

HAVE YOU SEEN THE "RACKET" KIDS?

They are Black, Tan and Brown, and are cheap, too. When you want a nice Glove call and examine them. Those Japanese goods are attracting the ladies' attention very much. Those screens, vases, cups and saucers, Chocolate pots, trays, portiers, dolls, etc., are beauties. Do you want a Jacket, Mackintosh or Cape? If you do the best thing you can do is to get into a "Racket."

Santa Claus is silently and slyly unloading his Holiday goods at his new stand, but does not want anybody to know it until after Thanksgiving, when he expects to surprise the public with a large display. And

REMEMBER

That with your purchases you receive tickets entitling you to a fine piece of Silverware free. Ask for them at the "Racket."

G. L. WEBB

Medford,

Oregon

NEWS OF THE CITY.

THE MAIL has always been a firm advocate of the policy of patronizing home industry and home business men, because there can be no doubt that such a cause invariably results in a very perceptible gain to the purchaser and at the same time acts as a stimulus to the home merchant—a thing which, if he is at all reliable, he is justly and unmistakably entitled to. There have been some few cases hereabouts of people sending to city business houses for articles and in which they were badly beaten, which we could cite in support of the correctness of the course we have always maintained on this question, but two cases have come under our observation recently which will fit in well as examples and which should have a wholesome effect upon those contemplating a repetition of the cases in question. A gentleman, in this city, sent to a well known firm of Chicago for some articles, the cost of which was three dollars, when the package arrived he was confronted with a bill for expressage of just a few cents less than three dollars and fifty cents. After reflecting for some time upon the advisability of accepting the package he decided that inasmuch as he had ordered it he would see it through, but his chagrin was not to terminate yet. As soon as the articles were unwrapped they were found to be of a quality inferior to that which could be purchased in Medford at even less cost than the original purchase price in Chicago. The other case is even more flagrant than the one just cited. A lady sent to New York City for a cake stand, which cost one dollar and sixty-seven cents and her express charges were four dollars and seventy-five cents. Is there need of saying more?

We now have several good improved farms on our list for sale or rent. We also represent several first class insurance companies. Anyone desiring anything in our line, will do well to give us a call. York & Jones, Real Estate and Insurance Brokers, office over Haskins' drug store.

The young ladies' members of the brass band, recently organized in this city, have decided to give an entertainment during the holidays, the proceeds to be applied in purchasing instruments for the band. They are making very perceptible progress in their work, and have entered upon the enterprise with a determination that is bound to culminate successfully, but, realizing the necessity of having their own instruments, and that the barrier must be surmounted before they can fully realize the success they desire to attain, they have decided to take the first step toward the consummation of this necessary adjunct. The entertainment will be replete with features that are most likely to entertain the average congregation, and will consist of farces, musical selections, both vocal and instrumental, by the best talent in the city, besides numerous other features that are bound to make the evening an enjoyable one. "The Sweet Family," that highly interesting comedy, will be presented under the auspices of the band as will also "Tennyson's Dream of Fair Women," which in themselves, would be worth the small admission fee that will be charged. Let everyone turn out and assist in placing this enterprise on a substantial basis.

Why suffer with coughs, colds and lagrippe when Laxative Bromo Quinine will cure you in one day. Put up in tablets convenient for taking. Guaranteed to cure, or money refunded. Price 25 cents.

The concert given by the Choral union of the Christian church at the opera house Wednesday evening was one of the most pleasing local entertainments of the season in Medford. The genuine generosity of the Medford citizens and the unselfish interest which they take in church affairs of the city are always sure to make these entertainments successful in point of attendance, and the local talent of the city can be relied upon to do the rest. At the time appointed to commence the exercises, a good sized audience had assembled to witness the exercises and the hearty applause which greeted the respective participants upon their appearance infused in them the vigor necessary to present their parts in the creditable manner which marked the entire program. The singing was splendid, the recitations were all good and the beautiful cantata, "The Season," was a fitting dessert for the feast of good things to be seen and was the chef d'œuvre of the evening's entertainment.

Fresh and cured meats, sausages, etc. can now be had at the West-side market, where the lowest market price prevails. Give me a call. Westside Market, two doors south of the West-ern hotel.

The graveyard of failure is full of monuments erected over the blasted hopes of merchants who had plenty of good things to sell, but who neglected to place their merits properly before the people. The time for the holiday trade is fast drawing near, and mer-

chants can find no better medium of averting the calamity that has been the lot of their procrastinating brothers, and at the same time insuring themselves of their just proportion of the trade, than THE MAIL, and there is no better time than now. Bring in your ads. and join hands with those whose names are already in our columns. You say the word—we write the ads and them display in a manner that will catch the trade.

