

# The Fall Season

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J. G. VAN DYKE & CO. Medford, Oregon

## CITY HAPPENINGS.

Circus day has come and gone. Last Saturday there was in Medford one of the largest crowds which ever congregated inside our city limits. It was a gala day from start to finish—a picnic alike for old people, young people, fat people, lean people, tall people, short people and all kinds of people—and small boys with gray headed guardians. The show train was late in getting here, not arriving until about 11 o'clock, but this did not prevent it carrying out its full program. An advantage was offered by its being late in that the unloading process could be—and was—witnessed by pretty nearly everybody. The parade instead of being made at ten o'clock was not on until after two o'clock, but this fact in no way detracted from its grandeur. It was a fine presentation of many things beautiful. There were four bands and a calliope. The Vermont farmer driving his trained pigs and he riding in the little cart was one of the funny features of the parade, while the automobile, or horseless carriage, was one of the most interesting. As a whole, the parade was unique, novel and grand throughout. The entertainment following immediately after the parade was in many ways far superior to anything ever presented in Southern Oregon. The trapeze performance by the Wernits family, six in number, three ladies and three gentlemen—was the most marvelous aerial feat the writer has ever witnessed; the pony riding upon the backs of two horses was another wonderful feat; the acrobatic act by the Livingstones in full dress was well a feature worth the price of admission; the Vermont farmer with his trained pigs was the wonder of all—it has been said that a pig is incapable of being educated but an exception has been found to the general rule. All in all, the Walter L. Main circus is a grand feature throughout, and none the least of the many attractions was the sixty-three trained horses. The show entire was moral in every particular. There was no harsh or obscene language used by any of the employees. The managers, Messrs. J. D. and Hugh Harrison, are splendid gentlemen and their efforts to treat everybody courteously was a feature not often displayed by managers of big shows. For the afternoon performance there were nearly 3000 tickets sold but in the evening the attendance was not so large. There was no disturbance of any kind—everything was quiet and orderly all the day through, and this, too, was remarkable when it is considered that the crowd was the largest ever congregated in Jackson County. The merchants did a splendid business all day—and THE MAIL was none the least of these—many of our good friends remembering that we have babies to feed and clothe and that we have premiums to give away.

—Dr. C. C. Pletcher will be in his office after September 15th.

—Wolters & Howard are doing a good business at fruit shipping these times. They are daily sending to Port-

land markets from 1000 to 1500 boxes of peaches. Heretofore there has not been a very swift market in peaches, they not being a fruit that would stand shipment to other than local markets, and the demand has not been brisk because of the usual good crop in the Willamette valley, but this year there are no peaches in that country and the always reliable Rogue river valley is called upon to supply the demand. It is to be hoped, however, that the demand for peaches this year will not get our orchardists excited on the peach question to an extent that will put them to planting large orchards. Peaches, apples and prunes are the staple fruits of this valley and to these our orchardists should hang fast to if they expect good returns every year.

—Bill Nye used to say that if, when arriving in a strange town, you wanted to stop at a first class hotel you must follow the commercial traveler—the hotel they stop at is it. The cigar the commercial traveler smokes is always a cream article—the Rialto sells them and the cigar they buy is it.

—The short change man was in evidence at the circus Saturday. Several citizens were asked to exchange gold for silver but only a very few were victimized. G. L. Schermerhorn, with a spirit of accommodation peculiarly his, responded to one of these fellow's request for gold in exchange for silver, but when he found himself short ten dollars, he immediately made a demand for his shortage from the fellow making the change, and he got it, and later he discovered still another shortage of a five dollar gold piece. In company with Marshal Murray he made a demand upon the management—and got his shiner back. The management explained that those things were matters they could not well prevent but that they were always willing to make good any shortage claims made by reputable citizens—they did not pay their help to hilk the people and would not permit it when the fact was made known.

