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If you have, we can fit you in any style shoe you may wish at nearly one-half the regular price. After stock-taking we find a few styles and broken lines which we must dispose of immediately to make room for our new stock of

Fine Footwear

Which will arrive in a few days. Here are a few items from our bargain counter—note the reduction:

- Ladies' Vici Kid, sizes 21 to 34, EE, square toe, regular price \$3.00, closing price... **\$2.00**
- Ladies' French Kid, turned, sizes 3 to 5, E, opera toe, reg price \$2.50, sale price... **\$2.00**
- Ladies' Vici Kid, button, sizes 24, 3, 34, regular price \$2.00, now... **\$1.40**
- Fine Dongola Button Shoes, sizes 3 and 34, regular price \$1.50, cut to... **98c**

J. G. VANDYKE & CO.
Medford, Oregon

better place on earth is to be found than right here. There is grown an abundance of everything that is needful to the success of a cannery. No country in the world can produce more or better vegetables than can the Rogue river valley. There is not a place anywhere to be found that produces more fruit and in greater variety than we do. In there anything further needful to the success of such an enterprise? We can think of nothing else save a little capital with an honest man with bustling propensities back of it. This matter ought to be looked into at once and if possible this man should be induced to locate here—he would make no mistake neither would we.

—Farmers, bring your eggs to White & Jacobs', Medford, and get highest prices.

—Chrysanthemum circle, No. 84, Woodmen of the World, gave an afternoon tea to about twenty of their lady friends on Wednesday of this week at Woodmen hall. A fine program was rendered, one of the principal features being a paper by Mrs. F. W. Wait. A luncheon of cake and tea was served. A most delightful time was had by those present and the hours from three until five could not have been more pleasantly spent. The hall was beautifully decorated and—as one of the ladies present expressed herself—it was a real home scene with several good housewives as hostesses. Those present were Mesdames J. H. Butler, J. W. Curry, H. Hosler, D. B. Russell, J. W. Wiley, J. H. Whitman, W. T. York, J. W. Lasher, F. V. Medynski, E. Workman, H. U. Lumsden, J. L. Arnold, A. S. Wells, H. G. Shearer, Misses Bessie Wait, Jessie Workman, Laura Webb and Etta Medynski. Those members of the circle who entertained were Mesdames F. W. Wait, G. W. Priddy, Ada Mills, P. Stewart, A. S. Bliton G. L. Webb and Miss Davidson. The ladies are putting forth every effort to increase the circle's membership and it is such pleasant little gatherings as these that is doing the good work. A number of applications were handed in Wednesday.

—Here is a rare chance for the ladies of Medford and vicinity to get an elegant handkerchief at the wholesale price. Listen to this:—The Racket has bought a line of summer samples, no two alike, from 5 cents to \$2.50, come in and look through them. This chance does not often come. G. L. Webb.

—Only a few ladies' capes and jackets left at White & Jacobs' store, Medford, to exchange with farmers for country produce.

—Sam'l Bennett is surely one of our very best farmers and much of his success can be attributed to the fact that he sows only first grade seed and uses good judgment in tilling his land. Last week Mr. Bennett brought to this office a bundle of English side oats which were grown by him last year and which yielded seventy-five bushels to the acre. He also grew Scottish Chief oats last season which turned out 120 bushels to the acre. The kernels in some heads of these last named oats were counted and from one head 120 kernels were taken. Mr. Bennett also brought in a bundle of Chilly Club wheat which last year went forty-four bushels to the acre.

—I see Elwood is putting in a stock of musical instruments, strings, etc.

—Mrs. A. A. Kellogg has sold her ranch east of Medford, comprising 180 acres, to Asa Fordyce, consideration \$3000. W. H. Hembree had the place rented for a couple of years and crops already in, but both the lease and crop were also purchased by Asa and possession was given at once. The deal has been hanging fire for several weeks but a final consummation was made Monday. Mr. Hembree and family moved to Medford Tuesday and are occupying the J. R. Hardin residence in East Medford, where he (Hembree) will grow poultry. Mr. Hardin has moved to the Kellogg place, on North C street.

—An all wool suit—\$16—Bodge, the tailor.

—The firm of Kame & Merley has been dissolved, Mr. Merley retiring. Mr. Kame will conduct the business as heretofore and being an allied fine gentleman to deal with will without a doubt do his share of the city's business. Mr. Merley will move to his forty acre fruit ranch, near Medford, and will follow the pursuits of the honest, horny-handed tiller of the soil. THE MAIL wishes these gentlemen success at each and all turns of the road.

—White & Jacobs will carry a complete line of Standard patterns this spring. Ladies, remember their store when you wish to purchase patterns.

