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is predicted for
Shirt Waists

In anticipation of this popularity we have given this line our special attention. All the latest weaves are represented—such as Plain and Fancy Wefts, Plaques, Madras, Percales and Lawns. Prices range from
40c to \$2.00
Here are a few good values.

- Ladies' Percale Waists, detachable collar, box pleat, pointed yoke back. Asst. colors..... 40c.
- Madras Waists, detachable collar, box pleated, pointed yoke back, light and dark stripes \$ 1.00
- Fine Fancy and White Welt Waists, white linen detachable collar, box pleated back. The latest style..... \$ 1.00

J. G. Van Dyke & Co.
Medford, Oregon

CITY HAPPENINGS.

—About two months ago a Mrs. Skeeters, living near the packing house, picked up a stick of stove wood lying in her yard, and shortly after putting it in the fire place a violent explosion occurred which sent ashes and fire all over the room and gave the lady an awful fright. She has since then picked up another innocent looking stick which upon examination was found to contain nearly two teaspoons full of powder. Paul Demmer has lately found a stray stick in his yard, which he showed to people on the streets. This stick had a hole about five inches deep in each end, evidently made with a five-eighths inch bit and filled with powder, the ends being plugged. Jim Bates found one of these relics conveniently near his wood pile but he didn't try to burn it. It also contained a charge of powder. Wednesday noon, of this week, shortly after Mrs. T. W. Johnson had started a fire in the range, a loud explosion occurred, throwing ashes out over everything and filling the room with strong powder smoke. If the draughts in the stove had not all been open, some one would no doubt have been injured. The doors being open the smoke was swept into another room, but Mrs. Johnson thoughtfully closed them, and no fewer than five people who knew nothing of the explosion, remarked the strong smell of powder on entering this room.

—E. C. Boeck, the wagonmaker, has just gotten in the largest stock of wagon material ever shipped to Jackson County and is better prepared to do your better and cheaper work than ever. Will rim wheels from \$1.50 up, and all other work in proportion. My stock is all thoroughly seasoned, and all work is guaranteed first-class. Shop in the rear of G. F. Merriman's blacksmith shop, Medford, Oregon.

—Don't forget the lecture by Shegetaro Morikubo, a native of Tokio, Japan, at the Methodist Church, Saturday evening, April 22d. This is a rare opportunity to hear of the "Home Life and Social Customs of the Women of Old Japan," which will be illustrated with the wedding in costume. The Japanese are among the most interesting and intelligent people of the day, and no one can afford to miss hearing this polished young Oriental tell of his people and their novel ways and ideas. Shegetaro Morikubo is a member of the Academy of Philosophy of Tokio. This is something entirely new and rare and should be well patronized by all. Admission, men, 25 cents; ladies and children, 15 cents.

—Ladies now style Trojan shirt waists in white and colors, just received this week. Ladies make your selection while stock is fresh and complete. These goods on sale at White & Jacobs' store only.

—Dr. J. L. Bohannon, of Stockton, Calif., a cancer doctor, is in Medford operating on some people afflicted with this disease. Mrs. Tungate, who was suffering from a cancer in advanced stage, has endured the treatment and is reported to be improving. Others who have been treated are standing the severe ordeal very well. Mr. Kincaid, of this city, is one of the doctor's Medford patients.

—The city council are having the park plowed this week. This piece of ground was presented to Medford by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company with the

promise that it should be made beautiful and kept so. That it had never been made beautiful and that the railroad company has been inquiring into the matter demanded some prompt action of the authorities. It is hoped that the blue grass may be subdued to some extent, so that trees and plants will make a better growth. Some other kind of grass seed may be sown and all will be done that is possible to make our city park a place of beauty.

—Dr. and Mrs. Lowe are again at Hotel Nash. The doctor has been coming to Medford in the capacity of an optician since '91. He has done a great and good work here in his profession, as many of our people would have been compelled to go to the large cities to get correct fitting glasses were it not for his semi-annual visits.

—Dr. Pickel has performed a wonderful operation on Dennis Powson, of the county hospital, who is eighty-two years of age. Cataracts had grown over both eyes, making him stone blind and unable to walk upon himself. Although many expressed the greatest doubt as to the result of the operation, the doctor removed a cataract from one eye, with the result that the man could count the fingers of the hand held a short distance from his face. As soon as it is advisable the cataract will be removed from the other eye. The doctor believes that the man will be able to read with the aid of glasses.