—People wishing the best lime ever burned in the valley should see Messrs. Andrus & Carpenter, Medford. They have recently filled their new store house with this lime.

—The social given at the very pleasant residence of D. T. Lawton Monday evening was a decided success, both socially and financially. There was a goodly crowd present and all enjoyed themselves immensely well. A short musical and literary program was given. There was a recitation by Miss Stella Dutilleul and vocal solos by Miss Jennie Hibbard, Etta Medynski, Virgo Woodford, Ethel Elliott and Myrtle Lawton. The young people enjoyed themselves on the lawn while the older ones had equally as good a time indoor with pleasant and agreeable repartee. A lunch of coffee, cake and sandwiches was served.

—The Turf Exchange saloon, Thos. Collins, proprietor, is unquestionably the most popular resort in Medford. Here all kinds of drinks are served—plain and fancy. Medford Brewing Company's beer at five cents per glass.

—The Wiley B. Allen Co., represented by B. G. Magoon, is located in

the Medford Bank building with a fine line of pianos and organs, which will be sold at Portland prices. Old instruments taken in exchange. The music loving people of Medford and vicinity are respectfully invited to call and examine these instruments and get prices. Don't fail to see the Hamilton piano with the mandolin attachment.

—School will soon commence. Remember that Jas. Stewart has a complete line of school books and school supplies for the children. Medford Book store, next door to the postoffice.

—Next week, beginning Wednesday and continuing three days, the County Teachers' Institute will be held in Medford. There will probably be sixty teachers in attendance. It will be necessary to provide accommodations for these teachers and to that end the reception committee are asking that any family that can provide accommodations for one or more of these visitors report to them with the least possible delay. The teachers will each expect to pay seventy-five cents per day for board and lodging. The reception committee in Misses May Phipps, Julia Fielder and Jessie Wait.

—Say, now don't give the printer fits about this print being poor, when you have outgrown your old "specks." Go to Geo. Webb's Racket and buy a pair for 25 cents, that are guaranteed.

—Last May J. W. Smith and Thos. Riley, both living over north and east of Medford, each lost a horse from their pasture. They were suspicious at the time that the animals had been stolen, but no positive evidence was at hand. Quite recently a Jackson County man saw Mr. Smith's horse in Klamathon, Calif., and upon inquiry learned that it was then owned by James Parke, a blacksmith formerly of Central Point, and that he purchased the animal from a fellow who was traveling south on horseback. Mr. Smith will endeavor to recover his horse. It is probable the same man stole the Riley horse.

—The Rialto is daily gaining more popularity and in consequence its patronage is increasing. It is without a peer in all Oregon for neatness, while the summer drinks and confections are excellent in quality.

—Next Sunday morning Rev. Haberly will take for his sermon the subject—"True Education." It is, indeed, a timely subject and will without question be handled in an able manner. Rev. Haberly is an enthusiast upon educational subjects and it will be well worth the while of all our people to hear him, especially those who have children to educate. The subject is especially timely because of the fact that right now a movement is on foot to establish an academy in Medford. THE MAIL hopes there will be a large attendance upon this occasion.

—Why in this world do you go around squinting your eyes in the sunshine just like you were half asleep, when that racket store sells colored glasses for 10 cents?

—County Judge Crowell and Commissioner Perry went up to the new Rogue river bridge Friday for the purpose of inspecting that structure for the county. Owing to the fact that the roads were wet, from recent rains, the road engine could not be taken to the bridge, but the inspectors were satisfied with the structure and will recommend that it be accepted by the county. They report that it is a fine piece of workmanship and seemingly is strong and solid in every particular.

—The Rialto's cigar and tobacco trade is climbing in to bigger figures with every new day. This is easily accounted for—nothing but the very best goods are handled.

