well known in this city as a newspaper man, is spending a few days in Josephine county on business.

You had better see Sampson Spray Co., Grants Pass, Or., before buying lime and sulphur solution. We have the spray and can make the price.

James S. Tyler, news editor of the Oregon Journal, is spending a few days in Medford visiting friends.

If your diamond was bought of Van De Car it is perfect. G. A. Bronson of Ashland spent Wednesday in Medford on business.

Why buy spray in San Jose, Cal., when you can buy it in the Rogue River valley for less money? Sampson Spray Co., Grants Pass, Or. 253\*

Benjamin F. Heidel, engineer in charge of the Crater Lake boulevard, left Tuesday evening for Boise, Idaho, where he will appear before the committee on good roads of the Idaho legislature and advise them in regard to the formation of certain good roads measures which are to be considered by that body.

R. E. McCauley of San Francisco is the Nash hotel. Is your house wired? One cigar less a day would pay for a hundred per cent increase in comfort. Start living the electric life.

Claud Miles has a buyer for 40 acres of young pears. Make your very best price and address 128 East Main. Ask for Columbia hams, bacon and lard and get the best. For sale by all first class grocers and butchers.

F. A. Mitt of Sacramento was registered at the Nash Wednesday. John H. Carlin, attorney at law over Jackson County bank.

G. W. Carniel of Weed, Cal., was in the city Wednesday. Dr. J. E. Shearer, physician and surgeon. Office over Strang's drug store.

MODEST VICTOR HUGO. The Great Master Thought No Honor Too Great For Himself. It was Theophile Gautier who said something to the effect that if he thought that one line of the great master, Victor Hugo, was bad he would not acknowledge it to himself if he were alone at the bottom of a dark well.

On another occasion Gautier spoke of Victor Hugo as "a new Moses fresh from Sinai, charged to deliver the tablets of the law." Decidedly, Victor Hugo was a man who knew how to cast a spell upon those about him. For example, look at the following picture drawn in the "Souvenir sur Furgentleff."

"One evening Hugo's admirers assembled in his drawing room, were competing with one another in the eulogy of his genius, and the idea was thrown out, that the street in which he lived ought to bear his name. Some one suggested that the street was too small to be worthy of so great a poet, and the honor of bearing his name ought to be assigned to some more important thoroughfare. Then they proceeded to enumerate the most popular quarters of Paris, in an ascending scale, until one man exclaimed with enthusiasm that it would be an honor for the city of Paris itself to be renamed after the man of genius, Hugo, leaning against the mantelpiece, listened complacently to these flatterers, uttering nothing but "Yes, yes, yes."

THE OVARINAS. Picturesque Barefooted Fish Hawkers of Portugal. The ovarinas are perhaps the most interesting people in Portugal. They are probably the lineal descendants of the original inhabitants of the land and now come from a small place called Martosa (Estarreja), not far from Oporto. As the termination indicates, the ovarinas are the women of these people.

Both old and young, for even young children are thus employed, are exceedingly active and energetic. They go about barefoot, wearing a peculiar costume, and carrying huge baskets of a peculiar shape on their heads. They travel many miles a day and penetrate into every corner of the city, crying their wares in a loud, unmusical shout. They mount even to the sixth floors and bargain with buyers. They go barefoot not because of their poverty, many of them possessing expensive gold ornaments, but because they can thus more easily cover the many miles they run during the day.

When He Didn't Stutter. A confirmed stutterer went into a restaurant and met a few casual acquaintances, who at once commenced chaffing him most unmercifully respecting the impediment in his speech. At last one of them, a pert little fellow who had been making himself rather conspicuous by his remarks, said, "Well, old man, I'll bet suppers round you can't order them with out stammering." "D-d-d-d-d," says Brown, and, to the astonishment of the company and the discomfort of his challenger (all of whom were unaware of his being, as is often the case with stutters, a first class singer), he beckoned the waiter and sang the order without the slightest hitch, then, turning round to his tormentor, said, "N-n-n-now, y-y-y-you c-c-c-can p-p-p-pay."—Argonaut.

The Start of an Author. Soon after "Treasure Island" had appeared and attracted public attention to Robert Louis Stevenson, two gentlemen were traveling up to London from Norfolk. One of them was reading "Treasure Island." Presently, having finished the book, he dropped it into his traveling bag, remarking: "Well, I think I could myself write a better child's story than that." The other, who, by the way, was his brother, urged him to try. Six weeks afterward the former handed to the latter a complete tale in manuscript. It was "King Solomon's Mines," the first novel that made a reputation for Mr. Stevenson.

LOCAL BANKS RECEIVE "CALL"

Controller of the Treasury Notifies Three National Banks in Medford to Furnish Statements of Business On January 7.

In response to orders recently issued by the controller of the treasury, the three local national banks have prepared statements showing the condition of their affairs at the close of business on January 7. The statement will be forwarded to the United States treasury when completed and copies of them will be published in the Thursday edition of the Mail Tribune.

RIVAL OF BURBANK HAS NEW BREEDS

BOSTON, Jan. 11.—Experiment in the breeding of animals similar to those carried on by Luther Burbank with plant life, are announced by Dr. William Ernest Castle, a scientist at Harvard university.

Dr. Castle has been able to breed a race of guinea pigs with four toes in the hind foot, where usually there are only three; to invent a new color for the guinea pigs, the cinnamon which was not known to naturalists, all his were bred; a silver guinea pig that also is new to science and two kinds of rats that are far enough apart in color to be called varieties, although they were reared from the same ancestors.