—Mr. Stevens, living between Phoenix and Talent, has sold twenty-five acres of his farm to Mast brothers, a couple of young men who have been saving their dollars for the past few years and are now able to make this purchase and do a little farming for themselves—an example which many of our young men would do well to profit by. The deal was made last week and the consideration was \$2200.

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

—The Odd Fellows of Medford are arranging a fine banquet room at the rear end of their lodge hall. They propose to banquet themselves upon every occasion when there can be an excuse rounded up and to the end that they be equipped for so doing they have put in a full complement of cooking utensils and appliances for serving the good things which man delights to revel in.

—Alfalfa hay—64 cents per pound at Wetters & Howard's.

—Wm. Hanley, the cattle buyer of Burns, Harney County, says the Lakeview Examiner, "has written to E. V. Lewis, of Lakeview, to see what the opportunity would be to purchase 1000 head of beef cattle in this county, for shipment to eastern markets." Mr. Hanley is a former Jackson County boy and is said to be making all kinds of money over in Harney County.

—Tin shop for sale or rent. Inquire of D. Brooks, Medford.

—W. F. Teggart has taken the agency for Dr. Phelps' Electric Hair Vigor and any one wishing to purchase a bottle can call at his place of business or at residence. This hair vigor is marvellous in its effect upon the human scalp. It is guaranteed to grow hair on bald heads—that's all you bald headed people want it to do, but it will do more. It will cleanse and cure all diseases of the scalp.

—One of the very best clubbing propositions which THE MAIL has is this one and the Cosmopolitan magazine—both one year for \$2.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ITEMS

By the Principal, Teachers and Pupils of the Medford Public Schools.

First band rehearsal Tuesday night. Rev. Gist visited the schools last week.

Total enrollment in the schools to date, 500.

The assembly room is lighted by electricity.

Miss Gilbert visited the different departments of the school last week.

Archie Frier is now a member of the high school and working faithfully.

Bessie Conde is with us again and was gladly welcomed by schoolmates and teachers.

The results of the January examinations are very satisfactory to students and teachers.

Miss Minnie Cox has been ill the past week with la grippe. She is missed by her classmates.

It is a grand thing for the student and the world when the student knows that he has only commenced going to school when he graduates.

Olah Mickey was absent two days from her desk last week on account of illness. She is making rapid progress in bookkeeping and penmanship, and her example might be profitably followed by others.

Rev. McCollough visited the schools while here. On last Thursday he spoke at the high school assembly, and we do not believe that a more impressive lesson was ever given in the same length of time. It is an inspiration to meet a man who has lived three score years and ten and grown all the time in every thing that makes true manhood. He seems to have caught the spirit of his great Teacher and let it become the rule and guide of his conduct.

Program of the literary society on Thursday last week was:

Song, "The Old School Bell"..... Society
Instrumental Solo, "The Race Hat".....
Essay on Women..... Elizabeth Barkdull
Essay on Man..... Minnie Cox
Paper..... Bert Miller
Prophecy of Business Class..... Rydal Bradbury
Ten Minutes Talk..... Principal
Song..... Society

At this Season

Of the year it is generally hard to get what you want, as all the stores are clearing out goods and run low on many lines. But the "Racket" anticipated this shortage and has stocked up on all staple lines so as to give its customers the benefit of good selections during the dull season. Our

HOSIERY is complete—all sizes **From 5c to 75c** qualities and prices.

For these cold, damp days we have the **Warmest Flannels, the Dryest Mackintoshes and Best Overshirts** that are real worth for the tired pocketbook.

This week we received another invoice of **Men's Hats and Caps and Misses' Tams** that are excellent values, at

The RACKET.

WHO'S YOUR TAILOR?

All-Wool Business Suit, \$16
.. An All-Wool Pants, \$4.50

Woolens for all tastes and for all purses ..
Made to your measure and to FIT

Give me a call. **J. E. BODGE**, Opp. Postoffice, Medford, Ore

CITY HAPPENINGS.

—It was through the efforts of that always zealous and enthusiastic gentleman who lives in Sams Valley, Mr. E. Shipley, that Jackson County had an exhibit at the Portland Exposition last fall. Mr. Shipley gathered what he could of the county products, many of them taken from the pavilion at our county fair, and sent them to the exposition and as a result our county was awarded a silver medal, as a second premium. The gold medal, or first premium, was given Wasco County. Mr. Shipley says in his letter to THE MAIL that Jackson County did not send such an exhibit as there might have been gotten together, intimating that our county could have taken the first premium had an extra effort been made by more people. Wasco County people, he says, were climbing over each other in their effort to have the best exhibit. Mr. Shipley further says "the very fine exhibit of field corn at the Medford fair last fall, made by L. J. Hanson and Mrs. James Fredenburg, and sent to the exposition by myself, received the first premium—over all other exhibits from all parts of the state. The awards were a bronze medal and diploma." Mr. Shipley asked the manager of the county exhibits at the exposition to send the medal to THE MAIL, "because," as he says, "I thought you would take more trouble to exhibit and advertise it than others would." THE MAIL has had an explanatory card printed and has placed both the card and medal in Jeweler Elwood's show-window.