—Mrs. K. R. Philpott is getting lumber on the ground preparatory to erecting a fine residence on her thirteen acres of fruit land in the Orchard Home tract. The building will be 16x31 feet in size and two stories high. There will be a 10x16 kitchen and a large porch. It is to be nicely finished and will be quite an ornament to that part of the country, which, by-the-way, is becoming pretty thoroughly peopled with cultivators of those beautiful and productive fruit trees.

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

—During the Teachers' Institute to be held in Medford next week, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, there will be lectures by educators from abroad on the evenings of Wednesday and Thursday at the opera house. The lectures will be of a popular nature on subjects of vital interest to friends of public education. Parents and young people of mature age cannot afford to miss this opportunity of hearing leading men on live topics. Lectures free to the public.

—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.

—Photographer H. C. Mackey has made a purchase of a new Hamilton piano for Mrs. Mackey. The purchase was made from B. G. Magoon, representing the Wiley B. Allen Company. The instrument has a mandolin attachment and is a prime article throughout. Mr. Mackey evidently is endeavoring to make home as attractive as is possible for his good wife—and in this no person will say him nay, or that the best that's going is too good.

—The next time you are in need of a pair of hose or socks, just try a pair of the famous "Black Cat" brand. They are kept at the Racket only.

—David Gibson and Miss Jennie Anderson were joined in wedlock at the residence of J. Nyawarner, in this city, on Monday evening, Sept. 11th, by Judge Jas. A. Stewart. Their friends are profuse in congratulations and THE MAIL is hoping their journey in team harness over life's rugged and delusive path will be always strewn with roses of greatest profusion and rarest beauty and that only the pleasures and successes may be theirs.

—We wear spees. So does our clerk, but we have the finest line of stationery in Medford. Stewart, at the Book store.

—The Sugar Pine Company's lumber train has been laid up since last Thursday because of a flaw in the safety valve on the engine. A new valve was ordered and the train is now on the road again. The last load brought in measured 18,000 feet. The work of hauling will continue as long as the good weather stays with us.

—Klamath County cheese at G. L. Davis' grocery.

—Sam Tryer, he who butchers for Ed. Wilkinson, was unfortunate last Monday in severing an artery in one of his fingers. He was shuffling off the dear life of one of Mary's little lambs and when the job was about half completed his lambship became dissatisfied with the proceedings and interrupted them somewhat by a bunt at Sam which resulted in the gory knife he held in hand being thrust against one of his index fingers, severing an artery as above stated and as well a goodly portion of the flesh and pretty nearly a considerable chunk of bone. Dr. Shearer was called and took several stitches in the wound—and Sam is now very nearly all right again.

—Time and money saved by taking the Northern Pacific to all points east. Tickets sold from Medford same as Portland. Do not forget that a Northern Pacific car passes through Medford Wednesday evening each week for the accommodation of passengers who wish a sleeper from Medford to St. Paul without change. W. T. York, agent, Medford, Oregon.

The pain of a burn or scald is almost instantly relieved by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It also heals the injured parts more quickly than any other treatment, and without the burn is very severe, does not leave a scar. For sale by Chas. Strang, druggist, Medford; Dr. J. Hinkie, Central Point.

—Rev. Father Hickey will hold service in the Catholic Church, of Medford, on Sunday, Sept. 17th, at 7 a. m. Confession will be heard before mass, and a sermon will be given. Rev. Father Hickey is a fine speaker, and is highly appreciated in Portland, Ore., where he has for some time resided.

—For sale—Four heavy work horses. Enquire at Gall's store, Sams Valley.

—The Eugene Guard says: "It is now almost an assured fact that the Roseburg local will be extended south to Redding, making another Portland-San Francisco train. Railroad men say that the officials state the train will be put on the 16th of this month."

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—Spencer Childers has taken a contract to put up two brick store buildings at Grants Pass. One is 50x100 feet in size and is for R. L. Coe and the other is 18x90 and is for Engineer McCarthy. Both are one story high.

—All kinds of sash and doors and screen doors, at lowest market price. W. Woods.

