

SANTA CLAUS HAS ARRIVED AT LAST

MY DEAR PEOPLE:

Owing to the fact that I had to make the long trip to the Klondike this fall, where I have a new field to cover, I have been some what late in reaching my headquarters at "The Racket," but I reached here at last, and was received with great joy by all "The Racket" force. They kindly assisted me to spread my goods so I could go on to other fields and make others happy. I will also send on some more goods to be displayed later, as I could not bring them all with me. My goods comprise Books, Dolls, Toys, Games, Albums, Cases of all kinds, Handkerchiefs, Notions, Novelties, Kid Gloves, Boas, and many other articles which I have not space to mention. From your old friend,

SANTA.

GREETING...



We extend to one and all a cordial invitation to visit our wonderful display of new and beautiful holiday goods. Our stock includes innumerable articles, selected to meet the requirements of people who are in search of gifts for old and young, expensive or inexpensive, in fact now is the time and this is the place to get just what you want and just what will please the person you desire to remember. The prices are right on every article in this stock. Don't you fail to see our attractive Holiday display. Something for every taste; gifts that fill your requirements without emptying your purse. Come in and bring the children—you will find us at

THE "RACKET"

A GRIST OF LOCAL HAPS AND MISHAPS.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Stewart gave a dancing party last Saturday evening to a few of their invited friends, at their new East Side home. The program consisted chiefly of dancing and a cracking good luncheon—enough of each to just come out even at twelve o'clock, when the company sort of headed themselves toward their homes on this side of the creek. There wasn't a person present who didn't seem to have a splendid good time and all voted Mr. and Mrs. Stewart very clever and hospitable entertainers. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Priddy, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Norris, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Boyden, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Pletcher and Mr. and Mrs. Fono.

Lost—A half grown shepherd puppy, on Monday this week, in Medford. Prevailing color black; little white in face and other parts. Finder will please notify Wm. Slinger, Medford.

The S. Y. L. B. O. club met with Mrs. J. D. Heard on Friday afternoon of last week. All the members were present but one, who was detained by sickness—nothing else would keep any of these eight jolly maids from being together, once a week, at least. It proved to be a most delightful day for those present showing that the president was quite capable of managing her merry crew. A dainty lunch was served at 5 p. m. which was one to be remembered—as delicious as it was dainty. Those who enjoyed the meeting were: Mrs. J. D. Heard, Misses Isaacs, Cole, Barnburg, Webber, Mitchell, Worman and Rhinehart.

"If I don't do you a better job of plow work than any blacksmith in Southern Oregon I will give you the work. I am here to do business and am willing to back my work with substantial guarantee." G. F. Merriman.

Members of the Rebekah lodge of Medford turned out in full force Tuesday evening, the occasion being the initiation of three members and a banquet. The candidates for initiation were Misses Mollie Ober and Daisy and Grace Stanfield. The ladies of the lodge, of whom there are not a few, and all good cooks, had prepared a splendid luncheon, or rather a full fledged supper, and after the initiatory services this abundance of everything that is good was spread and everybody present partook thereof not sparingly.

For Exchange—Fine residence in Medford, nearly four acres of rich garden land, young orchard, berries, etc., to exchange for a good country home. Inquire of W. T. York.

George Mickey, who has been considerably crippled for the past few weeks with a lame leg, was operated upon last Friday by Drs. Geary & Piekol and Walt, the operation being that of removing pieces of diseased bone from the leg below the knee. He is getting along very nicely and the surgeons report that the prospects of saving the leg are good. This is the second operation of the kind he has had performed. The other one on the same leg and in the same place several years ago.

You are not destroying your clothes with free alkali when you use Hoe Cake soap. Lumsden & Warner.

The Eugene Register tells this: "One day this week a prominent clerical dignitary of this city officiated at a wedding. When the ceremony had been performed, the groom meekly enquired what the usual too was. The clergyman replied 'anything you wish to give.' Imagine his astonishment when the groom pulled from his pocket two cigars. 'Do you smoke?' The elder stammered 'No.' The groom managed to squeeze from his pocket two small silver coins of but very little value.

