



Christmas Trade Increasing Rapidly 12 DAYS MORE

In which to buy your Christmas presents. Don't wait until the crowded condition of the store makes the careful selection of presents impossible; but buy now while our stock is complete, and, by-the-way, don't buy the worthless sort of stuff, but good, substantial goods. Below we call your attention to a number of good, serviceable presents

Ladies' Kid Gloves for Xmas presents are O. K. Our Carmen \$1.00 (love is a good one. P. Centemeri & Co.'s \$1.50 gloves in dressed and undressed; in black, gray, brown and mode

Skirts and Waists are very suitable Xmas presents. A new, all wool, black cheviot skirt, circular flounce, trimmed with six strips of taffeta at \$7.50.

Ladies' Corduroy Waists. Cardinal, blue, brown, and mode. New yoke front and back. Long blouse effect front, \$6.00

Ladies' Slippers. Red or black saten, quilted, high top, fur trimmed. A beautiful house slipper and the proper thing to make your wife smile. Special \$1.75

Gents' Slippers. Black or tan, good, roomy toes, chamois lined, all leather, \$1.50

Men's Velvet Embroidered Slippers Special 75c

Parasols and Umbrellas: Especially good for presents. Pearl, Dresden and natural wood handles, good, steel rod, 7-rib frame at \$1.50

Fur Capes and Boas
Black, sheared Coney Boa, \$1.75
" " Collarett, \$3.50
Electric Seal Collarett, \$5.00 to \$12.00
Martin Boas, \$2.50 to \$10.00

XMAS HANDKERCHIEFS We have an immense assortment of all kinds, from the neat, cheap styles, at 5c each, to the most elaborate kind for \$1.50 Ladies' Jap silk, embroidered and drawn work for 20, 25 and 35c each

GENTS' SUSPENDERS in pink, blue, black or cardinal silk. Silk embroidered, sterling silver buckles Each pair in a nice box \$1.50

Christmas Neckwear for Ladies and Gentlemen
A lovely assortment displayed in the proper manner prove very suitable gifts. New style silk stock collars for ladies, 50, 85, \$1.00

J. G. Van Dyke & Co.

CITY HAPPENINGS.

The Southern Oregon Oil Co., which has been sinking a well near Ashland, suspended operations temporarily, last Saturday. The well has reached a depth of over 1500 feet, but while the company is in condition to meet all obligations, funds were running low, owing to numerous unavoidable accidents, it was deemed unwise to incur any indebtedness and so the work was shut down. At a public meeting in Ashland last Friday night nearly 4000 shares were subscribed for and no doubt sufficient money will be raised to sink the well a few hundred feet further and demonstrate to a certainty whether oil exists at that point or not. It is to be hoped that the Ashland people will be successful in finding oil, as it would mean enhanced prosperity all over the valley. Some of this stock could probably be sold in Medford.

The Elite studio can show the finest display of photographs in Jackson County.

John Buckley, of Applegate, and Monroe McKenzie, of Jacksonville, were arrested in Medford last week, charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct. They were fined \$7.50 each by Recorder York. Buckley paid his fine but McKenzie was shy enough neces-

railroad company will not put in plank and we understand will not permit the city council to do so. A few feet of planking between the tracks and this kept clean of mud would be an improvement very much appreciated by passengers and townspeople.

No need for Medford people to buy imported bacon. We have some very choice pieces, made from Rogue river valley pork, and made this season. Every piece guaranteed to be fresh and wholesome. All animals which are slaughtered by us are given a thorough inspection and not an ounce of diseased meat is either put on the block or salted. Arnold & Barneburg, proprietors of the City Market.

If you are going to buy anything in the outlery or hardware line for a Christmas present—and there can be nothing more acceptable—THE MAIL wants to say to its readers that Messrs J. Diek & Co. and H. G. Nicholson have fine assortments in these lines. Their goods are guaranteed and are sold at honest prices. These gentlemen are inviting you to call upon them through advertisements in THE MAIL's columns. In this connection we might say that THE MAIL is now, and always has been, a promoter of all legitimate enterprises which have for their aim the betterment of Medford and the general well-being of every citizen in the city. The gentleman above referred to, together with many others whose advertisements appear in our columns, are friends of this paper and by their patronage make it possible for us to continue the good work of improving the conditions of our townspeople in fostering enterprises that affords employment and increases the taxable property of our city. If you are a friend of the city and of THE MAIL, patronize these people.

Wanted—Competent girl for general housework by Medford family. Inquire at this office.

The K. of P. boys and the K. of P. boys' girls and wives, to the number of about sixty, had a most delightful social time at lodge hall on Monday evening of this week. This was the regular meeting night of the lodge but all business was sidetracked and the entire evening was given over to a continual round of good time. Various games of cards were played together with crokinole and other amusements. Some enjoyed a few whirls to waltz music in the banquet hall adjoining—and everybody had lots of fun—and the boys felt pretty good because they were knights, while the ladies were elated because of the fact that they were so intimately associated with such a crowd of gallant young men—who to them are knights always, either inside or outside the lodge room. Refreshments were also furnished and were partaken of with a relish that would give Delmonico spasms.

