

THE MEDFORD BOOK STORE

From the front of our store, where the wagons hang, clear through to the rear door of the Toy Rooms, the Christmas Spirit reigns. We have completed over four months' preparation and are now ready for Christmas Buyers. Now is the most satisfactory time to buy. Do your buying as soon as possible, other things are sure to take your time later

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The always suitable; always acceptable Xmas Gifts. You cannot mistake or offend good taste if you get one or a set of books. Nowhere in Southern Oregon is there such a list to select from. Nearly, if not quite 2000 volumes at department store price. Complete stock new and standard fiction, gift and children's books at cut price.

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Mrs. Alcott's books reg. \$1.50, at \$1.25
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Bagster Bible, teachers' \$1.50, indexed, \$1.75. Small testament reg. 15c, now 7c. Two version Bible, old and new, leather, \$2.50. Indexed, \$3.00. No room to describe the rest.

Offerings in Dolls



20-inch Kid Sleeping Doll - \$1.50
Absolutely Unbreakable, 9 inch .65
Walking Doll—Walks, turn head.
The greatest novelty in dolls out, \$1.50
Regular 20-in, hair stuffed .65
Regular 13 inch China doll, heads, feet and hands .30

"Our little friends know bargains in them"

Fancy Dressed Dolls: We have a line unsurpassed in Southern Oregon, having bought out a leading competition stock and added the same to our already full and complete buying. You cannot miss it here

Photo Albums, Picture Racks, Celluloid Novelties to please

WE have been liberal in our purchases in these goods. There are over 250 Photo Albums alone, and at a price that makes them half sold now. Other fancy goods in rich profusion

Musical Albums, - price \$5.00, others ask \$7.00	Toilet sets, best in house, - - - - - \$12.00
Easelback Albums, - " 5.00, " " 7.00	Brush and Comb set, - - - - - .90
Same, smaller, - " 3.25, " " 5.00	Toilet case, extra quality, - - - - - 4.00
Celluloid Album, picture on front, 1.25, " " 2.00	Brush and Comb set, with Mirror - - - - - 1.00
Candle Sticks, - - - - - .25, " " .35	Shaving set, - - - - - 2.25
Smokers' companions, - - - - - .75, " " .85	Ink Stands, - - - - - .25, .45, .50, .75, \$1.25
Triple Mirrors, - - - - - .25, " " .45	Waste Baskets, - - - - - .25, .35, .65, \$1.25
Pin Cushion, - - - - - .20, " " .25	Baskets, assorted, 200 shapes, only, regular 20c, 10c each

Pictures for Everybody

Oil Painting, 24x30, with Gold frame, different scenes, regular \$3.00, always acceptable, \$1.35. Same, smaller frame, \$1.25
Cat pictures, platinotypes, black frame, \$1.20.
Round picture, composition frame, assorted subjects, .70
Round picture, gold frame, "Love's Message," \$3.00
Medallions, all sizes and all prices
Matted phototone, colors, assorted, 15c each
Matted carbon, assorted, 15c each

Call and make your selections while the stock is complete, don't wait too long

BARGAINS

Purses for Old and Young

Chatelaine bags, seal, patent clasp, \$2.00, cheaper, \$1.50
Leather Bags, .50, .75, \$1.00
Mexican hand carved purse from \$1.50 up to \$3.80
Card cases, same, \$1.00
Ladies' Purse, antique silver mountings, \$1.25, 80c
Child's chatelaine purse, 25c
Assortment of purses, 10c

IN TOY LAND!

We have nearly 1000 square feet of floor space devoted to the display of toys. Extra salespeople have already been engaged, with more to follow in the great week just before Xmas. It behooves you to purchase now, while we can give you time and a tention.