Beidleman & Nicholson can accommodate you with anything in the harness and saddlery line. They have a fine line of lap robes, stable blankets and whips. Their prices will positively defy competition—and satisfaction guaranteed.

We are sorry to learn that J. K. Darnell has not received any tidings of the whereabouts of his son Calvin, who mysteriously disappeared a few weeks ago, and the grave fear which has been foisted upon him, is likely to be confirmed. Truckee, Calif., the place where he was last seen, is considered one of the toughest places in the state, it being inhabited to a great extent by a very dangerous element, and the fact that several similar occurrences have preceded this one, lends color to the apprehension felt here for the safety of the young man.

The length of life may be increased by lessening its danger. The majority of people die from lung trouble. These may be averted by promptly using One Minute Cough Cure. Geo. H. Haskins.

An attachment was levied on the Gray lumber yard in this city Tuesday by Richard Perry and J. Beck & Co. The attachment was made to recover money claimed by the above mentioned, but there will probably be a settlement of the claim without taking the matter into court. THE MAIL hopes a settlement will be effected, as occurrences of this nature are always detrimental to the best interests of a town, and Medford business firms have always maintained a reputation for being the most substantial on the coast.

A thorough course in single and double entry bookkeeping—shortest method in use. Tuition \$15. Rooms over Oyster Bay lunch room. Class hours 7:30 to 9:30 p. m. Geo. E. Weber.

Attorney W. C. Jenkins' steam wood saw is just now enjoying an unusually large run of business, under the able management of J. H. Ward. They have already sawed over 500 cords, and have a large number of orders on hand, and are constantly receiving more. The dispatch with which they execute their work is one of its strongest recommendations—and because of this and their ability to save the consumer money, they are receiving their large patronage.

Bee Hive baking powder is all right and with it goes a good bit of crockery. Davis, the grocer, sells it—also sells the very freshest and best of groceries.

Hardly a week passes but some one is able to add another link to the chain which is rapidly bringing Jackson county to the front as a fruit and berry producing community of more than ordinary importance. D. T. Lawton, of this city, left on our desk this week, a branch of a red raspberry bush, which is literally loaded with berries, some ripe and others just beginning to ripen, while others were in the bloom. Who can beat this for November?

Remember that we are making reductions in our Prize baking powders and giving elegant prizes with them. Call and see the beautiful prizes offered. Lumsden & Berlin.

An indictment was found against J. W. Hunt, the Darby postmaster, by the U. S. grand jury at Portland last week. He is charged with having made a false report to the postmaster at Portland, and of having misappropriated money. He denied the charge, but claimed that he had made a mistake in his report. He asked to be allowed to plead guilty to making a false report, but the court ordered a plea of not guilty entered and set the date of his hearing December 21st.

Mrs. Mills' Cream baking powder at G. L. Davis' grocery store. You get a prize with each package—either silverware or a watch. The powder is pronounced all right.

Some miscreant entered W. K. Davis' store house either Saturday or Sunday night and took therefrom just an even dozen jars of Mrs. Davis' choicest canned fruit. Mrs. D. isn't making any very vigorous protest because of the loss of the fruit but she would like the jars to fill again next season. Others of our townspeople, who are at present more fortunate than these good people, should profit by their misfortune and bar the door.

Found—A lady's purse, containing a small amount of money. The owner will recover the same by calling at this office, proving property and paying for this notice.

The magic lantern exhibition, under the auspices of the Episcopal church, last Monday evening at the opera house, was a very successful affair. A large number holding tickets did not attend, owing to the heavy downpour of rain during the evening,

but notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, they were greeted by a fair sized audience, whose hearty applause was evidence that the entertainment was highly appreciated.

Hall's Hair Renewer enjoys the confidence and patronage of people all over the civilized world, who use to restore and keep the hair a natural color.

The final argument in the Hamersley mine lien cases was made before Judge Hanna at the re-convening of circuit court at Grants Pass last Monday. Jones & Otten, the present owners of the mine, were represented by Wm. Colvig, of Jacksonville, Hammond & Vawter, of Medford, and Attorneys R. G. Smith and H. L. Benson conducted the case for the lien claimants. The cases were taken under advisement by the court.

See Mackey for fine Photos, at once, for Christmas presents. Your friends want them—carbon and aristo, platino carbon effects.

Joe Hill, the drayman, met with a very painful accident last Saturday while loading some machinery. He lost his balance and fell across the machinery, his forearm striking a large protruding wire nail, with such force as to drive it through the arm just above the wrist. He went immediately to Dr. Jones' office and had the wound dressed and is now getting along nicely, but it will be some time before he can use his arm again.

