

We Give 'em Flts!

You bet we do—every time, too; and a fit that fits the hardest fitter you ever saw fit. The goods—the world's weaves are at your command. The workmanship—that's where we pride ourselves. No man can furnish better.

Ours is the Satisfaction Kind, ..

The good, old-fashioned, stand-the-blunt kind. Just one more word—come in now and leave your measure before the rush begins. You can smile at the boys while they are gnashing their teeth and "punching us up" about their new suit. Spring rushes are unpleasant for both sides of the deal.

BODGE, The Art Tailor,

Opposite Postoffice, MEDFORD, ORE

CITY HAPPENINGS.

The town of Medford is now the owner of the electric light plant, having purchased the same last week. For some time the councilmen have been figuring with Mr. Proudfoot for the purchase of the plant and on Friday of last week they instructed Mayor Hower to call a special meeting of the board to further consider and act upon the proposition. The price paid in warrants was \$400 for the plant complete, including a considerable amount of wire and several poles not now in use and the lots upon which the plant is located. The board also purchased 178 cords of slab wood and 133 cords of fir wood from Mr. Proudfoot, which wood is now corded near the plant. The price paid for the wood was \$794.36 in warrants, making a total outlay for plant and wood on hand of \$1194.36. It is not the intention of the board to extend the system or make any material changes. The purchase is made largely as a speculation, it having been shown to the councilmen's satisfaction that the plant was a money earner. There are many opportunities offered for the improvement of the street service which would be appreciated by our townspeople, but it would be better not to reach out too far in this particular direction because of the fact that just so soon as petitions for line extensions are recognized, just so soon will the limit be thrown wide open and the finish of these extensions will not soon be seen. If the plant is a wage earner suppose we allow it to earn a few dollars for the town before we cripple it with extensions and thereby make it a burden. Councilman J. R. Erford has been appointed superintendent, Recorder J. W. Lawton will collect for the use of lights and Ed. Fordyce will be electrician, assisted by Robt. Lawton, who is now operating the town's water pumping plant.

The City of Paris Dry Goods Co., of San Francisco, have on display at Nash hotel an elegant line of millinery, tailor suits, jackets, skirts, waists, underwear, neckwear, and novelties in dress goods. Mrs. Bostwick, representing the house, invites the ladies to call.

The members of the "Kettle Drum Klub" had a jolly meeting with Lillian Rhinehart Tuesday, and not having met for three weeks, it seemed a real treat. They read Easter stories until 4 o'clock, when they were set to making sentences, every word to commence with E, in honor of the week. Miss

Worman had twenty-one, the lowest being Misses Laura Cox and Barneburg, with four. Fancy Easter eggs were given as prizes. Luncheon, served later, was no small item, consisting of egg salad, crackers, oranges, short cake with whipped cream and tea. Following are some of the best sentences given: Emerson earned eminence—Ella eats Easter eggs—Elephants eat eagerly—Encyclopedia educate—Either evaporates—Ella erases every effort—Era enjoys England enormously. Everybody engaged entered early and were Misses Worman, Cox, Hibbard, Barneburg, Skeel, Cox and Rhinehart.

—I have no special days for openings, but am constantly exhibiting throughout the season a complete line of trimmed hats. The display is always novel, and each day finds some new designs, showing the latest ideas in fashionable millinery. All are cordially invited. Mrs. L. J. Sears.

—C. E. Comstock was in Portland several days last week and this, upon business. Mr. Comstock is agent for the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company and has made Southern Oregon headquarters for the company's business in Medford. The company is acknowledged to be one of the very best doing business in the United States, and as Mr. Comstock is decidedly clever and an all-around gentleman it goes without saying that he is doing a good business in the valley. Mrs. Comstock is also in Medford, and both have declared their intentions of making this their future home.

—Billiard hall re-opened by W. L. Townsend—patronage solicited and courteous treatment promised. Cigars, tobacco, nuts and candies carried in stock. Soft drinks. Strict order maintained.

—As will be seen by dissolution notice published elsewhere in this paper, the firm of DeRoboam & Orser, liverymen, has been dissolved. Mr. Emil DeRoboam, of Jacksonville, the senior member, having taken charge of the business, which will be continued by him. Mr. DeRoboam is a square, honorable gentleman and all affairs of the stables will be conducted upon these lines so long as he has anything to do with them. Mr. Orser, we understand, will go to Idaho and engage in business there.

—Dr. J. W. Odgers has some very neatly appointed offices in the Adkins block. Call upon him when in need of the best dentistry.

