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**Practical Gun and Locksmith....**

Bicycles repaired on short notice at living prices....  
Shop in J. A. Whitman's warehouses....

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SPRING TRUCKS FOR MOVING  
...HOUSEHOLD GOODS....

Baggage Transferred  
Wood Delivered....

Hard and Soft Wood for Sale  
...Honest Charges

Try us once and you will come again....

**Carpenter & Allison's**

**Lime Is Exceeded by None.**

We give a guarantee that our Phoenix lime will lay as many brick or stone or cover as many lath as any lime on the Pacific coast.

We have lime at both our kilns—at Phoenix and on Kanes creek..

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Who can think of some simple thing to patent? Protect your ideas: they may bring you wealth. Write JOHN WEDDERBURN & CO., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C. for their \$1.00 price offer and list of two hundred inventions wanted.

—Superior job printing—Main office.

**Pocket Cutlery and Razors**

We have just received a fresh supply of the Northfield cutlery and razors direct from the factory. These goods surpass all others in the market for beauty of finish and quality of material. Every knife and razor guaranteed to give satisfaction, and our prices are as low as you will be asked elsewhere for goods inferior to them. We invite you to give us an early call, and we are sure that when you examine our stock you will not fail to find something to suit you ....

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**RATES FROM... \$1 to \$2 PER DAY**

**I. L. HAMILTON**  
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**THE HOTEL NASH**

Medford, Oregon

The Nash is one of the most popular hotels in Southern Oregon, and no pains are spared for the comfort and accommodation of guests. Everything about the house

**STRICTLY FIRST-CLASS ...**

Free Sample Rooms FOR COMMERCIAL MEN ...

THE HOTEL BAR is always supplied with the very best brands of wines, liquors and cigars ....

**Having Had Forty Years Experience ...**

**IN THE Furniture and Undertaking**

Business it is with pleasure that we occupy this space in informing the people of Jackson county that we are now fully equipped to supply all articles needed in the two above mentioned lines. We manufacturer superior work in store, hotel and office fixtures.

**WEEKS BROS.** Salesrooms at Medford, Oregon  
Factory at Phoenix, Oregon .....

**To Make Your Horse Talk ....**

Would be an impossibility, but consult me about a new set of harness and you can make your horse laugh. The season of the year is at hand when you should be thinking ...

**About New Harness**

As that old set you are using is liable to give out any time Call and see my stock of harness and saddlery—all lines complete, and prices at the bottom notch ....

**J. W. LAWTON,** Adkins-Deuel Block, Medford, Oregon

**FRANK W. WAIT**

**Marble and Stone Works...**

Monument, Coping and Rustic Work ....

I have work in nearly every cemetery in the county. Special attention given to building trimmings—for specimens see Lindley building. Estimates furnished on all work in my line. Yard on G street, Medford.

**MEDFORD LIVERY STABLES ....**

**CHILDERS BROS, Prop'r's**

Our stables are stocked with good, gentle horses and first class, new rigs, and we are in every way prepared to meet the demands of the traveling public.

Horses boarded by the day, week or month at reasonable rates. Satisfaction guaranteed....

**THE MORTAR DRUG STORE,**

G. H. HASKINS, Prop'r.

HAS ANYTHING IN THE LINE OF  
Pure Drugs, Patent Medicines, Books, Stationery,  
**PAINTS AND OILS,**  
Tobaccoes, Cigars, Perfumery, Toilet Articles and  
Everything that is carried in a first-class DRUG STORE.

Prescriptions Carefully Compounded.  
Main Street. Medford Oregon.

**NEWS OF THE WORLD.**

The Nebraska republican state league met to devise ways and means for regaining control of state politics.

The American tobacco company has declared a dividend of 2 per cent on preferred stock and three per cent on common stock.

The commercial club of Omaha, Neb., has determined to organize a company to build a beet sugar factory in or near Omaha.

Governor Bradley of Kentucky has issued a proclamation offering \$250 for the arrest and conviction of any of the Owensboro mob that lynched the negro Holt.

The board of directors of the Denver chamber of commerce has decided not to send delegates to the monetary conference that is to be held at Indianapolis shortly.

The annual meeting of the western surgical and gynecological association closed at Topeka with the election of officers. Denver was chosen for the meeting to be held December 28th and 29th, 1897.

The Crow Creek Sioux delegation of South Dakota to Washington has not gained its announced object of securing a per capita cash payment of \$187,000 now to their credit in the treasury.

A receiver has been appointed for Witherbee, Sherman & Co., owners of extensive iron ore mines and furnaces at Port Henry, N. Y. The receivership is for the purpose of selling the property and terminating the partnership.

An autopsy on the body of Thomas Blakely, one prominent journalist of St. Paul, and late manager of Sousa's band, was held in New York. The body was so badly decomposed that it will be six weeks before the cause of death can be determined.

The Wyoming development and transportation company has filed a trust deed in Rawlins, covering their mining property in the Gold Hill mining district, the right of way and all franchises of a railroad from Fort Steele. The amount of the deed is \$3,000,000. The international trust company is the trustee.

Governor Bradley of Kentucky, refuses to discuss the published rumor that he intends to resign the office of Governor soon. He admits that he did write to Major McKinley a letter several weeks ago in which he informed the President-elect that there was no office within his gift which he (Bradley) would accept.

A Gas stove caused the death by asphyxiation of the entire family of Joseph Beltz at Struthers, Ohio. Four boarders in the house were unconscious when discovered.

A passenger train on the Keokuk and Western railroad in Iowa was wrecked near Norwalk, caused by spreading rails, and seriously injured a number of people.