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

The Medford Academy students will give an entertainment at the opera house on Friday evening, December 20th. The entertainment is given for the purpose of raising funds with which to pay for their new typewriter. Our townspeople ought to encourage the Academy to the extent of their patronage upon this occasion. If it is impossible for you to attend you ought to buy a ticket just the same. Tickets are only thirty-five cents each and if everybody who can afford to will buy one the typewriter will be as good as paid for. Every citizen of Medford is proud of the Academy and the success it is enjoying, but don't let us lose a single opportunity to give the encouragement which we know it deserves.

Lost—Sunday evening, between M. E. Church and residence of G. R. Lindley, small gold pin—two gold leaves set with turquoise. Finder will leave at Jackson County bank. Reward.

A Medford Lady:—"When my husband is in business he always advertises. I am fully educated to the belief that it pays to do newspaper advertising. When I see an advertisement in a newspaper I take it as a personal invitation to go to that place and trade. No, it is not a notion to which I am the only disciple. I have heard a great many women express opinions who feel just as I do regarding this matter. I may be over sensitive but when I see an advertisement I just naturally feel that that firm wants me to come in and trade with them and that possibly the other fellows who do not advertise are not very particular whether I call or not."

New line of wall paper at the Medford Furniture store.

The business man who does business in the city twelve months in every year and whose goods are in evidence when the tax collector makes his annual visits is the man whom you can best

afford to patronize. These fellows who jump in just before Christmas with a stock of goods to catch a few dollars of the holiday trade can hardly be considered bona fide business men. Buyers would do well to look carefully into this matter before making their Christmas purchases. The man who helps you pay the taxes ought to be given preference.

I have moved my stock of harness and saddlery from the Woolf building to my new store, near the Union livery stables, where I will be pleased to do business with former patrons—and new ones as well. I guarantee every article I put out to be as recommended or money refunded. J. G. Taylor.

Dr. B. F. Adkins:—"I had a letter from my brother-in-law, J. W. Howard, last week. He is over in Klamath County where he has had 600 head of cattle fattening on the succulent range grass of that county and which he has recently sold to California buyers at a good figure. He is one of the most extensive stock raisers of eastern Oregon. Himself and family will visit us in Medford holiday week. Yes, I've been away. Went over in the Williams creek country for a week. Mrs. Adkins and Ora returned to Medford from California on Thanksgiving day."

We recommend the Elite studio to the public for the finest, smoothest and best work in this part of Oregon. Give them encouragement and have your next photos made at the Elite. Special rates for the holidays only.

John Barneburg was unfortunate in having his left shoulder joint dislocated on Tuesday of this week. He was riding after cattle when one of the animals crossed the path of the horse he was riding, throwing man, horse and steer to the ground in a great mix-up. Mr. B. can consider himself very fortunate that he escaped with so slight an injury. The dismembered members were placed in their proper positions by Drs. Shearer and Stephenson and after he has carried his shoulder and arm in a sling for a couple of weeks, he will be all right again.

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.

Last Friday was Mrs. N. R. Johnston's fifty-seventh birthday and in the evening about twenty of the relatives and near neighbors assembled at the residence of A. H. Lawrence and from there went in a body to Mrs. Johnston's home and paid the good lady a happy surprise. Whist and other card games and guessing games, together with any amount of pleasant talk and much merriment made the evening one long to be remembered. A fine luncheon was served about ten o'clock.

Ladies' Mascot gloves—every pair warranted and fitted if desired. Makes a fine Christmas present. For sale by W. H. Meeker & Co.

The Ashland normal football team sent a challenge recently to the Medford Academy team for a game on the normal grounds on Saturday of this week. The challenge was accepted and all arrangements had been made by the Academy team for the game, but the normal boys got "cold feet" and with "snow in their shoes" and their knees knocking together they wrote the Academy team captain on Tuesday of this week declaring the game off.

The Brumby Delivery and Dray Line is prepared to do work quickly and satisfactorily. Work never so plentiful that his drivers are not looking for more. Terms and service guaranteed to be all right.

Medford people can better afford to wait a few days to have their wood sawed than to patronize an out of town saw. Ed. Whiteside lives in Medford. He runs a steam woodsaw—get him to saw your wood—and keep your money in Medford, and in the due course of time it may again reach your purse. If paid to outside parties there is no possible show for you ever to see it again.

Mrs. L. J. Sears has received a new stock of street hats for ladies. They are the very latest and the ladies of Southern Oregon are invited to call and look them over.

Carl Webb found that lost purse he was advertising. It was in a pocket of a pair of pants he had taken off the morning it was missed. Carl is assisting Recorder York in the duties of his office those days and it would be safer not to jolly him too hard on the lost purse, else he convenes court and fines you thirty days in the city sewer—for contempt of court.

