

REDUCTION

Of from

25 to 40 per cent

In lines of Ladies' and Children's

CAPES and JACKETS

Ladies Skirts.

New stock in this week. Best assortment and best values of anything in this line ever brought to Medford.

LADIES' and GENTS' UNDERWEAR.

Most complete stock in the city.

Special Reduction in

MEN'S HATS.

Fine Stock of Holiday Goods.

W. H. MEEKER & CO.

PURELY PERSONAL.

Royal Brown was in from Eagle Point Wednesday.

Polk Hull was in from Spikenard Wednesday this week.

A. A. Davis left Tuesday morning for San Francisco upon business.

Postmaster G. W. Owings, of Trall, was a Medford visitor last week.

A. F. Hunt, the big cattle man, was among Medford friends last week.

Henry Haefft is over at Lake Creek, upon a visit to his uncle, Chas. Haefft.

Attorney A. S. Hammond returned Wednesday from a business visit to Portland.

Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Ray, of Gold Hill, were among Medford friends Wednesday.

Merchant T. H. Moore left Tuesday evening for a brief business stay at Oakland, Oregon.

Attorney W. H. Parker is at Salem this week, looking after the publication of his new law book.

D. T. Cox left Monday for San Francisco, taking with him two car loads of hogs for the San Francisco market.

Miss Bernice Cameron, of Jacksonville, was visiting in Medford this week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Jacobs.

C. C. Ragsdale, of Williams, Calif., was in Medford this week upon business. He formerly owned farming property at Tolo.

Miss Maggie Forsyth, of Waterville, Minnesota, arrived in Medford last Saturday and will reside here with her father, Wm. Forsyth.

Mr. and Mrs. Weatherford, who have been visiting I. J. Phipps and family for a few weeks, returned Tuesday to their home in northeastern Oregon.

Jesse Flint, a Eugene boy, is here selling ranges for the Wrought Iron Range Company. He was formerly one of the "Oregon boys in the Philippines."

J. W. Berrian, superintendent of the government hatchery, on Elk creek, was in Medford this week to meet his wife and son, who have been visiting relatives at Oregon City.

T. W. Halley, of Summerville, Calif., arrived in Medford Wednesday and will visit during holiday week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Halley, and his brothers, W. L., R. H. and P. J. Halley.

J. D. Heard left for San Francisco, Tuesday morning, in response to a "hurry up" telegram received from that city. Jeff has a big smelter deal on and this bears upon the proposition. He expects to be back by Christmas time.

John Richardson and daughter, Miss Ethel, of Shasta County, Calif., returned to their home Monday evening, after a few weeks' visit with Marshal S. H. Murray and family of this city, and Harvey Richardson and family, of Trall.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson, of Ft. Jones, Calif., arrived in Medford Wednesday, and will spend holiday week here with relatives and friends. Mrs. Anderson is a daughter of our good townspeople, Mr. and Mrs. J. Meeker.

Frances Springer, brother of Mrs. L. H. Settlers, arrived in Medford last week for a visit with relatives. Since coming to the Rogue river valley he has decided to become a permanent resident and has rented the J. M. Harvey place, near Talent.

Mr. and Mrs. George Murray and children arrived in Medford Wednesday evening from Hanford, Calif., and will spend the holidays with relatives in this city. Mr. Murray is a brother of Mrs. G. F. Merriman, Mrs. Milton Maule and Marshal Murray.

Edward Elmer, a young man from Whitehall, Montana, brother of Mrs. O. J. Gist, is visiting his sister and family. A severe throat trouble has kept him hoarse most of the time since his arrival, but he hopes soon to have a chance to see more of Medford and vicinity.

Mrs. M. A. Stoddard returned to her home at Mt. Tabor, Oregon, Tuesday evening, after a few weeks' visit with

her sons, Henry, William and Cory Taylor, and their families. Mrs. Stoddard is a pioneer of Southern Oregon and has a great many friends here who are always ready to extend a hearty welcome. The lady resides with her daughter, Mrs. Mundy, at Mt. Tabor.

B. I. Stoner, who was formerly salesman in the Rialto cigar store, has accepted a position with the Palm-Whitman-Palm cigar company, as traveling salesman, and in January 1st will start out upon the road. He will travel in California, and expects to do a good business, when he shall have gotten the goods well introduced. Californians are prejudiced, generally, against Oregon products, whether grown or manufactured, and Mr. Stoner will have this to overcome, which he will undertake to do, with the fine quality of his goods.