We are sole agents for the celebrated Hoe Cake soap. Best laundry soap on earth. Lumsden & Warner.

The Central Point football team has taken exception to the score as

printed in THE MAIL last week of their game with the Medford public school team a couple or three weeks ago. We printed, in our "Public School Column" the score at 16 to 16—Central Point claims it should have been—Central Point 16; Medford 19. If this was the correct score THE MAIL was misinformed last week.

Buy a can of White Lily baking powder at Davis & Gilkey's and get a Christmas present for the little ones—a present with every can.

J. Beck & Co., have a large new ad this week, on first page, in which they are calling especial attention to the "Great Bargains" they are offering in many articles which are very suitable for a Christmas present. Deuel & Stevens also have space in which they are calling attention to a recent invoice of cotton blankets and sample boots. A. C. Taylor is advertising two new lots of shoes—heliotrope and black silk brocade top.

The cheapest soap in the market is Hoe Cake, as it is pure; and the rebate of a cent apiece for the wrappers makes it much cheaper. L. & W.

The several store windows in Medford are aglow with pretty things for the holiday trade and nearly all of these stores are inviting trade through the columns of this paper. The stocks are unusually large this year and judging from the fact that twenty-five ladies were counted in one store at one time on Tuesday, and all trading—would seem to indicate that the stocks were none too large.

All kinds of wood for sale. Long wood, short wood, hard wood, soft wood—and just plain wood. Bellinger, the drayman.

There are about eight or ten men residing in Jackson County who are right now figuring on going to the Klondike country in January or February. There are two Gordon boys from up Rogue river, Frank Galloway, of Central Point, J. H. Miller, E. V. Medynski, E. W. Carder, Dr. Cole and R. P. Little, the tamale man, of Medford, and a couple or three from Jacksonville.

Stickel will put you in a fireplace or grate, set Montague Ellis or any other range, and if not satisfactory in every detail they don't cost you a cent.

Miss Grace Amann closed a three months term of school in the Grove district last Friday. She states that the school building has been quite a resort for tramps of late. A couple of them a few days since entered the building and stayed over night. In the morning a note was found by Miss Grace thanking her for the fuel used and the dictionary and other books for pillows.

Washing powder that is yellow will make your clothes the same color. Soap Foam is pure white. L. & W.

Capt. Josie Peterson and Lieutenant Nellie May left Tuesday for Albany where they will continue their work in the Salvation Army ranks. Capt. A. Swanson, of Portland, and Lieutenant M. Walenpaugh, of Ashland, have taken the places made vacant by the departure of the above. The army will be assisted in their services here by Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Smith, of this city.

The best five cent cigar made is the Multnomah Club—you get them at the Palace.

The residence of H. C. Myer, Ashland, was discovered to be on fire last Saturday night while the family were at the opera house. The fire was extinguished by the hose company before any great damage was done. The work was that of an incendiary and burglary had been committed before the fire was set. The contents of the house were insured but the house was not.

My stock of new watches has arrived. D. T. Pritchard.

Plans leading up to the erection of a new hotel building in Medford have been under contemplation for some few weeks and now we are informed that arrangements are about completed. THE MAIL does not know either the

size or exact location of the building, neither do we know the promoters of the project—in fact everything seems to have been kept very quiet.

Team, wagon and plow for sale or trade. J. S. Hagey, East Medford.

Last week Messrs. Vawter, Howard & Davis purchased from Mrs. J. B. McGee the fine residence property, corner North C and Sixth streets, which W. I. Vawter has occupied for a number of years. The consideration was \$1500 and the sale was made through the York & Wortman real estate agency. Mr. Vawter will continue in the occupancy of the place.

Everybody can do their own holiday painting. See Miss Ober, at Mackey's studio.

Application was made this week by the gentlemen comprising the Gold Hill Mercantile Company for the appointment of a receiver and Harry Hosler, of Medford, was appointed. The members of the company have not, as we learn, been getting along as well as they might among themselves for the past few weeks—hence the present action.

Ask for premium book on Hoe Cake soap. Lumsden & Warner.

