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THE MAIL and Weekly S. F. Call	\$2 00
" " " Examiner	2 35
" " " Chronicle	2 35
" " " Oregonian	2 00
" " " Cosmopolitan	2 00
" " " Sunday Bulletin	2 00
" " " N. Y. Tribune	1 65
" " " Weekly Cincinnati Enquirer	1 75

If the lad among American girls for marrying foreign princes keeps up the Sultan of Sulu will be sending over presently for quotations on half-dozen lots.

The Cottage Grove Leader is juggling with figures endeavoring to prove that prices are lower and that times are harder now than in 1897. That editor is a freak and it is a wonder he has not been picked up by some dime museum collector. —Roseburg Plaindealer.

A RECENT expose of the brutal treatment of privates in the army of France by their officers gives new emphasis to the danger of arbitrary power. It is also reported that in Austria the custom of boxing the ears of soldiers and recruits has been so common and so violent that thousands of them have suffered such impairment of their hearing as partly to unfit them for service. The minister of war has recently issued a prohibitory order.

A RECENT Washington dispatch says: "Admiral Dewey is out in an interview today in which he says: 'President McKinley is a good friend of mine, and I hope to see him secure a second term. I hope my friends will not continue to talk of my being a candidate.' This and more about the kind messages the president sent him at Manila seem to end all probability that Dewey will enter the race against McKinley."

PETITIONS are being circulated in very nearly every city and hamlet of the United States protesting against the seating of Polygamist Roberts, the elected congressman from Utah. There is a sense of duty which every man owes himself and family and that is to sign the first petition of this nature that happens his way. If no such petitions are in circulation here, one should be prepared at once. Polygamy and Mormonism should be blotted out and no more opportune time is offered to impede its progress than right now.

A NORTH DAKOTA preacher took as subject for his last Sunday's sermon:—"Lopsided Christians." There are of course lopsided Christians just as there are lopsided business men, and lopsided worlds people, and some are lopsided on both sides, but the people generally soon find them out and they do little injury to churches or business except to occupy space which should be taken by the conscientious christian and the honest business man. There are lopsided, hypocritical professed christians in every locality, and, parenthetically, let us say that Medford is no exception, but the church and the true, God-loving christian ought not to be censured for this and catalogued with the pretenders. However, a sermon to lopsiders occasionally would do no harm and might sting a guilty conscience to repentance.

Notice.

Those using city water who are in arrears on water rent are requested to call and pay up immediately.

J. W. LAWTON,
Town Recorder.

—Superior job printing at this office.

WAR IN THE TRANSVAL.

Boers and Britons Engaged in Deadly Conflict.

LONDON, November 28.—The secretary of war has received the following dispatch through General Forester-Walker from General Methuen, dated Belmont, Cape Colony, November 28:

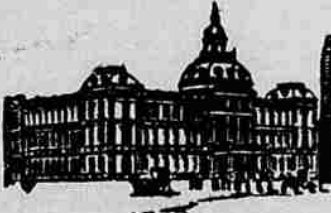
"Attacked the enemy at daybreak this morning. He was in a strong position. Three ridges were carried in succession, the last attack being prepared by sharpshooters. The infantry behaved splendidly and received support from the naval brigade and artillery. The enemy fought with courage and skill. Had I attacked later I should have sustained heavy loss.

"Our victory was complete. Have taken forty prisoners. Am burying a good number of the Boers, but the greater part of the enemy's killed and wounded were removed by their comrades. Have captured a large number of horses and cattle and destroyed a large quantity of ammunition."

LONDON, November 28.—This afternoon the War Office posted the following dispatch, dated Cape Town, 18th p. m., to-day, from General Forester-Walker: "Lord Methuen reports that he moved yesterday (Saturday) at 8:30 a. m., with the Ninth brigade, the mounted corps, the naval brigade and two batteries, the guards following with the baggage. Near Gras Pan, about ten miles north of Belmont, on the railway line to Kimberley, 2500 Boers, with six guns and two machine-guns, opposed him. The action began at 6 a. m. Our batteries fired sharpshooters very accurately until the heights seemed clear. Then the naval brigade and infantry advanced to the assault. The firing was desperate until 10 a. m., when the heights were carried. The Boers retreated on the line, where the Ninth Lancers were placed to intercept them. The result was not known at the time of telegraphing. The artillery took immediate advantage of the enemy's retreat. Early in the action 800 Boers attacked our rear guard. The brigade met this and also protected the flanks. The naval brigade acted with great gallantry and suffered heavily, but no particulars are yet known. The enemy showed the greatest stubbornness and must have suffered greatly. Twenty were buried. It is known that 81 were killed and 48 were wounded. More than 50 horses were found dead in one place. One battery fired 800 rounds. We must halt one day at Gras Pan to rest and replenish ammunition. The force worked splendidly and is prepared to overcome many difficulties. The naval brigade, the royal marines, the light infantry and the first battalion of the North Lancashire regiment especially distinguished themselves. Among those killed are: Commander Alfred P. Ethelston of the Powerful; Major John H. Plambe, Royal Marines, of the Doris; Captain Guy Senior, Royal Marine artillery of the Monarch. Wounded: Flag Captain Reginald O. Prothero of the Doris, severely; Lieutenant Walter T. C. Jones of the Doris.

