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Ladies' Black Vici Kid Oxfords
Comfortably made, coin toe, tip of same, \$1.48

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Ladies' Two Button Fedoras (same as cut)
Black or Tan Vici Kid
Turn sole, an extra good value, \$1.95

Misses 1-Strap Sandals
Black Vici Kid, turn, neat coin toe, tip of same, sizes 12 to 2, at \$1.40

Child's, sizes 9 to 12, at \$1.25

Don't forget that we are exclusive agents in Medford for the great "Walkover" \$3.50 shoe for Men

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CITY HAPPENINGS.

—The improvement of the Dead Indian wagon road from Pelican bay to Ashland has awakened the citizens of Klamath Falls to a realization of the danger of losing the trade of that section. Some time last winter W. Spence, of Pelican bay, was in Medford endeavoring to interest Medford citizens in the project of building a road directly across the mountains to the Pelican bay country, which would materially shorten the route. Since then it has been decided to improve the old road and put in a good condition for travel, which, we are informed, is being done at the present time. The Klamath Falls Republican, in its last week's issue, has this to say in regard to the matter, which is evidence that Medford is regarded as a competitor of no mean proportion, and which ought to convince the Medford merchants that a little well directed missionary work in the section of the country referred to would undoubtedly redound to their interests: "The proposed new road across the mountains from Medford to Pelican bay has already been commenced, the design of which is to capture the trade and business of the Wood river country. While it is a wise move on the part of Medford, it will be a wiser thing on our part to prevent such a move from meeting with a successful accomplishment of the object in view. Klamath Falls is the natural trading point for the citizens of Wood river, and they will gladly patronize Klamath Falls instead of Medford if they can have a good road to travel over. To offset the enterprise of Medford, therefore, build a more direct road from this place, following the east side of Klamath river and Upper Klamath lake to Fort Klamath, and make it first class in every respect. Then the trade would continue to come here. But a good road is absolutely necessary. A poor road will result in the accomplishment of Medford's desire and design."

—East Side mill will grind Fridays and Saturdays. Too much business for one day in a week makes this necessary.

—Mrs. Byron Cole, of Ashland, and her little grandson met with quite a serious accident Sunday morning, while driving leisurely along the road a short

distance beyond Talent. The horse which they were driving, a gentle looking nag, suddenly commenced kicking, with the fury of a "demon possessed." Mrs. Cole was kicked on the forearm, which was broken and the little boy was hit on the shoulder, but fortunately no bones were broken. Billie Isaacs, who was driving a few yards in the rear, was an eye witness to the episode, and took the injured ones to Ashland in his buggy, where they were made as comfortable as possible under the circumstances. The vigor with which the horse used his business extremities was a revelation to Billie, as was also the suddenness with which the incident occurred. He says it was all done in the twinkling of an eye, and before anyone realized what had happened the horse stood by the roadside entirely stripped of his harness, standing as still as a statue, as if nothing had happened. Evidently all the perversity and cussedness apportioned to this world is not controlled by mankind, cynical, doubting Thomases to the contrary notwithstanding.

—When you have drunk bad water, or if you have eaten something that is heavy, or if you cannot eat, get one gallon of the real old grain distilled whiskey for your home use, at \$2.25 per gallon and up—at the distillery office—opposite new depot.

—The recent smallpox scare on Butte creek had the effect of interfering to some extent with the progress of the construction work of the Fish Lake Irrigation Company, which had been progressing very favorably for several weeks, and which is again under full headway. The scare has entirely subsided, the supposed case having proven to be poison oak instead of the much dreaded smallpox. The new grader which was recently received is working to the entire satisfaction of Superintendent Morris. He has a ten-horse plow in operation and will put on two more next week, also twenty-five slip scrapers. They have thus far cleared twenty miles of right-of-way, twenty feet wide, and with three stump pullers in operation are progressing in this work at a rapid rate. They have between thirty-five and forty men now employed and can handle a few more at any time. They are also advertising for a number of good two-horse teams for the season's work, for which, with the driver, they will pay \$3 per day. It is the intention of the company to

bring the water to the valley by next May, and a force of men sufficient to carry out their program will be steadily employed.

