

SHORT TALK ON SHOES

This being the season of Good Will and Good Wishes, we wish to impose on your good will and patience to thank you for your kind patronage in the past and wish for a continuance of the same in the future.

Now, in regard to our Shoe stock. We want to impress on every man, woman and child, the self-evident fact that we carry a superior line of shoes. Take our Ladies' shoes for instance, they are a line made by one of America's most progressive firms, built on honor and merit. They are a line of shoes that embraces the three cardinal virtues of shoedom: 1st. Fit; 2d. Style; 3d. Last, but by no means least, Wear. Another important thing, and one that you should always insist on, is that of being properly fitted. Probably you have a narrow foot that in an ordinary country stock would be impossible to secure a fit. We carry all our shoes in widths and are prepared to fit all feet.

J. G. Van Dyke & Co

CITY HAPPENINGS.

—Friday evening, December 27th, Medford Lodge, No. 103, A. F. & A. M., held its annual installation of officers. The ceremonies were semi-public, that is, members were allowed to invite their wives, daughters and mothers, and in default of either of the above named relatives some of them brought their best girls. At the lodge room the following officers were installed: J. A. Whitman, W. M.; E. D. Elwood, S. W.; L. C. Narrogon, J. W.; M. Purdin, S. D.; W. H. McGowan, J. D.; W. V. Lipolcott, Sec.; J. E. Enyart, Treas.; J. K. Darnell, Tyler. After the ceremonies at the hall the party adjourned to the dining rooms of Hotel Nash, where a bountiful banquet had been spread, and there was then a veritable "feast of reason and flow of soul." The markets had been ransacked for toothsome dainties, and the backs of the tables swayed under the weight of good things thereon. A. S. Hammond filled the office of toastmaster to perfection and J. A. Whitman, W. I. Vawter, E. D. Elwood and E. B. Pielke made their responses in happy vein and brilliant style.

—J. H. Messner, a blacksmith of years' experience and a graduate veterinary surgeon, has moved to Medford from Central Point and has opened a shop and office, on East Seventh street, nearly opposite Merriman's old stand. Mr. Messner is a first-class workman in all branches of his trade, and is especially an adept in horseshoeing. Mr. Messner will also give attention to the treatment of all diseases animal kind is heir to. Calls attended to at all hours and terms are reasonable.

—Mr. and Mrs. Perry Stewart gave a watch party to several of their friends on New Years eve. The program consisted of games of various sorts, dancing and pleasant converse, and all this cap-sheathed by a nice luncheon. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart know well how to make an evening pleasant to their friends, and their reputation in that particular was well sustained on this occasion. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ling, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Priddy, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Frenna, Dr. and Mrs. O. C. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Appel and O. S. Snyder.

—Dr. Kirchgesner's office and residence are now in the Lindley block. —Thursday night of last week was the regular monthly social night in the Eastern Star Chapter of Medford. The attendance was large and the usual good time was enjoyed. The leading feature of amusement was the propounding and answering of questions. Druggist Straug and Miss Edith Webb won the first prizes, two elegant books, while Mrs. H. U. Lumsden and Mrs.

Fred Lay tied for the consolation prize and upon casting lots, Mrs. Lumsden won out. The prize was a book of Mother Goose Melodies. Luncheon was served, and at the close of the evening's program all in attendance wrote in their memorandum book another "best social I ever attended." The committee appointed to furnish entertainment and refreshments for next month's meeting consist of Mesdames Vawter, Pielke and Webb, and Messrs. Lumsden and Vawter.

—I have moved my stock of harness and saddlery from the Wolf 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.

—Patrick Dally, who arrived in the valley about a year ago from Kansas, has purchased the George Churchman place, which is located about nine miles east from Medford. There are ninety acres in the chunk and the price paid was \$1200. The land, Mr. Dally says, is all good for growing grain or orchard, and he considers he has made a good buy. His sons, who arrived here this fall from the east, will undoubtedly have charge of the farm while the old gentleman will reside in Medford, where he purchased residence property last fall—the same being the Dial property in West Medford. These Dallys are hustlers and are sure to win out on almost any kind of a buy they may make. The young men are brothers of School Superintendent Dally. Possession of the Churchman land is not to be given until next fall. It is now rented to Ed Stinson.