"Regarding Thursday's fight: Eight Boers killed are accounted for. Sixty-four wagons were burned. A large quantity of powder, 30,000 of ammunition and 750 shells were blown up. Commandant Albrecht, chief of the Orange Free state artillery, commanded the Boer artillery. General Roeway was in chief command."

Legislative Building at Pretoria.



Pretoria, the capital of the Transvaal, is a small city of about 4,000 white population. It is the home of President Kruger.

John W. Mackey is, it is said, to take the place of George Crocker in the directorate of the Southern Pacific company.

William Anthony, better known as "Brave Bill" Anthony, died at the Presbyterian hospital in New York last afternoon after he had swallowed a quantity of cocaine at one of the Central park entrances with suicidal intent. He was the man who, on February 15, 1898, when the battleship Maine was blown up in Havana harbor, reported to Captain Sigbee in the famous words: "Sir, I have the honor to report that the ship is blown up and is sinking." He claimed he was tired of living.

The New South Wales government statistician announces that representations received regarding the present season's wheat yield indicate that this year's crop will be double that of last year.

The Troy Exchange bank, at Troy, Ill., was wrecked by safe blowers and everything of value in the bank was taken. The robbers secured between \$800 and \$5000 in cash and stocks of bonds and other securities and escaped.

The Monte Christo-like financial operations of William Miller, the young Brooklyn banker who was paying an interest of 10 per cent a week on deposits, have come to an end. The police are in possession of his bank, his younger brother, Louis Miller, is under arrest charged with grand larceny, and he is a fugitive from justice. With a sum variously estimated from \$200,000 to \$500,000 in his possession he managed to elude the detectives. Miller's concern was known as the Franklin syndicate and people all over the country got deposits hoping to secure the big interest. The deposits are said to have amounted to \$4,000,000.

For SUPERIOR PHOTOS

Come to H. C. MACKAY

I hold the high reputation of being one of the best photographers in the Northwest. Have been here over four years, and have been the only successful photographer that has ever been in Medford. I deserve the patronage of Medford and vicinity. Call and see me. All kinds of photos and Enlarging in Water Colors, India Ink Pastel and Crayons. Photo Buttons and all old faded photos brought to life at H. C. Mackay's Photo Gallery. Make no mistake in getting into the proper gallery for fine work and reasonable prices.

HAMLIN BLOCK, MEDFORD, OR.

Additional Local.

—F. M. Plymale, we are sorry to state, is still in very poor health. F. M. Stewart is also unable to leave his home. Mr. Stewart's ailment is a mild form of typhoid fever. He was very much improved yesterday.

—Girl Wanted—To work for board in small family and go to school. Apply at THE MAIL office.

—Harry Howard, the grocer, is truly an artist in window decorating, as the one he fixed up Wednesday afternoon is proof positive. It was a Thanksgiving decoration in every sense—and there were many pleasing comments passed on its beauty and good taste.

—New sewing machines, cheaper than ever. Call on J. F. White, at White, Harbaugh & Co.'s, Medford.

—A. T. Markley has a carload of prunes packed and will ship to his partner, W. M. Smith, at Chattanooga, Tenn., today or tomorrow. Mr. Smith left here a few weeks ago to find a market for several carloads of this fruit.

—For sale—Two good driving or work horses. R. B. Orr, at Howard & Co.'s store, Medford.

—O. L. Wolden, the broommaker, reports that his business is still good. Says that not since last spring has he had a stack-up—and he is making complaint that he does not get time to get around and see his patrons.

—Groceries of all kinds being received at White, Harbaugh & Co.'s store this week.

—Miss May Merriman, clerk in the Medford postoffice, was unfortunate Monday in spraining her ankle while going to her home on South C street, from the effects of which she has not yet recovered.

—Ladies wishing to learn dress cutting, call on or address Miss A. Naylor, Medford.

—Geo. Wigg, M. D., makes chronic diseases a specialty. Have you a disease of the above nature? If so, either call at his office, Burkhardt building, or write him. Box 2060, Station A, Portland, Oregon.

—Fifty dozen men's overalls received this week by White, Harbaugh & Co., Medford.

—City Treasurer Strang is advertising elsewhere in THE MAIL that he has funds on hand to redeem all outstanding city warrants protested prior to June 1, 1895, except warrant No. 1627.