—For \$10 you can get an all wool tailor made suit of clothes—at Bodge's tailoring establishment, opposite post-office.

were a pitiful looking collection of bad bruises. The wounds were dressed and the boy was taken to his home. The injuries were very painful but the little fellow suffered his pains like a veteran in that line of usage. The wagon was heavily loaded with wood and in addition to this load there was a barrel of vinegar weighing about 500 pounds which rested squarely over the head axle-tree. The wonder surely is that both legs were not broken, but the fact that the tires on the wagon were unusually wide may have accounted for this.

—An all wool business suit made to order—fit guaranteed—for \$16. Bodge, the tailor.

—Last Friday was little Gracie Lawton's twelfth birthday, and to properly celebrate the event the little lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Lawton, gave a party to her young friends. D. T. and Leon Lawton were the only boys present and upon them was assigned the always pleasant duties of gallant. The evening, from six until eight, was very pleasantly spent in small games and children's play. At eight delicate and delicious refreshments were served and partaken of by the little ladies with a spirit of jollity well becoming the occasion. Several beautiful presents were given Miss Grace as kindly tokens of the friendship which exists between herself and her little friends. Those present were Mabel Elliott, Marie Smith, Wilna Gilkey, Bertha Brandenburg, Bessie Earhart, Bessie and Emma Davis, Ottilie Kame, Alta Noble, Allie Wilson, Fern Norris, Lottie Little, Geraldine Theles, Jennie Ferguson, Anna Walker, Julia Hamlin, Ethel Tressler, Dora Toft, Nina Kame, Hattie Washeau, Iva Barr, Bertha Walden and Ara Foster.

—Call and see the new musical instruments at Elwood's.

—A very pleasant and happy gathering was had out at the residence of W. W. Taylor, east of Medford. The date was Friday of last week and the occasion was a grand family reunion in honor of a visit being paid the Taylor boys and their families by their mother, Mrs. M. A. Stoddard. Those who made up the gathering to the number of twenty-two were W. W. Taylor, H. H. Taylor, C. C. Taylor, Mrs. J. N. Woody and their families. M. B. Clark was present and he alone was the only one outside of relatives. A splendid dinner was served and a most delightful time was had, as might well be expected when so royally good people as Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are entertainers and as well when the company is made up of kinspeople—all of whom are among our best people—and especially when the occasion is to do honor to so noble a woman as is Mrs. Stoddard.

—For rent—Dwelling house, store and hall combined. Inquire of W. H. Simmons or York & Wortman.

—Last Saturday little Mabel, the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Elliott, while playing with other children at Mr. Kame's place, was unfortunately in falling onto her right arm in such a manner as to break one of the bones at the elbow. She at once came home but as she did not seem to be in much pain her parents thought the injury was only a slight sprain and not until Monday morning when the arm was badly swollen did they learn the extent of the injury. A physician was called at once but owing to the swelling the fracture could not be reduced until evening, at which time the swelling had been removed. The little one is doing as well as could be expected but there are grave fears entertained that her arm will always be stiff.

—Two cans Yellow Crawford peaches for 25 cents. Warner & Wortman.

—A Willamette valley man has written THE MAIL to know what the chances are for establishing a cannery here. We have written him that no

another Medford home is deprived of one of its brightest lights, another family is sorrowing because of the death of a loving daughter and sister, our community is grieving that one of their happiest and most beloved members has been claimed by the hand of death.

—Mrs. Ida Belle Cox was born in Rowan County, Tenn., May 10, 1871, and died at the family home in Medford, Oregon, Jan. 31, 1899, aged twenty-seven years, eight months and twenty-one days.

She was converted under the ministry of G. W. Kennedy during his pastorate at Central Point in 1894, and has been a faithful member of the Methodist Church ever since. She was a great, but patient sufferer, and died in the triumphs of the faith. She said to her pastor a few days before the death angel came—"I put my trust in Jesus and believe that he saves me." When the summons came she was ready, saying to her sister, "I am going home." In her death the family have lost a loving daughter, and an affectionate sister; the acquaintances, a kind friend, and the church a faithful member.

The family wish to extend thanks to all the friends and people of Medford for their sympathy and kindness shown them in their bereavement.

H. N. ROUNDS, Pastor.

Funeral services were held at the M. E. Church on Wednesday at 10 o'clock, and interment was made in the family lot in the Central Point cemetery. The large church was filled to its fullest capacity with friends to pay a fitting tribute to one whom in life they held most dear. The funeral cortege numbered fully forty carriages.

