LOCAL AND PERSONAL

For the middle of the week Wendesday was one of the busiest days in several weeks, with many farmers in town, and lively crowds on the streets early in the morning. Quite a number of laborers arrived from the north, anticipating employment on the Pacific highway. A number of local citizens are planning to work teams on the project.

Owen Marsh of the Applegate is transacting business in this city today.

House cleaning made easy. Rent a vacuum cleaner from the Southern Oregon Electric company, $1.50 per day. No. 6, South Central, phone 215-Y. •

County Commissioner J. C. Smith of Rogue River was a Medford visitor Tuesday.

Adrian Rose of the Griffin creek district was in the city Tuesday afternoon on business.

Orchard and farm tractor with plows, harrows and tender wagon. Best bargain in the county at Valley Garage. 290*

Joe Beeman of Gold Hill was a business visitor for a few hours Tuesday in Medford.

B. L. Whiting has left on a surveying trip through the Upper Applegate country.

Orchard and farm tractor with plows, harrows and tender wagon. Best bargain is the county at Valley Garage. 290*

Charlie Get of Yreka, Cal., a pioneer Chinaman of this section, and who mined on Palmer creek 25 years ago is spending a few days in the city visiting his Mongalian countrymen. Get is well known among the older residents of Jacksonville.

Crescent City has named Dr. J. F. Reddy as its choice for a member of the army board to consider the feasibility of the government making improvements in their harbor.

Carkin & Taylor, lawyers. (John H. Carkin, Glenn O. Taylor), Haskins-Boyden Bldg., Main street. •

The family of George King are contemplating moving to Caspar, Wyoming, where Mr. King is at present located, being interested in oil land development.

Emerson Merrick has returned to the University of Oregon, where he will resume his studies. For a time it was feared they would have to be dropped because of eye trouble.

See Tumy for fire insurance. •

Candidates for office are beginning to liven up, and the handshaking season will soon be open. Several aspirants filled with a desire to serve their country are now securing names to nominating petitions. The campaign is not expected to warm up much before the first of April.

Ralph Cowgill made a short trip to Central Point Tuesday afternoon.

Your insurance is right if Holmes writes it, let him write it right, right away. •

Mrs. Mable . Parsons returned to Eugene Wednesday after two days spent in the valley.

A. H. Johnson of Stockton, Cal., is spending a few days in the city on business.

Tumy writes better fire insurance.•

B. L. Luttrell of Yreka, Cal., is transacting business in the city for a few days.

C. W. Jackson of Eagle Point is transacting business in this city today.

Why buy California butter when you can get better butter from the Medford creamery? W. L. Chappell, proprietor. •

Game Warden A. S. Hubbard of Ashland spent Wednesday in the city on business.

R. J. Cole of Hilt, Cal., is transacting business in this city today.

Remember Tumy writes fire insurance. •

Dr. M. E. Smith and wife of Ashland were visitors in Medford Wednesday.

G. A. Harth of The Dalles is a business visitor in Medford this week.

Many Medford friends and acquiantances and lodge brothers of Sam G. Van Dyke attended the funeral services held at his home this morning.

Miss Gladys Thomas of Grants Pass has returned to her home after spending a few days visiting with friends in this city.

Fred Colvig, county recorder, was a business visitor in Medford Tuesday evening.

Kodak finishing, glossy or dull finish at J. O. Gerking's studio, 228 E. Main St. Phone 320-.

D. F. George of Albany is spending a few days in Medford attending to business matters.

State Highway Engineer H. L. Bowlby returned to Salem Tuesday evening. Arrival of cement is awaited to begin actual paving operations on the Central Point road.

The Commercial club held a meeting Tuesday afternoon and adopted resolutions approving of the Medford Center of the Drama League and ordering a years dues for the club be paid, and listened to a cannery project presented by E. F. Honmer, of Portland. A committee composed of Ben Sheldon, Bert Anderson and J. A. Perry were apointed to investigate the proposition.

Keister ladies' tailoring college St. Mark's block. Full course 40 sewing including drafting $25. Forty days sewing course $15 day; drafting course, $15. tf

Chief of Police Hittson has announced his candidacy for the office of sheriff on the democratic ticket, subject to the May primaries. Chief Hittson has had considerable experience in this line of work in Texas and in this state, and has been chief of police of this city for the last three years, and has made a good record. He has a large following.

Attorney A. R. Smith of Grants Pass was a visitor in this city Tuesday, in the interest of Frederick Hollister of Coos Bay, democratic candidate for congress.

If the merchants will not supply you with Medford creamery butter phone 251, W. L. Chappell, proprietor. •

R. R. Minter of Eagle Point returned to his home Tuesday after spending a couple of days in this city on business.

S. S. Bullis is expected to return next week from a business trip to New York.

J. O. Gerking, the best all around photographer in southern Oregon.. Alays reliable. Negatives made anywhere, time or place. Studio 228 Main St. Phone 320-J.