—A Southern Pacific construction train with sixteen men has been making headquarters at Medford since last week. The men are at work repairing bridges and culverts between Gold Hill and Talent.

—The Mounce & Karnes Soda Palace is doing business—and a goodly amount of it—strictly on business principles.

—J. G. Hodges, one of Medford's East Side suburban farmers, is busily engaged these days hauling lumber from the Richard sawmill with which he will build numerous buildings upon his fine farm.

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

—Station Agent Lippincott informs us that round trip tickets will be sold for the reunion at Grants Pass next week, for one and one-third regular fare. \$1.75 from this city—good for the week.

—Medford beer at Collins' Turf Exchange saloon at five cents per glass.

—Born—On Sunday, August 6, 1899 at 6 p. m., at 3223 Prairie Ave., Chicago, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Meyer, a daughter. Mrs. Meyer is the youngest daughter of Rev. J. S. McCall, of Medford.

—See Mackey, the leading photographer, for superior photos.

—Prof. Day Parker has been elected to the principalship of the Paisley public schools and will leave for that place in time to commence school on November 1st. Paisley is in Lake County, Or.

—Smoke Billie Dougan five cent cigars—best on earth—at Mounce & Karnes'.

—As the weather grows cooler the demands for something in the way of solid food increases. We have select fresh eastern oysters, served in any style, at the Rialto, or for sale by the can.

—Lost—On the streets of Medford, on Saturday, circus day, between the postoffice and residence of Rufus Cox, a lad's white kid glove. Finder leave same at MAIL office, please.

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—Dr. G. B. Cole having returned, will occupy his former rooms in the Hamlin block and engage in the practice of medicine and surgery.

—D. S. Youngs has moved from Newport to Albany. Says too much rain at Newport. Rain has fallen nearly every day since August 9th.

—Just arrived—finest line of lunch goods in the city. We have them in cans from ten to fifty cents. Mounce & Karnes.

—A select audience assembled at the opera house on Tuesday evening, and were highly entertained by Miss Martha Scriven Evans, teacher of literature and voice culture at Pacific University, of Forest Grove, Ore. Her interpretative recitations were S. R. Crockett's "Idyl of the Stone Dyke," Tadema's poetical play, "The Silent Voice" and Barrie's "The Shadow of Sir Walter," or "How Tommy Got Possession of Waverly," from Sentimental Tommy. Miss Evans is a pleasing speaker, enunciates clearly, is forcible in imagination, and her gestures and facial expression, make it not only easy, but a pleasure to follow her portrayal of scenes and characters and the thoughts and emotions of the characters she is representing. Miss Grace Odgers rendered several instrumental selections on the piano in an able and pleasing manner. The Wiley B. Allen Co., of Medford, kindly loaned the piano for the occasion. The entertainment was under the auspices of the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society.

—Cash paid for eggs and poultry—G. L. Davis, the grocer.

—Dr. G. W. Stephenson has a professional card elsewhere in today's MAIL. Dr. Stephenson ar-

# Men's and Boys' CLOTHING! SCHOOL SUITS For School Boys! Ladies', Misses' and Children's Capes and Jackets!

Something New in Little Girls' Jackets!

W. H. MEEKER & CO. Medford Oregon

ived in Medford recently from Lakeview, Ore. He is a graduate from two colleges. In 1878 he graduated from the college of Physicians and Surgeons, at Keokuk, Iowa, and in 1887, from the Missouri Medical college, at St. Louis. He has since practiced medicine at Payetteville, Idaho, and at Lakeview, Oregon. He has office rooms in the Stewart, block, over the Medford bank.

—New goods will be arriving from now until December, at Elwood's, the jeweler and optician.

