

A Veteran of the Old Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Devlin of Ruch were in Jacksonville over Saturday night guests of Mrs. Paulin Hines. Mr. Devlin is the owner of a fine ranch but he has leased to his son-in-law, Miles Cantrall, and he and Mrs. Devlin are leading the quiet lives that are a fitting close to them of a long life of great action. Mr. Devlin is one of Erin's sons who has wandered far from his native heath and seen much of the world. When but a lad Mr. Devlin went to sea on a merchant vessel and served before the mast for several years visiting all parts of the world, among the ports being Portland which he visited in the spring of 1853 the vessel he was on taking a load of spars to China. Arriving at that country he enlisted in the United States navy and served under Commodore Perry, at the time that gallant commander was teaching the Chinese and the Japanese to respect the American flag. He was on the frigate Mississippi, a sidewheel steamer, at that time one of the first warships in the United States navy, or any other navy for that matter, at the time that Commodore Perry forced the Japanese to negotiate a treaty to open their ports to American trade. He was with Perry at the time that doughty old commander took it on himself to teach the Chinese, to fear, if they did not respect, the American flag. Commodore Perry had his fleet consisting of the Portsmouth, San Jacinto and Levant lying at anchor in the estuary below Canton and desiring to establish peaceful intercourse with the Chinese he sent an officer in a ship's boat up the river to interview the Chinese officials, but they would have none of it and opened fire from their forts on the boat and a solid shot took off the head of the boat's coxswain and it rolled into the river. Peace negotiations were then off, and that being in the days before the telegraph and the cable when naval officers on foreign stations were given a free hand and neither waited for orders nor diplomatic intervention from their governments when on emergency arose, Commodore Perry had his deck cleared for action in a trice and the Yankee tars went at the Chinaman in a way that made the pigtail soldiery think for sure that the "foreign devils" were after them. The forts, known as the Barrier Forts, were shelled into silence by the warships but not until after a stiff fight by the Chinese, and a storming party was sent ashore to capture the forts, the sailors landing under the protecting fire of their ships. The Chinese kept up a hot fire until the Bluejackets began to scale their walls, when they fled. Mr. Devlin carried a ladder and was one of the first to mount the walls. While in a small boat going from his ship to the attack upon the fort, Mr. Devlin came near losing his head too, for a big solid shot hitting the water skipped and passed just in front of him smashing the thwart of the boat and breaking the oar in Mr. Devlin's hand and driving a splinter from the oar into his arm. That was the only wound that Mr. Devlin received during the attack upon the forts.

Medford Personals.

Harry Merriman is visiting relatives in Albany.

Miss Kate Reed was in Medford Monday and Tuesday.

County School Supt. Patrick Daily was in this city Tuesday.

D. T. Lawton visited his family at Colestin last Sunday.

The Misses Angle, Prudence and Bernice, are staying at Colestin.

E. D. Elwood and family returned from their vacation last Monday.

L. G. Parter and family have been staying at their homestead on Big Butte.

J. A. Whitman, who has been operating a mine on Stines Fork, is again in Medford.

D. G. Karnes is home again. He has been to San Francisco and other points in California.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bates have gone to their homestead on Big Butte. They will be gone some time.

Ivan Humason has been in town for the past few days. He left for his mines at Cinnabar last Tuesday.

Mrs. Paul Theirs and daughter, Geraldine returned last Monday from Colestin, where they have been spending the summer.

Rev. W. F. Shields, pastor of the first Presbyterian church of Medford, has gone to Klamath Falls, his former station, for a short outing.

Miss Elvira Hibbard, Mrs. Rose and Miss Lulu Hartzell have returned from an outing at Colestin. Miss Hibbard expects to return about the 30th.

Slabwood in stove lengths \$1.00 per load at saw mill—Iowa Lumber Co.

Down About Woodville.

Roy Evans has returned from Cottage Grove.

V. W. Birdseye and family have gone to Crescent City for a few weeks outing.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Werts of Coles, California, have been visiting relatives on Fooths Creek.

J. B. Hair, who bought V. W. Birdseye's, B. J. Moyer's and C. A. Clark's crops of hay, has just finished baling and will deliver some to Grants Pass, soon.

D. C. Cameron who moved to Fooths Creek a few weeks ago is going to run the boarding house for the Dredger Company. The company now has its dam completed and the boat is under construction.

B. J. Moyer and wife left for Douglas County this week. Mr. Moyer for the past year has had the G. W. Lance place rented, which was recently purchased by the Christian Champyain Company.

It is reported that the timber deal which has been on hand for the past two years on Fooths Creek, is now about to be pushed to completion. Mr. S'ansel has gone east and expects to have things ready to go to work the middle of next month. An extensive tract of timber was bought last year at the head of the creek and the company intend putting in a rail-road that will connect with the Southern Pacific nearly opposite the mouth of Fooths Creek.

Calcutta wheat bags, barley or oat bags. Shawsheen linen bag twine, in lots to suit. Nunan-Taylor Co.

Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Carpenter were in Jacksonville Saturday from their Willow Springs farm. Mr. Carpenter reports everybody prosperous in that section, the farmers all having good crops and getting big prices for their hay, fruit and other produce.

Mrs. E. C. Brooks to further encourage the spirit of improvement that is now pushing Jacksonville to the front as the handsomest and most progressive town in Southern Oregon has had her house repainted giving it a bright new appearance.

M. D. Sturgis, a well known rancher of Applegate was in Jacksonville Monday getting a load of supplies. Mr. Sturgis handles some sheep along with his other stock, and finds them very profitable, or they would be were it not for the ravages of the coyotes, these marauders coming down from the hills quite frequently and making a raid on his flock.

Curtains are trimmed to fit your windows without extra charge at C. W. Conklin's.

W. L. Orr and J. L. Demmer, doing business at Medford as W. L. Orr & Co. and carrying a stock of general merchandise, have sold out to O. D. Owen. Mr. Owen was lately of the firm of Brown & Owen, grocers, but sold to Carl Crystal. Mr. Owen is an up-to-date merchant, and he will be sure to conduct a store that will be a credit to Medford and fully up to the standard the store was while owned by Messrs. Orr & Demmer. Mr. Orr will probably again take up the planing mill business, but Mr. Demmer has not as yet decided what business he will take up.

W. M. Spence and his son, A. C., were in Jacksonville Monday from their ranch on Rogue river near the mouth of Bear creek. Mr. Spence and his sons are among the alfalfa raisers of Southern Oregon, they having 200 acres on their Rogue river ranch and they have a ranch of 2,000 acres at Pelican Bay in Klamath county which is largely to alfalfa. They expect to plant 300 acres of their Rogue river ranch making 500 acres in all to grass. As an alfalfa meadow yields three crops each season of from two to three tons each, which is selling now in the markets of Jacksonville for \$10 per ton it can be readily figured out that an alfalfa farm is an investment equalled by but few in any line of industrial or commercial activity.

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