Dr. Castle has just set forth the result of his work in lectures in advance of their presentation through scientific journals.

Caught. A shopwalker in a large business noted for his severity to the assistant under him, one day stepped up to a counter from which a ladylike person had just left unserved. "You let that lady leave without making any purchase?" he asked angrily of the meek looking young man responsible for the handkerchief department sales.

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Who Got the Baby? Once upon a time a crocodile stole a baby and was about to make a dinner of it. The frantic mother begged so piteously for the child that the crocodile said: "Tell me one truth and you shall have your baby again." The mother replied, "You will not give him back to me." "Then," said the crocodile, "by our agreement I shall keep him, for if you have told the truth I am not going to give him back, and if it is a lie I have also won."

No Sense of Proportion. The young man who had spent his efforts for several years without result in studying art was talking with his practical uncle, who had patiently paid the bills. "Of course," said the young artist, "I know I haven't made much of a go of it, but I don't think you ought to advise me to try something else. You know it's best to put all your eggs in one basket and watch that basket." "Um! That may be, Charlie; but did you ever think how foolish it is to put so many baskets around one basket?"—Argonaut.

HERE'S CHANCE TO SHIP THAT CAT

They Are wanted On Upper Rogue River Ranch to Catch Gophers Mice and the Like—Leave Them at the Natatorium.

"Any little cat That's a quick little cat Is a good enough cat for me." Such is the refrain of a song which is suggested by an advertisement sent out by J. E. Engart, president of the Medford National bank, who advises all that he is in the market for cats. Although Mr. Engart wants "six maltese cats" it is understood that any amount of cats are needed and they needn't be maltese as long as they will catch rats and gophers.

Mr. Engart plans to put a number of cats on his Rogue River ranch to catch gophers and mice. Leave the cats at the Natatorium.

JOHN W. WORKS IS NEW SENATOR CALIFORNIA

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 11.—Having received an overwhelming vote, John D. Works was formally declared elected United States senator this afternoon by Lieutenant Governor Wallace before a joint meeting of the assembly of the California legislature.

The patronage that goes with the federal toga falls to the men who have sponsored Works, and according to them the people of the state at large will reap the benefit in better government.

Fraud Charged.

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 11.—That frauds were committed directly in the election of Isaac Stephenson to the United States senate from Wisconsin was the report of the special investigating committee submitted today to Governor McGovern. The report points out that the state law provides that the election of persons brought about through bribery or attempted bribery are null and void.

Deadlock in Montana.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 11.—Although Senator Carter made a slight gain over T. J. Walsh, the balloting for United States senator in the legislature remained deadlocked today. Five votes separated the two leaders. The ballot resulted as follows: Carter 34, Walsh 29, Conrad 16, scattering 22. Necessary to elect 51.

The most profitable—as well as the most interesting—"little journeys" are those made in answering classified ads.

Haskins for Health.

MANY TO HEAR THE KIDS JUDGE

Big Advance Sale of Seats for Appearance of Judge Lindsey at Natatorium on Friday Evening, January 13.

There is a splendid sale of seats for Judge Ben Lindsey's appearance at the Natatorium Friday night, and this is as it should be, for when a

man of the reputation and caliber of the "kid's judge" comes to Medford he should be greeted by an audience that will show appreciation of such a work as he is doing. And the extremely low price for best seats, with the comfortable Nat auditorium, are other inducements.

So if you haven't already secured seats, call up the Nat phone 3472 and leave your order.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

WANTED—Japanese cook wants position in a family at general household work. Main 6651

Where to Go Tonight

New Attraction at THE ISIS THEATRE

The place where you can always spend a pleasant hour and have a hearty laugh. COLLINS AND MARRIOTT

A comedy skit. A Bird in Trousers

MATINEE EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30.

THREE REELS OF THE LATEST MOTION PICTURES

—AND— ILLUSTRATED SONG BY HARRY BLANCHARD.

NATATORIUM

JUDGE BEN LINDSEY The Juvenile Judge will lecture at the Natatorium on Friday evening, January 13.

Tickets on sale at Nat office. Admission 50c; reserved seats 75c.

TONIGHT Two-mile Championship Handicap Skating Race.

Lacey Theatre

Medford's Exclusive Picture Theater. Latest Licensed Photographs.

One Dime—No More—One Dime.

"NAT" THEATRE

Shows all the latest and improved moving pictures.

Change of program every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday.

Special matinee every Sunday afternoon.

ADMISSION 10c.

U-GO High-Class Stock Co.

MARJORIE MANDVILLE STOCK COMPANY

TONIGHT. "MARRIED LIFE" in three chapters.

Farce Comedy.

FREE—Handsome prize given away Wednesday. Get free coupons at box office.

N. B.—Reserve your seats now for New Year's eve. Phone Main 2971.

U-GO ORCHESTRA. Reserve your seats by Phone, MAIN 2971.

Want to Rent

Strictly modern 6 or 7-room house, in good neighborhood. Will take short time lease.

Phone Main 2121

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One or two work horses, gentle; will work double anywhere; weight 1300 to 1500. Price \$150 and \$250. Ages 6 and 11. Terms on good paper.

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If you are in need of Coats, Suits, Skirts, Waists, Petticoats, Fancy Goods, Hosiery, Underwear, etc., NOW is the very best time to buy. EVERY PRICE A SACRIFICE.

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