Herman Purucker left Saturday for Pendleton, Ore., where he will be married this week to Miss Lilia Grigsby. Miss Grigsby is a daughter of the Rev. J. S. Grigsby formerly a resident of this city. Miss Grigsby was a member of the high school faculty last year, and is well known among the younger set.

George Hermans of Redding, Cal., is spending a few days in the city on business.

Sugar Pine shakes. Medford Lbr. Co. •

Such talent as Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Janes, Dr. W. J. Marion, Miss Leola Trueblood, Mrs. W. M. Van Scoyoc and William Vawter, give their services to aid the cause of better church music ought to make all that want to foster splendid church music in Medford see it their duty to aid by attending the Methodist church concert Friday, February 27th. 288*

Carl Wendt of Jacksonville was a business visitor in Medford Tuesday afternoon.

C. A. De Voe, Medford agent for the Portland Oregonian, 418 W. Main. Phone 122-R. •

Mrs. F. H. Burkhart, wife of the Ear Theater and little son returned this morning from Sutherlin, Ore., where they were called by the death of Mrs. Burkhart's brother.

Milk and cream at DeVoe's. •

J. A. Hollwell of the upper Rogue is in the city today visiting his G. A. R. friends for a few days.

William Ulrich and Luke Ryan have purchased the entire stock, furniture and fixtures from E. C. Welch trustee in bankruptcy, of the E. C. Ireland Cigar company. They are offering the same for sale at greatly reduced prices for a few days at the same location for cash. 288*

Since the resumption of traffic in Southern California freight travel on the S. P. has been heavy with three to five extra freights daily from the south. Tuesday night one freight with 77 cars passed through.

Keister ladies' tailoring college, 40 days sewing with drafting $25; 40 days sewing course, $15 day; drafting course, $15. •

E. W. Liljegran has just returned from a trip to Southern California.

E. D. Weston, commercial photographer, negatives made any time or place by appointment. Phone M 1471. •

Fresh lime. Medford Lbr. Co. •

Model Bakery goods at De Voes. •

I have purchased the interest of my partners in the Medford cleaning and pressing company and am now sole proprietor. Will be pleased to have your patronage and will guarantee satisfaction. L. R. Wolgamott. 287*

Just received a car of tankage beef scrap, ground bone and oyster shell, wholesale and retail. Russ Mill. •

Orchard and farm tractor with plows, harrows and tender wagon. Best bargain in the county at Valley Garage. 290*

Byron's Troubadours, seven vocal and instrumental artists. Twenty instruments, Page Theater, Friday, Feb. 27. •

Attend the Methodist church concert Friday evening. Enjoy yourself, encourage home talent and aid a choir that stands for the best. 288*

With Medford trade is Medford made.

ECONOMY PLAN MAY OUST AMMAN AS A FIRE CHIEF

Eugene Amann, chief of the fire department, may be ousted from his position at the next meeting of the city council, as another step in the economy policy of the city administration, upon the grounds that his services are a luxury, and that the work of the department does not justify the continuance of a chief's salary. Nothing definite has been decided upon by the council, but they have talked over the matter among themselves.

It was understood among some of the council that Chief Amann intended to resign and move to California, but the matter was brought to a head this week when the chief announced that he did not intend to quit unless the council ousted him from his berth, and that he would make a fight for retention.

Chief Amann draws a salary of $90 a month and has been head of the department for about four years, with six men under him. One objection filed against him is that he is unable to stay at the fire station at night, and therefore speedily respond to an alarm, should one be sent in. Colonel Sargent of the second ward is leading the action against Amann.

The fire department has had its share of differences with the new council. About a week ago eighteen members of the volunteer branch resigned, to take effect March 1, because the council cut out their free telephones. This matter will also be presented at the next meeting of the council Tuesday night.

SEVEN CHICAGO WOMEN NOMINATED ALDERMEN

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Seven Chicago women, complete returns showed today, were nominated for alderman at yesterday's primary election, the first opportunity the women had had to exercise the right of suffrage. Primaries were held in many other cities and towns of the state, but everywhere the woman vote was light.

In Chicago only about 30 per cent of the 158,524 women who had qualified voted. Galesburg reported the heaviest women's vote. It was the scene of a wet and dry contest. The women cast nearly half the total vote.

Three of the women nominated in Chicago were progressives and four were socialists.

Stormy weather and the absence of important issues were responsible for the light vote.

HOLDUP MAN LOSES NERVE DURING CRISIS

A weak hearted hold-up man attempted to hold up Ira J. Dodge of the Korinek Remedy company Monday night on the Jacksonville road, and was thwarted in his criminal purpose by Mr. Dodge shoving his auto into the high and speeding straight at the man, who stood in the middle of the road waving a signal to stop. The looks of the man and his attitude did not appeal, though he showed no weapon. Mrs. Dodge was riding with her husband at the time. The police and sheriff's office have not been advised of the attempt.