—The party who took a brown chinchilla out from a Medford barroom a few days ago is known, and by returning the same he will avoid trouble.

—News was received here early this week of the death of S. S. Wilson, formerly of Medford, and a brother of J. R. Wilson, the blacksmith, which occurred at his home in Willits, Calif., Tuesday morning. The circumstances surrounding his death are very sad and are very much regretted by Mr. Wilson's friends in this city. He entered a restaurant at Willits late Monday evening for his supper. The cook, Albert Armstrong, declined to fill his order, and the two men became involved in an altercation, during which Mr. Wilson was struck with a stick of stove wood with the fatal results above stated. The town of Willits is situated in the interior of the state, which makes it difficult to obtain the full details of the tragedy. Mr. Wilson resided in Medford for several years, and was at one time proprietor of the old Clarendon hotel on the West Side. We have not learned whether Armstrong has been arrested or not.

—Amateurs can get information wanted at the Elite studio; come up and ask all the questions you like, we can and will explain. No charges for information, call up and see us.

—There is nothing which adds more to the favorable reputation of a town than well appointed, clean and neatly arranged mercantile establishments. Of these Medford has several which would reflect credit upon a town of treble the population of our city. Another has just been added to the list—E. D. Elwood's jewelry store, which he has just moved into this week. Mr. Elwood's new brick building, which has just been finished, was built especially for him, under his own supervision and according to his own ideas of a well appointed jewelry store. A glimpse into the interior of the building will be sufficient to convince one that Mr. Elwood's ideas upon this particular subject, at least, are strictly in line with modern progress. Mr. Elwood has, without doubt, one of the neatest establishments of its kind between Portland and San Francisco. THE MAIL hopes that his business will increase in proportion to his public spiritedness—which will doubtless be realized.

—Wells & Shearer have the best equipped outfit for draying and household moving in Medford. See them when you need the services of a good draying outfit.

—Attorney-General Blackburn has rendered an opinion at the request of Superintendent of Public Instruction Ackerman in which he holds that a special tax levied in March, 1901, after the 1900 tax roll has been turned over to the sheriff, can legally be extended on the tax roll in 1902. The opinion quotes the act of 1893, which requires all taxes to be collected by the sheriff, and also section 4 of said act, which provides that each school district shall notify in writing the clerk of the county court within which such school district is situated, of the rate of per cent of the tax levy made by it, or before the first day of February in each year. This report shall be kept on file by the several clerks and remain a part of the records of the office."

—Carlson of Portland cement at \$5.50 per barrel. Enquire of G. W. Priddy, or J. F. White, at White's confectionery.

—The Messrs. Allen have sold the Eugene cannery to a company, the leading spirits of which are Chas. H. Pierce and John W. Coleman, of Ashland, says the Eugene Guard. The company has plenty of means, while the above gentlemen are practical cannerymen. They will do a general business, expecting to start up the plant on Royal Ann cherries in June. The company is particularly interested in having a full crop of tomatoes planted for which it will pay remunerative prices. If you want plants and further particulars, call on the gentleman above named at the Hotel Eugene. They will make contracts for all acreage offered and furnish the plants.

—A number one, good carriage horse for sale. Inquire of H. M. Coss, Medford.

—Fleming Bros., who are traveling overland through the country with the Edison Waragraph machine, gave an entertainment at the Medford opera house Monday evening. Owing to the fact that the entertainment was not well advertised they did not have a large house, but the exhibition was good throughout and thoroughly enjoyed. A feature in itself well worth the price of admission was the scenic production of Mrs. Carrie Nation on one of her celebrated joint smashing orations.

—Hunter, the retoucher and operator of the Elite, is teaching retouching; if you want to learn the art call at the Elite studio.

—Klamath Falls Republican: W. D. Beidleman, who sold his ranch of 180 acres, near Ft. Klamath, last winter to H. J. Gordon, of Rogue River, for \$2500, gave possession of the property this week and is preparing to move into one of the counties east or northeast of here. A. C. Hubbard, of Medford, has been a Klamath Falls visitor this

week. District Attorney Reames arrived at Klamath Falls Monday evening, and on Tuesday left for Lakeview, where he is to attend circuit court. Geo. Snyder, of Beswick, Calif., was here Tuesday.