C. M. Allen and family arrived in Medford last Saturday from Craig, Colorado, and will probably make this valley his future home. He shipped direct to Grants Pass, but after remaining there a few weeks decided that the country surrounding Medford was more suitable to his line of business, which is that of farming. He will endeavor to rent for a while and will afterwards buy. If any of you farmers hereabouts want a good renter here is an opportunity. Mr. Allen has the appearance of being a through going gentleman, well equipped with a lot of good horses and several sturdy boys.

Acetylene gas lights still ahead and guaranteed to be the best on the face of the earth. Wolf's tin shop.

The figures of the wealth of the United States, which will be reported a few months hence, will undoubtedly show that this is a \$90,000,000,000 country.

There is only one train in the country that exceeds fifty miles an hour in speed for 100 miles' run, and that is the Empire State Express. Great Britain has twenty-two.

Representative Hepburn, of Iowa, author of the Nicaraguan Canal bill, now before the Senate, has doubt of the value of political oratory in his district. He said: "Four years ago I made six or seven speeches, and I pulled through with about six hundred majority. Two years ago I made six or seven speeches and received three thousand majority. In the campaign just closed I was sick and did not make any speeches, and my majority was five thousand."

Congress is likely to find itself involved in a financial discussion shortly, in connection with an administration bill, providing a system of coinage for the Philippines, where the Mexican dollar, commercial value 50 cents, is the popular unit of value, under U. S. control, as it was under Spanish control. No bill has yet been introduced in Congress on the subject, but from talk at a Cabinet meeting one is likely to be that will provide for the purchase of silver bullion to be coined in pesos, or Philippine dollars, each to contain about fifty cents worth of silver, or a little less than our standard silver dollar.

Hood's Pills

Do not gripe nor irritate the alimentary canal. They act gently yet promptly, cleanse effectually and

Give Comfort

Sold by all druggists, 25 cents.

POSSIBLE TROUBLE WITH FRANCE.

New York, Dec. 17.—A special to the Times from Washington says: The territory until recently in dispute between Brazil and France and which has been decreed to belong to Brazil may shortly become an object of a dispute between France and the United States, should the Monroe Doctrine be violated. The territory lying south of French Guiana in the State of Para, and containing 100,000 square miles, was claimed by Brazil and France, and Switzerland was made arbitrator. Her decision was in favor of Brazil. It is now reported that some French financiers anticipating that the decision would be favorable to France had already invested their capital in this territory. They are now, it is said, trying to engineer a deal by which the French Government will buy this land from Brazil.

The State Department has absolutely no knowledge on the subject. Its attention, however, has been called to the matter, and the attempt of the French capitalists to secure government aid in getting their money back will be watched with interest. There is hardly any question, it is said at the department, that such action would be a violation of the Monroe Doctrine and would call forth a protest from the United States.

As long as the claim was in its original form, France might have maintained that she was simply rectifying her boundaries, and that the United States cannot object to that. Even in that case a reification of boundaries which involved an area of 100,000 square miles would be closely scrutinized. France has, however, forfeited the right to make that claim by submitting the matter to arbitration by Switzerland. The territory has been officially decreed by the Swiss tribunal to be outside the boundaries of French Guiana.

Seeds that Surely Grow.

The cost of seeds compared with the value of the crop is so small that a few cents saved by buying second rate seeds will amount to many dollars lost when the harvest is gathered. Farmers have found out by many costly failures what a risky thing it is to buy seeds without being pretty sure that they are reliable and true to name. The latest catalogue of the seed house of D. M. Ferry & Co., of Detroit, Mich., is a reminder that thousands of farmers in the United States and Canada have pinned their faith to the reputation of this great firm. During a business career approaching half a century in time Ferry's seeds have won an annual increase in popularity, which is perhaps the best evidence that they grow and give satisfaction. Ferry's Seed Annual for 1901 is a useful guide in selecting seeds for the farm, the truck garden and the flower garden. It is sent free on application.

—Are you looking for a suitable Christmas present for a friend, sweetheart, brother or father? We have an immense line of decorated cups and saucers, mustache cups, shaving mugs, children's mugs. The prices will surprise you, they are so cheap. Remember, we reserve all selections. Call early and get first choice. H. H. Howard & Co.

