

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

HOLIDAY BOOKS for EVERYBODY

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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Full line of Altemus decorated 25c series.
Hunt's 25c, only 17
Mrs Alcott's books reg. \$1.50, at \$1.25
Oliver Optic and G. A. Henty, only 50c and 60c
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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
dolls, bisque head
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

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	Musical 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

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
Easelback Albums, " 5.00, " 7.00
Same, smaller, " 3.25, " 5.00
Celluloid Album, picture on front, 1.25, " 2.00
Candle Sticks, .25, " .35
Smokers' companions, .75, " .85
Triple Mirrors, .25, " .45
Pin Cushion, .20, " .25

Toilet sets, best in house, \$12.00
Brush and Comb set, .90
Toilet case, extra quality, 4.00
Brush and Comb set, with Mirror, 1.00
Shaving set, 2.25
Ink Stands, .25, .45, .50, .75, \$1.25
Waste Baskets, .25, .35, .65, \$1.25
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, plationotypes, 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, 10,

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

THE MEDFORD MAIL

Published Every Friday Morning.

A. S. BLITON.

Medford, Friday, December 13, 1901

MAN WAS BORN TO MURDER.
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.

It is claimed that dentistry prolongs life. As has been said of matrimony, it certainly makes it seem longer.

A RAILWAY train bearing four kings, two queens and twenty-eight princesses and princes arrived at Copenhagen recently. The number of two-spots is not reported.

The widely advertised fact that the White House has but five bedrooms for the family and the guests should keep the undesirable people who might be determined to come on and stay a month at a satisfactory distance. If they persist in coming, however, it might be well for them to tote along a camping outfit, or at least a hammock.

The President's chief counselors have advised him that he will satisfy the people if he can prevail upon Congress to perfect the anti-trust law and to establish the department of Commerce and Industry, and it is the belief that this action will be accepted as an evidence of good faith and, that before the convening of another Congress, the situation will have further developed to a point where "the plain duty" of Congress may be made clear.—Yreks Journal.

Give the girls the best of education. Let them have a college education if possible. The way to get at the boys of the future is by means of the girls who are to be their mothers. Too much attention has been given to the boys and not enough to the girls. If the boys of a college woman are capable of receiving a college education they stand the best chance of getting it. The best side of the house is the mother side of it. If the girls are put forward the boys will get in the neighborhood.

The crop of governor candidates seems wonderfully prolific these days. The Salem Independent says: The man who seems to be Gov-

ernor Geer's most formidable opponent is no less a personage than Hon. Henry E. Ankeny, the well-to-do mine owner of Southern Oregon.

The Pendleton Tribune has brought out W. J. Furnish, a banker of that city, as a candidate, and there are several other sections still to hear from. While all these speculations as to the probable republican nominee for the governorship are being indulged in it is said that Farmer Geer is not becoming alarmed to any great extent.

THIS thought is not fathered by a delusion, neither is it impracticable or improbable—an electric railway from Medford to the vast belt of timber on upper Rogue river. The Fish Lake ditch company will be in a position to supply all necessary power to operate such a line, while the cost of construction would be very slight as compared with the cost of a regulation railroad. Medford people, we believe, would be willing and anxious to subsidize a proposition of this kind—with one condition—that the lumber be brought to Medford in the log. You say this would necessitate the hauling of a great amount of worthless timber? That is not so. Every particle of the wood itself could be, and would be, manufactured right here in Medford into useful articles of commerce, while the bark could be used for fuel. This is no pipe dream but a matter of sound logic and a condition which may be brought about to the profit of our growing little city and as well to the men who have gumption enough to grasp a good thing when they see it.

A FEW weeks since the Ashland Tidings found time to say that Mr. Chas. Pierce would probably establish a branch cannery in Medford for the canning of vegetables, or words to that effect. As Mr. Pierce has repeatedly said in newspaper print that his company would make the canning of vegetables its chief pursuit it need hardly be here said that the branch will be at Ashland—if there be a branch—a proposition which is still conjectural and decidedly illogical. The necessity for a branch cannery at Ashland is in no sense practical, while, after the experience of Messrs. Pierce & Coleman at that place last season, the permanent establishment of the cannery there would be business suicide. Two canneries, or one cannery and a branch, as the Tidings would have it, would necessitate

the expenditure of money unnecessarily for buildings and equipments in two places. All the fruits and vegetables which two canneries could consume can be secured—if the said cannery is located in Medford. Messrs. Pierce & Coleman's intentions were all right for a permanent Ashland cannery last spring, but when they discovered themselves to be in a plight similar to he man, the dam and the mill, they just naturally had to cast about for a suitable mill site—and have found it in Medford.

PROBABLY never in the history of this Nation has there been a document presented to the people which possessed more sound, logical reasoning than is found in President Roosevelt's message to Congress. There is all in it which commends the man and his loyalty of purpose, together with his determination to do right, to every citizen of this great Nation. Even the Democrat press (save a few jumping-jack nonentities which feel they must give censure in the belief that their scattering local constituents demand it) finds no part of the message which it can pick apart, or flaws which it can detect; no evil design, not a particle of anything that is not the utterance of an honorable man serving in his own best way a people which has in him implicit confidence that he will do right and do it fearlessly. The Oregonian in commenting upon the message says:

"The thoughtful reader of President Roosevelt's first message will

rise from its perusal with the conviction that it comes from the sound heart of a man who is sincerely desirous of knowing what is right and best, and then carrying out his decisions with entire fearlessness. It is the product of honesty and common sense. Nobody need be in doubt as to what the president means. Nobody need fear that he will lack the courage to pursue the straight path he sees before him. About many things he is in doubt. He doesn't know what to say about reciprocity, or what method should be adopted in construction of the Pacific cable, or just what we can do with the trusts, or how to rebuild our merchant marine, or how to strengthen the currency; and when he is in doubt he doesn't pretend to know. It is no discredit to a man that he doesn't know everything. It is to his credit if he has sense enough to realize and recognize it. Yet the president is precise enough when he is certain in his own mind, for his recommendations as to anarchy, immigration, forestry, army and navy, consular service, national guard, etc., matters with which he is familiar, are plain and positive. * * * He is the leader of his party, but there is no hint in all this long message of any purpose or desire except to find out what is right and best, and then to do it. This frankness has little in common with the shifty wiles of the politician. But it is the highest politics, nevertheless. He does his party the greatest possible service when he does the best for his country."

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