—My stock of spring millinery has arrived. Largest stock I have ever carried. Largest number and greatest variety of pattern hats ever before placed on my counters. Mrs. Sears, at the Racket.

—The law has provided a neat way of telling whether a man has paid his bicycle tax or not. It is an aluminum shield or tag to be attached to the front of every wheel, when the tax of one dollar and twenty-five cents is paid. If the tax is not paid within a reasonable length of time, the wheel without a tag is taken, and the cost of getting a spin on your wheel again will be two dollars and fifty cents. Moral: Pay your bicycle tax. J. W. Lawton has been appointed deputy tax collector for Medford and vicinity.

—All you may have guessed of Dr. Lowe and his glasses may be wrong. Investigate his methods of eye testing and prices—it costs you nothing.

—F. M. Stewart, of this city, is daily expecting quite a number of copies of the bi-annual report of the state Board of Horticulture. These are sent to him by Commissioner Casey, of Ashland, and they are for free distribution among the fruit growers of the valley. Mr. Stewart will leave these at THE MAIL office where they can be had by calling. While these books are for free distribution it is not expected that others than those engaged in fruit growing will expect to get them.

—A mammoth stock of general merchandise of all kinds, now being received by White & Jacobs, Medford, all of which they wish to exchange for farmers eggs and saleable produce.

—Last Thursday evening Rev. and Mrs. Gist entertained the young people's bible class and some other invited guests, at their pleasant home. The evening was spent in games and sociability, and all went home expressing themselves as having had a most delightful time. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. The following is an incomplete list of those present: Misses Pearl Wobb, Myrtle Woodford, Mable Jones, Erma Wigle,

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Jda Weaver, Edith Nicholson, Tamor Gregory, Dora Williamson, Cora Wiley, Gertrude Johnston, Pearl Sample, Livy Murphy, Messrs. John Galtney, Ralph Woodford, Jesse Farrler, Walden, Omer Sample and Carl Webb.

—A bit of material and taste makes a beautiful spring hat. I furnish what's needed to make them right. Mrs. L. J. Sears.

—The well which is being sunk at the brewery is making good progress, it being 350 feet deep. The work is being pushed and it is hoped that it may prove to be an artesian well. The substance which is brought to the surface is principally a thick, leathery, blue clay with some soap stone. The work is being engineered by J. W. Green, a man of long experience in the well business. The machine with which the work is being done, which is his own invention, runs by steam and is connected with the drill by a steel cable. Only a few days have been necessary by this powerful machine, to sink the well several feet. If the well proves to be artesian it will be a great thing for Medford, giving us a water supply that will be inexhaustible.

—Remember next week is most positively Dr. Lowe's last week here. Call on him at his Hotel Nash office at once if your eyes trouble you.

—D. T. Lawton has purchased a couple of business lots on the corner of B and Sixth streets, just south from I. A. Webb's residence. The purchase was made from Mrs. Sampson, a lady who formerly resided in Medford, and whose name was then Mrs. Morris. The lots are each 25x140 feet in size and the purchase price was \$300. Upon these Mr. Lawton will erect a 50x75 foot brick building sometime within the next eighteen months, the same to be used by Messrs. Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Company as a retail farm implement and carriage establishment.

—With the new facilities that B. N. Butler put in his shop, he turns out as good work in repairing watches and jewelry as any one in Southern Oregon.

—Ed. Hollingbeck, of Sams Valley, had the misfortune to lose his home and nearly all its contents by fire Tuesday morning. Mr. Hollingbeck was away at work at the time of the fire, no one being at the house but his wife, who succeeded in removing the bureau and four chairs, nothing more, from the burning house. Nearly all their clothing was also lost. It is thought that the fire started in the wall around the fireplace. The building burned very rapidly, making it impossible to remove anything more than has been mentioned from the house.

—Flower elegance. You will be pleased with the excellency of the new creations in spring millinery. I give you the best. Mrs. L. J. Sears.

—The Women's Relief Corps of Medford will have tickets to sell in the near future on a beautiful silk quilt, which they have nearly completed. The tickets will be ten cents each and will entitle the holder to a guess on the number of pieces in the quilt, the person coming the nearest to the right number receiving the quilt. A luncheon of ice cream and cake will be served some evening early in May, when the fortunate guesser will receive the quilt.

—For Sale—My heavy teams and logging outfit. Address me at Trall, Oregon. Geo. R. Justus.