—Try a box of alpha pudding if you want something nice. Get it at G. L. Davis.

—S. Bradbury—"We finished harvesting eighty acres of fine corn out at the 1st farm last Saturday night. The yield was forty bushels per acre and the quality was excellent."

—Half ground stock salt at 60 cents per hundred—at White, Harbaugh & Co.'s.

—W. B. Roberts has carpenters at work on plans for his new dwelling, which is to be erected on the land he recently purchased from Mr. Carr, on the East Side.

—If you want to make a fruit cake you can get the proper stuff at G. L. Davis.

—A. H. Chessmore has purchased the interest of his partner, O. B. Allen, in the Southern Oregon Eye. Mr. Allen will return with his family to Ashland.

—Fresh, select oysters on hand, for sale by the can—at Mounce & Karnes'.

—Street Commissioner Nicholson has put in a new street crossing near the depot—a job which will be fully appreciated by all pedestrians going that way.

—Fresh oysters in any quantity—quart cans or less. Hall & Isaacs.

—Why is it that a man who is so busy that he will not see his most intimate friend will drop everything and run the minute the telephone bell rings?

—Something new—Fancy whist cards and counters—at Mounce & Karnes.

—Weeks & Orr shipped a carload of apples to Portland this week. Capt. Voorhies also shipped a carload of the same fruit to New Orleans Tuesday.

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

—J. A. Whitman is shipping out five carloads of apples this week. These will be sent to various points—many of them going to foreign markets.

—Fine salt at 75 cents per hundred at White, Harbaugh & Co.'s.

—F. W. Waschauer, the jeweler, has rented a window in A. M. Woodford's feed store, where he will manufacture his celebrated jigsaw watch.

—Second hand stoves and farm implements. G. L. Schermerhorn.

—Rev. Chas. Booth will hold services at St. Marks Episcopal Church in Medford on Sunday evening, Dec. 3d, at 7:30. All are invited.

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

—T. H. Moore has recently added new beauty to his fine home in West Medford by applying paint to the exterior of his residence.

—Chas. & Sanborn's coffee at G. L. Davis.

—Several telegraph poles between Medford and Central Point were blown down Tuesday night.

—For fine oyster cocktails, try Mounce & Karnes.

—J. W. Curry is doing work with THE MAIL force this week.

—Remember that Spider Leg tea that G. L. Davis has is the best in town. Try it.

—Tea and hot chocolate—at Hall & Isaacs.

County School Notes.

By Supt. G. A. Gregory.

Miss Sackoff has closed the fall term in No. 70.

Nora Sheehan has begun a winter term in No. 68, Watkins.

There is a class of four pupils in the eighth grade of the school at Ruch.

Mrs. Lee has been engaged to continue a month longer in Foothills creek district.

Geo. McCune has completed his first term of school, which was taught in No. 38.

District No. 29 is now having a vacation, Julia Rodschou having finished a three months' term.

Miss Clara Richardson taught the fall term of school in No. 11, to the entire satisfaction of the patrons.

The Sams Valley school, No. 20, had a Thanksgiving entertainment Wednesday evening of the 1st week. We have not heard the result but hope the weather did not spoil the plans for the occasion.

E. F. for November has a number of good things for the careful reader. Every article will repay careful perusal. Look at "Some Essentials in Teaching." There are some pungent lessons for some teachers in the editorials, page 235. Read page 237, and the last ten lines on page 240.

The good effect of a new building, building, good furniture and other facilities, on the pupils of a district, is shown in the Eagle Point school. Both teachers have all the work they can properly manage, and there are still more who are planning to attend. Progress in educational matters is certainly of as much importance as in any other line of activity and the rising generation will appreciate it.

Several schools have closed for the fall and there are now three or four months vacation before the spring term. Many if not all the pupils in such schools have time in which they can pursue some profitable course of reading and at the same time review one or more text books and even advance in some favorite study. Some homes are forming little study circles in which the parents assist and encourage the children to pursue their studies.

Among the Churches.

METHODIST CHURCH.
The 11 a. m. theme, "Christ the Center of the Christian System"—John 13:32. 7:30 p. m. theme, "Humility, the Only Means to Greatness and Power." Evangelistic services to follow sermon. Everybody invited.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.
Quarterly meeting next Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2nd and 3rd. Rev. H. S. Shangle, presiding elder of the Willamette district, will be here to hold quarterly conference Saturday at 2:30 p. m. He will also preach Sunday morning and evening. All invited.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
There will be regular services next Sunday morning and evening. The morning service will be a thanksgiving service. Sermon text—"What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" Being the annual roll-call of members, each will be expected to respond with Scripture or other suitable words. Members will be expected to make special effort, if necessary, to be present.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Rev. James Thompson, of Brownville, is preaching to large congregations at the Presbyterian Church, every evening of this week. He will also preach Sunday night. He is preaching with great power and making a profound impression upon all who hear him. An earnest, harmonious spirit prevails in all these services. Let everybody make an effort to hear this earnest preacher.