—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.

—About two years ago J. Perdue, of Medford, had stolen from him some shoemakers' tools, a fish net, some leather and other paraphernalia to the value of about \$30. Two boys, Clyde Smith and Fred Clark, were supposed to be the guilty parties in this case, but as the property was recovered they were not prosecuted. About a year ago W. L. Veach stole the same stuff and learning that suspicion was directed toward him skipped out. He returned last week and was immediately arrested, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary, by Judge Hanna. The short sentence was given in consideration of the prisoner's plea that he had a family dependent upon him when, as a matter of fact, it is rather the other way about. Smith and

Clark were arraigned before W. J. Plymale, J. P., at Jacksonville, and pleaded guilty. A fine of \$30 and costs was imposed on each, in default of which they are now confined in the county jail. Attorney C. P. Snell appeared for them in court.

—The Woodburn nursery stock is positively the best on the market. This nursery has been doing business for a great many years. Its 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. E. 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.

—W. H. Barr, the orchardist and miner, is putting out 500 Yellow Newtown apple trees on his suburban orchard tract. He has an orchard of about 35 acres already in bearing and from which he harvested this year apples to the value of \$7,000. He has a very novel, quick and economical method of digging holes for tree planting. With an iron bar he makes a hole in the ground to a depth of about three feet and into this he places giant powder—and it digs the hole. Aside from making an excavation sufficiently large for planting the tree it loosens the earth for several feet on all sides and at the bottom, thus making it easy for the growth of the tender tree roots.

—Real Estate Agent York is offering some bargains in real estate in another column of this paper.

—E. J. DeHart is making many substantial improvements about his suburban orchard home. He has carpenters at work putting up a 30x50 foot carriage and implement house, the same being finished in good style and in keeping with his elegant residence and other surroundings. He has grubbed out all his prune trees and has set the ground to Bartlett pears and has also set out sixty fruit trees of various kinds for a family orchard. These include cherry, fig, peach, apricot, almond and plum trees. He proposes making other improvements about the place, and when all are completed he will have a model home.

—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.

—F. M. Wilson has his new residence completed—and it's as neat and pretty a little cottage as can be seen for many blocks around. That Mr. Wilson is proud of his new home there is not a doubt and that he has just grounds for this feeling of pride no one disputes. Frank is one of the squarest and most honorable business men in the city and if a whole covey of new homes and other good things were to come his way they would all be deserved.

—My stock of boots and shoes is complete and is undoubtedly the best selected stock in Medford, and my prices are all right. I also sell groceries, patent medicines, cigars and stationery. Shoe repair shop in connection. W. L. Orr, West Side, Medford.

—Next Monday night the Knights of Pythias Lodge, of this city, will install officers for the coming six months. An invitation is extended to all Knights and their families—and if there are any of the boys who have no families they may bring their girl. After the installation ceremonies have been performed all those who wish to may dance, play games or talk shop. No refreshments will be served.

—Acetylene gas head lights—for mining after night—at Weller's tinshop.

—Chief of Police Johnson reports that someone, presumably the small boys of the city, has of late been committing an offense against the well-being of our townspeople, the same being that of stretching wires across the sidewalk at a height which trip and throw pedestrians. Mr. Johnson was very close onto the trail of the miscreants Sunday night. He is watching every turn of the road and hopes to be able to run the lads into court unless they sidetrack their dangerous notions.

—The high price of corn and other grain in eastern states has caused an advance in whiskey, hence you will find the goods now offered much more adulterated. Therefore buy your goods from the Medford Distilling and Refining Co., where you will find the pure grain goods at \$2.50 per gallon and up—at distillery office.

—It is asserted by his brother that M. S. Landis, the Coos County murderer, is dead and that his body was that of an unknown man found in a thicket about fifteen miles north of Corvallis, last summer and buried where found. Nothing was found on the body to identify it. A bullet hole was in the head and a revolver lying alongside the body. The body will be exhumed.

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

—The Jackson County Bank sent to each of its patrons, as a Christmas present, a very handsome and convenient combination memorandum book, diary and book of general information upon matters which are almost daily sought by the average business man. The compliment extended cannot but be fully appreciated.