Cigars, tobacco and candies kept always on hand at the Oyster Bay lunch room. Just south of Hotel Nash.

Some idea of Medford's standing as a shipping center can be obtained from the fact that from November 19 until November 24, there were shipped from the express office in this city, 8014 pounds of turkeys. All but 1825 pounds of these were dressed. The number of pounds for the month would probably aggregate 25,000—another item that indicates Medford's importance.

Oregon Kidney tea is pleasant to the taste and the most effective blood purifier known. Sold by Chas Strang, druggist.

A decree of foreclosure was granted against the Jacksonville Times last week, at a special term of court, in favor of C. W. Kahler. The amount for which judgment was given amounts to \$2821, which covers the real estate, presses, material and fixtures. Execution has been issued on the judgment, and the property will be sold at auction at Jacksonville, on December 26th.

All kinds of wood for sale. Long wood, short wood, hard wood, soft wood—and just plain wood. Bellinger & Hill, draymen.

The Table Rock postoffice has been removed three eighths of a mile south of its former site and J. C. Pendleton appointed postmaster. The citizens of Table Rock are to be congratulated upon having a postmaster whose every qualification is so admirably suited to the position—and THE MAIL feels justified in saying that no better selection could have been made.

A set of bread, cake and paring knives with every can of Pearl baking powder, and only 35 cents. Lumsden & Berlin.

Chas. A. Wilson, of Jacksonville, and Miss Cora Bashford, the highly accomplished and respected daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bashford, who reside about three miles southeast of Medford, were married at the residence of Geo. Hines, at Jacksonville, Sunday, Rev. Shulise, officiating. THE MAIL extends the young people its best wishes.

Rolled barley for sale, rolled on "smooth rolls." Custom rolling done on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Medford Brewery and Ice Works.

Bellinger & Hill, draymen, report that last Friday and Saturday they unloaded a carload of coal for G. F. Merriman, a carload of salt for the Southern Oregon Pork Packing company, and a car of coal oil for the Standard Oil company. They also loaded a car of bacon for the Southern Oregon Pork Packing company.

Wood for sale—I have 25 cords of fire wood, in Medford, which I will sell at \$2.90 per cord. Frank R. Bellinger, West Sixth street, Medford.

There seems to be little doubt that Portland will have another daily paper. Some of the most prominent and wealthy business men of that city have interested themselves in the project and it is confidently expected that the paper will be launched about the first of the year. It is to be of the democratic faith.

We are making a reduction in our Prize baking powder. Here is the place to buy it—Lumsden & Berlin.

The Medford Steam laundry is doing a good business these days, and is turning out good work, but they are able to handle considerable more, and to convince those who do not patronize them, that their work is first class, they ask you to give them a trial order, and if the work is not satisfactory it will cost you nothing.

C. L. Kirk, living about six miles east of Medford, has traded his farm to Wm. Cochran, of Grants Pass, for property in Barton county, Missouri. Mr. Kirk will leave for the above named

place within a few weeks and will take with him his household effects and some stock.

Highest market price paid for eggs—either cash or trade, at Lumsden & Berlin's.

Three horses were sold at auction Monday afternoon by City Marshal Cofer, for which he realized twenty-nine cents, one dollar, and one dollar and fifty cents respectively. They were all three fairly good looking horses, but the three above prices were the best bids that could be obtained.

De Witt's Sarsaparilla is prepared for cleansing the blood. It builds up and strengthens constitutions impaired by disease. Geo. H. Haskins.

A reception was tendered by the Masonic lodge of Medford, to the Grand Masonic Lecturer, G. M. Stroud, of Portland, upon his official visit to the lodge Tuesday evening. Quite a number of members of the order from Grants Pass, Ashland and Jacksonville were in attendance at the meeting.

A big boy baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Coul, who are stopping at Hotel Nash, this week.

The case of E. J. Kaiser vs. Eggleston, Holt, Taylor, Colvig and Soliss was tried before Justice Hammond, at Ashland, last Friday and resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff. The defendants will probably appeal from the decision and have the case tried before Judge Hanna.

At G. L. Davis' grocery store will always be found a fine assortment of fruits of all varieties.

J. W. Wiley, of Phoenix, moved his family to Medford this week so as to be more centrally located for his shipping business. He intends to ship a large number of cattle and hogs to San Francisco this winter. He is located in Geo. Isaacs house, near the school building.

Parties desiring loans on first-class improved farms, please call and see York & Jones.