C. E. Wolcott, formerly editor of the Medford Monitor, is now a representative of some San Francisco newspaper as traveling solicitor. He is now in Southern California and in January will go to Salt Lake City where he will remain until spring when he will go to Michigan—all in the interest of his paper.

Spring trucks for spring household moving. Well & Shearer.

The Rogue River Telephone Company has men at work taking down one of the two wires formerly in use between Grants Pass and Ashland. The two wires were required with the old metallic circuit but the ground circuit is now in use, which does away with one wire.

See Mackey for superior photos and reasonable prices.

E. Carter, of Ashland, is over among the Klamath Indians endeavoring to gather up 100 dogs to be sent to Alaska in the spring. The dogs of the Indians being accustomed to hardships and food of dried fish they are thought to be hardy enough for the Northern climes.

I am making a big reduction in winter millinery—Mrs. L. J. Sears.

Soper, the Missouri murderer, who was caught at Ashland last summer, was found guilty of murder in the first degree at Harrisville, Mo., on Monday. Soper butchered his wife and two children with an ax, April 21, 1891. He also murdered a three-year-old son at Portland.

Get Wells & Shearer to do your moving—satisfaction always.

Johany Stewart, who is looking after dried fruit purchases and shipments for Page & Son in this locality, shipped a carload from various parties hereabouts Wednesday, and today he will ship a full load from C. A. Beaver's orchard, all going to Chicago.

Big reduction in winter millinery—Mrs. L. J. Sears, at the Racket.

G. M. Van Natta, of Ashland, has leased an half interest in the Medford laundry and has taken the management of the business. He is an experienced hand at the business and promises us first-class work. He will move here with his family.

Jeweler Waschbau has disposed of an half interest in his new striking watch to a Medford party for a consideration of \$5000, part of which amount has already been paid and papers have been signed. Next spring a patent will be applied for.

Special hat sale until Christmas—Miss H. A. Medynski, the milliner.

Officers were elected last Friday night in Medford lodge, No. 103, A. F. & A. M. J. E. Enyart was elected W. M.; J. A. Whitman, S. W.; H. U. Lumsden, J. W.; Zack Maxey, treasurer; W. V. Lippincott, secretary; J. K. Darnell, tyler.

Mining location blanks for sale at this office.

The meeting of the W. C. T. U. next Wednesday at 3 p. m. at the Baptist Church will be of unusual interest. It will be a mothers meeting, conducted by Mrs. Wallace, assisted by Mrs. Williams. Let there be a large attendance.

Wood of all description for sale. Wells & Shearer, draymen.

Merchant I. A. Webb, who was reported seriously ill last week is now much improved. He is able to sit up and inside of a few days he will be on the streets again—and his friends are feeling mighty glad because of the cheering news.

Do not miss the opportunity of learning French art.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will give a dime social at the residence of G. H. Haskins on this, Friday, evening, Dec. 10th. There will be a musical program and refreshments.

Rev. W. J. Fenton, the M. E. South preacher, who formerly occupied the Medford charge, was married on Wednesday of last week to a Salem young

lady. Rev. Fenton is now stationed at Corvallis.

For very pretty and useful crockery and glassware you can do no better than to buy of C. W. Wolters. His line of lamps is simply grand—buy one for the wife for Christmas and both of you be happy.

Miss Ida, daughter of Klaus Klinshammer, who has been seriously ill for sometime past with spinal meningitis, is reported considerably improved. Dr. Geary is in attendance.

Mrs. Helman's painting class has grown to such proportions as to make it necessary to occupy two days of the week in instructions—Friday and Saturday—part of the class each day.

A. B. Seal, the drummer whom everybody knows, is figuring that the trip through Oregon which he is now making will be his last as he expects to go to Skagway, Alaska, soon.

Last year H. L. Cornelius, of Helena, Montana, took 4000 head of cattle from Southern Oregon. The gentleman is now in the valley again presumably after more cattle.

Miss Nannie Ankeny and Mr. and Mrs. Cantral, of Jackson County, who have been visiting Mrs. Ankeny and family, went to Salem this forenoon.—Eugene Guard.

