

Good Shirt Waist News!

The balance of our Stock of Shirt Waists must go. We have marked our regular

\$1.50 Waists, \$1.00 Last Season's \$1.75,
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75c " **.50** at 50c each

NEW THINGS THIS WEEK

TURQUOIS SETTINGS are the latest rage. We have them in Belt Buckles, Side Combs, Sash Retainers, Hair Barbettes and Stickpins

New Belts and Belt Buckles

See the new 4-inch Elastic Girdle, covered with black and silver spangles, \$1.50
Black Velvet Ribbon in all widths, for neck and belts.
New shipments of our great "Carmen" \$1.00 kid gloves—all colors.
New Idea 10c Paper Patterns for September now ready.



Ladies' \$3.50, Welt, Patent Tip, Military Heel, Dull Kid Top. The Very Latest Street Shoe.

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Dry Goods,
Boots and Shoes

The Walkover Shoe for Men

CITY HAPPENINGS.

—Speaking of jolly times and jolly crowds and the occasion and people that make them, there is nothing in the highways of social functions which could possibly eclipse the party of Medford people which was made up last Thursday evening for a straw ride to Jacksonville. To be sure there were no Waterbury springs or anything else that resembled things springy on the axletrees of the wagon, but the driver was duly cautious and at the slightest sound of unrest or discomfiture from any member of the party the steeds were slowed down to a cow gait. But all this, or even more, did not, nor could not, disturb the pleasure of the occasion. The wagon, a good, solid one, with cast iron springs and pneumatic steel tires, was beautifully decorated and illuminated with Chinese lanterns, while the American flag and Dr. Darrin's hat floated from several topmost points of the lantern supports. The party took their departure from Hotel Nash, and incidental with the start off was a chorus by the entire party, accompanied by Wallace Mahoney's banjo and Charlie Gay's guitar. At Jacksonville a siren was sounded many of the prominent families, during which Miss Jones' solos were voted the choicest bit of music of all. Following the siren refreshments were served at the Taylor house, after which the party drove home—all declaring they had had more than thirty cents worth of a good time. The party was made up of Dr. and Mrs. Darrin, Mrs. I. L. Hamilton, Mrs. V. McCray, Misses Jessie Cole, Mabel Jones, Ethyl England, Carrie George, Tessie Saltmarsh, Myrtle Hurst, Edith Oenbrugge, and Messrs G. E. Kelley, Charlie Gay, C. O. Ramsey, Wallace Mahoney, J. E. Enyart and Carl Narregan. The following evening

Miss Mabel Jones entertained the same party at her pleasant home in North Medford. Vocal and instrumental music were special features of the evening's entertainment—and the refreshments of ice cream and cake were delicious—all of which was only excelled by the congeniality of the surroundings and the hospitality of the hostess and her parents, the Honorable and Mrs. Jones. All the pleasures of life, however, are not found beneath one roof-tree or upon one lawn, neither do the people composing the above mentioned party object to the continuance of a jolly good time when it is tendered them, and in compliance with an edict given out by Mrs. I. L. Hamilton, wife of mine host, Mr. Shorty Hamilton, the same crowd, with the addition of Merchants John and Ed Van Dyke, met at the pleasant parlors of Hotel Nash on Tuesday evening and there enjoyed themselves well for several hours in vocal and instrumental music, card playing, cheerful repartee and delicious refreshments—and none were there present who did not declare the hostess a royal entertainer. After refreshments were partaken of a serenading party was made up and several places about town were visited, where sweet strains of music were dispensed in abundance—and the passengers on the midnight train were as well given a musical treat.

—Graham, corn meal, whole wheat flour on sale at the Russ mill, two blocks south of Hubbard Bros.' implement house.