Thomas A. Morris and Miss Etta F. Kincaid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kincaid, were married on the 23d, inst., at two o'clock, Rev. J. A. Crutchfield officiating. Both of these young people are held in high esteem and embark in life with many good wishes of hosts of friends.

Fresh milk every morning at the Bay lunch room which can be had at regular rates.

W. L. and Frank Cameron of Uniontown delivered a drove of 105 head of fine beef cattle in Medford Tuesday, which were sold to California parties. The price paid was two cents per pound. They will be driven to Montague to be fed this winter.

Lunches prepared on short notice, day or night at the Bay lunch room.

Americans like to laugh, and this fact is not overlooked by the Schubert Symphony club. Several numbers on their program as well as all their encores are full of fun and you will be highly entertained by their program at the opera house, Nov. 27.

If you want any of those fine fresh oysters at the Bay lunch room, you will have to hurry—they go like hot cakes.

F. M. Mings is erecting a building on his lots adjoining Weeks Bros' furniture store on the West Side and will open a blacksmithing business therein in company with Hugh Elliott, of Jacksonville, as soon as completed.

Beardless barley, for seed, for sale, at the feed store of J. R. Erford.

Our new ads in this issue are Deuel & Stevens, The Fair, Beck & Co., W. H. Meeker & Co., and H. C. Mackey. Some very convincing arguments are put forth in these ads and are worthy of your notice. Don't fail to read them.

A fine line of cigars always kept on hand at the Bay lunch room.

A. A. Whiteman, of Central Point, who is in San Francisco, undergoing medical treatment, has been operated upon and the tumor in his side removed. He stood the operation well and is rapidly improving.

Watches cleaned and warranted for one year for \$1—Pritchard, the jeweler.

Mrs. Mary Dennis, a colored evangelist, preached to a good sized audience at the M. E. church last Tuesday evening. She is making a tour of the

J. S. WEISER



OPTICIAN

Dr. J. S. Weiser, of San Francisco, the "Emporium," Market St., the well-known oculist-optician, is now at Hotel Nash, room 2. If you are in any way troubled with your eyes don't fail to call on the doctor. Consultation free. He will remain but a short time.

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Offer this week
the celebrated

**Kid Fitting
Corset No. 218**

Best one dollar
Corset on the
market ...

See cut in the corner ...

J. G. VanDyke & Co.

Pacific coast and doing good service for the christian cause.

Over two hundred and fifty tickets have been sold for the Schubert's entertainment tonight, which insures them one of the largest houses ever secured by any traveling troupe which has played in Medford.

D. Brooks is this week putting down a new walk in front of his place of business. This gentleman is getting all the corners necessary for a cracking good place of business rounded off in a style most pleasing.

Mr. F. M. Lance and Miss Minnie Mathews, both of Woodville, were married at Jacksonville Wednesday, by Rev. Shulise. They will reside at Woodville, where Mr. Lance has extensive mining interests.

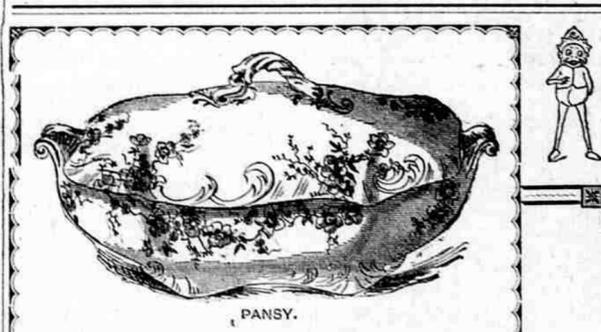
The best opportunity ever offered to buy the newest and most stylish millinery is now being offered by Mrs. Sears—at the Racket. Her hats are all up-to-date and the prices are within reach of all.

D. P. Darling, the gentleman who last week opened up an upholstery and repairing establishment on the West side, has also added a bakery and lunch room to his establishment.

T. F. West is having a neat cottage erected on his lots on A street, which will be for rent as soon as complete. L. M. Lyon and J. W. Lusher are doing the carpenter work.

Scott Griffin, the Tolo real estate hustler has opened a feed store at Grants Pass. Scott is a decidedly fine gentleman and will surely do a good business—if the business is there.

Don't buy your millinery until you have seen those elegant hats at Mrs. Sears'. New ones are being received



WOLTERS,

HE WHO SELLS **GROCERIES,
CROCKERY,
AND
GLASSWARE**

Now has in stock a full line of the beautiful ...

"PANSY"

Dinner sets. This well known brand of crockery has no equal in quality and finish—it's the best tableware on the market....

My stock of Groceries was never more complete than right now—likewise my line of confectionery, cigars and tobacco ...

Seventh Street,
MEDFORD, OREGON