

Dressed Up for Christmas....

Every man, old, young or middle age, can dress up for Christmas for very little money if they will buy

Clothing and Furnishing Goods

of us. We are selling our Clothing exceptionally low right now. You get a bargain if you buy within the next two weeks.

CHILDREN'S CAPS

Elegant line of Boys' and Gents' Hats
—for the Holiday trade.

Fine Silk Mufflers, Ladies' Fancy Fac-
inators, Handkerchiefs, Albums.

Toilet Sets, Dolls, Games and Child's Sets.

See Our Display of Holiday Goods

See the Ship in the Window

Buy Christmas Presents—buy them of us and Save Money

W. H. MEEKER & CO.

PURELY PERSONAL.

R. J. LAMAR is at Grants Pass for a few days—for a visit and upon business.

Miss IRENE CHITWOOD was visiting Ashland friends a couple of days this week.

J. J. ULLMAN was up from Gold Hill Wednesday doing business with his many friends.

Mrs. W. MANN, of Central Point, came up Monday and did business with our merchants.

Dr. W. B. OFFICER, of Eagle Point, was at Roseburg this week upon land office business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. DELK left Wednesday for Prospect, where Joe will take up a homestead.

A. S. MOON, one of the many well-to-do ranchers of Sams Valley, was in Medford Wednesday.

Mrs. ELLEN CARDWELL and Mrs. J. C. HALL, of Central Point, were in Medford upon business Monday.

T. F. WEST left yesterday for San Francisco where he will remain a few weeks and receive treatment for catarrh and deafness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. COLEBURN, of Deer Lodge, Montana, arrived in Medford Tuesday and will remain here abouts for six or eight weeks.

Judge and Mrs. L. R. WEBSTER, of Portland, are in the valley—the Judge upon business in Judge Hanna's court and Mrs. Webster visiting friends.

Miss MARY POLK, who has been visiting with Prof. Head and family, returned to her home at Montague Wednesday. Miss Mollie West, also of Montague, is still here visiting Mr. Head's people.

Misses MINERVA NAYLOR and KATIE BELLINGER left Medford last Saturday for San Francisco where they will do dressmaking. Their large circle of friends here are wishing them an abundance of success in their new field.

MARK BAKER, the Gold Hill confectioner, was in Medford Monday making purchases for his new store. Mr. Baker is one of the squarest boys in this part of the valley and if he don't do a good business in Gold Hill he is falling short of his deserved success.

THOS. RILEY was in from Wellen last Saturday with his customary load of produce. Just as regular as the sun rises on every Saturday morning just so sure is Mr. Riley, who runs the produce wagon, to show up in this city. His products are always first-class and very saleable.

A. C. NICHOLSON left Wednesday noon for Redding, Calif., at which place he expects to secure employment at carpentering. Art is a cracking good workman and an all round good fellow—and all his friends here are hoping he will find work plentiful and wages out of sight on the top side.

Miss HATTIE BLISS returned last Saturday from the Antioch district, in which she closed her second term of school a couple of weeks ago. The lady has given such entire satisfaction as a teacher that she is now asked to teach a few months of subscription school—to commence in about a month.

E. N. WARNER and family arrived in Medford Monday from Neligh, Nebraska. Mr. Warner is a son of Townsman W. E. Warner—and he is here for a permanent stay. The young man is a splendid appearing fellow and if we guess not incorrectly both himself and family will make citizens of the kind we like to have among us.

D. I. WALDROOP, H. M. CROWELL, Capt. W. S. CROWELL, of Medford, and D. H. YAGER, of Jenny Creek, were at Roseburg this week upon land office business. The two former gentlemen are making proof upon their homesteads in the Jenny Creek country and the two latter are witnesses. Mr. Waldroop's proof is being contested by Dr. W. B. Officer, of Eagle Point.

H. H. MILLER and A. B. TOWNSEND left Saturday for San Francisco, where Mr. Miller will take a position as traveling salesman for a wholesale tea house. Mr. Townsend expects to engage in mining pursuits in some of the mining districts in California. Both these gentlemen are capital good fellows and none there are who is wishing them more success than THE MAIL.

E. E. MINER and family, formerly of Ashland, are now residents of this city, they having moved here last week and

are now cosily domiciled in A. J. Stewart's splendid new residence, in Southwest Medford. Mr. Miner is interested quite extensively in mining property in the Willow Springs district, which property he will now give more of his personal attention. His mines are both placer and quartz, but only the quartz will be worked this season. He is in on one ledge 110 feet and in good paying ore—and lots of it. The coming of these good people to Medford as permanent residents is a source of much pleasure—to us.