—The report that Olney Hopwood, of Central Point, now a soldier at Manila, was killed, is entirely unfounded. This time the word that comes over the seas concerning him is much more gladdening to his friends and is also true. He has been awarded two medals; one for being the best shot in his regiment, and the other for having the cleanest equipment. Olney had been stationed in Manila until recently, when he was ordered to the front.

—A. Slover, the drayman, get him to do your hauling. Household goods and heavy articles carefully and safely handled. Teams always handy and teamsters courteous.

—Many who knew Peter Windom, of Grants Pass, will be saddened by the news of his death, which occurred at his home in the above named city last week. Mr. Windom was at one time a rough man, but a few years since he united with one of the leading churches of Grants Pass, and became one of the most useful and respected citizens of the town. The disease which caused his death was stomach disorder.

—In matters of final proof THE MAIL will make out all papers necessary for the commencement of proof free of charge.

—Unless all signs fail, the entertainment to be given by the ladies of the Methodist Church on "Dewey Day," May 1st, at the opera house, will be of unusual interest. No pains are being spared to make the occasion one worthy of the day and one which all may enjoy. A glance at the program, which will be published next week, is sufficient to convince any one that the affair will be a grand success. Don't miss it.

—My thoroughbred Kentucky Jack will stand for the season of 1899 at the Union livery stables in Medford. For season, \$8; single service, \$5. Rufus Cox.

—G. Voorhies, of Portland, who has purchased the Stewart fruit farm, is in Medford this week. Mr. Voorhies is highly pleased with our valley and with his new investment. He will remain here for an indefinite time attending to business, after which he will return to Portland for his family, who will reside at their new home in Southern Oregon.

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—J. W. Wiley has been engaged for the last few weeks in gathering hogs from various parts of the valley. He has gotten a carload together and is now feeding them for the Portland market. They are a scarce article at this season of the year and very few ranchers are in anyway anxious to dispose of them.

—When you want your eyes fitted with glasses, go to an optician who will guarantee you a fit and who is permanently located in your own town and can back up his guarantee. Prof. Goble is located permanently in Medford. Office at his residence, three blocks north of depot, near the railroad track. In the Barnum house. Office days Friday and Saturday. Consultation free.

—Men's and boys' spring clothing, just received by White & Jacobs, Medford.

—R. W. Gray, who was down from the upper Rogue river country this week, has a world of good things to say for the general condition of affairs at the Gray-Proudfoot sawmill, among which are that they have everything in shape for a very promising spring and summer run.

—S. Rosenthal has beautified his elegant store building with a new coat of paint. J. W. Ling is the artist and he is without a parallel as a fine workman. Mr. Ling has begun the work of repainting J. A. Lyon's large East Side residence, and will without question do some very pleasing work for Mr. Lyon.

—Have you seen that swell line of silk front shirts at Meeker's?

—Ernest Longley has secured the contract for putting in all the water pipe and arranging the water system for the J. H. Stewart brick block. Ernest is a rustler and a first-class mechanic, and will unquestionably fill his contract to the entire satisfaction of his employers.

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

—Are you a lover of good cheese? We have just received a fine lot of Edam, Limburger, Cream Brick, Hound Swiss, Square Swiss and California Full Cream. We would be pleased to have you call and see our cheese display. Wolters & Howard.

—China Painters—attention! Watch for our new line of art china—new designs, fancy shapes, elegant patterns, all new. Wolters & Howard.

—Geo. Davis is having a vegetable tank placed in one of his show windows that will be both useful and ornamental. It will be so arranged that the vegetables will be constantly sprayed, keeping them as fresh as when first gathered. Dr. Brooks is doing the mechanical part of the work.

—Plymouth Rock eggs for hatching—fifteen for 50 cents. Leave orders at Davis' grocery, Medford. J. W. Smith.

—County Treasurer Jacobs has another notice in today's MAIL in which he is advertising that he has funds on hand to redeem all outstanding warrants protested from Sept. 7, 1894, to Oct. 4, 1894, both dates inclusive.

—All kinds of new spring and summer dress goods, arriving daily at White & Jacobs' new store, Medford.

—J. W. Lawton has traded his fast pacing mare, Klamath Maid, to Dr. H. A. Wright, of Klamath Falls, for his standard bred trotting stallion, Zilophone, register No. 55606. Zilophone is a son of the famous Altamont.

—Bacon, hams and lard and fresh groceries at White & Jacobs', Medford.

—Phelps' Hair Vigor is guaranteed to grow hair on bald heads. It also restores hair to its natural color. Over fifty persons have tried it in this vicinity—ask any of them what it will do. Colter & Williamson, agents, Medford.

