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Are just as cheap as the ordinary kind if you come here.

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We pay particular attention to this line, buy from leading manufacturers and sell our goods at popular figures.

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### Umbrella Business

of Medford, and get a good share of it.

Come and see our \$1 Umbrella; it can't be beat.

## J. G. VAN DYKE

MEDFORD, OREGON

crowd of section men were engaged last week in putting in a new railroad crossing in the north part of town—just west of John O'Casey's and Mr. Perdue's places. Mr. Kelley has done up a cracking good job and the people over that way are sounding his praise louder than the gun reports of Morro Castle. It will be a great convenience to the people living near by and a greater one to the deliverers.

I make a specialty of fitting eyes and charge nothing extra for testing. E. D. Elwood, jeweler and optician.

The Ashland base ball boys didn't do much to the Medford team last Saturday—just beat them 39 to 15. In the first inning Medford made nearly all their scores and the indications were that the contest was too easy to be mentioned as an event of the season, but following this inning the Ashland boys planted themselves squarely on their feet and the enthusiastic shouts that went up for Medford grew fainter and fainter until—all gone. THE MAIL believes our team can play a better game than the boys from up the road and we are anxiously awaiting for a return game.

Nothing pleases the housewife equal to a set of new dishes. Wolters has just received a new stock of beauties in this line.

Parker & Mounce, the confectioners, have put in a new soda fountain—a big one—no two-for-a-cent arrangement but a genuine North Pole confectioner of equatorial temperatures. They will also keep on tap and always ready to fix the celebrated Celestine mineral water. These gentlemen are figuring on handling everything that will be cooling during the heated months which are soon booked to be with us.

I will have one of the finest stocks of glassware ever shown in Southern Oregon. It will be here soon—Wolters, of course. He who sells groceries.

Died—In Jacksonville, April 27, 1898, Miss Setchen Blecher, aged 70 years. She has been sick with dropsy for about 17 years; was a native of Germany and a pioneer of Southern Oregon, having resided here for over forty years. She lived with her brother, Henry Blecher, at his beautiful home on the Sterling road, near Jacksonville. She leaves two brothers and a sister here.

—There is considerable more than a usual freight business being done by the Southern Pacific company right now. There are three freight trains each way over the road pretty nearly every day. The heavy southbound traffic is occasioned by the large shipments of wheat, flour, hops and potatoes from Washington and Willamette valley points to San Francisco.

—"Boss of the Road" overalls—no better made—at Cranfill's.

A Salem youth was arrested in that city this week for keeping late hours. If that ordinance was enforced in Medford the new brick jail would be quite inadequate. Some of the boys here don't stop with keeping late hours, but they take and keep the early ones too—and there are girls, too, more's the shame.

—For "Chase trow tread" bicycle tires see Cranfill, agent.

—Si Perkins' theatrical troupe had some trouble with the railroad company, resulting in their special car being attached at Chico, for carrying more passengers in the company than contracted for. The car is on side track, and the agent of troupe went to San Francisco to settle matters at the main office.—Yreka Journal.

—Spring millinery, latest styles, Mrs. Sears—at the Racket.

An entertainment consisting of dialogues, recitations, vocal and instrumental music, and concluding with the popular comedy, "Wide Enough for Two," will be given at the U. M. L. hall, Talent, Saturday evening, April 30, 1898. Doors open at 7:30; admission ten cents. Everybody invited to attend.

—Ladies' spring millinery at Miss Medynski's millinery parlors.

—Warner & Wortman have sold out their entire stock of DeLancey baking powder and will be getting in another barrel within a few days. The prize winners are given in their regular advertising space. They guarantee the baking powder to be all right—good as the best.

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

—All you women folks who want equal rights with men will please call at the recruiting office. If you believe

# New Spring Goods

## ... THE RACKET ...

Has been very busy this week receiving, marking and arranging new goods. We can now say to our customers that we have

### The Best Hosiery on Earth

For the money. Also the nicest, prettiest and cheapest line of **Shirt Waists** to be found in Jackson County.

For the Men and Boys we have received this week some nice **Golf and Laundry Shirts, Ties and Suspenders.**

But Oh, my! those **Straw Hats!**

We don't know where to put them. You will have to come and buy, for we have not enough store room for the stock. In fact, we wish to sell them **CHEAP.**

MEDFORD OREGON ...

**THE RACKET.**

### CITY HAPPENINGS.

J. U. Willike has sold his one-fourth interest in the Leland mine to J. B. O'Neill of this city. The consideration is not given, but it was a good snug sum. The members of this mining company now are H. H. Whitehead, W. B. Roberts, P. B. O'Neill, and L. J. Porter. Mr. Willike has purchased an interest in Jeweler F. W. Waschaw's recently invented striking watch. Application has been made for a patent for the watch and about the 10th of next month Messrs. Willike and Waschaw will leave for the east, upon a business visit to several of the large watch manufacturers. They expect to interest some of these institutions either in a purchase of the patent or to manufacture the watch and pay a royalty. The watch is unquestionably a money-maker and there is not the least doubt but that it will meet with a ready sale when placed on the market. Mr. Willike's family will accompany him and together they will visit relatives in Ohio.

—\$1000—A fine farm of two hundred acres for sale at the above bargain. Good buildings and land partly under cultivation. York & Wortman.