—New designs in bamboo and rattan goods—for holiday trade—at I. A. Webb's furniture store.

—A new lot of Japanese goods just received. Call and see them. G. L. Davis.

—If you want to build a fruit cake you will find the proper material at G. L. Davis.

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

—Immense stock of new furniture and upholstered goods—at Webb's furniture store.

—Do you know that the cheapest place in town to buy good jewelry is at Elwood's?

—Ask for tickets on the doll baby—with every 25 cent purchase. G. L. Davis.

—Glee Club concert, Dec. 28th at opera house. Seats 25 and 50 cents, at H. H. Howard's.

—Apples in any quantity for 25 cents per sack, at the O'well orchard.

—\$70 sewing machines—\$30 to \$45—call on Jno. F. White, Medford.

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

—Geo. Brown & Sons, Eagle Point, headquarters for posts and shacks.

—Have Howard reserve your seat for the Glee Club concert. Only 50 cents.

—If you can't find what you want go to G. L. Davis—he's got it.

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

—The Coss Piano House has some good horses for sale.

THE OLD TUNE.

I'm mighty weak at augin' and there's nothin' I can play. And, if I've an ear for music, it's a deaf one anyway. I'd know "Old Hundred" from a fig. I reckon, but I guess the tunes that I could name ain't more'n a dozen, maybe less. But there is one among 'em that'll make my pulses chime. You start up "Yankee Doodle" and I'm with yer every time.

There's somethin' in its snappy dash that seems ter be a part of what there is a-beatin' in a Yankee feller's heart.

There's somethin' in its life and go that thrills yer through and through. And seems ter fit the colors of the old "Red, White and Blue." Until yer want ter tell the flag a-wavin' there's somethin' in "Yankee Doodle" and I'm with yer every time."

It's what they played at Yorktown when Cornwallis met his check. It's what they sung in triumph on the "Constitution's" deck. It timed the feet a-marchin' from Atlanta to the Sea. And raised an oppomattox 'round the famous apple-tree. And when a soldier heard it, in the battle's smoky grime, His sword beat "Yankee Doodle" on the foeman every time.

And now they say they need us once ag'in to take a stand. And make a livin' breastwork 'round the shores of Yankee-land. To drive the "children's butte-bar" from the island in the sea. And sponge the bloody bl'ches off the skirts of liberty. And, if the country want my help to make the Spanish club wilt. Jest play old "Yankee Doodle" and she'll git it every time. —Joe Lincoln, in L. A. W. Bulletin.

MILLET'S "GLEANERS."

These be Thy faithful children, Lord, The gleaners of the field. The golden-wheeled wains are gone. With all the harvest's yield; Yet some few scattered straws are left, Which diligence may find; A thousand sheaves he took away That left not one behind.

Across the stubble field I hear Sweet revelry and din. A when the reaper to his barns Draws his last wagon in; He thanks, Thee, Lord, with merriment And custom-honored praise, While round about his naked fields The gleaners go their ways.

Small thought has he for those who pinch And wear their lives away, With just enough of strength and hope To keep the wolf at bay; His is the lot of better food; Than flows in common veins; For him, O Lord, Thy sun doth shine And fall Thy gentle rains.

What matters it when winds do howl And snow fills all the sky, That others huddle in their huts To keep the cold and die? His is the lot of talent well. And thankful 'till morn and night? Dost Thou not shield him with Thy love And clothe him with Thy might?

I wonder, Lord, if Thou shouldst come When this our harvest ends, Wouldst Thou be found where barns are full. Or where the gleaner bends? Thou sighest not in places high For men to follow Thee. But where the fisher cast his nets In quiet Galilee.

And well I know wert Thou again To seek for friendly hearts, That Thou wouldst pass the manor house, And pass the city's marts, And say to some most lowly soul— Some gleaner of the field: Come, follow Me, and thou shalt glean A more abundant yield. —Chicago Daily News.

SUGAR BEET CULTURE.

Nebraska Farmers Are Making the Crop Pay Fairly Well.