—The frost of Saturday night was anything but a gentle zephyr from the regions of tropical zones, and a great

amount of fruit was injured by it, but the one that came along Sunday was a stem-winder, Waterbury movement, as compared with the one of the previous night. Not for many years has Southern Oregon experienced so severe a frost, and as a result nearly all the earlier varieties of fruit were killed. The budding and blooming of fruit was unusually early this spring, occasioned by the warm weather in February and March, and nearly all which was advanced to a period where the fruit had formed was killed. In the Olwell orchard, near Central Point, the Gravenstine apples were all killed; the later apples and Winter Nellis pears are apparently all right. Weeks & Orr report that their apples are apparently all right as are also their Winter Nellis pears. They also report enough prunes left to make a good crop. Their Bartlett pears, cherries and peaches are all gone. Jake Huger, superintendent of the Capt. Voorhies orchards, reports Bartlett pears and Jonathan apples all gone, Winter Nellis pears and prunes all right, Newtown apple half a crop, Ben Davis apples fourth of crop. C. E. Stewart:—Prunes two-thirds crop, Winter Nellis pears all right, peaches almonds and Bartlett pears all gone, Ben Davis one-third crop. Small fruits are reported to be damaged considerably. Budding roses were nipped as were other out door flowers.

—H. C. Mackey, Medford's leading photographer, in Hamlin's block, Seventh street, has arranged with a crayon portrait company of Portland, by which means he is enabled to give free with each half dozen cabinet photos a 16x20 inch crayon portrait. This offer will hold good for sixty days.

—Last Saturday was quite an auspicious day for Medford. Aside from the creamery meeting there was the moving into the new Southern Pacific depot—and of special mention was the moving of Agent W. V. Lippincott in a new easy chair from the old to the new building. For several days prior to the event Townsman R. H. Whitehead was noiselessly moving among the business men of the town and from them accepting a willing and very generous donation of money for the purchase of an elegant easy office chair for Mr. Lippincott. His scheme worked out splendidly and two o'clock last Saturday was the hour agreed upon for the presentation. A little before that hour Hotel Nash corner was filled with townspeople and at a given signal the crowd proceeded to the old depot with the new chair. The chair was taken inside and Mr. Lippincott, who was wholly in ignorance of the intended procedure, was taken up bodily and placed in the chair, when an half dozen or more citizens gathered up the chair with Mr. L. in it, and raising it high in air proceeded to the office of the new depot, where the chair was presented to Mr. Lippincott by Mr. Whitehead with the compliments of the citizens of Medford, who had taken this method of expressing their esteem for him as the proficient and always obliging agent of the S. P. Company and of the respect they bore him as a citizen. To this Mr. Lippincott replied that he felt grateful for the expression of good will and if he had really merited such esteem in the past he hoped that his conduct might be such in the future as to continue that confidence and good feeling. Capt. Nash was on deck with his kodak and secured a good picture of the procession as it crossed the railroad track.

—There is no other man who would attempt such daring departures from the conventional as Bob Taylor makes with such distinguished success. Memphis Commercial. Hear Mr. Taylor at Chautauqua building, Ashland, April 23d.

—One of the prettiest and most tastily dressed windows in the city is that of the Racket store, trimmed with Easter furnishings by Mrs. Webb. There are the regularly looked for things in the way of hats and hat trimmings, wreaths and clusters of flowers in which the pretty and perfectly blended purple, green and white predominate—a veritable bower of beauty. At the back of the window stands a small cross and clinging to it is a doll dressed in white chiffon; while over the whole scene a tiny angel hovers to remind one of the significance of Easter day. A photograph of the window will be sent to "The Show Window," a dry goods trade journal, and doubtless reproduced therein.

—If you are a new arrival in Medford and need goods for housekeeping, call at the Auction and Commission house, west of depot, and save twenty-five cents on every dollar invested. Public auction every Saturday afternoon.

—Hugh O'Neil, of Applegate, imbibed too freely of red liquor last Friday, and when going up the stairs to the opera house he lost his balance and fell to the bottom, striking on the brick sidewalk. He was dead to the world for a few minutes as a result of the fall, but being very much under the influence of liquor it was difficult to say at just what time the world to him began to move, however, John Hardin gathered him in and placed him in the city bastille, where the effects of both drink and fall were slept off, and the next day he journeyed in the direction of his home.

—Wall paper at from five to fifty cents per roll. See Milton Maulo, agent for the Alfred Peats prize wall paper. Mr. Maulo wants to show you samples.

Easter Opening.

To the ladies:—Miss Medynski will be pleased to have you call Friday and Saturday, and see her display of Easter millinery.