—J. H. BAIRD now of Tolo and formerly of Tacoma, was in Medford last Friday, and while in the city dropped in to the home of THE MAIL. Mr. Baird is connected with the Tolo Mining company and reported everything his way enjoying a satisfactory state of prosperity. Mr. Baird in referring to the Boggs' matter said that he thought that an injustice had been done Mr. Boggs in the whole affair, and that the trial just beginning would prove that he was acting under orders from the city council and upon the advice of the city attorney. We trust that the facts bearing upon the case will support a hopeful view of it, and we shall be able to publish some of the leading points in Mr. Boggs' defense in a week or two.

Postmaster G. W. KNIGHTON and his son EDWARD, of Trail, were in Medford Monday on business. The junior Mr. Knighton is the owner of 240 acres of as nice bottom land as are oftentimes found scattered about the country. The gentleman is improving his farm by planting trees and clearing the land, all of which is commendable. Mr. K. also keeps a hotel, or rather, a stopping place, for the accommodation of travelers and immigrants—which latter he states have been plentiful the past season, and further, that many of the families coming his way have been located on fine quarter sections of government land—and there is still more land—and more immigrants coming.

TOLD IN A FEW LINES.

Read the city ordinances in another column.

The hose boys will give a dance on Christmas eve.

The steel roof is finished on the new school building.

Edward Polk, of Montague, is attending the Medford business college.

Joe Hannah and his pottery will be fully appreciated when located in Medford.

Walter Anderson is pretty sick with rheumatism. Dr. Jones is in attendance.

Walter Anderson is putting in a foundation for his new residence—in East Medford.

Butler & Green, the artists, are beautifying the Childers residence, on North C street.

Elmer Bashford is attending to business at the Crater during Dan's absence in Roseburg.

The little folks are admiring the Racket's Christmas tree, and well they ought—it's a beauty.

Jack Baird is doing the square thing these short days by turning on his electric lights earlier than usual.

Robt. Lawton is learning harness-making—in his father's shop—and he's all right—any place you put him.

The Medford scholars are doing some good work, notwithstanding the inconvenience under which they are laboring.

There are amusements galore booked for this month. If there isn't a date made for every evening there is surely a mistake.

The person who would make a kick on the weather Southern Oregon is now enjoying would kick if he was in a foot ball game.

The grading and graveling of South D street is an alford good scheme. A similar act ought to be executed on North D street.

For Sale or Trade.

Forty acres of land joining Medford, good five room house, good out buildings, sixteen acres in trees, eighteen two-year old and twelve acres in alfalfa. Will trade for stock of goods, hardware or furniture preferred. Cash will buy cheaper. A nice home. Enquire of or address

REV. J. MERLEY,
Central Point, Ore.

BITS OF LOCAL RAILWAY NOTES.

J. L. Castle, he who has been buying stock in this locality during the past week or two, shipped two double-decked carloads of sheep—400 head—to Portland Sunday night.

The incoming and outgoing freight at the Medford station is steadily increasing—for the months of October and November, just past, the figures were higher than any other two months in the city's history.

Seven carloads of stock was taken out of Medford Tuesday morning for the San Francisco market. Five of these were cattle and were shipped by J. W. Wiley and two of them were hogs and shipped by C. M. Harvey.

Messrs. J. H. Stewart and Weeks & Orr received a carload—24000 pounds—of sulphur this week from Nevada, the same to be used in spraying their large orchards. Mr. Stewart states that the Nevada sulphur is reported superior to that from other localities—hence the large order.

Messrs. Weeks & Orr shipped this week two carloads of 24,000 pounds each, of very fine prunes, to St. Paul, Minnesota. It is always a pleasure to mention the shipment of fruit from the orchards of Weeks & Orr, because of the fact that when it is on the market there always comes back to Southern Oregon words of praise for the products of our land. There is nothing that succeeds like success—and these people are among the successful ones. It required a few years of diligent toil to bring their orchards into profitable bearing, but that date arrived two seasons ago since which time, and still on without date, the accruing profits are now and, have been flattering and are making an easy stand off for those years when the bloom didn't bloom and the profit was on the loss side of their ledger book. It is the fellow who stays everlastingly at it that scores the most telling marks on the orchardist's list of successes.

Among the Churches.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.
There will be services at the M. E. church, South, next Sunday—morning and evening. Rev. J. A. Crutchfield, pastor.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Bishop Morris and Rev. Hart will hold divine services in the Episcopal church, in this city, next Tuesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock.

BAPTIST CHURCH.
At the Baptist church next Sunday pastor W. C. Jenkins will preach morning and evening. Morning subject: "Bound With Grave Clothes." Evening subject: "The Two Altars of Cain and Abel." All will be heartily welcomed.