Abridged Index to Toy Land

Games	Automobiles
Game boards	Masks
Pop Pistols	Carts
Mustaches	Musical Bells
Wagons	Child Education bldg blks
Stoves	Steam engines
Banks	Drawing Slate
Wagon Blks	Printing outfit
Battle Ships	Driving Reels
Noah's Arks	Magic lanterns
Musical Toys	Rocking horses
Iron Toys	Doll furniture
Tool chests	Crokinole bds
Floor chimes	Archarena
Footballs	Doll Buggies
Pianos	Doll Carriages
Shooflies	Doll Go-carts
Swings	Doll Beds
Drums	

and a thousand other things that need to be seen to be appreciated. We predict that this will be the finest room in the Store. Come and see

Spend Your Christmas Dollars as You would Your Own, for the most and best You can get for the Money

THE MEDFORD MAIL

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A. S. BLITON.

MEDFORD, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1901

MAN WAS BORN TO HUSTLE.
He is of few days; but quite a plenty.

SUBSCRIPTION \$1.50 PER YEAR

Entered in the Postoffice at Medford, Oregon as Second-Class Mail Matter.

VENGEANCE at last has overtaken the idiot that rocks a boat. A Maryland coroner's jury has declared him to be guilty of willful murder.

WHILE a Texas man was at prayer meeting 300 young chickens were stolen from his hen house. When he discovered the theft he held a swear meeting that was a hummer.

A FARMER in Addison, Me., has a sheep which this year yielded two fleeces, one black as ink and the other as white as snow. The man who first started the story was undoubtedly a prevaricator.

IN THE thirteen years ending June 30, 1901, according to official reports, the railroads of the United States killed 86,277 people and injured 469,027. Yet in the face of these figures, there are people whose idea of a good time is to fill up on whisky and go to sleep on the track. It is obvious error.

COVINGTON, GA., has furnished a new boy preacher, Metz Joiner, 9 years of age, who lately held one of the largest congregations ever seen in the town enraptured for thirty minutes. After he had finished his sermon, several ladies ran up to kiss him, but he told them not to worship him, but the one of whom he was preaching.

IN A recent issue of the Rural Northwest, published at Portland, appears the following editorial:

"There is always a boom on in the fruit growing business somewhere. At the present time there is quite an apple-planting boom in the Rogue River valley. A few of the most thorough orchardists of the state have made a marked success of growing Yellow Newtown apples there, and many are seeking to profit by their experience. If the planting keeps on Medford will yet be contending with Watsonville, Calif., for the position of the leading apple shipping point on the Pacific coast."

The Rural Northwest, during the

less than twenty-five fruit items past three months, has printed no which were taken from the columns of THE MAIL, and to each and every one proper credit has been given. The inspiration which fathered the above quoted editorial undoubtedly found root in the perusal of THE MAIL's columns—and in the face of all this evidence there is one individual in Medford who will insist that THE MAIL is endeavoring to do the town an injury. During the past nine years there has never been proposed one single enterprise which would tend to improve the conditions of our town that THE MAIL has not gratuitously given use of its columns; and further than that, there has never been a movement of any kind on foot which has required the expenditure of funds that THE MAIL has not subscribed liberally thereto. All of these, of course, are, undoubtedly, reasons why some of our business men should withhold their patronage from these columns(?).

Frank C. Ladd Is Married.

From the Roseburg Review.
"Married—Ladd—Noc—At the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. S. A. Douglas, in Roseburg, Nov. 27, 1901, Miss Adeline Noc, of Leland, and Mr. F. C. Ladd, of this city.
"Mr. Ladd is the senior partner of the firm of Ladd & Olson, proprietors of the new Racket store, in the Stanton building. He and his bride will become permanent residents of our city."
Mr. Ladd is well known in Jackson County, where he has been an occasional resident for several years. He is a very fine young man and THE MAIL is glad of this opportunity to extend congratulations.

Meeting Literary Society.