—J. H. Ray, who arrived in Medford last week from Halsey, Oregon, has rented the building formerly occupied by D. T. Pritchard and within the next ten days will re-open the place with a full stock of paints, oils, glass and wall paper. The style of the firm will be Ray & Long, but Mr. Ray will have full charge of affairs, Mr. Long not intending to move here at present. Mr. Ray is a married man and his family will be here within a month. He is a practical painter and paper hanger but does not intend to follow that business here. He has painted for twenty years and is now satisfied to retire from the active list.

—Dr. C. C. Pletcher wishes to say to those who are waiting on him to have dental work done, that owing to the health of Mrs. Pletcher he will not be able to do any more work in Medford.

—Reamos Chapter, order of Eastern Stars, was organized in Medford on Wednesday evening of this week. The name "Reamos Chapter" was given the organization in honor of the late Hon. Thos. G. Reamos. The officers elected were—matron, Mrs. Mary E. Reeve; worthy patron, W. I. Vawter; associate matron, Mrs. E. D. Fellows; secretary, Mrs. Hattie Warner-Gore; treasurer, Mrs. Etta Vawter; conductress, Mrs. Bessie Lumsden; associate conductress, Mrs. Nellie Whitman. The appointive officers have not as yet been named, neither has the meeting night been decided upon.

—My celebrated Kentucky Jack will stand for the season at the Post place, near Tolo. Commencing Friday, and every fifth day thereafter this Jack may be found in Medford. R. Cox.

—Miss Iva Purdin has taken a position as clerk in the Medford postoffice, a position she held for several months during her father's incumbency of that office. She is very capable help and Postmaster Merriman is to be congratulated upon having secured her services. Miss Mae Merriman is becoming quite proficient in the office work, and between the three—Postmaster Merriman, Miss Mae and Miss Iva—the office is being well and faithfully looked after. Miss Letha Hardin and Lin Purdin, former employes, have severed their connections with the office.

—Household goods for sale—cooking stove, with fixtures for reservoir, etc. Will be at home from 9 to 12 a. m. Mrs. Sealy, in Hoeler house, cor. I and Ninth streets.

—It is to be regretted that there are not more resident houses in Medford for rent. Scarcely a day passes that there are not from one to three applicants for houses by people who have come here from the east or other towns of the coast. Every conceivable place of habitation is filled from stilted rafters and the question as to the disposition to be made of others who may come is one difficult to answer. It would seem to us that parties owning vacant lots could see it to their advantage to erect dwellings upon them.

—Capital furnished to develop mines. Send average samples by express, prepaid, and full particulars. Dr. Ray, Gold Hill.

—A new time card will go into effect on the Southern Pacific next Monday, April 16th. The south bound passenger train will leave Medford at 11:30 a. m., thirty minutes later than at present; and the south bound, now due here at 11:48 p. m., will be three minutes earlier. The north bound train, now due here at 5:35 p. m., will arrive, under the new schedule, at 4:52 p. m. The other north bound train will arrive at 3:15 a. m. instead of 3:18 a. m.

—Finest quality of ladies' shoes at White, Harbaugh & Co.'s store, Medford—new this week.

—Fred Miller and Mrs. Clarissa Garrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Little, of this city, were married in Jacksonville yesterday forenoon. Their friends, of whom there are a great many hereabouts, are extending heartiest congratulations. They will occupy a portion of the Miller residence in West Medford, the same having been built to for their use.

—Dr. Odgers' dental offices will be opened in Medford on May 1st—in the Adkins block.

—W. F. Isaacs has purchased J. C. Hall's interest in the Rialto confectionery and cigar stand and is now doing business in single harness, but as he is pulling in lame collar he is able to handle the large business which the establishment enjoys. B. I. Stoner and Charlie Isaacs will retain their old positions under the new regime.

—Men's orthopedic shoes at White, Harbaugh & Co.'s store, Medford.

—R. A. Proudfoot will leave soon for Coquille, in Coos County, this state, where he will put in an electric light plant if suitable arrangements can be made. If no arrangements are made there he will possibly purchase a steamer and go to Nome, Alaska.

—Look out for La Flor De Alfonso—next week.

—THE MAIL this week added to its office furniture a new legal blank case. Its capacity is 80,000 blanks, and while it is not presumed we will be able to tax its greatest capacity, it is not improbable that we will put in an supply

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Ready for Spring...

... ARE YOU?

It would require quite an amount of extravagant word-painting were we to dilate upon our many Novel, New, Pleasing and Unique Spring and Summer fashions. You naturally expect the New Things from us. Every department of our store wears the garb of Spring.

Spring Fashions of this Season

Are far different from those of the spring of '99. There's quite a radical change—a change that will please the eye.