—There are many good arguments which can be put up in support of the growing of fruit as against that of wheat. These arguments are nearly all known to the people of the Rogue river valley, and it would be useless to reiterate them here, but a comparison favorable to fruit is here found, and as it is founded upon facts and logical figuring there are no premises left for dispute: Forty acres of wheat on the Asa Fordyce place, which was purchased a few months since by Hon. J. H. Stewart, thrashed out this year forty three bushels per acre, the wheat being raised by Mr. Fordyce. This forty acres will be planted to Yellow Newton apples next spring by Mr. Stewart, and thereby hangs a tale, or rather a reflection. This forty-three bushels is worth about \$20 and is a good yield for an acre of ground, but it took two years to get it, as it was a summer fallow crop and a heavy drain was made on the soil. When the Yellow Newtons begin to bear a full crop the number of bushels per acre will in a single year equal ten such crops of wheat, or the yield for twenty years, and in dollars, twenty such yields or the gross returns for forty years. The loss of income while the orchard is maturing, measured by the wheat standard, will be covered twice over by a single good crop. To care for and harvest one good crop of fruit will for a single year necessitate the expenditure of \$160 an acre or \$6,000 for the forty acres. Factory and mill will take part of this, but much the larger portion will go directly to labor here, and the community will derive as great incidental benefit from this forty acres of orchard as from a thousand acres of wheat. Soil must be carefully selected, and brain as well as brawn given to attain success in such a highly specialized industry as successful growing of fruit. Failure is certain if slovenly or careless methods are followed. Assuming thirty years as the life of an orchard on such land and in the hands of such workmen as Mr. Stewart and his son-in-law, Mr. D. R. Hill, then for thirty years labor will be largely employed, the community sustained and the owners will have something to show for a life of labor other than a very sluggish soil and a dynamic mortgage.

—The Woodburn nursery stock is positively the best on the market. This nursery has been doing business for a great many years. It's stock planted the pioneer orchards of Oregon and stock from this same nursery is planting the orchards today. The orchardists of Oregon all endorse the Woodburn nursery. L. H. Hoover, of Medford, is the agent for Southern Oregon and Northern California. Orders given him are never changed or raised—you get just what you order—no kind "just as good" is substituted, and no orders are increased after first made.

—One can hardly be sure of the nature of probable discoveries in Southern Oregon. There is found here nearly all kinds of mineral deposits and those known minerals not yet found will probably be unearthed before the finish is accomplished. The latest find is a large ledge of asphaltum. It is in section 4, township 28 south, range 2 east, and is twelve miles east and a little south of Medford. The ledge was discovered three years ago by George Cottrell, but at that time it was supposed to be a ledge of shale or coal. More recent examination has proven it to be asphaltum beyond the question of doubt and of a good quality. The surface croppings are hard and brittle, caused by oxidation, but there seems but little doubt that when this surface cropping is removed the pure, marketable article will be disclosed. Mr. Cottrell, at the time of discovery, secured title to 100 acres of land upon which the croppings were found, and he has now associated with him Messrs. H. W. Jackson and C. W. Baker, mining men of experience, and development work will at once commence. The ledge is sixty feet in width and dips to the east into the side of a mountain. Croppings have been found for a distance of 400 yards and it is presumed that it extends a much greater distance than this. The hanging wall is sandstone and the foot wall is shale. The owners of the ledge will commence development work next week. The work will consist of sinking a shaft and when this has been put down 100 feet it is confidently believed that asphaltum will be found of a consistency which will permit of its being brought to the surface by pumps.

—Wanted—200 hop pickers. Apply to or address J. P. Ranzau Grants Pass, Ore. Season will commence about September 1st.

—Orrin Whitman, proprietor of the Medford book store, has been doing a goodly amount of advertising in the columns of THE MAIL of late. He wasn't quite sure whether he was making money on the investment or not, but he is now fully convinced. Part of his space last week was taken up with an announcement of a special sale of envelopes. THE MAIL was put in the Medford postoffice Thursday evening. During the following Friday and Saturday thirty-seven persons called at Mr. Whitman's store and made inquiry for the envelopes which they saw advertised in THE MAIL. So great was the demand for envelopes that his surplus stock was soon exhausted and he is not advertising envelopes this week. Of course it does not pay to advertise, but there isn't a man in Medford big enough to convince Mr. Whitman on these lines. In street parlance Mr. Whitman is from Missouri and had to be shown—but he knows all about it now and his space in these columns will be filled each week with bargains.

—Someone, a boy we presume, is indulging in a practice that is decidedly dangerous and as well very annoying. His residence is in West Medford and his practice is that of firing rifle shots

into the flocks of chickens and ducks owned by near-by neighbors, and as well taking an occasional shot at a window in a neighbor's dwelling. This is undoubtedly great amusement for the young man, but it is so exceedingly unpleasant for the neighbors to be in almost momentary expectation of being perforated or of having their fowl slain that a protest is being vigorously made and only the intercession of friends in the interests of the young man's family is keeping the perpetrator of these acts from the grasp of Sheriff Orme's strong hand.