—On Saturday, August 31st, little Genevieve Wortman gave a birthday party to several of her friends. The occasion was a very happy one and those who enjoyed the day's pleasures were Mary Gore, Vera Clayton, Flora Grey, Loraine Bliton, Jenesse Butler, Maud Jones, Vera Webb, Agnes Isaacs, Ara Foster, Eva Bowman, Marguerite Haberly, Louise Haberly, Louise Hammond, Fern Hutchison, Hazel Enyart, Esther and Ruth Warner, Lawrence Clayton and Willie Langell.

—The East Side mill grinds burr flour, whole wheat flour, graham, corn meal, and chop feed, and rolls feed.

—S. K. George, traveling agent of the Oregon Fire Relief Association, has commenced canvassing in Jackson County for an increased membership. This is one of the few mutual insurance companies in existence, and particularly in Oregon, that will bear investigation. We predict for Mr. George a cordial support from all prospective insurers. Mr. George is father of Miss Carrie George, the Postal telegraph operator in this city.

—Commercial men and all our town-people who enjoy a really good smoke are patrons of the Rialto.

—Mrs. J. F. Lathrop and family will leave Saturday for Yreka, to make their future home. Mr. Lathrop having secured employment there. The move is made more particularly in hopes of benefiting Mrs. Lathrop's health, which has not been very good of late. All their Medford friends will join in wishing her a return of health and the whole family much happiness and success in their new home.

—Elwood, the jeweler and optician, is back from the mountains and ready for business.

—R. E. Peyton, who lives on Rogue river, near the new bridge, accompanied by F. W. Jones and family, who have just arrived in this section, by team, from Los Angeles, Calif., were callers at THE MAIL office yesterday. Mr. Jones

is well pleased with this country and expects to locate hereabouts. He will remain at Leeds during the winter.

—Notice. Don't purchase any plated ware until you see what I have, Elwood, the jeweler and optician.

—Mrs. M. E. Butin, of Klamath County, returned last Saturday from a visit to her daughters at Soudan, Alaska. She was met here by her son and the two left Thursday for their east of the mountains home. Before going over, however, Mrs. Butin placed two large orders for goods with Medford merchants, the same to be shipped to her daughters in Alaska.

—Ladies will find just what they want in stationery, at the Book store. Also fashion paper and magazines.

—Thos. F. Fish, the San Francisco capitalist and mineowner, was in Medford this week looking after his land interests hereabouts. The gentleman is enthusiastic as to the future of the Rogue river valley. He notices great improvements in the country since his visit here a couple of years ago.

—Strained and comb honey—Davis the grocer.

—I. A. Merriman is hunting for a man who has lost a knife—a good one (the knife), worth \$1.50. He found it sticking in a melon in his melon patch. The probabilities are that Ike is ahead a good knife as no person will want to claim it and admit they had been "cooning" melons.

—Set of second hand single and double harness for sale cheap—E. W. Starr.

—The crowd at the side show last Saturday was so great that several children fainted from the intense heat and from being jammed about so unmercifully. Mrs. Hemstreet also fainted and was carried out of the tent, where after a few minutes she was restored to consciousness.

—Lost—On Saturday last, on Seventh street, a fountain pen. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at this office.

—Lieutenant and Mrs. A. A. Fries returned Wednesday evening from their wedding tour into California. They will remain here with relatives and friends until the 20th when they will leave for Willets Point, New York.

The Ladies.

The pleasant effect and perfect safety with which ladies may use Syrup of Figs, under all conditions, makes it their favorite remedy. To get the true and genuine article, look for the name of the California Fig Syrup Co. printed near the bottom of the package. For sale by all druggists.

## SHORT DAYS

Begin to remind one of autumn's nearness and the householder of supplies for the winter. The RACKET is prepared to furnish you with warm Underwear and Hosiery, Suspenders, Hats, Gloves, Toweling, Table Linens, Corsets, Ribbons, Laces, School Supplies, Jewelry, Notions and nicknacks of all kinds. If you don't see what you want, call for it. We will divide the profits with you.

G. L. WEBB.

## Wolters & Howard

THE GROCERS

Will occupy this space with a new ad.

Next Week.