IF YOU FANCY FANCY HOSE, we have them, both in Ladies' and Gents', to suit every fancy, without fancy prices. Gems in our Furnishing Department—you know we are always strong on this line. We have advanced with the times, so don't fail to call. We will be delighted to show you through our entire stock.

W. H. MEEKER & CO.

MEDFORD, OREGON.



TAYLER, The Footfitter,

Begs to Announce that he has just received a large shipment of those Famous \$2.00 Ladies' Dress shoes, cloth and kid top lace shoes; also full line of "The United Workmen's" farmers', prospectors' and miners' shoes, made out of that Asbestos Fire and Waterproof leather. 7th St., MEDFORD.

of blanks equal to all the demands of Northern Oregon. The case is a fine piece of work and reflects great credit upon Messrs. Weeks Bros., the manufacturers—as is the case with all work they turn out.

—Gov. Bob Taylor will never see the day when his jokes will fail to reach the hearts of men and women.—Atlanta Constitution. Hear him at Chautauqua building, Ashland, April 23d.

—S. A. Carlton:—"I saw in your paper last week an item to the effect that C. B. Williams, I. L. Hamilton and Rufus Cox had filed articles of incorporation—the object of the corporation being the construction of the Little Butte-Medford irrigating canal. Some people will not understand how it happens that Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Cox are mixed into the deal, it having been supposed that all interested financially in the canal were California parties."

[The laws of Oregon requires that a majority of incorporators in all enterprises shall be residents of the state. Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Cox are stockholders in the canal project, but only in a small way, and wholly for the purpose of incorporation.—Ed.]

—Ladies, buy your spring dress goods and novelties at White, Harbaugh & Co.'s store, Medford.

—It was fortunate for R. P. Daw, who was injured a few weeks ago by being struck by a log, that he was a member of the order of Fendo. He was laid up two weeks, as a result of the accident, and this week he received a draft for \$20 in payment of two weeks' sick benefits—that order paying \$10 per week during sickness or when incapable of work through accident.

—Second hand incubator for sale—for \$10; capacity 300 eggs. J. W. Lawton.

—W. J. Plymale, our Jacksonville correspondent, was taken quite seriously ill Tuesday at noon, since which time he has been unable to gather the accustomed news items of the town.

—Look out for La Flor De Alfonso—next week.

—It is not expected that the old Southern Pacific depot will be removed for ten days or two weeks yet, as there is a good bit of work to be done in fill-

Don't Hold Off

Any longer, waiting for Spring Styles—or for new goods in

WOOLEN TROUSERINGS.

Ours are now here—a full, complete and handsome line of as pretty goods as you ever saw. Come in and examine them.

FRED SLAGLE, The Tailor.

ing around the new building before freight can be handled through it. THE MAIL, however, hopes the company will not forget that our happiness is still incomplete—and will be until the old building is removed.

—Barred Plymouth Rock eggs for sale—50 cents for setting of 15. Will deliver at Davis' grocery store, Medford, each week. J. W. Smith.

—D. T. Pritchard has moved his stock of jewelry, watches and clocks to Ashland. Mr. Pritchard is agent for the Seth Thomas Clock Company and it was by the company's orders that he moved. There are still two good jewelry stores in Medford—which is quite enough for the size of the town, and aside from these there are two jewelry and watch repair shops.

—Come in and carefully go over our styles. None better; none nicer. We can please you. See Bodge, the tailor.

—Sheriff Orme informs us that the bicycle tax must be paid before May 1, 1900. Mr. Orme is especially desirous that this tax be paid before the above date as the money is needed in the construction of bicycle paths. After May first he will be compelled to enforce payments of tax, in compliance with the bicycle tax law.

—Easter opening at Miss Medynski's Friday and Saturday.

—D. D. Wood, the fellow who resided in Medford a couple of years ago, made soap for a living and did other work, has returned to the valley after a stay in Seattle and will manufacture soap in Ashland.

Ladies, have you a small hand?

If so you can get a rare Bargain in KID GLOVES

At "The Racket."

Our Easter Window—Have You Noticed It?

Don't fail to see its richness of pretty, seasonable Hats, Fowers and Trimmings of all kinds. Your inspection of our millinery stock is invited.

G. L. WEBB, Raqueter.

Latest Novelties in

LADIES' SHIRT .. WAISTS.

Before long Shirt Waist weather will be here, and it's a good idea to prepare for it in advance.



If you come to Our Store, ..

We can show you a very Complete Line of Fine Waists, ranging in price from 50c to \$2.50. These waists are the famous "Trojan" line, and are made of the most stylish fabrics of the season. They have received the approval of all who have seen them; we should like to have your opinion of the line.

J. G. VAN DYKE & CO.,

7th Street, Medford, Oregon.