—The Medford and Gold Hill merchandise stocks of S. Rosenthal, deceased, were sold yesterday by Administrator Kenney to Max Cohen, of San Francisco, for \$7260.

—Wanted—300 hop pickers; picking commences about September 1st. Address John Ranzau, Jr., Grants Pass, Oregon.

—Some few weeks ago a gentleman was in Medford from Imperial, Nebraska. He was here looking up some land purchases for himself and several friends. He did not invest while here but went further north and took in all of Washington and other parts of Oregon. In all he spent several months in California, Oregon and Washington. Upon reaching Nebraska this is what he wrote to a friend here: "I did not find any place that I liked better than the Rogue river valley. Myself and my crowd of several families will be in Medford next summer to buy lands and stay with you."

—Ice—Orders for the prompt delivery of ice in any quantity to any part of the city may be left at Ulrich's or Porten's meat markets.

—J. L. Wilson: "I notice you have had an item or two on the immense crops of alfalfa which are being grown around here. Those items were all good, but you ought to see the crop that Will Gore is harvesting, out on the Ish farm. It is the second crop and the shocks are so close together that it seems almost impossible to drive a team between. No, it has had no water—only what Nature gave it—and that wasn't much this year. There are thousands of acres in the valley that are not now growing much of anything which will be good alfalfa land when that Fish Lake ditch puts water on it."

—The famous Haslewood ice cream, Saturday and Sunday, at White's ice cream parlors.

—Thomas Wright, a pioneer of Jackson County, died very suddenly at his residence in Willow Springs precinct, on Tuesday evening of this week. He was in his usual good health at early evening Tuesday and did his chores and a short time thereafter retired, but soon after felt sick and got out of bed and went to another room in the house, where he died within a few minutes, of apoplexy. He was nearly seventy-nine years of age, a native of Kentucky, and was an early day settler. He was an honest, upright and highly respected citizen.

—Cash Paid for Chickens—I am in the market for cash purchases of all chickens brought to me. T. E. Pottinger, proprietor Central meat market.

—Thos. McAndrews is being annoyed by chicken thieves, but he has decided upon a method which will either protect his chickens or exterminate the thieves. He has loaded guns which he places in his yard at convenient places for the thieves to run against. These guns are so arranged that if disturbed after once placed in position there will something drop near the muzzle end and in all probability it will be the thief. There may be more humane ways of dealing with chicken thieves but we doubt if there are any which will prove more effective.

—For sale—32 inch second hand wagon. In good shape. W. S. King, Medford.

—Prof. W. A. Snow, the band instructor, arrived in Medford last week and has resumed his old position, that of instructor for the Medford band. Mr. Snow is a gentleman of known ability as a band tutor and as the material he has here to work upon is good there is no good reason why Medford should not have the best band in the state—it is now the best in Southern Oregon.

—Coffee pot given with each camp stove sold at Wolff's tinshop. Camp stoves made to order.

—Rev. F. Sack, German Lutheran pastor at this place, held religious services at the Lake Creek school house last Sunday forenoon, and in the afternoon held baptismal services at the residence of Rudolph Pech, where a child of Mr. and Mrs. Pech was baptized, the child's sponsors being Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Meyers and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Pech.

—Rev. J. A. Slover, en route to New Hope church in Sams Valley, will preach at Gold Hill Thursday evening, August 22nd, at 7:30 o'clock. At Moonville Friday, at 7:30 p. m., and meet with the New Hope church at 11 a. m. on Saturday, for business and covenant meeting. Members will please be in attendance. Meeting on Sunday.

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

—Balrd and Clinton's dog and pony show reached The Dalles, and the Chronicle says are still there with no favorable notion for a move on. This combination was in Medford early in the season. They gave a fairly good show but the concern was clearly on the ragged edge of bankruptcy when here.

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

We are Coming to Town

To see Nye's Closing Out Stock of Ladies' Shirt Waists

Ladies' Shirt waists closing out at cost. Bargains in them. All-over lace and embroidery, daintiest and prettiest in town.