—Kodaks and kodak supplies at Elwood's jewelry store—also cameras.

—All the young people of the Christian Church are earnestly requested to meet at the home of Rev. Gist, Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a young peoples society of Christian Endeavor.

—We want 20 cases of eggs—Wolters & Howard.

—W. J. Brown, of San Francisco, has the contract for laying the new brick block, and will begin operations as soon as the building is in readiness for that part of the work. When Mr. Brown has filled this contract he will go on to Spokane.

—Don't forget Brooks' sub-irrigating pipe this spring—if you want green lawns and good gardens.

—The eight-inch water pipe that is being removed from the city park will be used for gutters under the street crossings. It is not yet known when the water plant will be moved to the new site on Bear creek, but sometime in the near future.

—Pay no attention to slanderous reports circulated about Van E. Call and see for yourself. You'll be treated right whether ordering or not.

—Ira Wakefield and family, of Talent, passed through Medford Tuesday morning on their way to their new home on Big Butte. We have been informed that Mr. Wakefield has made the purchase of a sawmill in that section and will operate the same this year.

—Wanted—500 dozen eggs immediately. We will pay the highest market price—cash or trade. Wolters & Howard.

—Mrs. J. A. Morey is very ill again this week and her recovery is quite doubtful. Mrs. Morey is a great sufferer and her patient and uncomplaining endurance of pain is the remark of all who know her. She has been totally blind for about two years.

—Do not give your enlarging to traveling agents. We have no traveling expenses to pay and can do it cheaper and better. Van E.

—The work on the Stewart block is progressing rapidly. The tower is being erected and the building is nearing inclosure. That it is a great addition to Medford as a beautiful piece of architecture, is putting it very mildly.

—Flower pots at Wolters & Howard's.

—H. B. Sample reports his laundry business increasing—which is quite as it ought to do. He is putting out first-class work. The Medford laundry is a home institution and ought to be well patronized.

—Van E's specialty—the babies and children. They are our pleasure and delight. We succeed when others fail.

Shirt Waists
AND
Baby Bonnets
FROM
25c to \$1.25
AT...
THE RACKET :-:

I am here to stay!

I test eyes free. If you don't need glasses I will tell you so. I can give you personal references. Call and see me before getting glasses.

E. D. ELWOOD
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ALL MEN

who desire a first-class smoke for a nickel always ask for Kurtz's

"NEW DEAL"

When they want a little better cigar for a little more money they buy Kurtz's

"Bouquet"

Smoke home made cigars and build up a home industry.

—Alonzo Edwards, who was acquitted of the crime of murder in the Evans case, passed through to his home in Talent, Tuesday morning. He was accompanied by Mrs. Edwards.

—"Van E" is THE photographer.

—Sidney Cole was able to be down town again Saturday and was kept busy shaking hands with friends, who are happy to see his face among us once more.

—John Olwell shipped a carload of hay from Central Point to Redding this week. Mr. Olwell is doing quite an extensive business in the shipping line.

—"White Lily" and "Snow Cap" baking powder—prize with every can. Davis sells both kinds.

—Work was commenced this week on the ditch for the water pipe which is to be laid in East Medford.

—Geo. Colter reports that pretty nearly every day he gets from one to three orders from commercial travelers for Dr. Phelps' Hair Vigor.

—They talk that, and it's just what you want. I mean our new Platinum, the 1. test thing and strictly up-to-date. Mackey Bros. can make 'em.

—Christ. Riedel, a graduate of Leipzig University, will organize Latin, Greek, French or German classes in the city shortly. References by Judge Benson and Supt. Gregory. Terms low.

—Highest market price paid for eggs. W. H. Meeker & Co.

—Born—To Mr. and Mrs. John Edsell, of Wellen, Oregon, April 16, 1899, a son.

—For Sale—Nine room house at a bargain, on South H street, Medford, Address "Jack" Morris, Ashland.

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Chicago Waist

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Then you will obtain "Your Money's Worth" in Comfort and wear WE SHOW ALL STYLES

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Exposition.....	50
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Groceries..

That word means a heap to every housewife. It means a heap more when the groceries are known to be fresh and first-class. When your wife tells you to get groceries at Davis', you better not run chances on buying them elsewhere. When she don't say where to go, you had better use a little of your own judgment and make sure you're right.

Davis Delivers goods free. Trades groceries for farm produce, vegetables and poultry. Medford, Oregon.