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

—A quiet wedding was solemnized on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents in Salem, Miss May Johnson, formerly of Cripple Creek, Colo., becoming the wife of Mr. Jacob N. Starr, of Portland. Only the immediate relatives and a few friends were present at the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Starr have gone to Portland to reside. —Sunday Oregonian. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Starr, of this city.

—When you want draying done get Sloyer to do it. He's always ready—always reliable and his charges are always just right.

—Rev. G. W. Muckley, of Kansas City, Missouri, secretary of the National Board of Extension of the Christian Church, addressed a good sized audience at the Christian Church in this city Wednesday evening, upon the subject of "Church Extension." The reverend gentleman is accompanied by his family, and they were the guests of Rev. Gist and family during their stay in this city. They departed Thursday evening for Grants Pass.

—Dr. Goble, the optician, will be at his residence in Medford on Saturday of each week. Eyes tested free of charge. Corner Fourth and D streets.

—The musically inclined people of Medford will have an opportunity to hear some excellent music, both vocal and instrumental, on the evening of May 23rd—the date of Prof. Boffa's concert and music recital. The members who are to take part in the program are working hard to make the entertainment a success, and will, without doubt succeed. Reserved seats for the concert are now on sale at H. H. Howard & Co.

—The tone of the picture and the smoothness is why the people are talking about the Elite studio's work, can't be beat.

—In the matter of the motion to set aside the judgment rendered on the verdict in favor of the defendant, in the case of Henry Earhart vs J. W. Odgers, in a suit to recover money and for damages, Justice Stewart last week rendered a verdict in favor of Earhart in default of the appearance of defendant. The judgment was \$20, the amount sued for, and for \$50 damages.

—Lady's bicycle for sale. Price, \$8. Mrs. W. H. Hambree, North C street, Medford.

—After May 24, the \$11 due from the state to each member of the Second Oregon for clothing furnished by the state, and for which they were charged by the government, may be obtained from Adjutant General Gautenbein, at Portland, by making application for a voucher to be signed and returned to him, whereupon the money will be forwarded.—Eugene Guard.

—Good residence property for sale cheap, on South C street, three blocks from the main business street. Call on or inquire of E. Russ.

—C. M. Allen, who arrived in Medford from the east a few months ago, has purchased the J. H. Wilson farm of 140 acres, situated about a mile west of this city, from W. B. Roberts, paying therefor \$5000. This is one of the best farms in the valley and Mr. Allen is fortunate in securing so valuable a farm. He will take possession of the same about October 1st.

—The photos that come from the Elite are so smooth and fine, nicely retouched, that's what opens the eyes of the people.

—The largest amount of baggage ever checked from the Southern Pacific depot in one day was checked out Wednesday evening. Forty-five large commercial trunks, besides a large number of smaller parcels, is the record for that day. It was necessary to press into service one of the empty box cars standing on the sidetrack in order to handle them.

—Read F. E. Bybee's "Lost" ad.

—N. S. Bennett left for Klamath County Tuesday morning with a load of dried fruit which he will dispose of to his Klamath County patrons. He has made other trips to Klamath County and always finds a ready market for his fruits, the popularity of which is increasing in all sections where they have been marketed.

—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.

—Three towns of the county have thus far signified their intentions of celebrating July Fourth, viz., Ashland, Gold Hill and Jacksonville. As it has been the custom in this county for several years for the various towns to alternately join in celebrating that day, Medford will probably not celebrate this year.

—Barred Plymouth Rock eggs for sale—\$1 for setting of 15. Will deliver at Davis' grocery store, Medford, each week. J. W. Smith.

—After the regular business of Olive Rebekah Lodge No. 28, I. O. O. F., had been completed Tuesday evening the members treated themselves to a sumptuous banquet which the ladies of this popular order had prepared for

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7th Street, Medford

the occasion. That the meeting was a thoroughly enjoyable one goes without saying.