According to residents along that road there has been suspicious moves on the part of strangers lately towards autoists, and a new rule in that section is to stop for no one at night for fear of hold-ups.

SENATE REFUSES TO PROBE NEW HAVEN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—By a vote of 32 to 25, the senate this afternoon tabled the Norris resolution, asking the department of justice to inform the senate of the exact negotiations carried on with the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad regarding its reorganization.

JIM HILL CALLER UPON PRESIDENT AT WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—James J. Hill was a caller at the White house today. It was reported that Hill was being considered by President Wilson for membership on the regional reserve board. Hill refused to discuss the report.

TRAIN OF ROOTERS FOR TONIGHT'S GAME

A special train bearing a delegation of Ashland rooters will arrive in Medford this evening to attend the basket ball game at the Nat between the Medford and Ashland high school basket ball teams, to decide the championship of Southern Oregon. The schools of the city have pledged themselves to attend in a body, and today students are making a house to house canvass with tickets, and the attendance promises to be the larcest of the season. The Ashland delegation will bring a band while the locals have a couple of quartettes to make noise. Inasmuch as the support accorded high school athletic events so far this year has been slight it is urged that a good crowd attend the school attraction.

LIGHT FINES ASSESSED FOR RUIN OF A GIRL

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Feb. 25.—The $750 fine imposed here yesterday upon Col. Brent Arnold, general freight agent for the Louisville and Nashville railroad, who pleaded guilty to contributing to the delinquency of Mildred Crane, aged 16, was reduced today to $500. Mrs. Elizabeth Lowen, in whose manicure parlors the girl worked, pleaded guilty today to contributing to Mildred's delinquency, but sentence in her case was suspended. Theodore Roberts pleaded guilty to a similar charge and was fined $100.

ROBBERS STEAL $5 IN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Burglars entered the public library last Saturday night by breaking a basement window and springing the latch, and after thoroughly ransacking the building and turning drawers topsy turvy, found a purse containing $5, belonging to Miss Elizabeth Robinson, the librarian. The robbery was discovered Sunday morning. The police are working upon the theory that it was the work of a boy, who had some knowledge of where Miss Robinson hid her purse.

NEGRO LYNCHED BY MOB IN MISSISSIPPI

LELAND, Miss., Feb. 25.—Failing in an attempt to burn him, a mob shot Sam Petty, a negro accused of murder, to death here last night. He was tied to an iron post, but the flames burned away the ropes and he tried to run. Scores of bullets were fired into his body. Deputy Sheriff C. W. Kirkland was the man he was charged with killing.

GRAND JURY PROBES BLUE SKY VIOLATIONS

No indictments were returned by the grand jury today, but further investigation was made into the alleged violations of the Blue Sky law, that was begun yesterday afternoon, when it was discovered that one of the grand jury men had been a purchaser of stock in outside development projects under question. The grand jury is expected to finish its investigations this afternoon and bring its report and all indictments, if any, at the same time.

This afternoon the circuit court with Judge Cleeton of Portland on the bench began the trial of Nick Antone, an Italian charged with an unnatural crime.

SNOW FALLS FROM GULF TO CAROLINA

CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 25.—The running race meet scheduled to begin here today was postponed on account of snow.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 25.—Snow fell today throughout Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina for the first time in many years. The fall at St. Martinsville, La., amounted to six inches. Thousands of children saw snow for the first time in their lives.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The proposed fisheries treaty between the United States and Canada was favorably reported to the senate by the foreign relations committee.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

OREGON FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION

of McMinnville, in the State of Oregon, on the 31st day of December, 1913, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law.

Income.

Net premiums received during the year	$151,501.66
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	13,445.89
Total income	$164,445.55

Disbursements.

Net losses paid during the year	$ 99,213.64
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	41,571.17
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	475.36
Amount of all other expenditures	8,004.27
Total expenditures	$139,264.44

Assets.

Value of real estate owned (market value)	$ 15,000.00
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	211,800.00
Cash in banks and on hand	18,982.94
Assessments in process of collection	10,000.00
Interest and rents due and accrued	2,497.43
Total assets	$258,780.37
Total assets admitted in Oregon	$258,280.37

Liabilities.

Gross claims for losses unpaid	$ 1,850.00
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	92,541.61
All other liabilities	116.66
Total liabilities	$ 94,508.27
Total premiums in force December 31, 1913	$188,045.12

Business in Oregon for the Year.

Total risks written during the year	$128,912.52
Gross premiums received during the year	152,294.21
Premiums returned during the year	816.38
Losses paid during the year	99,413.64
Losses incurred during the year	98,063.64
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1913	467,625.91

OREGON FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION.
BY W. C. HAGERTY, Secretary.