—Ole J. Olsen, one of the Oregon trustees for the Trans-Mississippi exhibition at Omaha, was in Medford this week endeavoring to create an interest for the project of an Oregon exhibit. He met with many encouragements and there will undoubtedly be some liberal contributions made from here. The proposition is a very worthy one and will redound to Oregon's good if a fitting exhibition is made. The Oregon trustees have been laboring under quite a disadvantage in having made at least one commissioner appointment which was very unsatisfactory to pretty nearly every locality in the state. Mr. Olsen, however, who is a very fine gentleman and an honorable business man, has succeeded in fixing up any breach that may have been made and the prospects are now flattering for an excellent Oregon exhibit.

—Since the fire of Sunday night everybody wants insurance. York & Wortman can furnish you the best companies at lowest rates.

—W. L. Halley was up from Central Point on Sunday. Will looks rather the worse from his spell of sickness but is improving reasonably fast. He reports that during the past he has had frequent conversations with the brakeman tourists. All their cry has been only to be given work. Let the government start improvements or anything but give them work. The past few days, since there has been a probable demand for men at fair wages with food and clothing gratis, these cowardly sneaks curse the country that wants the labor of gentlemen for the pitiable sum of \$16 to \$20 per month. It is a pity that congress does not enact a law drafting these lazy cusses into the regular army and stop their everlasting begging and stealing their living from the honest, industrious people of the country.

—Call and try one of Mounce & Parker's ice cream sodas.

—Amos Fries, a West Point army cadet, was graduated at that place on Tuesday of this week. The young man was a graduate of the Medford high school, class of '93, and left here about four years ago for West Point. The graduation of his class was hurried somewhat by the immediate need of their services in the field. In a class of fifty-nine Amos ranked seventh, which entitles him to the title and rank of lieutenant, of the engineer corps. A telegram received Wednesday by his father, C. A. Fries, of this city, said they were awaiting orders to move.

—Celestine mineral water, ice cold, at Mounce & Parker's.

—War and all manner of theories, whys and wherefores is the talk on the streets these days. One man says, "I

tell you what, she (Spain) is about licked now." (Report of the capture of a small boat load of lumber having just been received.) "Naw," says another, "you danged blockhead, don't you know that she has eight or ten better boats than that one and some of them have cannon on them. I tell you this war is going to last all summer and we'll all have to 'list before it is over." "No," says speaker No. 1, "danged if I will for I can't leave wife and the babies if Spain does lick us."

—Get your watches, clocks, jewelry and glasses repaired at Elwood's. All work promptly and neatly done.

—Mrs. G. W. White entertained the whist club at her pleasant East Medford home last Friday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Lumsden, Mr. and Mrs. J. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Theise, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Bliton, Misses Clara Skeel, Alleen Webber, Ida Galloway, Jessie Workman, Messrs. Mort Foster, Joe Olwell. Mr. White was away upon business, but Mrs. W. is equal to several occasions of the kind as a most genial hostess. On Thursday evening of this week the club met in the Woodmen hall.

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

—In the Grants Pass Observer of last week appeared this item: "Married—Bunch—Elder—In this city, April 19, 1898, H. L. Bunch and Miss E. G. Elder, both of Waldo, Rev. N. F. Jenkins officiating." The bride is a graduate of the Medford public schools and a daughter of our former townsman, J. O. Elder. She is a very fine young lady and has friends here in abundance who are extending congratulations to the groom upon his good fortune in securing so estimable a young lady for a helpmate.

—Men Wanted—To cut 100 cords of four foot wood. Enquire at this office.

—At a meeting of the school directors held Monday, Prof. N. L. Narregran was elected as principal of the Medford public school for next year. At the same meeting a contract was awarded J. North for furnishing, for school use, forty cords of fir wood, at \$2.40 per cord. Isaac Householder was given a contract for furnishing forty cords of oak wood at \$3.45 per cord. There was only one other bid in, that being by S. F. Morine for furnishing forty cords of oak wood at \$3.50 per cord.

I should say Elwood did have a lot of watches. All kinds and prices.

—Miss Barneburg gave the "Sybo" girls a hearty welcome Friday when they met with her. It was a decidedly wide awake session, being much business to dispose of. No less interesting was the luncheon served and it was discussed at some length, being a regular spread. Those who will remember the day were Mrs. Whitman, Misses Cole, Isaacs, Workman, Rhinehart, Skeel—with Mrs. John Barneburg and Miss Collier as guests.

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

—The city council awarded a contract to J. Norris of the firm of J. Beck & Co., for furnishing 3493 feet of water pipe together with laying the same. There were only two bids in on the kind of pipe the council decided to take. They were Boyden & Nicholson, for concrete, galvanized, lock joint pipe, \$1180.25; Norris, same pipe, \$1194.11. D. H. Miller had in bid for a screw pipe but none for the pipe selected.

—Mrs. Sears has received a large stock of spring millinery.

—Last Friday as Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pruitt were driving into the city they became considerably mixed up with the horse, cart and mud. When passing Thos. McAndrew's place, east of town, their horse became frightened and reared up as they were crossing a culvert. The thills were broken and the occupants were thrown from the cart into a mud hole beside the culvert. No injuries, small damages.

—Southern Pacific Kelley and his

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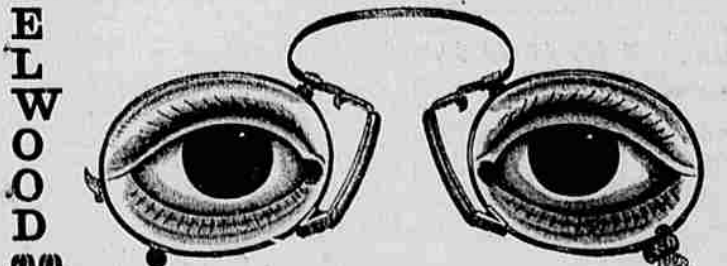
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