It costs no more to patronize a first-class laundry than it does one of the fourth class order. The Grants Pass Laundry is strictly first-class and up-to-date in all its work. Bates Bros. at Hotel Nash barber shop, are our Medford agents.

Olive Rebekah Lodge, No. 28, of this city, is forging ahead with remarkable strides. Its members have been adding names to the roster with flattering regularity during the past year, and right now they have no less than fifteen applications for initiation for the first meeting night in January.

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

Portland parties are packing Oregon apples for shipment to Valdivostok, Siberia. The apples are shipped on an Oriental liner to Japan and there they are reshipped to the Russian port. The apples at Valdivostok will probably stand the consumer \$3 to \$3.50 a box.

Medford Racket Store

Holiday Goods Are Here

Come and get your Xmas Gifts before the assortment gets low

JAPANESE GOODS:

Fancy Baskets, Fans, Umbrellas, Lanterns, Jardiniers. Beautifully embroidered Silk Handkerchiefs, Scarfs, Mufflers, Tablecovers, Etc.
China Tea sets, fancy Cups and Saucers and numerous other articles of Chinaware.

DOLLS:

Bisc, China, Kid, Rag, Rubber and Wood. Doll Carriages, Beds, Chairs, Go-carts, Parlor sets, Etc.
Tin Toys, Story Books, Games, Albums, Toilet Cases, Indian Baskets and Mats.
Also a new line of Ladies' Belts and Pocketbooks have arrived. These Belts are something new in style and very pretty.

H. B. NYE,
Proprietor Medford Racket Store

Full Line of Ladies' Up-to-Date \$2.50 SHOES at

TAYLER the FOOT FITTER and Shoe Doctor
7th Street, Medford

MEDFORD FEED STORE

FLOUR and FEED always on Hand

Goods delivered free
Agents for COLEMAN CREEK LIME
H. D. AUSTIN & SON

D. E. Morris, superintendent of construction on the Fish Lake Ditch, was in Medford this week accompanied by Mrs. Morris, who will remain in the city a few days. Mr. Morris tells us that the grading work on the first seventeen miles of the ditch is completed, and all the teams will be laid off except a few which will be employed in hauling lumber for fluming purposes. The camp is being moved this week from near the drop, back to the head of the ditch where winter quarters will be established. A force of about forty men will be kept at work for about sixty days on the rock cuts, in which time it is expected all this work can be completed. The flumes across the south fork of Little Butte and Lake creeks, the two principal flumes on the line, are practically completed. There are a few flumes of lesser proportions across gulches and small streams which will be put in during the winter. All work on the entire seventeen miles of the ditch is so far along and so nearly completed that assurance is positively given that water will be carried to the valley by the middle of May, 1902. Both the Engineer, Mr. McCray, and Mr. Morris have been anxiously, and with some apprehension, awaiting the coming of the first hard rains of winter. There was a possibility that at some of the more critical points on hillslides and where excavations were heavy there might be a slump of the banks, but since the recent heavy rains a thorough examination of these places have been made and they are found to have withstood the strain without a suspicion of a break any place.

Free "Food Talks" and serving of "Pure Food" at F. M. Wilson's all day Friday.

There will be a grand ball at the Woodmen hall at Phoenix on Christmas Eve, December 24th. The ball is to be given under the auspices of Oregon Camp, Woodmen of the World, which is in itself a guarantee that it will be a well managed and enjoyable affair. Supper will be served by the ladies of Oak Circle, Women of Woodcraft, and it is safe to say that the edibles there to be spread would tickle the palate of the most fastidious. Music will be furnished by Carver's famous orchestra—everybody knows it. That Woodmen ball will surely be an enjoyable one.

Selz Royal Blue shoe, the greatest shoe in the world for \$3.50, sold only by W. H. Meeker & Co.

Owll Bros. shipped two carloads of apples this week to Hamburg, Germany. The strict quarantine regulations established by Germany against fruit from all Pacific coast states makes the matter of shipping to that country decidedly hazardous, as many carloads

Notice to Members of Presbyterian Church.
Let all who are interested in the selection of a minister to supply the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church of Medford, for the year beginning January 1, 1902, and ending Dec. 31, 1902, be present at the morning session on next Sunday, December 15th.
W. H. GORE,
Clerk of Session.

Special Sale.
Everything in my line has to be sold within the next ten days. In order to do this will have to sell at greatly reduced prices. Hats that sold for nine and ten dollars must go for six and seven. Dress hats from \$2 up. Do not miss this opportunity in selecting your millinery. Remember, all next week, at the millinery parlors, opposite post-office.

I am not going out of business but these goods must be sold before Christmas to make room for new stock.
LIZZIE HOOVER.

We have the LARGEST and most COMPLETE STOCK of DECORATED CHINA, CUT GLASS, Crockery and Glassware

of all descriptions, suitable for Christmas Gifts, that we ever had

MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS EARLY, while the stock is complete

H. H. HOWARD & CO.

Myers, the Jeweler,

Sells and Repairs
Diamonds,
Watches, Rings,
Clocks and
Jewelry
Cheaper than anyone
in Jackson County