PASTORS' MEETING.
The pastors of the various churches of the city are requested to meet at I. A. Webb's store on Friday, December 13 at 1 p. m., for the purpose of conference and the consideration of plans of co-operation in our work.

Rev. A. S. FOSTER,
Pastor Presbyterian church.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
Services at the usual hours in the several departments of work. Usual activity in the Sunday school for Christmas eve entertainment, which will be of the usually high order. Sermons—11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Morning theme—"Friendship's Ties." Evening theme—"Why I am a Christian." Good congregational singing. A welcome for all. An especial invitation to transient church goers.

The Choral Union passed a complimentary resolution of thanks to the press, business men and all those persons whose help made the Cantata so successful.

—Mining Deeds at this office.

—Wood for sale G. L. Davis.

—All kinds of wood for sale, Bellinger & Co., the draymen.

—Cleaning, dyeing and repairing—ladies' and gents' clothing—Excelsior Dye works.

—The Populists meet at Woolf's hall every Saturday night. Welcome everybody.

—There is no flour quite its equal—See the brand on the sack, Rogue River Mills, A. M. Woodford.

Medford to Have a Pottery.

This paper in times ago has had much to say regarding the excellent quality of the pottery turned out by Mr. J. C. Hannah, who lives up near Beagle, this county, loads of which pottery is yearly brought to Medford and readily disposed of. Like all gentlemen who have enterprises on their hands of great importance Mr. Hannah has headed himself Medfordway with an avowed intention of establishing himself and his enterprise in our busy, bustling Hub city—of the great and only Rogue river valley. The gentleman was in Medford last week enquiring around among our business men regarding a chance for a little assistance from them toward establishing the enterprise. R. H. Halley swung into line with him and within a very few hours they had rounded up \$125. The gentleman expected a little more than this. He stating that about \$400 would be necessary, but in view of the fact that he can possibly make a real estate trade which will give him a building place the full \$400 will not be required. If this deal is made the pottery will be established on property but a short distance west from the Bashford brewery.

Mr. Hannah is a moulder of clay with ability superior to many and we might almost say excelled by none. His work which has been exhibited and sold in Medford for the past several years is the best possible recommendation. The fact that he has been established a great distance from this central point has greatly deterred him in covering a greater territory for the sale of his wares. When established here he will manufacture fruit jars, milk pails, flower pots, fire brick, terra cotta ware, and, in fact, anything and everything made from clay. The clay he will use will be from the Reynolds farm on Evans creek—from which place he has formerly been procuring it.

While to some this enterprise may seem of little importance, yet it must be remembered that these small projects are bound to grow in proportion with the opportunity given them. It does not require a great amount of money to give Mr. Hannah a start—let us do it.

"Hic'ry Farm"—No Sticky.

The Jacksonville dramatic club will present the great drama, "Hic'ry Farm," at the opera house in Medford, on Friday evening December 20. This play gave the best of satisfaction as produced by the Jacksonville dramatic club in that town on the evening of the 6th, and should be greeted by a large audience in this city. Beautiful stage settings and correct and elaborate costumes will be among the features. Tickets will be on sale in due time. Admission 35 cents; children 20 cents. No extra charge for reserved seats.

—W. H. McGowan & Co. have as fine a line of crockery and glassware as was ever brought to this city.

—A complete line of new fall millinery at Mrs. C. W. Palm's.

—Our good townsman, L. Shideler, has been quite ill for several weeks past, but is now able to be about again.

—Wells, the drayman, has spring trucks—especially adapted for moving household goods.

—Attorney S. S. Pentz is suffering from a badly sprained knee—all of which is decidedly unpleasant and inconvenient.

—Five bars of full sixteen ounce Royal Savon soap for two bits, at Lumsden & Berlin's.

—The creameries all over the county are closing for the winter. This is a new industry in Siskiyou and is proving a most successful one.—Y. J. Journal.

—Price's cream baking powder—full pound—16 ounces, for 35 cents. Guaranteed. Lumsden & Berlin.

—There are three possible nominees for city recorder. B. S. Webb, the present incumbent, J. W. Curry, the drayman, and W. T. York, formerly of THE MAIL.

—M. P. Phipps has his new brick dwelling house about completed. By Christmas time he expects to have his family located therein and a fat turkey for a Christmas jubilee.

Public Auction Sale.