S. D. King and D. R. Allen, both prominent planters in Quincy, Miss., fought with revolvers, and King was killed instantly.

A New York Club was holding a New Year's vaudeville entertainment with dances in short skirts, when a squad of supposed policemen raided the place and arrested the performers and managers of the club. The raiders were members of the club disguised as officers.

Presidential-elect Linton of Kansas, has petitioned congress to remove the charge of desertion which still stands against his name on the war records. It is claimed not to be correct.

Mrs. Helen M. Gongar of Indiana, a somewhat noted woman of the politician class, has been requested by her fellow national committeemen of the National Party to resign, on account of her attitude in the late campaign.

Ex-Rear Admiral Joseph S. Skerrett, of the American navy, died at Washington on New Year's day.

An extensive plan to rob a large mercantile house at St. Louis by its employees has been discovered by the arrest and conviction of six implicated men.

Joseph B. McCulloch, editor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, jumped from a window in the third story of his home and was killed. He was ill and despondent.

The Pennsylvania railroad company is backing a new express company to be known as the Manhattan Express Company.

James C. McMullin a Chicago capitalist and vice-president of the Chicago and Alton Railroad, is dead.

Governor-elect Tanner of Illinois, was married to Mrs. Cora English, at Springfield, Ills., on the 30th inst.

Edward Wright was hanged at Wilmington, Del., for the murder of a colored woman.

H. P. Miller of Milan, Tenn., was murdered by burglars on New Years day. Robbery was the object of the crime.

Sankey Cunningham was hanged at Albany, Ga., for an assault upon Miss Katie Camp. Cunningham confessed his guilt.

Two Grand Rapids, Mich., policemen were wounded half to death by a crowd

**EUPHONIOUS NAMES.**

Every Well-Kept Farm Should Have an Appropriate Title.

One of the evidences of enterprise and improved methods among farmers is the fact that many of them are giving beautiful and significant names to their farms, and then seeking by increased efforts to make the farm worthy of its name, and one of which the proprietor may be justly proud.

In front of every farmhouse there should be an artistically painted board bearing the name of the farm, also the name of its proprietor, or manager. It might also point the direction, and give the distance, of the proprietor's post office town, and other near-by towns, if desired, and thus become, also, a "friendly guide-post" to strangers in the vicinity.

Thousands of pretty names, from which any farmer may select an appropriate one for his own home, may be formed by a combination of words. If located in a timbered country, the name may be based on a favorite kind of tree, or the kind prevailing in the locality, as Oakdale farm, Elmgrove, Cedarvale, etc. Or the name may be selected with regard to the location of the farm relative to some near-by object. If near a river, lake, mountain, etc., as Riverside farm, River View, Mountain View, Lake View, Hillside, Hilltop, etc. Or the name may be based on the proprietor's favorite plant, or the one principally grown on his farm; as Cloverdale farm, Clover Leaf, Blue Grass, etc. Beautiful and suggestive farm names may be selected from a thousand words or from a combination of words, and each one select one to his own liking.

The farmer who puts up his name and that of his farm in front of his home presumes thereby that he is not ashamed of the farm of which he is proprietor. It is a guarantee that his efforts shall be so directed that the appearance of his home shall, as rapidly as he can do it, be made to consist with its beautiful name.

In addition to naming the farm, the residence, out buildings, lawns, etc., should be put into repair, if needed, and a good photograph of the home taken. Letter heads bearing the name of the farm, and also a cut of the house, should be printed, and used by members of the household in writing to friends, or on business. All these things would stimulate a pride of home and farm, and would surely result in an improvement of farm methods, and in an increase of farm pleasures.—Journal of Agriculture.

**FARM FLOOD GATE.**

**It Is Simple and Serviceable and Does Not Cost Much.**

The best and cheapest flood gate I have ever used or seen is represented in the illustration. It is my own invention and is constructed as follows: Twist four, six or eight strands of good, smooth No. 12 wire together to form a cable, the size of the cable depending upon the width of the stream or ditch, and fasten the ends securely at each side, the last post of the fence answering very well, if properly braced at top and bottom. Then take branches of osage orange or other hard wood and tie on the cable, using a sufficient number to make a good fence. As the water rises the branches will float, and when it goes down they will return to their proper place. If hedge is not available, bore holes in any kind of poles and string them to the wire cable. If heavy material is carried down by the flood, light poles or boards are liable to be broken, but hedge poles will stand almost any treatment and are consequently the best.—A. A. Berry, in Orange Judd Farmer.

**Buckwheat as a Catch Crop.**

Buckwheat is not raised extensively in many sections. It can, however, be successfully grown as a catch crop. Sow in June or July at the rate of two to five pecks per acre broadcast. It will grow on very poor soil. If wheat ripens early this year, which is probable, buckwheat can be sown on the wheat field. It is cut with a self binder and shocked and thrashed like other small grains. If bees are kept, the buckwheat blossoms furnish excellent honey, and by sowing at several different dates quite an extended honey period is obtained. During seasons when clovers, etc., are not abundant, buckwheat as a bee pasture is important.—New England Homestead.

**Save Every Ounce of Fertility.**

Do not let an ounce of fertility on the farm go to waste. Utilize everything that has in it any elements that will enrich the soil, and take such care of your manures that the best part of them is not lost before they reach your fields. Every farm should have a compost heap, where all sorts of refuse from the house, barn and yards can be thrown. A good many tons of the most valuable fertilizers can be saved in this manner, fertilizers that now go for nothing where.—Rural World.