—All the newest novelties and designs in wall paper—Medford Furniture Company.

—Clarence Cox, the thirteen-year-old son of J. W. Cox, the restaurant

man, met with an accident Sunday. He was wrestling with another boy when, in falling, his right elbow was dislocated. Dr. Kirchgesner was called and replaced the displaced member, and the young man is getting along finely.

—When you are getting photo work you might just as well get the best. It costs no more than the poorer grade. The Elite Studio, upstairs, Hamilla block.

—Merchant and Mrs. C. I. Hutchison gave a watch party to a few of their friends on New Years eve. The program was made up of what, music and no end of social converse. A new and unusually large graphophone furnished excellent music and in abundance. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Lumsden, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McGowan, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whitman, Mr. Fred and Miss Gertrude Weeks. The sojourn home was commenced about one o'clock and all the inhabitants in that and several other localities, were awakened by the clatter of their shouts as a "happy New Year" sounded at every step. So much noise did they make that Chief of Police Johnson went "away back and sat down."

—Pure distilled grain whiskey. We handle no rectified or blended goods. We only offer straight, two stamped goods—at distillery office—\$2.50 to \$4.50 per gallon.

—J. W. Cox:—"Why, yes, I have sold all my stock, 350 head, and machinery to Eugene Harmon, of Roseburg. Yes, and I also sold him 510 tons of hay, and rented him my Klamath County ranch of 1320 acres for three years. I shall sow 130 acres of my Grilla creek ranch to alfalfa. I will build a residence on my South C street property in the spring and will make Medford my permanent home. I have a few head of Hereford cattle which I am offering for sale."

—Coal—Best ever put on Medford market. Carload received direct from mines in the east. Mitchell & Boeck.

—Died—At Galena, Kansas, on December 16, 1901, of consumption, Mrs. Georgia Hoag, aged twenty-eight years. She was the widow of the late E. E. Hoag. E. E. Hoag was the son of E. A. Hoag, of this city, and both himself and wife were formerly residents of our town. Mr. Hoag died just five weeks and four days prior to the death of his wife and with the same disease.

—Dr. Fletcher will be at Eagle Point Jan. 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th to do dental work.

—Mr. Charles Maben and Miss Pearl Lozier were united in marriage last Sunday morning at the M. E. parsonage. Rev. W. B. Moore, pastor of the M. E. Church, officiating. The newly married couple will make their home in Medford. The bride is a daughter of Mr. L. F. Lozier, the fruit dryer man, and the groom is the son of Mrs. E. Maben.

—Wall paper, very latest patterns, at the Medford Furniture store.

—Complaint has been made to THE MAIL that minors, boys under age, are being sold wine by citizens of our town—and these are not saloon men, either. This, if true, is a direct violation of two of our state laws—namely, selling spirituous or malt liquors without a license and selling it to minors.

—The Brumble 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.

—Traveling Salesman G. L. Davis was in Medford this week. His house has given him an additional amount of territory, and he now goes as far north as Oregon City and as well covers all the West Side country. His employers are well satisfied with his work, and George has no kick coming.

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

—J. M. Kennedy, a pioneer hunter and woodsman of this county and Siskiyou County, Calif., died at his residence near Buck Rock on December 27th, aged seventy-eight years. He leaves a wife and family.

—New line of wall paper at the Medford Furniture store.

—It is announced that Portia Knight will compromise her breach of promise case against the Duke of Manchester for \$20,000. Papa Zimmerman puts up the money for his dual son-in-law.

—Read W. T. York's real estate bargains in another column of this paper.

—The six-months-old son of J. M.

Myers, the Jeweler,

Sells and Repairs

Diamonds,
Watches, Rings,
Clocks and
Jewelry

Cheaper than anyone
in Jackson County

This Space is Reserved

for the new Ad. of the

Medford Racket Store

Look out for it next Week

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Red, Black and Blue, Roman strap slippers for babies; and for the ladies, some very cozy slippers and dress boots. A full stock of Miners' Leather Sled Rubber Boots.

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

Manning died at the family residence, on North D street, on Sunday last. Interment was made in the Jacksonville cemetery.