Regular meeting of the Waverly Literary Society of the Medford High school was held Friday afternoon, Nov. 21, 1901. The debate, which was "Resolved, That mining has done more for the development of Southern Oregon than farming," was decided in favor of the affirmative. The debaters on the affirmative side were Lottie Wiley and Bessie Earhart and on the negative side were Pearl Beckett and Amy Kent. The following program was rendered:
Reading..... Carl Faucett
Selection..... Guitar Glee Club
Four Minute Speech..... Horace Jones
Recitation..... May Huns
Adjunctive Letter..... Louis Bennett
Selection..... Guitar Glee Club
Recitation..... Alma Johnson
Quotation..... Bernice Angie, Maude McKeever
Percy DeGroot.
High School Budget..... Helen Wall

Land for Sale.

I have for sale 60 acres of land, situated 7 1/2 miles northeast of Central Point. Fifty acres of this is good agricultural land, but has never been plowed. Will sell for \$360. Address me at Eagle Point.
T. J. KELSOE.

—Superior job printing, MAIL office

Academy Notes.

Academy entertainment at the opera house Dec. 20.

The boys have organized a foot-ball team with Elmo Nell, of Ashland, as captain.

The new students this week are Floe Briscoe, Central Point; Myrtle Rogers, Medford.

The assembly room which is used for a recitation room also, is proving to be a great help to the successful work of the school.

The school entertainment, Dec. 20, will consist of recitations, vocal and instrumental music, tableaux, a paper, girls' drill, etc.

The school wishes to express gratitude to Orrin Whitman for the Dally Oregonian which he has donated for the reading room.

The Adelpian Literary Society program for Friday evening is as follows:
Song..... Society
Reading..... Sarah Law
Recitation..... Ella Gascoway
Reading of the paper..... Paul Stephenson
Recitation..... James Spencer
Debate—Resolved that a person is happier in pursuit than in possession. John Tyrrel, leader on the affirmative, Alle Vinson, leader on the negative.
Song..... Society

Among the Sick.

I. A. Webb is improved very much—in fact, is considered out of danger and is sitting up.

Mrs. J. R. Wilson is improving and hopes are entertained that she will fully recover.

Mrs. J. W. Lawton is still very sick, but there was a noticeable change for the better yesterday.

Mr. Gurnea's little boy is improving slowly, and it is thought the crisis has passed and that he will continue to improve.

The Best Prescription for Malaria Chills and Fever is a bottle of GROVE'S TARTAR-EMETIC. It is simply iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. No cure, no pay. Price 50 cents.

Big Profits from Small Orchard.

Last week these columns told of the immense yield of apples from a three-acre orchard, near Central Point. Our informant was somewhat in error as to the exact amount of fruit gathered. We print this week a communication from Central Point which covers the ground completely. The communication is signed by one of the most honorable and successful citizens of that town, but the signature is not affixed to it because of very good reasons given by the writer. The item here follows:
"As an evidence of the possibilities of the fruit industry in Jackson County, the following wonderful profit from three acres of apple orchard, one mile north of Central Point, may be cited:
"The crop was bought by W. H. Norcross, an extensive fruit shipper, for 90 cents a box on the trees in the orchard. The owner, J. W. Merritt, realized \$1251.90 for the season's yield, which was 1391 boxes. Mr. Norcross sold the fruit for \$1.25 per box, realizing \$1738.75 from three acres of ten-year-old apple trees. This shows the wonderful profit of the industry, when orchards are properly pruned, cultivated and protected from fruit pests. Jackson County is the greatest fruit producing section of Oregon, and capitalists are arriving daily, buying up the cream of the valley, and setting it to apple trees, principally Newtown Pippins and Spitzenburgs. Men who have been in the fruit business for years are purchasing more land and setting out more trees this fall. Farmers are realizing the advantages of fruit over wheat, and gradually setting their entire holdings with fruit trees."

Wants to Buy Hides.

I am in the market for all kinds of hides—sheep, goat, cow, horse hides and deer skins, with tags on. I will pay highest market price. Call and see me, at the tannery between Talent and Phoenix.
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