Next Sunday morning the quarterly communion and public reception of new members will be observed. All communicants are earnestly requested to be present if possible. All seats are free and the public is invited to all our services.

Medford Public School Report.

School report for the month ending Nov. 17, 1899:
No. days taught, 20; days attendance, 6756; days absent, 342; No. of boys enrolled, 200; No. of girls enrolled, 198; total, 407; average daily attendance, 354; new pupils, boys, 17; girls, 6; cases of corporal punishment, 0.
Thanksgiving exercises were held on Wednesday afternoon. The little people of the north and south primaries will entertain this, Friday, afternoon. All are cordially invited.

N. L. NARBEGAN, Principal.

Town Treasurer's Notice.

OFFICE OF TOWN TREASURER OF MEDFORD, JACKSON TOWER, ORK. MEDFORD, OREGON, Dec. 1, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that there are funds in the town treasury for the redemption of all outstanding town warrants protested prior to June 1, 1895, except warrant No. 1627. Interest on the same will cease after the above date.

CHAS. STRANG,
TOWN TREASURER.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to members of the G. A. R. and W. R. O. for the assistance rendered us during the sad hour of our recent bereavement, we also kindly thank those of our neighbors and friends who as well rendered much assistance.

MRS. F. M. POE AND SON.

Quick delivery—The Weekly Oregonian.

SOME PEOPLE ..

Didn't expect we would get in any new goods; thought we were just going to fool 'em by closing out the stock on hand, but we have fooled 'em by getting in a large stock of

... New Boots and Shoes,
... Dry Goods and Groceries.

Going out of business? Surely we are not, so long as trade comes our way like it has been for the past few weeks. Come in and get our prices on a few articles—you will want to buy when you know how cheap they are.

White, Harbaugh & Co.

Howard Building Medford

Klamath County People!

I want to quote you prices on Groceries. I do not expect you to buy of me if my prices are not as low, or lower, than you can get elsewhere, but I want a chance to talk with you.

G. L. DAVIS, THE MEDFORD GROCER.

Open Season

After October 1st you sportsmen can shoot all kinds of birds except China Pheasants. We sell

Guns and Ammunition

that fits all kinds of birds. No sportsman makes a mistake when he buys guns and gun supplies of us. We handle only the very best grades of goods. We have built up a reputation on these lines of goods.

Boyden & Nicholson

Medford, Oregon. We sell air-tight HEATERS.

ALL MEN

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

"NEW DEAL"

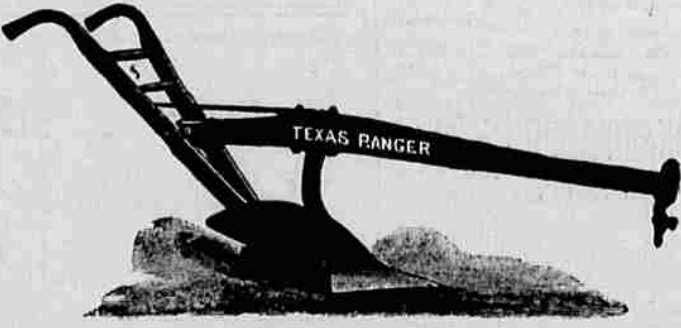
When they want a little better cigar for a little more money they buy Kurtz's

"Bouquet"

Smoke home made cigars and build up a home industry.

JOHN DEERE PLOWS

Are the best made, both for free soil and stickey



We have a large stock of John Deere Plows and Harrows, also Oliver Chilled Plows, Gem Seeders, extra Shares, Singletrees, Doubletrees, Neck Yokes, Clevises, etc.

HUBBARD BROS., MEDFORD, OREGON

Winter Underwear!

We have a fine stock of underwear, ladies' and gents', at lowest prices; suspenders, boots and shoes and furnishing goods. Bed-rock prices on all lines.

Medford Shoe Co.

W. T. KAME, Prop.

Shoemaking!

Get only first-class work when you are having shoe-repairing done. It don't cost any more and does a heap more service. I want you to come in and let me prove to you that I am all right as to work and price.

M. S. BIDEN

With W. T. Kame
next door to
Davis' Grocery

Toronto, which has a population of 200,000, boasts of having 'more universities than distilleries, more colleges than breweries and more churches than barrooms.'

—Legal blanks at THE MAIL office.

Advertised Letter List.
Following is a list of letters remaining uncalled for in the Medford postoffice on Nov. 29, 1899:
Mrs. Josephine Keenan, John Powell, W. H. Stewart, Mrs. H. A. A charge of one cent will be made upon delivery of each of the above letters. Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "Advertised."
M. FULTON, Postmaster.