As I will leave soon for my bee ranch in California, I will sell at public auction on Saturday, December 21, my property consisting of fourteen (14) acres with nice residence, cellar-house, barn and splendid well, located just a mile west of the new public school building, on West Seventh street, in the city of Medford. Young orchard of 24 acres, good family varieties winter apples, peaches, prunes, nectarines, almonds, apricots and pears—part already in bearing, also small fruits. Will also sell household furniture, garden tools new buggy, harness, and good horse; furniture good and almost new carpets. Above will be sold for cash. Sale to commence at 1:30 p. m. Some time, if desired, on part of the purchase price of real estate. Inspection of the property invited. Title perfect.

CHAS. E. WOLVERTON.

Encampment Election.

At their annual election held Wednesday evening Rogue River encampment No. 30 elected the following officers for the ensuing term:

Chief patriarch, Z. Maxey; high priest, L. Woolf; senior warden, C. J. Howard; junior warden, E. A. Johnson; R. S., I. A. Webb; P. S., D. T. Lawton; Treas., S. Rosenthal.

BEWARE IN TIME.

SCIATICA

TO USE ST. JACOBS OIL.

DELAY, AND THOSE TWINGES MAY TWIST YOUR LEG OUT OF SHAPE.

The first acute twinge of IS THE WARNING

Circuit Court Proceeding.

State vs Ben Evans; the grand jury return a true bill of indictment. A. F. Stearns and C. L. Chenoweth vs Bohannon; judgement by default in favor of defendant for \$164.90 and \$40 attorneys fee and property heretofore attached be sold to satisfy judgment.

H. A. Hines vs Drusilla Mee et al; dismissed.

State vs Neuber; dismissed.

G. W. Hamlin vs W. I. Vawter et al; dismissed.

GRAND JURY

N. Langell, foreman, J. H. Gay, J. M. Loftland, A. H. Boothby, W. A. Patrick and J. J. Holt. S. A. Carlton, Louis Brownworth and Shideler excused as jurors.

State vs John Doe; grand jury returned a true bill.

The creditors of the estate of Myre and Gregory met Saturday and elected H. C. Myre assignee vice J. H. Martain resigned.

—Coughing irritates the delicate organs and aggravates the disease. Instead of waiting, try One Minute Cough Cure. It helps at once, making expectoration easy, reduces the soreness and inflammation. Every one likes it. Geo. H. Haskins, druggist.

ORDINANCE NO. 143.

AN ORDINANCE to Provide for the Grading and Graveling the Alley Running North and South Through Block No. Twenty (20) in the Town of Medford, Oregon.

SECTION 1.—It is hereby ordered that the owners of lots on the East and West side of the alley running North and South in Block twenty (20) grade and gravel said alley opposite their respective lots or property and to the center of all alleys that intersect said alley by means of the necessary cuts and fills.

SEC. 2.—Said grade shall conform to the established grade as provided for in Ordinance No. nine (9) of the said Town of Medford, and in accordance with the survey now on record in the Recorder's office.

SEC. 3.—It shall be the duty of the Recorder within thirty days from the passage of this Ordinance, to make out a list of all real property fronting on said alley in block No. twenty (20) together with the names of the owner or owners thereof and deliver the same to the street commissioner.

SEC. 4.—Upon the receipt of such list the street commissioner shall notify such owner or owners by delivering or sending to him or them a written notice requiring him or them to grade and gravel said alley as provided for in section one (1) and two (2) on or before February 1, 1896.

SEC. 5.—The grading and graveling of said alley shall be under the supervision of the street commissioner, who shall accept the work when completed, said alley to be graded and graveled to have six inches of gravel from gutter to gutter of said street.

SEC. 6.—All persons owning property upon that portion of the street named herein and after having been duly notified to comply with the requirements of this Ordinance and upon their failure to do so on or before February 1, 1896, as provided in the fourth (4) section of this said Ordinance, the street commissioner shall be and is hereby empowered and directed to do said work and the expenses of same when ascertained shall be paid by the Board of Trustees of said Town, in the same manner as provided in sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, of Ordinance No. eighty-four (84) of said Town passed August 26, 1895 and provided for making and repairing sidewalks.

SEC. 7.—This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage. This Ordinance was passed by the town board of trustees at their meeting held in the town hall of the Town of Medford, Oregon, on this 3rd day of December, 1895, as their names were called: J. W. Lawton, aye; C. J. Howard, aye; J. R. Wilson, aye; E. W. Starr, aye.

Attest: G. H. HASKINS, Mayor.

B. S. Webb, Recorder.

ORDINANCE NO. 144.

AN ORDINANCE to Provide for the Grading and Graveling Eighth Street From the Intersection of "C" Street to the Intersection of "D" Street in the Town of Medford, Oregon.