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

—That candle in H. H. Howard & Co.'s window burned eight days, two hours and thirty-five minutes. It quit New Years night at 10:35. W. Poin-dexter was given the lamp, Jim Bates the glass set and Wm. McCredie the water set.

—Geo. V. Snow, by letter from Oak Bar, Calif.:—"Enclosed find \$5 to apply on account. Accept my thanks for your continued confidence. You have my best wishes for your social and business prosperity."

—Plows sharpened, pointed and laid in first-class shape. Purdin's blacksmith shop, B street.

—There will be a joint installation of officers by Medford Lodge, No. 88, I. O. O. F., and Olive Rebekah Lodge, No. 28, on Wednesday evening of next week—January 8th.

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

—J. R. Wilson has rented his blacksmith shop and tools to Charlie Paine, who is now conducting the shop.

—W. T. York has real estate bargains—and good ones—see his list elsewhere in this paper.

—When you are looking for good blacksmithing or wagon work you cannot afford to pass Mitchell & Boeck by.

—Legal blanks of all kinds for sale at this office.

Citizens Held a Caucus.

A citizens' caucus was held at the town hall Monday evening for the purpose of nominating candidates to be voted for at the coming election—Tuesday, January 14th. There were about fifty voters present. L. B. Warner was chosen chairman and Attorney C. P. Snell secretary.

W. S. Crowell and J. J. Howser were named for the office of mayor. Crowell received forty-odd votes and Howser four. Crowell declared the nominee.

J. U. Willeke and J. E. Toft were nominated for councilmen in the First ward. J. R. Wilson and J. A. Perry for councilmen in the Second ward. These nominations were made without opposition, but in the Third ward there were four candidates named, they being F. K. Deuel, F. M. Stewart, J. A. Smith and J. L. Demmer. When the ballots were counted it was found that Stewart had received 13, Smith 12, Demmer 9, and Deuel 8. Only the voters of that ward being allowed to vote. Stewart and Smith declared the nominees.

For treasurer the names of Chas. Strang and L. L. Jacobs were proposed. The ballots gave Strang 32, Jacobs 18.

W. T. York and C. P. Snell were named for recorder and of the votes cast York received 26 and Snell 23.

Up to the hour of going to press no other ticket has been nominated and THE MAIL does not know that there will be one. The Second ward, however, will have to nominate another councilman in place of Mr. Perry as that gentleman declines to serve, because of good and sufficient business reasons.

Land for Sale.

I have 280 acres of land which I wish to sell. This is good grain or orchard land; located three miles from Central Point, on county road. Will sell whole chunk or any number of acres purchaser may want.
WM. GIBSON,
Central Point, Oregon.

Among the Churches.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The services will be conducted by Rev. J. J. Wolters, D. D., if there is no change in plans. Let all business men plan for and enjoy an hour of religious service every evening while these meetings continue. This is an opportunity to advance the cause under a great leader.

W. B. MOORE, Pastor.

Must Pay Poll Tax.

If you have not paid your poll tax you cannot vote at the coming city election. The amount of this tax is \$3 for each voter. You can pay me any time before election, but you must have a receipt before you will be allowed to vote.

J. BRANDENBURG,
Street Commissioner.

Rooms to Rent.

I have furnished and unfurnished rooms to rent. Suitable for light house-keeping, millinery or dressmaking. Near business center of city.

A. M. LODGE.

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.

D. ANDERTON.

INK! INK!

To-Day!

We have just received, by water, a heavy shipment of Inks and mucilage—Paul's. We have bought these very low, and again save in shipping by way of Cape Horn by water, therefore they are bargains.

In order to call special attention to the goods we are going to give

Free with Every \$1 Purchase

a 5c bottle of any ink, mucilage, paste, etc.

We want to also notice in our window a

SHIP of INK,

etc., tagged with yellow tags, at prices that will make you tear them down

MEDFORD BOOK STORE

Mail Order House

The Yellow Front

BURNED OUT!!

The Big Candle in our Show Window burned out at 10:35 p. m., January 1, 1901; but we still have the finest and largest stock of

Staple and Fancy Groceries

Crockery and Glassware

in the city, which we are selling as low as the same quality of goods can be purchased anywhere

H. H. HOWARD & CO.

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