There are left of the family to mourn her demise an aged father, Rufus Cox; three brothers, D. T., John W. and Frank Cox, and three sisters, Mrs. Mercedes Pruitt, Miss Laura M. and Miss Minnie A. Cox.

—Tomatoes, 10 cents per can. Warner & Wortman.

Death of Ida Belle Cox.

Calling Cards.

THE MAIL is now prepared to print calling cards, having recently purchased new type for this express purpose. We furnish cards and print them—50 for 25 cents. Saturday is our "calling card day." Please leave orders before Saturday noon.

—Everybody with a gun or an appetite for a delicious dinner of China pheasants can well afford to buy a ticket to the benefit ball—which is held for Friday evening, Feb. 10th. If you don't dance want you please drop a dollar, the price of a ticket, into the treasury?

—A good opportunity to learn photography thoroughly. Parents of children artistically inclined should not neglect this. Call or write MAIL office.

—The Davis flouring mill shut down last Saturday for one month—because of the accumulation of a supply of flour on hand equal to the probable demand for that time.

—See Fred Slagle's fine line of spring samples. Very latest patterns of spring suitings. Cleaning and repairing suits neatly and quickly done. Upstairs, McAndrew block.

—Mrs. Milton Anderson, who resides a couple or three miles east of Medford, has been quite seriously ill, but is now very much improved.

—Anyone desiring to have agates cut should call at Elwood's jewelry store, see samples and leave orders. D. S. Youngs.

—Thos. Ferren, living on the old Carver place near Phoenix, is reported to be seriously ill with asthma. He came here from Iowa about a year ago.

—Tickets for the China pheasant benefit ball are \$1 each. Buy one and help introduce the China pheasants in the Rogue river valley.

—S. S. Strayer has moved into his handsome new cottage—and these aged people are as happy as children in a well modeled play room.

—If your eyes bother you why not go to Elwood's and see if you need glasses. If you don't need them, will tell you so.

—The band boys are doing some good hard practice work these evenings—in a room rented for that purpose on Front street.

—Pure cider vinegar, 20 cents per gallon. Warner & Wortman.

—Gore Brothers' Quartet will sing at the morning service in the Presbyterian Church next Sunday. Go and hear them.

—Fresh roasted eastern peanuts—at the Crater.

—George Justus has traded his city property in Medford to Henry Voegeli for his 160-acre farm on Trail creek.

—You can now get your violin, guitar, banjo and mandolin strings at Elwood's.

—J. B. Wrisley has purchased, from Mrs. J. O. Johnson, the G. L. Davis residence, on South H street.

—J. A. Whitman has taken the agency for the Rambler bicycle. He will also handle the Crescent.

—D. T. Sears is quite ill with la grippe and pneumonia symptoms.

—Spring trucks for spring household moving. Wells & Shearer.

—Mr. Shultz has moved into the Orser residence on West Seventh street.

—School tablets—in almost endless quantities—at the Crater.

—Work on the ditch for the new water pipe was commenced Monday.

—I am still making a specialty of watch, clock, jewelry repairing and engraving. Elwood.

—One pound palls of North Carolina plug cut tobacco at 40 cents a pall—at Warner & Wortman's.

—Lemons—two dozen for two bits—at the Crater.

O. W. Oviatt's Explanation.

EDITOR MAIL:—In your paper of last week you said some pretty cutting things about me and gave the public the impression that the affair in which I figured so ignobly was all one-sided and I was altogether to blame. Now, I do not wish to justify my actions, for I feel thoroughly ashamed of the whole business, but I do feel that I had a right to be heard before being so harshly judged and fined. I have not had a trial yet, but the marshal insisted on my paying a fine, which I have done.

I deny striking Hamlin in the back or pitching on him unawares, as we both pulled our coats and the boy with him held his coat. Does it seem reasonable that a person would be walking along the street after dark with his knife open, whittling, or does it look as though his knife was open for some other purpose?

Thanking you for space to say this much, I am

Respectfully,
O. W. OVIATT.

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

Notice of Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing and doing business under the firm name of Kame & Merley, in Medford, Oregon, is, by mutual consent, this day dissolved. Mr. Merley retiring. All accounts due the firm are payable to W. T. Kame and all bills owed by the firm will be paid by said W. T. Kame.

W. T. KAME,
J. MERLEY.

Dated at Medford, Oregon, February 1, 1899.

—Strained and comb honey—Davis the grocer.

Words of Praise

Bestowed upon Hood's Sarsaparilla by those who have taken it indicate that it is restoring health to thousands of people, and that it will help you also.

Hood's Pills are easy to take, easy to operate, cure biliousness, indigestion, 25c.

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