The live question among farmers now is what can be done to make farming pay? If sugar beet growing pays in Nebraska may it not be made profitable in other grain-growing states? It is an interesting question. What, then, are they doing in that state that is taking the lead in this industry? The season is so far advanced that a pretty close estimate of the beet-sugar product may be made, and the output of the great Oxnard factories is expected to reach a total of 15,000,000 pounds from 75,000 tons of beets. This is about twice as large a field as that of 1895, and nearly three times as great as that of 1894. At the same time the number of farmers who have cultivated beets has increased with like rapidity. In 1894 only about 500, and in 1895, 1,300 engaged in the business, but the present year the number reached about 2,000. The average yield has been about 11 tons of beets to the acre, and the price per ton has ranged from four to seven dollars. The latter figure was paid for beets that contained the remarkably high per cent. of 20; the lower price was given for those that graded only 12 per cent. of sugar. The amounts received by the growers ranged from \$44 to \$77 per acre. The average amount of beets grown by each farmer was only about 37 tons, showing that less than four acres were planted, on the average. But the profit from this small area was from \$150 to \$300—more, probably, than that derived from all the remainder of the farm.

It is an interesting fact that in all the foreign sugar-beet growing countries, including France, Germany and Russia, this industry is steadily increasing. In the last-named country the increase last year was nearly 20 per cent. over the amount grown in previous years. The subject is certainly well worthy of consideration by our farmers.—Indiana Farmer.

Significant Answers.

Prof. Aegidi, who was for many years the chief of the press bureau, under Prince Bismarck, has lately published a reminiscence of the great chancellor which shows how alert he was in drawing conclusions. Before the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian war the tsar was with King William at Ems. They were together one evening, and Bismarck was standing at the other end of the room anxiously watching the tsar, whose more or less friendly attitude toward Prussia's policy was a matter of great importance. Suddenly the

Boers Using Chinese Tactics. Masked positions so greatly adopted by the Boers were utilized by the Chinese against British forces, notably the Taku forts.

Christmas Goods Sold on Grocery Profits

I have put in a large stock of Christmas goods, such as

Dolls, Toys and Japanese Ware

I have been selling groceries pretty nearly all my life and have become accustomed to small profits. I presume I will be foolish enough to think that grocery profits are profits big enough for Christmas goods. As a matter of fact I have marked all my goods on that basis—and purchasers get the benefit.

Come in and see my stock and don't be bashful about asking questions.

G. L. DAVIS, Your Grocer.

Reduced Land Valuations.

The Lane board of equalization reduced the value of land 20 per cent. Lane County will pay considerable more than its share of state taxes under the present hit and miss arrangements.—Democrat. These inequalities of taxation will continue to exist and grow worse until a remedy is secured through legislation. Taxation throughout the state will never equalize itself.—Eugene Register.

Just so long as some county equalization boards reduce their county's taxation and others do not, just so long will the more liberal counties pay more than their ratio of taxes. When all the equalization boards of the several counties have gotten wise to this manner of procedure there will then be a vying as to which county can go the lowest in its valuation. If these reductions are to continue the re-establishing of a state board of equalization will become necessary.

—Christmas gifts! Christmas presents! We have just what you want. We invite you all to call and examine our immense line of fine decorated china cups and saucers, shaving mugs, mustache sets, chocolate pots and imported vases. Call early and select what you want; we will reserve it for you. Compare our prices with others. We buy right, and can sell the cheapest. H. H. Howard & Co.

—Chase & Sanborn coffee at G. L. Davis.

—See the latest in piano chairs at the Coss Piano House.

—Glee Club, opera house, Dec. 28th. Tickets at Howard's.

Modern Woodmen of America

Has over 550,000 members; over 8500 camps; \$15,000,000 paid to beneficiaries in seven years; \$29,174,000 of fraternal protection in force. The cheapest insurance in the world. For further particulars call upon Chas. R. Field, at Hotel Nash, Medford.

For Rent—

The Valley hotel, Gold Hill, Or. The best location in town for hotel or mercantile business. Rent reasonable. Address E. E. Miner, Gold Hill, Oregon.

—The mining laws of Oregon for sale at this office.

San Francisco coal dealers predict a coal famine for California. The mines of Puget sound country cannot ship enough coal to supply the demand.

The United States army transport Kentucky from Seattle sailed for Manila with 604 horses and 311 mules for the Philippine service, besides 1900 tons of miscellaneous army supplies. She will touch at Honolulu and there give the animals a rest from confinement aboard ship.