J. H. Devlin, of Jacksonville, who is in the employ of the Chicago Portrait Company, made a canvass of Medford last week and on Monday left for Grants Pass.

There will be a practice game of football at the fair grounds next Saturday—tomorrow—between a Gold Hill team and the Medford high school team.

The North Pacific Trotting Association will boycott the Oregon state fair from this on. Medford is listed as one of their favored spots for another year.

Miss Mollie Ober will give instructions in French art every evening from four to six o'clock at Mackey's studio, beginning Monday, December 18th.

Wm. McCredie, living in Southwest Medford, is the happy parent to a fine girl baby which arrived at his home on Thursday last week.

There is a new boy baby over at J. W. Ling's home in East Medford, which arrived last Saturday night—and there is joy heap plenty in that home.

Miss Eva Hooker, who has been quite seriously ill for several weeks past, is now able to sit up and chances for her entire recovery are good.

Jeweler Butler has put in a small stock of fine jewelry for the holiday trade which he is offering at a price that is reasonable.

At the city election in Salem, held Monday, the entire republican ticket was elected save one Citizens' Union man for alderman.

Street Commissioner Amann is putting in a new culvert on North C street, at the intersection of Tenth street.

The new German Lutheran church is nearly completed and 'tis expected it will be dedicated by Christmas time.

D. R. Hill unloaded a carload of box stuff Wednesday for use in handling his apple crop.

Rev. M. A. Williams is still quite feeble in health. His good wife is also quite ill.

Earl Van Antwerp has taken a position in Chas. Strang's drug store as clerk.

The supreme court has denied Flester's petition for a new trial.

The Medford city election will be held on Tuesday, January 11th.

Don't let the cat lick the dishes, but make nice soft soap with Soap Foam. Directions on the package. L. & W.

HO! FOR THE China Bazaar

There you are respectfully requested to examine the fine line of

HOLIDAY NOVELTIES

Comprising Fancy China Ware, Vases, Rose Bowls, Lamps and Toys of all description....

See the Cologne semi-porcelain dinner sets at prices that will cause you to buy....

W. H. McGowan, West side of Depot, at Weeks Bros.' Furniture Store....

THE TEST IS COMPARISON!

Any "wind jammer," even if he don't know cotton from wool, or silk from linen, can write flaming advertisements claiming to "underbuy and undersell" every house in town. That's "dead easy;" all it requires is a good pencil, plenty of wind, and good big profits to pay the enormous bills for advertising. But....

...The Test for the Buyer Is Comparison

We ask you to compare our prices on Clothing, and if we are not the lowest in prices for equal or better qualities we don't ask you to buy of us; but look before you buy. We know we can please you and satisfy you—that it will pay you to leave your money with us....

W. H. Meeker & Co., MEDFORD, OREGON

Lecture to Mothers and Daughters.

Mrs. Sara M. Read, of Portland, will give a free lecture to ladies at Woolf's hall in Medford on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 11th, at 2:30 o'clock. Subject: "Home As It Is and As It Should Be." Also on Monday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. Subject: "Health, the Basis of all Reforms." All ladies are cordially invited.

Save the wrappers of Hoe Cake soap, they are worth a cent apiece. L. & W.

Gospel Temperance Meeting.

At the Christian Church next Sunday at 8 p. m., under the direction of the W. C. T. U., there will be held a gospel temperance meeting. Rev. Wallace and others will give addresses. Special music will be rendered. All are invited.

MRS. FISHER, Pres., MRS. WILLIAMS, Sec.

Try one of those five cent Multnomah Club cigars at the Palace—smoke them once—smoke them always.

An extraordinary railroad trip was recently made over the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, from Chicago to Denver. The distance is 1,025 miles, and the trip was made in 1,069 minutes actual running time.

A lady in Wilkesbarre, Pa., who died possessed of considerable property left it all to a female friend who had been very kind to her—all except one cent; and this she decreed should be given to her husband five years after her death.

Educate Your Howels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c. Sec. If C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

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Should be in every family medicine chest and every traveler's grip. They are invaluable when the stomach is out of order; cure headache, biliousness, and all liver troubles. Mild and efficient. 25 cents.

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