—The Elite is the place to get your photos.

—A new postoffice ruling has gone into effect imposing a fine of \$200 or one year imprisonment on any one who carelessly or otherwise takes mail not belonging to them from the postoffice and fails to return it immediately. This applies to newspapers as well as letters and other valuables.—Ex.

—Good small business for sale at a bargain. Only those who mean business need inquire. W. T. York.

—The Oregon Christian Endeavor Convention, which was held at Salem last week, was one of the most successful meetings ever held in the state. Mrs. D. L. Rice, of Ashland, was elected as one of the vice presidents for the ensuing year, and Ashland was selected as the next meeting place.

—Go to Wolfer, the tinner, for galvanized water tanks.

—Sunday was not an ideal day for an outing, but quite a number of Medford and Jacksonville people went to Rogue river and ascended to the summit of Table Rock. Among those from Medford were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fay and Capt. and Mrs. J. T. C. Nash.

—Twenty-five hives of bees for sale cheap. Jas. Stewart, Medford.

—The ice cream social given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church last Friday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lindley, on the East Side, was well attended and successful in every way. A short program was rendered during the evening.

—Elite studio is the best equipped for anything in the photo line.

—The electric lights were turned on Sunday night, after being closed down nearly two weeks. A number of substantial improvements have been made at the light plant, and it is said to be in better condition at present than it has ever been before.

—For Sale or Trade—Twenty acres of wood land, near Medford. Hubbard Bros.

—Chrysanthemum Circle No. 84 are now located in their new quarters in the K. of P. hall, lately known as the Childers block, and will hold their next regular meeting on May 28th, in that place. A good attendance is desired.

—Call at the Elite studio and you will make up your mind on photos.

—J. H. Stewart and Dillon Hill have just completed the work of planting to

pears fifty acres of the Fordyce farm which they purchased last spring. Next winter they will plant several acres more of this land to apples.

—Remember that Wolfer, the tinner, is now located in the building formerly occupied by the Coss Piano House, where he can be found at all times.

—Miss Nellie DePeatt, formerly Postal telegraph operator in this city, will go to Barranquilla with Hon. and Mrs. Geo. W. Colvig, instead of Miss Dora Colvig, who will retain her position in the Grants Pass public schools.

—Wolfer, the tinner, has moved to the building near the bridge formerly occupied by the Coss Piano House. His business has increased to such proportions that he had to have increased floor space.

—The Ohio delegation, composed of Governor Nash and a number of other Ohio celebrities, passed through Medford Monday evening in their private car en route to Portland and the Sound cities.

—Wanted—A good girl for general house work. Will pay \$4 per week for good girl. Apply at this office.

—Street Commissioner J. A. Branzenburg is doing some splendid work on the streets of Medford. Next winter will find our streets in the best condition in the history of the city.

—We want all the eggs we can get; cash or trade. H. H. Howard & Co.

—Geo. Webber, the Woodman of the World organizer, was at Merrill last week upon lodge business, says a Merrill correspondent to the Klamath Falls Express.

—For hair goods and hair work go to L. L. Reame, east of Lutheran Church.

—J. H. Stewart has been spending a week at his upper Rogue river summer resort, where he has been making a number of improvements.

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

—While boring for oil, the Umpqua Valley Oil Company, of Roseburg, uncovered a vein of coal fifteen inches thick at a depth of twenty feet.

—Don't overlook the Chancellor and the Geo. W. Childs cigars. For sale by Karnes & Ritter.

—A. L. Eisenhart moved this week to his residence on South C street, which he purchased from Dr. J. W. Odgers some time ago.

—Horse for sale—enquire at the Phipps feed stable, Medford, Oregon.

—Memorial services at the opera house Sunday, May 28th, at 11 o'clock.

Queer Things Doing

There are queer things doing in our windows



these days. Have you seen them today? One queer thing is the man catching fleas

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we are selling that \$25 Korona Camera. Watch the Window Still another queer thing is the prices we will sell Photo Albums for Saturday \$1.50 album 65c 75c album 39c



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