The falling overboard of a man from a passenger boat on the West river, near Hokan, China, led to a rush of some 400 passengers to the side of the vessel, which caused her to sink, over 200 persons being drowned.

Mrs. William Gorsage of Mount Vernon, Wash., shot and killed her husband some days ago as he lay asleep. For years he had been abusing her and a sudden impulse for revenge caused her to shoot.

Exports from the United States to Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine, Hawaiian and Samoan island will aggregate \$50,000,000 in the year 1900, as against \$41,000,000 in 1899, \$19,000,000 in 1898 and \$17,000,000 in 1897. This enormous growth is shared by each of the islands named, but is especially apparent in the case of Porto Rico, to which exports in the year 1900, under the new Porto Rican act, will show an increase of about 50 per cent as compared with last year and 100 per cent as compared with the preceding year.

The basalt paving block business, which about ten years ago was one of the leading industries in the locality of Penn Grove, is at present enjoying quite a boom, and from present indications the business will soon be as good as it was formerly. Fifty thousand blocks which have been lying on the railroad siding for the past five years, were recently sold at a good figure, and are now being shipped to San Francisco by rail. When the block business was at its height in that locality several hundred men found employment in the quarries the year round. At present all of the dozen or more local quarries are closed.

Brigadier-General Charles P. Egan, U. S. A., was restored to active duty one day last week but immediately placed on the retired list.

Among the Churches.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. George R. Varney, recently of Spokane, Washington, will preach at the Baptist church next Sabbath at 11 a. m. A cordial invitation is extended to hear this gifted speaker. T. L. CHANDLER, pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The services next Sunday will be held at the usual hours, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. An appropriate Christmas sermon will be chosen for the morning service. The Sunday school will have their Christmas tree and exercises on Monday evening at seven o'clock. All are welcome.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Next Sunday's sermons will be suited to Christmas time. The pastor will speak in the morning of "Christ and Childhood;" in the evening, "The Wondering Shepherds."

The Christmas eve services will consist of a program rendered by the children of the Sunday school. The principal feature of the exercises will be the cantata, "The Charmed Garden." There will be, at the close of the exercises, a distribution of bricks from the wall and fruit from the trees.

Among the tens of thousands who have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for colds and is gripe during the past few years, to our knowledge, not a single case has resulted in pneumonia. Thos. Whitfield & Co., 240 Wabash avenue, Chicago, one of the most prominent retail druggists in that city, in speaking of this says: "We recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for gripe in many cases, as it not only gives prompt and complete recovery, but also counteracts any tendency of a gripe to result in pneumonia." For sale by Chas. Strang, druggist.

Advertised Letter List.

Following is a list of letters remaining uncalled for in the Medford postoffice on Dec. 18, 1900.

Allen, Mrs A. Morrow, Clifton Brooks, U. R. Phelps, Y. Evans, Mrs Priscilla Ward, Mrs Minnie. 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."

G. F. MERRIMAN, Postmaster.

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

Southern California.

Notable among the pleasures afforded by the Shasta Route is the winter trip to Southern California and Arizona. Renewed acquaintance with this section will ever develop fresh points of interest and added sources of enjoyment. Under its sunny skies, in the variety of its industries, in its prolific vegetation and among its sumptuous resorts of mountain, shore, valley and plain.

The two daily Shasta trains from Portland to California have been recently equipped with the most approved pattern of standard tourist sleeping cars, but the low rates of fare will still continue in effect.

Illustrated guides to the winter resorts of California and Arizona may be had on application to C. E. MARKHAM, G. P. A., Portland, Oregon.

Town Treasurer's Notice.

OFFICE OF TOWN TREASURER OF MEDFORD, JACKSON COUNTY, ORE. MEDFORD, OREGON, Dec. 21, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that there are funds in the town treasury for the redemption of all outstanding town warrants protested prior to May 15, 1898. Interest on the same will cease after the above date.

CHAS. STRANG, Town Treasurer.

FERRY'S SEEDS

You know what you're planting when you plant Ferry's Seeds. If you buy cheap seeds you can't be sure. Take no chances get Ferry's. Dealers everywhere sell them. Write for 1901 Seed Annual—mailed free.

D. M. FERRY & CO., Detroit, Mich.

E. W. Brown

This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets, the remedy that cures a cold in one day.