SECTION 1.—It is hereby ordered that the owners of lots or property on the North and South side of Eighth street between "C" street and "D" street grade and gravel said eighth street opposite their respective lots or property and to the center of all streets and alleys that intersect said Eighth street by means of the necessary cuts and fills.

SEC. 2.—Said grade shall conform to the established grade as provided in Ordinance No. nine (9) of the said Town of Medford, and in accordance with the survey now on record in the Recorder's office.

SEC. 3.—It shall be the duty of the Recorder within thirty days from the passage of this Ordinance, to make out a list of all real property on the North and South side of Eighth street between the points designated in section one (1) of this Ordinance together with the names of the owner or owners thereof and deliver the same to the street commissioner.

SEC. 4.—Upon the receipt of such list the street commissioner shall notify such owner or owners by delivering or sending to him or them a written notice requiring him or them to grade and gravel Eighth street as provided for in section one (1) and two (2) on or before February 1, 1896.

SEC. 5.—The grading and graveling of said Eighth street shall be under the supervision of the street commissioner who shall accept the work when completed, said Eighth street to have six inches of gravel from gutter to gutter of said street.

SEC. 6.—All persons owning property upon that portion of the street named herein and after having been duly notified to comply with the requirements of this Ordinance and upon their failure to do so on or before the 1st day of February, 1896 as provided in the fourth (4) section of this Ordinance the street commissioner shall be and is hereby empowered and directed to do said work and the expense of same when ascertained shall be paid by the Board of Trustees of said Town, in the same manner as is provided in sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, of Ordinance No. eighty-four (84) of said Town passed August 26, 1895, and provided for making and repairing sidewalks.

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B. S. Webb, Recorder.

When I Get Things Fixed

I will have one of the neatest and best stocked

ROCERY STORES in this city.

It requires a few weeks' time to get everything in shape, but, even though my goods are not all here, I have probably as complete a line Groceries as you will find any place in your city. My stock is

New, Neat and Strictly First Class

Give the new man a trial. Located in Elder building, corner Seventh and B streets, Medford, Oregon.

A. NUTT.

ORDINANCE NO. 142.

AN ORDINANCE to Provide for the Grading and Graveling "D" Street From the Intersection of Seventh Street to One Hundred and Fifty Feet South of the South Line of Eighth Street on "D" Street in the Town of Medford, Oregon.

SECTION 1.—It is hereby ordered that the owners of lots or property on the East and West side of "D" street between the intersection of Seventh street and one hundred and fifty feet south of the south line of Eighth on "D" street grade and gravel said "D" street opposite their respective lots or property and to the center of all streets that intersect said "D" street by means of the necessary cuts and fills.

SEC. 2.—Said grade shall conform to the established grade as provided in Ordinance No. nine (9) of the said Town of Medford and in accordance with the survey now on record in the Recorder's office.

SEC. 3.—It shall be the duty of the recorder within thirty days from the passage of this Ordinance to make out a list of all real property fronting on the east and west side of "D" street between the points designated in section one (1) of this Ordinance together with the names of the owner or owners thereof and deliver the same to the street commissioner.

SEC. 4.—Upon the receipt of such list the street commissioner shall notify such owner or owners by delivering or sending to him or them a written notice requiring him or them to grade and gravel "D" street as provided for in section one (1) and two (2) on or before February 1, 1896.

SEC. 5.—The grading and graveling of said "D" street shall be under the supervision of the street commissioner who shall accept the work when completed, said "D" street to be graded and graveled to have six inches of gravel from gutter to gutter of said street.

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Blood and Thunder...

Are you aware of the great battle being fought by America and Rome. The Liberty Bell will sound Independence at 8:30 o'clock tonight for the only American artists in business in Medford!

Look at these 50c, 1.50 and \$2

—prices.

Per dozen at the Medford gallery for 365 days in a year. We are the only superior Photographers in Medford.

BAKER BROS., of Elder Bldg.

The Medford Nursery

Is now prepared to supply all varieties of fruit trees and shrubbery. Get prices before buying elsewhere.

Located one mile east of Medford...

E. RUSS, Prop'r.

DROP IN

And Join the Procession

The other night as I strolled down the street a brace of lovers I chanced to meet. Along the walk they softly tread— And this is what the young man said:

"My beautiful angel, come, go with me to the bright sunny south, to my old ancestral home, where the beautiful birds carol forth their sweet songs and the orange blooms in mid winter."

She looked into his face with a sweet and loving smile and said, "I'll go if you'll buy me a box of Candy, and yourself a Cigar—at the Crater—Dan knows how to put them up."

THE CRATER...

D. I. Waldroop, Prop'r.

Seventh street, opposite Hotel Nash.