Our new line of ladies' kid gloves have arrived. We like them and you will too when you see them. Only \$1 per pair

Boys' laundered shirts assorted colors and sizes, 35-50c
Men's percale shirts and shirts with extra length in sleeve, etc. Bow ties of latest shades and designs.
Flags, fire-crackers, horns, whistles, etc., etc.

H. B. NYE'S, Racket Store,

Of Interest to Ditchers, Miners, Prospectors and Farmers

TAYLER, THE FITTER

Carries a full line of the "United Work-tanned working Shoes, High and low priced. Every pair fully warranted.

—The Rogue River Quicksilver Mining Company was organized in Medford last Saturday evening, August 10th, the object of which is to mine quicksilver and develop a quicksilver ledge in the Meadows precinct. The incorporators of the company are G. L. Davis, Elwood Bibler and John B. Dent; the capitalization is \$250,000; divided into 250,000 shares at a par value of \$1 each. The organization was effected by the election of the following directors: J. M. Keene, G. L. Davis, C. I. Hutchison, W. I. Vawter, E. Bibler, H. U. Lumsden, J. B. Dent. After the election of directors the following officers were elected: President, J. M. Keene; vice president, G. L. Davis; secretary, C. I. Hutchison, treasurer, H. U. Lumsden; attorney, W. I. Vawter; engineer, W. I. Fleck. The company owns seventy acres of land in the Meadows precinct, about twenty-five miles from Medford, upon which has been discovered a large ledge of cinnabar. The ledge prospects well for over 100 feet in width, in fact the entire mountain prospects. The ledge has been developed in a small way and has proven to be immensely rich, going from thirty to fifty per cent in quicksilver. While it is true that no extensive development work has been done, enough has been done to convince the members of the company that it is one of the richest propositions ever opened up or put under way in Southern Oregon. The size of the ledge, even was the per cent of quicksilver much less, would be positive assurance of the gigantic proportions of the proposition, but when the per cent is as high as it is the wealth of the ledge can hardly be approximated. As the company is backed by some of our best known business men—men of means, unsullied reputations and good business

qualifications, whose judgment is never put in question upon matters of this kind, there seems but little chance for the project to be anything short of the success they now picture it. More extensive development work will be commenced next week and we expect favorable reports from the mine as the work progresses.

—Mrs. W. O. Hill, of Fort Klamath, Ore., writes to Dr. Darrin that her husband's nephew is to all appearances cured of epileptic fits—having had no return of them since being treated by the doctor two months ago.

—Mr. Roy L. Cooper, of Crescent City, and Miss Eva Solise, of Griffin creek, were married at the home of the bride's parents on Thursday of this week, by Rev. A. Haberly. The bride is the accomplished and highly respected daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Solise, who are pioneers of Southern Oregon and are among our most influential and honored citizens. The happy couple left Thursday evening for Crescent City, where they will reside.

—Did you know it? When you want a fine photo call on Geo. W. Mackey—he can make 'em O. K.

—Miss Luise Straw, of Montague, arrived here last Thursday for medical treatment. She had been at Medford for some time taking treatment from Dr. Pickett and was much improved. She is now under the care of her brother, Dr. E. E. Straw.—Klamath Falls Express.

—Cheesemore & Myers will sell you flour and feed as cheap as the mills and deliver anywhere in the city.

—The Spiritualists of Southern Oregon will hold a grove meeting at the Rose grove, near Phoenix, Sunday, August 23rd. All friends are invited.

ANOTHER YELLOW DAY SALE

Those Envelopes.

Were our chips last week. This week we have more chips. We have only 21,000 of our Bargain Envelopes left. We are getting reckless and you can have them—

A No. 5 Buff XX

Envelope

Regular 5-center

2 packs for 5 cents

Yellow Day 55c

Memos, reg. 5c, 3c

Lawyers' witness seals 10c a box

The Mogul, regular 10c medium office pencil, 3c

Leather Goods

Buck Purse.

undressed, with pressed top, 2 compartments, lined, strong, and durable, only 20c

Ladies' Finger purse. Imitation seal leather, four pockets, 34c.

Gents' Bill Book imitation seal, leather pockets, regular \$1.00 article, 74c

School Books

We have placed our order for a large quantity.

Next week we will tell you just what you need and give you a list of the new books just what they will cost you and just what you will be allowed for your old books, etc. All you want to know.

Watch us then.

Medford Book Store

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The only Perfectly Hermetically Sealed Jar

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